

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
SEC FORM 17-C

CURRENT REPORT UNDER SECTION 17
OF THE SECURITIES REGULATION CODE
AND SRC RULE 17.2 (C) THEREUNDER

1. December 19, 2022
Date of Report
 2. SEC Identification Number 20573
 3. BIR Tax Identification No. 000-477-863-000
 4. METROPOLITAN BANK & TRUST COMPANY
Exact name of issuer as specified in its charter
 5. Manila
Province, country or other jurisdiction of incorporation
 6. (SEC Use Only)
Industry Classification Code:
 7. Metrobank Plaza, Sen. Gil Puyat Ave., Urdaneta Village Makati City
Address of principal office
 - 1200
Postal Code
 8. (02) 8898-8000
Issuer's telephone number, including area code
 9. N.A.
Former name or former address, if changed since last report
 10. Securities registered pursuant to Sections 8 and 12 of the SRC or Sections 4 and 8 of the RSA
- | Title of Each Class | Number of Shares of Common Stock Outstanding |
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| Common Shares | 4,497,415.555 |
11. Indicate the item numbers reported herein:

Item no. 9 – Other Events

Metropolitan Bank & Trust Company (“Metrobank”) was named The Banker’s Bank of the Year for 2022. Highlights are as follows:

- Metropolitan Bank & Trust Co. (Metrobank) continues to go from strength to strength as it secures its third big award for the year, after The Banker names it as the “Bank of the Year in the Philippines” for 2022.
- The UK-based publication noted the Bank’s services and products that allowed clients to conveniently and securely conduct their financial transactions through its platforms.

- The Banker highlighted Metrobank’s understanding of the unique needs of customers and businesses of all sizes in the country, which propelled the Bank to offer new and upgraded services, forge partnerships for growth, as well as provide community support through the programs of its corporate social responsibility arm, the Metrobank Foundation.
- Metrobank also recently received accolades from different international award-giving bodies. It was named as the Best Bank in the Philippines at the 2022 Euromoney Awards for Excellence and it received the Strongest Bank title from the Asian Banker.
- As of September 2022, Metrobank saw its net income rise by 45% year-on-year to P23.4 billion. It was a growth spurred by continued expansion of the bank’s lending portfolio, better margins, healthy fee income, stable operating costs, and lower provisions. Metrobank believes that its robust capital position and balance sheet strength will provide ample support as it navigates through these uncertain times. Its capital ratios are among the highest in the industry, with total CAR at 17.2% and Common Equity Tier 1 (CET1) ratio at 16.3%. Consolidated assets stood at P2.7 trillion, making it one of the strongest and well-capitalized banks in the country

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Regulation Code, the issuer has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

METROPOLITAN BANK & TRUST COMPANY
Issuer

By:

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