

Trading Update

For the first quarter ending 31 March 2026



I am pleased to present FBC Holdings Limited's first-quarter trading update.

Operating Environment

The operating environment was mixed in the first quarter of 2026. Persistent geopolitical tensions, trade policy conflicts, elevated interest rates, and continued commodity market volatility adversely affected global economic growth prospects. Despite these challenges, sustained demand for precious minerals, particularly gold, continued to support Zimbabwe's foreign currency receipts.

On the local front, there was relative stability during the period under review, as evidenced by low inflation and stable exchange rates. The Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe and the Government have maintained conservative monetary and fiscal policies. Annual ZiG inflation stood at 4.4% in March 2026, whilst annual USD inflation stood at 1.3%. The foreign currency exchange rates remained broadly stable at US\$1: ZWG25.3209. Economic growth in 2026 is forecast to be positive, driven by agriculture, mining, infrastructure development, and improving domestic demand, while mineral exports, tobacco, and diaspora remittances continue to support foreign-currency liquidity.

The Group is continuously aligning its business model with the stable operating environment to ensure operations are sustainable and enhance shareholder value.

Financial Performance

FBC Holdings Limited continued to trade profitably during the first quarter of 2026, underpinned by strong customer activity, diversified revenue streams, and prudent balance sheet management. The Group's performance highlights are captured below:

Financial Highlights

Income Statement

Total Income
ZWG 719.8 million

Profit From Operations
ZWG 95.6 million

Balance Sheet

Total Assets
ZWG 21.2 billion

Loans and Advances
ZWG 10.4 billion

Deposits from Customers
ZWG 12.7 billion

The Group recorded total income of ZWG719.8 million for the quarter ended 31 March 2026, comprising funded income of ZWG349.4 million and non-funded income of ZWG376.2 million. Non-funded income was driven by higher transaction volumes, a higher digital adoption rate, and continued growth in fees and commissions across the Group's diversified operations. Profit from operations for the period amounted to ZWG95.6 million.

The Group maintained a strong financial position, with total assets of ZWG21.2 billion and shareholders' equity of ZWG3.9 billion as of 31 March 2026. Customer deposits closed at ZWG12.7 billion, reflecting continued market confidence in the FBC brand and digital platforms, whilst the loan book stood at ZWG10.4 billion, with lending focused on productive sectors of the economy. Strategic borrowings of ZWG2.1 billion continued to support liquidity and funding capacity across the Group's operations.

All Group subsidiaries are adequately capitalised and compliant with minimum regulatory capital requirements. The Group expects to continue improving its performance by pursuing new opportunities, exploring new markets, digitalising, innovating, and executing its strategies efficiently.

Sustainability Certification

FBC Bank, a subsidiary of FBC Holdings Limited, received the Sustainability Standards Certification Initiative (SSCI) Certification from the European Organisation for Sustainable Development (EOSD) in collaboration with the Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe (RBZ). The Bank attained this certification with a Level 3 rating, affirming the Group's commitment to sustainability standards.

Outlook

The outlook for 2026 remains cautiously optimistic, with GDP growth projected at approximately 5%. The inflation and exchange rate environment is projected to remain stable, although risks associated with liquidity constraints, inflation and vulnerability to commodity price swings remain.

The environment presents growth opportunities despite the risks, and the stability will support stronger lending activity, increased deposit mobilization, and improved confidence in the financial services sector. The Group will continue to adapt its model, with a special focus on robust risk management, liquidity management, and digital transformation initiatives to improve business performance, resilience, and operational efficiency.

For and on behalf of FBC Holdings Limited

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