HSBC Holdings plc

Reconciliations of Non-GAAP Financial Measures 31 March 2018



Use of non-GAAP financial measures

Our reported results are prepared in accordance with IFRSs as detailed in the Financial Statements starting on page 175 of the *Annual Report and Accounts 2017*. In measuring our performance, the financial measures that we use include those which have been derived from our reported results in order to eliminate factors which distort year-on-year comparisons. These are considered non-GAAP financial measures.

Return on Equity and Return on Tangible Equity

Return on Tangible Equity ('RoTE') is computed by adjusting reported results for the movements in the present value of inforce long-term insurance business ('PVIF') and for impairments of goodwill, and adjusting the reported equity for goodwill, intangibles and PVIF. The adjustment to reported results and reported equity excludes amounts attributable to non-controlling interests.

We provide RoTE in addition to Return on Equity ('RoE') as a way of assessing our performance which is closely aligned to our capital position.

The following table details the adjustments made to the reported results and equity:

Return on Equity and Return on Tangible Equity

	Quarter ended			
	31 Mar	31 Dec	31 Mar	
	2018	2017	2017	
	\$m	\$m	\$m	
Profit				
Profit/(loss) attributable to the ordinary shareholders of the parent company	3,086	(274)	3,130	
Increase in PVIF (net of tax)	(79)	77	(13)	
Profit/(loss) attributable to the ordinary shareholders, excluding goodwill impairment and PVIF	3,007	(197)	3,117	
Equity				
Average ordinary shareholders' equity	166,834	166,039	158,894	
Effect of goodwill, PVIF and other intangibles (net of deferred tax)	(21,983)	(21,486)	(19,844)	
Average tangible equity	144,851	144,553	139,050	
	%	%	%	
Ratio				
Return on equity	7.5	(0.7)	8.0	
Return on average tangible equity	8.4	(0.5)	9.1	

Reconciliation of reported and adjusted average risk-weighted assets

The following table reconciles average reported and average adjusted risk-weighted assets. These are utilised for the calculation of year-to-date reported and adjusted return on average risk-weighted assets, based on a 2-point average.

Reconciliation of reported and adjusted average risk-weighted assets

	RBWM	СМВ	GB&M		Corporate Centre	Total
				GPB		
	\$bn	\$bn	\$bn	\$bn	\$bn	\$bn
Quarter ended 31 Mar 2018						
Average reported RWAs	123.7	307.5	301.9	16.5	133.3	882.9
Currency translation	0.6	2.1	1.3	0.1	0.8	4.9
Disposals	-	_	_	_	(2.7)	(2.7)
 Brazil operations 	-	-	-	-	(2.6)	(2.6)
- Lebanon operations	_	-	-	-	(0.1)	(0.1)
Average adjusted RWAs	124.3	309.6	303.2	16.6	131.4	885.1
Quarter ended 31 Dec 2017						
Average reported RWAs	121.3	299.7	302.2	16.2	140.6	880.0
Currency translation	1.3	4.7	3.1	0.2	2.0	11.3
Disposals	_	_	_	_	(4.0)	(4.0)
- Brazil operations	-	-	-	-	(3.9)	(3.9)
- Lebanon operations	_	-	-	-	(0.1)	(0.1)
Average adjusted RWAs	122.6	304.4	305.3	16.4	138.6	887.3
Quarter ended 31 Mar 2017						
Average reported RWAs	114.3	278.3	298.1	15.3	151.5	857.5
Currency translation	3.7	15.2	9.9	0.5	4.5	33.8
Disposals	(1.8)	(0.9)	(0.4)	_	(3.2)	(6.3)
- Brazil operations	(1.6)	(0.5)	(0.4)	_	(2.7)	(5.2)
- Lebanon operations	(0.2)	(0.4)	-	_	(0.5)	(1.1)
Average adjusted RWAs	116.2	292.6	307.6	15.8	152.8	885.0

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