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Q1 2024 Results

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Non-IFRS and other financial measures

Our financial condition and results of operations, as well as any measures derived using such quantitative metrics, in this document are presented on an International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board basis. The Company also uses a number of financial measures when assessing its results and overall performance. Some of these financial measures are not calculated in accordance with IFRS. We present non-IFRS financial measures management uses these measure to assess its own performance and we believe such measures may help readers analyze the Company's results and assess results before certain items that may not reflect the Company's underlying performance. Readers are cautioned that the Company's non-IFRS financial measures do not have standardized meanings under IFRS and may not be comparable to similar measures used by other companies or peers.

Further information regarding the composition of our non-IFRS financial measures and reconciliations of such measures to the most closely comparable IFRS measures are provided in the Glossary section of our First Quarter Report 2024, which is available on <u>SEDAR</u>.



Change of EQB's fiscal year

EQB has changed its fiscal year to end on October 31 for 2023 onwards, compared to prior fiscal periods ending December 31. With this change, EQB's reporting cycle is now consistent with Canada's publicly traded banks.

Quarterly comparison periods throughout fiscal 2024 will compare to the closest historical period. When the year is complete, the 12-month fiscal 2024 period will be compared to a 10-month fiscal 2023.

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Note that the comparative period of Q4 2022 included the acquisition of Concentra Bank on November 1, 2022, and contains several one-time items associated with the acquisition. Please see the Q4 2022 Management's Discussion and Analysis for more information. In addition, please see the comparison of performance relative to guidance below in "Overall Business Performance".

The change in fiscal year did not result in changes to the dividend payment schedule. EQB continues to pay dividends on the last business day of March, June, September, and December.

Andrew Moor President & Chief Executive Officer



Reflection: March 18, 2024, marks EQB's 20-year anniversary as a publicly listed company

Total Shareholder Return (TSR)¹ : +1,025% TSR CAGR ¹ : +13%

March 18, 2004 EQB's initial public offering (IPO)

March 18, 2024 20-years since IPO

On track to achieve the best 20-year total shareholder return of any banks listed on the TSX and S&P500



It's Time: Launch of EQ Bank's "Second Chance" marketing campaign in January 2024



"Second Chance" campaign launch

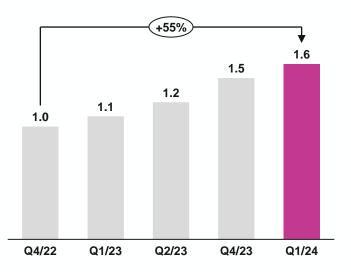
- EQ Bank's survey on Canadians revealed a significant disconnect in awareness about fees paid and interest earned
- The survey also found that, despite widespread feelings of dissatisfaction, most young Canadians 18-34 still use their first-ever bank accounts
- To raise awareness of this common predicament, EQ Bank joined forces with Eugene and Dan Levy to give Canadians a "Second Chance" at these first accounts



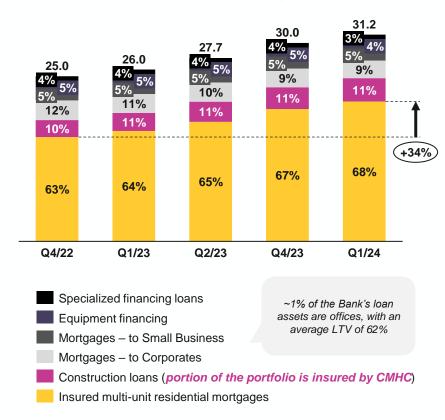
Personal and Commercial Banking: Portfolio highlights

Loans Under Management (\$B)





- Fastest growing lending portfolio across all business segments
- Expect growth trajectory to continue in 2024



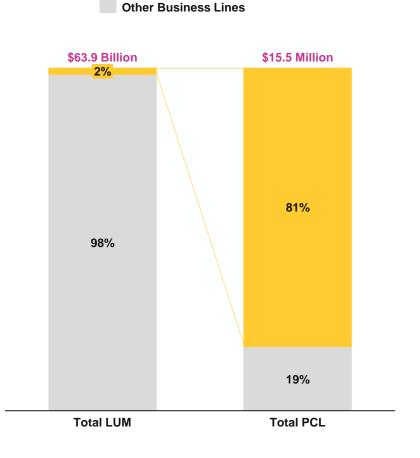
Commercial Banking



Credit: Comments and outlook

Equipment Financing Business

Equipment Financing Business as a % of total LUM and PCL



- Equipment financing business accounts for approximately 2% of the Bank's total loans under management
- Loans are priced at a wider spread to cover expected cost of credit losses
- Provision for credit losses from equipment financing accounted for over 80% of net PCL for Q1 or \$12.7 million
 - Losses were largely a result of cyclical downturn in the long-haul transportation sector, representing about 44% of the leasing portfolio



ACM Advisors: Majority interest acquisition in Q1



ACM marks **EQB's entry into wealth and alternative asset management** in asset classes we understand well



New source of non-interest revenue for EQB and performing to plan



Goal of doubling this business over the next five years



New opportunity to enrich people's lives



Chadwick Westlake Chief Financial Officer



Financial Results Overview: Performing to guidance

In CARA unless otherwise noted and	Adjusted ¹		Reported			
In \$MM, unless otherwise noted and except for per share amounts	Q1/24	Q/Q	Y/Y	Q1/24	Q/Q	Y/Y
ROE	15.6%	(0.9%)	(0.3%)	15.0%	(0.8%)	7.3%
Diluted EPS (\$)	\$2.76	n.m.	12%	\$2.66	n.m.	124%
Book Value Per Share ² (\$)	71.33	1%	14%	71.33	1%	14%
CET1	14.2%	0.2%	0.5%	14.2%	0.2%	0.5%
Loans Under Management (\$B)	\$63.9	2%	12%	\$63.9	2%	12%
Multi-Unit Residential LUM (\$B)	\$21.1	6%	34%	\$21.1	6%	34%
NIM	2.01%	0.01%	0.14%	2.01%	0.01%	0.16%
Efficiency Ratio	44.9%	1.1%	1.4%	46.7%	0.9%	(12.6%)
Net-Interest Income	\$256.0		17%	\$256.0		17%
Non-Interest Revenue	\$42.8		162%	\$42.8		161%
Total Revenue	\$298.8		27%	\$298.8		27%
Non-Interest Expenses	\$134.0		31%	\$139.5		0%
Pre-Provision Pre-Tax	\$164.7		24%	\$159.3		67%
Net Income After Tax	\$108.4		17%	\$104.4		128%

Q1/24 adjusted ROE was 15.6% and on track for full-year guidance of 15%+

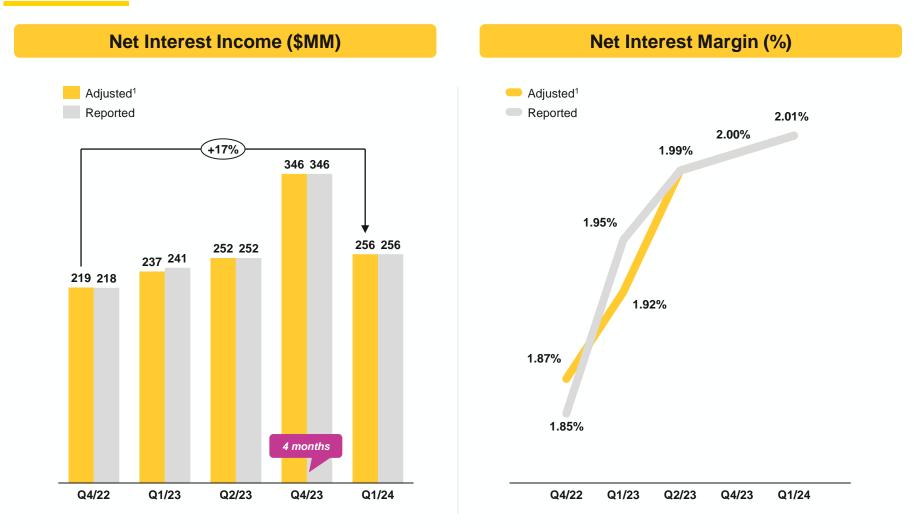
- BVPS +14% y/y; within range of full-year guidance
- Well capitalized with CET1 at 14.2%, up 20 bps Q/Q
- Board of Directors has approved removing the 2% discount on our common share dividend reinvestment program

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1. Adjusted measures and ratios are Non-GAAP measures. For additional information, see adjustments to financial results and Non-GAAP financial measures and ratios section in the Q1 2024 MD&A 2. Includes a downward adjustment to shareholder's equity to reflect the value of a future option to acquire the remaining 25% of ACM



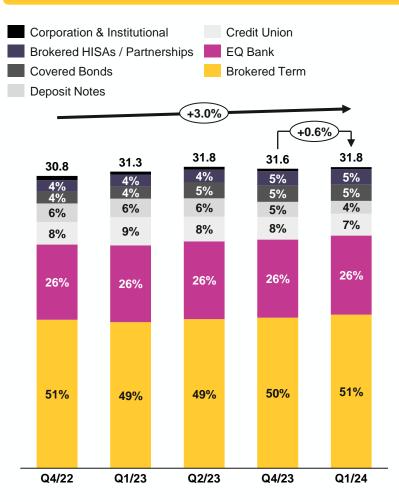
Net Interest Margin: Expansion from funding diversification and increasing yields on conventional loans in Commercial





Funding: Diversified sources of funding matched against loan maturities; 95% of deposits are either term or insured

Total Deposit Principal (\$B)



Total Deposits Principal +0.6% Q/Q and +3.0% Y/Y

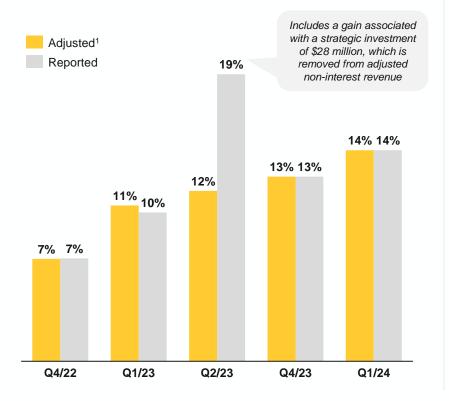
- Bearer deposit note program nearly \$500 million as of Q1/24
- EQ Bank deposits grew to \$8.3 billion. Cost of funds at EQ Bank moved at a lower velocity than BoC changes
- Equitable Bank is the only non-DSIB in Canada to issue covered bonds in the European market
- Credit union deposits remained stable at \$2.3 billion



Non-Interest Revenue: Growing well and on track to represent 12-15% of total revenue by 2027

Non-Interest Revenue

Non-interest revenue as a % of total revenue



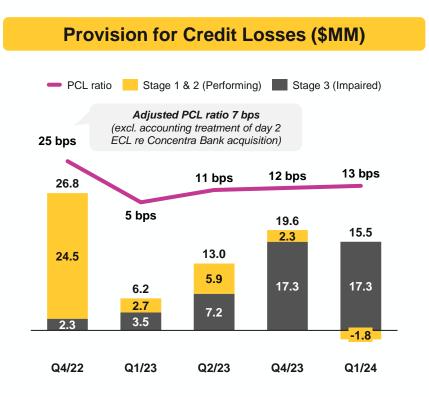
Non-Interest Revenue (\$MM)	Q1/24
Fees and other income	16.6
Gains (losses) on strategic investments	(0.3)
Net gains (losses) on other investments	5.3
Gain on sale and income from retained interests	19.4
Net gains (losses) on securitization activities & derivatives	1.7
Total non-interest revenue – reported	42.8
FV amortization adjustment on other investments	-
Total non-interest revenue – adjusted ¹	42.8

Levers of non-interest revenue:

- Major participant in the CMB Program, maximizing our allocation of insured 5 and 10-year term multi-unit residential mortgages
- Concentra Trust: building relationships and expanding product offerings to Credit Unions and Wealth advisors
- Fee-based revenue from ACM acquisition
- Payment-as-a-Service, serve as BIN sponsors for third parties



PCL and ACL: Appropriately provisioned



Total PCLs of \$15.5MM (or 13 bps) split across:

- \$12.7MM: Equipment Financing
- \$4.0MM: Commercial²
- \$6.2MM: Personal
- (\$7.3MM): Consumer Lending³
- Stage 3 PCLs of \$17.3MM mainly from Equipment Financing (~66%) and Commercial portfolio (~19%)

1. Allowance for credit losses net of cash reserves

2. Excluding equipment financing

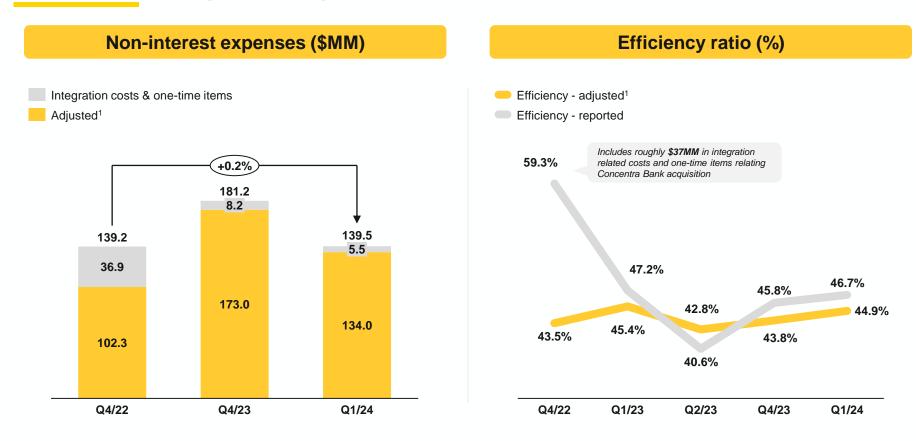
3. Reflects a new cash reserve associated with the consumer lending portfolio

Net Allowance for Credit Losses¹ (\$MM) ACL ratio (Net of cash reserves) Stage 3 (Impaired) Stage 1 & 2 (Performing) Cash reserves 22 bps 22 bps 20 bps 18 bps 19 bps 107.0 104.3 95.4 87.0 82.7 99.5 101.2 99.0 92.6 89.9 22.5 18.0 8.8 11.3 6.9 (14.1)(14.4) (14.9)(14.8) (14.9)Q4/22 Q1/23 Q2/23 Q4/23 Q1/24

- Net allowance for credit losses (net of cash reserves) stayed flat Q/Q at 22 bps, mainly resulting from higher reserves required for non-performing leases
- Approximately 85% of the uninsured single family residential lending portfolio has already renewed since interest rates began to rise in the spring of 2022



Non-Interest Expenses: Thoughtful expense management and investing in long-term franchise value



- Adjusted non-interest expenses was \$44.7 million/month in Q1 2024 vs. \$43.3 million/month in Q4 2023, mainly due to incentive payments in December, inclusion of ACM expenses, and EQ Bank's "Second Chance" campaign that was launched in early January
- FTE increased by 4% over the quarter to 1,808 (with ACM accounting for over half of the increase)



Reaffirming 2024 Guidance

EQB's key adjusted ¹ financial metrics		F24 Guidance ²
Return on equity (ROE)		15%+
Pre-Provision Pre-Tax Income (PPPT)		\$660 - 700 million
Diluted EPS		\$11.75 - 12.25 / share
Dividend		20 - 25%
BVPS		13 - 15%
CET1		13%+
Core portfolio metrics		
Total Loans Under Management	On and off-balance sheet loans	8 - 12%
Singe Family Residential Lending	Uninsured residential mortgages	5 - 10%
Wealth Decumulation	Reverse mortgages and insurance lending	40 - 60%
Commercial Lending (excl. multi-unit residential)	Loans to small businesses and entrepreneurs and equipment financing	5 - 10%
Multi-unit Residential Loans Under Management	On and off-balance sheet multi-unit residential lending	20 - 25%
EQ Bank	Customer growth	30 - 40%

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2. Guidance represents expected growth rates from October 31, 2023, to October 31, 2024. Guidance is forward-looking information; readers should refer to the caution regarding forward-looking statements section herein



Final Thoughts...

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Continued momentum for our Challenger story

Delivering best long-term shareholder return



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