

FirstCaribbean International Bank (Jamaica) Limited
Consolidated Financial Statements
For the six months ended April 30, 2004 (expressed in Jamaican dollars)



FIRSTCARIBBEAN
INTERNATIONAL BANK

Chairman's Review

For the six months ended April 30, 2004

FirstCaribbean International Bank Jamaica Group recorded a net profit after tax of \$192.1 million for the six months ended April 30, 2004. This performance represents 22.9% increase over the \$156.3 million reported at the end of the second quarter last year.

Total revenue increased by \$165.3 million (18.7%) compared to the same period in the preceding year. Total interest income increased by \$200.1 million (19.8%) over the six months ended April 30, 2003 primarily due to greater loan volumes following two successful loan and mortgage campaigns.

Shareholders' return on equity was 17% for the half year compared to 18% for the corresponding period in the previous year; earnings per share was 99.4 cents in comparison to 80.9 cents for the period ended April 30, 2003.

Total assets stood at \$20.5 billion as at April 30, 2004, an increase of \$2.5 billion or 13.8% above the balance as at April 30, 2003. Loans increased by \$1.3 billion or 20.6% year over year and stood at \$7.8 billion as at April 30, 2004. Deposits grew by \$1.4 billion (9.1%) to close the quarter at \$17.3 billion.

Given the decision to increase the capital of the bank, your board recommends that no interim dividend be paid for the half year ended April 30, 2004. We will review this decision in light of the capital base of the bank at the end of the current fiscal year.

FirstCaribbean has successfully completed the integration of the bank across the region, which will now allow us to launch new sales channels and deliver significantly improved service to our customers.

Michael K. Mansoor
Chairman

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET J\$'000

	Unaudited 30-Apr-04	Restated 30-Apr-03	Audited 31-Oct-03
Assets			
Cash resources	8,317,000	7,382,075	7,673,416
Securities	2,481,898	2,316,728	2,659,287
Government securities purchased under resale agreement	379,997	617,623	412,797
Loans	7,796,048	6,463,268	7,061,581
Net investment in leases	24,720	29,441	25,632
Fixed assets	292,297	207,468	286,313
Other assets	1,201,315	992,133	1,252,632
	<u>20,493,275</u>	<u>18,008,736</u>	<u>19,371,658</u>
Liabilities			
Total deposits	17,347,798	15,899,537	16,561,713
Other liabilities	786,404	288,751	642,956
	<u>18,134,202</u>	<u>16,188,288</u>	<u>17,204,669</u>
Shareholders' Equity			
Share capital & reserves	1,724,477	1,274,477	1,274,477
Retained earnings	634,596	545,971	892,512
	<u>2,359,073</u>	<u>1,820,448</u>	<u>2,166,989</u>
	<u>20,493,275</u>	<u>18,008,736</u>	<u>19,371,658</u>

MICHAEL MANSOOR - CHAIRMAN

RAYMOND CAMPBELL - DIRECTOR

CONSOLIDATED CHANGES IN SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY J\$'000

	Number of Shares ('000)	Share Capital J\$'000	Capital Reserve J\$'000	Statutory Reserve Fund J\$'000	Retained Earnings Reserve J\$'000	Bldg Society General Reserve J\$'000	Total Share Capital & Reserves J\$'000	Retained Earnings J\$'000
Balance at November 1, 2002	193,333	96,667	19,458	156,667	932,163	45,522	1,250,477	432,982
Net income for the period								156,322
Transfer to retained earnings reserve					24,000		24,000	(24,000)
Dividends								(19,333)
Balance at April 30, 2003	<u>193,333</u>	<u>96,667</u>	<u>19,458</u>	<u>156,667</u>	<u>956,163</u>	<u>45,522</u>	<u>1,274,477</u>	<u>545,971</u>
Balance at November 1, 2003	193,333	96,667	19,458	156,667	956,163	45,522	1,274,477	892,512
Net income for the period								192,084
Transfer to retained earnings reserve					450,000		450,000	(450,000)
Dividends								
Balance at April 30, 2004	<u>193,333</u>	<u>96,667</u>	<u>19,458</u>	<u>156,667</u>	<u>1,406,163</u>	<u>45,522</u>	<u>1,724,477</u>	<u>634,596</u>

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS J\$'000

	Unaudited Six months ended 30-Apr-04	Restated Six months ended 30-Apr-03	Audited Year ended 31-Oct-03
Net cash provided by/ (used in) operating activities	236,905	(1,253,756)	(752,884)
Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities	178,098	414,488	(33,444)
Net cash provided by/(used in) financing activities	162,671	(59,114)	114,910
Net increase/ (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	577,674	(898,382)	(671,418)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	5,894,342	6,565,760	6,565,760
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	<u>6,472,016</u>	<u>5,667,379</u>	<u>5,894,342</u>

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF INCOME J\$'000

	Unaudited Quarter ended 30-Apr-04	Unaudited Year-to-Date 30-Apr-04	Unaudited Quarter ended 30-Apr-03	Restated Year-to-Date 30-Apr-03	Audited Year ended 31-Oct-03
Total interest income	590,825	1,210,889	500,369	1,010,766	2,242,306
Total interest expenses	(205,986)	(417,854)	(219,200)	(455,304)	(886,998)
Net interest income	384,839	793,035	281,169	555,462	1,355,308
Non-interest income	128,221	255,164	182,891	327,456	635,727
	<u>513,060</u>	<u>1,048,199</u>	<u>464,060</u>	<u>882,918</u>	<u>1,991,035</u>
Non-interest expenses	360,460	748,363	333,431	642,098	1,290,900
Provision for credit losses	10,233	25,147	9,394	30,928	14,049
Restructuring/Integration costs	0	0	0	0	(10,463)
	<u>370,693</u>	<u>773,510</u>	<u>342,825</u>	<u>673,026</u>	<u>1,294,486</u>
Income before taxation	142,367	274,689	121,235	209,892	696,549
Taxation	(40,415)	(82,605)	(31,362)	(53,570)	(193,686)
Net Income	<u>101,952</u>	<u>192,084</u>	<u>89,873</u>	<u>156,322</u>	<u>502,863</u>
Average number of common shares outstanding ('000's)	193,333	193,333	193,333	193,333	193,333
Net income per common share in cents	52.7	99.4	46.5	80.9	260.1

SEGMENT FINANCIAL INFORMATION
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF INCOME (J\$'000)

	For the six months ended							
	April 30, 2004			April 30, 2003				
	Financial Services	Investment Management Services	Consol Elimin.	Group	Financial Services	Investment Management Services	Consol Elimin.	Group
Net Revenues	988,094	60,105	-	1,048,199	778,747	104,171	-	882,918
Operating Expenses	(724,749)	(48,761)	-	(773,510)	(627,072)	(45,954)	-	(673,026)
Profit before taxation	263,345	11,344	-	274,689	151,675	58,217	-	209,892
Income Tax				(82,605)				(53,570)
Net Profit				<u>192,084</u>				<u>156,322</u>
Segment Assets	20,547,113	418,278	(472,116)	20,493,275	16,444,889	1,691,336	(127,489)	18,008,736
Segment Liabilities	18,219,792	349,782	(435,372)	18,134,202	15,057,653	1,221,379	(90,744)	16,188,288
Other segment items:								
Capital expenditure	35,069	36	-	35,104	6,335	204	-	6,539
Depreciation	27,613	1,015	-	28,628	30,622	1,705	-	32,327

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Basis of preparation

The financial statements for the six months ended April 30, 2004 have been prepared in accordance with and comply with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) and comparative information has been restated to conform with the provisions of IFRS.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with IFRS requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amount of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

2. Investments

The Group classifies its investment securities into the following two categories: held-to-maturity and originated debts. Management determines the appropriate classification of Investments at the time of purchase.

Government or other securities, which are purchased directly from the issuer, are classified as originated debts. These include bonds and treasury bills. They are initially recorded at cost, which is the cash given to originate the debt, and are subsequently measured at amortised cost.

Investments purchased on the secondary market which are intended to be held to maturity are classified as such. These investments are initially recorded at cost, and are subsequently measured at amortised cost.

Unquoted equity securities for which fair values cannot be measured reliably are recognised at cost less impairment.

3. Loans and provision for impairment losses

Loans are stated net of unearned income and provision for credit losses.

Loans are recognised when cash is advanced to borrowers. They are initially recorded at cost, which is the cash given to originate the loan, and are subsequently measured at amortised cost.

A provision for loan impairment is established if there is objective evidence that the Group will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original contractual terms of loans. The amount of the provision is the difference between the carrying amount and the recoverable amount, being the present value of expected cash flows, including amounts recoverable from guarantees and collateral, discounted at the original effective interest rate of loans.

4. Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the Group has a present legal or constructive obligation as a result of past events, if it is probable that an outflow of resources embodying economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation, and a reliable estimate of the amount of the obligation can be made.

Employee entitlements to annual leave and other benefits are recognised when they accrue to employees. A provision

is made for the estimated liability for annual leave and other benefits as a result of services rendered by employees up to the balance sheet date.

5. Deferred income taxes

Deferred income tax is provided in full, using the liability method, on temporary differences arising between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts in the financial statements. Currently enacted tax rates are used in the determination of deferred income tax.

6. Pension asset and other post-retirement benefits

(i) Pension asset
The Group operates a defined benefit pension plan. The asset in respect of the defined benefit pension plan is the difference between the present value of the defined benefit obligation at the balance sheet date and the fair value of plan assets, adjusted for unrecognised actuarial gains/losses and past service cost.

The defined benefit obligation is calculated annually by independent actuaries using the Projected Unit Credit Method. The present value of the defined benefit obligation is determined by the estimated future cash outflows using interest rates on government securities which have terms to maturity approximating the terms of the related liability. The pension benefit is based on the best consecutive five years' earnings in the last ten years of employment and the charge representing the net periodic pension cost less employee contributions is included in staff costs.

Actuarial gains and losses arising from experience adjustments, changes in actuarial assumptions and amendments to the pension plan are charged or credited to income over the service lives of the related employees.

(ii) Other post-retirement obligations

The Group provides post-retirement health care benefits to its retirees. The entitlement to these benefits is usually based on the employee remaining in service up to retirement age and the completion of a minimum service period. The expected costs of these benefits are accrued over the period of employment, using a methodology similar to that for defined benefit pension plans. These obligations are valued annually by independent qualified actuaries.

7. Segment Financial Information

The Group is organised into two main business segments:

(a) Financial Services – This incorporates retail and corporate banking services.

(b) Investment Management Services – This includes investments and pension fund management and the administration of trust accounts.

Transactions between the business segments are on normal commercial terms and conditions.

The Group's operations are located solely in Jamaica.