Republic Financial Holdings Limited

REPUBLIC FINANCIAL HOLDINGS LIMITED
CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

	UNAUDITED THREE MONTHS ENDED		UNAUDITED SIX MONTHS ENDED		AUDITED YEAR ENDED
	Mar-31-19 $'000	Mar-31-18 $'000	Mar-31-19 $'000	Mar-31-18 $'000	Sept-30-18 $'000
Core Profit attributable to shareholders	339,670	310,446	690,208	650,442	1,322,850
Net impact of significant one-off items	93,142	-	93,142	-	-
Profit attributable to shareholders	432,813	310,446	783,351	650,442	1,322,850
Assets			83,463,199	68,390,888	70,465,620
Advances			43,976,305	37,227,599	36,558,137
Investment securities			14,401,796	10,162,313	12,478,559
Deposits and other funding instruments			69,059,410	55,716,470	57,375,085
Stated capital			792,280	787,075	790,102
Equity attributable to equity holders of the parent			9,704,409	9,133,717	9,488,198
Information per share					
Earnings per share			$4.83	$4.02	$8.17
Number of shares - average ('000)			162,073	161,938	161,980

Chairman's Comments

Republic Financial Holdings Limited (RFHL) and its subsidiaries recorded profit attributable to shareholders of the parent of $783.2 million for the period ended March 31, 2019. This figure was impacted by two significant one-off items, the net impact of which, positively increased profits by $93.1 million. Firstly, the bank in Trinidad and Tobago amended the terms of its post-retirement medical benefits plan in line with market, resulting in a write back net of deferred taxes of $284.9 million. Secondly, Barbados reduced its corporation tax rate from 30% to a range between 1% and 5%, which resulted in a charge to our income statement of $191.8 million due to the remeasurement of deferred tax assets at the lower tax rate.

On a normalized basis, the Group's core profit was $690.2 million, $39.8 million or 6.1% more than the prior period.

Total assets stood at $83.5 billion at March 31, 2019, an increase of $15.1 billion or 22% over that of March 2018. This increase follows RFHL's acquisition of a 74.99% shareholding in Cayman National Corporation (CNC) on March 13, 2019. The CNC acquisition increased RFHL's asset base by $11.1 billion and is expected to significantly enhance Group's profitability when its results are included in the year-end financial statements. CNC reported net profits in fiscal 2018 of $175 million. We are very pleased to welcome CNC to the Republic Group.

RFHL previously announced the commencement of the process to acquire Scotiabank's banking operations in Guyana, St. Maarten and the Eastern Caribbean (including Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda, Dominica, Grenada, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, and St. Vincent and the Grenadines). Over the last quarter, we continued engaging the various regulators, whose approvals are required for the acquisition, through meetings and/or providing information.

The Board of Directors has declared an interim dividend of $1.25 (2018: $1.25) per share payable on May 31, 2019.

We expect to improve on the core profitability achieved for the first half of the year with the acquisition of CNC.

Ronald F. deC. Harford
Chairman
May 1, 2019