

# **CEO** observations

DBS Group Holdings
3Q 2023 financial results
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### Record total income in 3Q

- Total income up 16% yoy to record \$5.19bn
- NIM rises for seventh consecutive quarter
  - Group NIM up 3bp qoq to 2.19% due to commercial book as well as lower TM drag
- Excluding Citi Taiwan, loans declined
  - Unattractive pricing for trade and higher repayments for non-trade loans
- Fee income up 9% yoy as recovery sustained
- Cost-income ratio at 39%
  - Underlying expenses (ex-Citi Taiwan) rise 10% yoy
- Asset quality healthy
  - Prudent allowances taken for exposures linked to a recent money laundering case in Singapore



## Digital disruptions – committed to doing better

- Comprehensive set of measures being implemented
  - Change management
  - System resilience / recovery
  - Incident management
  - Technology risk governance and oversight
- Expect to deliver improved service availability and quicker service recovery as we progress; targets for service availability over and above regulatory requirements



### 2024 outlook

- Uncertainty from macroeconomic slowdown and geopolitical risks
- Net interest income around 2023 level
  - Higher-for-longer rates support NIM, but likely trade-off with loan growth
- Fee income momentum to be sustained by wealth management and cards
- Profit before allowances to be higher
  - Mid-single-digit percentage total income growth
  - High-single-digit expense growth
- Total allowances to normalise to 17-20bp of loans
  - GP overlays to be released if SP is higher than expected
- Net profit to be maintained around record 2023 level





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