

REPORT ON FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE FOR THE PERIOD 1 JANUARY – 31 MARCH 2024

RESULTS OF THE GROUP

BREAKDOWN OF THE MOST SIGNIFICANT FINANCIAL INFORMATION OF HBOR GROUP

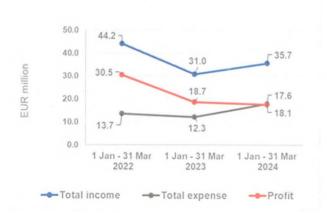
-in millions of euros-

	2022	2023.	31 March 2024
Total assets	3,857.0	4,021.5	3,997.5
Gross loans	3,703.4	4,077.6	3,947.9
Total equity	1,422.2	1,457.9	1,474.9
	1 January – 31 March 2022	1 January – 31 March 2023	1 January – 31 March 2024
Total income	44.2	31.0	35.7
Total expense	(13.7)	(12.3)	(18.1)
Profit	30.5	18.7	17.6
Interest income calculated on the basis of effective interest rate method	24.6	21.1	27.1
Interest expense	(5.3)	(5.8)	(10.1)
Net interest income	19.3	15.3	17.2

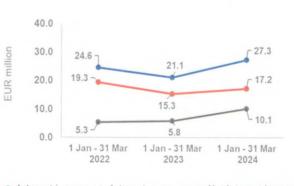








INTEREST INCOME, INTERST EXPENSE AND NET INTEREST INCOME



Results of the Group

In the period 1 January – 31 March 2024, the HBOR Group generated profit after tax in the amount of EUR 17.6 million.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Act on HBOR, the parent company is exempt from income tax and income tax liabilities arise exclusively from the activities of the other members of the Group.

In the period 1 January – 31 March 2024, total income on consolidated basis amounted to EUR 35.7 million, whereas total expenses amounted to EUR 18.1 million.

The consolidated total income increased by 15.2 percent, whereas total expenses increased by 47.2 percent compared to the same period previous year due to the developments in total income and expenses of the parent company.

In the structure of income of the Group, the largest portion, i.e., 76.5 percent, relates to interest income as a result of operations of the parent company.

The major part of total expenses relates to interest expenses (55.8 percent) and operating expenses (41.4 percent) as a result of operation of the parent company.

The consolidated operating expenses in the period 1 January - 31 March 2024 amounted to EUR 7.5 million and consisted of general and administrative expenses and other operating expenses.

On 31 March 2024, the Group had 438 employees (on 31 March 2023: 408 employees).

Assets and liabilities of the Group

Total assets of the Group on consolidated basis amount to EUR 3,997.5 million and were retained at the level from the beginning of the year. The reasons for such tendency are stated in the description of HBOR's financial performance.

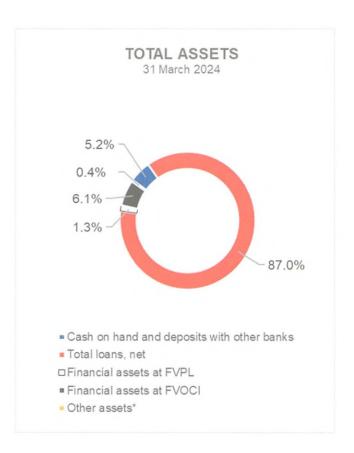
In the structure of assets, the major portion relates to the lending activities of the parent company, i.e. net loans account for 87.0 percent of total assets.

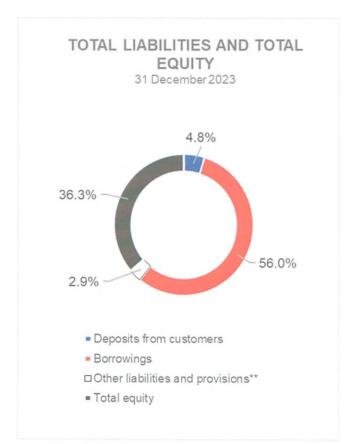
Total liabilities and total equity as at 31 March 2024 amount to EUR 3,997.5 million, of which amount total liabilities equal EUR 2,522.6 million, i.e., 63.1 percent.

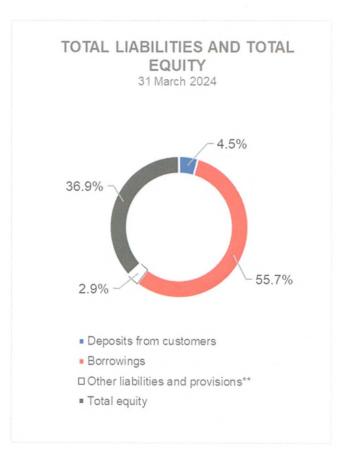
In total liabilities and total equity of the Group, the major portion, i.e., 55.7 percent, consists of borrowings of the parent company.

At the end of the reporting period, total equity on consolidated basis amounted to EUR 1,474.9 million and accounted for 36.9 percent of total liabilities and total equity of the Group.









^{*}Property, plant and equipment and intangible assets, Foreclosed assets and Other assets **Other liabilities and Provisions for guarantees, commitments and other liabilities

RESULTS OF HBOR

OVERVIEW OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE OF HBOR

The following text gives an overview and explanation of the significant changes in financial position and operating performance in the reporting period.

Financial performance

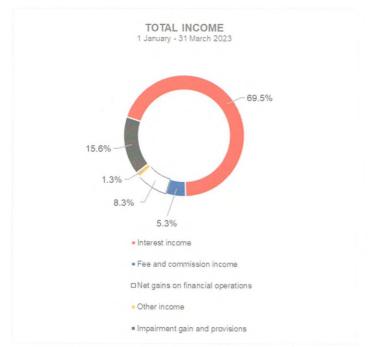
In the period from 1 January to 31 March 2024, HBOR generated total income of EUR 34.9 million, expenses of EUR 17.3 million and profit in the amount of EUR 17.6 million. HBOR's profit generated in the reporting period decreased by EUR 0.9 million compared with the profit generated in the same period last year.

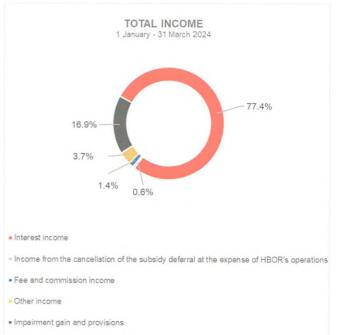
The decrease in profit in the period from 1 January to 31 March 2024 compared with the same period last year is a result of an increase in total income by EUR 4.7 million and an increase in total expenses by EUR 5.6 million.

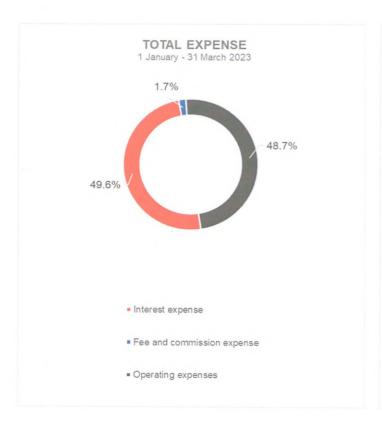
The circumstances that affected the financial result achieved in the three-month reporting period 2024 compared to the results generated in the same period in 2023 are:

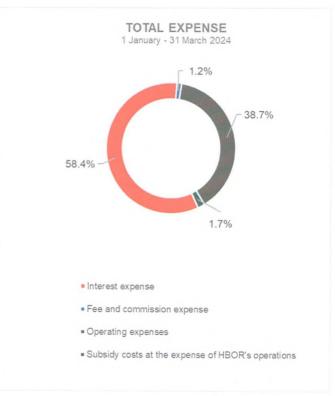
- increase in interest income of EUR 6.0 million,
- increase income from the cancellation of the subsidy deferral at the expense of HBOR's operations by EUR 0.2 million,
- increase in interest expenses of EUR 4.3 million,
- decrease in net income from fees and commissions of EUR 1.1 million,
- decrease in net gains from financial activities in the amount of EUR 2.5 million,
- increase in other income of EUR 0.9 million.
- increase in net impairment gains and provisions by EUR 1.2 million,
- increase in operating expenses of EUR 1.0 million,
- increase in subsidy cost at the expense of HBOR's operations by EUR 0.3 million.

A detailed description of trends is given for each category separately in the following text.









Net interest income

Net interest income amounted to EUR 17.1 million, an increase of 12.5 percent on the same period of the previous reporting year.

Interest income amounted to EUR 27.0 million, an increase of 28.6 percent on the same reporting period last year due to the increase in the volume of lending activities.

In addition, interest income rose by EUR 0.2 million owing to the income resulting from the cancellation of the subsidy deferral at the expense of HBOR's operations. This income is linked with the new product of subsidising interest rates at the expense of HBOR's operations that was introduced in the second half of 2023. The funds for subsidising interest rates are provided by HBOR from its own funds (link to the item in the Profit and Loss Account: "Subsidy costs at the expense of HBOR's operations").

Interest expenses amounted to EUR 10.1 million, an increase of 74.1 percent on the same reporting period last year, due to an increase in borrowings.

With regard to the described trends, greater increase in interest income in an absolute amount compared to the increase in interest expenses influenced the increase in net interest margin compared to the same reporting period of the previous year, which amounted to 1.69 percent, whereas in the same period of the previous year it had amounted to 1.58 percent.

Net fee income and commission income

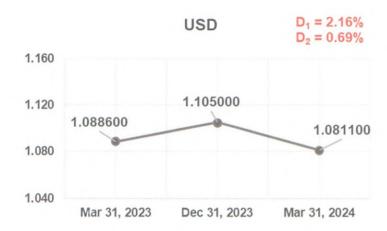
Net fee and commission income amounted to EUR 0.3 million, a decrease of 78.6 percent compared with the same reporting period last year due to a decrease in fee and commission income of EUR 1.1 million in respect of the fees for agent transactions and the fees for issued guarantees as well as the maintaining of fee and commission expenses at the same level as in the same reporting period last year.

Net gains/(losses) on financial operations

Net gains/(losses) on financial operations are comprised of net foreign exchange gains/(losses) on the principal amount of receivables and liabilities, gains/(losses) arising out of value adjustment of financial assets stated at fair value through profit or loss and realised gains/(losses) arising out of financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income.

In the reporting period, net gains from financial activities amounted to EUR 0 million, whereas, in the same reporting period previous year, net gains amounted to EUR 2.5 million.

A breakdown of changes in the exchange rate of the euros against the USD:



Note:

D1 = EUR depreciation Mar 31, 2024/Dec 31, 2023

D2 = EUR depreciation Mar 31, 2024/Mar 31, 2023

Funds and sources of funds that are denominated in another currency or are indexed to the currency clause are converted by HBOR into the equivalent value in EUR at the middle exchange rate of HBOR or another agreed exchange rate on the reporting date.

Revenues and expenditures in another currency are converted at the exchange rate on the transaction date. The resulting foreign exchange gains or losses are recorded in the Profit or Loss Account in net figures.

Operating expenses

Operating expenses that include general and administrative expenses and other operating expenses stood at EUR 6.7 million, an increase of 17.5 percent compared with the same period previous year, mostly as a result of an increase in general and administrative expenses due to an increase in the number of employees and the payment of exporters' loan insurance premiums refunded by HBOR from borrowers and recorded as other income.

On 31 March 2024, HBOR had 419 employees (on 31 March 2023; 387 employees).

Subsidy costs at the expense of HBOR's operations

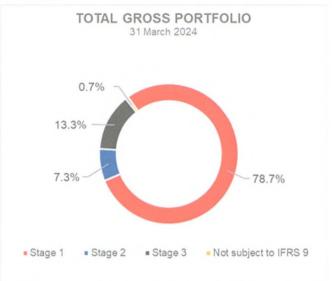
Subsidy costs at the expense of HBOR's operations stood at HRK 0.3 million and are linked with the new product of subsidising interest rates at the expense of HBOR's operations that was introduced in the second half of 2023 (link to the Note: Net interest income).

Impairment gain/(loss) and provisions

In the reporting period, a net gain from impairment of placements in the amount of EUR 5.9 million was recorded (in the period 1 January – 31 March 2023: net gain in the amount of EUR 4.7 million).

The text to follow contains a breakdown of portfolio quality:





Overview of total gross portfolio and provisions by structure - financial institutions and direct

	2023		Mar 31, 2024	
	In millions of euros	Breakdown (percent)	In millions of euros	Breakdown (percent)
Total gross portfolio	4,980.5	100.0	5,051.1	100.0
Of which:				
- financial institutions	1,576.6	31.7	1,654.1	32.7
- direct	3,403.9	68.3	3,398.0	67.3
Total provisions	496.9	100.0	490.0	100.0
Of which:				
- financial institutions	7.9	1.6	7.6	1.5
- direct	489.0	98.4	482.4	98.5
Provisions/gross portfolio	10.0 percent		9.7 percent	-

Significant changes in financial position

Total assets of HBOR as at 31 March 2024 amounted to EUR 3,994.7 million and were retained at the level from the beginning of the year.

Cash on hand and deposits with other banks

As at 31 March 2024, cash on hand and deposits with other banks amounted to EUR 203.9 million representing 5.1 percent of total assets, an increase of 83.7 percent compared with 31 December 2023 as a result of reallocation of liquidity reserve funds.

Loans to financial institutions and other customers

As at 31 March 2024, total net loans amounted to EUR 3,475.9 million representing 87.0 percent of total assets, a decrease 3.4 percent on the beginning of the year.

Total gross loans amounted to EUR 3,947.9 million, a decrease of 3.2 percent compared with 31 December 2023. Gross loans to other customers remained at the beginning-of-the-year level. Gross loans to financial institutions decreased by 8.8 percent compared with the end of 2023 mostly due to the maturity of reverse repo transactions.

As at 31 March 2024, the proportion between gross loans on-lent through financial institutions and direct placements stood at 29 percent: 71 percent (31 December 2023: 31 percent: 69 percent).

Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

Loans at fair value (HBOR has determined that mezzanine loans are classified here), investments in investment funds and a part of equity instruments are classified to these assets. As at 31 March 2024, the total amount of these assets was EUR 53.8 million representing 1.4 percent of total assets.

Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income

a) Debt instruments

Bonds of the Republic of Croatia and treasury bills of the Ministry of Finance as part of liquidity reserve as well as bonds of a company are classified to these assets. On the reporting date, they amounted to EUR 231.8 million, representing 5.8 percent of total assets and recorded an increase compared to the beginning of the year by 4.9 percent.

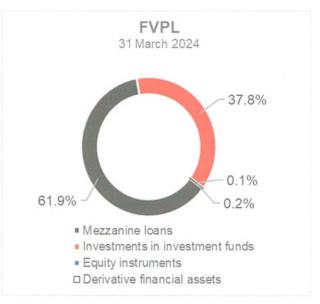
The impairment of these financial assets is calculated through the application of the model of expected credit losses in the manner that provisions are recognised in the accounts of other comprehensive income, thus not reducing the carrying amount of these financial assets in the statement on financial position. On the reporting date, they amounted to EUR 0.5 million in other reserves.

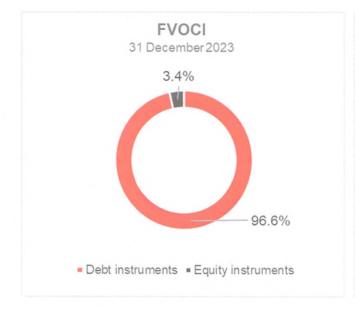
b) Equity instruments

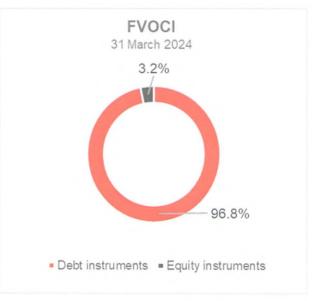
Equity instruments (shares of companies) that HBOR does not intend to sell and to which irrevocable option of subsequent measurement of fair value through other comprehensive income without recycling is applied are classified to these assets, i.e. reserves recognised under other comprehensive income will never be transferred to the statement on profit or loss.

On the reporting date, these assets amounted to EUR 7.8 million, representing 0.2 percent of total assets.









Total liabilities

As at 31 March 2024, total liabilities amounted to EUR 2,520.1 million, which represents 63.1 percent of total liabilities and total equity. The major part of total liabilities consists of HBOR's borrowings in the total amount of EUR 2,229.3 million.

Borrowings decreased by 1.0 percent compared with the beginning of the year, whereas changes in these liabilities are shown in the following table:

	(in millions of euros)
 Draw-down of funds borrowed under previously contracted 	
funds of special financial institutions	196.9
- Repayments of borrowings	(222.0)
- Foreign exchange gains or losses	(0.4)
- Other calculations *	2.8
Total changes	(21.9)

^{*} Other calculations relate to the amount of interest not due and deferred fees.

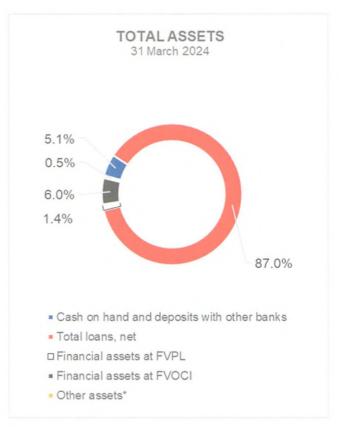
Total equity

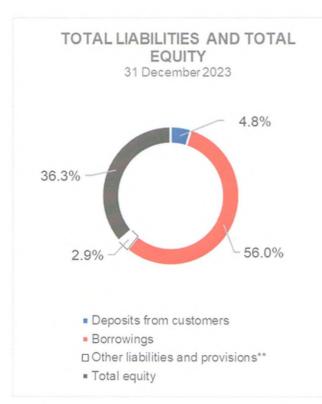
Out of the total amount of total liabilities and total equity, EUR 1,474.6 million or 36.9 percent relate to total equity.

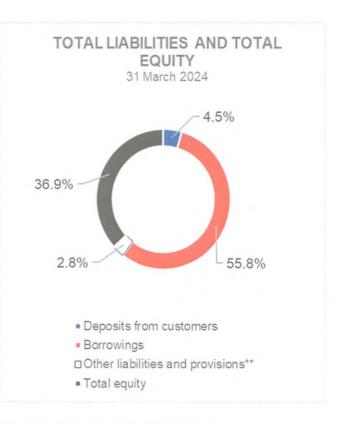
Total equity of HBOR is comprised of the capital and the guarantee fund. HBOR's capital is comprised of founder's capital contributed from the budget of the Republic of Croatia, retained earnings from the profits generated in the previous years, other reserves and profits for the current period.

The total amount of capital contributed from the budget of the Republic of Croatia stood at EUR 902.3 million, and the remaining amount to be contributed to the founder's capital up to the total amount of EUR 929.1 million set by the HBOR Act is EUR 26,8 million.









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