



Press release

Ammar Bin Humaid: The unprecedented financial results of the bank reflect the strength of its strategic vision

Ajman Bank achieves its highest annual profits in history at AED 440 million, with a growth of 213%

The bank proposes a cash dividend of 7.25%.

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Ajman Government Media Office – January 22, 2025: His Highness Sheikh Ammar Bin Humaid Al Nuaimi, Crown Prince of Ajman, Chairman of the Executive Council, and Chairman of the Board of Directors of Ajman Bank, presided over the Ajman Bank Board of Directors meeting. The meeting was attended by Sheikh Rashid Bin Humaid Al Nuaimi, Chairman of the Municipality and Planning Department in Ajman and Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors of Ajman Bank.

During the meeting held at the bank's headquarters, the board discussed several financial and administrative matters, reviewed the business, and issued decisions accordingly.

Ajman Bank delivers highest annual "Profit before Tax" of AED 440 million in its history with a growth of 213% compared to net loss of AED 390 million in 2023. This record-breaking performance is delivered through; total operating income of AED 1.5 billion and net operating income of AED 736 million. In 2024, Ajman Bank reported the Return on shareholder Equity at 12.9% (up by 2745 bps) and Return on Asset at 1.8% (up by 332 bps).

The strong results are supported by a healthy and optimized balance sheet with Total Assets of AED 23 billion, Customer deposits of AED 19 billion and AED 3.1 billion of Equity. Capital position and Asset quality continue to show extremely strong progress from the previous year proven by major improvement of key ratios: NPL ratio improved from 13.8% to 9.9% largely due to successful resolution of 31% of the nonperforming exposure which also positively helped the bank recover 19.6% of specific provisions, ECL coverage ratio doubled from 1.0%



to 2.1% as the bank increased its reserves to strengthen its position well above the industry average, overall provision coverage also improved drastically by 22%. The bank continued to diversify its portfolio bringing the risk based real estate concentration down by 7.3%, while increasing exposure to high quality assets in various sectors.

His Highness Sheikh Ammar bin Humaid Al Nuaimi, Crown Prince of Ajman, Chairman of Ajman Bank, said, “These record-breaking financial results are a testament to the strength of Ajman Bank’s strategic vision and its commitment to delivering sustainable value for its shareholders. Ajman Bank continues to play a pivotal role in supporting the growth of the UAE’s economy, and its remarkable turnaround underscores our resilience and ability to adapt in an ever-changing financial landscape. I would like to express my deepest gratitude to the Board of Directors, senior management, and all our employees for their dedication and exceptional performance which have been instrumental in driving our success.”

Mr. Mustafa Al Khalfawi, CEO of Ajman Bank, stated, “Our robust performance in 2024 to enhance our value and positive returns of our shareholders, expand our customer base and invest in our talents where it reflects the success of our transformation strategy, driven by speed, service, and specialization, along with our unwavering commitment to innovation and customer-centric solutions, which helped us maximizing our efficiency and decreasing general and administrative expenses by 5%. By focusing on remediating distressed assets, we have achieved strong recoveries, further strengthening our financial position. This success would not have been possible without the dedication and hard work of our entire team, whose efforts continue to drive our achievements. As we move forward, we remain committed to building long-term value for our shareholders, while reinforcing our position as a key player in the UAE’s Islamic banking sector. Our strategic initiatives will continue to prioritize sustainable growth, driven by advanced financial services that meet the evolving needs of our customers and facing the banking challenges regionally and globally.”

Following on from its strong performance Ajman Bank’s Capital adequacy ratio increased to 19.1% (up by 348 bps) and Tier 1 Capital Ratio increased to 18.0% (up by 348 bps), and which remain well above regulatory requirements. Advance to stable resources ratio of 76.3%, and



eligible liquid asset ratio of 17.1%, underline its solid liquidity and along with the capital position provide a strong foundation for continued growth. Ajman Bank managed to decrease its general and administrative expenses by 5% compared to last year despite its transformation activities and focus on technology investments initiated in 2024.

Strong and further improving financial standing, continued impetus in its transformation strategy and a robust UAE economy should ensure that the bank is well-positioned to sustain its growth trajectory and deliver consistent profitability for FY 2024 and beyond.

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About Ajman Bank

Ajman Bank is an Islamic bank with an ambitious vision based on values of integrity, trust and transparency seeks to provide a wide range of Sharia-compliant and high-quality banking services to customers from individuals, companies and government institutions across the UAE. It is also keen to be updated with the latest technology that will ensure customers a distinctive experimental banking with the revival of human touch that is lost in the modern era of banking application.

Ajman Bank is headquartered in Ajman and enjoys the strong support of the Government of Ajman and is a key pillar in the emirate's economic development strategy. The bank continues its tireless efforts to establish a prominent position in the banking sector as a sustainable Islamic banking institution, with an emphasis on the need to achieve an optimal balance in the community and caring staff, in order to provide real value for shareholders and customers alike. For more information visit <http://www.ajmanbank.ae>

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