# AFRICA PRUDENTIAL PLC ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

LAGOS, NIGERIA

# FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

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# CORPORATE INFORMATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Chairman Chief (Mrs.) Eniola Fadayomi FIOD MFR

**Directors** Mrs. Catherine Nwosu Managing Director Appointed 12 March 2024

Mr. Samuel Nwanze
Mr. Peter Elumelu
Mr. Peter Ashade
Non-Executive Director
Non-Executive Director

Mrs. Christabel Onyejekwe Non-Executive Director Appointed 1 August 2024

Mrs. Zubaida Mahey Rasheed Independent Non-Executive Director

Mr. Obong IdiongManaging DirectorResigned 12 March 2024Mr. Emmanuel NnoromNon-Executive DirectorResigned 28 March 2024Mrs. Funmibi ChimaIndependent Non-Executive DirectorResigned 12 March 2024

**Registered Office** 220b, Ikorodu Road

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Bankers United Bank for Africa Plc

UBA House; 57, Marina, Lagos Island, Lagos.

JAIZ Bank Plc

Kano House; 73, Ralph Shodeinde Street, Central Business District, Garki Abuja.

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220, Herbert Macaulay Way, Yaba, Lagos.

**RC No.** 649007

Tax Identification

**Number** 01592371-0001

#### REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

The Directors are pleased to present their report on the affairs of Africa Prudential Plc ("the Company"), together with the Audited Financial Statements and auditor's report for the year ended December 31, 2024.

#### LEGAL FORM AND PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

Africa Prudential Plc was originally incorporated as UBA Registrars Ltd on March 23, 2006. The Company subsequently changed its name to Africa Prudential Registrars Plc on August 10, 2011, and was listed on the Nigerian Exchange (NGX) in January 2013. To expand its business portfolio, the Company acquired UAC Registrars Ltd in June 2013.

To enhance its market competitiveness and diversified business interests, the Company changed its name to Africa Prudential Plc, following a special resolution passed by the Members in General Meeting on March 28, 2017. Africa Prudential Plc primarily carries on the business of registrar and investor relation service in accordance with its Memorandum and Articles of Association.

#### RESULTS FOR THE YEAR

The Company's results for the year are set out on pages 32 and 33. The profit after tax for the year ended 31 December 2024 in the sum of ₹1.81 billion (2023: ₹0.963 billion) has been transferred to retained earnings.

The following is the summary of the performance of the Company during the year under review as compared with the previous year:

in thousands of Nigerian Naira	2024	2023
Gross earnings	5,197,833	3,952,996
Operating expenses	(2,695,177)	(2,547,307)
Profit before income tax expense	2,810,359	1,440,821
Income tax expenses	(1,000,270)	(477,912)
Profit after tax	1,810,090	962,909
Interim dividend	(300,000)	-
Proposed dividend	(1,200,000)	(900,000)
Retained profit at the end of the year	310,090	62,909

#### **DIVIDENDS**

#### PROPOSED FINAL DIVIDEND

The Directors, pursuant to the powers vested in it by the provisions of Section 379 of the Companies and Allied Matters Act - 2020 (CAMA) of Nigeria, propose a final dividend of N0.60 kobo per share from the retained earnings account as of December 31, 2024. This proposed final dividend and the N0.15 per share interim dividend paid on August 16, 2024, brings the total dividend for the year to N0.75 Kobo amounting to a pay-out ratio of 68.39%. The proposed dividend will be presented to shareholders for approval at the next Annual General Meeting and paid subsequently subject to withholding tax at an appropriate rate. If members at the Annual General Meeting approve this recommendation, the appropriation of the profit as at the end of the financial year would be as follows:

Proposed final dividend	31-Dec-24	31-Dec-23
	N'000	N'000
Proposed final dividend	1,200,000	900,000
Retained Profit at the end of the period	310,090	62,909

#### PROPOSED BONUS SHARES

The Directors are proposing a bonus share issue in the ratio of 1:1 (one bonus share for every one existing share held) from the retained earnings for existing shareholders. A total bonus unit of 2,000,000 at 50k per unit is proposed which will amount to one billion naira (N1,000,000,000) to be issued out of retained earnings.

#### REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024- Continued

#### DIRECTORS

The directors who held office during the year and to the date of this report were:

Chief (Mrs.) Eniola Fadayomi FIOD MFR Chairman

Mrs. Catherine Nwosu Managing Director - Appointed 12 March 2024

Mr. Samuel Nwanze
Mr. Peter Elumelu
Mr. Peter Ashade
Non-Executive Director
Non-Executive Director

Mrs. Christabel Onyejekwe Independent Non-Executive Director
Mrs. Zubaida Mahey Rasheed Independent Non-Executive Director

Mr. Obong IdiongManaging Director- Resigned 12 March 2024Mr. Emmanuel NnoromNon-Executive Director- Resigned 12 March 2024Mrs. Funmibi ChimaIndependent Non-Executive Director- Resigned 12 March 2024

#### Record of Directors' Attendance at Meetings

Pursuant to Section 284(2) of the Companies and Allied Matters Act, 2020, the records of Director's attendance at Board meetings during the year under review will be available for inspection at the Annual General Meeting.

#### **Board Composition**

As of 31 December, 2024, the Company had seven (7) Directors all of whom held office in the year under review. Their biographies are contained in the Annual Report and are incorporated into this Report by reference. The appointment, removal or re-appointment of Directors is governed by the Company's Articles of Association, the Companies and Allied Matters Act, 2020 as well as relevant Board and governance policies. Also, these documents set out the rights and obligations of the Directors.

#### **Directors Interests in Contracts**

None of the Directors has notified the Company, for the purpose of Section 303 of the Companies and Allied Matters Act, 2020, of any declarable interest in Contracts in which the Company is involved.

#### Directors and their Interests in the Shares of the Company

Directors' interests in the issued share capital of the Company as recorded in the Register of Members and/or as notified by the Directors in compliance with Sections 301 and 302 of the Companies and Allied Matters Act, 2020 and the Listing Requirements of the Nigerian Exchange were as follows:

NAME	31 Dece	mber 2024	31 December 2023		
	DIRECT	INDIRECT	DIRECT	INDIRECT	
Chief (Mrs) Eniola Fadayomi	4,006,060	Nil	4,006,060	Nil	
Mrs. Catherine Nwosu	745,962	Nil	Nil	Nil	
Mr. Peter Ashade	1,096,314	Nil	1,096,314	Nil	
Mr. Samuel Nwanze	83,009	Nil	83,009	Nil	
Mr. Peter Elumelu	13,891	Nil	13,891	Nil	
Mr. Emmanuel Nnorom	Nil	10,698,079	Nil	10,698,079	
Mrs. Zubaida Mahey Rasheed	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	
Mrs. Funmibi Chima	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	
Mr. Obong Idiong	5,301,749	Nil	5,301,749	Nil	
Mrs Christabel Onyejekwe	25,668	Nil			

The details of indirect shareholding of Directors in the issued share capital of the Company is as below:

S/N	NAME	COMPANY	INDIRECT	TOTAL INDIRECT HOLDINGS
			HOLDINGS	
1	MR EMMANUEL NNOROM	VINES FOOD LTD	10,698,079	10,698,079

#### Alternate Directorship

There was no alternate directorship during the year under review.

#### REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024- Continued

#### **SHAREHOLDING**

The issued and fully paid up share capital of the Company is N1,000,000,000 (One Billion Naira) divided into 2,000,000,000 ordinary shares of N0.50k each.

In terms of significant shareholding (5% and above), the Register shows that International Equity Capital Limited is the largest shareholder with 519,000,000 units of shares. The table below is instructive.

PARTICULARS OF SHAREHOLDER	NUMBER OF SHARES	%
INTERNATIONAL EQUITY CAPITAL LIMITED	519,000,000	26%

#### SHAREHOLDING ANALYSIS

		2	2024		2023
S/N	Holder Type	Holder Count	Holdings	Holder Count	Holdings
1	CORPORATE	5,175	1,184,021,187	5,670	1,191,184,999
2	FOREIGN	435	46,776,857	432	64,988,041
3	GOVERNMENT	34	2,772,097	23	2,391,134
4	INDIVIDUAL	248,394	740,366,119	250,185	730,226,270
5	INSTITUTION	366	2,656,370	360	2,770,008
6	JOINT	2,476	18,946,702	578	7,285,534
7	PENSION FUND	8	4,460,668	7	1,154,014
TOTAL		256,888	2,000,000,000	257,255	2,000,000,000

#### ANALYSIS OF SHAREHOLDINGS

The details of shareholding of the Company as at 31 December 2024 is as stated below;

#### SHAREHOLDING RANGE ANALYSIS AS AT December 31, 2024

Headline				Shareholders			Holdings	
	Range		No. of Holders	Holders %	Holders Cumulated	Units	Unit %	Units Cumulated
1	_	1,000	225,450	88%	225,450	42,931,803	2%	42,931,803
1,001	_	5,000	21,749	8%	247,199	46,656,891	2%	89,588,694
5,001	_	10,000	3,713	1%	250,912	27,021,820	1%	116,610,514
10,001	_	50,000	3,852	1%	254,764	86,669,143	4%	203,279,657
50,001	_	100,000	841	0%	255,605	62,762,672	3%	266,042,329
100,001	_	500,000	947	0%	256,552	201,845,192	10%	467,887,521
500,001	_	1,000,000	149	0%	256,701	108,087,829	5%	575,975,350
1,000,001	_	5,000,000	153	0%	256,854	282,244,630	14%	858,219,980
5,000,001	_	10,000,000	15	0%	256,869	107,540,823	5%	965,760,803
10,000,001	_	50,000,000	16	0%	256,885	369,261,955	18%	1,335,022,758
50,000,001	_	500,000,000	2	0%	256,887	145,977,242	7%	1,481,000,000
500,000,001	_	1,000,000,000	1	0%	256,888	519,000,000	26%	2,000,000,000
			256,888	100		2,000,000,000	100%	

### CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

The Board of Directors of the Company is cognizant of its responsibilities under the Code of Corporate Governance issued by the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Code of Corporate Governance issued by the Financial Reporting Council of Nigeria and the Nigerian Code of Corporate Governance in the administration of the Company and is ensuring that the Company consistently complies with the Codes.

In furtherance of the Board's commitment to strong Corporate Governance, the Company successfully concluded the process and was awarded a corporate governance rating by the Nigerian Exchange (NGX) in January 2018 under the Corporate Governance Rating System (CGRS) in partnership with the Convention on Business Integrity (CBI). Consequently, the Company has satisfied one of the criteria required to be listed on the Premium Board of the NGX.

#### **BOARD EVALUATION**

To ensure effectiveness of the Board and the Directors, a Board evaluation was undertaken covering the period of the financial year under review by an independent Corporate Governance consulting firm. The performance of the Board, Board Committees and individual directors were adjudged satisfactory and necessary feedback was communicated to individual directors arising from the exercise.

#### COMPLAINT MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK

The Company has a Complaint Management Policy and Framework in place in accordance with the SEC directives on resolution of complaints. This policy has also been uploaded on the Company's website for public access.

#### REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024- Continued

#### INSIDER TRADING AND PRICE SENSITIVE INFORMATION

The Company has in place a Securities Trading Policy which prohibits the directors and employees from trading on the Company's shares during periods they are in possession of price sensitive information. The Company was in compliance with the Securities Trading Policy during the year under review.

#### WHISTLE BLOWING POLICY

The Company has a Whistle Blowing Policy in place. This was extensively reviewed by the Board and it covers among other things, the procedures for the receipt, retention and treatment of information received from whistle blowers.

The whistle-blowing process involves steps that should be taken by the whistleblower in reporting a reportable misconduct, and steps required for the investigation of the reported misconduct. The Company has a procedure that encourages staff and other relevant stakeholders to report perceived unethical or illegal conduct of employees, management, directors and other stakeholders to appropriate authorities in a confidential manner without any fear of harassment, intimidation, victimization or reprisal of anyone for raising concern(s) under this policy.

The Board of Directors and Management is committed towards promoting a culture of openness, accountability and integrity, and will not tolerate any harassment, victimization or discrimination of the whistle blower provided such disclosure is made in good faith with reasonable belief that what is being reported is fact. The company has dedicated email address and telephone numbers through which staff are encouraged to raise any concern or unethical conduct.

#### **ACQUISITION OF OWN SHARES**

The Company did not purchase any of its own shares during the year.

#### **HUMAN RESOURCES**

The Company makes it a paramount objective to hire individuals based on standards of merit and competence. Also, the Company upholds a sound culture of providing continued development and training for its Staff to address knowledge gaps and provide new skill sets along the Company's lines of responsibilities. Annually, trainings are identified for staff and followed through in accordance with an approved training plan meant to ensure that this objective is achieved. The Company encourages easy interaction between Management and other staff of the Company so as to foster an atmosphere of warmth at work and also to kindle the necessary synergy required for the Company's success.

#### **EMPLOYMENT OF DISABLED PERSONS**

The Company operates a non-discriminatory policy on recruitment. Applications by disabled persons are always fully considered bearing in mind the respective aptitudes and abilities of the applicants concerned.

During the year under review, there was no disabled person in the Company's employment.

#### HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE OF EMPLOYEES

The Company approaches Health, Safety and Welfare issues affecting Staff with every sense of seriousness and therefore maintains an insurance health care scheme with Avon, a Health Maintenance Organization (HMO), licensed by the National Health Insurance Scheme (NHIS) to provide health insurance to employees in the private sector. Through this arrangement, each employee, their respective spouses, and dependents below the age of eighteen (18) years are entitled to medical treatments in well-equipped, qualitative network of hospitals under the scheme.

Safety regulations are in place within the Company's premises and employees are regularly informed of the regulations.

There are contributory retirement benefit schemes for both management and employees of the Company in conformity with the Pensions Reform Act 2014.

### **EMPLOYEES' INVOLVEMENT AND TRAINING**

The Company has an effective employer/employee communication system aimed at enhancing industrial harmony. Employees are kept fully informed as much as practicable of the Company's activities which particularly affect them as employees and are also encouraged to communicate any information useful to management through dedicated channels of communication.

Regular training programs are usually arranged for employees locally and where applicable, overseas for the improvement of skills and enhancement of career prospects.

### **DONATIONS**

Africa Prudential Plc has always and continues to support the work and efforts of the Tony Elumelu Foundation. During the year under review, Africa Prudential supported the ljebutodeo Primary School, Shomolu on their children's Day celebration as part of social responsibility and utilised the funds amounting to N194,150 towards the donation of books, pencils, pens, carrier bags along with feeding the entire school on children's day.

#### **EVENTS AFTER REPORTING DATE**

There were no events subsequent to the financial position date which require adjustment to or disclosures in the financial statements.

#### REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024- Continued

#### PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

In the opinion of the Directors, the market value of the Company's property, plant and equipment is not less than as shown in the financial statements. Information relating to changes in property, plant & equipment is disclosed in note 20 to the financial statements.

### FORMAT

The financial statements of Africa Prudential Plc have been prepared in accordance with the reporting and presentation requirements of IFRS Accounting Standards issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB), Financial Reporting Council of Nigeria (Amendment) Act, 2023 and the provisions of the Companies and Allied Matters Act, 2020. The Directors consider that the format adopted is the most suitable for the Company.

#### **AUDITORS**

The Auditors, Messrs. Ernst & Young having indicated their willingness, will continue in office as the Company's Auditors in accordance with Section 401 of the Companies and Allied Matters Act, 2020.

By order of the Board

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Joseph Jibunoh

FRC/2018/NBA/00000017719 Company Secretary 220B Ikorodu Road, Palmgrove Lagos

Date: 24 February 2025

# AFRICA PRUDENTIAL PLC ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

This report represents Management Discussion and Analysis in respect of the audited financial statements of Africa Prudential Plc for the year ended 31 December 2024. This should be read in conjunction with the full audited Financial Statements of the Company.

Africa Prudential Plc is a foremost Registrar business registered and incorporated in Nigeria Africa Prudential Plc. It was originally incorporated as UBA Registrars Ltd on March 23, 2006. The Company subsequently changed its name to Africa Prudential Registrars Plc on August 10, 2011, and was listed on the Nigerian Exchange (NGX) in January 2013. Africa Prudential Plc primarily carries on the business of registrar and investor relation service in accordance with its Memorandum and Articles of Association.

#### Operating Environment

The global economy experienced sluggish growth and weak aggregate output, driven by persistent geopolitical tensions, including the Russia-Ukraine conflict and the escalating crisis in the Middle East. These disruptions affected international and domestic trade, contributing to macroeconomic instability across Europe, America, and Asia, while Africa was not spared from the spillover effects. Additionally, prolonged travel restrictions intensified trade barriers, further heightening uncertainty and dampening business confidence. Overall, 2024 was marked by economic strain, tighter financial conditions, and rising geopolitical risks, creating a challenging and uncertain global landscape.

Nigeria's economy remained under pressure, grappling with persistent macroeconomic challenges. Oil production stagnated while global oil prices fluctuated, limiting revenue growth. Inflationary pressures intensified, driven by structural constraints, exchange rate volatility, and the lingering impact of fuel subsidy removal, which pushed up energy and food prices. Despite aggressive monetary policy interventions, the naira continued to depreciate, straining industrial production, trade, and overall business confidence. Rising fiscal deficits and debt servicing costs further constrained economic expansion. Households and businesses struggled with shrinking purchasing power and high operational costs, underscoring the need for urgent policy reforms to restore economic stability.

In 2024, Nigeria's share registration industry remained stable but faced challenges such as limited corporate actions, increased regulatory requirements, and heightened competition. Despite this, the sector saw continued digital transformation aimed at improving efficiency and investor experience. Africa Prudential Plc maintained its leadership by leveraging innovative, technology-driven solutions to enhance shareholder management, e-dividend processing, and corporate communication. These efforts contributed to strong financial performance, increased client acquisition, and sustained growth, reinforcing its position as a key player in the evolving market.

#### Operating Result

In 2024, the Company demonstrated strong adaptability and financial strength despite prevailing macroeconomic uncertainties. Revenue grew significantly to N5.20 billion, up from N3.95 billion in 2023, while profit before tax increased to N2.81 billion from N1.44 billion in the prior year. This performance underscores the Company's strategic execution and operational efficiency. With a continued focus on its core registrar services, the Company remains dedicated to delivering value to clients and sustaining long-term growth in an evolving market landscape.

The Company achieved a significant 33.6% increase in interest income, increasing from N3.08 billion in 2023 to N4.12 billion in 2024, driven largely by higher interest earnings on term deposits amid favorable market yields. With a prudent approach to financial management, the Company remained committed to protecting shareholders' funds while maintaining a balanced asset and liability strategy to maximize portfolio performance and sustain long-term stability.

The company's total assets grew by 51.6%, rising from №22.98 billion to №34.8 billion as of December 31, 2024. This growth was primarily driven by a substantial increase in debt instruments, which surged from №9.6 billion in 2023 to №26.3 billion in 2024. Consequently, equity experienced a positive net impact, increasing by 12% from №9.7 billion to №10.88 billion in 2024.

#### Outlook

The projections for the Africa Prudential Plc remains positive, with a strategic focus on sustaining growth through innovation, diversification, and digital transformation. As the share registration industry faces regulatory shifts and increasing competition, the Board is expected to drive initiatives that enhance operational efficiency, expand service offerings beyond traditional registrar services, and strengthen investor relations. With a strong financial position and commitment to technology-driven solutions, the Board will likely prioritize shareholder value creation, strategic partnerships, and further market expansion to strengthen Africa Prudential Plc's position in the market.

# STATEMENT OF CORPORATE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

In line with the provision of section 405 of CAMA 2020, we the undersigned hereby certify the following with regards to the audited annual financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024 that:

1.We have reviewed the audited financial statements and to the best of our knowledge:

i. the audited financial statements do not contain any untrue statement of material facts or omit to state a material fact, which would make the statements misleading, in the light of the circumstances under which such statement was made, and

ii. the audited financial statements and all other financial information included in the statements fairly present, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operation of the Company as of and for, the periods covered by the audited financial statements;

- 2. We are responsible for establishing and maintaining internal controls and has designed such internal controls to ensure that material information relating to the Company is made known to the officer by other officers of the companies, particularly during the period in which the audited financial statement report is being prepared;
- 3. We have evaluated the effectiveness of the Company's internal controls within 90 days before the date of audited financia statements, and certify that the Company's internal controls are effective as of that date;
- 4. We have disclosed to the Company's auditors and audit committee -

i.all significant deficiencies in the design or operation of internal controls which could adversely affect the Company's ability to record, process, summarise and report financial data, and has identified for the Company's auditors any material weaknesses in internal controls, and

ii.any fraud whether or not, material that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the Company's internal control.

5. There were no significant changes in internal controls or in other factors that could significantly affect internal controls subsequent to the date of their evaluation, including any corrective actions with regard to significant deficiencies and material weaknesses.

Catherine Nwosu Managing Director

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Taofik Giwa

Chief Financial Officer

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#### CERTIFICATION BY COMPANY SECRETARY

In my capacity as Company Secretary, I hereby certify, in terms of the Companies and Allied Matters Act, that for the year ended 31 December 2024, the Company has lodged all such returns as are required of a company in terms of this Act, and that all such returns are, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, correct and up to date.

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Joseph Jibunoh

FRC/2018/NBA/0000017719

Africa Prudential Plc 220b, Ikorodu Road Palmgrove Lagos

Date:

#### CORPORATE GOVERNANCE REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

#### INTRODUCTION

Africa Prudential Plc ("Afriprud") has in place an effective governance mechanism that ensures proper oversight of its business by the Directors and other principal organs of the Company, and this is demonstrated by the fact that the Company recognises and believes in the importance of committing to the highest standards of corporate governance for Public Companies in Nigeria.

During the 2024 financial year, Afriprud complied with the provisions its Board Governance Charter, Code of Conduct Policy, the Code of Corporate Governance for Public Companies issued by the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Nigerian Code of Corporate Governance issued by the Financial Reporting Council of Nigeria, and other corporate governance related policies.

#### 1. The Board

#### 1.1 General

The Board is responsible for developing the Company's strategy and ensuring that its available assets are utilized towards the attainment of its set strategy and plans. The Board performs supervisory oversight over Management activities making certain that the affairs of the Company are conducted in a manner that increases the value of shareholders' investments and is also beneficial to all other stakeholders of the Company.

As of December 31, 2024, the Board comprised a Non-Executive Chairman, an Executive Managing Director/Chief Operating Officer, four Non-Executive Directors two of Independent Non-Executive Directors. The Board members are professionals and accomplished business leaders with vast experiences, credible track records and requisite integrity, skills, and experience to bring independent judgment to bear on Board deliberations and discussions.

The Directors attend regular training courses on Corporate Governance and related issues. In addition, the Company Secretary provides advice to the Board on Corporate Governance best practices from time to time.

#### 1.2 Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Positions

Responsibilities at the top level are well defined and the Company has separated the roles of the Managing Director/CEO and Chairman. The Chairman is not involved in the day-to day operations of the Company and is not a member of any committee of the Board.

#### 1.3 Non-Executive Directors

The Non-Executive Board members possess a strong knowledge of the Company's business and usually contribute actively at Board meetings.

#### 1.4 Board Changes

During the year under review, there were changes in the composition of the Board of the Company. The Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Obong Idiong, resigned from the Board effective March 12, 2024, to pursue other interests. The Board sincerely appreciates Mr. Idiong for his outstanding contributions to the Company's growth over his five-year tenure and wishes him success in his future endeavors. To succeed Mr. Idiong, the Board appointed Mrs. Catherine Uzoamaka Nwosu as the new Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, effective March 12, 2024. A seasoned Capital Market Executive with a distinguished track record in leadership, Mrs. Nwosu's appointment was presented and approved by shareholders at the 11th Annual General Meeting held on March 26, 2024.

Additionally, the Board saw the resignations of Mrs. Funmibi Chima, an Independent Non-Executive Director, and Mr. Emmanuel Nnorom, a Non-Executive Director. The Board extends its gratitude to Mrs. Chima and Mr. Nnorom for their invaluable contributions, including their expertise, strategic insights, and independent judgment, which greatly supported the Company's growth and performance.

#### CORPORATE GOVERNANCE REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024-Continued

#### 1.4 Board Changes - Continued

To fill the resulting vacancies, the Board appointed Mrs. Christabel Onyejekwe and Mr. Oluwaseyi Abe as Independent Non-Executive Directors, and Mr. Chidi Okpala as a Non-Executive Director. These appointments are expected to enhance the Board's objectivity and reinforce stakeholders' trust and confidence. The appointments of Mrs. Onyejekwe, Mr. Abe, and Mr. Okpala will be presented for shareholder approval at the upcoming Annual General Meeting.

#### 1.5 Statutory Disclosure Of Age

Section 278 (1) of the Companies and Allied Matters Act, 2020, provides that any person who is appointed or to his knowledge proposed to be appointed director of a public company and who is 70 or more years old shall disclose this fact to the members at the general meeting. In line with this legal requirement, it is hereby disclosed that the Chairman of the Board of Directors, Chief (Mrs) Eniola Fadayomi is above 70 years.

#### 1.6 Proceedings and frequency of meetings

The Board meets at least once in every quarter or as frequently as the Board's attention may be required on any situation which may arise. Sufficient notices with a clear agenda & reports are usually given prior to convening such meetings. Since the outbreak of Covid – 19 pandemics, and the consequent restriction of physical movements in 2020, the Board has continuously adopted the use of an online meeting platform for holding of Board, Board Committee and Statutory Audit meetings and circulation of meeting papers.

In addition to the Board meetings held during the year under review, the Board continued its tradition of fostering symbiotic interaction with Management for cross fertilization of ideas by holding two sessions of Board and Management Strategy review in August and December 2024 respectively, where the Management presented to the Board, in detail, its strategic and tactical plans for achieving the short - medium - and long-terms goals set by the Board for the Company,

#### 1.7 Board Meeting Attendance

KEY:

P Present

AWA Absent with Apology NA Not applicable

A total of five (5) Board Meetings were held in the 2024 Financial Year. The table below shows Directors' attendance at the meetings.

Members	02/01/2024	20/02/2024	24/04/2024	26/07/2024	23/10/2024
1. Chief (Mrs) Eniola Fadayomi	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р
2. Mr. Obong Idiong	Р	Р	N/A	N/A	N/A
3. Mr. Peter Ashade	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р
4. Mr. Emmanuel Nnorom	Р	Р	N/A	N/A	N/A
5. Mr. Samuel Nwanze	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р
6. Mr. Peter Elumelu	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р
7. Mrs. Funmibi Chima	Р	Р	N/A	N/A	N/A
8. Mrs. Zubaida Rasheed	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р
9. Mrs Catherine Nwosu	N/A	N/A	Р	Р	Р
10.Mrs Christabel Onyejekwe	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Р

#### Notes:

<sup>\*</sup> Mr. Obong Idiong resigned as MD/CEO on 12/03/2024

<sup>\*</sup> Mr Emmanuel Nnorom resigned as Director on 28/03/2024

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> Mrs Funmibi Chima Resigned as Independent Non - Executive Director on

<sup>\*\*\*\*</sup> Mrs Catherine Nwosu was appointed as MD/CEO on 12/03/2024

<sup>\*\*\*\*\*</sup>Mrs Christabel Onyejekwe was appointed as Independent Non - Executive Director on 01/08/2024

# AFRICA PRUDENTIAL PLC

#### **ANNUAL REPORT**

#### CORPORATE GOVERNANCE REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024 - Continued

#### 1.8 Board Committees

#### 1.8.1 Board Audit & Governance Committee

The Board Audit & Governance Committee is responsible for ensuring that an effective system of internal and financial control is in place and provides oversight on governance related matters.

The Committee is currently constituted as follows:

Mr. Peter Elumelu
 Mr. Samuel Nwanze
 Mr. Peter Ashade
 Mr. Emmanuel Nnorom
 Chairman/Non-Executive Director
 Member/ Non-Executive Director
 Member/Non-Executive Director

5. Mrs Zubaida Mahey Rasheed Member/Independent Non-Executive Director
6. Mrs Christabel Onyejekwe Member/Independent Non-Executive Director

Its terms of reference include ensuring an effective system of financial and internal control are in place; evaluating the independence and performance of the External Auditor; reviewing the audited financial statements with the Management and the External Auditor before its presentation to the Board; approving human resources related policies; ensuring proper composition, training, and evaluation of board members.

The Committee met four (4) times in the year under review. The table below shows Directors' attendance at the meetings.

Members	09/02/2024	16/04/2024	11/07/2024	10/10/2024
1. Mr. Peter Elumelu	Р	AWA	Р	Р
2. Mr. Samuel Nwanze	Р	Р	Р	Р
3. Mr Peter Ashade	AWA	Р	Р	Р
4. Mr. Emmanuel Nnorom	Р	N/A	N/A	N/A
5. Mrs Zubaida Rasheed	Р	Р	Р	Р
6. Mrs Christabel Onyejekwe	N/A	N/A	N/A	Р

#### 1.8.2 Board Finance and Investment Committee

The Board Finance and Investment Committee is responsible for strategic planning, periodic budgeting and performance monitoring, supervision of assets, investment matters and providing oversight on risk matters, financial matters and performance of the Company.

The Committee is currently constituted as follows:

Mr. Samuel Nwanze
 Mr. Peter Elumelu
 Member/ Non-Executive Director
 Mrs Christabel Onyejekwe
 Mr. Peter Ashade
 Mrs. Catherine Nwosu
 Chairman/Non-Executive Director
 Member/ Non-Executive Director
 Member/ Non-Executive Director
 Member/ Managing Director

The Committee met four (4) times in the year under review. The table below shows Directors' attendance at the meetings.

Members	09/02/2024	16/04/2024	11/07/2024	10/10/2024
1. Mr.Samuel Nwanze	Р	Р	Р	Р
2. Mrs. Catherine Nwosu	N/A	Р	Р	Р
3. Mr. Peter Elumelu	Р	Р	Р	Р
4.Mrs Christabel Onyejekwe	N/A	N/A	N/A	Р
5. Mr. Peter Ashade	AWA	Р	Р	Р

#### CORPORATE GOVERNANCE REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024 - Continued

#### 2. The Statutory Audit Committee

The Statutory Audit Committee was set up in accordance with the provisions of the Companies and Allied Matters Act, CAP 2020. It consists of a combination of Non - Executive Directors and Ordinary shareholders elected at the Annual General Meeting. Its terms of reference include the monitoring of processes designed to ensure compliance by the Company in all respects with legal and regulatory requirements, including disclosure, controls and procedures and the impact (or potential impact) of development thereto. It evaluates annually, the independence and performance of the External Auditors. The Committee also reviews with Management and the External Auditors the annual audited financial statement before its submission to the Board.

The Committee is currently constituted with four (5) members as follows:

Mr. Frank Chikezie Chairman/shareholder
 Alhaji Kabiru Tambari Member/ Shareholder
 Mr. Tajudeen Adeshina Member/ Shareholder

4. Mr. Peter Elumelu Member/ Non - Executive Director.

5. Mrs Zubaida Mahey Rasheed Member/Independent Non-Executive Director

The Committee met four (4) times in the year under review. The table below shows Members' attendance at the meetings.

Members	20/02/2024	29/04/2024	12/07/2024	10/10/2024
Mr. Frank Chikezie	Р	Р	Р	Р
Mr. Tajudeen Adeshina	Р	Р	Р	Р
Alhaji Kabiru Tambari	Р	Р	Р	Р
Mr. Peter Elumelu	Р	Р	Р	Р
Mrs Zubaida Mahey Rasheed	Р	Р	Р	Р

#### 3. Accountability, Audit and Control

#### 3.1 Financial reporting

The Directors make themselves accountable to shareholders through regular publication of the Company's financial performance and annual reports.

The Board is mindful of its responsibilities and is satisfied that in the preparation of its financial report it has presented a balanced assessment of the Company's position and prospects in accordance with its obligation under the Code of Corporate Governance.

The audit firm of Ernst & Young was appointed by the Board as external auditors to the Company during the 2024 financial year.

#### 3.2 Control environment

The Company has consistently improved its internal control system to ensure effective management of risks. The Directors review the effectiveness of the system of internal control through regular reports and reviews at Board Audit & Governance Committee Meetings.

The Board has continued to place emphasis on risk management as an essential tool for achieving the Company's objectives. Towards this end, it has ensured that the Company has in place robust risk management policies and mechanisms to ensure the identification of risks and effective controls.

The Board approves the annual budget for the Company and ensures that a robust budgetary process is operated with adequate authorization levels put in place to regulate capital expenditure.

#### 4. The Company Secretary

The Company Secretary ensures adequate dissemination of information among Board members and between the Board and the Management of the Company. In furtherance of Board and Committee meetings, the Company Secretary undertakes the preparation of the necessary papers and other documents requisite for the success in deliberations. The Company Secretary is responsible for the induction of new Directors and the provision of on-going training for the Non-Executive Directors.

#### CORPORATE GOVERNANCE REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024 - Continued

The Office of the Company Secretary ensures that the Company complies with the relevant regulatory laws including the Investment and Securities Act, the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) Rules and Regulations, the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) Code of Corporate Governance, the Nigerian Code of Corporate Governance, the Companies and Allied Matters Act, the Financial Reporting Council of Nigeria (FRC) Act, the Rules and Regulations of The Nigerian Exchange Limited and the Company's Corporate Governance Policies.

The procedure for the appointment and removal of the Company Secretary is a matter for the Board.

#### 5. Shareholders

The Company ensures the existence of adequate interaction among the Shareholders, the Management and the Board of the Company. The Company's General Meetings provide Shareholders the platform to contribute to the administration of the Company. The Annual General Meetings (AGMs) are held in accessible locations and are open to Shareholders or their proxies. The AGMs are conducted in a manner that facilitates Shareholders' participation in accordance with relevant regulatory and statutory requirements.

The Company encourages Shareholders to attend these meetings by ensuring that notices of meetings and other information required by Shareholders to make informed decisions are dispatched in a timely manner. The office of the Company Secretary additionally affords Shareholders channels of communication to the Board and the Management of the Company.

It is the responsibility of the Shareholders to approve the appointment of Directors and to grant other approvals that are required by law or the Articles of Association of the Company.

The Shareholders through its representatives on the Statutory Audit Committee in line with section 359 of the CAMA 2020 and the SEC Code also assume responsibility for the integrity of the Company's audited financial statements.

#### 6. Guidelines for Trading in the Company's Securities

#### General Rule

Except in exceptional circumstances, all Key personnel (Directors and all Staff) must not deal in securities of the Company during the following "Closed Periods".

- (a) The period from 15 days immediately preceding the announcement to the Nigerian Exchange Limited of the Company's annua results; and 24 hours after the release has been made;
- (b) The period from 15 days immediately preceding the announcement to the Nigerian Exchange Limited of the Company's half year results; and 24 hours after the release has been made;
- (c) The period from 15 days immediately preceding the announcement to the Nigerian Exchange Limited of each of the Company's quarterly results; and 24 hours after the release has been made;
- (d)A period of two trading days before and 24 hours after any other Nigerian Exchange Limited announcement by the Company; and
- (e) Such other periods as the Board may from time to time by notice in writing designate as a closed period- for example, a period commencing when the Company is considering a significant acquisition or disposal under an incomplete proposal and expiring two trading days after details of the final proposal are announced to the Nigerian Exchange Limited or the proposal is abandoned.

#### CORPORATE GOVERNANCE REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024 - Continued

#### Africa Prudential Plc Complaint Management Policy

- In accordance with the Securities and Exchange Commission rules (SEC Rules) relating to Complaint Management Framework of the Nigerian Capital Market (The Framework) of February 16, 2015 and the Nigerian Exchange Limited directive, every listed company is required to establish a clearly defined Complaints Management Policy to handle and resolve complaints within the scope of the
- It is pursuant to the above-mentioned SEC rule and NGX Directive that Africa Prudential Plc has formulated a Complaints Management Policy.
- ► This policy is designed to effectively and efficiently handle and resolve complaints in a fair, impartial, timely and objective manner.
- All complaints should be addressed as follows:

#### Joseph Jibunoh

Company Secretary Africa Prudential Plc 220b, Ikorodu Road Palmgrove Lagos

Email: cxc@africaprudential.com

The policy is available on the Company's website (www.africaprudential.com)

#### SUSTAINABILITY AND CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

At Africa Prudential Plc, we look at the world through a sustainability lens, it does not only help us to 'future proof' our value chain, but it also fuels our innovation and brand growth. Being a leading Registrar firm with the goal of advancing our diversification into Digital Technology and in full recognition of the importance of integrating sustainability principles to business strategy, we are committed to sustainable business development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of the future generations to meet their own needs.

We do not fail to consider the impacts of our activities on our environment and ensure transparency about the risks and opportunities they face. We highly believe that the success of our company is linked with the sustenance and conservation of the communities we operate in, therefore we continue to work with our stakeholders to ensure that they understand and comply with relevant environmental protection laws and guidelines.

#### **Environmental Sustainability**

We recognize that our primary responsibility is to ensure that our products and business activities do not harm the environment but sustain and conserve our natural resources. To that end, we renovated the company's headquarters in Lagos and created a welcoming environment for shareholders and visiting clients. We have also discouraged the use of paper and high-energy-consuming electronic bulbs as an organization because we recognize the dangers these items pose to our environment.

In 2023, we continued in our usage of the EDMMS portal for crediting our shareholders' dividend; the shareholders through the USSD code, \*4018# enjoyed the service of checking their outstanding dividends, shareholding balance, bank mandates, etc. from the comfort of their homes, workplaces or leisure. The steady and improved offering of these services has helped to reduce carbon fuel usage, carbon dioxide emission as well as increase human comfort.

#### **Employement and Labour Relations**

At the heart of our successful company is our people, which is why we follow due process in employing and retaining the best brains for our business. Recruitment is carried out without prejudice and with respect for the human rights of all parties involved. We have in place a very well structured orientation programme for all new hires and we regularly engage and promote the continuous learning and development of our staff. We do not employ children and we ensure not to relate with any business in the use of child labour. We take pride in our uniform employment policy that applies to all staff regardless of sex, religion, ethnic origin and offering equal remuneration for men and women who are at the same level. We also reward our long-serving and dedicated employees who have worked with us for more than 5 years.

#### Health and Safety

The Company maintains its philosophy that occupational safety and health are vital to the dignity of work and this is why safety regulations are regularly updated with recent happenings and visitors of the company are well checked-in to prevent health and security calamities. We also conduct health and fitness checks on all employees to ensure they are in perfect health as human capital is vital to our sustainability. Furthermore, we have installed CCTV all around the office premises and engaged the use of mobile police officers and security personnel to guard people and properties in the office. The Company also undertakes fire drills every quarter to familiarize all staff with steps to take in the event of a fire outbreak.

# SUSTAINABILITY AND CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY REPORT - Continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

#### Community Support/Economic Empowerment

The Company contributes to the reduction of poverty in its operating environment, through its annual donations to the Tony Elumelu Foundation Entrepreneurial Scheme, which supports and empower entrepreneurial youths all over the Africa continent with seed grants.

#### Corporate Governance on environmental and social life

Corporate governance is concerned with holding the balance between economic and social goals as well as between individual and communal goals. We understand we do not only owe our shareholders' wealth creation, but we also owe our employees, suppliers, customers, government, and the community as a whole their interest. This is why we continue to strive to create a system of checks, balances, and incentives that will minimize and manage the conflicting interests between insiders and external stakeholders. In Africa Prudential Plc, the implementation of the Company's Sustainability Principles will continue to remain a work in progress. Thus, we would continually strive to ensure that the sustainability culture is indoctrinated in the Company, as we remain committed to operating our business in an economically viable, socially responsible and environmentally friendly manner.

#### 2024 Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)

Africa Prudential Plc has always and continues to support the work and efforts of the Tony Elumelu Foundation. During the year under review, Africa Prudential supported the ljebutodeo Primary School, Shomolu on their children's Day celebration as part of social responsibility and utilised the funds amounting to N194,150 towards the donation of books, pencils, pens, carrier bags along with feeding the entire school on children's day

# AFRICA PRUDENTIAL PLC ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

# STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES IN RELATION TO THE PREPARATION OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

In accordance with the provisions of Companies and Allied Matters Act (CAMA) 2020, the Directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company and of the profit or loss and other comprehensive income for the year ended 31 December 2024, and in so doing they ensure that:

- Proper accounting records are maintained;
- Applicable accounting standards are followed;
- Suitable accounting policies are adopted and consistently applied;
- Judgments and estimates made are reasonable and prudent;
- The going concern basis is used, unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue in business; and
- Internal control procedures are instituted which as far as reasonably possible, safeguard the assets of the Company and prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

The Directors accept responsibility for the annual financial statements, which have been prepared using appropriate accounting policies supported by reasonable and prudent judgments and estimates, in conformity with IFRS Accounting Standard as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board, the requirements of CAMA 2020, Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) Act, and the Financial Reporting Council of Nigeria (Amendment) Act, 2023.

The Directors are of the opinion that the 2024 audited financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the financial affairs of the Company and of its profit or loss and other comprehensive income.

The Directors accept responsibility for the maintenance of accounting records that may be relied upon in the preparation of the financial statements as well as adequate systems of internal financial control.

Nothing has come to the attention of the Directors to indicate that the Company will not remain a going concern for at least twelve (12) months from the date of this statement.

Signed on behalf of the Directors by:

Mrs Catherine Nwosu Managing Director/CEO

FRC/2024/PRO/DIR /003/635215

Date: 24 February 2025

Chief (Mrs.) Eniola Fadayomi FIOD MFR Chairman

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Date: 24 February 2025

# AFRICA PRUDENTIAL PLC ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### REPORT OF THE STATUTORY AUDIT COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

In accordance with the provisions of Section 404 of the Companies and Allied Matters Act, 2020 we, the members of the Audit Committee of Africa Prudential Plc, having performed our statutory obligations under the Act, hereby report that:

- (a) The accounting and reporting policies of the Company for the year ended 31st December 2024 are consistent with legal requirements and ethical practices;
- (b) The internal audit programs are extensive and provide a satisfactory evaluation of the efficiency of the internal control systems;
- (c) The scope and planning of the statutory independent audit for the year ended 31st December 2024 are satisfactory; and
- (d) We have considered the independent auditor's post-audit report and Management responses thereon and are satisfied with the responses to our questions.

Frank Chikezie

Chairman, Audit Committee FRC/2003/CIBN/00000005239

Date: 24 February 2025

Members of the Statutory Audit Committee are as follows;

Mr. Frank Chikezie Chairman
Mr. Adeshina Tajudeen Member
Mr. Kabiru Tambari Member
Mr. Peter Elumelu Member
Mrs Zubaida Mahey Rasheed Member



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## CERTIFICATION

- I, Chief (Mrs) Eniola Fadayomi FIOD MFR, hereby certify that:
- a) I have reviewed this ICFR report of Africa Prudential Plc;
- b) Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
- c) Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the company as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
- d) The company's other certifying officer(s) and I:
- 1) are responsible for establishing and maintaining internal controls;
- 2) have designed such internal controls and procedures, or caused such internal controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the company, and its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
- 3) have designed such internal control system, or caused such internal control system to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
- 4) have evaluated the effectiveness of the company's internal controls and procedures as of a date within 90 days prior to the report and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the internal controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation.
- e) The company's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control system, to the company's auditors and the audit committee of the company's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
- 1) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of the internal control system which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the company's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and

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- 2) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the company's internal control system.
- f) The company's other certifying officer(s) and I have identified, in the report whether or not there were significant changes in internal controls or other facts that could significantly affect internal controls subsequent to the date of their evaluation including any corrective actions with regard to significant deficiencies and material weaknesses.

Name: Chief (Mrs) Eniola Fadayomi FIOD MFR

Designation: Chairman

FRC No: FRC/2013/IODN/0000002718

Signature:

Date: 25/02/2025



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#### CERTIFICATION

- I, Catherine Nwosu, hereby certify that:
- a) I have reviewed this ICFR report of Africa Prudential Plc;
- b) Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
- c) Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the company as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
- d) The company's other certifying officer(s) and I:
- 1) are responsible for establishing and maintaining internal controls;
- 2) have designed such internal controls and procedures, or caused such internal controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the company, and its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
- 3) have designed such internal control system, or caused such internal control system to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
- 4) have evaluated the effectiveness of the company's internal controls and procedures as of a date within 90 days prior to the report and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the internal controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation.
- e) The company's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control system, to the company's auditors and the audit committee of the company's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
- 1) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of the internal control system which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the company's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and

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- 2) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the company's internal control system.
- f) The company's other certifying officer(s) and I have identified, in the report whether or not there were significant changes in internal controls or other facts that could significantly affect internal controls subsequent to the date of their evaluation including any corrective actions with regard to significant deficiencies and material weaknesses.

Name: Catherine Nwosu

Designation: MD/CEO

FRC No: FRC/2024/PRO/DIR /003/635215

Signature:

Date: 25/02/2025

#### MANAGEMENT ASSESSMENT REPORT

# Management's Report on the Assessment of Internal Control Over Financial Reporting as at 31st December 2024

Management of Africa Prudential Plc (the "Company") is responsible for establishing and maintaining an adequate system of internal control over financial reporting, including safeguarding of assets against unauthorized acquisition, use or disposition. This system is designed to provide reasonable assurance to management and the board of directors regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Africa Prudential Plc's system of internal control over financial reporting is supported with written policies and procedures, contains self-monitoring mechanisms, and is audited by the internal audit function. Appropriate actions are taken by management to correct deficiencies as they are identified. All internal control systems have inherent limitations, including the possibility of circumvention and overriding of controls, and, therefore, can provide only reasonable assurance as to the reliability of financial statement preparation and such asset safeguarding.

Management has assessed the effectiveness of its internal control over financial reporting as of 31 December 2024. In making this assessment, management used the COSO 2013 "Internal Control – Integrated Framework" issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO). Based on this assessment, management believes that, as of 31 December 2024, the Company's internal control over financial reporting is designed and operating effectively. Additionally, based upon management's assessment, the Company determined that there were no material weaknesses in its internal control over financial reporting as of 31 December 2024.

The effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of 31 December 2024, has been audited by Ernst and Young, an independent registered public accounting firm, as stated in their report which appears on page 25.

Dated this 28th day of February 2025

**Taofik Giwa** 

Chief Financial Officer

FRC/2023/PRO/ICAN/001/762550

Catherine Nwosu

Managing Director

FRC No: FRC/2024/PRO/DIR /003/635215



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# Independent Auditor's Attestation Report on Management's Assessment of Internal Control over Financial Reporting

#### To the Members of Africa Prudential Plc

#### Scope

We have been engaged by Africa Prudential Plc ('the Company') to perform a 'limited assurance engagement', based on International Standards on Assurance Engagements Other Than Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information ('ISAE 3000 (Revised)') and FRC Guidance on Assurance Engagement Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting, herein referred to as the engagement, to report on Africa Prudential Plc Internal Control over Financial Reporting (ICFR) (the "Subject Matter") contained in the company's Management's Assessment on Internal Control over Financial Reporting as of 31 December 2024 (the "Report").

A company's internal control over financial reporting is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. A company's internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that:

- (1) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the company;
- (2) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the company; and
- (3) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition of the company's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect all misstatements. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

### Criteria applied by Africa Prudential Plc

In designing, establishing and operating the Internal Control over Financial Reporting (ICFR) and preparing the Management's assessment of the Internal Control over Financial Reporting (ICFR), Africa Prudential Plc applied the requirements of Internal Control-Integrated Framework (2013) of the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO) Framework and SEC Guidance on Management Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting (Criteria). Such Criteria were specifically designed to enable organizations effectively and efficiently develop systems of internal control that adapt to changing business and operating environments, mitigate risks to acceptable levels, and support sound decision making and governance of the organization; As a result, the subject matter information may not be suitable for another purpose.



#### Africa Prudential Plc's responsibilities

Africa Prudential Plc's management is responsible for maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting, and for its assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting, included in the accompanying Africa Prudential Plc's management's assessment of the Internal Control over Financial reporting as of 31 December 2024 in accordance with the criteria.

### Our responsibilities

Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the design and operating effectiveness of the Internal Control over Financial Reporting based on our Assurance engagement.

We conducted our engagement in accordance with the *International Standard for Assurance Engagements Other Than Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information* ('ISAE 3000 (Revised)') and FRC Guidance on Assurance Engagement Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting, those standards require that we plan and perform our engagement to obtain limited assurance on the entity's internal control over financial reporting based on our assurance engagement.

#### Our independence and quality management

We have maintained our independence and confirm that we have met the requirements of the Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants issued by the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants (IESBA Code) and have the required competencies and experience to conduct this assurance engagement.

We also apply International Standard on Quality Management 1, Quality Management for Firms that Perform Audits or Reviews of Financial Statements, or Other Assurance or Related Services engagements, which requires that we design, implement, and operate a system of quality management including policies or procedures regarding compliance with ethical requirements, professional standards and applicable legal and regulatory requirements.

# Description of procedures performed

The procedures we performed included obtaining an understanding of internal control over financial reporting, assessing the risk that a material weakness exists, and testing and evaluating the design and operating effectiveness of internal control based on the assessed risk.

Our engagement also included performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe the procedures performed provides a basis for our report on the internal control put in place by management over financial reporting

#### Conclusion

In conclusion, nothing has come to our attention to indicate that the internal control over financial reporting put in place by management is not adequate as of 31 December 2024, based on the requirements of Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO) Framework and SEC Guidance on Management Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting.



### Other Matter

We also have audited, in accordance with the International Standards on Auditing, the annual report for the year ended 31 December 2024 of Africa Prudential Plc and we expressed an unmodified opinion in our Auditor's report dated 07 March 2025. Our conclusion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Adewuyi Adeyemo FRC/2012/PRO/ICAN/004/0000000148

For: Ernst & Young Lagos, Nigeria.

Date: 07 March 2025



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#### Independent Auditor's Report

To the Members of Africa Prudential Plc

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

#### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Africa Prudential Plc ('the Company'), which comprise the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2024, and the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including material accounting policy information.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of Africa Prudential Plc as at 31 December 2024, and its financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with IFRS Accounting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board, the provisions of the Companies and Allied Matters Act, 2020 and in compliance with the Financial Reporting Council of Nigeria (Amendment) Act, 2023.

#### Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISAs). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report. We are independent of the Company in accordance with the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' International Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including International Independence Standards) (IESBA Code) together with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Nigeria, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and the IESBA Code. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

### Key Audit matters

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgement, were of most significance in our audit of the financial statements of the current period. These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of the financial statements as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters. For each matter below, our description of how our audit addressed the matter is provided in that context.

We have fulfilled the responsibilities described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report, including in relation to these matters. Accordingly, our audit included the performance of procedures designed to respond to our assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements. The results of our audit procedures, including the procedures performed to address the matters below, provide the basis for our audit opinion on the accompanying financial statements.



#### Key Audit matter-continued

#### **Key Audit Matter**

## Expected Credit Loss (ECL) assessment of debt instruments measured at amortised cost

As at 31 December 2024, the Company's gross debt securities was N26.32 billion (2023: N9.59 billion) representing 76.2% (2023: 41.7%) of total assets.

securities judgement and estimates, and also the use of assumptions and complex model. The Company adopted both the individual and collective approach in the assessment of the impairment allowance.

Key areas of judgement and assumption include:

- Methodology for the weighting of the multiple economic scenarios used in the ECL model;
- (SICR);
- Incorporating forward-looking macro-economic information into the ECL parameters and the scenarios:
- Determination of the 12 month and Lifetime probability of default (PD) used in the ECL model;
- Determination of the Exposure at Default (EAD)
- ► Estimation of the Loss Given Default (LGD).

ECL assessment of debt instruments measured at amortised cost is disclosed in notes 8 (credit loss reversal/(expense)) to the financial statements and note 2.6.4 (financial instruments) of the material accounting policy information.

Impairment of debt securities was identified as key disclosures for reasonableness. audit matter due to the significance of the amount involved, the complexity of the model and the significant judgments and assumptions applied in the estimation process.

#### How the matter was addressed in the audit

#### We performed the following procedures:

- assessed the reasonableness of management's model for determining impairment on financial assets in line with the requirements of IFRS 9.
- evaluated the reasonableness of the Company's determination of significant increase in credit risk by The assessment of impairment allowance for debt checking that a lifetime ECL is recognised when credit risk involves significant management has increased significantly (Stage 2), a lifetime ECL is recognised on impaired facilities (Stage 3) and a 12-month ECL (Stage 1) is recognised if otherwise...
  - selected material financial assets and checked the repayment history to determine if there are indications of default and significant increase in credit risk.
  - performed detailed procedures on the completeness and accuracy of the information used.

 Assessment of significant increase in credit risk With the assistance of our credit risk modelling specialists, we:

- tested macro-economic indicators (Forward Looking probability weightings applied to the different Information) for reasonableness, taking into consideration publicly available information and checked the multiple economic scenarios considered.
  - gained an understanding of how the Probability of Default (PD), Loss Given Default (LGD) and Exposure at Default (EAD) were determined.
  - recalculated the ECL on financial assets at amortised cost
  - to ensure conformity to IFRS 7- Financial Instruments: Disclosures, we reviewed the qualitative and quantitative



#### Other Information

The Directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the document titled "Africa Prudential Plc Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2024", which includes the Report of the Directors, Statement of Corporate Responsibility for the Financial Statements, Statement of Directors' Responsibilities in Relation to the preparation of the Financial Statements, Corporate Governance Report and Other National Disclosures. The other information does not include the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express an audit opinion or any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

#### Responsibilities of the Directors for the Financial Statements

The Directors are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with IFRS Accounting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board, the provisions of the Companies and Allied Matters Act, 2020 and in compliance with the Financial Reporting Council of Nigeria (Amendment) Act, 2023, and for such internal control as the Directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Directors are responsible for assessing the Company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Directors either intend to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

#### Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.



#### Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements-continued

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- ldentify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Directors.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the Directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Company to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with the Directors regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

We also provide the Directors with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, actions taken to eliminate threats or safeguards applied.

From the matters communicated with the Directors, we determine those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the financial statements of the current period and are therefore the key audit matters. We describe these matters in our auditor's report unless law or regulation precludes public disclosure about the matter or when, in extremely rare circumstances, we determine that a matter should not be communicated in our report because the adverse consequences of doing so would reasonably be expected to outweigh the public interest benefits of such communication.



#### Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

In accordance with the requirement of the Fifth Schedule of the Companies and Allied Matters Act, 2020, we confirm that:

- i) We have obtained all the information and explanations which, to the best of our knowledge and belief, were necessary for the purpose of our audit;
- ii) In our opinion, proper books of account have been kept by the Company, in so far as it appears from our examination of those books;
- **iii)** The Company's statement of financial position and statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income are in agreement with the books of account.

In accordance with the requirements of the Financial Reporting Council of Nigeria (FRC) Guidance on Assurance Engagement Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting:

We performed a limited assurance engagement and reported on management's assessment of the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2024. The work performed was done in accordance with the International Standard for Assurance Engagements Other Than Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information ('ISAE 3000 (Revised)') and FRC Guidance on Assurance Engagement Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting, and we have issued an unmodified conclusion in our report dated 07 March 2025. That report is included on page 20 of the financial statements.

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Adewuyi Adeyemo, FCA FRC/2012/PRO/ICAN/004/0000000148 For Ernst & Young Lagos, Nigeria 07 March 2025



# STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For the year ended 31 December 2024

in thousands of Nigerian Naira	Notes	2024	2023
Revenue from contracts with customers	5	1,081,197	872,574
Interest income calculated using effective interest method	d 6	4,116,636	3,080,422
Gross earnings		5,197,833	3,952,996
Other income	7	307,703	35,993
Credit loss expenses	8	(109,452)	(113,591)
Personnel expenses	9	(972,368)	(948,662)
Other operating expenses	10	(1,473,653)	(1,376,590)
Depreciation of property and equipment	19	(61,596)	(45,231)
Depreciation of right of use assets	20	-	(9,764)
Amortisation of intangible assets	21	(78,107)	(53,469)
Profit before finance costs and tax		2,810,359	1,441,682
Finance costs	11	-	(861)
Profit before income tax expense		2,810,359	1,440,821
Income tax expense	12.1	(1,000,270)	(477,912)
Profit after tax		1,810,090	962,909
Other comprehensive income that will not be reclassified	to		
profit or loss in subsequent periods (net of tax):			
Net gain on equity instruments at fair value through other comprehensive income	26(iii)	481,672	397,940
Total other comprehensive income for the year, net of to	ax	481,672	397,940
Total comprehensive income for the year, net of tax		2,291,761	1,360,849
Basic and diluted earnings per share (Kobo)	14	91	48

The accompanying notes to the financial statements form an integral part of these financial statements.

# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at 31 December 2024		31 December	31 December
in thousands of Nigerian Naira	Notes	2024	2023
Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	15	1,191,078	5,261,237
Equity instruments at fair value through OCI	16.1	4,518,375	3,686,644
Debt instruments at amortised cost	16.2	26,321,112	9,586,341
Financial instruments at fair value through PorL	16.3	-	946,919
Deposit for shares	17	70,000	470,000
Trade and other receivables	18	1,663,845	1,871,072
Property, plant and equipment	19	773,641	783,470
Intangible assets	21	307,206	376,247
Total assets		34,845,257	22,981,930
Liabilities			
Customers' deposits	22	20,815,492	12,085,772
Creditors and accruals	23	1,723,386	320,712
Current income tax payable	24	1,122,977	559,612
Deferred tax liabilities	25	345,203	269,398
Total liabilities		24,007,058	13,235,493
Equity			
Share capital	26	1,000,000	1,000,000
Share premium	26	624,446	624,446
Fair value reserve	26	911,719	430,047
Retained earnings	26	8,136,914	7,526,824
Revaluation reserve	26	165,120	165,120
Total equity		10,838,199	9,746,437
Total liabilities and equity		34,845,257	22,981,930

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Directors on 24 February 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:

Chief (Mrs) Eniola Fadayomi FIOD MFR

Chairman FRC/2013/IODN/0000002718

Catherine Nwosu Managing Director FRC/2024/PRO/DIR /003/635215

Taofik Giwa Chief Financial Officer FRC/2023/PRO/ICAN/001/762550

The accompanying notes to the financial statements form an integral part of these financial statements.

# STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

# For the year ended 31 December 2024

in thousands of Nigerian Naira	Note	Share capital	Share premium	Revaluation reserve	Fair value reserve	Retained earnings	Total equity
As at 1 January 2024		1,000,000	624,446	165,120	430,047	7,526,824	9,746,437
Profit for the year		-	-	-	-	1,810,090	1,810,090
Other comprehensive income for the year (net of tax)		-	-	-	481,672	-,,	481,672
Total comprehensive income for the year, net of tax		-	-	-	481,672	1,810,090	2,291,762
Transactions with owners of equity							
Dividends declared	13	-	-	-	-	(1,200,000)	(1,200,000)
Total transactions with owners of equity		-	-	-	-	(1,200,000)	(1,200,000)
As at 31 December 2024		1,000,000	624,446	165,120	911,719	8,136,914	10,838,199
As at 1 January 2023		1 000 000	(24.44)	165 120	22.107	7.5(2.015	0.205.500
As at 1 Sanuary 2025		1,000,000	624,446	165,120	32,107	7,563,915	9,385,588
Profit for the year		-	-	-	-	962,909	962,909
Other comprehensive income for the year (net of tax)		-	-	-	397,940	-	397,940
Total comprehensive income for the year, net of tax		-	-	-	397,940	962,909	1,360,849
Transactions with owners of equity							
Dividends declared	13	-	-	-	-	(1,000,000)	(1,000,000)
Total transactions with owners of equity		-	-	-	-	(1,000,000)	(1,000,000)
As at 31 December 2023		1,000,000	624,446	165,120	430,047	7,526,824	9,746,437

The accompanying notes to the financial statements form an integral part of these financial statements.

# STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the year ended 31 December 2024

in thousands of Nigerian Naira	Notes	2024	2023
Cash flows from operating activities			
Profit before income tax expense		2,810,359	1,440,821
Adjustment to reconcile profit before tax to net cash flows	10	(1.50(	45.224
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	19	61,596	45,231
Amortization of intangible assets	21	78,107	53,469
Depreciation of right-of-use asset Impairment charge on financial assets	20 8	- 109,452	9,764 113,591
Unrealised foreign exchange (gain)/loss	7/10	(828)	29,768
Gain from disposal of property, plant and equipment	7	(2,611)	(2,376)
Derecognition of lease	20	-	711
Write off of financial assets	10.3	229,702	-
Interest income	6	(4,116,636)	(3,080,422)
Dividend income	7	(103,132)	(33,617)
Interest expense on lease liability	11	-	861
Changes in working capital			
Changes in trade and other receivables		253,040	(615,308)
Changes in customers' deposits		8,590,453	3,334,825
Changes in creditors and accruals		1,402,674	94,324
Interest received		4,116,636	3,080,422
Income tax paid	24	(414,619)	(558,520)
Net cash flows from operating activities		13,014,194	3,913,545
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	19	(58,477)	(138,760)
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment		9,320	3,107
Purchase of intangible assets	21	(9,066)	(287,848)
Purchase of debt instruments at amortised cost	16.4	(21,345,320)	(2,505,007)
Disposal of debt instrument at amortised cost	16.4	4,469,138	5,637,862
Purchase of treasury bills	16.3	-	(930,238)
Disposal of treasury bills	16.3	946,919	-
Purchase of equity instruments	16.1	-	(108,833)
Investment in deposit for shares	17	-	(200,000)
Dividend received  Net cash flows (used in)/from investing activities	7	103,132	33,617
·		(15,884,353)	1,503,900
Financing activities	4.5	(4.000.000)	(4.000.005:
Dividends paid	13	(1,200,000)	(1,000,000)
Payment of principal portion of lease liabilities  Net cash flows used in financing activities	20	(1,200,000)	(6,564)
nee cash nows used in imaneing activities		(1,200,000)	(1,006,564)
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents		(4,070,159)	4,410,881
Impact of ECL on cash and cash equivalents		-	(288)
Cash and cash equivalents as at 1 January	4.5	5,261,237	850,644
Cash and cash equivalents as at 31 December	15	1,191,078	5,261,237

 $The \ accompanying \ notes \ to \ the \ financial \ statements \ form \ an \ integral \ part \ of \ these \ financial \ statements.$ 

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

#### 1 Corporate information

Africa Prudential Plc. ("the Company") ,formerly UBA Registrars Ltd was incorporated as a private limited liability company on 23rd March 2006 to take over the registrar services formally operated as a department by its former parent - UBA Global Market Limited. The company was listed on 17 January, 2013.

The Company renders share registration services to both public and private companies. The Company's registered office address is 220B, Ikorodu Road, Palmgrove, Lagos Nigeria. Africa Prudential Plc primarily carries on the business of registrar and investor relation service in accordance with its Memorandum and Articles of Association.

#### 2.1 Basis of preparation

These financial statements have been prepared on a historical cost basis, except:

- ► Financial assets carried at fair value through other comprehensive income
- Financial assets measured at fair value through profit or loss
- Building measured using revaluation model

#### 2.2 Statement of Compliance

The financial Statements of Africa Prudential Plc has been prepared in accordance with IFRS Accounting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB). The financial statements comply with the relevant requirements of the Companies and Allied Matters Act 2020, and the Financial Reporting Council of Nigeria (Amendment) Act 2023.

The financial statements comprises the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, the statement of financial position, the statement of changes in equity, the statement of cash flows and notes to the financial statements.

The financial statements values are presented in Nigerian Naira  $(\Re)$ , which is the functional currency of the Company, rounded to the nearest thousand  $(\Re'000)$ , unless otherwise indicated.

The Company presents its statement of financial position broadly in order of liquidity. An analysis regarding recovery or settlement within twelve months after the reporting date (no more than 12 months) and more than 12 months after the reporting date (more than 12 months) is presented in the respective notes.

#### 2.3 Financial period

These financial statements cover the financial year from 1 January to 31 December 2024, with comparative figures for the financial year from 1 January to 31 December 2023.

### 2.5 Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis, which assumes that the entity will be able to meet its financial obligations as at when they fall due. There are no significant financial obligations that will impact on the entity's resources which will affect the going concern of the entity.

Management is satisfied that the entity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, the going concern basis has been adopted in preparing the financial statements

#### 2.6 Summary of material accounting policies

#### 2.6.1 Revenue from contracts with customers

The Company is in the business of rendering technology and share registration services to both public and private companies. Our platforms and tools help drive business productivity, business competitiveness, and public-sector efficiency. Revenue from contracts with customers is recognised when services are transferred to the customer at an amount that reflects the consideration to which the Company expects to be entitled in exchange for those services. The Company concluded that it is the principal in its revenue arrangements, because it typically controls the services before transferring them to the customer.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - Continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

#### 2.6 Summary of significant accounting policies - continued

#### 2.6.1 Revenue from contracts with customers - continued

Revenue from contracts with customers relates to:

Registrar (Share Registration) fees:- which comprise fixed periodic administration fees for managing corporate actions. Administration fees are recognised evenly over the service period. Revenues from corporate actions are recognised in line with the stage of completion while fees in relation to administration of client funds are recognised as they accrue.

#### 2.6.2 Interest Income

Interest Income for all interest bearing financial instruments are calculated by applying the effective interest rate to the gross carrying amount of financial assets and are recognised within "interest income" in profit or loss. The effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts the estimated future cash payments and receipts through the expected life of the financial asset or, when appropriate, a shorter period to the net carrying amount of the financial asset. When calculating the effective interest rate, the Company estimates cash flows considering all contractual terms of the financial instrument (for example, prepayment options) but does not consider future credit losses. The calculation includes all fees and points paid or received between parties to the contract that are an integral part of the effective interest rate, transaction costs and all other premiums or discounts.

#### 2.6.3 Taxes

#### Income tax expense

Income tax expense comprises current and deferred tax. Income tax expense is recognised in profit or loss except to the extent that it relates to items recognised directly in equity, in which case it is recognised in equity.

#### Current income tax

Current tax is the expected tax payable on taxable income for the year, using tax rates enacted or substantively enacted at the reporting date, and any adjustment to tax payable in respect of previous years.

#### Deferred tax

Deferred tax is recognised in respect of temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes and the amounts used for taxation purposes. Deferred tax is measured at the tax rates that are expected to be applied to the temporary differences when they reverse, based on laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the reporting date.

A deferred tax asset is recognised only to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profits will be available against which the asset can be utilised. Deferred tax assets are reviewed at each reporting date and are reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that the related tax benefit will be realised.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset if there is a legally enforceable right to offset current tax liabilities against current tax assets, and they relate to taxes levied by the same tax authority on the same taxable entity, or on different tax entities, but they intend to settle current tax liabilities and assets on a net basis or their tax assets and liabilities will be realised simultaneously.

#### 2.6.4 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents in the statement of financial position comprise cash at banks and on hand and short-term deposits with a maturity of three months or less, which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value.

### 2.6.5 Financial instruments – initial recognition and subsequent measurement

A financial instrument is any contract that gives rise to a financial asset of one entity and a financial liability or equity instrument of another entity.

## i) Financial assets

#### Initial recognition and measurement of financial assets

Financial assets are classified, at initial recognition, at fair value plus transaction cost and subsequently measured at amortised cost, fair value through other comprehensive income (OCI), and fair value through profit or loss.

The classification of financial assets at initial recognition depends on the financial asset's contractual cash flow characteristics and the Company's business model for managing them. With the exception of trade receivables that do not contain a significant financing component or for which the Company has applied the practical expedient, the Company initially measures a financial asset at its fair value plus, in the case of a financial asset not at fair value through profit or loss, transaction costs. Trade receivables that do not contain a significant financing component or for which the Company has applied the practical expedient are measured at the transaction price determined under IFRS 15.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - Continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

# 2.6.5 Financial instruments – initial recognition and subsequent measurement-continued i) Financial assets- continued

#### Initial recognition and measurement of financial assets-continued

In order for a financial asset to be classified and measured at amortised cost or fair value through OCI, it needs to give rise to cash flows that are 'solely payments of principal and interest (SPPI)' on the principal amount outstanding. This assessment is referred to as the SPPI test and is performed at an instrument level.

The Compay's business model for managing financial assets refers to how it manages its financial assets in order to generate cash flows. The business model determines whether cash flows will result from collecting contractual cash flows, selling the financial assets, or both.

Purchases or sales of financial assets that require delivery of assets within a time frame established by regulation or convention in the market place (regular way trades) are recognised on the trade date, i.e., the date that the Company commits to purchase or sell the asset.

#### Subsequent measurement of financial assets

For purposes of subsequent measurement, financial assets are classified in three categories:

- ► Financial assets at amortised cost (debt instruments)
- Financial assets designated at fair value through OCI with no recycling of cumulative gains and losses upon derecognition (equity instruments)
- ► Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

#### Financial assets at amortised cost (debt instruments)

This category is the most relevant to the Company. The Company measures financial assets at amortised cost if both of the following conditions are met:

- The financial asset is held within a business model with the objective to hold financial assets in order to collect contractual cash flows; and
- The contractual terms of the financial asset give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding

Financial assets at amortised cost are subsequently measured using the effective interest (EIR) method and are subject to impairment. Gains and losses are recognised in profit or loss when the asset is derecognised, modified or impaired.

The Company's financial assets at amortised cost includes cash and cash equivalents, trade and other receivables, debit instruments such as treasury bills, and loans to staff, government bonds, and placements with banks.

# Financial assets designated at fair value through OCI (equity instruments)

Upon initial recognition, the Company can elect to classify irrevocably its equity investments as equity instruments designated at fair value through OCI when they meet the definition of equity under IAS 32 Financial Instruments: Presentation and are not held for trading. The classification is determined on an instrument-by- instrument basis.

Gains and losses on these financial assets are never recycled to profit or loss. Dividends are recognised as other income in the statement of profit or loss and other comphrensive income when the right of payment has been established, except when the Company benefits from such proceeds as a recovery of part of the cost of the financial asset, in which case, such gains are recorded in OCI. Equity instruments designated at fair value through OCI are not subject to impairment assessment.

The Company elected to classify irrevocably its listed and non-listed equity investments under this category.

### Derecognition of financial assets

A financial asset (or, where applicable, a part of a financial asset or part of a group of similar financial assets) is primarily derecognised (i.e., removed from the Company's statement of financial position) when:

- ► The rights to receive cash flows from the asset have expired
- The Company has transferred its rights to receive cash flows from the asset or has assumed an obligation to pay the received cash flows in full without material delay to a third party under a 'pass-through' arrangement; and either (a) the Company has transferred substantially all the risks and rewards of the asset, or (b) the Company has neither transferred nor retained substantially all the risks and rewards of the asset, but has transferred control of the asset

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - Continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

#### 2.6.5 Financial instruments - initial recognition and subsequent measurement-continued

#### i) Financial assets- continued

#### Derecognition of financial assets-continued

When the Company has transferred its rights to receive cash flows from an asset or has entered into a pass-through arrangement, it evaluates if, and to what extent, it has retained the risks and rewards of ownership. When it has neither transferred nor retained substantially all of the risks and rewards of the asset, nor transferred control of the asset, the Company continues to recognise the transferred asset to the extent of its continuing involvement. In that case, the Company also recognises an associated liability. The transferred asset and the associated liability are measured on a basis that reflects the rights and obligations that the Company has retained.

Continuing involvement that takes the form of a guarantee over the transferred asset is measured at the lower of the original carrying amount of the asset and the maximum amount of consideration that the Company could be required to repay.

#### Impairment of financial assets

The Company recognises an allowance for Expected Credit Losses (ECLs) for all debt instruments not held at fair value through profit or loss. ECLs are based on the difference between the contractual cash flows due in accordance with the contract and all the cash flows that the Company expects to receive, discounted at an approximation of the original effective interest rate. The expected cash flows will include cash flows from the sale of collateral held or other credit enhancements that are integral to the contractual terms.

ECLs are recognised in two stages. For credit exposures for which there has not been a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition, ECLs are provided for credit losses that result from default events that are possible within the next 12-months (a 12-month ECL). For those credit exposures for which there has been a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition, a loss allowance is required for credit losses expected over the remaining life of the exposure, irrespective of the timing of the default (a lifetime ECL).

For trade receivables and contract assets, the Company applies a simplified approach in calculating ECLs. Therefore, the Company does not track changes in credit risk, but instead recognises a loss allowance based on lifetime ECLs at each reporting date. The Company has established a provision matrix that is based on its historical credit loss experience, adjusted for forward-looking factors specific to the debtors and the economic environment.

The Company considers a financial asset in default when contractual payments are 90 days past due. However, in certain cases, the Company may also consider a financial asset to be in default when internal or external information indicates that the Company is unlikely to receive the outstanding contractual amounts in full before taking into account any credit enhancements held by the Company. A financial asset is written off when there is no reasonable expectation of recovering the contractual cash flows.

### ii) Financial liabilities

#### Initial recognition and measurement of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are classified, at initial recognition, as financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss, loans and borrowings, customers' deposit and payables, as appropriate.

All financial liabilities are recognised initially at fair value and, in the case of loans and borrowings and payables, net of directly attributable transaction costs.

The Company's financial liabilities include creditors and accruals, loans and borrowings and customers' deposits.

#### Subsequent measurement of financial liabilities

The measurement of financial liabilities are recognized at amortized cost or FVTPL when they are held for trading.

### Customers' deposit

This represents dividend, return monies and other interests received from clients but yet to be claimed or remitted. Customer deposit are carried at amortized cost.

#### Derecognition of financial liabilities

A financial liability is derecognised when the obligation under the liability is discharged or cancelled or expires. When an existing financial liability is replaced by another from the same lender on substantially different terms, or the terms of an existing liability are substantially modified, such an exchange or modification is treated as the derecognition of the original liability and the recognition of a new liability. The difference in the respective carrying amounts is recognised in the profit or loss.

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#### 2.6.5 Financial instruments - initial recognition and subsequent measurement-continued

#### iii) Offsetting of financial instruments

Financial assets and financial liabilities are offset and the net amount is reported in the statement of financial position if there is a currently enforceable legal right to offset the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis, or to realise the assets and settle the liabilities simultaneously.

#### 2.6.6 Property, plant and equipment (PPE)

#### Recognition and measurement

Items of property, plant and equipment (except building) are carried at historical cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment losses. The cost of property, plant and equipment includes expenditures that are directly attributable to the acquisition of the asset. When parts of an item of property, plant and equipment have different useful lives, they are accounted for as separate items (major components) of property and equipment. Purchased software that is integral to the functionality of the related equipment is capitalised as part of that equipment.

#### Subsequent costs

The cost of replacing part of an item of property, plant or equipment is recognised in the carrying amount of the item if it is probable that the future economic benefits embodied within the part will flow to the entity and its cost can be measured reliably. The costs of the day-to-day servicing of property, plant and equipment are recognised in profit or loss as incurred.

Building is measured at revalued amount less accumulated depreciation and impairment losses recognised after the date of the revaluation. Valuations are performed at least once in every 3 years or when a major improvement is carried out to ensure that the fair value of a revalued asset does not differ materially from its carrying amount.

Any revaluation surplus is recorded in other comprehensive income and hence, credited to the asset revaluation reserve in equity, except to the extent that it reverses a revaluation decrease of the same asset previously recognised in the profit or loss, in which case, the increase is recognised in the profit or loss. A revaluation deficit is recognized in the profit or loss, except to the extent that it offsets an existing surplus on the same asset recognised in the asset revaluation reserve.

#### Depreciation

Depreciation is recognised in profit or loss on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of each part of an item of property, plant and equipment since this most closely reflects the expected pattern of consumption of the future economic benefits embodied in the asset. Leased assets are depreciated over the shorter of the lease term and their useful lives. Depreciation begins when an asset is available for use and ceases at the earlier of the date that the asset is derecognised or classified as held for sale in accordance with IFRS 5 Non-current Assets Held for Sale and Discontinued Operations. Land is not depreciated.

The estimated useful lives for the current and comparative period are as follows:

Building40 yearsComputer equipment5 yearsFurniture and fittings5 yearsPlant and machinery6 yearsMotor vehicles5 years

Capital work in progress is not depreciated. Upon completion it is transferred to the relevant asset category. Depreciation methods, useful lives and residual values are reassessed at each reporting date and adjusted if appropriate.

## De-recognition

An item of property, plant and equipment is derecognised on disposal or when no future economic benefits are expected from its use or disposal. Any gain or loss arising on de-recognition of the asset (calculated as the difference between the net disposal proceeds and the carrying amount of the asset) is included in profit or loss in the year the asset is derecognised.

### 2.6.7 Intangible asset

#### a Software

Software acquired by the entity is stated at cost less accumulated amortisation and accumulated impairment losses.

Expenditure on internally developed software is recognised as an asset when the entity is able to demonstrate its intention and ability to complete the development and use the software in a manner that will generate future economic benefits, and can reliably measure the costs to complete the development. The capitalised costs of internally developed software include all costs directly attributable to developing the software, and are amortised over its useful life. Internally developed software is stated at capitalised cost less accumulated amortisation and impairment.

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#### 2.6.7 Intangible asset - Continued

#### a Software - Continued

Subsequent expenditure on software assets is capitalised only when it increases the future economic benefits embodied in the specific asset to which it relates. All other expenditure is expensed as incurred.

The estimated useful lives for the current and comparative period are as follows:

Software 5 years

Capital work in progress is not amortized. Upon completion it is transferred to the relevant asset category.

#### 2.6.8 Employee benefits

#### Short-term benefits

Wages, salaries, paid annual leave, bonuses and non-monetary benefits are recognised as employee benefit expenses when the associated services are rendered by the employees of the Company.

Africa Prudential Plc operates a contributory pension plan in accordance with the Pension Reform Act, wherein the Company contributes 10% of employees' basic salary, housing and transport allowance to the designated pension fund administrator chosen by each employee. As a part of the scheme, the Company also remits employees' contribution of 8% of the relevant compensation to the same account, as provided by the Pension Reform Act, as amended.

#### Post-employment benefits - Defined contribution plans

Obligations for contributions to defined contribution plans are recognized as an expense in the statement of Profit or Loss when they are due. The contribution payable to a defined contribution plan is in proportion to the services rendered to the entity by the employees and is recorded as an expense under "Personnel expenses". Unpaid contributions are recorded as liability.

#### 2.6.9 **Leases**

The Company assesses at contract inception whether a contract is, or contains, a lease. That is, if the contract conveys the right to control the use of an identified asset for a period of time in exchange for consideration.

#### Company as a lessee

The Company applies a single recognition and measurement approach for all leases, except for short-term leases and leases of low-value assets. The Company recognises lease liabilities to make lease payments and right-of-use assets representing the right to use the underlying assets.

#### i Right-of-use assets

The Company recognises right-of-use assets at the commencement date of the lease (i.e., the date the underlying asset is available for use). Right-of-use assets are measured at cost, less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses, and adjusted for any remeasurement of lease liabilities. The cost of right-of-use assets includes the amount of lease liabilities recognised, initial direct costs incurred, and lease payments made at or before the commencement date less any lease incentives received. Right-of-use assets are depreciated on a straight-line basis over the shorter of the lease term and the estimated useful lives of the assets, as follows:

Office building 2 to 5 years

If ownership of the leased asset transfers to the Company at the end of the lease term or the cost reflects the exercise of a purchase option, depreciation is calculated using the estimated useful life of the asset.

#### ii Lease liabilities

At the commencement date of the lease, the Company recognises lease liabilities measured at the present value of lease payments to be made over the lease term. The lease payments include fixed payments (including in-substance fixed payments) less any lease incentives receivable, variable lease payments that depend on an index or a rate, and amounts expected to be paid under residual value guarantees. The lease payments also include the exercise price of a purchase option reasonably certain to be exercised by the Company and payments of penalties for terminating the lease, if the lease term reflects the Company exercising the option to terminate.

Variable lease payments that do not depend on an index or a rate are recognised as expenses (unless they are incurred to produce inventories) in the period in which the event or condition that triggers the payment occurs.

In calculating the present value of lease payments, the Company uses its incremental borrowing rate at the lease commencement date because the interest rate implicit in the lease is not readily determinable. After the commencement date, the amount of lease liabilities is increased to reflect the accretion of interest and reduced for the lease payments made. In addition, the carrying amount of lease liabilities is remeasured if there is a modification, a change in the lease term, a change in the lease payments (e.g., changes to future payments resulting from a change in an index or rate used to determine such lease payments) or a change in the assessment of an option to purchase the underlying asset.

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#### iii Short-term leases and leases of low-value assets

The Company applies the short-term lease recognition exemption to its short-term leases of office building (i.e., those leases that have a lease term of 12 months or less from the commencement date and do not contain a purchase option). It also applies the lease of low-value assets recognition exemption to leases of office equipment that are considered to be low value. Lease payments on short-term leases are recognised as expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

#### 2.6.10 Share capital and reserves

Ordinary Share Capital: The ordinary share capital of the entity is classified as equity. Incremental costs directly attributable to the issue of ordinary shares are recognized as a deduction from equity net of any tax effects.

#### 2.6.11 Earnings per share

The entity presents basic earnings per share (EPS) data for its ordinary shares. Basic EPS is calculated by dividing the profit or loss attributable to ordinary shareholders of the entity by the weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding during the period.

Diluted EPS is determined by adjusting the profit or loss attributable to ordinary shareholders and the weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding for the effects of all dilutive potential ordinary shares.

### 2.7.1 Changes in accounting policies and disclosures

Standards and interpretations effective for the first time for 31 December 2024 year end

#### i International Tax Reform - Pillar Two Model Rules - Amendments to IAS 12

The amendments are effective immediately upon issuance, but certain disclosure requirements are effective later.

In May 2023, the Board issued amendments to IAS 12 Income Taxes, which introduce a mandatory exception in IAS 12 from recognising and disclosing deferred tax assets and liabilities related to Pillar Two income taxes. The amendments clarify that IAS 12 applies to income taxes arising from tax law enacted or substantively enacted to implement the Pillar Two Model Rules published by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), including tax law that implements qualified domestic minimum top-up taxes. Such tax legislation, and the income taxes arising from it, are referred to as 'Pillar Two legislation' and 'Pillar Two income taxes', respectively.

The amendments require an entity to disclose that it has applied the exception to recognising and disclosing information about deferred tax assets and liabilities related to Pillar Two income taxes. An entity is required to separately disclose its current tax expense (income) related to Pillar Two income taxes, in the periods when the legislation is effective. The amendments require, for periods in which Pillar Two legislation is (substantively) enacted but not yet effective, disclosure of known or reasonably estimable information that helps users of financial statements understand the entity's exposure arising from Pillar Two income taxes. To comply with these requirements, an entity is required to disclose qualitative and quantitative information about its exposure to Pillar Two income taxes at the end of the reporting period.

#### ii Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non current and Non-current Liabilities with Covenants - Amendments to IAS 1

Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2024.

In January 2020 and October 2022, the Board issued amendments to IAS 1 Presentation to Financial Statements to specify the requirements for classifying liabilities as current or non-current. The amendments clarify:

- What is meant by a right to defer settlement
- ullet That a right to defer settlement must exist at the end of the reporting period
- ► That classification is unaffected by the likelihood that an entity will exercise its deferral right
- That only if an embedded derivative in a convertible liability is itself an equity instrument would the terms of a liability not impact its classification
- Disclosures

Right to defer settlement

The Board decided that if an entity's right to defer settlement of a liability is subject to the entity complying with the required covenants only at a date subsequent to the reporting period ("future covenants"), the entity has a right to defer settlement of the liability even if it does not comply with those covenants at the end of the reporting period. Furthermore, the Board specified that the requirements in paragraph 72B of IAS 1 apply only to liabilities arising from loan arrangements.

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#### Lease Liability in a Sale and Leaseback - Amendments to IFRS 16

Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2024.

In September 2022, the Board issued Lease Liability in a Sale and Leaseback (Amendments to IFRS 16). The amendment to IFRS 16 Leases specifies the requirements that a seller-lessee uses in measuring the lease liability arising in a sale and leaseback transaction, to ensure the seller-lessee does not recognise any amount of the gain or loss that relates to the right of use it retains. After the commencement date in a sale and leaseback transaction, the seller-lessee applies paragraphs 29 to 35 of IFRS 16 to the right-of-use asset arising from the leaseback and paragraphs 36 to 46 of IFRS 16 to the lease liability arising from the leaseback. In applying paragraphs 36 to 46, the seller lesseedetermines 'lease payments' or 'revised lease payments' in such a way that the seller-lessee would not recognise any amount of the gain or loss that relates to the right of use retained by the seller-lessee. Applying these requirements does not prevent the seller-lessee from recognising, in profit or loss, any gain or loss relating to the partial or full termination of a lease, as required by paragraph 46(a) of IFRS 16.

The amendment does not prescribe specific measurement requirements for lease liabilities arising from a leaseback. The initial measurement of the lease liability arising from a leaseback may result in a seller-lessee determining 'lease payments' that are different from the general definition of lease payments in Appendix A of IFRS 16. The seller-lessee will need to develop and apply an accounting policy in accordance with IAS 8 that results in information that is relevant and reliable.

#### Disclosures: Supplier Finance Arrangements - Amendments to IAS 7 and IFRS 7

Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2024.

In May 2023, the Board issued amendments to IAS 7 Statement of Cash Flows and IFRS 7 Financial Instruments: Disclosures. The amendments specify disclosure requirements to enhance the current requirements, which are intended to assist users of financial statements in understanding the effects of supplier finance arrangements on an entity's liabilities, cash flows and exposure to liquidity risk.

The amendments clarify the characteristics of supplier finance arrangements. In these arrangements, one or more finance providers pay amounts an entity owes to its suppliers. The entity agrees to settle those amounts with the finance providers according to the terms and conditions of the arrangements, either at the same date or at a later date than that on which the finance providers pay the entity's suppliers.

The amendments require an entity to provide information about the impact of supplier finance arrangements on liabilities and cash flows, including terms and conditions of those arrangements, quantitative information on liabilities related to those arrangements as at the beginning and end of the reporting period and the type and effect of non-cash changes in the carrying amounts of those arrangements. The information on those arrangements is required to be aggregated unless the individual arrangements have dissimilar or unique terms and conditions. In the context of quantitative liquidity risk disclosures required by IFRS 7, supplier finance arrangements are included as an example of other factors that might be relevant to disclose.

#### Standards and interpretations not yet effective

The new and amended standards and interpretations that are issued, but not yet effective, up to the date of issuance of the Company's financial statements are disclosed below. The Company intends to adopt these new and amended standards and interpretations, if applicable, when they become effective.

### i Lack of exchangeability -Amendment to IAS 21

In August 2023, the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) amended IAS 21 to clarify:

- ▶ when a currency is exchangeable into another currency; and
- ▶ how a company estimates a spot rate when a currency lacks exchangeability.

A currency is exchangeable into another currency when a company is able to exchange that currency for the other currency at the measurement date and for a specified purpose. When a currency is not exchangeable, a company needs to estimate a spot rate. A company's objective when estimating a spot rate is only that it reflects the rate at which an orderly exchange transaction would take place at the measurement date between market participants under prevailing economic conditions.

Under the amendments, companies will need to provide new disclosures to help users assess the impact of using an estimated exchange rate on the financial statements. These disclosures might include:

- the nature and financial impacts of the currency not being exchangeable;
- ▶ the spot exchange rate used;
- ▶ the estimation process; and
- ▶ risks to the company because the currency is not exchangeable.

The Company do not expect the amendments to have a significant impact on the its financial statements. The amendments apply for annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2025. Earlier application is permitted.

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#### ii Classification and Measurement of Financial Instruments - Amendments to IFRS 9 and IFRS 7

In May 2024, the Board issued Amendments to the Classification and Measurement of Financial Instruments (Amendments to IFRS 9 and IFRS 7), which:

- Clarifies that a financial liability is derecognised on the 'settlement date', i.e., when the related obligation is discharged, cancelled, expires or the liability otherwise qualifies for derecognition. It also introduces an accounting policy option to derecognise financial liabilities that are settled through an electronic payment system before settlement date if certain conditions are met
- Clarified how to assess the contractual cash flow characteristics of financial assets that include environmental, social and governance (ESG)-linked features and other similar contingent features
- ► Clarifies the treatment of non-recourse assets and contractually linked instruments
- Requires additional disclosures in IFRS 7 for financial assets and liabilities with contractual terms that reference a contingent event (including those that are ESG-linked), and equity instruments classified at fair value through other comprehensive income. This is applied to annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2026 and can be applied earlier.

# iii IFRS 1 First-time Adoption of International Financial Reporting Standards - Hedge Accounting by a First-time Adopter Paragraphs B5 and B6 of IFRS 1 have been amended to include cross references to the qualifying criteria for hedge accounting in paragraph 6.4.1(a), (b) and (c) of IFRS 9. These amendments are intended to address potential confusion arising from an inconsistency between the wording in IFRS 1 and the requirements for hedge accounting in IFRS 9.

An entity applies the amendments for annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2026. Earlier application is permitted. The amendments had no impact on the Company's financial statements.

#### V IFRS 7 Financial Instruments: Disclosures - Gain or Loss on Derecognition

The amendments update the language on unobservable inputs in paragraph B38 of IFRS 7 and include a cross reference to paragraphs 72 and 73 of IFRS 13 Fair Value Measurement.

An entity applies the amendments for annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2026. Earlier application is permitted.

# Guidance on implementing IFRS 7 Financial Instruments: Disclosures - Disclosure of Deferred Difference between Fair Value and Transaction Price

The amendments to paragraph IG1 of the Guidance on implementing IFRS 7 clarify that the guidance does not necessarily illustrate all the requirements in the referenced paragraphs of IFRS 7, nor does it create additional requirements.

Paragraph IG14 of the Guidance on implementing IFRS 7 has been amended mainly to make the wording consistent with the requirements in paragraph 28 of IFRS 7 and with the concepts and terminology used in IFRS 9 and IFRS 13.

Paragraph IG20B of the Guidance on implementing IFRS 7 has been amended to simplify the explanation of which aspects of the IFRS requirements are not illustrated in the example.

#### vi IFRS 9 Financial Instruments - Lessee Derecognition of Lease Liabilities

Paragraph 2.1 of IFRS 9 has been amended to clarify that, when a lessee has determined that a lease liability has been extinguished in accordance with IFRS 9, the lessee is required to apply paragraph 3.3.3 and recognise any resulting gain or loss in profit or loss. However, the amendment does not address how a lessee distinguishes between a lease modification as defined in IFRS 16 and an extinguishment of a lease liability in accordance with IFRS 9.

An entity applies the amendments for annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2026. Earlier application is permitted Paragraph 5.1.3 of IFRS 9 has been amended to replace the reference to 'transaction price as defined by IFRS 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers' with 'the amount determined by applying IFRS 15'. The use of the term 'transaction price' in relation to IFRS 15 was potentially confusing and so it has been removed. The term was also deleted from Appendix A of IFRS 9.

An entity applies the amendments for annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2026. Earlier application is permitted.

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#### vii IFRS 18 - Presentation and Disclosure in Financial Statements

This standard is effective to annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2027.

In April 2024, the Board issued IFRS 18 Presentation and Disclosure in Financial Statements which replaces IAS 1 Presentation in Financial Statements. IFRS 18 introduces new categories and subtotals in the statement of profit or loss. It also requires disclosure of management-defined performance measures (as defined) and includes new requirements for the location, aggregation and disaggregation of financial information.

For the purposes of classifying its income and expenses into the categories required by IFRS 18, an entity will need to assess whether it has a 'main business activity' of investing in assets or providing financing to customers, as specific classification requirements will apply to such entities. Determining whether an entity has such a specified main business activity is a matter of fact and circumstances which requires judgement. An entity may have more than one main business activity.

IFRS 18 introduces the concept of a management-defined performance measure (MPM) which it defines as a subtotal of income and expenses that an entity uses in public communications outside financial statements, to communicate management's view of an aspect of the financial performance of the entity as a whole to users.

#### viii IFRS 19 - Subsidiaries without Public Accountability: Disclosures

In May 2024, the Board issued IFRS 19 Subsidiaries without Public Accountability: Disclosures (IFRS 19), which allows eligible entities to elect to apply reduced disclosure requirements while still applying the recognition, measurement and presentation requirements in other IFRS accounting standards. Unless otherwise specified, eligible entities that elect to apply IFRS 19 will not need to apply the disclosure requirements in other IFRS accounting standards.

An entity applying IFRS 19 is required to disclose that fact as part of its general IFRS accounting standards compliance statement. IFRS 19 requires an entity whose financial statements comply with IFRS accounting standards including IFRS 19 to make an explicit and unreserved statement of such compliance.

This standard is effective to annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2027.

# Sale or Contribution of Assets between an Investor and its Associate or Joint Venture - Amendments to IFRS 10 and IAS

The amendments address the conflict between IFRS 10 Consolidated Financial Statements and IAS 28 Investments in Associates and Joint Ventures in dealing with the loss of control of a subsidiary that is sold or contributed to an associate or joint venture.

The amendments clarify that a full gain or loss is recognised when a transfer to an associate or joint venture involves a business as defined in IFRS 3 Business combinations. Any gain or loss resulting from the sale or contribution of assets that does not constitute a business, however, is recognised only to the extent of unrelated investors' interests in the associate or joint venture.

This standard is effective to annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2027. The amendments must be applied prospectively. Early application is permitted and must be disclosed.

### x Power Purchase Agreements - Amendments to IFRS 9 and IFRS 7

In December 2024, the Board issued Contracts Referencing Nature-dependent Electricity (Amendments to IFRS 9 and IFRS 7). The amendments include:

- Clarifying the application of the 'own-use' requirements
- Permitting hedge accounting if these contracts are used as hedging instruments
- Adding new disclosure requirements to enable investors to understand the effect of these contracts on a company's financial performance and cash flows.

The amendments will be effective for annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2026. Early adoption is permitted, but will need to be disclosed

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#### 3 Significant accounting judgements, estimates and assumptions

The preparation of financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of policies and reported amounts of assets and liabilities, incomes and expenses. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and various other factors that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis of making the judgements about carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an on-going basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised, if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods, if the revision affects both current and future periods.

Changes in accounting policies or measurement principles in light of new or revised standards are applied retrospectively, except as otherwise provided in the respective standard. The statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income for the previous year and the opening statement of financial position for that year are adjusted as if the new accounting policies and/or measurement principles had always been applied.

#### i Impairment losses on debt instruments other than trade receivables measured at amortised cost

The measurement of impairment losses both under IFRS 9 across all categories of financial assets requires judgement, in particular, the estimation of the amount and timing of future cash flows and collateral values when determining impairment losses and the assessment of a significant increase in credit risk. These estimates are driven by a number of factors, changes in which can result in different levels of allowances.

The Company's ECL calculations are outputs of complex models with a number of underlying assumptions regarding the choice of variable inputs and their interdependencies. Elements of the ECL models that are considered accounting judgements and estimates include:

- The Company's internal/external credit grading model, which assigns Probability of Defaults (PDs) to the individual grades
- The Company's criteria for assessing if there has been a significant increase in credit risk and so allowances for financial assets should be measured on a Life Time Expected Credit Loss (LTECL) basis and the qualitative assessment
- Development of ECL models, including the various formulas and the choice of inputs
- > Selection of forward-looking macroeconomic scenarios and their probability weightings, to derive the economic inputs into the ECL models

#### ii Determining fair values of financial instruments

The determination of fair value for financial assets and liabilities for which there is no observable market price requires the use of techniques as described in accounting policy 2.6.5. For financial instruments that trade infrequently and have little price transparency, fair value is less objective, and requires varying degrees of judgment depending on liquidity, concentration, uncertainty of market factors, pricing assumptions and other risks affecting the specific instrument.

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#### 3 Significant accounting judgements, estimates and assumptions - Continued

#### Provision for expected credit losses on trade receivables

The Company uses a provision matrix to calculate ECLs for trade receivables. The provision rates are based on days past due for groupings of various customer segments that have similar loss patterns (i.e., customer type).

The provision matrix is initially based on the Company's historical observed default rates. The Company will calibrate the matrix to adjust the historical credit loss experience with forward-looking information. For instance, if forecast economic conditions (i.e., gross domestic product) are expected to deteriorate over the next year which can lead to an increased number of defaults in the various sectors, the historical default rates are adjusted. At every reporting date, the historical observed default rates are updated and changes in the forward-looking estimates are analysed.

The assessment of the correlation between historical observed default rates, forecast economic conditions and ECLs is a significant estimate. The amount of ECLs is sensitive to changes in circumstances and of forecast economic conditions. The Company's historical credit loss experience and forecast of economic conditions may also not be representative of customer's actual default in

#### iv Leases - Estimating the incremental borrowing rate

The Company cannot readily determine the interest rate implicit in the lease, therefore, it uses its incremental borrowing rate (IBR) to measure lease liabilities. The IBR is the rate of interest that the Company would have to pay to borrow over a similar term, and with a similar security, the funds necessary to obtain an asset of a similar value to the right-of-use asset in a similar economic environment. The IBR therefore reflects what the Company 'would have to pay', which requires estimation when no observable rates are available or when they need to be adjusted to reflect the terms and conditions of the lease. The Company estimates the IBR using observable inputs (such as market interest rates) when available and is required to make certain entity-specific estimates (such as the entity's stand-alone credit rating).

#### Revaluation of building

The Company measures its office building on Ikorodu Road at revalued amounts, with changes in fair value being recognised in OCI. The office properties were valued by reference to transactions involving properties of a similar nature, location and condition. The Company engaged an independent valuer, Emma Ezeama &Co (FRC/2013/NIESV/00000638) to assess fair values as at 31 December 2022 for the building on Ikorodu Road. The key assumptions used to determine the fair value of the building is provided in Note 19.

#### 4 Financial instruments risk management objectives and policies

The Company's principal financial liabilities comprise, customer deposits and creditors and accruals. The main purpose of these financial liabilities is to finance the Company's operations. The Company's principal financial assets include quoted equity instruments, debt instruments at fair value through profit or loss, debt instruments measured at amortised costs and include treasury bills, bonds, cash and short-term deposits that derive directly from its operations and trade and other receivables.

The Company is exposed to market risk, credit risk and liquidity risk. The Company's management oversees the management of these risks. The Board of Directors reviews and agrees policies for managing each of these risks, which are summarised below.

#### i Market risk

Market risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market prices.

#### Currency risk

The Company's principal transactions are carried out in Naira and has minimal exposure to foreign exchange risk. The balance in the domiciliary bank account is US\$2,898 (2023:\$2,907).

#### Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. The Company's exposure to fair value interest risk is reduced as the tenor of most of the Company's investments are short term in nature. Company has no exposure to cash flow interest risk, because it does not have floating rate financial instruments.

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#### 4 Financial instruments risk management objectives and policies - Continued

#### Equity price risk

Equity price risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market prices (other than those arising from interest rate risk or currency risk), whether those changes are caused by factors specific to the individual financial instrument or its issuer, or factors affecting all similar financial instruments traded in the market. the company manages equity risk by investing in companies with good ratings. The Company also manages its risk through diversification in different portfolios execpt the investment is made for strategic reasons.

The analysis below is performed for reasonably possible movements in key variables (share price) with all other variables held constant, showing the impact on equity (that reflects adjustments to profit before tax and changes in fair value of Equity instruments at fair value through OCI). The correlation of variables will have a significant effect in determining the ultimate impact on price risk, but to demonstrate the impact due to changes in variables, variables had to be changed on an individual basis.

		31 Decemi	31 December 2024		
in thousands of Nigerian Naira	Change in variable		Impact on equity		Impact on equity
	-5%	4,448,430	(222,422)	(3,104,655)	(155,233)
	5%	(4,448,430)	222,422	3,104,655	155,233
	-10%	(4,448,430)	(444,843)	(3,104,655)	(310,466)
	10%	4,448,430	444,843	3,104,655	310,466

#### ii Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that a counterparty will not meet its obligations under a financial instrument or customer contract, leading to a financial loss. The Company is exposed to credit risk from its operating activities (primarily trade receivables) and from its financing activities, including deposits with banks and financial institutions and other financial instruments.

The Company considers a financial asset in default when contractual payments are 90 days past due. However, in certain cases, the Company may also consider a financial asset to be in default when internal or external information indicates that the Company is unlikely to receive the outstanding contractual amounts in full before taking into account any credit enhancements held by the Company.

In the estimation of credit risk, the Comapany estimates the following parameter; Probability of Default (PD), Loss Given Default(LGD), Exposure at Default.

Probability of Default: This is the probability that an obligor or counterparty will default over a given period, usually one year. To measure expected credit loss, we develop a 12-month PD or equivalent (used in Stage 1 provisioning) and a lifetime PD or equivalent (used for Stages 2 and 3 provisioning). The PD is used to reflect the current expectation of default and considers available reasonable and supportive forwarding-looking information.

Loss Given Default: LGD is defined as the portion of the exposure determined to be irrecoverable at the time of loan default (1 - recovery rate). Our methods for estimating LGD includes both quantitative and qualitative factors which are adjusted for forward looking information to measure lifetime expected credit losses.

When estimating ECLs, the entity considers three scenarios (a base case, an upside and downside for PDs, LGDs and a single scenario for EADs. The maximum period for which credit losses are determined is the contractual life of the financial instrument unless the company has legal right to call it earlier. in its ECL, the entity relies on a broad range of forward looking information as economic input such as inflation rate, crude oil prices, GDP growth rate etc. The input and models used may not always capture all features of the market at the date of the financial statements.

# NOTE TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - Continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

#### 4 Financial instruments risk management objectives and policies - Continued

#### ii Credit risk - Continued

The Company monitors all assets subject to ECLs. Decision on whether expected credit losses are based on 12-month expected credit losses or lifetime expected credit losses depends on whether there has been a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition. An assessment of whether credit risk has increased significantly is made at each reporting date. When making the assessment, The Company uses the change in the risk of a default occurring over the expected life of the financial instrument instead of the change in the amount of expected credit losses. This forms the basis of stage 1, 2 and 3 classification and subsequent migration. The Company also considers qualitative factors triggering significant increase in credit risk of an asset.

The company has adopted a policy of only dealing with creditworthy counterparties as a means of mitigating the risk of financial loss from defaults.

#### Management of risk

The Company's policy over credit risk is to minimize its exposure to counterparties with perceived higher risk of default by dealing only with counterparties meeting specific high standards. Credit risk is monitored on a monthly basis by the Finance and Management Service (FMS) unit in accordance with the policies and procedures in place. Principal policies set in place include:

- a Establishing an appropriate credit risk management environment
- b Maintaining an appropriate credit administration, measurement and monitoring processes, including strict adherence to the investment rules and regulations set by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC); and
- c Establishing an appropriate approval limits for investment of certain types and tenors.

Set out below is the information about the credit risk exposure on the Company's trade receivables using a provision matrix:

	< 90 days	90-180 days	180-270 days	270-360 days	> 360 days	Total
Expected credit loss rate	3.77%	16.73%	10.08%	36.31%	17.12%	
Estimated total gross carrying amount at default	274,172	44,242	90,241	36,317	31,362	476,334
Expected credit loss as at 31 December 2024	10,343	7,402	9,095	13,184	7,226	47,250
Expected credit loss rate	3.77%	16.73%	10.08%	36.31%	17.12%	
Estimated total gross carrying amount at default	688,219	238,773	54,790	59,578	-	1,041,360
Expected credit loss as at 31 December 2023	25,962	39,949	5,522	21,629	-	93,063

In arriving at the ECL for trade receivables for the year, the entity uses simplified approach for ECL on trade receivables which allows classifying receivables into brackets of when they have been outstanding. Significant portion of the receivable this year falls withing the 0-30 days due.

# NOTE TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - Continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

### 4 Financial instruments risk management objectives and policies - Continued

#### iii Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the entity will encounter difficulty in meeting the obligations associated with its financial liabilities that are settled by delivering cash or another financial assets. The entity approach to managing liquidity is to ensure, as far as possible, that it will always have sufficient liquidity to meet its liabilities when due under both normal and stressed conditions, without incurring unacceptable losses or risking damage to the entity's reputation.

The table below summarises the maturity profile of the Company's financial instruments based on contractual undiscounted payments:

31 December 2024 in thousands of Nigerian Naira	Carrying amount	1-6 months	6-12 months	1-5 years	Above 5 years	No maturity date	Gross total
	1.191.078		-	ycuis	5 years	dute	
Cash and cash equivalents	1,191,076	1,191,078	-	-	-	-	1,191,078
Debt instruments at FV - OCI	4,518,375	-	1,818,375	2,700,000	-	-	4,518,375
Debt instruments at amortised cost	26,321,112	26,321,112	-	-	-	-	26,321,112
Deposit for shares	70,000	70,000	-	-	-	-	70,000
Trade receivables	1,663,845	1,020,777	643,068	-	-	-	1,663,845
Total financial assets	33,764,410	28,602,967	2,461,443	2,700,000	-	-	33,764,410
Creditors and accruals	1,723,386	1,723,386	-	-	-	-	1,723,386
Customers' deposits	20,815,492	8,742,507	7,493,577	4,579,408	-	-	20,815,492
Total financial liabilities	22,538,878	10,465,892	7,493,577	4,579,408	-	-	22,538,878
Liquidity gap	11,225,532	18,137,075	(5,032,134)	(1,879,408)	-	-	11,225,532

31 December 2023	Carrying	1-6	6-12	1-5	Above	No maturity	Gross
in thousands of Nigerian Naira	amount	months	months	years	5 years	date	total
Cash and cash equivalents	5,261,237	5,261,237	-	-	-	-	5,261,237
Debt instruments at fair value through profit or loss	946,919	946,919	-	-	-	-	946,919
Debt instruments at FV - OCI	3,686,644	-	986,644	2,700,000			3,686,644
Debt instruments at amortised cost	9,586,341	9,586,341	-	-	-	-	9,586,341
Deposit for shares	470,000	470,000	-	-	-	-	470,000
Trade receivables	1,871,072	1,228,004	643,068	-	-	-	1,871,072
Total financial assets	21,822,213	17,492,501	1,629,712	2,700,000	-	-	21,822,213
Creditors and accruals	320,712	320,712	-	-	-	-	320,712
Customers' deposits	12,085,772	3,909,732	3,085,090	5,090,950	-	-	12,085,772
Total financial liabilities	21,536,471	5,829,634	3,085,090	5,090,950	-	-	12,406,484
Liquidity gap	285,742	11,662,867	(1,455,378)	(2,390,950)	-	-	9,415,729

# NOTE TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - Continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

#### 4 Financial instruments risk management objectives and policies - Continued

#### vi Fair value measurement

The following table provides the fair value measurement hierarchy of the Company's assets and liabilities.

The Company measures fair values using the following fair value hierarchy that reflects the significance of the inputs used in making the measurements:

Level 1: Quoted market price (unadjusted) in an active market for an identical instrument.

Level 2: Valuation techniques based on observable inputs, either directly (i.e., as prices) or indirectly (i.e., derived from prices). This category includes instruments valued using: quoted market prices in active markets for similar instruments; quoted prices for identical or similar instruments in markets that are considered less than active; or other valuation techniques where all significant inputs are directly or indirectly observable from market data.

Level 3:Valuation techniques using significant unobservable inputs. This category includes all instruments where the valuation technique includes inputs not based on observable data and the unobservable inputs could have a significant effect on the instrument's valuation.

Fair value measurement using

Quantitative disclosures fair value measurement hierarchy for assets as at 31 December 2024

					- Fall Vo	rair value measurement using		
					Quoted prices in active markets	Significant observable inputs	Significant unobservable inputs	
n thousands of Nigerian Naira	Note	Carrying amount	Date of valuation	Fair value amount	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	
Assets measured at fair value:								
Inquoted equity instruments at fair value through OCI		3,627,600	31-Dec-24	3,627,600	-	-	3,627,600	
Quoted equity instruments at fair value through OCI		890,775	31-Dec-24	890,775	890,775	-	-	
ssets for which fair values are disclosed:								
reasury Bills FVTPL		-	31-Dec-24	-	-	-	-	
ebt instrument at amortised cost:								
ommercial papers		1,004,986	31-Dec-24	1,004,986	-	-	1,004,986	
orporate bonds		647,161	31-Dec-24	647,161	-	647,161	-	
Deposits with banks with maturity above 90days		24,763,464	31-Dec-24	24,763,464	-	-	24,763,464	

# NOTE TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - Continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

#### 4 Financial instruments risk management objectives and policies - Continued

#### vi Fair value measurement - Continued

Quantitative disclosures fair value measurement hierarchy for assets as at 31 December 2023

					i dii ve	I all value measurement using	
in thousands of Nigerian Naira					Quoted prices in active markets	Significant observable inputs	Significant unobservable inputs
	Note	Carrying amount	Date of valuation	Fair value amount	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Assets measured at fair value:							
Unquoted equity instruments at fair value through OCI		2,863,000	31-Dec-23	2,863,000	-	-	2,863,000
Quoted equity instruments at fair value through OCI		823,644	31-Dec-23	823,644	823,644	-	-
Assets for which fair values are disclosed:							
Debt instrument at amortised cost:							
Commercial papers		1,002,192	31-Dec-23	4,306,075	-	-	4,306,075
Corporate bonds		927,761	31-Dec-23	1,102,108	-	1,102,108	-
Deposits with banks with maturity above 90days		7,735,718	31-Dec-23	7,390,343	-	-	7,390,343

Fair value measurement using

#### Fair value of financial assets and liabilities

Below are the methodologies and assumptions used to determine fair values for those financial instruments in the financial statements:

#### Assets and liabilities for which fair value approximates carrying value

The management assessed that cash and bank, trade and other receivables, trade payable and sundry creditors approximate their carrying amounts largely due to the short-term maturities of these instruments

#### Debt instrument at amortised cost - corporate bonds

The fair value of treasury bills and corporate bond are determined by reference to quoted yield to maturities of the instrument as published on the Financial Market Dealer Quotation (FMDQ) website. The fair values of the Nigerian Treasury Bills and corporate bonds are classified under Level 2 in the fair value hierarchy. The FMDQ publishes the market yields on a daily basis, and the unadjusted yields are used to determine the prices.

#### Debt instrument at amortised cost - Deposits with banks

The management assessed that cash and bank, placement with banks above 90 days, trade and other receivables, trade payable, sundry creditors and customer deposits approximate their carrying amounts largely due to the short-term maturities of these instruments.

The fair value of loans and advances was estimated using the maximum lending rate quoted on Central Bank of Nigeria website as at year end.

# NOTE TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - Continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

#### vi Fair value measurement- continued

#### Equity instruments at fair value through OCI

The fair values of the quoted equity instruments are derived from quoted market prices in active market, the Nigerian Stock Exchange (NSE) while the Company adopts discounted cashflow method for the fair value of unquoted equities. The estimated fair value per share of each of the unquoted equity instruments has been determined using the relevant valuation models (where applicable/suitable). We have adopted the discounted cash flow method in determining the fair values of these investments. Among the significant inputs include cost of equity, free cashflow etc Unobservable inputs were used to determine appropriate weighted cost of capital which subsequently was used to discount the free cash flow of the company before arriving at the appropriate fair value of the share of the unquoted equity.

For fair value measurements in Level 3, changing the cost of equity or terminal growth rate by a reasonable possible value, in isolation, would have the following effects on other comprehensive income for the period:

# Key Assumption Effect on other comprehensive income

	31 December 2024
Cost of equity	35%
Terminal growth rate	2.8%

#### 4b Capital management

The Company manages its capital to ensure that it will be able to continue as a going concern while maximizing the return to stakeholders through the optimization of its capital structure. The capital structure of the company consists of equity attributable to its equity holders, comprising issued capital, reserves and retained earnings as disclosed in the notes.

The Company's Board and management regularly review its capital structure. As part of this review, they consider the cost of capital and the risks associated with each class of capital.

Equity includes all capital and reserves of the company that are managed as capital.

in thousands of Nigerian Naira	2024	2023
Tier 1 Capital		
Share capital	1,000,000	1,000,000
Share premium	624,446	624,446
Fair value reserve	911,719	430,047
Retained earnings	8,136,914	7,526,824
	10,673,078	9,220,468
Total Regulatory minimum Capital	(150,000)	(150,000)
Capital surplus	10,523,078	9,070,468

#### v Segment Reporting

A segment is a distinguishable component of a company that is engaged either in providing related products or services (business segment), or in providing products or services within a particular economic environment (geographical segment), which is subject to risks and rewards that are different from those of other segments. The Company's activities are concentrated in one geographic region. The business segment are determined by management based on the Company's internal reporting structure. The Company operates as a single reporting segment and information on these financial statements have been reported for the Company as a whole.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - Continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

#### Revenue from contracts with customers

#### 5.1 Disaggregated revenue information

in thousands of Nigerian Naira	2024	2023
Types of services		
Fees from corporate actions	756,817	242,725
Register maintenance	324,380	162,074
Digital technology Services	-	467,774
	1,081,197	872,574
Geographical markets		
Nigeria	1,081,197	872,574
Timing of revenue recognition		
Services transferred over time	1,081,197	872,574

Contract assets are initially recognised for completion of corporate actions like declaration of dividends and Annual General Meeting (AGM). Upon completion of the services and acceptance by the customer, the amounts recognised as contract assets are reclassified to trade receivables.

Contract liabilities arise as a result of payments received for services not fully rendered. This includes short-term advances as well as transaction price allocated to unexpired service in respect of delivery of Annual Reports to shareholders for the Annual General Meeting (AGM). The amount is recognised in statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income once the delivery services is completed.

#### 5.2 Performance obligations

Information about the Company's performance obligations are summarised below:

#### Fees from corporate actions

The performance obligation is satisfied over-time and payment is generally due upon completion of declaration of dividends and completion of Annual General Meeting. In some contracts, short-term advances are required before the services are provided.

### Register maintenance

The performance obligation is satisfied through regular update of the client register and also attending to shareholders on their various requests. The monthly invoice is raised based on the number of shareholders attended to.

#### **Digital Consultancy**

The performance obligation is satisfied overtime upon delivery of digital solutions as a service to our clients. We provide services in software deployment, implementation and supports, systems analysis, design and implementation. The Digital consultancy business also provides training to our clients on the solutions deployed. This service has been discontinued in the current year.

### 6 Interest income calculated based on effective interest rate

in thousands of Nigerian Naira	2024	2023
Interest on bonds	534,915	146,774
Interest on commercial papers	-	346,512
Interest on term deposits	3,563,766	2,583,301
Interest earned on staff loan	17,954	3,835
	4,116,636	3,080,422

### 7 Other income

in thousands of Nigerian Naira Notes	2024	2023
Dividend income*	103,132	33,617
Profit from disposal of plant and equipment	2,611	2,376
Foreign exchange gain	828	-
Rental income**	167,037	-
Other income***	34,094	-
	307,703	35,993

<sup>\*</sup>Dividend income relates to income from dividend earned from equity investment.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Rental income represents income from a portion of the office building rented out.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup>Other income represent income from bank charges recovered and other services provided during the financial year.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - Continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024 Credit loss expense

in thousands of Nigerian Naira	Notes	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Total
2024					
Cash in banks and short-term deposits	15.1b	-	<u>-</u>	-	-
Debt instruments at amortised cost:					
Corporate bonds		5,633	-	-	5,633
Deposits with banks with maturity above 90	)days	(20,802)	-	-	(20,802)
	16.4c	(15,169)	-	-	(15,169)
Trade and other receivables		(94,283)	-	-	(94,283)
		(109,452)	-	-	(109,452)
2023					
Cash in banks and short-term deposits		(288)	-	-	(288)
Debt instruments at amortised cost:					
Corporate bonds		(7,575)	-	-	(7,575)
Deposits with banks with maturity above 90	)days	(61,117)	-	-	(61,117)
		(68,692)	-	-	(68,692)
Trade and other receivables		(44,611)	-	-	(44,611)
		(113,591)	-	-	(113,591)

### Personnel expenses

in thousands of Nigerian Naira	2024	2023
Wages and salaries	930,426	890,726
Medical expenses	3,508	8,319
Defined contribution plans	21,819	35,527
Other employee benefits **	16,615	14,091
	972,368	948,662

<sup>\*\*</sup> Other employee benefits include contribution to Industrial Training Fund (ITF) and NSITF

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - Continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

#### 10 Other operating expenses

in thousands of Nigerian Naira	2024	2023
Administrative expenses		
Advert and business promotion	71,471	37,478
AGM/EGM expenses	3,905	18,966
Annual dues and subscription	241,779	36,475
Audit fees (Note 10.1)	14,400	12,900
Bank charges	14,371	7,790
Business and other entertainment	80,149	108,276
Directors fees and other emoluments	193,994	67,207
Fines and penalties	-	12,480
Foreign exchange loss	-	29,768
General administrative expenses	111,865	71,751
Internet and communication	42,923	242,264
Insurance	37,458	32,658
Legal and professional expenses	226,816	446,049
Rent & Rates	19,458	19,306
Repairs and maintenance	48,225	94,070
Travel expenses	47,852	69,206
Training	22,435	27,597
Utilities and Energy	66,849	42,352
Write off of financial assets	229,702	-
	1,473,653	1,376,590

- 10.1 The audit fees relates to audit services carried out by the external auditors during the year. Also, the external auditors rendered services on Internal Control over Financial Reporting (ICFR) audit which is considered a non-audit service. A sum of N6,000,000 was accrued and contained in professional expenses for the service.
- 10.2 Included in general administrative expenses is a sum of Nil (2023: 0.711 million) being net loss as a result derecognition of lease.
- 10.3 Write off of financial assets represents write off of impaired equity investment and debt instruments at amortised cost.

#### 11 Finance cost

in thousands of Nigerian Naira	2024	2023
Finance charges on lease liability	-	861
	-	861

#### 12 Income tax expense

The major components of income tax expense for the year ended 31 December 2024:

# $12.1 \ \textit{Income tax expense}$

in thousands of Nigerian Naira	2024	2023
Current income tax expense		
Company income tax	879,911	389,943
Education tax	97,931	48,854
Nigerian Police Trust Fund	142	72
	977,984	438,869
Deferred tax:		
Origination/reversal of tax impact of temporary differences	22,286	39,043
	1,000,270	477,912

# 12.2 Reconciliation of income tax expense

Profit before income tax expense	2,810,359	1,440,821	
Tax at Nigeria's statutory income tax rate of 30%	843,108	432,246	
Effect of:			
Tax exempt income	(176,234)	(66,366)	
Non-deductible expenses in determining taxable profit	58,310	63,106	
Nigerian Police Trust Fund @ 0.005% of net profit	142	72	
Education tax @ 3% of assessable profit	97,931	48,854	
Total tax charged for the year	1,000,270	477,912	
Effective tax rate	36%	33%	

The charge for income tax in these financial statement is based on the provisions of the Companies Income Tax Act CAP C21 LFN 2004 as amended and the Education Tax Act CAP E4 LFN 2004, the Police Trust Fund Act and the Nigerian Information technology Development Agency (NITDA) Act 2007.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - Continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

# 13 Dividends paid and proposed

in thousands of Nigerian Naira	Notes	2024	2023
Declared and paid during the year			
Opening balance		-	-
Final dividend declared on ordinary shares: 2023: ¥0.45 (2022: ¥0.50)		900,000	1,000,000
Interim dividend declared on ordinary shares 2024: ¥0.15 (2023: Nil)		300,000	-
Dividend paid		(1,200,000)	(1,000,000)
		-	-
Proposed for approval at AGM (not recognised as a liability as equity div	dends on ordinar	v shares at 31 December)	
Proposed final dividend for 2024: №0.60 (2023: №0.45)	acrias on oramai	1.200.000	900.000
Bonus shares		1.000.000	-
Bolius situles		2,200,000	900,000

#### 14 Earnings per share

Basic/diluted earnings per share amounts is calculated by dividing the net profit for the year attributable to ordinary shareholders by the weighted average number of ordinary share outstanding at the reporting date.

The following reflects the profit and share data used in the basic/diluted earnings per share computations:

in thousands of Nigerian Naira	2024	2023
Profit after tax	1,810,090	962,909
Weighted average number of ordinary shares for basic/diluted earnings		
per share	2,000,000	2,000,000
Basic/diluted earnings per ordinary share (Kobo)	91	48

There have been no other transactions involving ordinary share or potential ordinary share between the reporting date and the date of completion of these financial statements.

# 15 Cash and cash equivalents

As at		31 December	31 December
in thousands of Nigerian Naira	Notes	2024	2023
Cash on hand		98	-
Current accounts with banks		1,166,124	1,206,751
Restricted balances with banks		25,234	-
Short-term deposits		-	4,054,863
	15.1a	1,191,456	5,261,614
Allowance for credit loss impairment	15.1b	(378)	(378)
		1,191,078	5,261,237

Cash and cash equivalents in the statement of financial position comprise cash in banks and on hand and short term deposits with original maturity of three months or less. The fair value of cash and cash equivalents approximates their carrying amount.

### 15.1 Impairment allowance for current account with banks and short-term deposits measure at amortised cost

The table below shows the credit quality and the maximum exposure to credit risk based on the Company's internal credit rating system and year-end stage classification. The amounts presented are gross of impairment allowances.

#### 2024

in thousands of Nigerian Naira	Notes	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Total
Performing					
High grade		1,191,456	-	-	1,191,456
Standard grade		-	-	-	-
Sub-standard grade		-	-	-	-
Past due but not impaired		-	-	-	-
Non-performing					
Individually impaired		-	-	-	-
		1,191,456	-	-	1,191,456

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - Continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

15.1 Impairment allowance for current account with bank and short-term deposits measure at amortised cost - continued

in thousands of Nigerian Naira	Notes	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Total
Doubouring					
Performing					
High grade		5,261,614	-	-	5,261,614
Standard grade		-	-	-	-
Sub-standard grade		-	-	-	-
Past due but not impaired		-	-	-	-
Non-performing					
Individually impaired		-	-	-	-
		5,261,614	-	-	5,261,614

b An analysis of changes in the gross carrying amount and the corresponding ECL allowances is, as follows:

in thousands of Nigerian Naira	Notes	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Total
Gross carrying amount as at 1 January	v 2024	5,261,614			5,261,614
Net movement	,	(4,070,158)			(4,070,158)
At 31 December 2024		1,191,456	-	-	1,191,456
in thousands of Nigerian Naira	Notes	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Total
ECL allowances as at 1 January 2024		(378)			(378)
Net movement		-			-
Credit loss expense		-			-
At 31 December 2024		(378)			(378)
2023					
in thousands of Nigerian Naira	Notes	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Total
Gross carrying amount as at 1 January	y 2023	851,081	-	-	851,081
Net movement		4,410,533	-	-	4,410,533
At 31 December 2023		5,261,614	-	-	5,261,614

in thousands of Nigerian Naira	Notes	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Total
ECL allowances as at 1 January 2023		(90)	-	-	(90)
Net movement		(288)	-	-	(288)
Credit loss expense	8	(288)	-	-	(288)
At 31 December 2023		(378)	-	-	(378)

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - Continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

#### 16 Investment securities

As at		31 December	31 December
in thousands of Nigerian Naira	Notes	2024	2023
.1 Equity instruments at fair value thro	ugh other comprehensive income (OCI)		
United Bank for Africa Plc	16.1a	734,175	675,441
Medview Airline Plc	16.1a	-	53,460
Transcorp Hotel Plc	16.1a	156,600	94,743
Quoted equity shares		890,775	823,644
Hiers Insurance Limited	16.1b	1,499,900	1,365,000
Heirs Life Assurance Limited	16.1b	1,777,700	1,498,000
Jeolan International Limited	16.1b	350,000	-
Unquoted equity shares		3,627,600	2,863,000
Total		4,518,375	3,686,644

- The equity instrument at fair value through other comprehensive income (OCI) represents all investments in shares of listed companies whose fair values are determined by reference to published price quotations on the Nigerian Stock Exchange market.
- 16.1b Represents investments in equity instruments not quoted on the stock exchange market. The price has been determined using discounted cashflow approach.

The Equity investment in Jeolan International Limited which was initially recognized at cost was subsequently measured at fair value through other comprehensive income (OCI).

16.1c Total dividend earned from equity instrument during the year was ₹103,132,086.84 (2023: N33,617,000). See note 7.

The Company has designated its equity investments at fair value through other comprehensive income (FVOCI) on the basis that these are not held for trading

# Movement in carrying amount:

As at		31 December	31 December
in thousands of Nigerian Naira	Notes	2024	2023
At 1 January		3,686,644	3,001,515
Additions		-	108,833
Reclassification from Deposit for shares	17	400,000	-
Write off	10.3	(103,460)	-
Fair value increase recorded OCI		535,191	576,296
At 31 December		4,518,375	3,686,644

## 16.2 Debt instruments at amortised cost

As at		31 December	31 December
in thousands of Nigerian Naira		2024	2023
Corporate bonds		647,161	927,761
Commercial papers		1,004,986	1,002,192
Deposits with banks with maturity above 90days		24,763,464	7,735,718
		26,415,611	9,665,671
ECL allowance on debt instruments at amortised	16.4	(94,499)	(79,330)
		26,321,112	9,586,341

# 16.3 Debt instruments at fair value through profit or loss

As at	31 December	31 December
in thousands of Nigerian Naira	2024	2023
Treasury bills	-	946,919
	-	946,919

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# FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024 16.4 Impairment allowance for debt instruments measured at amortised cost

The table below shows the credit quality and the maximum exposure to credit risk based on the Company's internal credit rating system and year-end stage classification. The amounts presented are gross of impairment allowances.

2024					
in thousands of Nigerian Naira	Note	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Total
Performing					
High grade					
Standard grade		26,415,611			26,415,611
Sub-standard grade					-
Past due but not impaired					-
Non-performing					-
Individually impaired					-
		26,415,611	-	-	26,415,611
2023					
in thousands of Nigerian Naira		Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Total
Performing					
High grade		-	-	-	-
Standard grade		9,665,671	-	-	9,665,671
Sub-standard grade		-	-	-	-
Past due but not impaired		-	-	-	-
Non-performing					
Individually impaired		-	-	-	-
		9,665,671	-	-	9,665,671

Stage 1

Stage 2

Stage 3

Total

### 16.4 Impairment allowance for debt instruments measured at amortised cost

in thousands of Nigerian Naira

An analysis of changes in the gross carrying amount and the corresponding ECL allowances is, as follows:

	Gross carrying amount as at 1 January	2024	9,665,671	-	-	9,665,671
	New assets originated or purchased		21,345,320	-	-	21,345,320
	Assets derecognised or repaid		(4,469,138)	-	-	(4,469,138)
	Amount written off	10.3	(126,242)	-	-	(126,242)
	At 31 December 2024		26,415,611	-	-	26,415,611
	in thousands of Nigerian Naira		Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Total
	Gross carrying amount as at 1 January	2023	12,798,526		-	12,798,526
	New assets originated or purchased		2,505,007	-	-	2,505,007
	Assets derecognised or repaid		(5,637,862)	-	-	(5,637,862)
	At 31 December 2023		9,665,671	-	-	9,665,671
	in thousands of Nigerian Naira		Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Total
С	ECL allowances as at 1 January 2024		(79,330)	-	-	(79,330)
	Allowance for expected credit losses		(15,169)	-	-	(15,169)
	Credit loss expense	8	(15,169)	-	-	(15,169)
	At 31 December 2024		(94,499)	-	-	(94,499)
	ECL allowances as at 1 January 2023		(10,638)	-	-	(10,638)
	Allowance for expected credit losses		(68,692)	-	-	(68,692)
	Credit loss expense	8	(68,692)	-	-	(68,692)
	At 31 December 2023		(79,330)	-	-	(79,330)

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - Continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

### 17 Deposit for shares

As at		31 December	31 December
in thousands of Nigerian Naira	Note	2024	2023
		70,000	470,000
Movement in carrying amount			
Opening balance		470,000	270,000
Additions		-	200,000
Transfer to equity instruments at fair value throu	igh other comprehensive income (OCI)	(400,000)	
At 31 December	·	70,000	470,000

### 18 Trade and other receivables

As at		31 December	31 December
in thousands of Nigerian Naira		2024	2023
Financial assets			
Trade receivables		152,349	396,289
Intercompany receivables	27	323,986	645,071
Staff loans		88,816	92,213
Non-financial assets			
Advance payment	18.1	484,028	346,789
Withholding tax receivables		436,330	333,918
Prepaid directors emolument		20,938	36,906
Prepayments		204,648	112,949
		1,711,095	1,964,135
Allowances for expected credit losses		(47,250)	(93,063)
At 31 December		1,663,845	1,871,072

#### 18.1 Represents payment made for the purchase of items of stationeries expected to be sold to customers.

Trade receivables are recognized and carried at original invoiced amount less an allowance for any impairment. Trade receivables are non-interest bearing and are generally on terms of 30 to 90 days. Other assets are expected to be received within a period of 365 days.

# 18.2 Allowances for expected credit losses on trade receivables

As at		31 December	
in thousands of Nigerian Naira	Notes	2024	2023
At 1 January		93,063	54,385
Credit loss expense	8	94,283	44,611
Write-off		(140,096)	(5,933)
		47,250	93,063

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - Continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

### 19 Property, plant and equipment

			Computer	Motor	Plant &	Furniture	Work in	
in thousands of Nigerian Naira	Land	Building	equipment	vehicles	machinery	fitting &	progress	Total
Cost/valuation:								
At 1 January 2023	172,322	90,978	155,715	39,761	117,899	77,129	363,254	1,017,058
Reclassification	-	402,843	-	-	-	-	(402,843)	-
Additions during the year	-	6,172	36,181	-	56,362	456	39,589	138,760
Disposal	-	-	-	-	(2,980)	(6,151)	-	(9,131)
At 31 December 2023	172,322	499,993	191,896	39,761	171,281	71,434	-	1,146,687
Additions during the year	-	-	19,888	-	34,687	3,902	-	58,477
Disposal	-	-	(10,600)	(15,960)	(873)	-	-	(27,433)
At 31 December 2024	172,322	499,993	201,185	23,801	205,095	75,336	-	1,177,731
Accumulated depreciation:								
Charge for the year	-	10,626	16,812	172	8,854	8,767	-	45,231
Disposal	-	-	-	-	(2,845)	(5,555)	-	(8,400)
At 31 December 2023	-	10,626	136,921	39,620	110,491	65,560	-	363,217
Charge for the year	-	20,753	18,132	80	17,694	4,937	-	61,596
Disposal		-	(4,079)	(15,945)	(700)	-	-	(20,724)
At 31 December 2024	-	31,379	150,974	23,755	127,485	70,497	-	404,090
Carrying amount								
At 31 December 2024	172,322	468,614	50,211	46	77,610	4,839	-	773,641
At 31 December 2023	172,322	489,367	54,975	141	60,790	5,874	-	783,470

i No leased assets are included in the above property and equipment (2023: Nil).

vi If building was measured using the cost model, the carrying amount would be as follows:

	21 December	21 December
in thousands of Nigerian Naira	2024	2023
Cost	100,056	100,056
Accumulated depreciation	(27,515)	(25,014)
Carrying amount	72,541	75,042

vii In 2024, the Company sold assets with a total net carrying amount of №6,709,000 (2023: №731,000) and with a total cash consideration of №9,320,000 (2023: №3,107,000). The net gains on these disposals were recognised as part of other operating income in the statement of profit or loss (Note 7)

ii There were no capital commitment contracted or authorised as at the reporting date (2023: Nil).

iii There were no capitalised borrowing cost related to the acquisition of property and equipment during the year (2023: Nil).

iv None of the assets are pledged during the year (2023: Nil).

v Work in progres represents capital expenditure incurred on the renovation of the Company's building.

vi The Company's building on Ikorodu Road was professionally valued on 15 December 2022 by an independent valuer Emma Ezeama & Co Estate Surveyors and Valuers (FRC/2013/NIESV/00000638) and the report signed by Ezeama Emmanual Chinedu (FRC/2013/NIESV/00000000963). The valuation which was based on open market value between a willing buyer and a willing seller produced a surplus amount of N94,524,000 which has been credited to the property, plant and equipment revaluation account. As a result of the valuation, the revised value of the building as at 31 December 2022 was N263,300,000.

v In arriving at the market value, the valuer adopted the depreciated cost method of valuation. This is due to the dearth evidence of sales of comparable properties

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - Continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

### 20 Right-of-use-assets

in thousands of Nigerian Naira	Office buidling
Cost	
As at 1 January 2023	42,211
Termination of right of use asset	(3,785)
At 31 December 2023	38,426
Addition	-
At 31 December 2024	38,426
Accumulated depeciation	
As at 1 January 2023	28,662
Charged for the year	9,764
As at 31 December 2023	38,426
Charged for the year	-
At 31 December 2024	38,426
Carrying amount	
At 31 December 2024	-
At 31 December 2023	-

In 2023, the lease contract was terminated and a net amount of N3,785,000 was written off. The net loss of N711,000 on this termination was recognised as part of other operating expenses.

20.1	Lease liabilities	31 December	31 December
		2024	2,023
	As at 1 January	-	8,777
	Accretion of interest	-	861
	Derecognition of lease	-	(3,074)
	Payments	-	(6,564)
	At 31 December 2023	-	-
	Maturity analysis of undiscounted cashflows Less than one year Within the next one year	-	-
20.2	The following are the amounts recognised in profit or loss:		
	Depreciation expense of right-of-use assets	-	-
	Interest expense on lease liabilities	-	861
	Expense relating to short-term leases	-	-
		-	861

# 21 Intangible assets

in thousands of Nigerian Naira	Computer software W	ork in progress	Total
Cost:			
At 1 January 2023	194,542	105,035	299,577
Additions during the year	36,691	251,157	287,848
Recalssification of software assets	223,081	(223,081)	-
At 31 December 2023	454,314	133,111	587,425
Additions during the year	9,066	-	9,066
Recalssification of software assets	125,251	(125,251)	-
At 31 December 2024	588,631	7,860	596,491
Accumulated amortisation and impairment			
At 1 January 2023	157,709	-	157,709
Amortisation charge for the year	53,469	-	53,469
At 31 December 2023	211,178	-	211,178
Amortisation charge for the year	78,107	-	78,107
At 31 December 2024	289,286	-	289,286
Carrying amount			
At 31 December 2024	299,345	7,860	307,206
At 31 December 2023	243,136	133,111	376,247

Work in progress represents capital expenditure incurred on the development of software. Work in progress are not internally generated. The Computer software represents purchased software.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - Continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

# 22 Customers' deposits

As at in thousands of Nigerian Naira	31 December 2024	31 December 2023
Dividend: ordinary shares	20,815,492	11,925,519
Bond Interest	-	160,253
	20,815,492	12,085,772
Current	20,815,492	12,085,772
	20,815,492	12,085,772

The balance represents dividends, return monies and other interests received on behalf of clients.

# 22.1 Movement in customers' deposits

Opening Balance	12,085,772	8,985,030
Amount received during the period	484,535,572	287,226,869
Amount paid out during the period	(475,758,861)	(284,126,127)
	20,815,492	12,085,772

#### 23 Creditors and accruals

As at	31 December	31 December
in thousands of Nigerian Naira	2024	2023
Trade payables	1,449,989	246,755
Accrued expenses	273,397	73,957
	1,723,386	320,712

#### Terms and conditions of the above financial liabilities:

- ▶ Trade payables are non-interest bearing and are normally settled on 60-day terms.
- Accrued expenses are non-interest bearing and have an average term of six months.

### 24 Current income tax payable

As at		31 December	31 December
in thousands of Nigerian Naira	Notes	2024	2023
At the beginning of the year:		559,612	679,263
Current income tax charge			
Company income tax		879,911	389,943
Education tax		97,931	48,854
Nigerian Police Trust Fund		142	72
	12.1	977,984	438,869
Payments during the year			
Payments during the year		(414,619)	(558,520)
		(414,619)	(558,520)
Balance at the end of the year		1,122,977	559,612

The charge for income tax in these financial statement is based on the provisions of the Companies Income Tax Act CAP C21 LFN 2004 as amended and the Education Tax Act CAP E4 LFN 2004, the Police Trust Fund Act and the Nigerian Information technology Development Agency (NITDA) Act 2007.

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### 25 Deferred tax liabilities

As at in thousands of Nigerian Naira		31 December 2024	31 December 2023
At the beginning of the year:		269,398	46,306
Deferred tax (credit)/expense during the period recognised in profit or loss	12.1	22,286	39,043
Deferred tax expense during the period recognised in C	CI	53,519	184,049
Balance at the end of the year		345,203	269,398

Movement in deferred tax during the year relates to the following:

	Opening	Recognised	Recognised	Closing	
in thousands of Nigerian Naira	balance	in profit/(loss)	in OCI	balance	
31 December 2024					
Property, plant and equipment	136,392	38,459	-	174,851	
Provisions	(39,050)	(26,270)	-	(65,320)	
Exchange differences	(11,993)	10,097	-	(1,896)	
Equity investment at fair value	184,049	-	53,519	237,568	
	269,398	22,286	53,519	345,203	
Deferred tax liabilities					
31 December 2023					
Property, plant and equipment	67,725	68,667	-	136,392	
Provisions	(19,282)	(19,768)	-	(39,050)	
Exchange differences	(2,137)	(9,856)	-	(11,993)	
Equity investment at fair value	-	-	184,049	184,049	
	46,306	39,043	184,049	269,398	

# 26 Share capital and reserves

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As at	31 December	31 December
in thousands of Nigerian Naira	2024	2023

### i Issued and fully paid:

Two billion ordinary shares of 50k each	1,000,000	1,000,000
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The ordinary shareholders have rights to vote at the Company's annual general meetings and to receive part of the company's profits after the holders of preference shares have been paid.

#### ii Share premium

Share premium is the excess paid by shareholders over the nominal value for their shares.

At 31 Decen	nber	624,446	624,446
iii Fair value re	eserve		
At the begin	ning of the year:	430,047	32,107
Net fair valu	e gain on equity instruments	535,191	581,989
Tax impact r	related to OCI item	(53.519)	(184.049)
		911,719	430,047

Fair value reserve represents accumulated fair value gains or losses on equity investments carried at fair value.

# Retained earnings

At the beginning of the year:	7,526,824	7,563,915
Dividend declared	(1,200,000)	(1,000,000)
Profit for the year	1,810,090	962,909
<u> </u>	8.136.914	7,526,824

Revaluation reserve			31 December	31 December
		Note	2024	2023
At the beginning Revaluation surp	•	19(vi)	165,120 -	165,120 -
			165,120	165,120

Revaluation reserve represents revaluation surpluses on building carried at revalued amount.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - Continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

### 27 Related party transactions

Parties are considered to be related if one party has the ability to control the other party or exercise influence over the other party in making financial and operational decisions, or one other party controls both. The definition includes associates, joint ventures, as well as key management personnel.

### Transactions with related parties

Transactions entered into by the Company with related parties are in the normal course of business. Transactons during the year and outstanding balances as at year end are as follows:

				2024		2023
			2024	Amount of	2023	Amount of
	Nature of	Nature of	Outstanding	transaction	Outstanding	transaction
Related Party	relationship	transaction	balances (₹'000)	( <del>N</del> '000)	balances (₹'000)	( <del>N</del> '000)
Afriland Properties Plc	Common director	Registrarship	50,057	129,375	56,100	55,385
United Capital Plc	Common director	Placement	16,834,633	16,834,633	65,564	65,564
United Capital Plc	Common director	Registrarship	53,000	193,202	122,159	159,290
Transcorp Plc	Common director	Registrarship	6,450	283,417	76,783	76,789
Transcorp Hotels Plc	Common director	Registrarship	25,241	13,516	3,870	25,243
Heirs Holdings Plc	Common director	Advisory	(100,000)	-	(100,000)	100,000
Heirs Insurance Ltd	Common shareholder	Insurance	-	8,323	-	9,983
Heirs Life Assurance	Common shareholder	Group Life	(3,659)	3,659	-	6,248
Transcorp Power Plc	Common shareholder	Registrarship	11,490	71,417	-	-
Heirs Technologies	Common shareholder	Registrarship	120,389	310,516	-	-
Heirs Oil and Gas	Common shareholder	Registrarship	57,359	-	386,159	386,159
Avon Healthcare	Common shareholder	Medical	(26,556)	26,556	-	418

# 27.1 Key management personnel

Key management personnel constitutes those individuals who have the authority and the responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of Africa Prudential Plc, directly or indirectly.

The key management personnel of the Company include all directors (executive and non-executive) and senior management. The summary of compensation of the key management personnel for the year is as follows:

in thousands of Nigerian Naira	2024	2023
7.2 Emolument of directors		
Directors fees & other emoluments		
Highest paid director	26,350	8,250
Other directors	167,644	58,957
	193,994	67,207
Fees	20,779	14,500
Other emoluments	173,215	52,707
	193,994	67,207
The total number of Directors	8	8

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - Continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

# 27.3 Compensation of senior management

Short term employee benefits	182,877	182,877
The total number of senior management	12	9

#### Staff numbers and costs

The number of persons employed (excluding directors) in the company during the year was as follows:

	2023	2023
₩800,001 - ₩1,200,000	3	-
¥1,200,001 - ¥2,000,000	13	4
¥2,000,001 - ¥3,000,000	4	10
₩3,000,001 - ₩5,000,000	5	8
¥5,000,001 - ¥7,000,000	5	8
¥7,000,001 - ¥8,000,000	9	8
¥8,000,001 - ¥10,000,000	0	19
₩10,000,001 - Above	32	23
	71	80

# 28 Contingent assets, liabilities and commitments

The Company had no contingent assets as at 31 December 2024 (31 December 2023: Nil). The Company is involved in 6 (31 December 2023: 6) litigation suits in the ordinary course of its business. The actions are being contested and the Directors are of the opinion that none of the cases are likely to have a material adverse effect on the Company.

#### 29 Capital commitments

The Company had no capital commitments as at 31 December 2024 (31 December 2023: Nil).

### 30 Events after reporting date

There were no events subsequent to the financial position date which require adjustment to or disclosures in the financial statements.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - Continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

### 31 Free Float Computation - Shareholding Pattern

Shareholding Structure/Free Float Status		31 December		31 December
Description		2024		2023
	Units	%	Units	%
Issued Share Capital	2,000,000,000	100%	2,000,000,000	100%
Substantial Shareholdings (5% and above)				
International Equity Capital Limited	519,000,000	25.95%	519,000,000	25.95%
Total substantial shareholdings	519,000,000	25.95%	519,000,000	25.95%
Directors' Shareholdings (Direct and indirect), excluding directors with	th substantial interest			
Chief (Mrs) Eniola Fadayomi	4,006,060	0.20%	4,006,060	0.20%
Mr. Emmanuel Nnorom	10,698,079	0.53%	10,698,079	0.53%
Mr. Samuel Nwanze	83,009	0.00%	83,009	0.00%
Mrs Zainab Mahey Rasheed	-		-	-
Mrs Funmibi Chima	-		-	-
Mr. Peter Elumelu	13,891	0.00%	13,891	0.00%
Mr. Peter Ashade	1,096,314	0.05%	1,096,314	0.09%
Mrs. Christabel Onyejekwe	25,668	0.00%	-	0.00%
Mrs. Catherine Nwosu	745,962	0.04%	-	0.00%
Mr. Obong Idiong	5,301,749	0.27%	5,301,749	0.21%
Total Directors' Shareholdings	21,970,732	1.10%	21,199,102	1.03%
Other influential Shareholdings:				
Stanbc Ibtc Nominees Nigeria Ltd	2,000,000	0.10%	2,000,000	0.10%
Total other influential shareholdings	2,000,000	0.10%	2,000,000	0.10%
Free float in units and percentage	1,457,029,268	72.85%	1,457,800,898	72.92%
Share price	20.55		6.00	
Free float in Value	29,941,951,457	72.85%	8,746,805,388	72.89%

Africa Prudential Plc with a free float percentage of 72.85% (2023: 72.89%), is compliant with The Exchange's free float requirements for companies listed on the Main Board.

Africa Prudential Plc with a free float value of ₹29,941,957 (2023: ₹8,746,805,388) is compliant with The Exchange's free float requirements for companies listed on the Main Board.

### 32 Securities Trading Policy

In compliance with Rule 17.15 Disclosure of Dealings in Issuers' Shares, Rulebook of the Exchange 2015 (Issuers Rule) Africa Prudential PIc maintains a Security Trading Policy which guides Directors, Audit Committee members, employees and all individuals categorized as insiders as to their dealing in the Company's shares. The Policy undergoes periodic reviews by the Board and is updated accordingly. The Company is not aware of any infringement of the policy during the year.



# AFRICA PRUDENTIAL PLC

# VALUE ADDED STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

in thousands of Nigerian Naira	2024	%	2023	%
Gross earnings	5,197,833		3,952,996	
Bought in material and services:				
Local	(1,373,491)		(1,726,087)	
Value Added	3,824,341	100%	2,226,909	100%
Applied as follows:				
To pay employees				
- as salaries, wages and other benefits	972,368	25%	948,662	43%
To pay providers of capital:				
- Finance charges	-	0%	861	0%
To provide for Government				
- as company taxation	977,984	26%	438,869	20%
For expansion				
- as Depreciation	61,596	2%	45,231	2%
- as Amortisation	78,107	2%	53,469	2%
- as Deferred taxation	(75,805)	-2%	(223,092)	-10%
- as profit for the year	1,810,090	47%	962,909	43%
Value Added	3,824,341	100%	2,226,909	100%

The value added statement represents the wealth created by the efforts of the company and its employees' efforts based on ordinary activities and the allocation of that wealth being created between employees, shareholders, government and that retained for the future creation of more wealth.

### AFRICA PRUDENTIAL PLC

# FIVE-YEAR FINANCIAL SUMMARY

As at in thousands of Nigerian Naira	31 December 2024	31 December 2023	31 December 2022	31 December 2021	31 December
in thousands of Nigerian Nama	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Cash and cash equivalents	1,191,078	5,261,237	850,644	866,192	1,005,752
Investment securities	30,839,487	14,219,905	15,789,403	11,177,412	13,302,157
Deposit for shares	70,000	470,000	270,000	2,770,000	2,770,000
Investment in associates	-	-		-	-
Trade and other receivables	1,663,845	1,871,072	1,514,551	625,626	298,665
Property and equipment	773,641	783,470	690,671	256,739	282,575
Right-of-use-assets	-	-	13,549	6,872	7,586
Intangible asset	307,206	376,247	141,868	61,335	61,835
Total assets	34,845,257	22,981,930	19,270,686	15,764,176	17,728,570
Liabilities					
Customers' deposits	20,815,492	12,085,772	8,985,030	6,199,925	8,639,683
Creditors and accruals	1,723,386	320,712	144,957	104,857	86,574
Lease liabilities	-	-	8,777	6,519	7,198
Income tax payable	1,122,977	559,612	700,028	629,429	579,083
Deferred tax liabilities	345,203	269,398	46,306	52,656	46,379
Total liabilities	24,007,058	13,235,493	9,885,099	6,993,385	9,358,917
Total net assets	10 030 100	0.746.426	0.205.500	0.770.701	0.260.652
Total flet assets	10,838,199	9,746,436	9,385,588	8,770,791	8,369,653
Share capital	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
Share premium	624,446	624,446	624,446	624,446	624,446
Revaluation reserve	165,120	165,120	165,120	70,596	70,596
Fair value reserves	911,719	430,047	32,107	5,082	18,612
Retained earnings	8,136,914	7,526,824	7,563,915	7,070,666	6,655,999
Shareholders' funds	10,838,199	9,746,436	9,385,588	8,770,790	8,369,653
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Total liabilities & Equity	34,845,257	22,981,930	19,270,686	15,764,176	17,728,570
Revenue	5,505,536	3,988,989	4,165,030	3,617,982	3,508,133
Operating expenses	(2,695,177)	(2,547,307)	(1,998,868)	(1,611,912)	(1,558,782)
Profit before tax	2,810,359	1,441,682	2,166,162	2,006,071	1,980,142
Profit after tax	1,810,090	962,909	1,493,249	1,414,667	1,446,029
Earnings per share	91	48	75	71	72

Earnings per share is computed on the profit after taxation and the shareholders fund on the basis of the number of shares issued as at the statement of financial position date.