



Earnings – First Nine Months 2023

Top-line growth across General Insurance operations in Mauritius and East Africa.

Press Release

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MUA Ltd (MUA), the largest insurance company by market capitalisation in Mauritius, today reported results for the nine months ended 30 September 2023.

The group's **Gross Premium Earned** stood at Rs 5,670m, compared to Rs 5,728m as at 30 September 2022. The group posted **Profit After Tax (PAT)** of Rs 129m, 13% lower than the corresponding period in 2022. Excluding the foreign exchange impact in MUA Kenya, the group's PAT would have been around MUR 176m. **Net Assets per Share** edged up to Rs 82.44 as at 30 September 2023 compared to Rs 81.26 as at 31 December 2022. The **Bond Credit Rating** of MUA Ltd remained constant at CARE MAU AA- Positive (issued by CARE Ratings (Africa) Limited).

General Insurance: growth of 7% compared to the first 9 months of 2022.

In Mauritius, General Insurance premium volume continued its double-digit expansion with a **growth rate of 20%**. Growth in the East-African subsidiaries was even more dynamic, apart from Kenya, where we deliberately accepted a 30% contraction in top-line to clean the subsidiary's portfolio of unprofitable business.

All entities continue to **recover in terms of profitability**. In Mauritius, year-to-date results were still negatively impacted by the effects of claims inflation during 2022. However, with the **decisive pricing and underwriting measures** taken now increasingly manifesting in the portfolio, quarterly results are **back in positive territory in the third quarter** of 2023 with a profit of Rs 4m, after losses of Rs 55m and Rs 25m in the first and second quarters respectively. Continued progress is expected in the upcoming months. The **East African subsidiaries** also all demonstrated **significant improvements in profitability**, despite foreign exchange losses in MUA Kenya having had a negative impact on the Consolidated Adjustments" line of our accounts.

Life Insurance: PAT grew by 36% compared to the first 9 months of 2022.

The Mauritian Life Insurance entity recorded a 30% decline in revenues. However, this decline was attributable to the cyclical, relatively low-margin unit-linked business sold via banks. In an environment of rising interest rates, banks preferred to promote their classic interest yielding products, to the detriment especially of single-premium investments in unit-linked life insurance.



This did not affect the profitability of the Life business, which increased by 36% compared to the first 9 months of 2022.

“We continue to focus our footprint on our core markets and business lines and remain committed to consolidating our position in each of the respective East African countries in which we operate. We were pleased to conclude on the successful disposal of MUA Stockbroking during the period which aligned with this strategy. With the group’s solid fundamentals and solvency position, the Executive team and Board remain confident in the growth potential of the group. We expect the portfolio, pricing and underwriting reviews and changes implemented over the past months to continue having a positive impact on our operations and profitability.” said **Joerg Weber**, MUA’s Group CEO.

Details of the results for the quarter ended **30 September 2023** are available for download at mua.mu.



excellence across four pillars, notably customer, technical, human resources, and operations and sales. **Group solvency and fundamentals remain solid** and the Executive team and the Board are confident in the group's ability to **derive value for shareholders** and to be the leading insurance company in the region".

Details of the results for the quarter ended **30 June 2023** are available for download at **[mua.mu](https://www.mua.mu)**.

For more information on MUA's **4X + 1 Transformation Program** and the group's regional ambitions, please click **[HERE](#)**.