

Interim Results 2016: Iain Mackay video

HSBC's Interim Results for the six-month period to 30 June 2016 show that we have performed reasonably well in the first half of the year in the face of considerable uncertainty.

The economic environment remains difficult, but our diversified, universal banking model has shown its resilience and helped us to drive growth in a number of areas.

We also increased our market share in many of the product categories that are central to our strategy.

Reported profit before tax was USD9.7 billion, down by USD3.9 billion against a strong first half in 2015.

Adjusted profit before tax was USD10.8 billion, down 14 per cent compared with the same period last year.

Following the successful sale of our Brazil business in July, we will execute a USD2.5 billion share buy-back during the remainder of this year.

This should benefit all shareholders and demonstrates the strength and flexibility of our balance sheet.

We had a common equity tier one ratio of 12.1 per cent on 30 June, including the impact of the Brazil transaction this would increase to 12.8 per cent.

In June 2015 we outlined our strategic actions to improve returns and make the most of our international network.

We have made good progress.

In the first half of 2016, we removed an extra USD48 billion of risk-weighted assets from the businesses, which takes us more than 60 per cent of the way towards our target.

We are also on track to hit the top end of our USD4.5 billion to USD5 billion cost-savings target.

We are on the way to restoring profitability in Mexico and our pivot to Asia is moving ahead.

The proportion of Group revenue that Asia provides has continued to rise.

And we've made market share gains as a consequence of the investment in our Asia businesses.

There is much still to do, but we are making progress in all of the areas within our control.

In the meantime, our balanced and diversified business model, strong liquidity and strict cost management make us highly resilient in the current operating environment.