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FBN Holdings FY 2024 Report: Net Profit Nears
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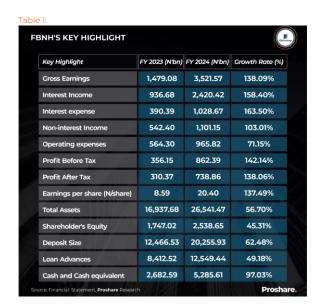
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FBN Holdings' unaudited FY 2024 financial statement shows gross earnings climbed to N3.52trn, up +138.09% from N1.48trn in FY 2023, while its pre-tax profit climbed 142% to N862bn in FY 2024. The topline growth can be attributed to elevated lending rates, wider interest margin, and offbalance sheet investments, reflected in interest income at N2.42trn, Net gains from financial instruments FVTPL at N641.87bn and Fee and commission at N302.90bn in FY 2024. The large top-line earnings cushioned the Holdco's FX loss valued at N96.43bn and high operating expenses at N589.79bn (up +72.89% Y-o-Y) to generate a triple-digit growth in net earnings. **FBNH's** pre- and post-tax profit grew closer to the N1trn mark at N862.39bn and N738.86bn in FY 2024, respectively. The Tier 1 bank's high earnings retention strategy with dividend payment of N14.36bn (N0.40 dividend per share), strengthened retained earnings and shareholder funds to N1.30trn and N2.50trn in FY 2024, respectively.

Meanwhile, the Holdco has received approval from shareholders to raise 150bn through a right issue to fill the N250bn capital gap to meet the N500bn minimum capital requirement under the regulatory recapitalisation exercise. Although the Holdco is yet to disclose further details on the exercise, analysts are optimistic about investors' interest in the bank (see table 1).

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Performance Ratios.

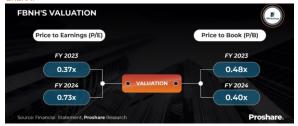
The oldest bank's financial ratios improved in 2024, featuring cost efficiency as CIR remained below 50%, modest returns on asset utilization and shareholder funds as well as increased net interest margin. However, lower loan to deposit ratio (LDR) at 62%, which is below regulatory requirement, and lower loan-to-assets suggest the Holdco has a cautious approach to credit creation amidst high-risk environment (see table 2).



Valuation

The price to earnings increased to O.73x in FY 2024 from 0.37x in FY 2023, reflecting high market attraction. However, the price-to-book remained below 1 and reduced to 0.40x in FY 2024 from 0.48x, implying the Holdco is priced below its book value (see chart 1).





Share price Struggles Amid Ongoing First Bank-GHL Dispute.

In 2024, FBNH's share price had sharp fluctuations and trended downward with mild upticks. Nevertheless, the share price returned 17.97% to investor by December 31, 2024. The sharp volatility persisted in the first five weeks of 2025 as the ongoing dispute between General Hydrocarbons Limited and the Holdco's bank subsidiary sparked reactions from the market. Following FBN Holdings' public statement, its share price dropped from a peak of N31.45 on January 8, 2025, to N28.50 on January 13, 2025. A subsequent response from GHL led to a slight recovery, with the share price rising to N29.25 as of January 29, 2025. However, the Federal High Court's ruling against the freezing order triggered a sell-off, causing the share price to decline to N29.10. Despite the fluctuations, FBN Holdings' share price has delivered a +3.74% YTD return, outperforming the NGX ASI's return of +1.77% as of January 30, 2025 (see chart 2).



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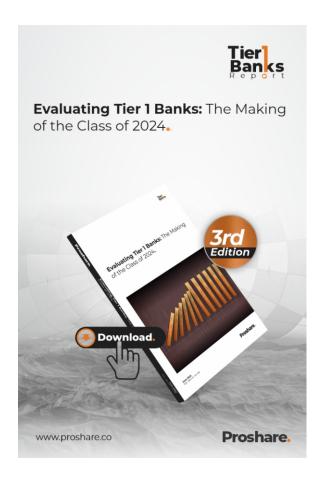
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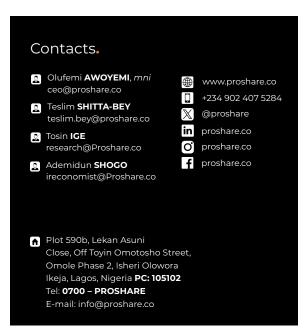
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