

SICOM FINANCIAL SERVICES LTD UNAUDITED INTERIM FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 31 December 2023

SICOM Financial Services Ltd (the **Company**) has the pleasure to submit its Unaudited Interim Financial Report for the quarter ended 31 December 2023 (the **report**), as required under the Banking Act 2004.

This explanatory note, together with the accompanying report, have been prepared in accordance with the International Financial Reporting Standards and the requirements of the Guideline on Public Disclosure of Information.

Principal activities

The Company is engaged in depository, leasing and personal loan business activities. The Company also manages SICOM General Fund and SICOM Overseas Diversified Fund, which are constituted under the SICOM Unit Trust.

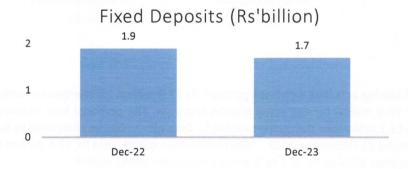
Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies and methods of computation adopted in the preparation of the report are the same as those used for the audited accounts for the financial year ended 30 June 2023.

Financial review

Deposits

Total deposits stood at Rs 1.7 billion as at 31 December 2023 as compared to Rs 1.9 billion as at 31 December 2022, due to the early termination of some deposits following previous increases in the Key Rate. An advertising campaign was launched in December 2023 to increase the deposit base.





Leases

The amount of lease approved reached Rs 178.6 million for the quarter ended 30 December 2023 while for the same quarter last year an amount of Rs 63.5 million was approved as new leases. This significant increase is explained by the numerous sales and marketing initiatives deployed to boost the lease business as well as the revamping of our operating lease offer.



Personal Loans

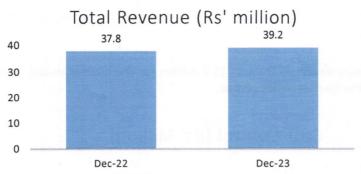
The amount of new loans disbursed for the quarter ended 31 December 2023 amounted to Rs 37.1 million compared to Rs 67.7 million disbursed for the same quarter last year. The increase in interest rates has negatively impacted this line of business for the period under review.



Revenue

Revenue from leasing activities increased to reach Rs 18.3 million for the quarter under review while it stood at Rs 10.9 million for the same quarter last year. The personal loan business brought in a revenue of Rs 12.1 million for the quarter ended 31 December 2023 as compared to Rs 9.4 million for the quarter ended 31 December 2022. Total revenue increased from Rs 37.8 million for the quarter ended 31 December 2022 to Rs 39.2 million for the quarter under review.





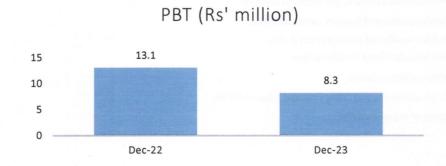
Interest expense

Interest paid to depositors increased from Rs 11.7 million for the quarter ended 31 December 2022 to Rs 15.7 million for the quarter under review due to new deposits bearing higher interest rates.



Profit Before Tax

Profit before tax reached Rs 8.3 million for the quarter ended 31 December 2023 as compared to Rs 13.1 million recorded for the quarter ended 31 December 2022. The profit before tax was higher for the quarter ended 31 December 2022 due to the one- off sale of an investment.





Cost Control

Non-interest expenses increased from Rs 15.7 million for the quarter ended 31 December 2022 to Rs 17.4 million for the quarter under review.



Credit quality

Non-performing leases as a percentage of the total lease portfolio increased from 3.8% for the quarter ended 31 December 2023 to 4.7 % for the quarter under review due to the significant increase in the lease portfolio.

Sector Wise distribution of the Leasing Portfolio

A Agriculture, forestry and fishing	5,945,334.39
C - Manufacturing	22,640,316.66
D - Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	3,309,445.58
E - Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	356,453.70
F - Construction	42,616,362.97
G - Wholesale and retail trade; and repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	124,805,629.13
H - Transportation and storage	13,082,778.57
I - Accommodation and food service activities	6,541,340.66
J - Information and communication	10,245,678.67
L - Real estate activities	9,325,073.33
M - Professional, scientific and technical activities	38,281,571.58
N - Administrative and support service activities	49,212,037.74
Q - Human health and social work activities	11,900,098.09
R - Arts, entertainment and recreation	810,596.78
S - Other service activities	8,735,840.30
Financial Auxilliaries and Other Financial Intermediaries	8,765,721.79
Purchase of Motor Vehicles	541,331,210.06
	897,905,490.00



Risk management policies and controls

The major risks faced by the Company and how these are mitigated have been detailed below:

Risks	How risk is mitigated?
Credit	Underwriting policy and procedures
	Credit concentration limits and credit mandates
	Regular reviews of lease and loan exposures
	Regular reviews of credit policy and other related policies
Liquidity risk	Limits such as liquidity ratio, capital adequacy ratio, depositors' concentration, lease to deposits ratio
	Matching of tenors of leases and loans with deposits/liquidity gap
•	Maintain a high percentage of liquid assets
Interest rate risk	Proper mix in fixed and floating rates of assets and liabilities
Operational	Regular internal audits and compliance inspections
risk	Business Continuity Plan in place
	Regular training of staff

Capital structure

As a non-bank deposit taking institution, the Company is required to:

- Maintain a minimum capital adequacy ratio of 10% which was at 33.4% for quarter 31 December 2023 and 37.6% for quarter 31 December 2022.
- Maintain liquid assets equivalent to not less than 10% of deposit liabilities and for quarter 31 December 2023, this ratio stood at 29.5% (quarter 31 December 2022: 43.4%)

Prospects

The main areas of focus of the Company for the financial year ending 30 June 2024 are to continue increasing the sale of its products and services through different sales and marketing initiatives, to further digitalise its operations, consolidate its arrears management system, improve operational efficiency and enhance its asset/liability management to improve its interest margin.

Mrs N Ramdewar

Mr C Chengabroyan

Mr D Gopy

Group CEO

Director

Director

Date: 15-FEB- 2024

SICOM FINANCIAL SERVICES LTD STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

	31-Dec-23 Rs.	30-Jun-23 Rs.	31-Dec-22 Rs.	
ASSETS	No.	IXS.	NS.	
Cash and cash equivalents	64,026,145	50,969,311	51,661,491	
Investment securities	172,342,149	169,586,869	166,061,046	
Deposits with financial institutions	332,037,595	375,466,820	580,224,324	
Loans and advances to customers	711,482,338	707,035,845	677,975,408	
Net investment in finance leases	899,326,682	755,215,794	729,609,891	
Asset held for sale	6,135,000	6,135,000	8,750,000	
Equipment	74,590,354	39,021,067	7,932,332	
Intangible assets	1,227,394	1,155,243	1,448,537	
Rights of use assets	11,531,259	12,267,297	13,003,335	
Current tax assets	-	979,690	1,081,039	
Deferred tax assets	3,646,374	3,646,374	4,325,543	
Other assets	32,603,185	14,861,961	20,503,266	
TOTAL ASSETS	2,308,948,475	2,136,341,271	2,262,576,212	
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES				
LIABILITIES				
Deposits from customers	1,758,114,769	1,601,514,322	1,742,280,916	
Dividend payable	-	21,297,528	-	
Lease liabilities	12,067,079	12,702,584	13,323,977	
Retirement benefit obligations	27,512,000	27,512,000	23,946,000	
Current tax liabilities	297,021	-	-	
Other liabilities	36,925,559	9,927,695	9,142,490	
TOTAL LIABILITIES	1,834,916,428	1,672,954,129	1,788,693,383	
EQUITY				
Stated capital	200,000,000	200,000,000	200,000,000	
Retained earnings	221,489,888	210,937,983	222,891,579	
Other reserves	52,542,159	52,449,159	50,991,250	
TOTAL EQUITY	474,032,047	463,387,142	473,882,829	
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES	2,308,948,475	2,136,341,271	2,262,576,212	

SICOM FINANCIAL SERVICES LTD STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Quarter ended 31-Dec-23	Quarter ended 31-Dec-22	Period ended 31-Dec-23	Period ended 31-Dec-22	Year ended 30-Jun-23
•	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs
Interest income using effective interest method	17,537,257	27,032,720	34,806,081	17,328,760	63,507,256
Interest income on finance lease receivables	13,838,047	10,791,533	26,127,200	10,693,999	43,541,552
Interest expense	(15,663,552)	(11,733,171)	(29,536,127)	(12,051,947)	(50,939,841)
Net interest income	15,711,752	26,091,082	31,397,154	15,970,812	56,108,967
Operating lease rental income	4,355,703	263,315	6,559,721	405,315	1,921,088
Fee and commission income	1,983,395	1,212,246	4,342,744	1,251,273	8,054,071
Dividend income	-	12,900	24,300	-	2,175,509
Other Income	1,532,598	846,373	2,755,864	850,145	24,014,886
Gain on disposal of equipment and repossessed					
assets	-	-	-	-	4,100
Net (loss)/ gain arising on financial assets					
measured at FVTPL	1,539,039	1,566,545	917,629	(2,404,243)	2,768,885
Operating income	25,122,487	29,992,461	45,997,412	16,073,302	95,047,506
Net impairment gains/(losses) on financial					
assets	485,711	(1,168,053)	(932,178)	(401,253)	(3,712,571)
Fair value loss on repossessed assets	-	-	-	-	(2,855,745)
Personnel expenses	(5,704,025)	(6,183,049)	(10,314,485)	(4,786,257)	(23,447,517)
Other expenses	(11,648,385)	(9,532,031)	(22,336,743)	(9,610,609)	(35,323,073)
Total Expenses	(16,866,699)	(16,883,133)	(33,583,406)	(14,798,119)	(65,338,906)
Profit before income tax	8,255,788	13,109,328	12,414,006	1,275,183	29,708,600
Income tax expense	(1,238,368)	(2,595,749)	(1,862,101)	(191,278)	(4,652,685)
Profit for the period	7,017,420	10,513,579	10,551,905	1,083,905	25,055,915

SICOM FINANCIAL SERVICES LTD STATEMENT OF OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Period ended	Year ended	Period ended 31-Dec-22	
	31-Dec-23	30-Jun-23		
	Rs	Rs	Rs	
Profit for the period	10,551,905	25,055,915	11,597,484	
Other comprehensive income:				
Items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss:				
Remeasurement of post employment benefit	-	(3,273,000)	-	
obligations				
Income tax relating to components of other	-	556,410	-	
comprehensive income				
Increase in fair value of assets at FVOCI	93,000	39,000	(21,000)	
Other comprehensive income for the period,				
net of tax	93,000	(2,677,590)	(21,000)	
Total comprehensive income for the period	10,644,905	22,378,325	11,576,484	

SICOM FINANCIAL SERVICES LTD STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Stated capital		Other reserves				
		Retained earnings	Statutory reserves	Investment revaluation	Actuarial losses	General Banking reserve	Total
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
At 1 July 2023	200,000,000	210,937,983	64,843,607	(129,000)	(19,194,209)	6,928,761	463,387,142
Profit for period	-	10,551,905	-	-	-	-	10,551,905
Other comprehensive income for the	-	-	-	93,000	-	-	93,000
period							
	-	10,551,905	-	93,000	-	-	10,644,905
At 31 December 2023	200,000,000	221,489,888	64,843,607	(36,000)	(19,194,209)	6,928,761	474,032,047