

Press release

Annual result 2024: Hamburg Commercial Bank with solid operating performance and EUR 248 million pre-tax profit

- Preliminary figures announced in February confirmed – group net result after taxes of EUR 228 (271) million
- Total income rose to EUR 783 (2023: 762) million
- Significant burden from one-off provisions
- CET1 ratio at a strong level of 17.3%

HAMBURG/GERMANY – Hamburg Commercial Bank AG (HCOB) confirmed on Thursday its preliminary figures for the financial year 2024 and the IFRS **net income before taxes** of EUR 248 (prior-year: 427) million that it had presented in mid-February. A sustained positive development in the client business with a further increase in recurring income contributed to the now audited result, while high one-off provisions had a noticeable negative impact. Asset quality improved due to proactive portfolio management, and the bank maintained its capital and liquidity metrics at a high level.

Solid operational performance – one-off effects had noticeable negative impact

Net income before taxes of EUR 248 (427) million was characterized by a solid operating business performance and a **total income** of EUR 783 (762) million. At the same time, negative non-operating one-off effects, mainly additions to provisions for legal risks (incl. legal fees), totaling EUR 106 million, had a significant adverse impact on the result. In the previous year, the pre-tax result had benefited strongly from positive one-off effects totaling EUR 94 million. At EUR 20 (156) million, **income tax expenses** were significantly lower than in the previous year, resulting in a **group net result after taxes** of EUR 228 (271) million.

The **cost-income ratio** (CIR) was 50 (39) % and was significantly impacted by the aforementioned one-off effects, including one-off provisions of EUR 18 million for potential severance payments formed to reduce the headcount. Excluding these one-offs, the CIR was 42%.

NPE ratio down to 1.9% – comfortable risk coverage – total assets up 7%

Despite the continued challenging conditions on the real estate markets, the **non-performing exposure** (NPE) was successfully reduced to EUR 686 (31/12/2023: 800) million through proactive portfolio management and a reduction in non-performing loans of EUR 462 million. As a result, the **NPE ratio** improved noticeably by -0.4 percentage points to 1.9% (31/12/2023: 2.3%).

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The stock of **loan loss provisions** remained at a comfortable level of EUR 347 (31/12/2023: 366) million.

Total assets increased by 7% to EUR 33.6 (31.5) billion, mainly due to organic growth in the loan book and the acquisition of a shipping loan portfolio.

The **CET1 ratio** decreased accordingly but, at 17.3% (31/12/2023: 19.5%), was above its strategic target level. The **leverage ratio** remained significantly above the regulatory requirements at 9.0% (31/12/2023: 9.1%).

Lending units: positive earnings development – total income up 8%

Overall, income from customer business increased substantially across all four credit segments, rising by 8% to a total of EUR 729 (677) million. This encouraging income trend was also reflected in higher profit after tax of EUR 239 (199) million, despite a slight increase in loan loss provisions and almost stable costs. At EUR 6.1 (6.2) billion, new business was roughly on a par with the previous year and led to segment assets of EUR 21.6 (31/12/2023: 19.6) billion.

For further information on the 2024 financial year, please refer to our [press release](#) on the preliminary figures dated 13 February 2025 and our website [Investor Relations](#).

Group statement of income (IFRS) 2024

(€ million)	2024	2023	Change in %
Interest income from financial assets categorised as AC and FVOCI	1,711	1,447	18
Interest income from other financial instruments	98	65	51
Interest expenses	-1,057	-852	24
Positive interest on borrowings and derivatives	-	3	-100
Net interest income	752	663	13
Net commission income	26	23	13
Result from hedging	2	13	-85
Result from financial instruments categorised as FVPL	-7	72	>-100
Net income from financial investments	7	-3	>100
Result from the disposal of financial assets classified as AC	3	-6	>100
Total income	783	762	3
Loan loss provisions	-95	-79	20
Total income after loan loss provisions	688	683	1
Administrative expenses	-350	-332	5
Other operating result	-81	97	>-100
Expenses for regulatory affairs, deposit guarantee fund and banking associations	-9	-21	-57
Net income before taxes	248	427	-42
Income tax expenses	-20	-156	-87
Group net result	228	271	-16
Group net result attributable to Hamburg Commercial Bank shareholders	228	271	-16

Further key figures of the Group	31/12/2024	31/12/2023
Total assets (€ bn)	33.6	31.5
RWA (€ bn)	18.2	16.5
CET1 capital ratio (%)	17.3 ²	19.5 ³
Overall capital ratio (%)	22.4 ²	25.0 ³
Return on equity (RoE) after taxes ¹ (%)	6.2	7.4
Leverage ratio (%)	9.0 ²	9.1 ³
Liquidity coverage ratio (%)	216	184
Net stable funding ratio (%)	116	116
Employees (FTE)	934	907

1) RoE after taxes based on balance sheet equity at the beginning of the year excluding proposed dividend. | 2) A proposed dividend is already deducted from CET1 capital; the dividend payment is subject to approval by the Annual General Meeting. | 3) The dividend payment of EUR 302 million Euro made in the 2024 financial year was taken into account in advance as a reduction in CET1 capital.