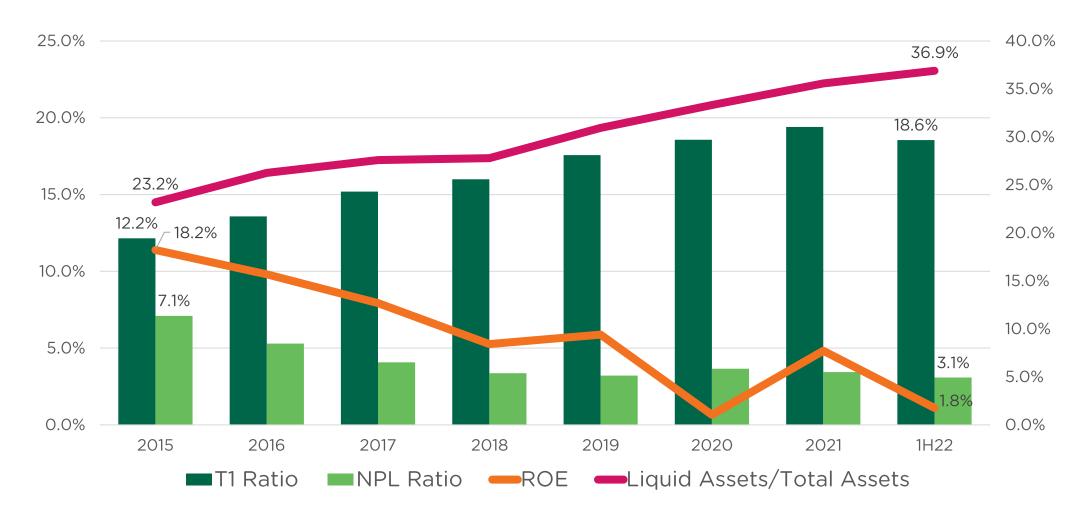


### Maltese banking system: safer but less profitable





### Maltese banking system: competition on both sides of the balance sheet



Source: CBM

Govt funding requirements have now opened a disintermediation front on large scale



### What marked 2022 ... and what to expect in 2023

#### 2022 (1)

High energy & food prices (added pressure due to Malta insularity)

Inflation build-up and market volatility

Geopolitical tensions, increased military spending crowding out green transition?

#### 2022 (2)

Felt in our widely open economy, partly cushioned by Govt subsidies -- contributing to public debt build-up

Malta experiencing higher economic growth, milder inflation, lower unemployment than EU counterparts

Aided by a stronger than expected tourism recovery and buoyant retail and property markets

#### 2023

Supply shocks will ease but won't fade completely

Inflation will stabilize & start falling, interest rates will not

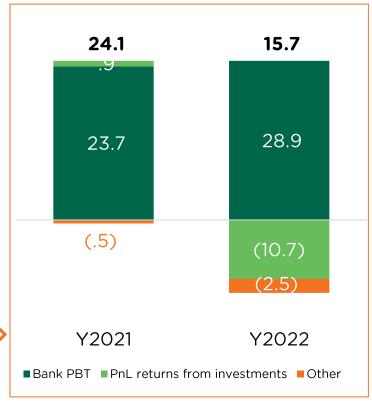
Recession will be avoided, Malta will continue to perform strongly - but is economic model sustainable? Challenges for the banks?



### Record profits for the Bank as market volatility dampens Group results

	BANK		GROUP	
€mn	2021	2022	2021	2022
Net interest income	53.9	63.7	55.4	65.1
Net fee income	5.9	5.9	7.0	6.9
Other operating income	1.3	2.9	0.1	1.9
	61.1	72.5	62.5	73.9
Net gains/losses on financial instruments	0.8	2.1	0.6	(9.3)
Operating income	61.9	74.6	63.1	64.6
Operating expenses	(39.7)	(45.9)	(40.6)	(47.0)
Net impairments	1.5	0.3	1.5	0.3
Results from associates	-	-	11	(2.2)
Profit before tax	23.7	28.9	24.1	15.7
Tax	(8.7)	(9.7)	(9.0)	(9.9)
PROFIT AFTER TAX	15.0	19.2	15.1	5.8

#### Components of Group PBT



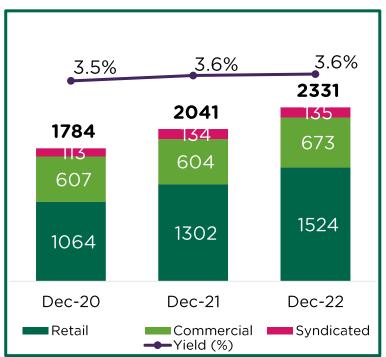
<sup>\*</sup>Investment returns from the APS Diversified Bond Fund, Global Equity Fund, Income Fund, Income Ethical Income Fund & Ivalife



### Lending growth sustained, supporting personal and commercial clients

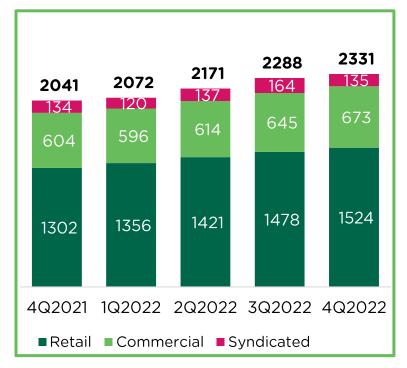


Consistent commitment to needs of borrowing clients

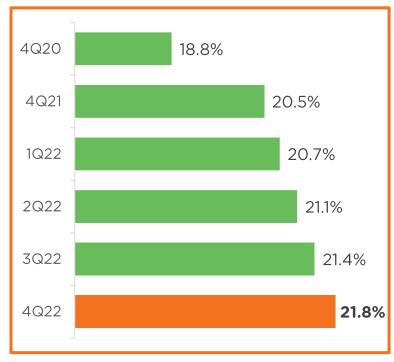




Strong pipeline conversion leading to 2H loan book expansion







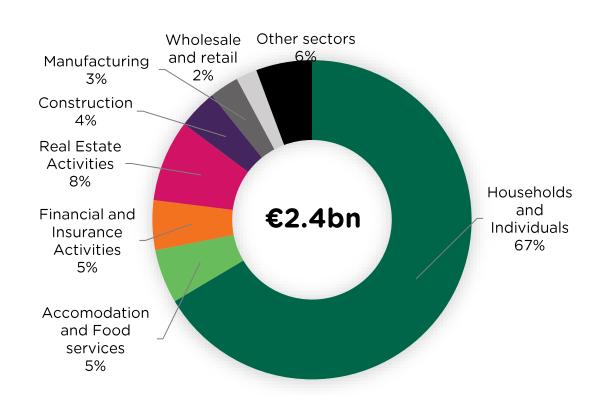
<sup>\*</sup>Portfolio represents performing loans only

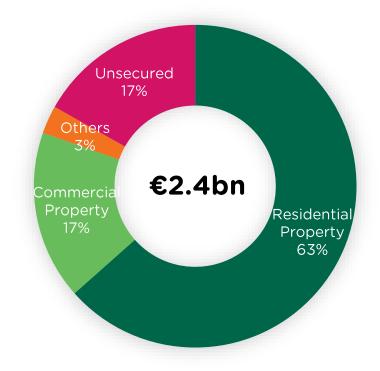
<sup>\*\*</sup> All data in €m unless otherwise stated

### Loan book quality underpinned by diversification & high quality collaterals

#### **Lending by sector - Dec 2022**

#### **Lending collateral (after haircuts) - Dec 2022**





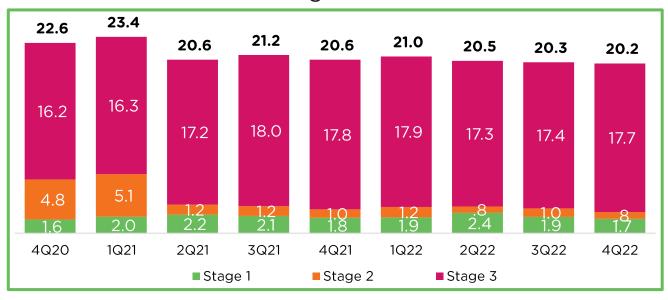


### Stable post-COVID NPLs with required lower ECL and improving ratios

Non-performing loans at €80m



Net ECL release across 3 stages



... and NPL ratio reducing to 3.2%

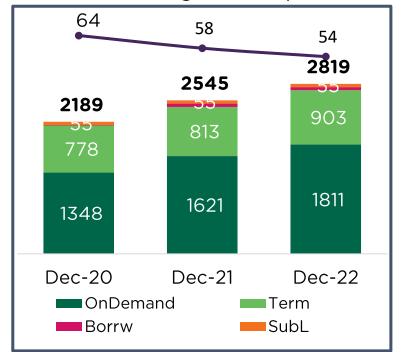
	4Q21	2Q22	4Q22
NPL Ratio	3.4%	3.2%	3.2%
Coverage <sup>1</sup>	100%	100%	100%
Cost of Credit	(6bps)	1bp	1bp



# Steady flow of deposits supporting the business, increasing tempo in 4Q

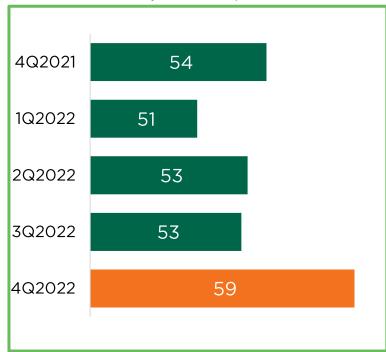


Funding exceeding €2.8bn, 96% of which being bank deposits

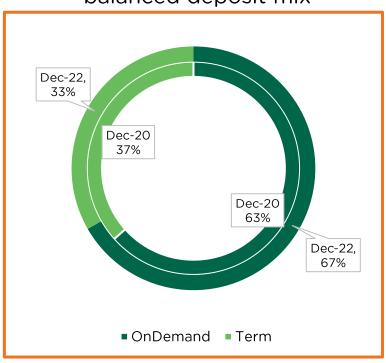




COF rising on € & \$ repricing as Bank adjusts deposit rates



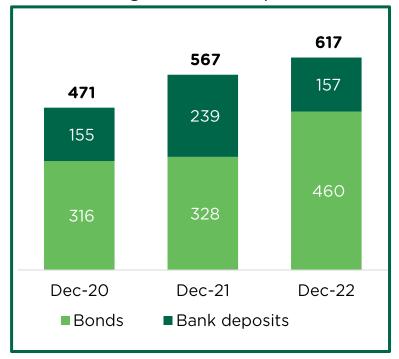




#### Active asset-liability management in a new interest rate world

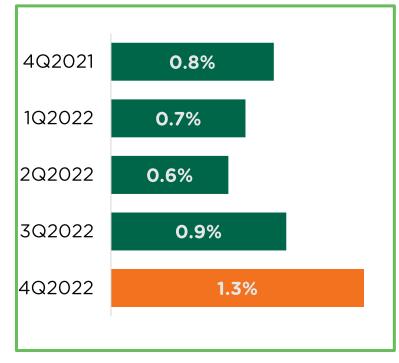


Liquidity stock increasing in line with growth in deposits





Rising yields on both bonds and bank balances





### Bonds and equities recording the worst performance in years

#### **Bonds**

Bloomberg Global Bond Aggregate (hedged to €) 2007 to 2022



#### **Equities**

FTSE All-world (hedged to €) 2007 to 2022





# Market performance impacting Group results

**APS Diversified Bond Fund\*** 

Y2022 -15.4% return (Y2021 -0.6%)

**APS Global Equity Fund\*\*** 

Y2022 -17.1% return (Y2021 +14.4%)

**APS Ethical Income Fund\*\*** 

Y2022 -16% return (Y2021 +4.8%)

**APS Income Fund\*\*** 

Y2022 -8.9% return (Y2021-0.2%)



	APS % holding	P&L	Equity
ReAPS*	100.0	0.2	
Diversified Bond Fund*	75.0	(8.1)	-
Global Equity Fund**	43.5	(1.2)	-
Income Fund**	9.1	(0.7)	-
Income Ethical Fund**	2.9	(0.4)	-
IVALIFE**	25.0	(0.4)	-
Bonds available-for-sale	n/a	-	(22.4)
		(10.7)	(22.4)

<sup>\*</sup>Line-by-line consolidation; \*\*Share of results consolidation

Performance of Accumulator Share Classes for Income and Global Equity Funds and A Accumulator Share Classes for Regular Income Ethical and Diversified Bond Funds



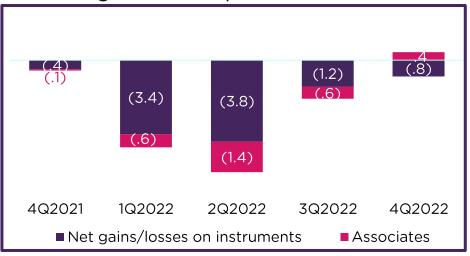
### Rising core revenues on lending and transactions offset by market slide

	2021	2022	<b>12M</b> '22 vs 12M '21
NII	55.4	65.1	▲ +18% YoY
Advances & payment fees	4.6	5.1	▲ +13% YoY
Investments & insurance fees	3.8	3.3	<b>▼</b> -14% YoY
FX	0.4	1.3	▲ +222% YoY
Cards	0.5	0.7	▲ +18% YoY

Widening net interest spread



Stabilising market impact

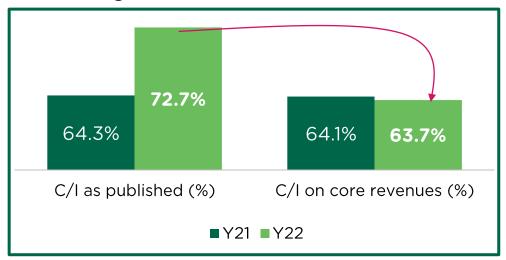




# Increase in costs on capacity building, improved ratios

	2021	2022	<b>12M</b> '22 vs 12M '21
Staff costs	22.2	26.1	▲ +18% YoY
Admin costs	14.3	16.1	▲ +13% YoY
Depreciation/Amortisation	4.1	4.8	▲ +17% YoY

#### Decreasing cost-to-income on core revenues



#### Maintaining positive JAWS

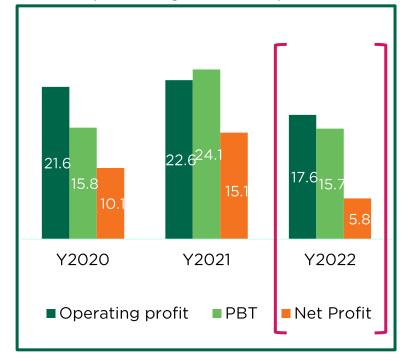




### Lower Group profitability on market volatility - scrip dividend proposal



Operating and net profits

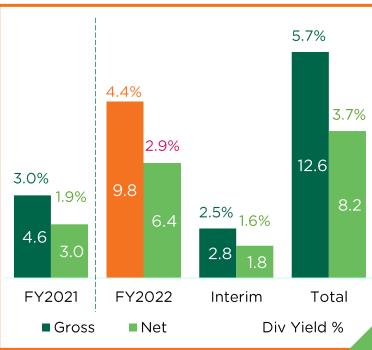








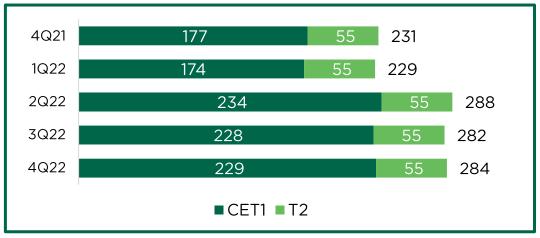






# IPO & profits boosting capital ratios, consumed by loan growth & OCI

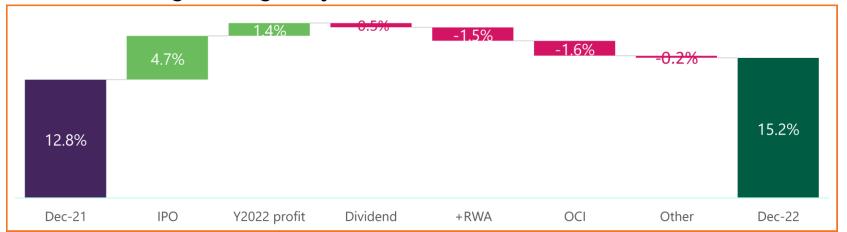
#### Regulatory capital composition



#### Record RWA >€1.5bn



CET1 ratio change during the year







# Thank you Any questions?

