## CONDENSED UNAUDITED INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

## Growth in Profitability



## Performance Overview

he Board is pleased to announce the unaudited nterim financial results for the company for the six months ended 30 June 2023.

Despite starting the 2023 financial year with a great deal of uncertainty, that was only made worse by the impact of cyclone Freddy in the early months of the year, the business traded very strongly in the first half of the year, egistering a healthy occupancy of $51.5 \%$ and $45 \%$ increase

Total revenue for the company as at June 2023 amounted to K14.8 billion which was $47 \%$ higher than prior year's first half revenue of K 10.0 billion.

The corporate segment was the highest contributor with $82 \%$ of the rooms nights and continued to be the anchor segment for the business. The segment is expected to the year. Efforts to grow other segments with focus on domestic leisure have been put in place.

## Operating costs

Administrative and other expenses, at k7.3 billion, were 37\% higher compared to prior year. The increase is driven by to high inflation Management continues to review business processes to ensure expenses are in line with business levels.

## Finance Costs

Finance costs totaled k942.9 million which was $4 \%$ lower than last year's finance costs of K980.3 million. The because of repayment of corporate bonds and other loans.

Growth in Revenue


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Profit After Tax
Profit after tax of K1.6 billion for the period to June 2023 was $296 \%$ above prior year's profit of K 400 million.

## Dividend

During the period, an interim dividend of K 524 million or K2.00 per share has been proposed relating to the yea 2023 (2022: K131 mill 0.50 per share)

Outlook
Looking ahead to the end of the year, the tourism industry is expected to continue on a recovery trajectory, and this is expected to have a positive impact on business performance, should the economic environment remain stable
Several product improvement initiatives have been implemented and others are currently underway. These sunbird the refurbishment of rooms at Sunbird Capita arrival experience and Sunbird Mzuzu, and upgrade initiatives, the company is poised to register a decent performance in the second half of the year.
High level of inflation remains one of the major risks that may affect the performance of the business. This risk is largely driven by the excessive shortage of foreign prices.
On Behalf of the Board, dated this 14 September 2023



