

President's Report First Quarter 2024

LT Group, Inc.'s (LTG) attributable net income for the first quarter of 2024 was Php6.42 billion, 1% higher than the Php6.38 billion reported for the first three months of 2023.

The different business units contributed as follows:

	1Q24	% of 1Q24	1Q23	% of 1Q23
	Contribution	Attributable	Contribution	Attributable
	(Php Millions)	Net Income	(Php Millions)	Net Income
PNB	2,971	46%	2,720	43%
Tobacco	2,652	41%	3,047	48%
TDI	254	4%	256	4%
ABI	155	2%	75	1%
Eton	116	2%	122	2%
VMC	100	2%	73	1%
Others	168	3%	87	1%
Total	6,416	100%	6,380	100%

Regular and special cash dividends were declared in March, of Php0.15 and Php0.15 per share, respectively, or a total of Php3.25 billion. This represents a 12.8% pay-out rate of 2023's full-year income.

As of the end of March 2024, LTG's Debt-to-Equity Ratio was at 3.29:1 with the Bank and at 0.11:1 without the Bank. The parent company had cash of Php1.89 billion.

Philippine National Bank (PNB)

For the first three months of 2024, PNB's net profit under the pooling method was Php5.31 billion, Php479 million or 10% higher than the Php4.83 billion reported for the same period in 2023.

Loans and receivables were 4% higher as of March 2024 at Php610 billion from Php587 billion as of March 2023. Net Interest Margin improved to 4.3% from 4.1% resulting to a 12% improvement in Net Interest Income to Php11.69 billion from Php10.45 billion.

Net Service Fees and Commission Income, however, were 24% lower at Php1.18 billion from Php1.55 billion.

The bank booked provisions for credit losses of Php620 million in 1Q24, 62% lower than the Php1.62 billion booked in 1Q23. As a result, operating expenses were 17% lower in 1Q24 at Php7.96 billion from Php9.54 billion in 1Q23. NPL cover was at 83.5% as of March 2024 compared to 90.8% as of December 2023 and 90.5% as of March 2023.

PNB booked a Php251 million net gain from the sale of repossessed assets, substantially lower than the Php2.63 billion booked in the first three months of 2023.

Tobacco

The tobacco business reported a net profit of Php2.66 billion for the first quarter of 2024, Php396 million or 13% lower than the Php3.06 billion reported for 1Q23. Most of the tobacco business' income is from equity in net earnings from the 49.6% stake in PMFTC. This amounted to Php2.59 billion in January to March 2024, 14% or Php423 million lower compared to 1Q23's Php3.01 billion.

The industry's volume (excluding illicit trade) was 11% lower year-on-year (y-o-y) in 1Q24 to 10.2 billion sticks from 11.5 billion sticks in 1Q23, largely due to affordability challenges of consumers, increasing illicit incidence, and the proliferation of vaping products. PMFTC's 1Q24 volume was at 5.5 billion sticks, 18% lower than 1Q23's 6.7 billion sticks.

The last price increase was on February 27, 2023. Marlboro is at Php9 per stick. Marlboro Crafted, Fortune and Jackpot are at Php7, while Chesterfield is at Php6 per stick.

The Government continued its efforts against the illicit trade. From ad hoc seizures in the past, these have progressed to simultaneous and coordinated nation-wide multi-agency operations, including the Bureau of Customs, Bureau of Internal Revenue, Department of Trade and Industry, the Philippine National Police, and issuances of warrants of arrest by the courts. We are grateful for these steps that the government is taking.

PMFTC aims to provide more choices for its customers. In 1Q24, PMFTC launched Fortune Double Blast, the brand's first double capsule product in selected areas. For heated tobacco products (HTP), PMFTC launched iQos *ILUMA* in October 2023, the next level in innovation that uses the new *Smartcore Induction SystemTM*. It is bladeless and does not require cleaning after use, creating a more effortless experience compared to the previous iQos devices. PMFTC launched *ZYN* in November 2023, making it the first launch of *ZYN* in the Asia Pacific region. *ZYN* nicotine pouches are a smoke-free and tobacco-free way to enjoy nicotine in menthol and non-menthol variants.

Tanduay Distillers, Inc. (TDI)

TDI's net income for the first quarter of 2024 was Php255 million, slightly lower than the Php258 million in 1Q23.

The volume of liquor was 13% lower y-o-y, while bioethanol's volume was 1% higher compared to the same period in the previous year.

Due to the decline in liquor volume, partially offset by the effect of the full quarter price increase in 2024 for the Php70 per case price increase effective January 2023, revenues were 5% lower y-o-y at Php5.90 billion from Php6.24 billion. Gross Profit Margin (GPM) was steady y-o-y at 13%.

As of March 2024, TDI's nationwide market share for distilled spirits was at 31.6%, compared to 29.1% as of March 2023. In the Visayas and Mindanao regions where most of TDI's sales are generated, market share was at 70.3% and 79.5%, respectively, compared to 71.6% and 77.0% as of March 2023.

Asia Brewery, Inc. (ABI)

ABI's net profit for 1Q24 was Php155 million, 107% higher than the Php75 million reported for 1Q23.

Revenues grew 15% to Php4.39 billion from Php3.81 billion as volumes across product lines were higher y-o-y. GPM declined slightly to 21% from 22% due to product mix.

Cobra energy drink maintained its leadership with a market share of 57% in 1Q24, while bottled water brands Absolute and Summit have the third-largest share at 19%.

Eton Properties Philippines, Inc. (Eton)

Eton's net income for the first quarter of 2024 amounted to Php116 million, 5% lower than 1Q23's Php122 million. The lower income was primarily due to lower Other Income at Php85 million from Php118 million.

Leasing revenues were 12% higher y-o-y to Php476 million due to higher occupancy rates and lease rates.

Eton was able to book Php50 million in residential sales as the Company resumed selling the remaining inventory of previously launched projects in 3Q23, at 68 Roces in Quezon City and in Eton City, Laguna.

Eton currently has a leasing portfolio of around 289 thousand square meters, of which close to 192 thousand square meters is for office space.

LT GROUP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

INTERIM CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (Amounts in Thousands)

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Current Liabilities			
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	March 31, 2024 (Unaudited)	December 31, 2023 (Audited)
Total Current Liabilities (Brought Forward)	P970,113,663	P993,293,449
Noncurrent Liabilities		
Deposit liabilities - net of current portion	9,988,249	10,833,859
Bills and acceptances payable	6,036,067	1,115,447
Long-term debts - net of current portion	6,333,025	6,395,070
Net retirement benefits liabilities	1,045,173	1,009,716
Deferred income tax liabilities	8,333,643	8,275,257
Other noncurrent liabilities	6,434,110	6,237,658
Total Noncurrent Liabilities	38,170,267	33,867,007
Total Liabilities	1,008,283,930	1,027,160,456
Equity Attributable to equity holders of the Company:		
Capital stock	10,821,389	10,821,389
Capital in excess of par	35,906,231	35,906,231
Other comprehensive income, net of deferred		
income tax effect	12,622,900	12,418,924
Other equity reserves	(5,584,278)	(5,592,465)
Retained earnings	162,328,838	158,972,132
Shares of the Company held by subsidiaries	(12,519)	(12,519)
	216,082,561	212,513,692
Non-controlling interests	90,186,399	87,722,128
Total Equity	306,268,960	300,235,820
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	P1,314,552,890	₽1,327,396,276

LT GROUP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

INTERIM CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME (Amounts in Thousands, Except for Basic/Diluted Earnings Per Share)

	Three Months Ended March 31	
	2024	2023
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
REVENUE		
Banking	₽ 17,792,931	₽15,645,640
Distilled spirits	5,874,269	6,219,543
Beverage	4,241,964	3,676,783
Property development	597,088	494,411
	28,506,252	26,036,377
COST OF SALES AND SERVICES	13,386,152	12,121,215
GROSS INCOME	15,120,100	13,915,162
EQUITY IN NET EARNINGS OF ASSOCIATES AND		
JOINT VENTURES	2,908,852	3,197,136
	18,028,952	17,112,298
OPERATING EXPENSES		
Selling expenses	518,772	559,288
General and administrative expenses	8,662,945	10,093,207
	9,181,717	10,652,495
OPERATING INCOME	8,847,235	6,459,803
OTHER INCOME (CHARGES)		
Foreign exchange gains - net	336,143	338,924
Finance costs	(117,170)	(126,128)
Finance income	60,968	4,354
Others - net	749,799	3,174,245
	1,029,740	3,391,395
INCOME BEFORE INCOME TAX	9,876,975	9,851,198
PROVISION FOR INCOME TAX		
Current	1,670,889	1,540,405
Deferred	(620,899)	(264,428)
	1,049,990	1,275,977
NET INCOME	₽8,826,985	₽8,575,221
NET INCOME ATTRIBUTABLE TO:		
Equity holders of the Company	₽6,415,581	₽6,380,389
Non-controlling interests	2,411,404	2,194,832
	₽8,826,985	₽8,575,221
Basic/Diluted Earnings Per Share	₽0.59	₽0.59