

## Company Overview



Established and licensed by the SEC in 1999


Focused on tapping the underserved retail investor base in the stock market


The leading online stockbroker in the Philippines


Founder (Edward K. Lee) retains a $21.7 \%$ stake and actively manages the Company


## Business Objective

To be the preferred source of financial services, a trusted provider of guidance and investment and a strong organization committed to delivering great value to its customers.

Our goal is to be Champion of the Filipino Investor

## COL Milestones

## 1999 <br> 2000-2001 <br> 20062008 <br> 2010

Licensed by the SEC to conduct business as a broker and seller of securities in the Philippines

Began operating the COL PH online trading platform


CitisecOnline HK Ltd. (COL HK) became a trading participant of the HK Stock
Exchange
Launched the COL HK platform

Listed in the PSE at Php0.136/sh


Launched the COL Easy Investment Program (EIP)


Launched the fullservice agency and advisory team called the COL Private Clients Group (PCG)
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## COL Milestones

$2012 \quad 2014 \quad 2015 \quad 2017 \quad 2022$

Officially
changed
corporate name to COL Financial Group Inc.
C) COL FINANCIAL

Granted a Mutual Fund Distributor License by the SEC

Launched COL Fund Source the first fund supermarket in the country


Japan's Daiwa Securities Group,
Inc. acquired a $14.9 \%$ stake in the company

## Daiwa <br> Securities Group Inc.

Started distributing Feeder Funds

70\% owned
COL
Investment Management
(CMI) launched
its first product

- the COL

Equity Index
Unitized
Mutual Fund

## Among the Biggest Philippine Based Stockbrokers

| 9M23 Rank | Broker Name | 9M23 Value Turnover (Php Bil) | \% of Total |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1 | UBS Securities Philippines Inc | 216.4 | 8.9 |
| 2 | BPI Securities Corp | 166.3 | 6.9 |
| 3 | CLSA Philippines Inc | 158.3 | 6.5 |
| 4 | BDO Securities Corp | 128.6 | 120.2 |
| 5 | Maybank Securities, Inc | 118.7 | 5.3 |
| 7 | First Metro Securities Brokerage, Inc | 116.6 | 4.0 |
| 8 | Regis Partners, Inc | 111.8 | 4.9 |
| 9 | J.P. Morgan Securities Philippines, Inc | 100.1 | 4.8 |
| 10 | COL Financial Group, Inc | 97.3 | 4.1 |

## The Biggest Philippine Based Stockbroker

Total Accounts (as of 2022)
Total Online Accounts (as of 2022)


## Bulk of Revenues <br> Generated from Commissions and Interest

55.3\%

Interest
41.0\%

Commissions

## Key Operating Highlights

## Positives

1. Net income jumped $94.9 \%$, already above 2022 full year total
2. Higher interest income offset lower commission revenues
3. Commission revenues up $\mathrm{Q} / \mathrm{Q}$
4. Client base continued to grow
5. MF net sales still positive despite challenging operating environment

## Negatives

1. Commission revenues fell sharply
2. Rank and market share in the PSE slipped
3. Net new cash inflow turned negative for the second quarter in a row

## 9M23 Net Income +94.9\% Y/Y

9M23 net income jumped 94.9\% to Php404.4 Mil as higher interest income offset lower commission revenues. YTD profits were also already 67.8\% higher than 2022 full year net income of Php241.0 Mil.

Pro forma consolidated revenues rose $39.8 \%$ to Php815.4 Mil largely due to the $164.7 \%$ increase in interest income to Php521.2 Mil. Commissions fell $26.4 \%$ due to lackluster trading volume.

Operating profits increased by a faster $86.1 \%$ to Php508.2 Mil as operating expenses were down by $0.9 \%$.

Taxes increased by a slower pace of $58.0 \%$ compared to operating profits due to the larger share of interest income which is taxed at a lower rate.

On a recurring basis, profits grew by $89.1 \%$ as COL booked a Php6.4 Mil loss on sale of investment securities last year.

Change

| 9M22 |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 9M23 |  |  |  |  |
| Income | Amount | \% |  |  |
| Commissions | 367.7 | 270.7 | $(97.0)$ | $-26.4 \%$ |
| Interest | 196.9 | 521.2 | 324.3 | $164.7 \%$ |
| Trailer Fees | 16.8 | 16.5 | $(0.3)$ | $-1.6 \%$ |
| Other income | 1.7 | 7.0 | 5.3 | $310.8 \%$ |
| Total | 583.2 | 815.4 | 232.3 | $39.8 \%$ |
| Expenses |  |  |  |  |
| Commission expenses | 22.6 | 19.5 | $(3.1)$ | $-13.9 \%$ |
| Personnel costs | 108.2 | 118.0 | 9.8 | $9.1 \%$ |
| Professional fees | 33.8 | 36.0 | 2.2 | $6.6 \%$ |
| Stock exch. dues \& fees | 18.6 | 16.3 | $(2.3)$ | $-12.4 \%$ |
| Communication | 31.6 | 30.4 | $(1.3)$ | $-4.1 \%$ |
| Rentals \& utilities | 8.3 | 9.2 | 0.9 | $11.4 \%$ |
| Depreciation | 40.3 | 36.6 | $(3.6)$ | $-9.0 \%$ |
| Advertising \& marketing | 3.8 | 4.9 | 1.1 | $29.0 \%$ |
| Others | 42.8 | 36.3 | $(6.5)$ | $-15.2 \%$ |
| Total | 310.0 | 307.3 | $(2.8)$ | $-0.9 \%$ |
| Pre-Tax Income | 273.1 | 508.2 | 235.0 | $86.1 \%$ |
| Taxes | 65.7 | 103.8 | 38.1 | $58.0 \%$ |
| Net Income | 207.5 | 404.4 | 196.9 | $94.9 \%$ |
| Recurring Net Income | 213.9 | 404.4 | 190.5 | $89.1 \%$ |

## Commissions Hurt by Weak Investor Interest

|  | 9M22 | 9M23 | Amount | \% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Revenue Breakdown |  |  |  |  |
| Commission | 367.7 | 270.7 | (97.0) | -26.4\% |
| PH-Self-directed | 299.6 | 208.4 | (91.2) | -30.4\% |
| PH- Agency \& advisory | 65.7 | 59.7 | (6.0) | -9.1\% |
| HK \& others | 2.5 | 2.6 | 0.1 | 5.8\% |
| Interest | 196.9 | 521.2 | 324.3 | 164.7\% |
| Margin | 42.3 | 53.6 | 11.3 | 26.8\% |
| Placements | 154.6 | 467.5 | 312.9 | 202.4\% |
| Trailer Fees | 16.8 | 16.5 | (0.3) | -1.6\% |
| Others | 1.7 | 7.0 | 5.3 | 310.8\% |
| Total Revenues | 583.2 | 815.4 | 232.3 | 39.8\% |
| Revenue Share |  |  |  |  |
| Commission | 63.1\% | 33.2\% |  |  |
| Self-directed (incl HK) | 82.1\% | 77.9\% |  |  |
| Agency \& advisory | 17.9\% | 22.1\% |  |  |
| Interest | 33.8\% | 63.9\% |  |  |
| Margin | 21.5\% | 10.3\% |  |  |
| Placements | 78.5\% | 89.7\% |  |  |
| Trailer Fees | 2.9\% | 2.0\% |  |  |

Revenues grew 39.8\% despite lower commissions due to higher interest income.

Commission revenues fell by $26.4 \%$ to Php270.7 Mil as stocks suffered from weak investor interest. Note that average daily value turnover in the PSE fell by $8.3 \%$ to Php6.6 Bil, while value traded by local investors (which is COL's target market) fell by an even faster pace of $32.5 \%$.

Trail fees also fell slightly, by $1.6 \%$ to Php16.5 Mil.
On the positive side, interest income jumped by $164.7 \%$ to Php521.2 Mil. This was largely due to the steep rise in interest rates, with average yield increasing by around 340 basis points to $5.1 \%$. Margin loans likewise increased.

Self-directed clients continued to account for the lion's share of total commission revenues at $77.9 \%$.

Because of the significant increase in interest income, the share of core commission revenues and trailer fees fell to $35.2 \%$ of total revenues.

## 3Q23 Net Income +86.4\% Y/Y

3Q23 net income jumped 86.4\% to Php128.1 Mil as higher interest income offset lower commission revenues.

Pro forma consolidated revenues rose $30.1 \%$ to Php253.4 Mil largely due to the $96.7 \%$ increase in interest income to Php169.8 Mil. Commissions fell $23.6 \%$ due to lackluster trading volume. On the positive side, commissions were higher by 19.9\% on a Q/Q basis.

Operating profits jumped by $75.8 \%$ to Php157.2 Mil as operating expenses fell by $8.8 \%$. The steep drop was partly due to the booking of Php6.4 Mil loss on sale of investment securities last year. Excluding the said amount, operating expenses were down $2.9 \%$.

Taxes increased by a slower pace of $40.8 \%$ compared to operating profits due to the lower tax rate imposed on interest income.

Recurring net income which excludes losses on the sale of investment securities grew by $70.5 \%$.

| 3Q22 |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 3Q23 |  |  |  | Amount | \%

Pro Forma Breakdown of Expenses (Php Mil)
Change

## Controlled Growth of Expenses

9M22 9M23 Amount \%
Trading Related Expenses

| Commission expenses | 22.6 | 19.5 | -3.1 | $-13.9 \%$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Stock exch. dues $\&$ fees | 18.6 | 16.3 | -2.3 | $-12.4 \%$ |
| Total | $\mathbf{4 1 . 2}$ | $\mathbf{3 5 . 8}$ | $\mathbf{- 5 . 4}$ | $\mathbf{- 1 3 . 2 \%}$ |

Fixed Operating Expenses

| Personnel costs | 108.2 | 118.0 | 9.8 | $9.1 \%$ |
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| Professional fees | 33.8 | 36.0 | 2.2 | $6.6 \%$ |
| Communication | 31.6 | 30.4 | -1.3 | $-4.1 \%$ |
| Rentals \& utilities | 8.3 | 9.2 | 0.9 | $11.4 \%$ |
| Depreciation | 40.3 | 36.6 | -3.6 | $-9.0 \%$ |
| Advertising \& Mktg | 3.8 | 4.9 | 1.1 | $29.0 \%$ |
| Others | 36.4 | 36.3 | -0.1 | $-0.2 \%$ |
| Total | $\mathbf{2 6 2 . 4}$ | $\mathbf{2 7 1 . 5}$ | $\mathbf{9 . 1}$ | $\mathbf{3 . 5 \%}$ |
| Total Expenses | $\mathbf{3 0 3 . 6}$ | $\mathbf{3 0 7 . 3}$ | $\mathbf{3 . 7}$ | $\mathbf{1 . 2 \%}$ | lower communication cost and depreciation expenses.

## ROAE Improved to 26.0\%

## Selected Financial Ratios

Annualized ROAE improved from $13.7 \%$ to $26.0 \%$.
Profitability improved as revenues increased, leading to higher margins and asset turnover.

Margins improved as growth in revenues outpaced the increase in operating expenses due to the highly leveraged nature of the stockbrokerage business.

Asset turnover increased due to higher yield on cash and investment securities, more than offsetting the drop in trading volumes.

The improvement and margins and asset turnover was partly offset by the drop in leverage as stockholders' equity increased by a faster pace relative to liabilities.

9M22
9M23

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| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Operating Profit Margin | $46.8 \%$ | $62.3 \%$ |
| EBITDA Margin | $53.7 \%$ | $66.8 \%$ |
| Net Margin | $35.6 \%$ | $49.6 \%$ |
| Asset Turnover | $6.0 \%$ | $8.0 \%$ |
| Asset/Equity | 6.7 | 6.4 |
| ROAE | $13.7 \%$ | $26.0 \%$ |

## Rank Slips to Number 10

Change
9M22
9M23
Amount
\%

COL's average daily turnover fell $27.9 \%$ to Php526.2 Mil. This was steeper than the PSE's $8.3 \%$ decline as value turnover of local investors fell by $32.5 \% \mathrm{Y} / \mathrm{Y}$.

COL's market share in terms of value turnover also fell to $4.0 \%$ for the whole market from $5.1 \%$ during the same period last year. This was largely due to the increase in foreign investors' share of total value turnover to $53 \%$ from $45 \% \mathrm{Y} / \mathrm{Y}$. There were also special block sales that were transacted by brokers that have special relationships with listed companies.
Nevertheless, COL's share of local value turnover still increased to $9.9 \%$ from $9.3 \%$.

Due to the lower value turnover, COL's rank slipped to number 10 from number 4.

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| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| PSE Ave. Daily T/O (PhpMil) | $7,158.5$ | $6,563.3$ | $(595.2)$ | $-8.3 \%$ |
| COL Ave. Daily T/O (PhpMil) | 729.6 | 526.2 | $(203.4)$ | $-27.9 \%$ |
| COL Market Share (Total) | $5.1 \%$ | $4.0 \%$ |  |  |
| COL Market Share (Local) | $9.3 \%$ | $9.9 \%$ |  |  |
| PSE Ranking | 4 | 10 |  |  |
| No. of Transactions - PSE ('000) | 29,393 | 21,862 | $(7,530.8)$ | $-25.6 \%$ |
| No. of Transactions - COL ('000) | 4,163 | 2,800 | $(1,362.9)$ | $-32.7 \%$ |
| COL Market Share | $14.2 \%$ | $12.8 \%$ |  |  |
| PSE Ranking | 1 | 1 |  |  |

## Strong Balance Sheet

Cash \& cash equivalents fell slightly by $6.4 \%$ to Php9.9 Bil. This was largely due to the payment of cash dividends and the decline in customers' excess cash position.

Trade receivables fell by $21.1 \%$ to Php940.7 Mil. This was largely due to the $13.8 \%$ YTD decrease in margin loans to Php887.4Mil. However, receivables from the clearing house also fell by $76.3 \%$ to Php27.1 Mil while receivables from other brokers dropped by $46.4 \%$ to Php25.4 Mil.

Trade payables also decreased by $10.5 \%$ to Php9.7 Bil largely due the drop in customers' cash position compared to end December.

Stockholders' equity was up by $3.7 \%$ to Php2.0 Bil due to the booking of Php276.3Mil in profits, partly offset by the payment of Php199.9 Mil in cash dividends. BVPS likewise increased to Php0.427/sh.

12/31/22 9/30/23 Amount \%

| Cash \& cash equivalents | 10,524.3 | 11,896.9 | 1,372.6 | 13.0\% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Trade receivables | 1,192.0 | 920.4 | -271.5 | -22.8\% |
| Inv't sec at amortized cost | 200.2 | 0.0 | -200.2 | -100.0\% |
| Other current assets | 174.0 | 194.1 | 20.0 | 11.5\% |
| HTM investments | 800.5 | 800.5 | 0.0 | 0.0\% |
| PPE - net | 108.0 | 90.7 | -17.2 | -15.9\% |
| Other non-current assets - net | 86.0 | 86.9 | 1.0 | 1.1\% |
| Total Assets | 13,084.9 | 13,989.5 | 904.7 | 6.9\% |
| Trade payables | 10,888.8 | 11,645.9 | 757.1 | 7.0\% |
| Other current liabilities | 125.3 | 69.9 | -55.4 | -44.2\% |
| Non-current liabilities | 97.8 | 93.2 | -4.7 | -4.8\% |
| Total Liabilities | 11,112.0 | 11,809.0 | 697.1 | 6.3\% |
| Total Stockholders' Equity | 1,972.9 | 2,180.5 | 207.6 | 10.5\% |
| Total Liabilities and Stockholder's Equity | 13,084.9 | 13,989.5 | 904.7 | 6.9\% |
| BVPS | 0.411 | 0.455 | 0.044 | 10.6\% |

Client Base

## Customer Base Up Y/Y

COL's client base grew by $3.8 \% \mathrm{Y} / \mathrm{Y}$ to 517,593 as of end September 2023.

Average monthly additions reached 1,581 during the past 12 months and 1,385 during the quarter.

During the third quarter, average monthly additions improved from only 1,284 during the second quarter.


Client Equity (Php Mil)

## Client Equity Up on Higher Asset Values

Client equity was up $12.9 \% \mathrm{Y} / \mathrm{Y}$ to Php109.0 Bil as of end September 2023.

Client equity increased largely due to higher asset values. As of end September, the PSEi index was up $10.1 \%$ compared to the same period last year.

However, COL registered a net cash outflow from retail clients amounting to Php1.7 Bil during the past twelve months, and Php201.7 Mil during the third quarter alone.

$\Delta+25.9 \%$

## Margin Loans Up

Average daily margin loans increased by 25.9\% to Php966 Mil Y/Y.


## MF Net Sales still Positive due to Bond and Feeder Funds

COL's MF distribution business still generated net sales of Php102.1 Mil during 9M23 despite the challenging operating environment. This was due to the popularity of bond funds, and feeder funds. Excluding money market funds, net sales amounted to Php115.4 Mil.

Bond funds accounted for Php72.2 Mil of total net sales, while feeder funds accounted for Php90.0 Mil.

Balanced and equity funds suffered from net outflows amounting to Php46.8 Mil.

Money market funds also saw a net outflow of Php13.3 Mil. For the third quarter alone, money market funds suffered from a net outflow of Php127.8 Mil.

## COL Accounted for 3.7\% of Industry Equity Fund Sales

2021 Net Sales (in Php Mil, Acc to Type of Fund)

| Net Sales | Industry | COL | \% Share |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Money Market | $50,773.2$ | -10.5 | $0.0 \%$ |
| Bond | $-1,543.0$ | -11.6 | $0.8 \%$ |
| Balanced | -397.1 | 15.6 | $-3.9 \%$ |
| Equity fund | $4,820.3$ | 178.6 | $3.7 \%$ |
| Feeder fund* | $\mathbf{4 , 8 0 4 . 3}$ | 75.2 | $1.6 \%$ |
| Total | $\mathbf{5 8 , 4 5 7 . 6}$ | $\mathbf{2 4 7 . 4}$ | $\mathbf{0 . 4 \%}$ |

## Average AUA Continued to Recover

Average non-money market AUA increased during 3Q23. However, trail fees were flattish as the increase in AUA was not enough to offset the $Y / Y$ decline registered in 1Q23.

Average non-money market AUA improved Q/Q for the fourth quarter in a row largely due to positive net sales.


## Clients Owning MFs Slipped



## MF Only Clients

## MF only Clients Flat

The number of clients who only owned MFs was flat.

As of end September, there were 16,071 clients who only owned MFs, almost flat on a $\mathrm{Y} / \mathrm{Y}$ and Q/Q basis.

Of the said number, 11,385 or $70.8 \%$ were Starter clients while 4,555 or $28.3 \%$ were Plus clients.


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