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NatWest Group plc

NatWest acquires Metro Bank mortgage portfolio

NatWest Group plc (“NatWest Group”) today announces that it¹ has entered into an agreement with Metro Bank plc (“Metro Bank”) to acquire a £2.5 billion portfolio of prime UK residential mortgages, with a weighted average current loan to value of c.62%.

On completion of the transaction² NatWest Group expects to welcome around 10,000 customer accounts which will continue to be serviced by Metro Bank, in accordance with current arrangements, following the transfer to NatWest Group.

Commenting on the transaction, Paul Thwaite, CEO of NatWest Group said,

“Following today’s announcement, we are acquiring £2.5 billion of prime residential mortgages from Metro Bank and, as a result, look forward to welcoming around 10,000 customers to NatWest Group.

“This transaction is a further opportunity to accelerate the growth of our Retail mortgage book within our existing risk appetite, with attractive returns. It is in line with our strategic priorities and builds on our recent acquisition from Sainsbury’s Bank.

“We are focussed on a smooth transition and have a strong track record of successful integration with Metro Bank, following our previous acquisition of mortgages in 2020.”

The impact of the transaction, based on NatWest Group’s CET1 ratio at 30 June 2024, equates to a reduction of less than 10 basis points.³

Additional information

1. NatWest Group is entering into this transaction through its subsidiary, National Westminster Bank plc.
2. Completion of the transaction is conditional on a satisfactory response from the Competition & Markets Authority. Subject to this, completion is expected to occur during H2 2024.
3. NatWest Group reported a Common Equity Tier 1 (CET1) ratio of 13.6% at 30 June 2024.

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