

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. September 26, 2023
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. GT Tower International, 6813 Ayala Avenue cor. H.V. Dela Costa St. Brgy. Bel Air,
Makati City
Address of principal office 1227
Postal Code
8. (02) 8898-8000
Issuer's telephone number, including area code
9. Metrobank Plaza, Sen. Gil Puyat Ave., Urdaneta Village Makati City 1200
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
Common Shares	4,497,415.555
11. Indicate the item numbers reported herein:
Item no. 9 – Other Events

Metropolitan Bank & Trust Company (MBT) was named the Asian Banker's Strongest Bank. Highlights are as follows:

- Metropolitan Bank & Trust Co. (Metrobank) becomes the first-ever Philippine financial institution to claim the Strongest Bank title from The Asian Banker for three straight years.
- The award is part of The Asian Banker's pioneering and most credible annual ranking analysis of all major banks in the Asia Pacific Region based on their strongest balance sheet performance. Assessments for a bank's performance are based on a detailed scorecard established by six criteria of balance sheet

performance; namely, the ability to scale, balance sheet growth, risk profile, profitability, asset quality and liquidity.

- Indeed, Metrobank continues to sustain its strong performance as it books a 34% growth in net income to PHP20.9 billion in the first half of the year, fueled by the Bank's asset expansion, enhanced margins, and robust fee income growth—all of which resulted in a strong and stable asset quality. This translated to a notable 12.9% return on equity, higher than the 10.0% recorded in the corresponding period last year.
- Metrobank brought home multiple achievements from notable global financial publications this year. Asiamoney named it as the “Best Domestic Bank”, “Best Service for Trade Finance services”, “Best Bank from the Ultra-High Net Worth”, and “Best Domestic Private Bank”. Meanwhile, it was given the “Cesar E.A. Virata Award” under the Bank Category for the ninth year and six other Trading Awards because of its exceptional performance on fixed-income securities trading at the recently held 2023 Philippine Dealing System Awards Night.

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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