

Earnings – Half Year 2022

Strong top line performance across all business lines in Mauritius and East Africa, Kenya on the path to stabilisation and major international institutional investor enters group shareholding, subject to regulatory approval.

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MUA Ltd (MUA) today released its financial results for the half year ended 30 June 2022. Some of the key highlights for the period include:

- **Gross Premium Earned increased by 18%** to Rs 3,784m (compared to Rs 3,197m as at June 2021).
- **Profit after Tax of Rs 194.4m** for the period, down 13% from Rs 222.4m as at Q2 2021.
- East African subsidiaries **Gross Premium Earned increased by 16%**.
- Improved outlook for MUA Ltd's bond credit rating, **updated to CARE MAU AA- outlook (positive)** as issued by CARE Ratings (Africa).
- **Net Assets per Share** amounted to Rs 80.91 compared to Rs 77.49 as at 30 June 2021, **an increase of 4.4%**.
- Despite market volatility, **Market Capitalisation relatively stable** at -0.4%, reaching Rs 7.0bn as at 30 June 2022.
- Announcement of **milestone investment by Proparco**, an internationally renowned strategic investor, set to make an **equity investment of USD 10m in MUA**.

MUA Ltd, the largest insurance company by market capitalisation in Mauritius, today reported results for the half year ended June 2022.

The group recorded top line growth across all segments and regions despite prevailing volatile market conditions and rising inflation. General insurance operations in Mauritius reported **Gross Premium Earned of Rs 1,336m**, up 7% compared to Q2 2021. The entity recorded **Profit after Tax (PAT) of Rs 42.5m**, up 7% since June 2021, albeit in a context of rising cost of claims, high inflation, and a higher loss ratio.



MUA Life Ltd Gross Premium Earned rose by 28% to Rs 978m, once again surpassing pre-covid new business levels and targets. The life insurance entity, which reports profit on a bi-annual basis, recorded **PAT of Rs 101m**, down 35% from June 2021. Despite improvements in yields in the local fixed income market, volatile equity markets impacted return for the period.

East Africa, where MUA offers general insurance products in Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda and Tanzania, **Gross Premium Earned increased by 16%** to Rs 1,349m and now represents 36% of total group Gross Earned Premiums. **PAT rose to Rs 44.1m**, up 82% compared to Rs 20.7m as at June 2021 with growth reported across all countries and in particular, improvement was noted in Kenya which is on the path to stabilisation. MUA remains **focused on reinforcing market share** in the four East African countries. The recently announced **strategic investment by Proparco** (access the press release [HERE](#)) will act as a driving force for **building new partnerships and avenues of growth**.

“In the context of global geopolitical tensions and market volatility, MUA has remained **focused on delivering a high level of customer service** to our portfolio of loyal clients, **driving growth** across all business units and **managing costs prudently**. Subject to regulatory approval, as the largest international institutional shareholder in the group, **Proparco’s investment represents a strong vote of confidence in MUA’s regional growth ambitions** and marks the start of a **key long-term partnership** that will further **strengthen its financial capacity to improve insurance coverage and increase market share** across Mauritius and East Africa. In line with the group’s three-year strategic plan, **TRANSITION 2023**, the partnership with Proparco will enable MUA to take further steps towards **improving environmental, social and governance policies** throughout the group. Along with the equity proceeds, Proparco brings its considerable **regional experience**, world-class capabilities, and an **extensive cross-sector network**” said outgoing MUA Group CEO, **Bertrand Casteres**.

“As we enter the second half of **TRANSITION 2023**, we welcome **incoming Group CEO Jörg Weber** who joins MUA as from today. With **26 years’ experience in the insurance and investment sectors**, including 20 years with the Allianz Group, we are confident that Mr. Weber’s leadership will continue driving MUA forward, building upon the group’s **strong fundamentals and achieving the remaining objectives of the current strategic plan** and beyond”.

Details of the results for the **half year ended 30 June 2022** will be available for download at mua.mu on **Tuesday 16 August 2022**.

For further information on **TRANSITION 2023**, our **Socially Responsible Investments** and our strategic plan objectives, please click [HERE](#).