

Cytonn H1'2024 Banking Sector Report

“Sustained Profitability Owing to Improved Business Environment”



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I. Introduction to Cytonn

About Us

Cytonn Investments is an alternative investment manager, with real estate development capability, and a primary focus on private equity and real estate investments in the high growth Kenyan Region. Cytonn has a unique strategy of coupling two compelling demand areas - the lack of high yielding investment products and the lack of institutional grade real estate. We provide high yielding investment instruments to attract funding from investors, and we deploy that funding to largely pre-sold investment grade real estate. With offices in Kenya and Washington, DC - USA, we are primarily focused on offering alternative investment solutions to global and local institutional investors, individual high net-worth investors, and diaspora investors interested in the East-African region. Real estate investments are made through our development affiliate, Cytonn Real Estate, where we currently have over Kshs. 82 billion (USD 820 mn) of projects under mandate across ten projects. In private equity, we invest in banking, education, and hospitality.

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Over Kshs. 82 billion worth of projects under mandate

3

Three offices across 2 continents

500

Over 500 staff members, including Cytonn Distribution

10

10 investment ready projects in real estate

A unique franchise differentiated by:

Independence & Investor Focus

Focused on serving the interest of clients, which is best done on an independent platform to minimize conflicts of interest

Alternative Investments

Specialized focus on alternative assets - Real Estate, Private Equity, and Structured Solutions

Strong Alignment

Every staff member is an owner in the firm. When clients do well, the firm does well; and when the firm does well, staff do well

Committed Partners

Strong global and local partnerships in financing, land and Cytonn Real Estate, our development affiliate

Why We Exist

Africa presents an attractive investment opportunity for investors seeking attractive and long-term returns. Despite the alternative markets in Africa having high and stable returns, only a few institutional players serve the market. Cytonn is focused on delivering higher returns in the alternative markets, while providing the best client service and always protecting our clients' interests.

WE SERVE THREE MAIN CLIENT SEGMENTS:

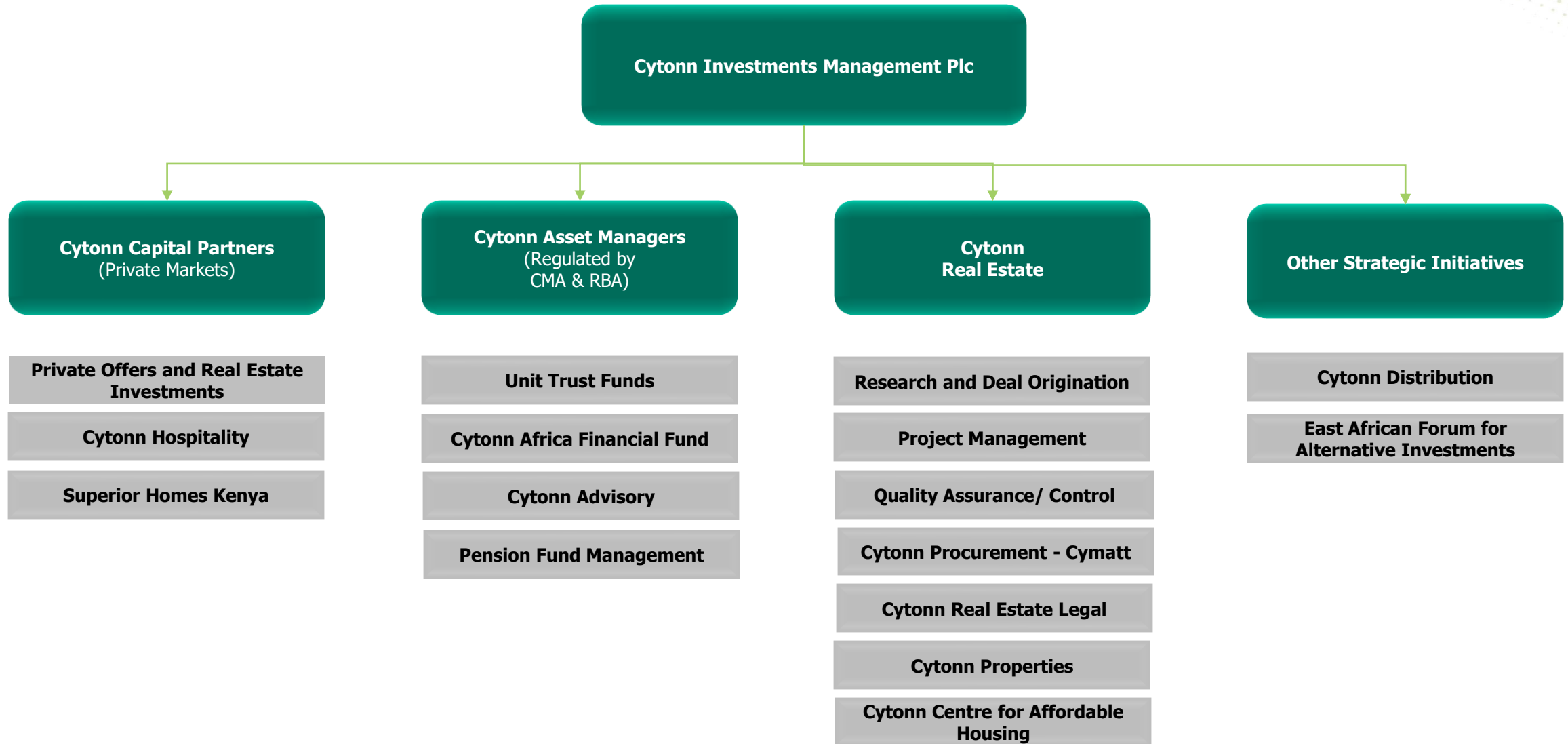
- High Net-worth Individuals through Cytonn Private Wealth. This is done through our captive Distribution Network
- East Africans in the Diaspora through Cytonn Diaspora
- Global and Local Institutional Clients. These clients are served from our Investment & Fundraising Team

WE INVEST OUR CLIENT FUNDS IN:

- Real Estate, and Real Estate Related Businesses
- Private Equity
- Fixed Income Structured Solutions
- Equities Structured Solutions



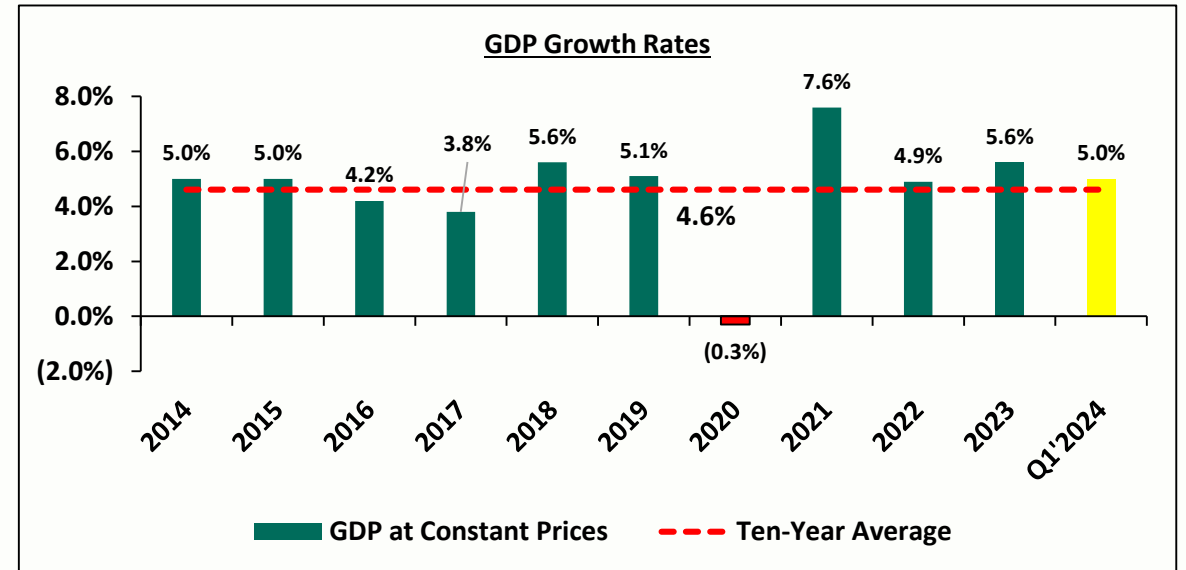
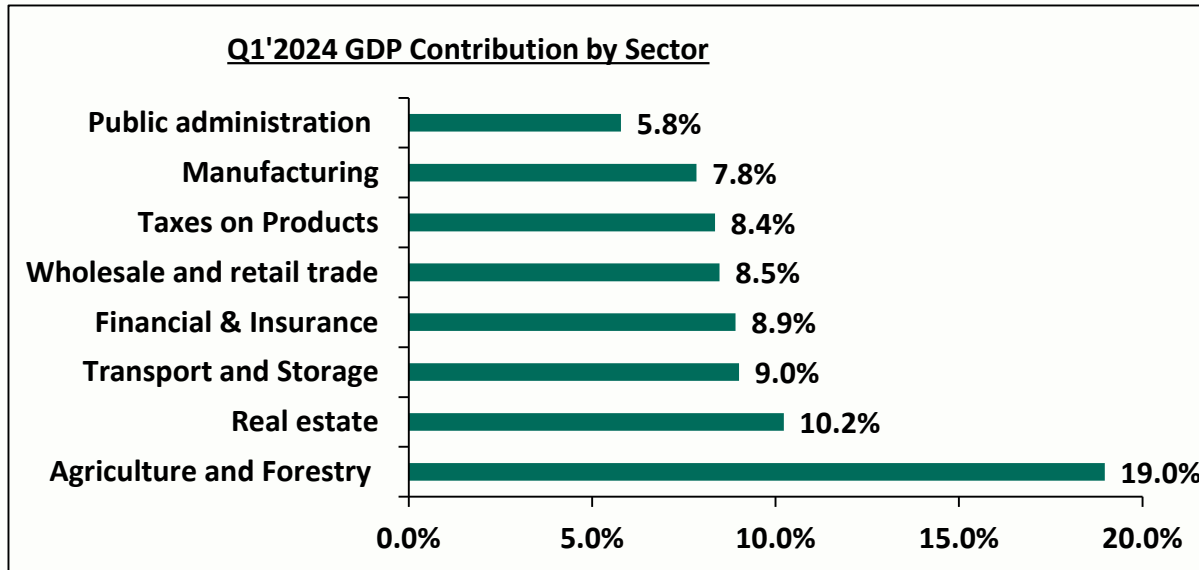
Our Business Structure



II. Kenya Economic Review and Outlook

Economic Growth

The Kenyan economy grew by 5.0% in Q1'2024, slower than the 5.5% growth in Q1'2023

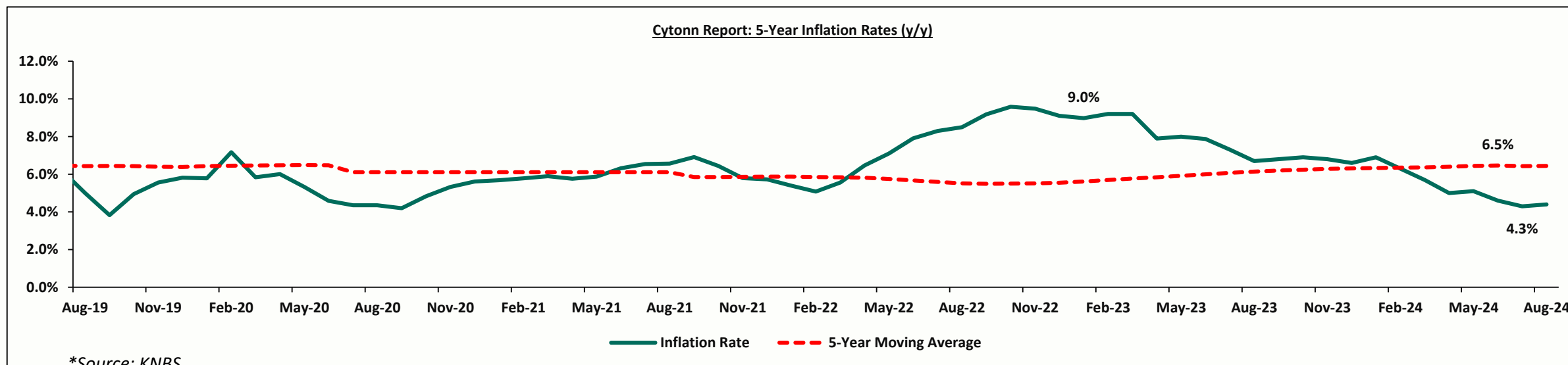


*Source: KNBS

- The Kenyan economy recorded an average growth of 5.0% in the period between January to March 2024, slower than the growth rate of 5.5% recorded in Q1'2023.
- The performance in Q1'2024 was mainly driven by the 6.1% growth in the agricultural sector due to the favourable weather conditions, which led to more agricultural output as evidenced by the 42.9% increase in tea output to 168.8 thousand metric tonnes coupled with the 30.2% growth in volume of milk deliveries to 216.7 million litres. The performance was however curtailed by a 13.8% decrease in coffee exports to 9,722.3 metric tonnes in the quarter under review

Inflation

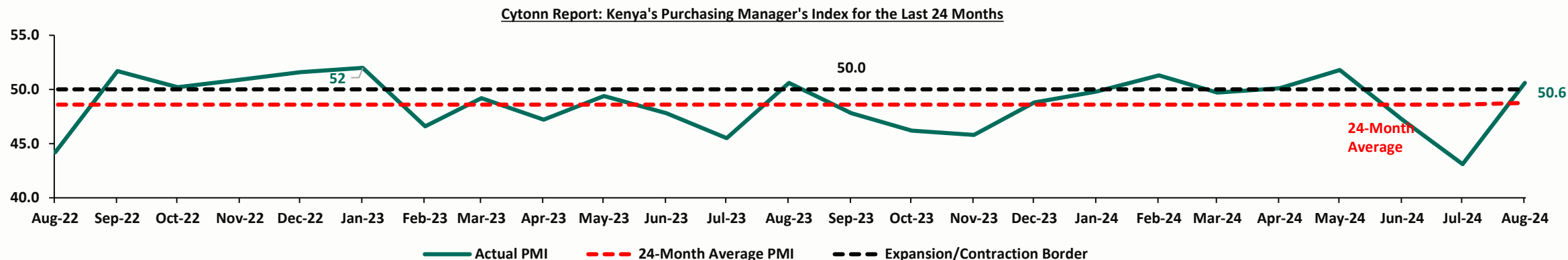
The y/y inflation in August 2024 increased by 0.1% points to 4.4%, from the 4.3% recorded in July 2024



- The average inflation rate eased to 5.6% in H1'2024, compared to 8.5% in H1'2023. Notably, the y/y inflation in June 2024 eased by 0.5% points to 4.6%, from the 5.1% recorded in May 2024. This was according to our expectations and projection that it would come within a range of 4.7% to 5.1%.
- The headline inflation in July 2024 was majorly driven by increase in prices of commodities in the following categories, food and non-alcoholic beverages; transport; and housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels by 5.6%, 4.0% and 3.9%, respectively. Notably, July's overall headline inflation was on the decline for the second consecutive month, after the slight increase to 5.1% in May, and has remained within the Central Bank of Kenya (CBK) target range of 2.5% to 7.5% for the thirteenth consecutive month.

Stanbic PMI Index

The PMI averaged at 50.0 in H1'2024, compared to 48.7 in H1'2023

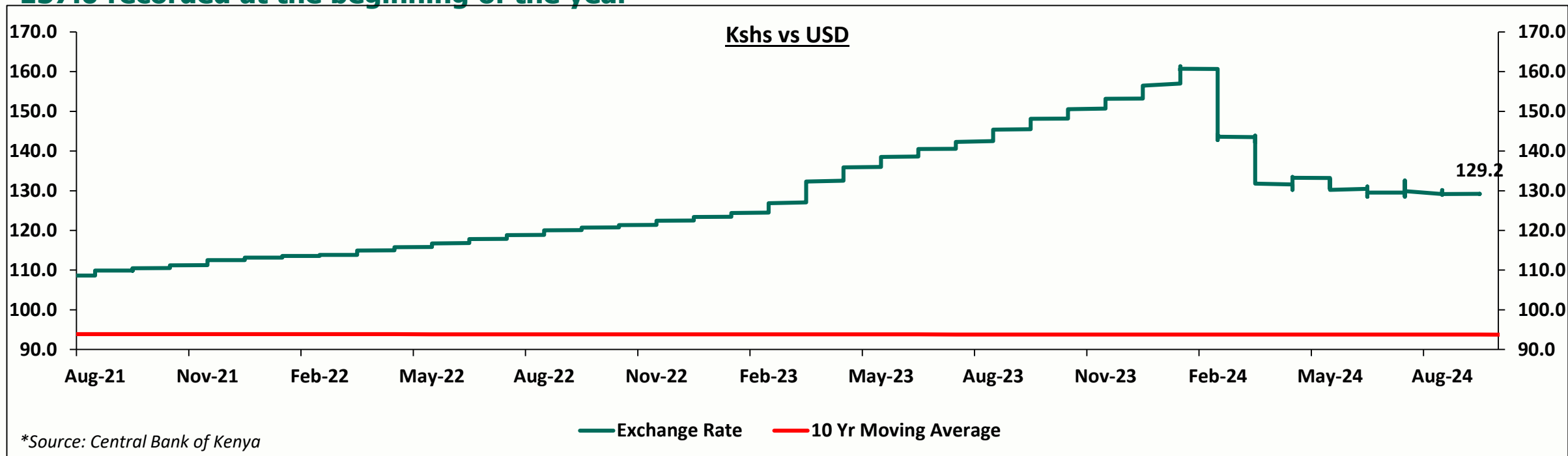


*Source: Market Economics, Stanbic PMI

- The Stanbic Purchasing Managers Index (PMI) for August 2024 improved, coming in at 50.6, up from 43.1 in July 2024, signaling a modest improvement in operating conditions across Kenya. Key to note, a PMI reading of above 50 indicates improvements in the business environment, while a reading below 50 indicates a worsening outlook.
- The general upturn of the general business environment was mainly attributable to the calm which came after the suspension of anti-government protests that had limited business activity in the country.
- Going forward, we project that the business environment will improve in the short to medium term on the back of reduced food and fuel prices, as well as the eased inflationary pressures with the current inflation standing at 4.4%.

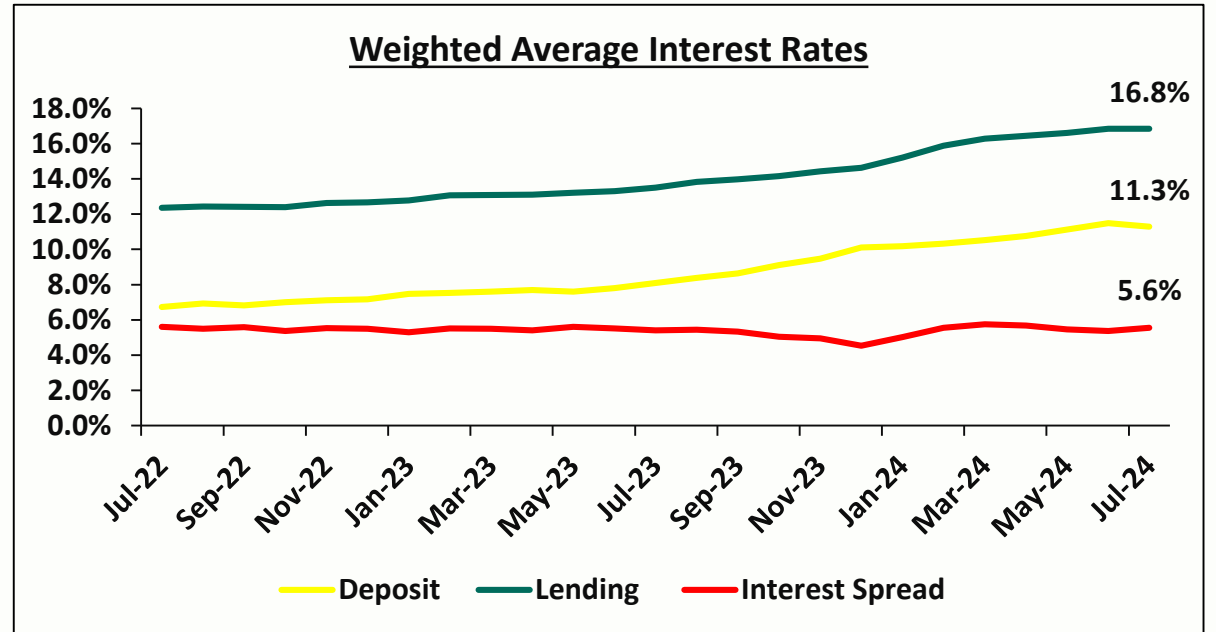
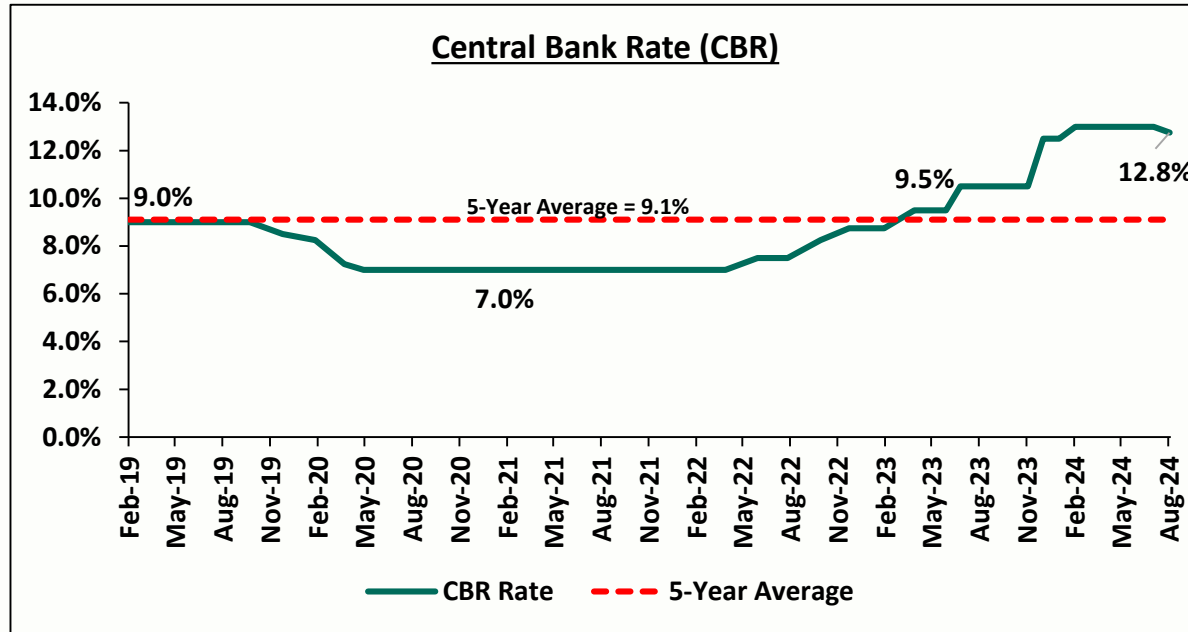
Currency

The Kenyan shilling has appreciated by 17.7% year to date to Kshs 129.2 as of 14th August 2024, from Kshs 157.0 recorded at the beginning of the year



- On a year to date basis, the shilling has appreciated by 17.7% against the US Dollar, a sharp contrast to the 26.8% depreciation recorded in 2023. We note that the shilling has been supported by diaspora remittances standing at a cumulative USD 4,571.7 mn in the 12 months to July 2024, 12.2% higher than the USD 4,075.7 mn recorded over the same period in 2023, which has continued to cushion the shilling against depreciation.
- However, we expect the shilling to remain under pressure in 2024 as a result of an ever-present current account deficit and the need for government debt servicing which continues to put pressure on the forex reserves given that 67.9% of Kenya's external debt was US Dollar denominated as of March 2024.

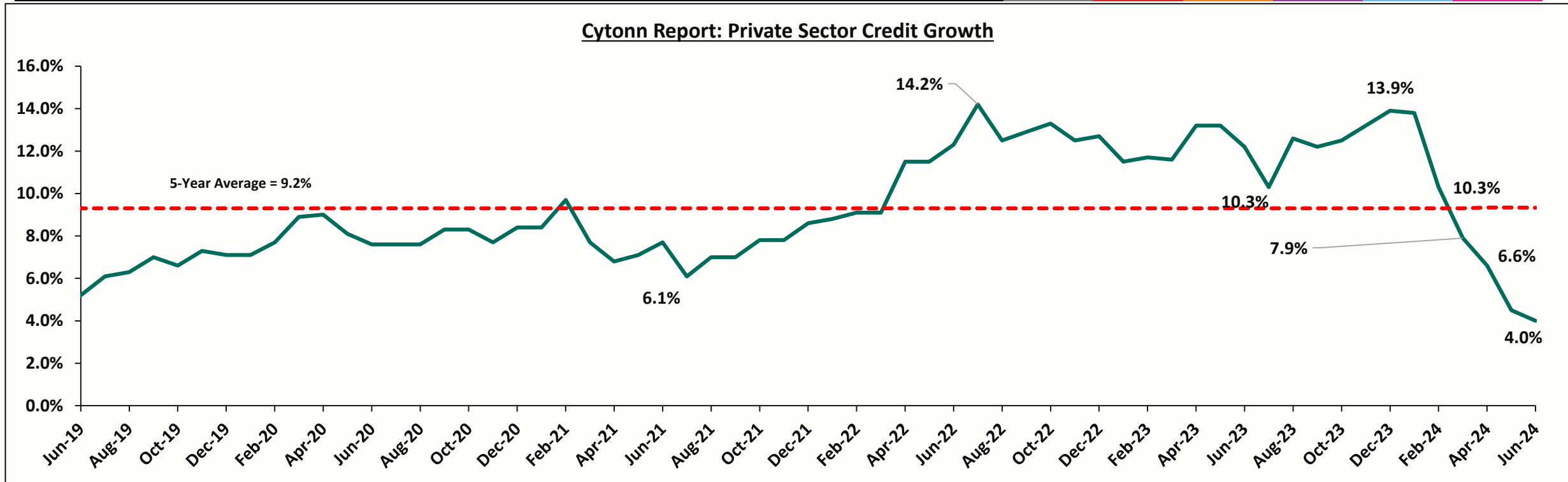
Interest Rates and Monetary Policy



*Source: CBK

- The Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) has met four times during 2024, to review the outcome of its previous policy decisions. The MPC decided to ease the CBR rate by 25 bps points to 12.75% from 13.0% in August, after holding it unchanged at 13.0% from February 2024.
- The decision was on the back of a stable exchange rate, anchored inflationary pressures, some major economies starting to cut on their interest rates and the need to support the economy by adopting a more accommodative interest rate policy.
- The committee noted that there was scope for gradual easing of the monetary policy stance, while ensuring a stable exchange rate.

Private Sector Credit growth



*Source: KNBS

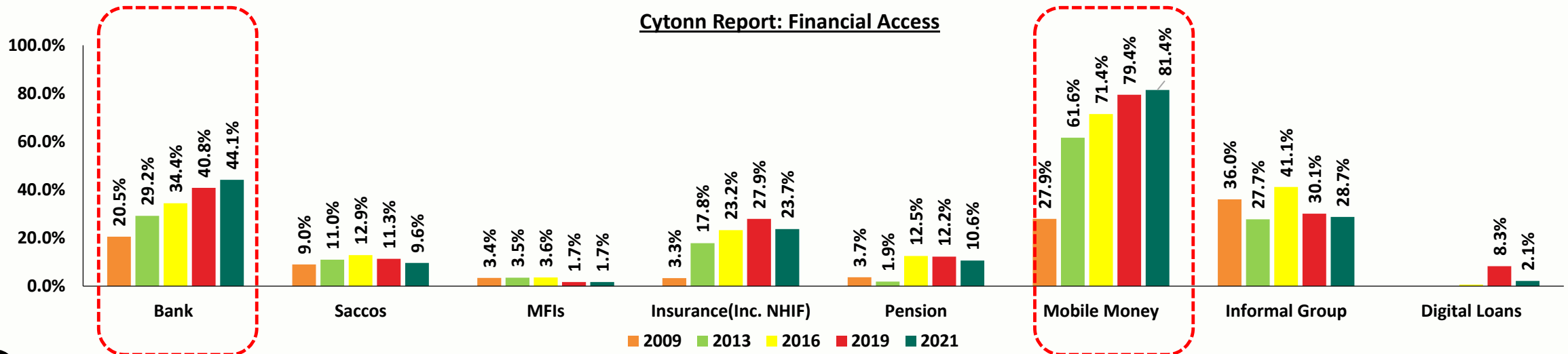
- Growth in private sector credit decreased to 4.0% in June 2024 from 4.5% May 2024, partly attributable to the strengthening of the Kenyan Shilling against the dollar. Strong credit growth was observed in sectors such as; agriculture, manufacturing, transport and communication, trade and consumer durables of 31.0%, 23.0%, 16.4%, 12.1% and 9.2% respectively. Additionally, the number of loan applications and approvals remained strong, reflecting resilience in economic activities.

III. Banking Sector Overview

Kenyan Banking Sector Overview

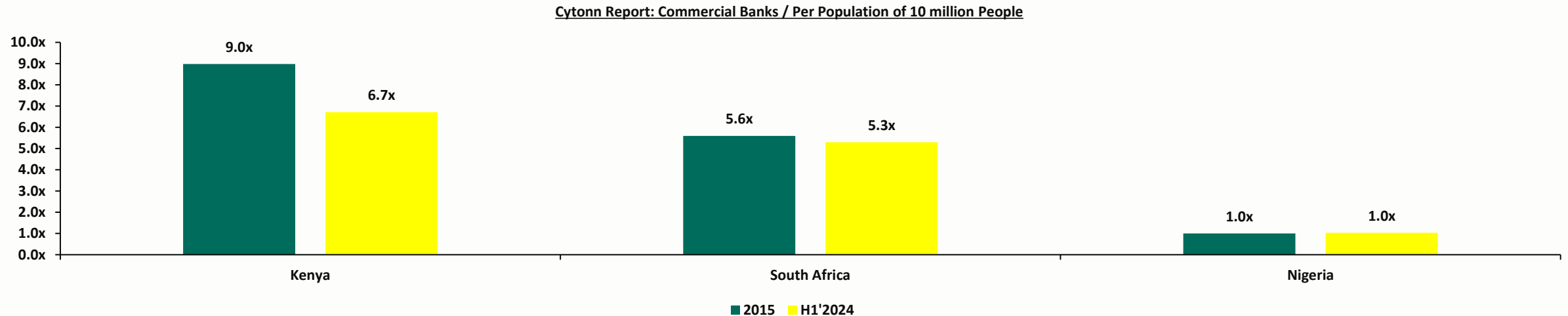
Financial Inclusion in Kenya continues to rise, having expanded to 83.7% in 2021, from 82.9% in 2019

- In Kenya there are a total of 37 commercial banks, 1 mortgage finance company, 14 microfinance banks, 10 representative offices of foreign banks, 72 foreign exchange bureaus, 19 money remittance providers and 3 credit reference bureaus
- Financial inclusion in Kenya has continued to rise, with 83.7% of the adult population able to access formal financial services. This has largely been driven by digitization, with Mobile Financial Services (MFS), transfer and lending, rising to be the preferred method to access financial services. According to the [2021 FinAccess Household Report](#), the banking services including mobile banking stood at 44.1% as of 2021 from 40.8% in 2019 attributable to the increased usage of mobile banking accounts; whose proportion rose to 34.4% in 2021 from 25.3% in 2019



Kenyan Banking Sector Overview

Kenya still remains overbanked as the number of banks remains relatively high compared to the population



Source: World Bank, Central Bank of Kenya, South Africa Reserve Bank, Central Bank of Nigeria; * Data as of March 2024

- The number of commercial banks in Kenya currently stands at 38 (including 1 mortgage finance company), the same as in H1'2023 but lower than the 43 licensed banks in FY'2015.
- The ratio of the number of banks per 10 million population in Kenya now stands at 6.7x, which is a reduction from 9.0x in FY'2015, demonstrating continued consolidation in the banking sector. However, despite the ratio improving, Kenya still remains overbanked as the number of banks remains relatively high compared to the African major economies

Recent Developments in the Kenyan Banking Sector

1. Regulation:

- **Risk-based Lending:** Following the scrapping of the Interest Cap Law in 2019, the Central Bank of Kenya (CBK) intervened administratively, stopping banks from reprising their loans and requiring them to submit new risk-based lending formulas for approval. The main aim of the risk-based lending model is to assist banks in making lending decisions based on the predicted risks associated with each loan applicant. This signifies a move from the traditional practice of blacklisting defaulters to a new credit scoring system that doesn't reject loan applicants solely based on their credit bureau scores. This method primarily focuses on borrowers who pose higher risks, most of whom are involved in micro, small, and medium-sized enterprises that have had difficulties securing traditional credit. Notably, as of May 2023, 33 out of the 39 banks in the country had their models approved by the CBK, with Equity Bank being the first commercial bank to implement risk-based lending. Adoption of risk based credit models has seen an increase in lending to the private sector, with the growth in credit to the private sector coming in at 12.2% in September 2023, 3.4% points above the five-year average rate of 8.8%. Consequently, the banking sector has reduced its appetite for government securities
- **Changes to Interbank Foreign Exchange Market:** In August 2023, the CBK issued a [circular](#) detailing several modifications to the interbank foreign exchange market operations. These changes included the removal of the tenor limit for swaps between residents, a rule that also applies to residents of the East African Community.

Recent Developments in the Kenyan Banking Sector

1. Regulation Continuation:

- For swaps that involve non-residents, a minimum tenor of 6 months was established. The regulator also permitted the use of Electronic Brokerage Systems and lowered the minimum trade amount in the interbank market from USD 500,000 to USD 250,000. These modifications have improved swap transactions, allowing banks to more effectively manage their exchange rate and interest rate risks, and to assume speculative positions,
- **Foreign Exchange Code:** On March 22, 2023, the CBK introduced the [Foreign Exchange Code \(FX Code\)](#) to commercial banks. This was an effort to regulate the wholesale transactions in Kenya's foreign exchange market. The decision was triggered by the significant fluctuations in the exchange rate spread in the market, as highlighted in our [currency review note](#). Following the scrapping of the Interest Cap Law in 2019, the Central Bank of Kenya (CBK) intervened administratively, stopping banks from reprising their loans and requiring them to submit new risk-based lending formulas for approval. The FX Code is designed to foster a strong and transparent foreign currency market by implementing certain reporting guidelines;
 - i. **Compliance with FX Code:** All market participants (commercial banks and foreign exchange brokers) were required to conduct a self-assessment and submit to the CBK a report on an institution's level of compliance with the FX Code by 30 April 2023, and submit a detailed compliance implementation plan that is approved by its Board by 30 June 2023.

Recent Developments in the Kenyan Banking Sector

1. Regulation Continuation:

- Each participant was required to be fully compliant with the aforementioned code by December 31, 2023.
- ii. Reporting Mechanism:** All market participants will be required to submit a quarterly report to CBK, detailing their adherence to the FX Code within 14 days following the conclusion of each calendar quarter,
- iii. In the event of non-compliance,** CBK may take appropriate enforcement and other administrative action including monetary penalties as provided for under the Banking Act against any market participant, and,
- iv. Prohibitive Practices:** The FX Code aims to prevent market participants from engaging in disruptive practices such as quoting prices or moving prices in ways that create artificial delays, or misrepresent the market's depth and liquidity. Such practices will incur severe sanctions. Moreover, market participants should not engage in position or points parking, which are fake transactions to hide positions or shift profits or losses.

Recent Developments in the Kenyan Banking Sector.....

2. Regional Expansion through Mergers and Acquisitions:

Kenyan banks are continuously looking at having an extensive regional reach and in first nine months leading to the end of Q3'2023, there were three completed acquisition done by Commercial International Bank (Egypt) S.A.E (CIB), Equity Group Holdings Plc and Premier Bank Limited Somalia as follows:

- a) On January 30, 2023, the Central Bank of Kenya (CBK) [announced](#) that Commercial International Bank (Egypt) S.A.E (CIB) had completed acquisition of additional 49.0% shareholding of Mayfair CIB Bank Limited (MBL) at Kshs 5.0 bn following the earlier acquisition of 51.0% stake in MBL [announced](#) in April 2020. Consequently, MBL is now a fully owned subsidiary of CIB,
- b) On January 30, 2023, Equity Group Holdings Plc., through Equity Bank Kenya Limited (EBKL) announced that it had completed the acquisition of certain assets and liabilities of the local Bank, Spire Bank Limited after obtaining all the required regulatory approvals. The completion of the acquisition followed the Assets and Liabilities Purchase Agreement, which was [announced](#) in September 2022, as highlighted in our [Cytonn Weekly #37/2022](#). As such, Equity Bank Kenya Limited took over Spire Banks's 12 branches as well as all existing depositors in Spire Bank, other than remaining deposits from its largest shareholder, Mwalimu Sacco. For more information, please see our [Cytonn Monthly-January 2023](#),

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- c) On March 17, 2023, the Central Bank of Kenya (CBK) [announced](#) that Premier Bank Limited Somalia (PBLs) had completed acquisition of 62.5% shareholding of First Community Bank Limited (FCB) effective 27 March 2023. This came after receiving regulatory approvals from the CBK and the Cabinet Secretary for the National Treasury. FCB, which has been in operation since June 2008, is classified as a tier 3 bank in Kenya with 18 branches and a market share of 0.3% as at December 2022. The acquisition by Premier Bank Limited Somalia (PBLs), came at a time when FCB has been struggling to meet regulatory Capital adequacy requirements. For more information, please see our [Cytonn Weekly #11/2023](#).
- d) On May 22, 2023, the Central Bank of Kenya (CBK) announced that Shorecap III, LP, a Private Equity fund governed by the laws of Mauritius, had acquired a 20.0% stake in Credit Bank Plc. The fund is managed by Equator Capital Partners LLC, and the acquisition took effect from June 15, 2023. While the CBK initially did not reveal the value of the deal, it has since been disclosed that Shorecap III, LP paid Ksh 0.7 bn for the 20.0% stake, valuing the bank at Ksh 3.64 bn. Shorecap III, LP assumed control of 7,289,928 ordinary shares, which make up 20.0% of the Bank's ordinary shares. The funds helped lift Credit Bank from a regulatory capital breach. For additional details, refer to our [Cytonn Weekly #21/2023](#),

Recent Developments in the Kenyan Banking Sector.....

- e) On September 27, 2023, the NCBA Group [declared](#) its plan to purchase a 100% share in AIG Insurance. AIG Insurance is a well-established company in Kenya, having been in operation for over 50 years, providing general insurance services to corporations, SMEs, and individuals. Currently, the NCBA Group holds a minority stake in AIG Insurance and intends to negotiate with AIG Inc, the majority stakeholder, to acquire the remaining shares. This acquisition is part of NCBA Group's strategy to broaden its bancassurance operations, transforming it into a universal bank that caters to all the financial needs of its customers. The acquisition is contingent upon the necessary due diligence, approval from the boards of NCBA, AIG Kenya, AIG Group, and the relevant banking, insurance, and other regulatory authorities.

- f) On December 1, 2023 Equity Group Holdings Plc (EGH) [announced](#) that it had successfully completed the acquisition of its Rwandan Subsidiary, Compagnie Générale de Banque (Cogebanque) Plc, marking a significant milestone in its regional expansion strategy. Equity Group now holds 198,250 shares representing 99.1% of the issued share capital of COGEBANQUE, following receipt of all regulatory and corporate approvals, officially making COGEBANQUE its subsidiary. EGH made the announcement it had entered into a binding agreement with the Government of Rwanda, Rwanda Social Security Board, and other investors of Compagnie Generale De Banque (Cogebanque) Plc Limited to acquire a 91.9% stake in the Rwanda based lender on June 14, 2023.

Recent Developments in the Kenyan Banking Sector.....

- g) On March 20, 2024 Access Bank Plc [announced](#) that it had entered into a share purchase agreement with KCB Group Plc that would allow Access Bank Plc to acquire 100% shareholding in National Bank of Kenya Limited (NBK) from KCB. Access Bank Plc is a wholly owned subsidiary of Access Holdings Plc listed on the Nigerian Exchange as Access Corporation. The announcement follows the release of the FY'2023 results for the KCB group, which revealed a decline in earnings with its Core earnings per share (EPS) declining by 8.3% to Kshs 11.7, from Kshs 12.7 in FY'2022.. In the signed deal, Access Bank will pay multiples of 1.3x the book value of NBK, which stood at Kshs 10.6 bn as of end December 2023. This values the deal at about Kshs 13.3 bn with the actual figure to be announced when the transaction is completed.
- h) In April 2024, Sidian Bank [disclosed](#) that the founders of the bank and other nine individual shareholders relinquished a combined stake of 728,525 shares representing 16.6% stake to Pioneer General Insurance Limited, pioneer Life Investments Limited, Wizro Enterprises Limited, Afrah Limited, and Telesec Africa Limited. The transaction amounted to Kshs 0.8 bn translating to a price to book multiple (p/bv) of 1.0x. This follows an [earlier transaction](#) executed on October 2023 when Pioneer General Insurance, Wizpro Enterprise and Afram Limited bought 38.9% stake in the lender following a shareholders' resolution passed on 20th September 2023 approving the sale.

Recent Developments in the Kenyan Banking Sector....

The average acquisition valuations for banks remained unchanged at 1.3x in H1'2024, similar to what was recorded in H1'2023

Cytonn Report: Banking sector Deals and Acquisitions						
Acquirer	Bank Acquired	Book Value at Acquisition (Kshs bn)	Transaction Stake	Transaction Value (Kshs bn)	P/Bv Multiple	Date
Pioneer General Insurance and 4 other companies	Sidian Bank	5.0	16.57%	0.8	1.0x	Apr-24
Access Bank PLC (Nigeria)*	National Bank of Kenya	10.6	100.00%	13.3	1.3x	Mar-24*
Pioneer General Insurance and 2 other companies	Sidian Bank	5.0	38.91%	2.0	1.0x	Oct-23
Equity Group	Cogebanque PLC Ltd	5.7	91.90%	6.7	1.3x	Jun-23
Shorecap III	Credit Bank Plc	3.6	20.00%	0.7	1.0x	Jun-23
Premier Bank Limited	First Community Bank	2.8	62.50%	Undisclosed	N/A	Mar-23
KCB Group PLC	Trust Merchant Bank (TMB)	12.4	85.00%	15.7	1.5x	Dec-22
Equity Group	Spire Bank	Unknown	Undisclosed	Undisclosed	N/A	Sep-22*
Access Bank PLC (Nigeria)*	Sidian Bank	4.9	83.40%	4.3	1.1x	June-22*
KCB Group	Banque Populaire du Rwanda	5.3	100.00%	5.6	1.1x	Aug-21
I&M Holdings PLC	Orient Bank Limited Uganda	3.3	90.00%	3.6	1.1x	Apr-21
KCB Group**	ABC Tanzania	Unknown	100%	0.8	0.4x	Nov-20*
Co-operative Bank	Jamii Bora Bank	3.4	90.00%	1	0.3x	Aug-20
Commercial International Bank	Mayfair Bank Limited	1	51.00%	Undisclosed	N/A	May-20*
Access Bank PLC (Nigeria)	Transnational Bank PLC.	1.9	100.00%	1.4	0.7x	Feb-20*
Equity Group **	Banque Commerciale Du Congo	8.9	66.50%	10.3	1.2x	Nov-19*
KCB Group	National Bank of Kenya	7	100.00%	6.6	0.9x	Sep-19
CBA Group	NIC Group	33.5	53%:47%	23	0.7x	Sep-19
Oiko Credit	Credit Bank	3	22.80%	1	1.5x	Aug-19
CBA Group**	Jamii Bora Bank	3.4	100.00%	1.4	0.4x	Jan-19
AfricInvest Azure	Prime Bank	21.2	24.20%	5.1	1.0x	Jan-18
KCB Group	Imperial Bank	Unknown	Undisclosed	Undisclosed	N/A	Dec-18
SBM Bank Kenya	Chase Bank Ltd	Unknown	75.00%	Undisclosed	N/A	Aug-18
DTBK	Habib Bank Kenya	2.4	100.00%	1.8	0.8x	Mar-17
SBM Holdings	Fidelity Commercial Bank	1.8	100.00%	2.8	1.6x	Nov-16
M Bank	Oriental Commercial Bank	1.8	51.00%	1.3	1.4x	Jun-16
I&M Holdings	Giro Commercial Bank	3	100.00%	5	1.7x	Jun-16
Mwalimu SACCO	Equatorial Commercial Bank	1.2	75.00%	2.6	2.3x	Mar-15
Centum	K-Rep Bank	2.1	66.00%	2.5	1.8x	Jul-14
GT Bank	Fina Bank Group	3.9	70.00%	8.6	3.2x	Nov-13
Average			73.3%		1.3 X	
2013 to 2018 Avg.			73.5%		1.7 x	
2019 to 2024 Avg.			73.2%		1.0 x	

* Announcement Date

** Deals that were dropped

Recent Developments in the Kenyan Banking Sector....

3. Asset Quality:

- Asset quality for listed banks deteriorated in H1'2024, with the weighted average Gross Non-Performing Loan ratio (NPL) increasing by 0.7% points to 13.4%, from 12.7% recorded in H1'2023. The performance remained 2.4% points above the ten-year average of 11.0%. The deterioration in asset quality in H1'2024 was mainly driven by the 2.7% points increase in Equity Group's NPL ratio to 13.9%, from 11.2% in H1'2023, coupled with the 2.1% points increase in Cooperative Group's NPL ratio to 16.7% from 14.6% in H1'2023.
- The deterioration in Equity Group asset quality was mainly attributable to 23.0% increase in Gross non-performing loans to Kshs 119.9 bn in H1'2024 from Kshs 97.5 bn in H1'2023, which outpaced the 1.0% decrease in gross loans to Kshs 861.6 bn from Kshs 870.3 bn recorded in H1'2023. However, the deterioration in listed banks asset quality was mitigated by an improvement in Standard Chartered Bank's Asset quality, with Gross NPL ratio decreasing by 5.9% points to 8.4% in H1'2024 from 14.4% in H1'2023, attributable to the 42.9% decrease in gross non-performing loans to Kshs 13.6 bn, from Kshs 23.8 bn in H1'2023, compared to the 2.9% decrease in gross loans to Kshs 160.9 bn, from Kshs 165.6 bn recorded in H1'2023. A total of three out of the ten listed Kenyan banks recorded improvement in asset quality, owing to the improvement in the economic environment. Going forward, we expect credit risk to decline gradually but remain at relatively elevated levels compared to previous years mainly on the back of the improved business environment owing to the eased inflationary pressures as well as the appreciation of the Kenya shilling.

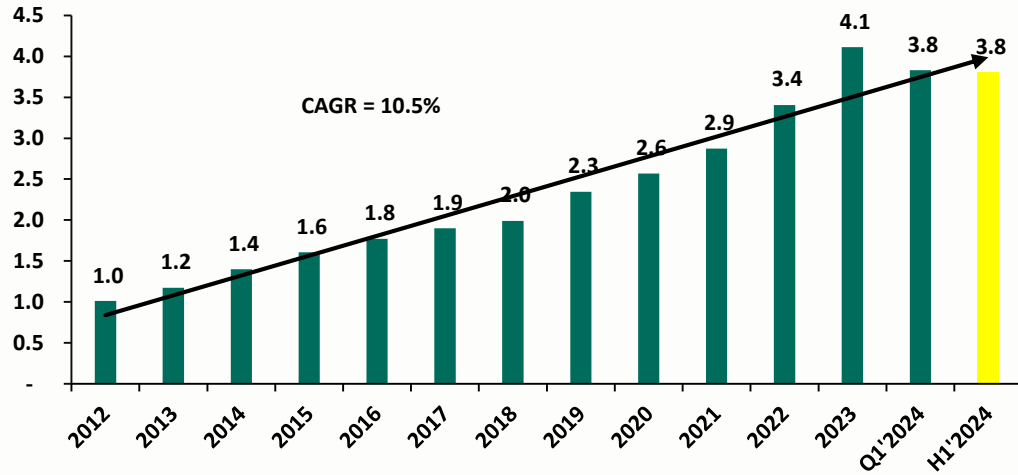
Banking Sector Growth Drivers

- **Growth in Interest income:** Going forward, we expect interest income growth to remain a key driver in the banking industry, evidenced by the 17.5% growth recorded in H1'2024, albeit lower than the 21.0% growth recorded in H1'2023, partly on the back of continued high borrowing costs. Furthermore, the continued approval of banks' risk-based lending models will enable banks to effectively price their risk, expand loan books, and consequently increase their interest income,
- **Revenue Diversification:** In H1'2024, non-funded income (NFI) recorded a 13.7% weighted average growth, slower than the 27.9% weighted growth in H1'2023 with 8 out of the 10 listed Banks recording an increase in their non-funded income. As a result of the reduced growth in non-funded income, the weighted average contribution of NFI to total operating income came in at 38.1% in H1'2024, 0.8% points lower than the 38.9% weighted average growth contribution recorded in H1'2023. As such, there exists an opportunity for the sector to further increase NFI contributions to revenue given the continuous adoption of digitization, and,
- **Regional Expansion and Further Consolidation:** Consolidation remains a key theme going forward with the current environment offering opportunities for larger banks with a sufficient capital base to expand and take advantage of the market's low valuations, as well as further consolidate out smaller and weaker banks. Notably, the majority of the bigger banks have continued to cushion over unsystematic risks specific to the local market by expanding their operations into other African nations.

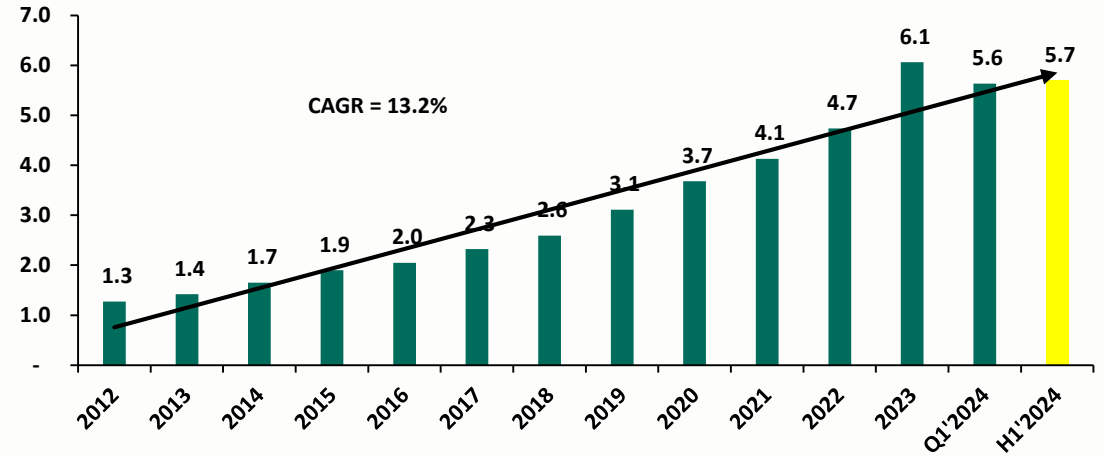
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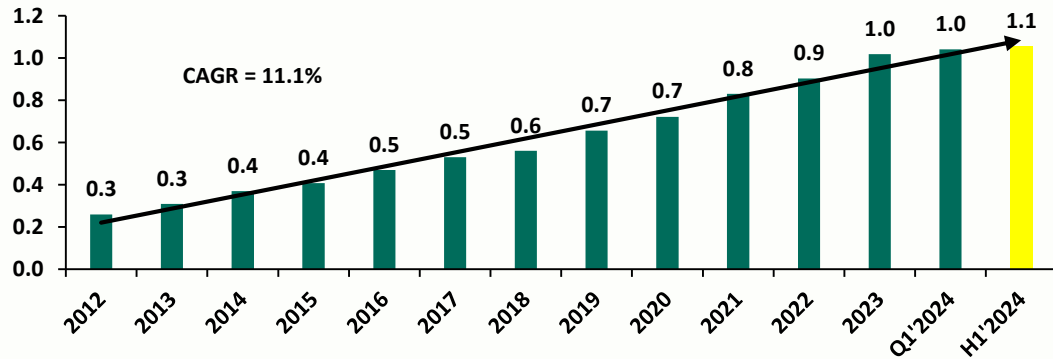
Loans and Advances (Kshs tn)



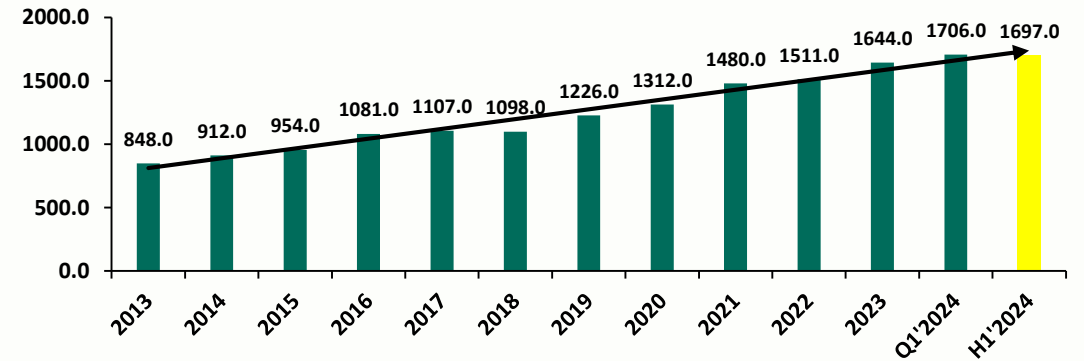
Deposits (Kshs tn)



Shareholders Equity (Kshs tn)



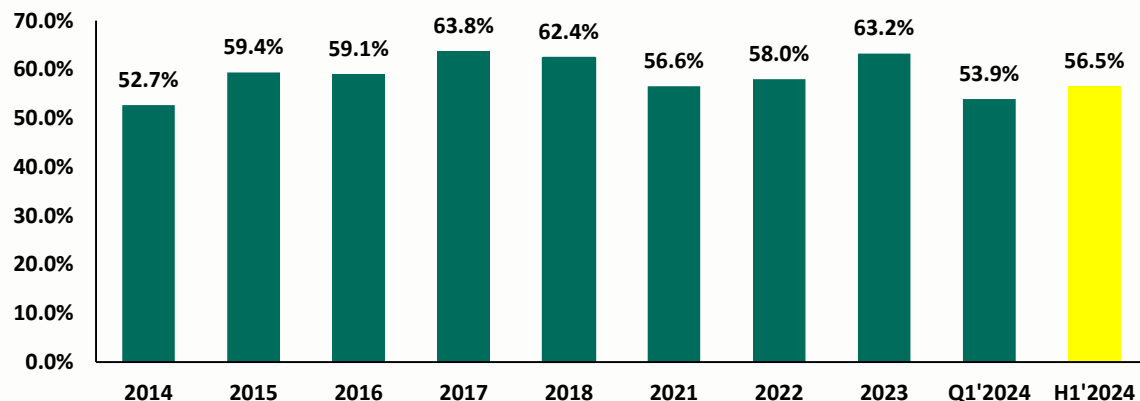
Bank Branches



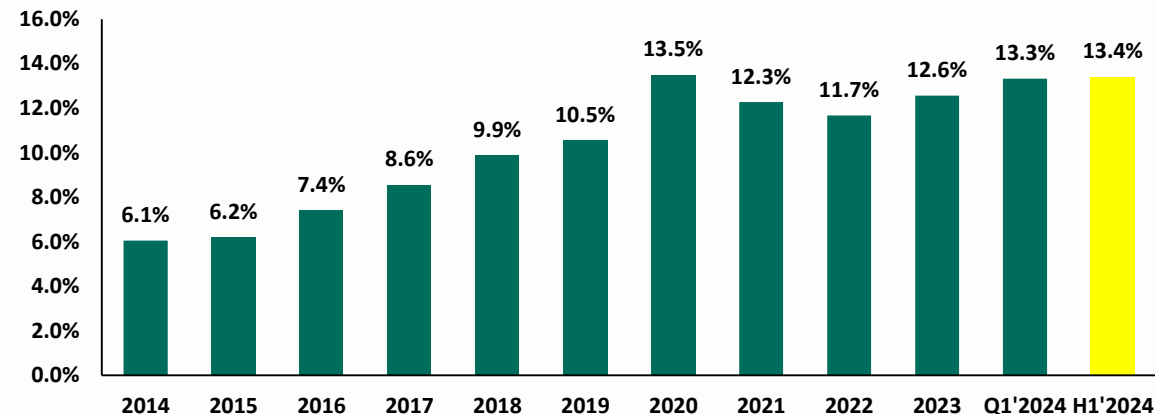
Listed Banking Sector Metrics

Banks' asset quality deteriorated in H1'2024, with the NPL ratio increasing to 13.4% from 12.7% in H1'2023

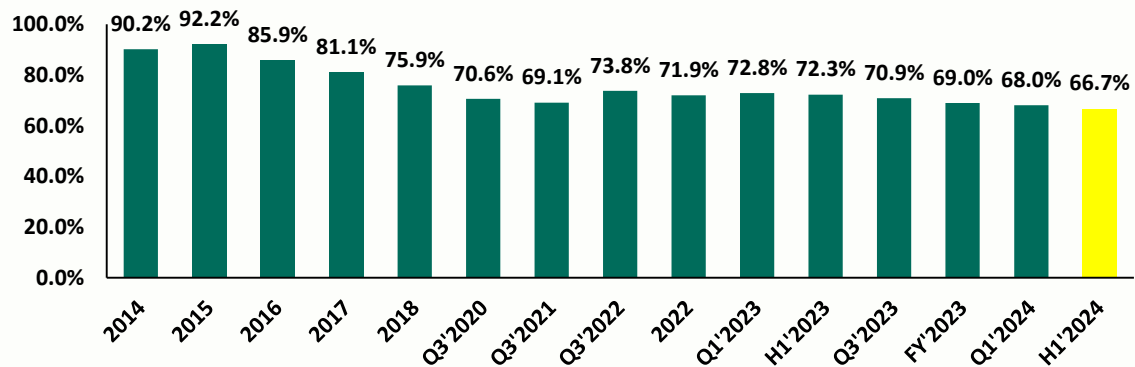
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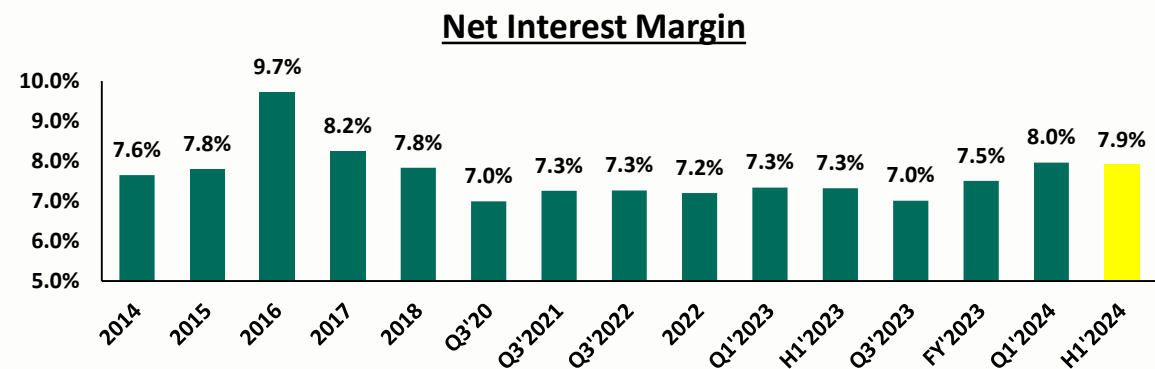
NPL Ratio



Loan to Deposit Ratio



Net Interest Margin



Listed Banking Earnings and Growth Metrics

Kenya's listed banks weighted average core EPS grew by 28.9% in H1'2024, compared to 14.3% in H1'2023

Cytonn Report: Kenyan Listed Banks Performance H1'2024															
Bank	Core EPS Growth	Interest Income Growth	Interest Expense Growth	Net Interest Income Growth	Net Interest Margin	Non-Funded Income Growth	NFI to Total Operating Income	Growth in Total Fees & Commissions	Deposit Growth	Growth in Government Securities	Loan to Deposit Ratio	Loan Growth	Return on Average Equity	Cost of Funds	YIEA
KCB Group	86.4%	38.9%	46.5%	34.8%	7.1%	20.8%	35.2%	11.9%	1.3%	(1.5%)	67.8%	0.0%	22.7%	4.6%	11.3%
Standard Chartered	48.9%	25.4%	78.0%	19.3%	8.6%	36.1%	36.7%	20.6%	66.5%	(19.9%)	54.0%	2.7%	25.5%	1.2%	9.6%
HF Group	45.3%	23.8%	44.4%	4.7%	5.3%	30.7%	35.0%	29.2%	10.7%	24.4%	84.2%	(0.4%)	5.2%	6.7%	11.7%
ABSA Bank	28.9%	29.3%	60.1%	19.7%	10.1%	8.4%	27.7%	0.2%	6.2%	(21.0%)	89.5%	(0.5%)	27.5%	5.0%	14.2%
I&M Group	17.3%	46.1%	60.8%	35.2%	7.8%	(10.9%)	27.2%	16.2%	17.5%	(18.6%)	67.8%	5.3%	16.3%	6.3%	14.3%
Equity Group	12.5%	21.5%	30.1%	17.2%	7.7%	17.2%	44.0%	15.5%	10.6%	(5.1%)	60.9%	(3.2%)	23.7%	4.2%	10.5%
DTB-K Bank	11.5%	17.9%	28.6%	8.3%	5.7%	15.1%	31.0%	17.3%	3.3%	(8.7%)	62.0%	(4.7%)	11.3%	6.1%	11.4%
Co-operative Bank of Kenya	7.0%	24.4%	52.6%	10.7%	7.8%	11.2%	39.2%	4.4%	9.4%	7.3%	74.0%	2.8%	20.5%	5.4%	12.7%
NCBA Bank	5.0%	25.4%	64.5%	(4.4%)	(0.2%)	7.9%	47.5%	11.5%	2.4%	(9.8%)	58.6%	5.9%	23.1%	7.1%	12.5%
Stanbic Holdings	2.3%	49.1%	154.3%	4.2%	7.9%	(15.1%)	37.6%	(6.3%)	30.3%	(21.0%)	67.0%	(2.4%)	18.5%	5.9%	13.9%
H1'24 Mkt Weighted Average*	28.9%	29.7%	58.6%	17.6%	7.2%	13.6%	38.0%	10.8%	16.1%	(9.3%)	66.5%	0.4%	22.7%	4.7%	11.8%
H1'23 Mkt Weighted Average**	14.3%	28.2%	44.8%	21.0%	7.3%	27.9%	38.9%	26.6%	21.3%	5.3%	72.3%	20.5%	22.9%		

*Market cap weighted as at 13/09/2024

**Market cap weighted as at 21/09/2023

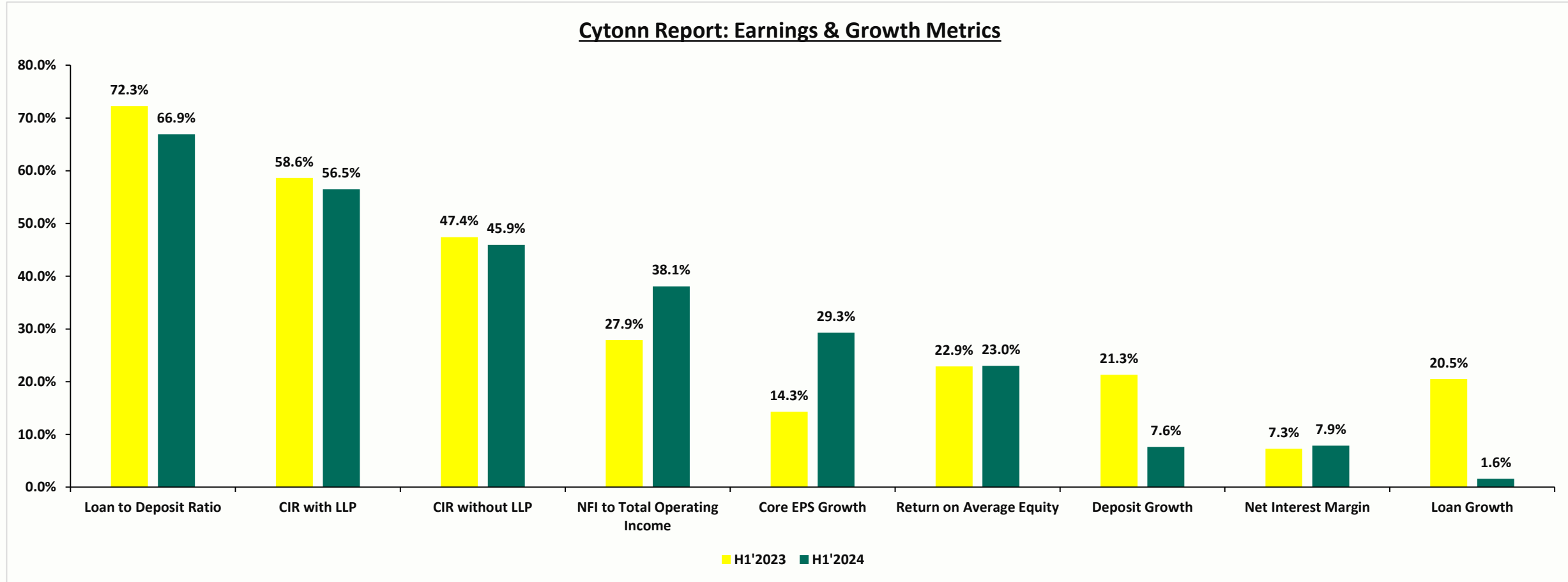
Takeout from Key Operating Metrics

The listed banks recorded a 22.8% weighted average growth on RoaE, 0.1% points lower than 22.9% in H1'2023

- Listed banks recorded a 28.9% growth in core Earnings per Share (EPS) in H1'2024, compared to the weighted average growth of 14.3% in H1'2023, an indication of sustained performance supported by an improved operating environment experienced in H1'2024 on the back of easing inflationary pressures and a strengthening Shilling. The performance during the period was mainly supported by a 17.6% weighted average growth in net interest income, coupled with a 13.6% weighted average growth in non-funded income,
- Investments in government securities by listed banks decreased in H1'2024, having recorded a market-weighted average decline of 9.3%, from the 5.3% growth recorded in H1'2023, with 8 of the 10 listed banks recording a decrease in government securities investments. The decreased investment in Kenya government securities was partly attributable to the increased perceived risk of default by the government on the back of the government's decision to forgo proposed tax increases through the Finance Bill 2024 and rely on expenditure cuts, significantly impacting Kenya's fiscal trajectory and financing needs,
- Interest income recorded a weighted average growth of 29.7% in H1'2024, compared to 28.2% in H1'2023. Similarly, interest expenses recorded a market-weighted average growth of 58.6% in H1'2024 compared to a growth of 44.8% in H1'2023. Consequently, net interest income recorded a weighted average growth of 17.6% in H1'2024, albeit lower than the 21.0% growth recorded in H1'2023,
- The listed banks recorded a 22.7% weighted average growth on return on average equity (RoaE), 0.2% points lower than the 22.9% growth registered in H1'2023

Listed Banks Earnings and Growth Metrics Cont...

The banking sector has witnessed decreased customer loans registering a growth rate of 1.6% in H1'2024, 18.9% points lower than the 20.5% growth in H1'2023



Listed Banks Operating Metrics

Asset quality for the listed banks deteriorated during the period, with the market-weighted average NPL ratio increasing by 0.7% points to 13.4% from a 12.7% in H1'2023

Cytonn Report: Listed Banks Asset Quality						
	H1'2023 NPL Ratio*	H1'2024 NPL Ratio**	% point change in NPL Ratio	H1'2023 NPL Coverage*	H1'2024 NPL Coverage**	% point change in NPL Coverage
EQTY	11.2%	13.9%	2.7%	54.5%	58.8%	4.3%
CO-OP	14.6%	16.7%	2.1%	60.7%	59.5%	(1.2%)
ABSA	9.5%	11.5%	2.0%	69.4%	67.7%	(1.7%)
DTB-K	12.3%	13.5%	1.3%	46.4%	44.4%	(2.0%)
HF	23.1%	24.2%	1.1%	72.0%	75.6%	3.6%
KCB	17.2%	18.1%	0.9%	16.2%	18.1%	1.9%
STANBIC	9.2%	9.5%	0.3%	57.4%	75.0%	17.6%
NCBA	13.4%	12.2%	(1.2%)	57.8%	59.8%	2.0%
I & M	12.7%	11.4%	(1.3%)	49.8%	57.9%	8.1%
SCBK	14.4%	8.4%	(5.9%)	86.8%	83.7%	(3.1%)
Mkt Weighted Average*	12.7%	13.4%	0.6%	60.1%	57.5%	(2.6%)
*Market cap weighted as at 13/09/2024						
**Market cap weighted as at 21/09/2023						

Listed Banks Trading Metrics

The listed banking sector has continued to trade at cheaper prices compared to historical averages, currently trading at an average P/TBV of 0.8x and average P/E of 3.4x

Bank	No. of shares (bn)	Market Cap (Kshs bn)	P/E	Price*	P/TBV
Absa Bank	5.4	76.9	4.1x	14.15	1.1x
NCBA Group	1.6	66.3	3.3x	40.25	0.8x
Equity Bank	3.8	163.0	3.5x	43.20	0.8x
KCB Group	3.2	104.1	2.2x	32.40	0.5x
SCBK	0.4	79.7	4.6x	211.00	1.4x
Coop Bank	5.9	76.9	3.3x	13.10	0.6x
Stanbic Bank	0.4	47.4	3.7x	120.00	0.8x
DTBK	0.3	12.7	1.5x	45.60	0.2x
I&M Holdings	1.7	36.6	2.5x	22.15	0.5x
HF Group	0.4	1.6	3.3x	4.12	0.2x
Weighted Average H1'2024			3.4x		0.8x

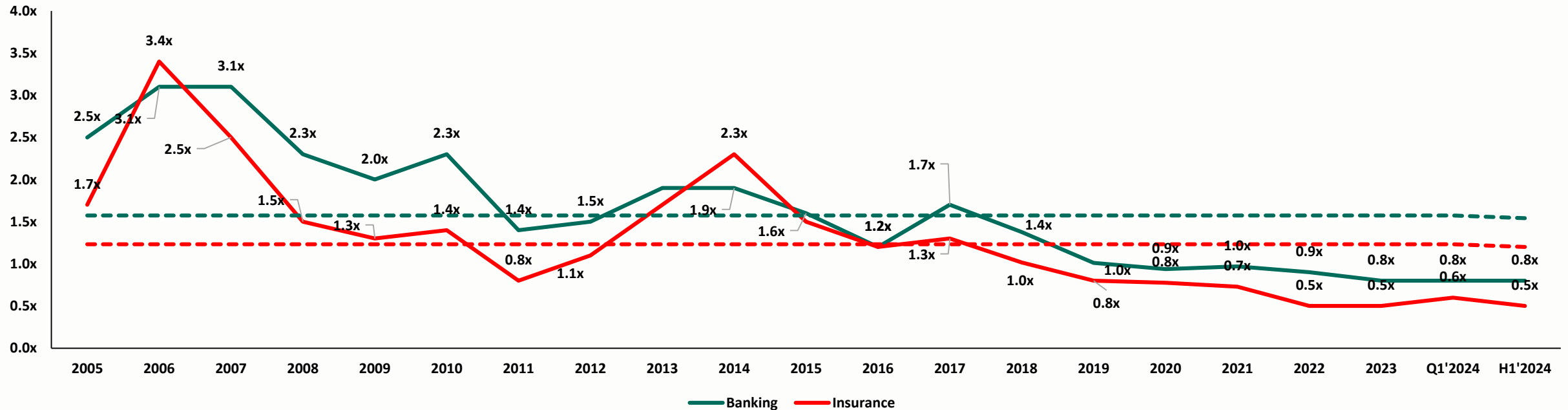
*Prices as at 14th September 2024

Listed Banks & Insurance Trading Metrics

Listed banks are trading at an average P/B of 0.8x, higher than the insurance sector, which is priced at 0.5x. Both sectors are trading below their 18-year averages of 1.6x and 1.2x, respectively

18 year Price to Book Value: Banking and Insurance

Cytonn Report: Price to Book Comparison



On a price to book valuation, listed banks are currently priced at a P/BV of 0.8x, higher than listed insurance companies at 0.5x, with both lower than their historical averages of 1.6x for the banking sector and 1.2x for the insurance sector

V. Banks Valuation Reports

Ranking by Franchise Value

Standard Chartered Bank emerged top in the franchise ranking having had the lowest cost to income ratio of 44.4% against a weighted market average of 56.8% for the listed banks

Bank	LDR	CIR	ROACE	NIM	PEG ratio	PTBV	Deposits/ Branch	Gross NPL Ratio	NPL Coverage	Tangible Common Ratio	Non Interest Income/ Revenue	Camel Rating	Total	Rank
SCBK	10	1	1	2	9	10	2	1	1	2	5	1	45	1
Stanbic Bank	6	2	7	3	7	7	1	2	3	8	4	2	52	2
Absa Bank	2	3	2	1	8	9	5	4	4	3	9	3	53	3
Coop Bank	3	4	6	4	5	5	9	8	7	1	3	7	62	4
NCBA Group I&M Holdings	9	6	4	8	6	6	3	5	6	6	1	6	66	5
	5	8	8	5	4	3	4	3	9	5	10	4	68	6
KCB Group	4	5	5	7	1	4	8	9	5	9	6	9	72	7
Equity Bank	8	7	3	6	3	8	6	7	8	10	2	5	73	8
DTBK	7	9	9	9	2	1	7	6	10	7	8	8	83	9
HF Group	1	10	10	10	10	2	10	10	2	4	7	10	86	10

Valuation Summary of Listed Banks

Equity Bank presents the highest return with a total potential return of 47.1%

(all values in Kshs)

Bank	Current Price	Target Price	Upside/(Downside)	DPS	Dividend Yield	Total Potential Return	H1'2024 Ranking
Equity Bank	43.2	59.6	38.0%	4.00	9.2%	47.1%	1
DTBK	45.6	58.8	28.9%	6.00	11.0%	39.9%	2
Absa Bank	14.2	18.1	27.6%	1.55	11.2%	38.8%	3
Coop Bank	13.1	13.5	27.4%	1.50	11.1%	38.5%	4
NCBA Group	40.3	51.1	26.8%	4.75	11.3%	38.2%	5
Stanbic Bank	120.0	149.4	24.5%	15.35	13.1%	37.6%	6
I&M Holdings	22.2	22.2	24.1%	2.55	12.4%	36.5%	7
SCBK	211.0	242.4	14.9%	29.00	14.8%	29.7%	8
KCB Group	32.4	41.7	28.7%	0.00	0.0%	28.7%	9
HF Group	4.1	4.5	4.4%	0.00	0.0%	4.4%	10

Cytonn Banking Report - Comprehensive Ranking

ABSA Bank Kenya emerged top of the ranking in terms of comprehensive ranking

(all values in Kshs unless stated otherwise)

Bank	Franchise Value Rank	Intrinsic Value Rank	Weighted Rank Score	H1'2023 Rank	H1'2024 Rank
Absa Bank	3	3	3.0	1	1
Stanbic Bank	2	6	3.6	5	2
SCBK	1	8	3.8	9	3
Coop Bank	4	4	4.0	4	4
NCBA Group	5	5	5.0	7	5
Equity Bank	8	1	5.2	6	6
DTBK	9	2	6.2	8	7
I&M Holdings	6	7	6.4	2	8
KCB Group	7	9	7.8	3	9
HF Group	10	10	10.0	10	10

VI. Appendix

A. Tier I Banks

I. Equity Group Holdings

Equity Group Summary of Performance – H1'2024

- Profit before tax increased by 5.7% to Kshs 37.2 bn from Kshs 35.2 bn in H1'2023, with effective tax rate declining to 20.3% in H1'2024 from 25.1% in H1'2023. As such, profit after tax increased by 12.5% to Kshs 29.6 bn in H1'2024, from Kshs 26.3 bn in H1'2023.
- Total operating income increased by 17.2% to Kshs 97.1 bn, from Kshs 82.9 bn in H1'2023, mainly driven by a 17.2% growth in Net Interest Income to Kshs 54.4 bn, from Kshs 46.4 bn in H1'2023, coupled with a 17.2% growth in Non funded Income (NFI) to Kshs 42.8 bn, from Kshs 36.5 bn in H1'2023,
- Total operating expenses increased by 25.7% to Kshs 60.0 bn from Kshs 47.7 bn in H1'2023, driven by a 48.3% increase in loan loss provisions to Kshs 10.5 bn from Kshs 7.1 bn recorded in H1'2023, coupled with a 12.5% increase in staff costs to Kshs 16.0 bn from Kshs 14.2 bn in H1'2023
- The balance sheet recorded an expansion as total assets increased by 6.2% to Kshs 1,746.0 bn, from Kshs 1,644.8 bn in H1'2023.
- Gross Non-Performing Loans (NPLs) increased by 23.0% to Kshs 119.9 bn in H1'2024 from Kshs 97.5 bn in H1'2023, while Gross Loans decreased by 1.0% to Kshs 861.6 bn from Kshs 870.3 bn in H1'2023. Consequently, the asset quality deteriorated with the NPL ratio rising to 13.9% in H1'2024 from 11.2%

Going forward, we expect the bank's growth to be driven by:

- I. Geographical Diversification** – The bank has been aggressively expanding into other regions, namely DRC, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda and Ethiopia. . Notably, in H1'2024, Profit Before Tax (PBT) of the Equity Group Holdings' subsidiaries amounted to Kshs. 18.7 bn, representing 55.0% of the Group's overall profit

Financial Statements Extracts

Equity Group's PAT is expected to grow at a 5-year CAGR of 27.8%

Income Statement	2021	2022	2023	2024f
Net Interest Income	68.8	86.0	104.2	172.1
Non Funded Income	44.6	59.9	78.31	118.3
Total Operating Income	113.4	145.9	182.5	290.4
Loan Loss Provision	(5.1)	(15.4)	(35.3)	(21.7)
Other Operating Expenses	(55.7)	(70.7)	(95.4)	(150.6)
Total Operating Expenses	(61.5)	(86.1)	(130.6)	(172.3)
Profit Before Tax	51.9	59.8	51.9	118.1
Profit After tax	40.1	46.1	43.7	82.6
% PAT Change YoY	99.4%	15.1%	(5.1%)	88.9%
EPS	10.6	12.2	11.6	21.9
DPS	3.0	4.0	4.0	5.0
Cost to Income	54.2%	59.0%	71.6%	59.3%
NIM	6.8%	7.2%	7.4%	17.6%
ROaE	26.6%	26.7%	22.8%	28.0%
ROaA	3.5%	3.4%	2.7%	3.0%
Balance Sheet	2021	2022	2023	2024f
Net Loans and Advances	587.8	706.6	887.4	1921.1
Government Securities	228.5	219.2	246.7	328.7
Other Assets	488.7	521.2	687.4	1377.3
Total Assets	1304.9	1447.0	1821.4	3627.1
Customer Deposits	959.0	1052.2	1358.2	2952.3
Other Liabilities	169.7	212.6	241.1	281.2
Total Liabilities	1128.7	1264.8	1603.3	3233.5
Shareholders Equity	169.2	176.2	207.8	383.3
Number of Shares	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.8
Book value Per share	44.8	46.7	55.1	101.57
% Change in BPS YoY	28.0%	4.2%	17.9%	84.5%

Valuation Summary

Equity Group is undervalued with a total potential return of 31.1%

Valuation Summary:	Implied Price	Weighting	Weighted Value
DDM	90.4	40.0%	36.2
Residual Income	34.5	30.0%	10.4
PBV Multiple	40.9	15.0%	6.1
PE Multiple	46.5	15.0%	7.0
Fair Value			59.6
Current Price			43.2
Upside/(Downside)			38.0%
Dividend Yield			9.2%
Total Potential Return			47.1%

II. KCB Group

KCB Group Summary of Performance – H1'2024

- Profit before tax increased by 69.7% to Kshs 38.1 bn, from Kshs 22.5 bn recorded in H1'2023, with effective tax rate decreasing to 21.5% in H1'2024 from 28.5% in H1'2023, leading to an 86.4% increase in profit after tax to Kshs 29.9 bn in H1'2024, from Kshs 16.1 bn in H1'2023.
- Total operating income increased by 29.5% to Kshs 48.5 bn, from Kshs 36.9 bn in Q1'2023, mainly driven by a 34.8% growth in Net Interest Income (NII) to Kshs 61.3 bn, from Kshs 45.5 bn in H1'2023, coupled with the 20.8% increase in Non Interest Income (NFI) to Kshs 33.3 bn from Kshs 27.6 bn in H1'2023,
- Total operating expenses increased by 11.7% to Kshs 56.5 bn from Kshs 50.6 bn in H1'2023, driven by a 10.4% increase in staff costs to Kshs 19.3 bn from Kshs 17.5 bn recorded in H1'2023, coupled with a 9.0% increase in other operating expenses to Kshs 25.0 bn, from Kshs 23.0 bn recorded in H1'2023 together with the 19.7% increase in loan loss provisions to Kshs 12.2 bn, from Kshs 10.2 bn recorded in H1'2023,
- The bank's Asset Quality deteriorated, with Gross NPL ratio increasing to 18.1% in H1'2024, from 16.2% in H1'2023, attributable to a 16.5% increase in Gross non-performing loans to Kshs 212.1 bn, from Kshs 182.0 bn in H1'2023, compared to the 4.2% increase in gross loans to Kshs 1,172.3 bn, from Kshs 1,125.2 bn recorded in H1'2023,
- Going forward, we expect the bank's growth to be driven by:
 - i. Continued Digitization** - The Group has continued to maximize on digital transformation. As of FY'2023, 99.0% of the transactions by number were done through the non-branch channels. Notably, the Group witnessed 77.0% growth in the value of mobile loans disbursed mainly driven by Fuliza, introduction of term loans on KCB Mobi and new mobile lending products for small businesses.

Financial Statements Extracts

KCB Group's PAT is expected to grow at a 5-year CAGR of 21.2%

Income Statement	2021	2022	2023	2024f
Net Interest Income	77.7	86.7	107.3	123.9
Non Funded Income	30.9	43.3	57.9	72.1
Total Operating Income	108.6	129.9	165.2	196.0
Loan Loss Provision	13.0	13.2	(33.6)	43.5
Other Operating Expenses	47.8	59.4	150.4	86.3
Total Operating Expenses	60.8	72.6	116.8	129.7
Profit Before Tax	47.8	57.3	48.5	66.3
% PAT Change YoY	74.3%	19.5%	(8.3%)	23.9%
EPS	10.6	12.7	11.7	14.4
DPS	3.0	2.0	0.0	2.5
Cost to Income (with LLP)	56.0%	55.9%	70.7%	66.2%
NIM	8.4%	7.5%	4.3%	5.7%
ROE	21.8%	22.0%	17.5%	17.2%
ROA	3.2%	3.0%	2.0%	1.9%
Balance Sheet	2021	2022	2023	2024f
Net Loans and Advances	675.5	863.3	1095.9	1436.4
Government Securities	270.8	278.0	397.2	522.4
Other Assets	193.4	412.7	677.7	738.4
Total Assets	1139.7	1554.0	2170.9	2697.1
Customer Deposits	837.1	1135.4	1690.9	2121.1
Other Liabilities	129.0	212.3	243.6	258.6
Total Liabilities	966.2	1347.8	1934.5	2379.7
Shareholders Equity	171.7	200.2	228.3	310.4
Number of Shares	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2
Book value Per share	53.4	62.3	71.1	96.6
% Change in BPS YoY	20.6%	16.6%	14.0%	35.9%

Valuation Summary

KCB Group is undervalued with a total potential return of 28.7%

Valuation Summary	Implied Price	Weighting	Weighted Value
DDM	60.9	40%	24.3
Residual Income	12.3	35%	4.3
PBV Multiple	58.6	15%	8.8
PE Multiple	45.5	10%	4.5
Target Price			41.7
Current Price			32.4
Upside/(Downside)			28.7%
Dividend Yield			0.0%
Total Return			28.7%

III. Co-operative Bank

Cooperative Bank Summary of Performance – H1'2024

- Profit before tax increased by 10.7% to Kshs 18.2 bn, from Kshs 16.4 bn recorded in H1'2023, with effective tax rate increasing to 29.5% in H1'2024 from 29.0% in H1'2023, leading to a 7.0% increase in profit after tax to Kshs 2.2 bn in H1'2024, from Kshs 2.1 bn in H1'2023.
- Core earnings per share grew by 7.0% to Kshs 2.2, from Kshs 2.1 in H1'2023, driven by the 10.9% increase in total operating income to Kshs 39.2 bn, from Kshs 35.4 bn in H1'2023. However, the performance was weighed down by an 11.1% increase in total operating expenses to Kshs 21.3 bn from Kshs 19.1 bn in H1'2023,
- The 10.9% increase in total operating income was mainly driven by an 11.2% increase in Non Interest Income (NFI) to Kshs 15.4 bn from Kshs 13.8 bn in H1'2023, coupled with the 10.7% growth in Net Interest Income (NII) to Kshs 23.9 bn, from Kshs 21.5 bn in H1'2023,
- The bank's Asset Quality deteriorated, with Gross NPL ratio increasing to 16.7% in H1'2024, from 14.6% in H1'2023, attributable to a 19.0% increase in Gross non-performing loans to Kshs 69.9 bn, from Kshs 58.4 bn in H1'2023, compared to the 4.0% increase in gross loans to Kshs 417.0 bn, from Kshs 400.9 bn recorded in H1'2023,

Going forward, we expect the bank's growth to be driven by:

- **Strong Customer Base** – Cooperative Bank still retains a loyal yet diverse customer base that includes cooperatives, SMEs, retail customers, and government institutions. We anticipate that the bank will keep leveraging on this base to improve its loan book which this half-year expanded by 2.8% to Kshs 375.6 bn from Kshs 365.4 bn in H1'2023.
- **Diversified products** – The bank has in recent days launched a number of products and continues to simultaneously offer differentiated products for diaspora bankers, micro and small enterprises, home and vehicle insurance, bancassurance and the Sacco Mco-op cash. This diversification is expected to continue improving the Non-funded Income of the bank which this half-year came in at 15.4 bn, an 11.2% increase from Kshs 19.1 bn in H1'2023,

Financial Statements Extracts

Cooperative Bank's PAT is expected to grow at a 5-year CAGR of 5.3%

Income Statement	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024F
Interest Income	43.0	43.6	39.6	55.6	61.7	69.1	79.0
Interest Expense	(12.2)	(12.3)	(10.9)	(14.6)	(16.2)	(23.8)	(25.4)
Net Interest Income	30.8	31.3	28.7	41.0	45.5	45.2	53.6
Non Funded Income	12.9	17.2	15.7	19.4	25.7	26.5	29.5
Total Operating Income	43.7	48.5	44.4	60.4	71.3	71.7	83.1
Loan Loss Provision	(1.8)	(2.5)	(6.0)	(7.9)	(8.7)	(6.0)	(4.5)
Other Operating Expenses	(23.9)	(25.3)	(21.9)	(30.2)	(33.6)	(33.7)	(38.5)
Total Operating Expenses	(25.7)	(27.8)	(28.0)	(38.1)	(42.2)	(39.7)	(43.0)
Profit Before Tax	18.2	20.7	16.5	22.6	29.4	32.4	40.5
Profit After tax	12.7	14.3	11.6	16.5	22.0	23.2	28.8
% PAT Change YoY	11.6%	12.4%	-18.8%	42.3%	33.2%	5.2%	24.1%
EPS	1.9	2.1	1.7	2.8	3.8	4.0	4.9
DPS	1.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	1.5	1.5	2.0
Cost to Income	58.8%	57.4%	63.0%	63.0%	59.3%	55.3%	51.7%
ROE	18.3%	19.2%	14.2%	17.3%	21.2%	21.0%	23.3%
ROA	3.2%	3.3%	2.3%	3.0%	3.7%	3.6%	4.0%
Balance Sheet							
Net Loans and Advances	245.4	266.7	306.3	310.2	339.4	374.2	421.6
Government Securities	80.3	117.8	193.3	184.1	173.3	189.0	209.7
Other Assets	87.7	72.5	93.3	85.5	94.5	107.9	121.3
Total Assets	413.4	457.0	592.9	579.8	607.2	671.1	752.6
Customer Deposits	306.1	332.8	420.4	407.7	423.8	451.6	508.8
Other Liabilities	36.1	43.3	77.1	71.3	75.4	105.8	110.4
Total Liabilities	342.2	376.2	497.5	479.0	499.3	557.5	619.2
Shareholders Equity	69.9	79.3	95.0	100.2	107.7	113.6	133.3
Number of Shares	6.9	6.9	6.9	5.9	5.9	5.9	5.9
Book value Per share	10.2	11.6	13.8	17.1	18.4	19.4	22.7
% Change in BPS YoY	-14.2%	13.6%	19.8%	23.4%	7.4%	5.5%	17.4%

Valuation Summary

Co-operative Bank is undervalued with a total potential return of 38.5%

Valuation Summary	Implied Price	Weighting	Weighted Value
DDM	13.0	40%	5.2
Residual Income	10.3	35%	3.6
PBV Multiple	9.5	20%	1.9
PE Multiple	13.0	5%	0.7
Target Price			13.5
Current Price			13.1
Upside/(Downside)			27.4%
Dividend Yield			11.1%
Total Return			38.5%

IV. NCBA Bank

NCBA Bank Summary of Performance – H1'2024

- Profit before tax decreased by 1.6% to Kshs 12.2 bn from Kshs 12.4 bn in H1'2023, with effective tax rate decreasing to 19.3% in H1'2024, from 24.4% in H1'2023, leading to a 5.0% increase in profit after tax to Kshs 9.8 bn in H1'2024, from Kshs 9.3 bn in H1'2023.
- Total operating income increased by 1.1% to Kshs 31.4 bn, from Kshs 31.0 bn in H1'2023, driven by 7.9% increase in Non Interest Income (NFI) to Kshs 14.9 bn from Kshs 13.8 bn in H1'2023, which outpaced the 4.4% decline in Net Interest Income (NII) to Kshs 16.5 bn, from Kshs 17.2 bn in H1'2023,
- Total operating expenses increased by 2.8% to Kshs 19.2 bn from Kshs 18.7 bn in H1'2023, driven by 17.7% increase in staff costs to Kshs 6.9 bn from Kshs 5.8 bn recorded in H1'2023, coupled with a 14.0% increase in other operating expenses to Kshs 9.6 bn, from Kshs 8.4 bn recorded in H1'2023, which outpaced the 38.3% decrease in loan loss provisions to Kshs 2.7 bn, from Kshs 4.4 bn recorded in H1'2023
- The balance sheet recorded an expansion with total assets growing by 4.4% to Kshs 689.1 bn, from Kshs 660.3 bn in H1'2024
- The group's Asset Quality improved, with Gross NPL ratio decreasing to 12.2% in H1'2024, from 13.4% in H1'2023, attributable to the slower 4.1% decrease in Gross non-performing loans to Kshs 40.9 bn, from Kshs 42.6 bn in H1'2023, which outpaced the 5.4% increase in gross loans to Kshs 334.1 bn, from Kshs 317.0 bn recorded in H1'2023,
- Going forward, we expect the bank's growth to be driven by:
 - i. Digital transformation.** The lender has capitalized on digital innovation for service delivery over the past years to improve its operational efficiency, which has been a key factor in its financial performance. In August 2024, the lender disclosed that they had disbursed a total of Kshs 478.0 bn via digital banking avenues, including Fuliza, Mshwari and Loop in H1'2024, remaining a market leader in digital lending.
 - ii. Revenue diversification.** The lender has also capitalized on revenue diversification and increasing the top line contribution of all the business lines. Notably, subsidiary contribution to group's total revenue has increased over the period, contributing 19.0% in H1'2024 from 14.0% in H1'2023. Further, the 100.0% acquisition of AIG Kenya Insurance is set to increase the non-funded revenue base more.

Financial Statements Extracts

NCBA Group's PAT is expected to grow at a 5-year CAGR of 19.0%

Income Statement	2021	2022	2023	2024e
Net Interest Income	27.0	30.7	34.6	41.3
Non Funded Income	22.1	30.3	29.1	35.4
Total Operating Income	49.2	60.9	63.7	76.6
Loan Loss Provision	(12.7)	(13.1)	(9.2)	(10.8)
Other Operating Expenses	(20.7)	(24.9)	(29.1)	(35.0)
Total Operating Expenses	(33.4)	(37.9)	(38.2)	(45.8)
Profit Before Tax	15.0	22.5	25.5	30.8
Profit After Tax	10.2	13.8	21.5	24.5
% PAT Change YoY	70.6%	34.8%	55.7%	14.3%
EPS	6.2	8.4	13.0	14.9
DPS	3.0	4.3	4.8	4.8
Cost to Income (with LLP)	68.1%	62.2%	60.0%	59.8%
NIM	5.7%	5.9%	5.9%	5.9%
ROE	13.6%	17.2%	24.0%	23.4%
ROA	1.8%	2.3%	3.2%	3.1%
Balance Sheet	2021e	2022f	2023F	2024F
Net Loans and Advances	244.0	278.9	337.0	398.8
Government Securities	196.1	205.4	203.4	255.9
Other Assets	151.0	135.4	194.2	217.4
Total Assets	591.1	619.7	734.6	872.0
Customer Deposits	469.9	502.7	579.4	667.8
Other Liabilities	43.2	34.6	58.6	58.7
Total Liabilities	513.1	537.2	638.0	726.6
Shareholders Equity	77.9	82.4	96.7	113.4
Number of Shares	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6
Book value Per share	47.3	50.0	58.7	68.8
% Change in BPS YoY	7.6%	5.9%	17.3%	17.3%

Valuation Summary

NCBA Group is undervalued with a total potential return of 44.0%

Valuation Summary	Implied Price	Weighting	Weighted Value
DDM Integrated	78.8	40%	31.5
Residual Valuation	30.7	35%	10.7
PBV Multiple	38.9	20%	7.8
PE Multiple	40.8	5%	2.0
Target Price			51.1
Current Price			40.3
Upside/(Downside)			26.8%
Dividend Yield			11.3%
Total Potential Return			38.2%

V. Standard Chartered Bank Kenya

SCBK's Summary of Performance – H1'2024

- Core earnings per share increased by 48.9% to Kshs 27.2, from Kshs 18.3 in H1'2023, mainly driven by the 24.9% increase in total operating income to Kshs 26.1 bn, from Kshs 20.9bn in H1'2023,
- The 24.9% growth in total operating income was mainly driven by a 19.3% growth in Net Interest Income to Kshs 16.5 bn, from Kshs 13.9 bn in H1'2023, coupled with a 36.1% growth in Non funded Income (NFI) to Kshs 9.6 bn, from Kshs 7.0 bn in H1'2023,
- Total operating expenses increased by 3.1% to Kshs 11.6 bn from Kshs 11.2 bn in H1'2023, driven by the 14.8% increase in staff costs to Kshs 4.7 bn from Kshs 4.1 bn in H1'2023, coupled with a 4.3% increase in other operating expenses to Kshs 5.4 bn from Kshs 5.1 bn in H1'2023. The growth in total operating expenses was however weighed down by the 23.3% decrease in loan loss provisions to Kshs 1.6 bn, from Kshs 2.0 bn in H1'2023
- The balance sheet recorded an expansion as total assets grew by 4.3% to Kshs 377.3 bn, from Kshs 361.5 bn in H1'2023,
- The bank's Asset Quality improved, with Gross NPL ratio decreasing to 8.4% in H1'2024, from 14.4% in H1'2023, attributable to the 42.9% decrease in gross non-performing loans to Kshs 13.6 bn, from Kshs 23.8 bn in H1'2023, relative to the slower 2.3% decrease in gross loans to Kshs 160.9 bn, from Kshs 165.6 bn recorded in H1'2023,
- Going forward, we expect the bank's growth to be driven by:
 - i. **Digital transformation** -The lender has leveraged digital innovation to enhance service delivery, enabling customers to invest in various funds such as offshore mutual funds, government securities, and local money market funds, as well as to access digital loans. This digital shift has significantly contributed to the lender's financial performance. The convenience and speed offered by digital banking services have made it easier for customers to manage their finances and access financial products, leading to higher customer satisfaction and loyalty. Consequently, the lender's adoption of digital solutions has positioned it as a competitive player in the financial market, driving growth and expanding its market share.

Financial Statements Extracts

SCBK's PAT is expected to grow at a 5-year CAGR of 26.3%

Income Statement	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024f
Net Interest Income	19.5	19.1	18.8	22.2	29.3	33.9
Non Funded Income	9.2	8.3	10.4	11.8	12.4	20.0
Total Operating Income	28.7	27.4	29.2	34.0	41.7	53.8
Loan Loss Provision	0.6	3.9	2.1	1.3	3.4	1.9
Other Operating Expenses	16.0	16.1	14.5	15.5	18.7	22.9
Total Operating Expenses	16.5	20.0	16.6	16.9	22.1	24.8
Profit Before Tax	12.2	7.4	12.6	17.1	19.7	29.0
Profit After tax	8.2	5.4	9.0	12.1	13.8	20.4
% PAT Change YoY	1.7%	-33.9%	66.2%	33.3%	14.7%	47.4%
EPS	21.9	14.4	24.0	32.0	36.7	54.1
DPS	20.0	10.5	14.0	22.0	29.0	30.0
Cost to Income	57.6%	73.0%	56.8%	49.7%	52.9%	46.1%
NIM	7.4%	6.8%	6.4%	7.0%	8.3%	7.8%
ROaE	17.5%	11.0%	17.4%	22.1%	23.5%	26.3%
ROaA	2.8%	1.7%	2.7%	3.4%	3.4%	4.1%
Balance Sheet	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024f
Net Loans and Advances	128.7	121.5	126.0	139.4	163.2	211.4
Government Securities	99.6	99.8	95.6	105.7	69.6	114.9
Other assets	73.8	104.3	113.3	136.2	196.2	247.4
Total Assets	302.1	325.6	334.9	381.3	429.0	573.7
Customer Deposits	228.4	256.5	265.5	278.9	342.9	436.8
Other Liabilities	25.9	18.2	16.2	46.2	24.6	43.6
Total Liabilities	254.4	274.7	281.7	325.1	367.4	480.4
Shareholders Equity	47.8	50.9	53.2	56.1	61.5	93.3
Number of shares	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Book value Per share	126.7	135.0	141.2	148.9	163.2	247.5
% Change in BPS YoY	2.4%	6.6%	4.6%	5.5%	9.6%	51.6%

Valuation Summary

SCBK is undervalued with a total potential return of 29.4%

Valuation Summary	Implied Price	Weighting	Weighted Value
DDM Integrated	408.0	40%	163.2
Residual Income	160.9	10%	16.1
PBV Multiple	127.4	20%	25.5
PE Multiple	125.3	30%	37.6
Target Price			242.4
Current Price			211.0
Upside/(Downside)			15.6%
Dividend Yield			13.7%
Total Return			29.4%

VI. Diamond Trust Bank Kenya

DTB K Holdings Summary of Performance –H1'2024

- Profit before tax increased by 4.3% to Kshs 6.3 bn, from Kshs 6.0 bn recorded in H1'2023, with effective tax rate decreasing to 22.6% in H1'2024 from 27.6% in H1'2023, leading to an 11.5% increase in profit after tax Kshs 4.9 bn, from Kshs 4.4 bn recorded in H1'2023.
- Core earnings per share grew by 11.5% to Kshs 17.4, from Kshs 15.6 in H1'2023, driven by the 10.3% increase in total operating income to Kshs 20.6 bn, from Kshs 18.7 bn in H1'2023. However, the performance was weighed down by an 12.1% increase in total operating expenses to Kshs 14.2 bn from Kshs 12.7 bn in H1'2023,
- The 10.3% increase in total operating income was mainly driven by a 15.1% growth in Non Interest Income (NFI) to Kshs 6.4 bn, from Kshs 5.5 bn in H1'2023, coupled with the 8.3% increase in Net Interest Income (NII)
- to Kshs 14.2 bn from Kshs 13.1 bn in H1'2023,
- 12.1% to Kshs 14.2 bn from Kshs 12.7 bn in H1'2023, driven by an 11.5% increase in staff costs to Kshs 4.5 bn from Kshs 4.1 bn recorded in H1'2023, coupled with a 13.1% increase in other operating expenses to Kshs 6.1 bn, from Kshs 5.4 bn recorded in H1'2023 together with the 11.1% increase in loan loss provisions to Kshs 3.6 bn, from Kshs 3.3 bn recorded in H1'2023.
- The bank's Asset Quality deteriorated, with Gross NPL ratio increasing to 13.5% in H1'2024, from 12.3% in H1'2023, attributable to a 5.6% increase in Gross non-performing loans to Kshs 38.6 bn, from Kshs 36.5 bn in H1'2023, compared to the 4.4% decline in gross loans to Kshs 285.0 bn, from Kshs 298.1 bn recorded in H1'2023,

Going forward, we expect the bank's growth to be driven by:

- **Revenue Diversification.** The lender has a great opportunity to explore the growth of its non-funded income streams, which grew by 15.1% to Kshs 6.4 bn, from Kshs 5.5 bn in H1'2023. They have, over the years, launched a number of products and continue to simultaneously offer differentiated products for diaspora bankers, micro and small enterprises, home and vehicle insurance, bancassurance, and the DTB Weza platform which makes overdrafts much more accessible,

Financial Statements Extracts

DTB K Holdings PAT is expected to grow at a 5-year CAGR of 30.3%

Income Statement	2017	2018f	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024f
Net Interest Income	19.7	20.0	18.7	18.1	20.0	22.9	27.6	28.6
Non Funded Income	5.3	5.4	5.8	6.1	6.3	9.1	12.2	14.1
Total Operating Income	25.0	25.5	24.5	24.2	26.3	31.9	39.7	42.8
Loan Loss Provision	4.3	3.0	1.3	7.3	7.6	7.1	10.3	11.5
Other Operating Expenses	10.6	11.5	11.9	12.3	12.3	14.9	20.5	21.1
Total Operating Expenses	14.9	14.5	13.2	19.7	19.9	22.1	30.9	32.6
Profit Before Tax	10.1	11.0	11.3	4.7	6.6	9.5	9.0	10.3
Profit After tax	6.9	7.1	7.3	3.5	4.4	6.8	7.8	12.7
% PAT Change YoY	-10.3%	2.3%	2.6%	-51.5%	25.1%	53.9%	14.7%	62.7%
EPS	24.8	25.3	26.0	12.6	15.8	24.3	27.9	45.4
DPS	2.6	2.6	2.7	0.0	3.0	5.0	6.0	5.5
Cost to Income	59.6%	56.9%	54.0%	81.3%	75.6%	69.1%	77.7%	76.3%
NIM	6.5%	6.2%	5.6%	5.0%	5.1%	5.3%	5.5%	4.7%
ROE	14.4%	13.9%	12.9%	5.8%	6.8%	10.0%	10.8%	14.8%
ROA	2.0%	1.9%	1.9%	0.9%	1.0%	1.4%	1.3%	1.9%
Balance Sheet	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021e	2022f	2023f	2024f
Net Loans and Advances	196.0	193.1	199.1	208.6	220.4	253.7	308.5	355.4
Government Securities	112.5	115.0	119.3	111.1	83.3	73.5	58.5	96.6
Other Assets	54.7	69.6	67.8	105.3	153.1	199.8	268.0	268.0
Total Assets	363.3	377.7	386.2	425.1	456.8	527.0	635.0	720.0
Customer Deposits	266.2	282.9	280.2	298.2	331.5	387.6	486.1	540.1
Other Liabilities	43.4	35.9	41.5	58.6	50.8	61.8	62.6	71.8
Total Liabilities	309.7	318.8	321.7	356.7	382.3	449.3	548.7	611.8
Shareholders Equity	48.4	53.7	58.9	62.0	67.3	69.0	74.9	96.7
Number of Shares	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Book value Per share	173.0	191.9	210.5	221.6	240.7	246.6	267.8	345.7
% Change in BPS YoY	17.9%	10.9%	9.7%	5.3%	8.6%	2.5%	8.6%	29.1%

Valuation Summary

DTB-K Holdings is undervalued with a total potential return of 39.3%

Valuation Summary:	Implied Price	Weighting	Weighted Value
DDM Integrated	65.6	40%	26.2
Residual Income	45.0	35%	18.0
PBV Multiple	60.8	20%	6.1
PE Multiple	84.6	5%	8.5
Target Price			58.8
Current Price			45.6
Upside/(Downside)			28.9%
Dividend yield			11.0%
Total return			39.9%

VII. ABSA Bank Kenya

ABSA Bank's Summary of Performance – H1'2024

- Core earnings per share increased by 28.9% to Kshs 2.0, from Kshs 1.5 in H1'2023, mainly driven by the 16.3% increase in total operating income to Kshs 31.8 bn, from Kshs 27.4 bn in H1'2023 which outpaced the 8.3% increase in total operating expenses to Kshs 16.6 bn, from Kshs 15.3 bn in H1'2023,
- The 16.3% growth in total operating income was mainly driven by a 19.7% growth in Net Interest Income to Kshs 23.0 bn, from Kshs 19.2 bn in H1'2023, coupled with a 8.4% growth in Non funded Income (NFI) to Kshs 8.8 bn, from Kshs 8.1 bn in H1'2023,
- Total operating expenses increased by 8.3% to Kshs 16.6 bn from Kshs 15.3 bn in H1'2023, driven by the 15.1% increase in other operating expenses to Kshs 5.2 bn from Kshs 4.5 bn in H1'2023, coupled with a 10.1% increase in staff costs to Kshs 6.2 bn from Kshs 5.6 bn in H1'2023 as well as the marginal 0.3% increase in loan loss provisions to remain relatively unchanged at Kshs 5.2 bn,
- The balance sheet recorded a contraction as total assets declined by 4.4% to Kshs 481.4 bn, from Kshs 503.7 bn in H1'2023, driven by a 21.0% decrease in investment in government securities to Kshs 63.7 bn from Kshs 80.7 bn in H1'2023. The performance was further weighed down by a 0.5% loan book contraction to Kshs 316.4 bn, from Kshs 317.9 bn in H1'2023,
- The bank's Asset Quality deteriorated, with Gross NPL ratio increasing to 11.5% in H1'2024, from 9.5% in H1'2023, attributable to the 22.4% increase in gross non-performing loans to Kshs 39.4 bn, from Kshs 32.2 bn in H1'2023, relative to the 0.8% increase in gross loans to Kshs 343.0 bn, from Kshs 340.3 bn recorded in H1'2023,
- Going forward, the factors that would drive the bank's growth would be:
 - i. Continued Digitization** -The bank has continued to leverage digital transformation as a strategy to enhance financial services and customer experience. This expansion in digital distribution has led to an increase in digital loan disbursements and growth in consumer business through the Timiza digital platform, significantly contributing to its financial performance. Additionally, the lender's subsidiary divisions, particularly asset management and insurance, not only diversify the bank's revenue streams but also provide additional value-added services to customers, enhancing overall client retention and satisfaction.

Financial Statements Extracts

Absa Bank's PAT is expected to grow at a 5-year CAGR of 19.2%

Income Statement	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024f
Net Interest Income	23.2	23.4	25.3	32.3	40.0	46.9
Non Funded Income	10.6	11.1	11.7	13.7	14.5	18.9
Total Operating Income	33.8	34.5	36.9	46.0	54.6	65.8
Loan Loss Provision	(4.2)	(9.0)	(4.7)	(6.5)	(9.2)	(10.1)
Other Operating Expenses	(17.3)	(16.6)	(16.7)	(18.7)	(21.6)	(25.0)
Total Operating Expenses	(21.5)	(25.7)	(21.4)	(25.1)	(30.9)	(35.1)
Profit Before Tax	10.8	5.6	15.5	20.8	23.7	30.6
Profit After tax	7.5	4.2	10.9	14.6	16.4	21.5
% PAT Change YoY	0.5%	-44.2%	161.2%	34.2%	12.2%	31.2%
EPS	1.4	0.8	2.0	2.7	3.0	4.0
DPS	1.1	0.0	1.1	1.4	1.6	1.8
Cost to Income	63.6%	74.4%	57.9%	54.7%	56.6%	53.4%
NIM	7.7%	7.1%	7.1%	8.2%	9.4%	10.1%
ROaE	16.7%	9.1%	21.1%	24.3%	24.6%	26.2%
ROaA	2.1%	1.1%	2.7%	3.2%	3.3%	4.0%
Balance Sheet	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024f
Net Loans and Advances	194.9	208.9	234.2	283.6	335.7	371.8
Government Securities	123.0	126.1	132.6	133.5	95.2	110.6
Other Assets	56.1	44.5	61.9	60.2	88.9	79.6
Total Assets	374.0	379.4	428.7	477.2	519.8	562.1
Customer Deposits	237.7	253.6	268.7	303.8	362.7	410.0
Other Liabilities	91.1	79.3	103.5	109.9	87.9	57.5
Total Liabilities	328.8	332.9	372.2	413.6	450.6	467.5
Shareholders Equity	45.2	46.5	56.4	63.6	69.2	94.5
Number of shares	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4	5.4
Book value Per share	8.3	8.6	10.4	11.7	12.7	17.4
% Change in BPS YoY	2.2%	2.9%	21.4%	36.8%	22.6%	36.6%

Valuation Summary

Absa Bank is undervalued with a total potential return of 37.4%

Valuation Summary:	Implied Price	Weighting	Weighted Value
<i>DDM</i>	22.3	40%	8.9
<i>Residual Income</i>	19.7	35%	6.9
<i>PBV Multiple</i>	9.2	20%	1.8
<i>PE Multiple</i>	9.4	5%	0.5
Target Price			18.1
Current Price			14.2
Upside/(Downside)			27.6%
Dividend Yield			11.2%
Total Return			38.8%

VIII. Stanbic Holdings

Stanbic Holdings' Summary of Performance – H1'2024

- Profit before tax increased by 3.0% to Kshs 10.0 bn in H1'2024, from Kshs 9.7 bn recorded in H1'2023, with effective tax rate decreasing to 28.1% in H1'2024 from 27.6% in H1'2023, leading to a 2.3% increase in profit after tax to Kshs 7.2 bn in H1'2024, from Kshs 7.1 bn in H1'2023.
- Total operating income decreased by 4.0% to Kshs 20.1 bn, from Kshs 20.9 bn in H1'2023, driven by a 15.1% decrease in Non Interest Income (NFI) to Kshs 7.6 bn from Kshs 8.9 bn in H1'2023, which outpaced the 4.2% growth in Net Interest Income (NII) to Kshs 12.6 bn, from Kshs 12.1 bn in H1'2023,
- Total operating expenses decreased by 10.1% to Kshs 10.1 bn from Kshs 11.2 bn in H1'2023, driven by 21.0% decrease in other operating expenses to Kshs 3.9 bn from Kshs 4.9 bn recorded in H1'2023, coupled with a 21.7% decrease in loan loss provisions to Kshs 2.0 bn from Kshs 2.5 bn recorded in H1'2023, which outpaced the 11.4% increase in staff costs to Kshs 4.3 bn from Kshs 3.8 bn recorded in H1'2023
- The balance sheet recorded an expansion as total assets grew by 29.6% to Kshs 497.9 bn, from Kshs 384.3 bn in H1'2023
- The bank's Asset Quality deteriorated, with Gross NPL ratio increasing to 9.5% in H1'2024, from 9.2% in H1'2023, attributable to the 2.5% increase in Gross non-performing loans to Kshs 24.4 bn, from Kshs 23.8 bn in H1'2023, which outpaced the 0.5% decrease in gross loans to Kshs 256.5 bn, from Kshs 257.7 bn recorded in H1'2023,
- Going forward, the factors that would drive the bank's growth would be:
 - Digital transformation.** The lender has capitalized on digital innovation for service delivery over the past three years to improve its operational efficiency, which has been a key factor in its financial performance. In March 2024, the lender disclosed that 90.0% of transactions happened on digital channels. In 2022 the bank introduced borderless banking, allowing its customers across East Africa to conduct transaction smoothly and in real time, which has registered USD 697.0 mn worth of transactions as of December 2023.

Financial Statements Extracts

Stanbic Holdings' PAT is expected to grow at a 5-year CAGR of 16.6%

Income Statement	2021	2022	2023	2024f
Net Interest Income	12.8	14.4	18.9	21.4
Non Funded Income	10.4	10.6	13.1	14.2
Total Operating Income	23.2	25.0	32.1	35.6
Loan Loss Provision	(4.9)	(2.5)	(4.9)	(7.4)
Total Operating Expenses	(12.1)	(12.7)	(19.9)	(20.5)
Profit Before Tax	6.2	9.8	12.2	15.1
% PAT Change YoY	(18.6%)	38.8%	25.7%	19.3%
EPS	13.1	18.2	22.9	27.4
DPS	3.8	9.0	12.6	12.6
Cost to Income (with LLP)	52.2%	61.0%	62.1	57.6%
NIM	4.7%	5.0%	5.7%	5.9%
ROaE	10.3%	13.3%	15.3%	17.2%
ROaA	1.6%	2.2%	2.5%	2.5%
Balance Sheet	2021	2022	2023	2024f
Net Loans and Advances	196.3	229.3	266.8	283.0
Other Assets	132.3	99.6	133.0	169.9
Total Assets	328.6	328.9	399.8	452.6
Customer Deposits	260.0	254.6	304.3	336.3
Borrowings	5.5	5.7	10.1	14.8
Other Liabilities	11.4	12.1	23.2	40.1
Total Liabilities	276.9	272.4	337.6	391.2
Shareholders Equity	51.7	56.5	62.2	61.5
No of Ordinary Shares	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
Book value Per share	130.9	142.8	157.3	170.1
% Change in BVPS	5.5%	9.1%	2.0%	8.1%

Valuation Summary

Stanbic Holdings is undervalued with a total potential return of 33.9%

Valuation Summary:	Implied Price	Weighting	Weighted Value
DDM Integrated	187.4	35%	65.6
Residual Income	127.6	35%	44.6
PBV Multiple	97.3	20%	19.5
PE Multiple	115.3	10%	11.5
Target Price			149.4
Current Price			120.0
Upside/(Downside)			24.5%
Dividend Yield			12.8%
Total return			33.9%

IX. I&M Group

I&M Group Summary of Performance – H1'2024

- Profit before tax increased by 24.0% to Kshs 8.7 bn from Kshs 7.0 bn in H1'2023, with effective tax rate increasing to 30.2% in H1'2024 from 28.5% in H1'2023. As such, profit after tax increased by 21.1% to Kshs 6.1 bn in H1'2024, from Kshs 5.0 bn in H1'2023
- Total operating income rose by 20.6% to Kshs 11.5 bn in H1'2024 from Kshs 9.6 bn in H1'2023 mainly driven by the 37.7% growth in Net Interest Income to Kshs 8.4 bn, from Kshs 6.1 bn in FY'2022, but was weighed down by a 9.4% decline in Non funded Income (NFI) to Kshs 3.2 bn, from Kshs 3.5 bn in H1'2023
- Total operating expenses increased by 13.9% to Kshs 14.3 bn from Kshs 12.5 bn in H1'2023, driven by a 19.9% increase in staff costs to Kshs 4.2 bn from Kshs 3.5 bn recorded in H1'2023, coupled with an 8.2% increase in Loan Loss Provisions to Kshs 3.5 bn from Kshs 3.2 bn in H1'2023
- The balance sheet recorded an expansion as total assets increased by 12.1% to Kshs 564.4 bn, from Kshs 503.5 bn in H1'2023
- Gross Non-Performing Loans (NPLs) decreased by 5.0% to Kshs 34.8 bn in H1'2024 from Kshs 36.7 bn in H1'2023, while Gross Loans increased by 5.7% to Kshs 304.3 bn from Kshs 288.0 bn in H1'2023. Consequently, the asset quality improved with the NPL ratio declining to 11.4% in H1'2024 from 12.7% in H1'2023
- Going forward, we expect the bank's growth to be driven by:
 - i. **Scaling New Business** - The bank has devised plans to accelerate growth in priority segments by building relevance in customer segments, i.e retail and Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs), and developing leadership in commercial and corporate segments.

Financial Statements Extracts

I&M Group's PAT is expected to grow at a 5-year CAGR of 10.8%

Income Statement	2021	2022	2023	2024f
Net Interest Income	20.9	22.9	28.6	38.1
Non- Funded Income	8.7	12.7	14.1	16.2
Total Operating Income	29.6	35.7	42.7	54.3
Loan Loss Provision	(4.2)	(5.2)	(6.9)	(8.3)
Other Operating Expenses	(13.5)	(16.1)	(20.3)	(22.5)
Total Operating Expenses	(17.7)	(21.3)	(27.2)	(30.7)
Profit Before Tax	12.4	15.0	16.7	24.8
% PAT Change YoY	2.5%	11.6%	15.2%	29.9%
EPS	4.9	7.0	8.1	10.5
DPS	1.5	2.3	2.6	3.0
Cost to Income (with LLP)	59.9%	59.8%	63.7%	56.6%
NIM	6.3%	6.3%	7.4%	7.6%
ROaE	12.2%	14.4%	15.0%	17.3%
ROaA	2.1%	2.6%	2.6%	2.8%
Balance Sheet	2021	2022	2023	2024f
Government securities	125.5	113.1	78.1	153.2
Net Loans and Advances	210.6	238.6	311.3	350.1
Other Assets	79.0	84.9	190.3	191.9
Total Assets	415.2	436.6	579.7	695.2
Customer Deposits	296.7	312.3	416.7	473.1
Other Liabilities	44.4	42.6	67.3	93.6
Total Liabilities	341.1	355.0	484.0	566.7
Shareholders Equity	69.6	76.5	88.2	120.9
Number of Shares	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7
Book Value Per Share	42.1	46.3	53.3	73.12
% BVPS Change YoY	(45.8%)	9.9%	15.2%	37.1%

Valuation Summary

I&M Group is undervalued with a total potential return of 29.5%

Valuation Summary:	Implied Price	Weighting	Weighted Value
DDM Integrated	44.5	40.0%	17.8
Residual income	10.2	40.0%	4.2
PBV Multiple	33.6	10.0%	3.4
PE Multiple	28.8	10.0%	2.9
Target Price			27.6
Current Price			22.2
Upside/(Downside)			24.1%
Dividend yield			11.5%
Total return			29.5%

B. Tier II Bank

I. HF Group

HF Group Summary of Performance – H1'2024

- Profit before tax increased by 41.7% to Kshs 0.3 bn from Kshs 0.2 bn in H1'2023, with effective tax rate decreasing to 5.9% from 8.9% in H1'2023. As such, profit after tax increased by 46.3% to Kshs 0.3 bn in H1'2024, from Kshs 0.2 bn in H1'2023.
- Total operating income increased by 12.5% to Kshs 2.0 bn, from Kshs 1.8 bn in H1'2023, mainly driven by a 4.7% growth in Net Interest Income to Kshs 1.33 bn, from Kshs 1.27 bn in H1'2023, coupled with a 30.7% growth in Non funded Income (NFI) to Kshs 0.7 bn, from Kshs 0.5 bn in H1'2023,
- Total operating expenses increased by 8.9% to Kshs 1.8 bn from Kshs 1.6 bn in H1'2023, driven by 5.3% increase in loan loss provisions to Kshs 0.17 bn from Kshs 0.16 bn recorded in H1'2023, coupled with an 18.1% increase in staff costs to Kshs 0.9 bn from Kshs 0.7 bn in H1'2023,
- Gross Non-Performing Loans (NPLs) increased by 6.3% to Kshs 11.2 bn in H1'2024 from Kshs 10.5 bn in H1'2023, while Gross Loans increased by 1.6% to Kshs 46.4 bn from Kshs 45.6 bn in H1'2023. Consequently, the asset quality deteriorated with the NPL ratio rising to 24.2% in H1'2024 from 23.1% in H1'2023.
- We commend HF Group's turnaround performance, recording an increase in profit after tax of 41.7% to Kshs 0.3 bn in H1'2024, from Kshs 0.2 bn in H1'2023. Despite this, HF Group faces a major downside with its capital adequacy ratios remaining below the minimum statutory requirements set for banks. The group will have to review its business model or merge with a bank with stronger capital ratios so as to overcome its undercapitalization.

Financial Statements Extracts

HF's PAT is expected to grow at a 5-year CAGR of 15.0%

Income Statement	2021	2022	2023	2024F
Net Interest Income	1.8	2.2	2.5	3.8
Non- Funded Income	0.5	0.9	1.2	1.7
Total Operating Income	2.4	3.0	3.8	5.5
Loan Loss Provision	(0.3)	(0.2)	(0.3)	(0.3)
Other Operating Expenses	(3.0)	(2.6)	(3.2)	(4.2)
Total Operating Expenses	(3.3)	(2.8)	(3.5)	3.8
Profit Before Tax	(1.0)	0.2	0.3	1.0
% PAT Change YoY	(59.8%)	(138.9%)	46.2%	101.3%
EPS	(1.8)	0.7	1.0	2.0
DPS	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Cost to Income	140.1%	93.5%	92.0%	82.4%
NIM	4.2%	5.0%	5.4%	7.3%
ROaE	(8.1%)	3.1%	4.4%	8.3%
ROaA	(1.3%)	0.5%	0.7%	1.2%
Balance Sheet	2021	2022	2023	2024F
Net Loans and Advances	34.7	36.3	38.8	43.8
Government securities	6.6	8.5	9.7	10.9
Other Assets	12.0	12.2	13.1	13.8
Total Assets	53.2	57.0	61.6	68.5
Customer Deposits	37.7	39.8	43.8	49.5
Other Liabilities	7.2	8.4	8.8	9.1
Total Liabilities	44.9	48.2	52.7	58.6
Shareholders Equity	8.3	8.8	8.9	9.9
Number of Shares	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
Book Value Per Share	21.5	22.8	23.0	25.7
% BVPS Change YoY	(3.3%)	6.0%	1.1%	11.6%

Valuation Summary

Housing Finance is undervalued with a total potential return of 4.4%

Valuation Summary:	Implied Price	Weighting	Weighted Value
<i>Residual Income</i>	3.3	60%	2.0
<i>PTBV Multiple</i>	4.3	35%	1.5
<i>PE Multiple</i>	3.1	5%	0.2
<i>Fair Value</i>			4.5
<i>Current Price</i>			4.1
Upside/(Downside)			4.4%
Dividend Yield			0.0%
<i>Total return</i>			4.4%

Feedback Summary

During the preparation of this H1'2024 Banking Sector Report, we shared with the subject companies the operating metrics that were used in the Report for their confirmation and verification

- Below is a summary of the banks we were able to acquire feedback from and those that went unresponsive:

Bank	Operating Metrics Shared	Sent Feedback
Co-operative Bank of Kenya	Yes	Yes
Standard Chartered Bank Kenya	Yes	Yes
I&M Group	Yes	Yes
Stanbic Holdings	Yes	Unresponsive
Diamond Trust Bank	Yes	Unresponsive
KCB Group	Yes	Yes
NCBA Group	Yes	Unresponsive
Housing Finance Group	Yes	Unresponsive
Equity Group Holdings	Yes	Unresponsive
Absa Bank Kenya	Yes	Unresponsive

Licensed Financial Institutions

I. Banks and Mortgage Finance Institutions

Licensed Banks in Kenya

#	Bank	#	Bank
1	ABSA Bank Kenya	20	Gulf African Bank Limited
2	Access Bank Kenya	21	Habib Bank A.G Zurich
3	African Banking Corporation Limited	22	I&M Bank Limited
4	Bank of Africa Kenya Limited	23	Kingdom Bank Kenya Limited
5	Bank of Baroda (Kenya) Limited	24	KCB Bank Kenya Limited
6	Bank of India	25	Mayfair CIB Bank Limited
7	Citibank N.A Kenya	26	Middle East Bank (K) Limited
8	Consolidated Bank of Kenya Limited	27	M-Oriental Bank Limited
9	Co-operative Bank of Kenya Limited	28	National Bank of Kenya Limited
10	Credit Bank Limited	29	NCBA Bank Kenya PLC
11	Development Bank of Kenya Limited	30	Paramount Bank Limited
12	Diamond Trust Bank Kenya Limited	31	HF Group Limited
13	DIB Bank Kenya Limited	32	Prime Bank Limited
14	Ecobank Kenya Limited	33	SBM Bank Kenya Limited
15	Equity Bank Kenya Limited	34	Sidian Bank Limited
16	Family Bank Limited	35	Stanbic Bank Kenya Limited
17	First Community Bank Limited	36	Standard Chartered Bank Kenya Limited
18	Guaranty Trust Bank (K) Ltd	37	UBA Kenya Bank Limited
19	Guardian Bank Limited	38	Victoria Commercial Bank Limited

Licensed Banks in Kenya

Licensed Mortgage Finance Institution

1. HFC Limited

Authorized Non-operating Bank Holding Companies

1. Bakki Holdco Limited
2. Equity Group Holdings Limited
3. HF Group Limited
4. I&M Group
5. KCB Group
6. M Holdings Limited
7. NCBA Group
8. Stanbic Group Holdings

II. Micro-Finance Institutions

Licensed Microfinance Banks in Kenya

#	Microfinance Bank	#	Microfinance Bank
1	Caritas Microfinance Bank Limited	8	Lolc Microfinance Bank Limited
2	Branch Microfinance Bank Limited	9	SMEP Microfinance Bank Limited
3	Choice Microfinance Bank Limited	10	Sumac Microfinance Bank Limited
4	Daraja Microfinance Bank Limited	11	U & I Microfinance Bank Limited
5	Faulu Microfinance Bank Limited	12	Salaam Microfinance Bank Ltd
6	Kenya Women Microfinance Bank Limited	13	Maisha Microfinance Bank Limited
7	Rafiki Microfinance Bank Limited	14	Muungano Microfinance Bank PLC

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