

QUARTER 1 2024 FREQUENTLY ASKED INVESTOR QUESTIONS**How was the Group's financial performance in the quarter?**

- The Group delivered a robust financial performance in Q1, in line with expectations.
- Statutory profit after tax of £1.2 million in the first three months of 2024, with net income of £4.2 million down on the prior year due to lower net interest income and an increased operating lease depreciation charge, partly offset by higher other income.
- Net interest income of £3.2 billion was up 5 per cent in the quarter, in line with expectations, with a net interest margin of 295 basis points, down 3 basis point in the quarter and consistent with expectations given the headwinds from mortgage and deposit pricing, partly offset by the reinvestment of the structural hedge.
- Other income was £1.3 billion in the quarter, 7 per cent higher year on year, driven by growth in both the Retail and Commercial Banking businesses.
- Operating costs were £2.4 billion, up 11 per cent year on year. This includes a new sector-wide Bank of England levy, replacing the former charging structure (excluding this levy, operating costs were up 6 per cent) and expected elevated severance charges taken early in the year (£0.1 billion higher year to date).
- The annual levy of c.£0.1 billion was charged through operating costs in the first quarter and will have a broadly neutral impact on profit in 2024, with an offsetting benefit recognised in net interest income over the course of the year.
- Strong asset quality with impairment charge of £57 million for the quarter and asset quality ratio of 6 basis points, benefitting from an MES credit given improvements to the economic outlook, notably in HPI. Before forecast adjustments, the impairment charge was £249 million, equivalent to an AQR of 23 basis points.
- Loans and advances to customers reduced to £448.5 billion in the quarter, primarily due to reductions in UK mortgage balances as expected, from the refinancing of the higher maturities in the fourth quarter of 2023.
- Customer deposits of £469.2 billion decreased by £2.2 billion in the quarter, with growth in Retail deposits of £1.3 billion more than offset by a reduction in Commercial Banking of £3.5 billion.
- Strong capital generation of 40 basis points in the quarter, after regulatory headwinds on 6 basis points, is in line with expectations. This reflects robust banking build in the quarter, partially offset by risk-weighted asset increases.
- The Group's pro forma CET1 capital ratio at 31 March 2024 was 13.9 per cent remained ahead of the ongoing target of 13 per cent.
- Tangible net assets per share as at 31 March 2024 were 51.2 pence, up from 50.8 pence at 31 December 2023. The increase was driven by accumulated profit partly offset by increased longer-term rates impacting the cash flow hedging reserve and pension surplus.
- The return on tangible equity for the first quarter was 13.3 per cent.

For more on our Q1 results, please see our [Q1 2024 Interim Management Statement](#)

How do you expect the Group to perform going forward?

Based on our current macroeconomic assumptions, for 2024 the Group continues to expect:

- Banking net interest margin of greater than 290 basis points
- Operating costs of c.£9.3 billion plus the £0.1 billion Bank of England levy
- Asset quality ratio of less than 30 basis points
- Return on tangible equity of c.13 per cent
- Capital generation of c.175 basis points
- Risk-weighted assets at between £220 billion and £225 billion
- To pay down to a CET1 ratio of 13.5 per cent

Based on the expected macroeconomic environment and confidence in the Group's strategy, the Group is maintaining its medium-term guidance for 2026:

- Cost:income ratio of less than 50 per cent
- Return on tangible equity of greater than 15 per cent
- Capital generation of greater than 200 basis points
- To pay down to a CET1 ratio of 13.0 per cent

How are you progressing against your strategy?

- We committed to £3 billion of incremental investment in the three years to 2024 and £4 billion to 2026. During 2023, the Group invested a further £1.3 billion as part of this plan and delivered tangible growth and cost outcomes that leave us well placed to meet our 2024 financial commitments of £0.7 billion additional revenues and £1.2 billion of cost efficiencies.
- We have started to demonstrate this successful execution to the market with two strategic seminars last year, one in the first quarter of this year and we will be delivering a further seminar in quarter two of 2024 as we continue to build confidence around our progress.
- We are the UK's largest digital bank, and now have 21.5 million digitally active customers, up 17 per cent since 2021.
- In Wealth, we launched 'Lloyds Bank 360' in 2023, a mobile-first proposition that includes a holistic view of wealth, educational materials, and financial coaching. Following the success for Ready Made Investments, we have also launched Ready Made Pensions.
- In SME, we have made significant strides in our multi-year journey to build a front-to-back digital business, including digital onboarding, personalised cashflow insights, a digital invoice finance platform and digital asset finance journey.
- We are investing in maximising the potential of people, technology and data, the key enablers of our strategy. We have decommissioned more than 400 legacy technology applications and in turn increased the number of APIs we have created by more than 100 per cent as we continue to migrate onto cloud-based platforms.

How are your customers managing with current cost of living pressures, and what support are you providing to customers and colleagues?

- We know that rising rates, cost of living pressures and an uncertain economic outlook are proving challenging for many people and businesses.
- Support through 2023 included:
 - We contacted 7.5 million customers and around 600 thousand businesses to help with their financial resilience. Alongside, we contacted more than 15 million savings customers to ensure they are aware of their savings options.

- Proactively contacted 675,000 mortgage customers to encourage review of their available options. Created mortgage charter support site where customers can request temporary interest only payments and term extensions.
- Continued to proactively support small UK business leaders and owners with provision of resources and coaching sessions, including partnering with the Soil Association Exchange and Mental Health UK.
- Agreed a two-year pay deal and paid an additional cash award to around 44,000 colleagues. This is alongside refreshed flexible working policies that balance the needs of our people and the strategic aims of the Group.
- Asset quality remains strong with credit performance across portfolios stable in the quarter and remaining broadly at or favourable to pre-pandemic experience. Mortgage arrears and default rates are improving and the slightly elevated trends in legacy mortgages seen last year are now easing.
- Unsecured assets continue to exhibit low new to arrears and default trends, broadly at or below pre-pandemic levels.

How are you progressing on your transition to net zero?

- Building an inclusive society and sustainable future is core to our purpose-driven strategy; through this focus we aim to deliver sustainable profit and growth.
- To support the transition to a low carbon economy we have funded £29 billion of sustainable financing from 2022 to year end 2023.
 - With £15.8 billion sustainable finance for Corporate & Institutional customers we have exceeded our £15 billion 2024 target a year early. Have now set a new Commercial Banking target of £30 billion between 2024 and 2026, taking the cumulative target to £45 billion from 2022 to 2026.
 - £7.5 billion EPC A/B mortgage lending¹; launched a new solar panel proposition together with Effective Home, complementing our partnership with Octopus Energy to help our customers improve the energy efficiency of their homes.
 - £5.7 billion financing for EVs and PHEVs; supported by the acquisition of Tusker announced in February 2023 we now finance 1 in 8 ULEVs on UK roads.
- Through Scottish Widows, we have made £21.7 billion of discretionary investment in climate-aware strategies from 2020 to year end 2023.
- Working towards our 2030 financed emissions ambitions to reduce the carbon emissions we finance by more than 50 per cent and to halve the carbon footprint of our Scottish Widows investments, on path to net zero by 2050 or sooner.
 - Exited direct lending to UK thermal coal power by end of 2023. As announced in 2022, we are committed not to directly finance new greenfield oil/gas developments approved after 2021.
 - Developed our Credible Transition Plan assessment methodology and performed 36 assessments representing £2.9 billion of drawn lending, including our full portfolio of large-scale oil and gas producing clients.
 - Developed 3 new sector emission reduction targets for Road Passenger Transport, Agriculture and Commercial & Residential Real Estate to complement our existing 7 sector targets; our Net Zero Banking Alliance sector targets now cover 83 per cent of our bank lending in scope of PCAF².
- Working with our suppliers to reduce the emissions from our supply chain by 50 per cent by 2030, on path to net zero by 2050 or sooner.
 - 152 key suppliers now assessed against our Emerald Standard representing c.80 per cent of supply chain emissions and spend.
- In our own operations target net zero carbon operations by 2030
 - Increased our commitment to reduce operational Scope 1 and 2 carbon emissions from 75 per cent to at least 90 per cent by 2030.

- Launched new operational pledges to be Zero Waste and Water Neutral by 2030 and our first nature pledge to halt and reverse nature loss across our green spaces.
- Expanded our sustainability strategy to a broader systems-focused approach, including nature, and published the second iteration of the Group climate transition plan.
- Climate performance measures included in both the short (Group Performance Share) and long term (LTIP) variable pay structures (5 per cent and 15 per cent of weight of measures, respectively) to drive progress and focus.

¹ EPC A/B mortgage lending up to 30 September 2023.

² Bank lending in scope of financed emissions calculation in accordance with the Global GHG Accounting and Reporting Standard for the Financial Industry from the Partnership for Carbon Accounting Financials (PCAF).

Why have you decided to sell your bulk annuities business?

- Rothesay, the UK's largest pensions insurance specialist, acquired the c.£6 billion Scottish Widows in-force bulk annuity portfolio from the Group in March 2024. The business that will be transferred covers the pension benefits of c.42,000 people.
- Our aim is to be a customer-focused, digitally leading, integrated financial services provider. This disposal allows us to grow our core businesses, focusing on Scottish Widows workplace and individual pensions, retirement and direct-to-consumer insurance and investments.
- The overall financial impact of this sale on Lloyds Banking Group is not material.

How are you addressing the competitive threat posed by the rise of fintech and challenger banks?

- We are well positioned to continue our market leadership across multiple markets and deliver on our ambition to grow
- We have a strong customer franchise and core capabilities including credit decisioning and market leading efficiency, which is increasingly important given inflationary pressures.
- We are the UK's largest digital bank, and now have over 21 million digitally active customers, up 17 per cent since 2021 and significantly exceeding our 2024 target of more than 10 per cent growth. This creates significant opportunities to deepen our customer relationships using data and insights.
- Our multi-brand strategy allows us to compete effectively in intermediary driven markets, where we have headroom to grow as we improve our capability with technology investment, particularly in our pensions and protection businesses
- We continue to invest in front-to-back digitisation of our SME bank, and in our core strengths in cash, debt and risk management within corporate and institutional business.
- We have also increased our focus on collaborating with fintech during the year to broaden our product capabilities, for example a partnership to enable digital invoice financing and factoring for our SME bank clients.

Why is your impairment charge low this quarter?

- The impairment charge was £57 million in the quarter (three months to 31 March 2023: £243 million), resulting in an asset quality ratio of 6 basis points.
- This charge is after a £192 million multiple economic scenarios (MES) credit (three months to 31 March 2023: £79 million release), as a result of the improved economic outlook in the first quarter, notably in HPI.
- This reflects a pre-updated MES charge of £249 million; compared to the prior year and quarter, the pre-MES charge has remained stable in Retail. Commercial Banking has benefited from a one-off release from loss rates used in the model, while observing a low charge on new and existing Stage 3 clients.

Do you have an update on the FCA motor finance review?

- The Group took a £450m provision in the fourth quarter of 2023. There have been no further charges relating to the potential impact of the FCA motor finance review in the first quarter of 2024.
- The FCA has indicated it will update on the review in September.

Why are you buying back shares?

- Alongside the Group's 2023 results, the Board announced an ordinary share buyback programme of up to £2.0 billion.
- In the event of future share buybacks, you would generally expect the Group's share count to reduce. Share buybacks can be an effective use of excess capital. It is expected that shareholders who retain their shares in the company will benefit from the share buyback programme as they will own an increased proportion of the total shares in the company and should therefore see an increase in the dividend per share going forward given the reduced number of shares in issue.

How is the share buyback progressing?

- The share buyback scheme commenced on the 23 February 2024 with 495 million shares bought back and cancelled in the first quarter of 2024.

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