

SHOPRITE



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HOLDINGS LTD

Group results for the 52 weeks ended 2 July 2023

Pieter Engelbrecht, Chief Executive Officer:

2023 was extraordinary as the Group gained record levels of market share, saved customers over R13.5 billion in Xtra Savings, and still managed to increase profits and dividends, despite the prohibitive cost to the business owing to unprecedented levels of load-shedding.

Sales growth of 17.8% in our core Supermarkets RSA business demonstrates our multi-year transformation strategy underpinned by our Smarter Shoprite and core supermarkets segmentation approach.

Checkers and Checkers Hyper's 18.0% sales growth can be attributed to superb delivery on the value and range our customers have come to know, trust, and expect from us. Checkers Sixty60 increased sales by 81.5%, underscoring our omnichannel customer growth.

Shoprite and Usave's commitment to low prices and affordability delivered sales growth of 15.6% with second half sales including the successful integration of 92 Massmart stores into our operations. Our Shoprite and Usave customer, core to our business, is battling high costs of living and spurring us on to continually improve product affordability.

Our customers continued to support our efforts across our core supermarket and LiquorShop businesses in South Africa, spending an additional R26.0 billion more than last year with us. This equated to a 1.4% increase in market share, extending our period of uninterrupted South African market share gains to 52 months.

In the context of the country's power challenges we are pleased to report growth in headline earnings and dividends per share. It is disappointing, however, that if not for the R1.3 billion expense incurred to power generators across our South African store base, our market leading sales growth would have delivered higher returns for our shareholders. Similarly, our profit growth would also have resulted in a higher Shoprite Employee Trust distribution for our employees.

In a record year for store growth, we added 340 net new stores to total 3 326 as a Group. We created 3 651 new jobs not including the 4 480 people employed since January 2023 as part of the Massmart acquisition. Notwithstanding the impact of the diesel on profits this year, our Shoprite Employee Trust, now in its second year, expensed R235 million (2022: R128 million) in relation to employee distributions in South Africa and equivalent awards to qualifying employees in countries outside South Africa during 2023.

These are amongst many commendable Group achievements this year of which I am incredibly proud. My sincere thanks are extended to our valued customers and almost 154 000 employees who make up Team Shoprite. It is a result of your leadership and collective commitment that this performance, which in turn benefits so many, was made possible.

	Change %	52 weeks 2023	Restated* 52 weeks 2022
Key information – continuing operations			
Sale of merchandise (Rm)	16.9	214 956	183 868
Trading profit (Rm)	5.7	11 916	11 278
Operating profit (Rm)	11.7	12 344	11 055
Profit before income tax (Rm)	9.6	9 132	8 332
Income tax expense (Rm)	10.1	2 812	2 553
Profit for the year (Rm)	9.4	6 320	5 779
Attributable to owners of the parent (Rm)		6 305	5 750
Attributable to non-controlling interest (Rm)		15	29
Headline earnings per share (cents)	9.6	1 166.2	1 063.9
Basic earnings per share (cents)	10.0	1 161.4	1 055.5
Dividend per share (cents)	10.5	663.0	600.0
Profit for the year including discontinued operations (Rm)	2.8	5 901	5 740
Attributable to owners of the parent (Rm)		5 886	5 711
Attributable to non-controlling interest (Rm)		15	29
Headline earnings per share including discontinued operations (cents)	3.7	1 095.3	1 056.3
Basic earnings per share including discontinued operations (cents)	3.4	1 084.3	1 048.3

* Restated for the classification of the Group's DRC operations as discontinued operations in accordance with IFRS 5: Non-current Assets Held for Sale and Discontinued Operations and the reclassification of the Group's share of profit of equity accounted investments.

Declaration of ordinary dividend

The Board has declared a final dividend of 415 cents (2022: 367 cents) per ordinary share, payable to shareholders on Monday, 2 October 2023. The dividend has been declared out of income reserves. This brings the total dividend for the year to 663 cents (2022: 600 cents) per ordinary share. The last day to trade cum dividend will be Tuesday, 26 September 2023. As from Wednesday, 27 September 2023, all trading of Shoprite Holdings Ltd shares will take place ex dividend. The record date is Friday, 29 September 2023. Share certificates may not be dematerialised or rematerialised between Wednesday, 27 September 2023, and Friday, 29 September 2023, both days inclusive.

In terms of the Dividends Tax, the following additional information is disclosed:

1. The local dividend tax rate is 20%.
2. The net local dividend amount is 415 cents per share for shareholders exempt from paying Dividends Tax and 332 cents per share for shareholders liable to pay Dividends Tax.
3. The issued ordinary share capital of Shoprite Holdings Ltd as at the date of this declaration is 591 338 502 ordinary shares.
4. Shoprite Holdings Ltd's tax reference number is 9775/112/71/8.

About this announcement

This short-form announcement is the responsibility of the Directors of Shoprite Holdings Ltd. It is only a summary of the information in the condensed consolidated financial statements and does not contain full or complete details. The condensed consolidated financial statements for the year ended 2 July 2023 have been reviewed by Shoprite Holdings Ltd's external auditors who have reached an unmodified review conclusion. Any investment decisions by investors and/or shareholders should be based on consideration of the condensed consolidated financial statements as a whole.

The condensed consolidated financial statements have been released on the JSE at <https://senspdf.jse.co.za/documents/2023/jse/isse/SHP/ye2023.pdf> and are also available for viewing at <https://www.shopriteholdings.co.za/docs/ye2023-sep2023.pdf>. Copies of the condensed consolidated financial statements may be requested from the Company Secretary (cosec@shoprite.co.za, tel +27 (0)21 980 4284) at PO Box 215, Brackenfell, 7561, South Africa.

By order of the Board

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Chairman

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Cape Town
5 September 2023