

## REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS ON THE SUMMARY CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF REPUBLIC FINANCIAL HOLDINGS LIMITED

### Opinion

The summary consolidated financial statements, which comprise the summary consolidated statement of financial position as at September 30, 2017, the summary consolidated statement of comprehensive income, summary consolidated statement of changes in equity and summary consolidated statement of cash flows for the year then ended and related notes, are derived from the complete audited consolidated financial statements of Republic Financial Holdings Limited (“the Group”) for the year ended September 30, 2017.

In our opinion, the accompanying summary consolidated financial statements are consistent, in all material respects, with the audited consolidated financial statements, on the basis described in Note 1.

### Summary Consolidated Financial Statements

The summary consolidated financial statements do not contain all the disclosures required by International Financial Reporting Standards (“IFRSs”). Reading the summary consolidated financial statements and the auditor’s report thereon, therefore, is not a substitute for reading the audited consolidated financial statements and the auditor’s report thereon.

### The Audited Consolidated Financial Statements and Our Report Thereon

We expressed an unmodified audit opinion on the audited consolidated financial statements in our report dated November 8, 2017. That report also includes the communication of Key Audit Matters. Key Audit Matters are those matters that, in our professional judgment, were of most significance in our audit of the consolidated financial statements of the current period.

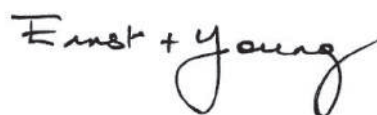
The audited consolidated financial statements and the summary consolidated financial statements do not reflect the effects of events that occurred subsequent to the date of our report on the audited consolidated financial statements.

### Responsibilities of Management for the Summary Consolidated Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation of the summary consolidated financial statements in accordance with IFRSs.

### Auditor’s Responsibilities for the Audit of the Summary Consolidated Financial Statements

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on whether the summary consolidated financial statements are consistent, in all material respects, with the audited consolidated financial statements based on our procedures, which were conducted in accordance with International Standard on Auditing (ISA) 810 (Revised), Engagements to Report on Summary Financial Statements.



Port of Spain,  
TRINIDAD:  
November 8, 2017



## Audited Annual Group Results

|  | September 30<br>2017 | September 30<br>2016 |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|
|  | \$ '000              | \$ '000              |
| <b>Core profit after taxation</b>                          | <b>1,252,128</b>     | <b>1,183,267</b>     |
| Significant one-off items                                  | -                    | (236,960)            |
| <b>Profit attributable to equity holders of the parent</b> | <b>1,252,128</b>     | <b>946,307</b>       |
| Total Assets   | 68,892,879           | 66,859,543           |
| Total Liabilities  | 58,746,874           | 57,316,848           |
| Total Equity   | 10,146,005           | 9,542,695            |
| Earnings per share   | \$7.75               | \$5.87               |
| Diluted Earnings per share                                 | \$7.74               | \$5.86               |
| Dividends per share  | \$4.40               | \$4.35               |
| Return on average assets                                   | 1.94%                | 1.42%                |
| Return on average equity                                   | 13.31%               | 10.48%               |

### Note 1

These financial highlights are prepared in accordance with criteria developed by management. Under these criteria, management discloses extracts from the consolidated statement of financial position and consolidated statement of income. These financial highlights are derived from the audited consolidated financial statements of Republic Financial Holdings Limited and its subsidiaries for the year ended September 30, 2017 which have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards.

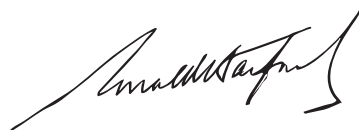
### CHAIRMAN'S HIGHLIGHTS

Republic Financial Holdings Limited (RFHL) and its subsidiaries recorded profit attributable to shareholders of the parent of \$1.25 billion for the year ended September 30, 2017, an increase of \$69 million or 5.8% over the core profit of \$1.18 billion reported for the prior year. Compared with the actual reported profit of \$946 million for 2016, which was negatively impacted by three significant one-off items totaling \$237 million, the increase is \$306 million or 32.3%. Total assets stood at \$68.9 billion at September 30, 2017, an increase of \$2 billion or 3% over that of 2016.

The growth in core profitability was the result of improvements in several of the Group's overseas territories. HFC Bank (Ghana) Limited recorded a profit after taxation of \$40 million (RFHL's share is \$23 million), following a loss of \$118 million in 2016, Cayman operation's profitability increased by \$12 million and Suriname's by \$11 million. The performance of the main subsidiary in Trinidad and Tobago remained relatively flat in 2017 because of additional tax expense of \$55 million.

The Board of Directors has declared a final dividend of \$3.15 (2016: \$3.10), which brings the total dividend for the fiscal year to \$4.40 (in total \$714.6 million) compared with \$4.35 for 2016 (in total \$705.8 million). This final dividend, which represents a pay-out ratio of 57.1% (2016: 74.6%), will be paid on December 4, 2017 to all shareholders of record on November 20, 2017. This represents a dividend yield of 4.3%

The economic outlook for the region offers a mix of opportunities for, and challenges to, the Republic Group. Energy and commodity prices are expected to remain at their existing levels which combined with stagnant or declining production levels, will constrain economic growth in our largest market, Trinidad and Tobago. Conversely, other commodity exporting territories such as Guyana, and to a lesser extent, Suriname and Ghana, are being buoyed by new finds and expanded productions in oil, gas and gold mining. Grenada's recently announced gas find also augurs well for the long term prospects of that economy. Tourism dependent economies are also forecast to experience better fortunes in the years to come, though recent natural disasters have dampened that outlook in a few territories, especially the Northern Caribbean. At the same time, the Governments of Trinidad and Tobago, Barbados, Suriname and Ghana are seeking to remedy fiscal imbalances which will have implications for the various economies. The Group remains well positioned to make the most of any opportunities and overcome any challenges given our highly skilled workforce, strong capital base, and sound asset quality. Continued investment in technology is expected to improve customer service, eliminate costs and improve efficiency. We expect the Group to record a satisfactory performance in fiscal 2018.



Chairman  
Ronald F. deC. Harford  
November 08, 2017

