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# **Our Credentials**

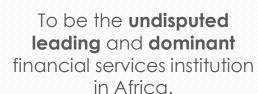


- **Disciplined**, customer-centric strategy
- Product leadership & innovation
- Proven expertise and capacity in key sectors
- **Solution-focused** technology & integrated operating platform



# Promoting Financial Services across Africa

## **OUR VISION**



## **OUR MISSION**

To be a role model for African businesses by creating superior value for all stakeholders, abiding by the utmost professional and ethical standards, and building an enduring institution

#### **Extensive Reach**

Consistent growth in our operations in 20 African countries, the UK,USA, UAE, with a Rep. office in France.

#### **Excellent Service Delivery**

Consolidating on our strategy to be the bank of choice for businesses across Africa through our Customer First (C1st) philosophy.

## **Robust Capital Base**

Well-capitalized financial institution with adequate buffer to support growth.

#### **Healthy Credit Profile**

Rated by Fitch, Standard & Poors (S&P), Agusto & Co and GCR.

# **African Footprint** Burkina Faso Benin Chad DR. Congo Uganda Mali Senegal Guinea Sierra Leone Tanzania Liberia Kenya Ghana Cote d'Ivoire Nigeria (HQ) Cameroon Zambia Mozambique Congo Brazzaville Gabon

# International Presence beyond Africa (Our unique spread)

USA (New York)

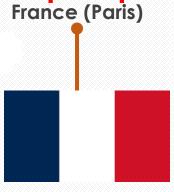


- Facilitating payments by leveraging on our unique position as the only Sub-Saharan African bank with an operational banking license in the US providing US Dollar clearing capabilities.
- Supporting trade with Africa and Americas and Africa on one hand and Africa and Asia on the other hand.
- Supporting capital flows by providing correspondent banking services to African Financial Institutions.
- Facilitating trade and payments between the US and Africa by offering FX solutions and pricing for various African currencies to US corporates, financial institutions and supranational entities.

**United Kingdom (London)** 



- UBA UK is a direct conduit for the Nigerian trade sector, supporting the growth in international trade by providing country tailored solutions from an international hub with seamless trade finance services. This is evidenced by the continuous growth in trade transactions during the year 2023.
- The facilitation of multi-currency crossborder aid and other flows into Nigeria, including our ability to leverage our Group network to deliver "last mile" payments.
- UBA UK acts as a bridge, optimizing trade across Africa, the UK, Europe, and the Middle East.



- Provide representation in France and the wider EU to facilitate the onboarding and management of strategic Corporate and Multinational relationships headquartered in France and across the EU.
- Bring Africa closer to France and Europe: Be the one point of contact for all financial matters these organizations may have in Africa and provide insight on the macroeconomic and regulatory environment of those countries we operate in.
- Provide lending and other financing activities and encourage the influx of investors from Europe to Africa and from Africa to Europe.

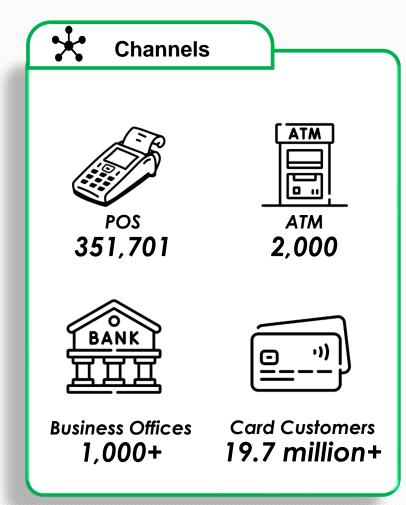


- Operating as a branch of Parent Company, UBA Dubai-DIFC was established in July 2022 and has been pivotal to the acceleration of the onboarding of Corporate relationships headquartered in the UAE and wider Gulf region.
- Promoting Correspondent Banking relationships in the Middle East and to also broaden our Corporate clientele base beyond Dubai & UAE.
- Serve customers across the middle east with a core focus on correspondent banking, trade and treasury, whilst harnessing the opportunities in the region to unlock untapped economic potential and support the next phase of development across the continent.



# **Our Service Network**







We serve our over 35 million customers on 4 continents, in 24 countries through multiple channels



# **Financial Highlights**

**Assets** 

₩20.7 trn

[USD21.7bn]

**1** 90%

Net Loans

₩5.6 trn

[USD5.9bn]

**1** 61%

**Deposits** 

₩14.9trn

[USD15.7bn]

**1** 90%

**Key Ratios** 

**CAR - 32.6%** 

LR - 64%

NIM - 6.8%

**ROAE - 41.2%** 

**Equity** 

₩2.0 trn

[USD2.1bn]

120%

**Earnings** 

₩2.1 trn

[USD2.1bn]

**143%** 

**PBT** 

₩757.7 bn

[USD796mn]

**1** 277%

#### Funding, Liquidity & Capital

- Strong, stable low-cost funding mix of 88%
- Low cost of funds at 2.7% with sufficient headroom to trend lower, on aggressive retail penetration
- Liquid balance sheet to fund obligations and emerging opportunities
- Robust Shareholder funds at N2.0 trillion

## **Asset Creation and Quality**

- ₩20,7 trillion total assets
- Loan book focused on corporate, commercial and retail customers
- Geographic, sector and customer diversification, with less vulnerability to macro and market volatilities
- NPL ratio at 5.9%

## Profitability

- RoAE of 41.2%
- RoAA of 3.9%
- Improved NIM (6.8%), on the back of balance sheet efficiency
- Low Cost-to-Income ratio of 37.2%
- Remarkable growth in profitability driven by improved revenue from operations and sizeable revaluation gains.

#### Risk appetite

- Moderate risk appetite, with a good balance between profitability and sustainability
- Well diversified loan book across sectors and markets
- Relatively low exposure to volatile sectors and segments of the market
- Strong governance structure and oversight



# **UBA Plc Credit Ratings by recognized Rating Agencies**



National
• Short-term: Aa-



Short-term: A1+(NG)
 Long-term: AA+(NG)

InternationalLong-term: B



NationalShort-term: F1+(nga)Long-term: A+(nga)

#### Internationa

- · Short-term: B
- Long-term: B-



#### **National**

- Short-term: ngA-2
- Long-term: ngBBB+

#### Internationa

- · Short-term: B
- · Long-term: B-
- Stand-alone CR profile: b+

Healthy Credit Profile, with current International ratings at par with the Nigerian Sovereign's.



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**About** UBA

Operating **Environment** 

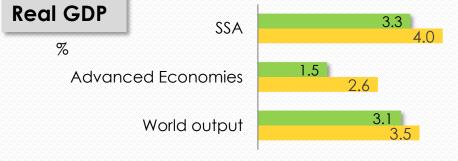
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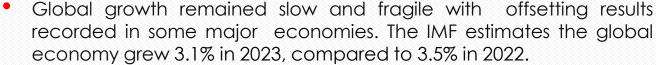
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**Payment** 

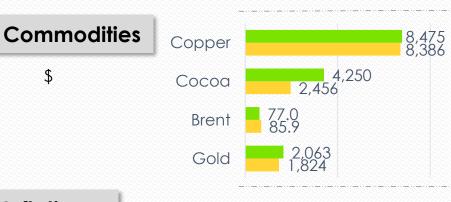


# **Global Operating Environment**





Growth in Sub-Saharan Africa (SSA) decelerated to an estimated 3.3% in 2023 from 4.0% in 2022, weighed down by deceleration in global growth.



- Crude oil prices closed lower, despite witnessing several upticks in the year, as production cuts by the OPEC+ proved insufficient to prop up prices.
- Cocoa prices rose 72% to multi-decade highs on supply concerns due to unrest in West Africa
  - Gold prices gained +13% for the year ending 2023 fueled by the rising geo-political tensions during the year (Russia-Ukraine, Israel-Gaza)



- Global inflation has been easing, hitting 3.3% in December 2023 amid a broad-based softening of price pressures.
- US and UK inflation rates declined to 3.4% and 4% respectively in December 2023 from 6.5% and 10.5% at year-start.
- Given that inflation generally remains above their targets and tight labour market conditions have persisted, few central banks have been able to pivot and this has led to overall still-tight monetary policy.

Eurozone



# **Sub Saharan Africa**

## **Policy**

## **Monetary Policy**

 Monetary Policy remained largely tight in the year as Central banks continued to observe their respective inflation profiles while being more cautious on growth.

## **Fiscal Policy**

 Fiscal policy to remain constrained partly due to elevated costs of funding. However, subsidy reforms in nations such as Angola, Egypt, Kenya, and Zambia are expected to provide some fiscal relief.

## **Economic**

## **Economic Growth**

- East Africa was an outperformer in growth.
- IMF estimates Mozambique (7.%), Tanzania (5.2%) and Kenya (5%) saw growth of 5% and above

## Inflation

- Average consumer price inflation is estimated to have reached 18.5% in 2023, up from 14.5% in 2022.
- Ghana (23.2%) and Sierra Leone (47.42%) are hot inflation zones.

#### **Debt Burden**

- Debt sustainability remains a concern, as evidenced by escalating debt service obligations for many markets.
- In Ghana, debt servicing gulps nearly 20% of tax revenue.

## **Socio-Political**

## **Regional Tensions**

- Rwanda and DRC M23 Rebels in DRC
- Coup sanctions- Gabon, Niger, Mali, Guinea, Sudan and Burkina Faso.

## Climate change

 Threats to food security, livelihoods and economic stability in agriculture-dependent economies affected by acute drought in the Horn of Africa (Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, and Somalia).

# **Nigeria Operating Context**

## **Economic**

- → On an annual basis, GDP grew by 2.7% in 2023.
- → Inflation rose steadily reaching an 18-year peak of 28.92% in December and currently at 31.7% as at February 2024
- → Unemployment rate rose to 5% in Q3 2023, from 4.2% in Q2 2023.
- → Naira weakened 55%.

# Regulatory and policy

- → CBN MPC raised the policy rate by 225 basis points over 4 meetings to 18.75%.
- → New bills signed into law, namely: The Electricity Act, Nigeria's Student Loan Act, and The Data Protection Act
- → The CBN commenced clearing the foreign exchange (FX) forwards backlog in banks

## Fiscal

- → The Federal Government of Nigeria (FGN) approved an expenditure bill of NGN28.8trn for 2024.
- → Public debt rose by 4.6% Y-o-Y to \$108bn in Q4 2023 from \$103bn in Q4 2022.
- → The combined collections from VAT and CIT amounted to approximately N8.54trn in 2023 from N5.34trn in 2022.

## **Demographic**

- → United **Nations** Population Fund that estimates Nigeria's birth rate in 2023 stood at 36.026 births 1,000 per people while the estimated population was 223.8 million people.
- → Nigeria has the largest population in Sub-Saharan Africa, accounting for 15% of the total African population.

## Ratings

→ Moody's, Fitch, and S&P maintained a speculative credit rating. However, Moody's and S&P revised its outlook revised from negative to stable

Healthy economy will drive investment and business growth.

Regulatory policy reforms will enhance investors confidence in the country.

Expansionary budget to spur economic growth.

Favourable demographics are key drivers of consumption.

Favourable ratings are supportive of foreign inflow.

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# Our ESG Approach and Impact towards Sustainability

## **Approach**

## Governance

- The Board of Directors has the ultimate responsibility for our ESG practices, with the oversight functions delegated to the Board Audit & Governance Committee.
- The Executive Management Committee is responsible for driving the ESG strategy through the ESG/Sustainability champions.
- A dedicated ESG team is responsible for the implementation of the bank's ESG initiatives

## **Risk Management**

- Embedded risk management Framework and measurement approach
- Conducting materiality assessment to identify ESG-related risks and opportunities
- Operationalization of three lines of defense for accountability and responsiveness.

## Strategy

- ESG is embedded in our vision to be the undisputed leading and dominant financial services institution.
- ESG considerations is integrated into our investment, operations, resourcing, and decision-making process.
- Our strategy is built on 4 pillars Environmental action, Economic resilience, Inclusive society and Leadership/Governance.
- This is delivered through our core values -Excellence, Execution and Enterprise

## **Metrics/Targets**

- Climate Action Setting a net-zero ambition to align with the Paris Agreement
- Inclusiveness Women economic empowerment and financial services to the underserved.
- Partnership Leverage partnership for collective progress
- Capacity building- Develop capacity to manage ESG risks and opportunities
- Reporting-Improved reporting standards

## **Impact**

# Number of SMES supported

32.2k

Carbon Emission (Scope 1 & Scope 2 Nigeria operations only)

55,697.36tCO2e.

#### **Agency Banking**

>200k

Female representation at the board level

50%

# Training and Human Capital Development

N6.458bn

Number of Sustainability Trainings

181

#### Number of Customer Experience training

51

#### **Donation for CSR**

N608mn



# **UBA Foundation - Touching lives**

#### **Education**



Facilitating educational projects and bridging the literacy gap on a pan-African scale.

#### **Environment**



Improving the environment and promoting sustainable development by forging best practice throughout the industry

## **Empowerment**



Sponsors of several skillsacquisition and empowerment conferences, workshops, and seminars.

## **Special Projects**



Promoting social and economic development in the community













- Financial Performance >



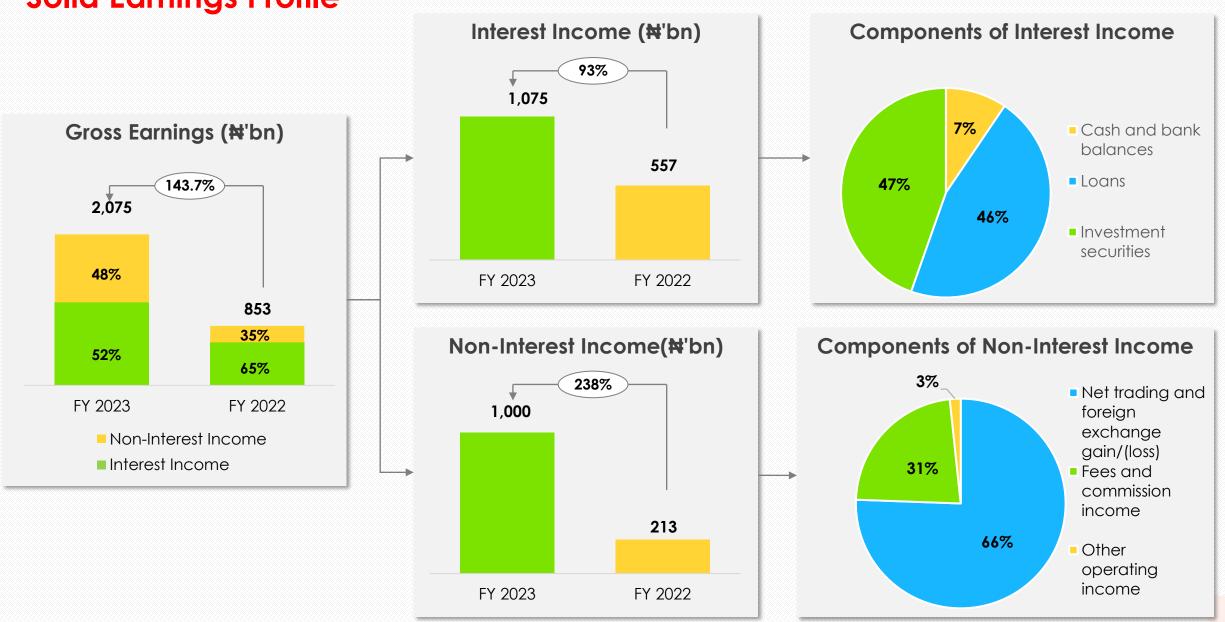
# **Financial Highlights**

Gross Earnings       2,075,386       853,175       143.3         Net Interest Income       707,540       379,489       86.5         Operating Income       1,589,325       592,935       168.0         Operating Expenses       591,640       350,091       78.4         Profit Before Tax       757,680       200,876       277.2         Profit After Tax       607,696       170,277       256.9         Balance Sheet (N'million)       December 2023       December 2022       % Change         Total Assets       20,653,197       10,857,572       90.2
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Total Assets 20,653,197 10,857,572 90.2
Total Deposits 17,355,721 8,995,130 92.9
Loans and Advances 5,549,581 3,440,128 61.3
Shareholders' Equity 2,030,195 922,104 120.2
Key Ratios December 2023 December 2022 % Change
Cost-to-Income Ratio 37.23% 59.04% -37.0
Net Interest Margin (NIM) 6.83% 5.91% 15.4
Cost-of-Risk 3.09% 0.63% 392.8
Return on Average Equity 41.17% 20.74% 98.5
Return on Average Assets 3.86% 1.84% 110.1
Key Ratios December 2023 December 2022 % Change
Capital Adequacy Ratio 32.6% 29.59% 10.2%
Non-Performing Loan Ratio 5.85% 2.95% -98.3%
NPL Coverage ratio 72.19% 82.14% -12.11%

- Gross earnings nearly tripled, driven by strong growth across all income lines.
   This fueled an impressive 277% increase in profit before tax.
- The bank simultaneously enhanced efficiency, with the cost-to-income ratio dropping significantly.
- UBA's balance sheet witnessed a significant expansion, with total assets nearly doubling. This growth reflects strong deposit traction and the impact of foreign currency revaluation.
- With shareholders' funds over N2 trillion, the Bank has a robust base capacity for further growth.



# **Solid Earnings Profile**





# **Trading and Revaluation Gains**



## **Components of Trading & Foreign Exchange Gains**



**¥63.3bn ↑216%**(¥20.0bn in FY 22)

Fixed income securities trading gains



**★112.1bn ↑181%**(★39.9bn in FY 22)

Foreign exchange trading income



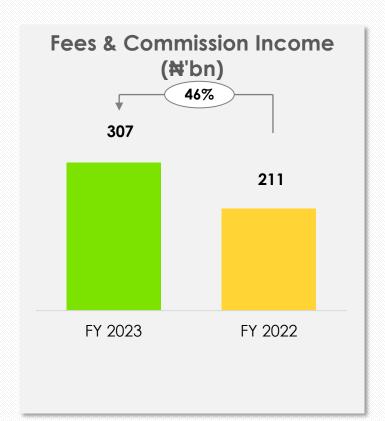
**★483.8bn ↑3,848%**(★12.3bn in FY 22)

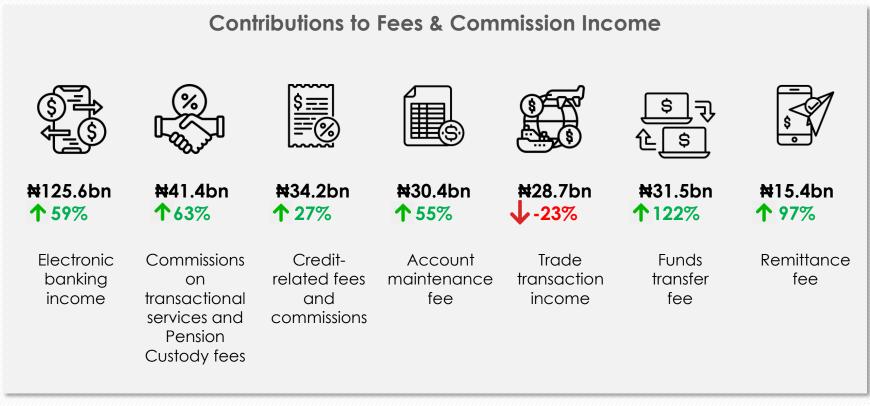
Foreign currency revaluation and fair value gain on derivatives largely due to exchange rate depreciation

Sizeable revaluation gains driven majorly by the CBN FX harmonization exercise, with the exchange rate converging to \\ 951.8/\\$1 as of December 31, 2023 from \\ 461.1/\\$1 on December 31, 2022.



# Steady growth in fee and transactional income



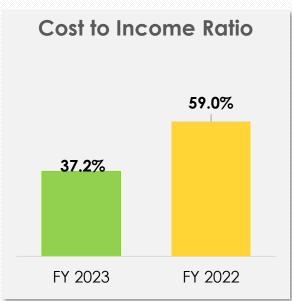


- Double-digit growth in key transactional income lines reflective of the bank's enhanced offering and robust digital architecture.
- E-banking income accounts for the largest fee income (N125.6bn) representing 41% of the total fees and commission income, underpinned by our sustained emphasis on technology-led innovation and best customer experience



# Key indices trending in the right direction













- Notable improvements in the profitability indices and costto-income ratio on the strength of remarkable growth in operating income.
- Improvement in NIM despite an uptick in funding cost, as we repriced risk assets in line with the interest rate environment.
- Average yield on Treasury assets increased Y/Y in line with market trends in the second half year, further boosting the increase in yield on assets and NIM.



# Robust Balance Sheet with well-diversified Asset Mix

Total Asset **★20.7trn ↑**90.2%
(★10.9trn in Dec 2022

- Balance sheet size driven by both real growth and impact of exchange rate harmonization.
- Well-diversified balance sheet with asset composition predominantly in government securities and risk assets to support the bank's liquidity and profitability.

#### Cash & Bank<sup>1</sup>

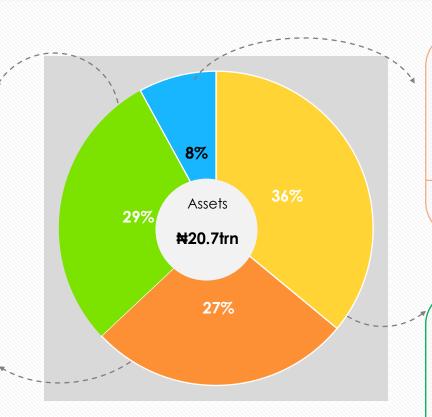
- Includes Cash, Balances with Banks & Central bank, and Placements.
- Constitute 29% of total assets in FY 2023.
- Recorded 138% YTD growth from ₩2.6trn in December 2022

₩6.1trn

#### Loans

- Includes Loans to Customers & Banks and constitutes **27% of total assets.**
- Recorded 61% YTD growth from ₦3.4trn in December 2022

₩5.6trn



#### Others

- Includes other non-earning assets and makes up only 8% of total assets.
- Recorded 70% YTD growth from N683bn in Dec-2022

₩1.6trn

#### **Investment Securities**

- Accounts for the largest proportion (36%) of total assets.
- Recorded 78% YTD growth from ₩4.2trn in December 2022

₩7.4trn



# **Low-Cost Funding Base**

Total Deposits

★17.4trn

↑ 93%

(¥9.0trn in Dec 2022)

- Customer deposits continue to dominate the Bank's funding mix (84%), which demonstrates combined efforts at deepening our wallet share of the Corporate, Commercial, and Retail business.
- Low-cost deposit instrumental to achieving a modest cost of funds.

## **Equity**

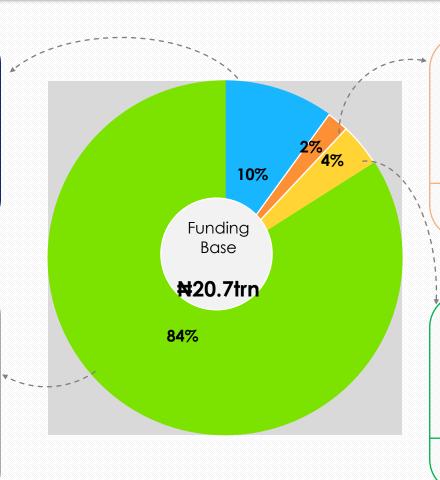
- Includes Share Capital, Reserves & Retained earnings. Represents 10% of total funding base
- Recorded 120% YTD growth from N922bn in December 2022

₩2.0trn

#### **Deposits**

- Deposits accounts for the largest proportion (84%) of the Bank's total funding base
- Recorded a 93% YTD growth from ₦9trn in December 2022

₩17.4trn



#### **Other Liabilities**

- Includes Creditors, Accounts Payable and other non-interest-bearing liabilities. Accounts for the least (2%) of total funding
- Recorded a 1% YTD growth from Name 405bn in December 2022

₩409bn

## **Borrowings**

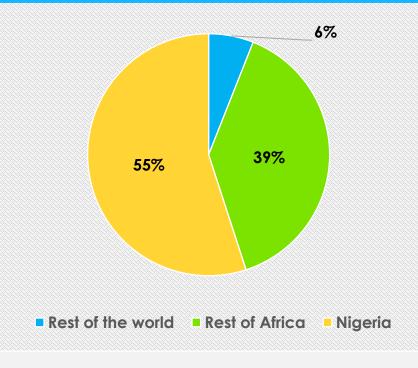
- Includes long & short-term funds from institutions and makes up 4% of total funding base
- Recorded a 60% YTD growth from ₩536bn in December 2022

₩859bn

# Resilient and diversified loan portfolio

Loan Distribution by Sector/Industry	FY 23	FY 22
General Commerce	10.7%	17.3%
Government	9.1%	11.5%
Oil and Gas	19.5%	14.9%
Finance & Insurance	11.7%	13.5%
General	11.4%	11.7%
Manufacturing	11.9%	13.6%
Information & Communication	6.9%	5.0%
Power & Energy	4.7%	4.5%
Agriculture	3.9%	2.5%
Others	10.2%	5.5%

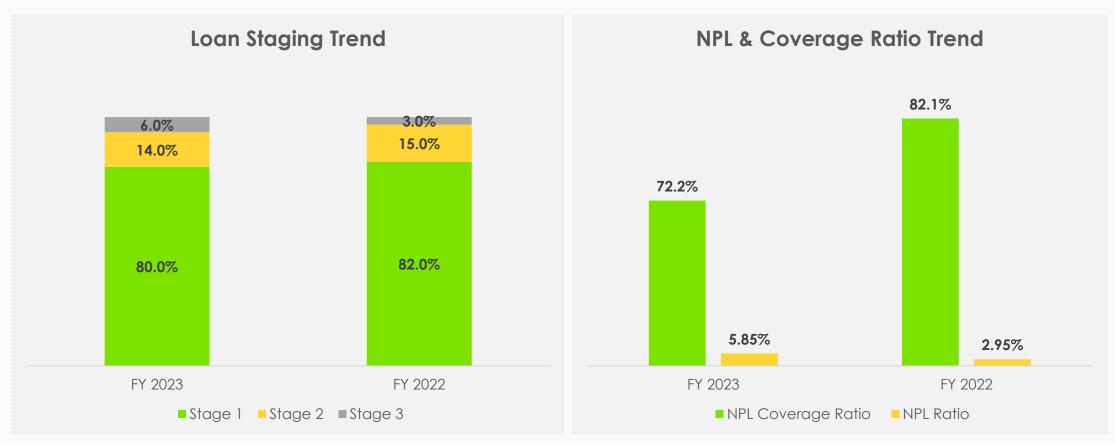
## Loan Distribution by Geography



- The Group's credit portfolio is well diversified across strategic economic sectors/industries reinforcing the drive for a moderated credit concentration risk and improved credit quality.
- Lending business supported by prudent underwriting standards and proactive credit monitoring.



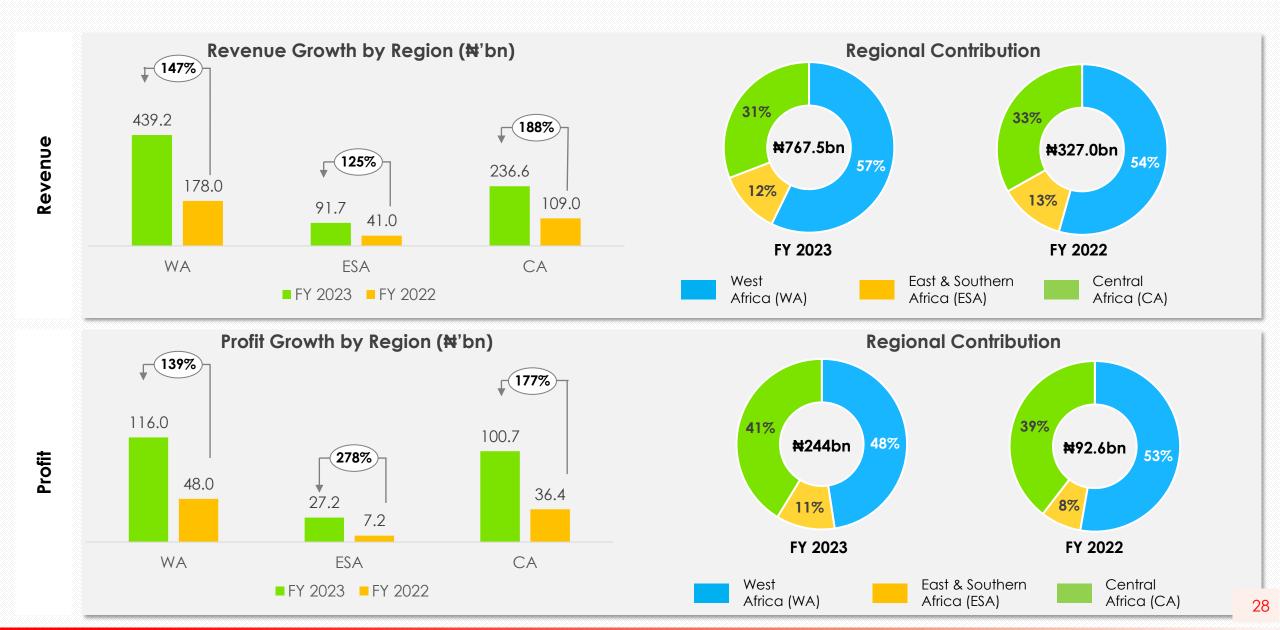
# Asset Quality supported by proactive risk management posture



• Asset quality remained strong and resilient, as the total non-credit impaired facilities (i.e Stages 1 & 2) accounted for 94% of the Group's total loan portfolio (FY-2022: 97%).



# **Sustained Growth across Our African Markets**





# Take your business to the next level

Get loans up to N50million to boost your cash flow, buy new equipment or expand your business. Repayment within 12 months.

Terms and conditions apply

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# Our Key Payment Channels and offerings (1/2)



UBA Mobile App

provides control, support and flexibility, offering banking and lifestyle features that lets customers do all their transactions easily from their mobile phone.



**UBA Internet Banking** 

is an integrated single sign-on product suite through which we provide our corporate clients with cash management and transaction banking services.



With \*919# (our USSD Banking) customers can open a
UBA account, transfer funds, buy airtime for yourself, family & friends, pay your bills, pay for your flights and check your account balance all on your phone

With UBA Leo (chat banking bot) You can now Send Money, Buy Airtime, Check Account Balance, Pay Bills and a lot more with ease and convenience. Leo is available on Apple Business Chat, Facebook Messenger, WhatsApp, Instagram, Google across Africa



The UBA Digital
Experience on Mobile
and Web is an
Omnichannel banking

Omnichannel banking platform where customers can login with the same details and initiate transactions on any device.



UBA Cards (Debit, Credit and Prepaid)

can be used to purchase items in stores, on the Internet and collect cash from ATMs, expense cards for staff and fuel purchases. These cards work within and outside your country.





# Our Key Payment Channels and offerings (2/2)



Our POS Terminals
allow easy payment
collections for our
agents, SME and
Corporate customers.
We are expanding to
provide 4G network
POS terminals which
can be integrated to
customers' cash
registers for better
sales reconciliations
and monitoring.

UBA ATMs are strategically located and equipped to effectively serve our customers.
We have partnered with FinTech players to drive use of Blockchain service for ATM transaction processing in line with regulation guideline.

Don't waste time



UBA Marketplace provides low-cost channel for SMEs in Nigeria to drive sales online

# UBA Cardless Withdrawal Services

The Cardless
Withdrawal Service
enables customers to
carry out transactions
on ATMs across UBA
Group without using
Cards. The service is
available across 20
UBA Countries.



The UBA Contactless
Payment

allows merchants and customers to accept payments with the Scan, Pay and Go option for instant payments across the country using this service.



You can now withdraw cash from any ATM in Nigeria with our upgraded UBA Mobile Banking app.

To start, simply log on, select

Cardless Withdrawal and you're good to go.



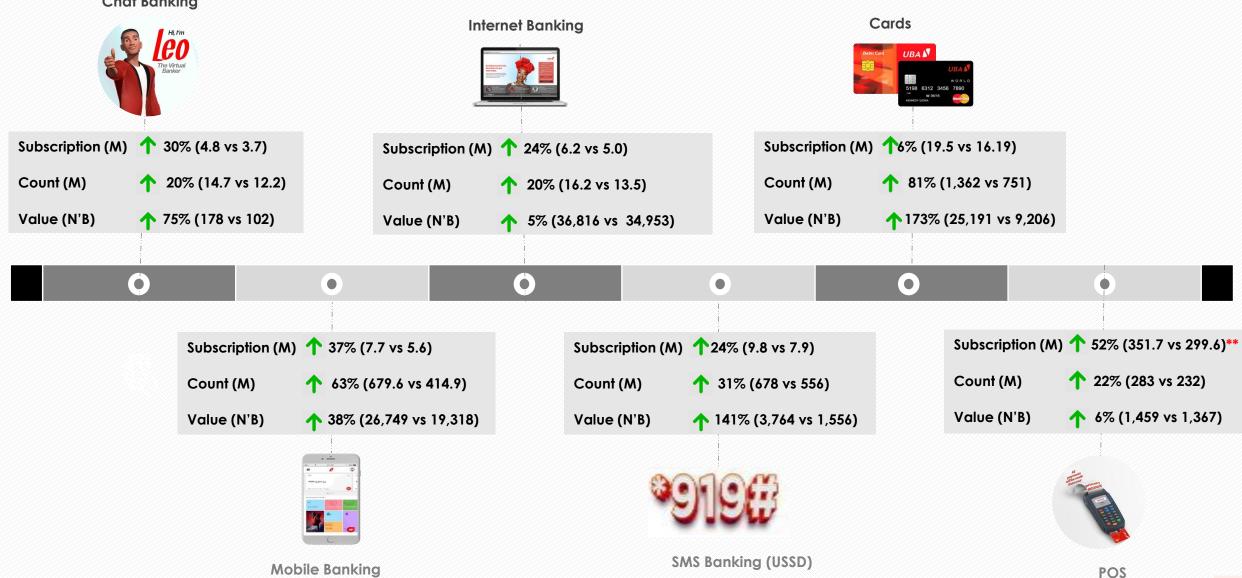
#### UBA API Banking Services

With this service, we have been able to extend banking services (pay-out) leveraging advanced system interfaces to FinTechs and Leading Organizations.

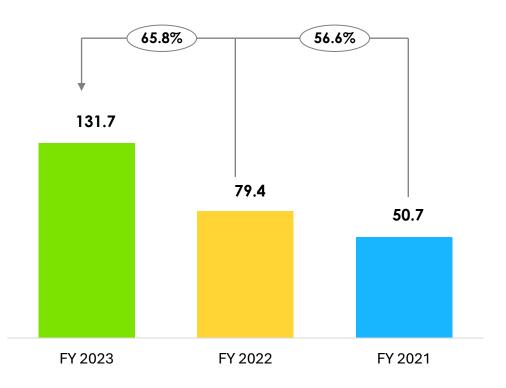




# Strong digital channels penetration and adoption Chat Banking



# Digital Banking Income (N'bn)



- Our investments in state-of-the-art technology continue to yield expected results, evident in the huge boost of our digital banking income, which grew 65.8% year-on-year to N131.7 billion.
- These gains have enabled us optimize net earnings amid the accelerating inflationary pressure, currency devaluation, and increased statutory cost.





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# FY 2024 Guidance

	FY 2023 Guidance	FY 2023 Achieved	FY 2024 Guidance
Deposit Growth	45%	93%	20%
Loan Growth	40%	61%	20%
Cost of Risk	4%	3.1%	3.8%
Non-Performing Loan Ratio	3.5%	5.9%	4.5%
Return on Average Equity	40%	41.2%	30%
Return on Average Assets	4.04%	3.9%	3%
Capital Adequacy Ratio	30%	32.6%	30%
Cost-to-Income Ratio (ex-impairment)	35%	37.2%	45.1%
Net Interest Margin	5.8%	6.8%	7.5%

