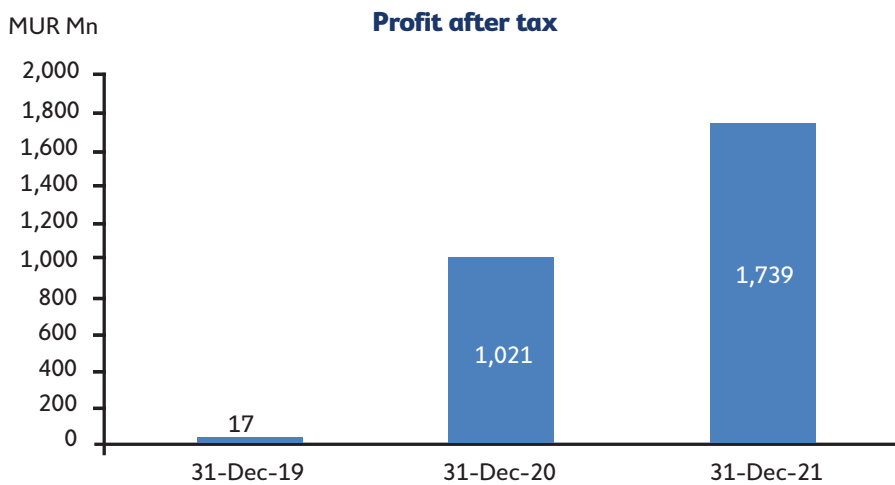


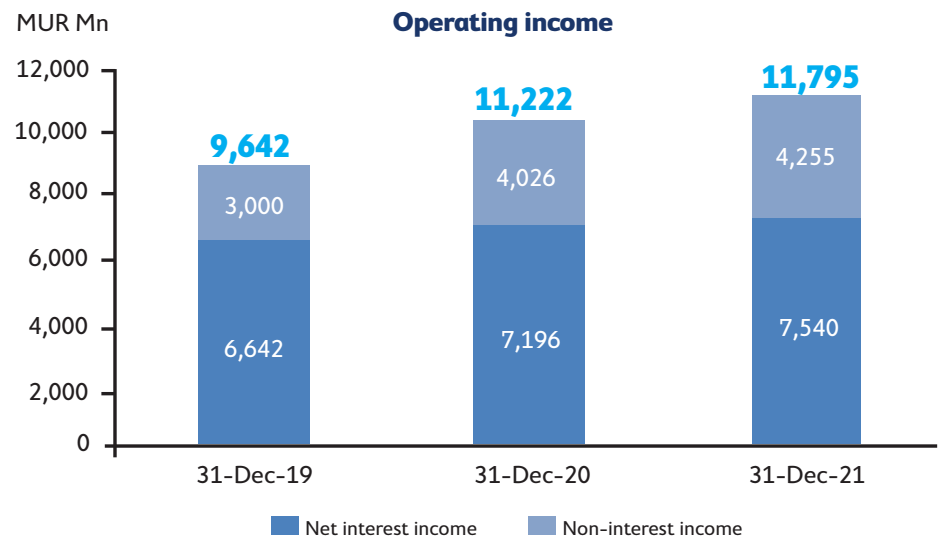
Encouraging financial results as SBM Group gears up for sustained growth

Whereas the operating environment has remained challenging, SBM Group has registered a major improvement of its financial performance. The Group upheld the soundness of its financial metrics in terms of liquidity, funding, capitalisation and asset quality, alongside positioning itself for continued business growth across markets and geographies. Backed by reinforced governance and capabilities as well as enriched value propositions, the Group's local and foreign operating entities have further progressed with regard to the execution of their strategic priorities.

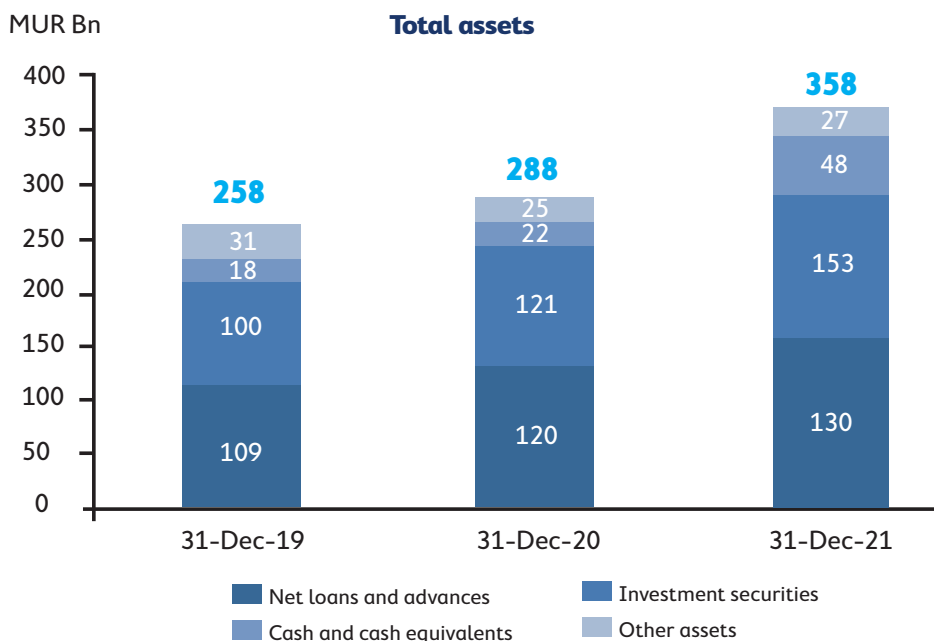
Significant upturn in the Group's profitability level



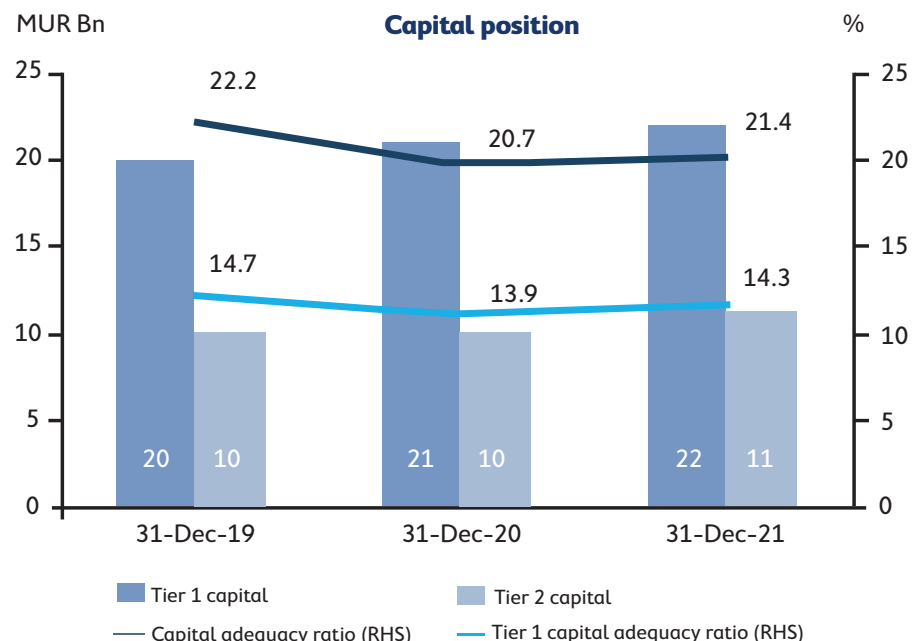
Higher core earnings amidst business growth momentum



Continued expansion of business activities across geographies



Robust capitalisation in support of future growth endeavours



SBM Holdings Ltd (the "Company") and its subsidiaries, here altogether (the "Group"), present the Group and the Company abridged audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021. The audited financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the International Financial Reporting Standards.

STATEMENTS OF PROFIT OR LOSS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

	The Group			The Company		
	31 December 2021	31 December 2020	31 December 2019	31 December 2021	31 December 2020	31 December 2019
	MUR' 000	MUR' 000	MUR' 000	MUR' 000	MUR' 000	MUR' 000
ASSETS						
Cash and cash equivalents	47,636,821	21,577,245	18,181,126	90,055	304,473	178,632
Mandatory balances with central banks	13,645,545	11,290,363	10,680,287	-	-	-
Loans to and placements with banks	837,970	3,130,387	6,942,745	-	-	-
Derivative financial instruments	784,250	809,211	936,093	-	-	-
Loans and advances to non-bank customers	130,393,807	119,857,873	109,198,564	-	-	-
Investment securities	153,426,747	121,053,397	100,290,935	6,559,193	7,005,132	5,898,161
Investment in subsidiaries	-	-	-	29,800,721	29,523,743	29,899,918
Investment in associate	-	-	1,479,048	-	-	1,272,977
Property and equipment	3,585,755	3,196,095	3,328,308	1,110	2,194	3,865
Right of use assets	728,417	804,780	759,905	-	-	-
Intangible assets	1,963,123	2,296,694	2,729,474	609	883	1,157
Deferred tax assets	1,087,074	806,110	355,992	-	-	-
Other assets	3,578,472	3,218,451	3,235,998	150,966	49,719	231,515
Total assets	357,667,981	288,040,606	258,118,475	36,602,654	36,886,144	37,486,225
LIABILITIES						
Deposits from banks	2,770,002	1,403,315	907,521	-	-	-
Deposits from non-bank customers	298,580,858	226,862,221	199,397,188	-	-	-
Other borrowed funds	9,512,912	15,017,177	13,373,033	-	-	-
Derivative financial instruments	759,896	1,279,984	1,126,364	-	41,524	47,645
Lease liabilities	740,902	804,407	795,345	-	-	-
Current tax liabilities	314,671	260,225	712,071	4,140	-	-
Pension liability	410,183	743,807	338,875	5,143	6,914	2,459
Other liabilities	8,322,917	6,330,356	7,179,977	163,001	211,206	112,588
Subordinated debts	9,877,346	10,142,786	9,739,981	9,877,346	10,142,786	9,739,981
Total liabilities	331,289,687	262,844,278	233,570,355	10,049,630	10,402,430	9,902,673
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY						
Stated capital	32,500,204	32,500,204	32,500,204	32,500,204	32,500,204	32,500,204
Retained earnings	2,807,788	893,576	1,114,355	(26,698)	271,474	780,197
Other reserves	(4,054,667)	(3,322,421)	(4,191,408)	(1,045,451)	(1,412,933)	(821,818)
Treasury shares	(4,875,031)	(4,875,031)	(4,875,031)	(4,875,031)	(4,875,031)	(4,875,031)
Total equity attributable to equity holders of the parent	26,378,294	25,196,328	24,548,120	26,553,024	26,483,714	27,583,552
Total equity and liabilities	357,667,981	288,040,606	258,118,475	36,602,654	36,886,144	37,486,225

Approved by the Board of Directors and authorised for issue on 30 March 2022.

Sattar HAJEE ABDOULA

Dr. Subhas THECKA

Chairman

Chairman, Audit Committee

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF SBM HOLDINGS LTD

Opinion

The summary financial statements, which comprise the statements of financial position as at 31 December 2021, the statements of profit or loss, the statements of comprehensive income, the statements of changes in equity and the abridged statements of cash flows for the year then ended, are extracted from audited consolidated and separate financial statements of SBM Holdings Ltd (the "Company") and its subsidiaries (collectively the "Group") for the year ended 31 December 2021.

In our opinion, the accompanying summary financial statements are consistent in all material respects, with the audited consolidated and separate financial statements of the Group and the Company which are prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs), and in compliance with the requirements of the Mauritius Companies Act 2001 and the Financial Reporting Act 2004.

Summary financial statements

The summary financial statements do not contain all the disclosures required by International Financial Reporting Standards. Reading the summary financial statements and the auditor's report thereon, therefore, is not a substitute for reading the audited consolidated and separate financial statements and the auditor's report thereon.

The audited consolidated and separate financial statements and our report thereon

We expressed an unmodified audit opinion on the audited consolidated and separate financial statements in our report dated 30 March 2022. That report also includes the communication of key audit matters that, in our professional judgement, were of most significance in our audit of the consolidated and separate financial statements of the current year.

Responsibilities of Directors for the Summary Financial Statements

The directors are responsible for the preparation of the summary financial statements, without reference to the detailed notes, extracted from the audited consolidated and separate financial statements of the Group and the Company for the year ended 31 December 2021. The audited consolidated and separate financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards and in compliance with the requirements of the Mauritius Companies Act 2001 and the Financial Reporting Act 2004.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on whether the summary financial statements are consistent, in all material respects, with the audited consolidated and separate financial statements based on our procedures, which were conducted in accordance with International Standard on Auditing (ISA) 810 (Revised), Engagements to Report on Summary Financial Statements.

Other Matter

This report, including our opinion, has been prepared for and only for the Company's shareholders in accordance with Section 12.14(i) of the Listing Rules of the Stock Exchange of Mauritius and for no other purpose. We do not, in giving this opinion, accept or assume responsibility for any other purpose or to any other person to whom this report is shown or into whose hands it may come save where expressly agreed by our prior consent in writing.

Deloitte
Chartered Accountants

Date: 30 March 2022

	The Group			The Company		
	31 December 2021	31 December 2020	31 December 2019	31 December 2021	31 December 2020	31 December 2019
	MUR' 000	MUR' 000	MUR' 000	MUR' 000	MUR' 000	MUR' 000
Continuing operations						
Interest income using the effective interest method	11,722,105	11,054,390	10,813,591	70,976	52,286	77,863
Other interest income	135,483	202,013	147,557	-	-	-
Interest expense using the effective interest method	(3,921,301)	(3,625,431)	(4,155,476)	(445,205)	(444,508)	(476,589)
Other interest expense	(395,716)	(434,831)	(163,906)	(30,575)	(50,728)	(9,784)
Net interest income/(expense)	7,540,571	7,196,141	6,641,766	(404,804)	(442,950)	(408,510)
Fee and commission income	1,763,384	1,451,371	1,476,544	-	-	-
Fee and commission expense	(79,610)	(57,312)	(43,508)	-	(13)	(150)
Net fee and commission income/(expense)	1,683,774	1,394,059	1,433,036	-	(13)	(150)
Other income						
Net trading income	1,491,013	1,051,394	1,237,411	-	-	-
Net gain/(losses) from financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	207,999	(45,669)	(153,946)	124,103	376,448	(8,422)
Net gains on derecognition of financial assets measured at amortised cost	5,890	180,325	27,110	5,890	2,372	6,396
Net gains on derecognition of financial assets measured at fair value through other comprehensive income	720,847	1,245,740	231,379	-	-	371
Other operating income	145,056	199,571	225,145	628,274	274,467	1,570,456
Non-interest income	4,254,579	4,025,420	3,000,135	758,267	653,274	1,568,651
Total operating income	11,795,150	11,221,561	9,641,901	353,463	210,324	1,160,141
Personnel expenses	(3,389,361)	(2,842,316)	(2,837,621)	(107,496)	(56,026)	(80,140)
Depreciation of property and equipment	(288,042)	(290,350)	(268,967)	(969)	(1,671)	(2,142)
Depreciation of right of use assets	(212,381)	(183,480)	(204,214)	-	-	-
Amortisation of intangible assets	(488,986)	(575,386)	(616,923)	(274)	(274)	(208)
Other expenses	(2,763,180)	(2,259,397)	(2,184,754)	(413,866)	(529,904)	(341,201)
Impairment of subsidiary	-	-	-	(130,000)	(124,000)	-
Non-interest expense	(7,141,950)	(6,150,929)	(6,112,479)	(652,605)	(711,875)	(423,691)
Profit/(loss) before credit loss expense	4,653,200	5,070,632	3,529,422	(299,142)	(501,551)	736,450
Credit loss (expense)/credit on financial assets and memorandum items	(2,474,893)	(3,757,402)	(2,916,209)	764	(217)	1,085
Operating profit/(loss)	2,178,307	1,313,230	613,213	(298,378)	(501,768)	737,535
Share of profit of associate	-	-	139,237	-	-	-
Profit/(loss) before income tax	2,178,307	1,313,230	752,450	(298,378)	(501,768)	737,535
Tax (expense)/income	(441,319)	(300,126)	(717,129)	(4,140)	336	(357)
Profit/(loss) for the year from continuing operations	1,736,988	1,013,104	35,321	(302,518)	(501,432)	737,178
Discontinued operations						
Profit/(loss) for the year from discontinued operations	1,881	7,906	(17,965)	-	-	-
Profit/(loss) for the year attributable to equity holders of the parent	1,738,869	1,021,010	17,356	(302,518)	(501,432)	737,178
Earnings per share:						
From continuing operations						
Basic (Cents)	67.3	39.2	1.4	-	-	-
Diluted (Cents)	67.3	39.2	1.4	-	-	-
From continuing and discontinued operations						
Basic (Cents)	67.4	39.5	0.7	-	-	-
Diluted (Cents)	67.4	39.5	0.7	-	-	-

STATEMENTS OF OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

	The Group			The Company		
	31 December 2021	31 December 2020	31 December 2019	31 December 2021	31 December 2020	31 December 2019
	MUR' 000	MUR' 000	MUR' 000	MUR' 000	MUR' 000	MUR' 000
Profit/(loss) for the year	1,738,869	1,021,010	17,356	(302,518)	(501,432)	737,178
Other comprehensive income:						
<i>Items that will not be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:</i>						
Increase in revaluation of property	-	754	255,148	-	-	-
Deferred tax on revaluation of property	-	-	(9,950)	-	-	-
Impact of change in deferred tax rate on revaluation of property	-	-	118,392	-	-	-
Remeasurement of defined benefit pension plan	377,899	(747,337)	(203,865)	4,346	(7,291)	-
Deferred tax on remeasurement of defined benefit pension plan	(25,667)	51,409	14,271	-	-	-
Impact of change in deferred tax rate on defined benefit pension plan	-	-	(7,923)	-	-	-
Share of associate-remeasurement of defined benefit pension plan	-	-	(31,105)	-	-	-
Share of other comprehensive income of associate	-	-	76,112	-	-	-
Net (loss)/gain on equity instruments designated at FVTOCI	367,885	(591,373)	45,277	367,482	(591,373)	-
	720,117	(1,286,547)	256,357	371,828	(598,664)	-
<i>Items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:</i>						
Exchange differences on translation of foreign operations	518,515	88,906	327,378	-	-	-
Exchange differences resulting from share of associate	-	-	25,496	-	-	-
Recycling of reserves on derecognition of investment in associate	-	24,166	-	-	-	-
Reclassification of translation reserve to profit or loss on deconsolidation of subsidiary	(44,423)	-	-	-	-	-
Investment securities measured at FVTOCI (Debt instrument)						
Movement in fair value during the year	(1,036,779)	2,045,939	418,362	-	258	-
Reclassification of (losses)/gains included in profit or loss on derecognition	(720,847)	(1,245,740)	231,379	-	-	(9,145)
Movement in credit loss expense relating to debt instruments held at FVTOCI	6,514	474	(6,356)	-	-	-
	(1,277,020)	913,745	996,259	-	258	(9,145)
Total other comprehensive (loss)/income attributable to equity holders of the parent	(556,903)	(372,802)	1,252,616	371,828	(598,406)	(9,145)
Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the year attributable to equity holders of the parent	1,181,966	648,208	1,269,972	69,310	(1,099,838)	728,033

Performance

Against the backdrop of a challenging operating landscape, the full-year results of SBM Group are very encouraging. They demonstrate that the organisation is on the right track and that strategic initiatives unleashed are gradually bearing fruit. The performance reiterates that the Group has the drive and credentials to achieve sound and sustained business growth, with the support of its employees.

Profit attributable to the equity holders of the parent rose by 70.3% to attain MUR 1,738.9 million for the year ended December 2021. This was largely attributable to a drop in credit loss expense on the back of moves to tackle impaired loans and strengthened risk stewardship. Support also emanated from higher core earnings as the Group pursued its business expansion, with operating income rising by 5.1%. While facing up to a low interest environment, net interest income was underpinned by higher investment in short-term securities in view of the subdued economic climate. Gross loans and advances to non-bank customers went up by 7.0% to attain MUR 145.1 billion. Testifying to the Group's goodwill and trustworthiness, deposits from non-bank customers rose by 31.6% to stand at MUR 298.6 billion. Net fee and commission income increased considerably on the back of ongoing market diversification initiatives.

The Group continued to invest in its future growth, with focus on further strengthening its human and technological capabilities. This can be gauged by the notable rise in operating expenses during the year under review, thus leading to a cost to income ratio of 60.6%.

In support of its growth ambitions, the Group has remained highly liquid and well capitalised. The capital base of the Group stood at MUR 32.7 billion as at 31 December 2021, with the overall capital adequacy ratio reaching 21.4%. In spite of being exposed to a testing economic environment across different market segments, the Group has preserved generally manageable asset quality levels.

Earnings per share from continuing operations stood at 67.3 cents for the year ended December 2021, compared to 39.2 cents for the preceding year.

The Group results were underpinned by the sustained momentum built across business lines and entities. While foreign banking entities have capitalised on well-engineered growth-enabling initiatives and enriched customer experiences, SBM Bank (Mauritius) Ltd delivered the most significant contribution to the overall performance in spite of testing operating and market conditions. The contribution of the Non-Banking Financial Cluster to Group profit was appreciable.

Outlook

Reassuring signs of gradual economic upturn are being witnessed across our presence countries. Yet, the market environment remains particularly volatile and complex amidst the pandemic propagation, persisting inflationary pressures, heightened geopolitical uncertainties, supply chain bottlenecks and vulnerabilities across international financial markets. In Mauritius, GDP growth is anticipated to gather additional steam this year, with the momentum underpinned by progress in vaccination, support measures by the authorities, the healing global landscape, and a relative mending of consumer and investor sentiment. The context, though, remains challenging, with the conflict between Russia and Ukraine deserving close attention in view of the repercussions on market conditions and the business climate.

While remaining vigilant to the risks and opportunities emanating from the operating environment, SBM Group has set out to further reinforce its capabilities so as to embark on a renewed phase of its growth journey in the periods ahead, as it aims to progressively diversify its revenue streams across markets. Towards those ends, the Group has, lately, pivoted its key strategic orientations, which revolve around: (i) Purposeful and sustainable business model; (ii) Simpler and smarter organisation; and (iii) Growth as an international and universal service provider. In this light, the Board will continue to oversee the smooth execution of strategic priorities, while promoting strengthened risk management and enhanced operational efficiency levels. In the end, SBM Group is intent on creating sustainable value and building a better future for its stakeholders, including its shareholders, customers, employees, and societies and communities.

In light of the Group's improving profitability and its favourable growth prospects going forward, the Board is pleased to announce the resumption of dividend payment to its shareholders, after a careful review of the capital positions and requirements of its banking subsidiaries. For the financial year ended 31 December 2021, the Board has approved a dividend of 20 cents per share, subject to regulatory approval, payable in June 2022. Looking ahead, SBM Group endeavours to deliver attractive and sustainable shareholder returns, while being guided by the strength of its financial and capital positions as well as by unfolding economic and market conditions.

Sattar HAJEE ABDOLA

Chairman

30 March 2022

Dr. Subhas THECKA

Chairman, Audit Committee

STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

The Group	Stated capital	Treasury shares	Statutory reserve	Retained earnings	Net property revaluation reserve	Other reserves	Total equity
	MUR' 000	MUR' 000	MUR' 000	MUR' 000	MUR' 000	MUR' 000	MUR' 000
At 1 January 2019	32,500,204	(4,875,031)	597,074	2,275,054	63,146	(6,378,667)	24,181,780
Profit for the year	-	-	-	17,356	-	-	17,356
Other comprehensive (loss)/income for the year	-	-	-	(228,622)	363,590	1,117,648	1,252,616
Total comprehensive (loss)/income for the year	-	-	-	(211,266)	363,590	1,117,648	1,269,972
Transfer from retained earnings to statutory reserve	-	-	90,000	(90,000)	-	-	-
Revaluation surplus realised on depreciation	-	-	-	43,121	(43,121)	-	-
Transfer from other reserve to retained earnings	-	-	-	1,078	-	(1,078)	-
Dividend	-	-	-	(903,632)	-	-	(903,632)
At 31 December 2019	32,500,204	(4,875,031)	687,074	1,114,355	383,615	(5,262,097)	24,548,120
At 1 January 2020	32,500,204	(4,875,031)	687,074	1,114,355	383,615	(5,262,097)	24,548,120
Profit for the year	-	-	-	1,021,010	-	-	1,021,010
Other comprehensive (loss)/income for the year	-	-	-	(695,928)	754	322,372	(372,802)
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	-	-	325,082	754	322,372	648,208
Reclassification of reserves	-	-	6,709	(10,125)	2,285	1,131	-
Revaluation surplus realised on depreciation	-	-	-	53,505	(53,505)	-	-
Transfer from retained earnings to general reserve	-	-	-	(589,241)	-	589,241	-
At 31 December 2020	32,500,204	(4,875,031)	693,783	893,576	333,149	(4,349,353)	25,196,328
At 1 January 2021	32,500,204	(4,875,031)	693,783	893,576	333,149	(4,349,353)	25,196,328
Profit for the year	-	-	-	1,738,869	-	-	1,738,869
Other comprehensive income/(loss) for the year	-	-	-	352,232	-	(909,135)	(556,903)
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	-	-	2,091,101	-	(909,135)	1,181,966
Reclassification between reserves	-	-	-	38	(303)	265	-
Transfer from retained earnings to statutory reserve	-	-	108,303	(108,303)	-	-	-
Revaluation surplus realised on depreciation	-	-	-	51,960	(51,960)	-	-
Transfer from retained earnings to general reserve	-	-	-	(120,584)	-	120,584	-
At 31 December 2021	32,500,204	(4,875,031)	802,086	2,807,788	280,886	(5,137,639)	26,378,294

STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

The Company	Stated capital	Treasury shares	Retained earnings	Net unrealised investment fair value reserve	Total equity
	MUR'000	MUR' 000	MUR' 000	MUR' 000	MUR' 000
At 1 January 2019	32,500,204	(4,875,031)	946,651	(812,673)	27,759,151
Profit for the year	-	-	737,178	-	737,178
Other comprehensive loss for the year	-	-	-	(9,145)	(9,145)
Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the year	-	-	737,178	(9,145)	728,033
Dividend	-	-	(903,632)	-	(903,632)
At 31 December 2019	32,500,204	(4,875,031)	780,197	(821,818)	27,583,552
At 1 January 2020	32,500,204	(4,875,031)	780,197	(821,818)	27,583,552
Loss for the year	-	-	(501,432)	-	(501,432)
Other comprehensive loss for the year	-	-	(7,291)	(591,115)	(598,406)
Total comprehensive loss for the year	-	-	(508,723)	(591,115)	(1,099,838)
At 31 December 2020	32,500,204	(4,875,031)	271,474	(1,412,933)	26,483,714
At 1 January 2021	32,500,204	(4,875,031)	271,474	(1,412,933)	26,483,714
Loss for the year	-	-	(302,518)	-	(302,518)
Other comprehensive income for the year	-	-	4,346	367,482	371,828
Total comprehensive (loss)/income for the year	-	-	(298,172)	367,482	69,310
At 31 December 2021	32,500,204	(4,875,031)	(26,698)	(1,045,451)	26,553,024

STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

	The Group			The Company		
	31 December 2021	31 December 2020	31 December 2019	31 December 2021	31 December 2020	31 December 2019
	MUR'000	MUR'000	MUR'000	MUR'000	MUR'000	MUR'000
Net cash from/(used in) operating activities	33,070,280	2,197,241	2,405,916	493,877	(400,801)	895,232
Investing activities						
Acquisition of property and equipment	(646,499)	(224,068)	(196,296)	(968)	-	(227)
Acquisition of intangible assets	(154,908)	(153,549)	(125,695)	-	-	(1,321)
Disposal of property and equipment	-	60,897	6,808	1,082	-	-
Investment in subsidiaries	-	-	-	(586,518)	(97,825)	(1,414,766)
Capital contribution repayment from subsidiaries	-	-	-	179,541	350,000	-
Other dividend received	139,699	135,175	199,833	274,467	274,467	1,570,456
Net cash (used in)/generated from investing activities	(661,708)	(181,545)	(115,350)	(132,396)	176,642	154,142
Financing activities						
(Decrease)/increase in other borrowed funds	(5,504,265)	1,644,145	1,408,445	-	-	-
Repayment of subordinated debts	(2,575,899)	-	-	(2,575,899)	-	-
Proceeds from subordinated liabilities debts raised	2,000,000	-	-	2,000,000	-	-
Dividend paid on ordinary shares	-	-	(903,632)	-	-	(903,632)
Payment of principal portion of lease liabilities	(263,224)	(266,900)	(229,319)	-	-	-
Net cash flow (used in)/from financing activities	(6,343,388)	1,377,245	275,494	(575,899)	350,000	(903,632)
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	26,065,184	3,392,941	2,566,060	(214,418)	125,841	145,742
Expected credit loss allowance on cash and cash equivalents	(5,608)	3,178	(38,449)	-	-	-
Cash and cash equivalents at start of year	21,577,245	18,181,126	15,653,515	304,473	178,632	32,890
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	47,636,821	21,577,245	18,181,126	90,055	304,473	178,632

Copies of the audited financial statements are available to the public free of charge at the registered office of the Company, SBM Tower, 1, Queen Elizabeth II Avenue, Place D'Armes, Port Louis and can be viewed on our website: www.sbmgroup.mu.

The statement of direct and indirect interests of officers of the Company in the capital of the Company and its subsidiaries may also be obtained free of charge upon request at the registered office of the Company.

By order of the Board

Mrs D. Ramjug Chumun
Company Secretary

30 March 2022

The Communiqué is issued pursuant to Listing Rule 12.20 and Securities Act 2005.

The Board of Directors of SBM Holdings Ltd accepts full responsibility for the accuracy of the information contained in this Communiqué.