

**National Bank of Oman SAOG**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**31 December 2023**

**DRAFT SUBJECT TO CBO APPROVAL**



PO Box 751 PC 112 Ruwi Sultanate of Oman.

## **CHAIRPERSON'S ANNUAL REPORT 2023**

On behalf of the Board of Directors of National Bank of Oman SAOG, I am pleased to present the 2023 Annual Report for the period ended 31 December 2023.

### **Oman's Economy**

In 2023, Oman continued to advance on its journey toward economic resilience and sustainable growth, building on the previous years' achievements. The nation's commitment to the 2040 Vision remains unwavering, focusing on diversification, long-term development, and non-oil sector expansion.

The initial indicators and statistics included in the statement of the budget of the Sultanate of Oman for the current fiscal year 2024 highlight the positive results achieved under the directives of His Majesty the Sultan. These directives focus on accelerating efforts for financial sustainability, adopting financial control plans, and swiftly settling debts. These efforts have tangibly succeeded in steering the financial situation towards stability and enhancing the fiscal position of the country. According to the statement, the public debt decreased to OMR 15.2 billion by the end of 2023, representing 35 percent of the total Gross Domestic Product (GDP).

Oman received a significant vote of confidence from global credit rating agencies in Q4 2023. Standard & Poor (S&P) upgraded Oman's long-term credit rating from "BB" to "BB+" with a stable outlook. This reflects positive economic changes and growth, particularly in the non-oil sector, indicating the potential for substantial growth from 2023 to 2026. S&P forecasts an average year-on-year GDP growth of 2 per cent until 2026, signifying a positive trajectory for the country's economic performance.

### **NBO's Operating Performance**

Given this backdrop, the Bank's net profit for the year 2023 stood at OMR 58.0 million, compared to OMR 48.2 million for the same period last year, reflecting an increase of 20.4 per cent.

Net interest income for the year 2023 was OMR 110.5 million, reflecting an increase of 6.8 percent over the corresponding period last year, driven by strong growth in interest income of OMR 242.5 million, an increase of 25.0 percent over the previous year. This was partially offset by higher interest expenses of RO 132.0 million, an increase of 45.9 percent compared to last year.

Fee income for the year 2023 was OMR 35.3 million, compared to OMR 34.7 million last year, registering a growth of 1.8 per cent.

Operating expenses for the year ended 31 December 2023 was OMR 61.9 million, compared to RO 60.5 million for the corresponding period in 2022, an increase of 2.3 per cent. The Bank continues to invest in its people, technology, and infrastructure.

Net Impairment charge for 2023 was OMR 15.7 million, compared to OMR 20.3 million for the corresponding period last year, a decrease of 22.5 per cent.

Gross loans and advances as of 31 December 2023 were at OMR 3.65 billion, reflecting growth of 4.0 per cent over last year. Customer deposits correspondingly were at OMR 3.57 billion, with an increase of 17.3 percent over previous year.

The Bank's Core Equity and Total Capital Adequacy Ratio stood at 12.1 per cent and 16.9 per cent, respectively.

## **Our Strategy & Organizational Updates**

Guided by the vision to "Return to Prominence" and our four core values of authenticity, creating value through connection, relentless pioneering, and pursuing simplicity, our 5-year strategy has yielded strong growth and notable achievements. Through focused efforts, we have safeguarded our liquidity by diversifying the deposit base and strengthening relationships with our partners. Capitalization remains robust, and a streamlined credit underwriting framework has prioritized low-risk exposures. In the realm of value creation, our revenue focus extends across priority areas, fostering cross-functional collaboration and cross-sell initiatives. Cost management and

optimization efforts have continued, while strategic partnerships with insurance and fintech players aim to maximize revenue. In the sustainability domain, our brand has earned recognition with distinct attributes, winning awards, including "Bank of the Year Award for 2023 in Oman" by The Banker. Pioneering digital solutions, we lead the market with innovative services and maintain a commitment to employee engagement and development through various programs, such as Tamayuz, Murshid, and Taqdeer, among others, thus reinforcing the importance of our human capital.

Muzn Islamic Banking remains a strategic priority for NBO, with a relaunch in 2023 aimed at contributing significantly to the overall vision of "Return to Prominence." The renewal includes a refreshed brand positioning. The value proposition is being revamped through the introduction of several new products and variants, accompanied by special launch offers. Additionally, digital banking capabilities have been upgraded with enhanced features on mobile app and Corporate Internet Banking to align with conventional standards, solidifying Muzn's role in NBO's strategic resurgence.

NBO is underpinned by its mission to unlock opportunities, delivering growth prospects associated with bringing high-class banking experiences to Oman. Within this context, and contributing to our Omanisation efforts, we appointed Dr Issam Mohsin Al Balushi to our senior management team as Deputy General Manager – Chief Compliance Officer, while we promoted Mustahil Ahmed Al Mamari to Assistant General Manager - Head of Strategy and Transformation, and Dr Ali Salim Al Shekeili to Assistant General Manager – Head of Digital & E-Channels.

### **Key Achievements**

The year 2023 coincided with National Bank of Oman's (NBO) 50th Anniversary, marked with a series of initiatives and events bringing together clients, team members and other stakeholders. During these celebrations, participants enjoyed a virtual showcase of our 50-year journey highlighting our contributions, the opportunities we unlocked and future plans. The celebration was the biggest digital show of its kind in Oman.

NBO acted as an Issue Manager and one of the Joint Global Coordinators for Abraj Energy Services' Initial Public Offering. The success of this IPO was a proud moment for NBO and serves as a testament to the Bank's leading advisory services backed by a team of passionate people with proven expertise in managing large transactions.

We further affirmed our leading position in the Omani banking sector, announcing our participation as the collection bank for the initial public offering (IPO) of OQ Gas Networks. NBO provided investors with seamless services and easy financial solutions for subscribing to the IPO. The success of this public offering marks a significant achievement in the bank's journey, confirming the quality of its investment advisory services, supported by experts in managing substantial transactions. It is noteworthy that 97.7% of all subscriptions were completed through the NBO app, reaffirming our commitment to providing a distinctive customer experience.

To further unlock opportunities and support Oman's real estate development sector, we signed a MoU with the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development to provide financing solutions for prospective customers who intend to purchase residential units in Sultan Haitham City.

In its continued efforts to support local corporates, especially industrial enterprises, NBO provided critical support that ultimately led to the successful acquisition and revival of Sohar Steel, a steel manufacturer in Oman, by Jindal Group and Vulcan Investments. The bank's proactive approach and commitment were instrumental in ensuring the success of this transformational deal. The successful revival of Sohar Steel encourages optimism within the local community and aligns with the Sultanate's aspirations for economic growth and diversification.

NBO and Muzn Islamic Banking concluded refinancing a Syndicated USD Term Loan for OQ Gas Networks. This transaction helped us strengthen our relationship with OQ Group and make new inroads for our Islamic window in terms of the growth of quality assets.

We signed an agreement with Oman Oil Marketing Company to provide medium-term financing. The credit facility enabled the expansion of OOMCO's investment portfolio across strategic segments in Oman and supported the group's business and investment activities.

NBO has also entered into a Credit Term Facility Agreement with Oman 70 Holding, a leading local investment company. The agreement entails the NBO providing credit facilities to Oman 70 Holding with the aim of enhancing the company's growth, supporting its project portfolio, and thereby solidifying its position in the local business sector.

Committed to creating a seamless banking experience for our customers, we celebrated the official opening of our new branches in Ibra, Qurayat, Barka and Oman Automotive Association. The reimaged branches marked a significant step in NBO's journey and endeavour to elevate its banking services. The branches introduces a 24/7 digital corner offering a variety of services. A multi-purpose service kiosk conveniently addresses customers' needs, including opening new accounts, issuing and renewing debit cards, handling cash and check deposits and withdrawals, processing bill payments, as well as an ATM and CDM. Furthermore, the branch offers a dedicated Sadara Centre. This exclusive service, crafted for NBO's Priority Banking customers, offers personalized assistance and a host of premium banking services.

### **NBO Muzn Islamic Banking**

In celebration of its tenth anniversary, Muzn organized an exclusive event to commemorate with its business partners at NBO's head office in Al Athaiba. The event highlighted the journey of its growth, development, and the achievements it has made in the sector. Founded in 2013, Muzn was the first licensed Islamic banking window in Oman and has been committed to fostering the development of the Sultanate's Islamic Finance sector by providing customers with Shari'a-compliant services that align with their beliefs. To mark this special occasion, Muzn rolled out its new brand identity with an enhanced look and feel. The new identity, aligned with the NBO's brand, revamped our values to reflect our strategic goals and aspirations for the Bank and how we

communicate our products and services. Muzn showcased substantial growth in 2023, with 47% YoY increase in financing and 58% YoY growth in deposits.

Fulfilling the diverse financial needs of customers across all segments, Muzn signed an agreement with the Oman REIT Fund (Oman REIT), an Omani Real Estate Investment Fund. Under the agreement, Muzn will provide long-term Islamic financing to support the investment activities of Oman REIT Fund and contribute to enhancing its growth on all fronts. Muzn also concluded the refinancing and takeover of a long Term Finance for Salalah Grand Mall.

To empower businesses, Muzn has introduced a Sharia-compliant Tijarah Account, providing innovative solutions for businesses, small and medium enterprises, charities, and entrepreneurs to attract returns on their surplus cash. The Muzn Tijarah Account operates as a tiered profit-bearing account, allowing companies to earn profits on their deposits.

Muzn has also introduced Corporate Term Wakala Finance for companies, designed to address the diverse needs of businesses. As businesses navigate the complexities of today's economic landscape, the demand for flexible and reliable financial products has increased more than ever. Corporate Term Wakala Finance is an effective tool that provides a comprehensive solution to meet various financial requirements of businesses

Muzn also launched its Online Direct Debit processing service in 2023 to streamline its corporate clients' payment processes. Utilizing modern technologies, this secure service consists of a wide range of innovative digital solutions that empower companies to monitor, manage, and automate their payments.

### **People and Learning & Development**

Sharing his expertise and experience, our CEO, Abdullah Zahran Al Hinai, participated in the 'Building a Fintech Ecosystem Beyond Borders' panel discussion at the Dubai Fintech Summit.

As part of our commitment to building a high-performance culture based on our core values, we launched our Values Recognition Program. The programme recognises four employees each month who demonstrate one of our four values, celebrating their achievements across the Bank and building a stronger culture together.

We also introduced our dynamic customer experience programme for all branch employees. 'Dhiyafa' is a three-month course focusing on communication etiquette, customer expectations, customer service standards, face-to-face interactions, and all aspects of the NBO customer experience.

We continued its Rawabit Programme, a thorough series of interactive workshops reinforcing its values to deliver superior services. Launched in 2022, the Rawabit Programme focuses on how NBO employees interact with the Bank's values and shape the workplace culture by promoting teamwork and collaboration, embracing change and engaging effectively. The programme also aims to promote professional conduct in the workplace, integrate the Bank's values into day-to-day operations, and create linkages between employees from different regions.

### **Community Values**

Reflecting our ongoing commitment to supporting communities, we have continued our dedicated response to the impact of cyclone Shaheen on Oman's shorelines in 2021. Our unwavering commitment to the Shaheen-affected communities is further emphasized by our total contribution of OMR 1.6 million over the past two years (2022 and 2023). This underscores our steadfast dedication to standing by the communities we serve during challenging times, acknowledging our integral role as part of the social fabric.

Creating value that feeds into the overall progress of Oman, we announced an initiative with the Oman Charitable Organisation (OCO) wherein the Bank donated to the non-governmental organisation to support national social welfare projects and programmes benefitting children, orphans and disabled people.

In line with our commitment to unlock opportunities for the Omani youth, we continued our steadfast support for skill development in banking and finance. The Bank accepted an impressive 685 interns in 2023, a testament to our dedication to empowering Omani youth with valuable expertise and equipping them with the professional and social skills to enter the job market confidently.

We also sponsored the first Oman Childhood Conference and Exhibition, aligning with Oman Vision 2040's goal of nurturing a promising generation. The Childhood First Association organised this event to raise awareness about childhood issues, showcase their needs and aspirations, and encourage support from various sectors.

### **Local & Global Recognition**

Reaffirming its leadership in the banking sector, the National Bank of Oman (NBO) has won the prestigious 'Bank of the Year Award' for 2023 from 'The Banker', a globally recognised accolade. This award is presented exclusively to the best banks in 120 countries that meet the award's stringent criteria. NBO won this award in recognition of its strategic initiatives, continued growth, and technological advancement in the sector.

As well as being ranked by Forbes among The Region's top 50 Banks in 2023. We also received recognition from the Royal Academy of Management, and awards from the Alam Al Iktisaad Sustainability Awards, MEA HR (Human Resources) & Learning Achievement Awards, International Business Magazine, the World Economic Magazine Awards, Citibank and Global Business and Finance Magazine.

### **Appreciation**

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I would like to thank our customers, shareholders, executive management, and the entire team of NBO for their support and efforts in implementing the Bank's strategy and achieving its goals and objectives.

We would also like to sincerely thank our regulators, the Central Bank of Oman, the Central Bank of the United Arab Emirates and the Capital Market Authority, for their

constant support and dedicated efforts to develop Oman's financial industry, especially the banking sector.

We pay tribute to His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tarik, under whose visionary leadership and wise guidance Oman continues its steadfast march towards sustainable economic growth and social development.

**Amal Suhail Bahwan**

**Chairperson**

National Bank of Oman SAOG  
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION  
DRAFT SUBJECT TO CBO APPROVAL

As at 31 December 2023

2022 USD'000	2023 USD'000		Note	2023 RO'000	2022 RO'000
<b>ASSETS</b>					
679,452	<b>1,050,569</b>	Cash and balances with Central Banks	4	<b>404,469</b>	261,589
309,766	<b>842,112</b>	Due from banks and other money market placements (net)	5	<b>324,213</b>	119,260
8,710,907	<b>9,080,327</b>	Loans, advances and Islamic financing assets (net)	6	<b>3,495,926</b>	3,353,699
1,050,356	<b>1,188,610</b>	Financial investments (net)	7	<b>457,615</b>	404,387
148,286	<b>145,177</b>	Property and equipment	8	<b>55,893</b>	57,090
254,688	<b>217,896</b>	Other assets	9	<b>83,890</b>	98,055
<b>11,153,455</b>	<b>12,524,691</b>	<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>4,822,006</b>	4,294,080
<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>					
<b>LIABILITIES</b>					
679,852	<b>1,072,808</b>	Due to banks and other money market deposits	10	<b>413,031</b>	261,743
7,915,382	<b>9,280,605</b>	Customers' deposits and unrestricted investment accounts	11	<b>3,573,033</b>	3,047,422
490,558	-	Euro medium term notes	12	-	188,865
361,649	<b>369,930</b>	Other liabilities	13	<b>142,423</b>	139,235
41,509	<b>49,288</b>	Taxation	14	<b>18,976</b>	15,981
<b>9,488,950</b>	<b>10,772,631</b>	<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<b>4,147,463</b>	3,653,246
<b>EQUITY</b>					
422,325	<b>422,325</b>	Share capital	15	<b>162,595</b>	162,595
89,519	<b>89,519</b>	Share premium	16	<b>34,465</b>	34,465
140,774	<b>140,774</b>	Legal reserve	17	<b>54,198</b>	54,198
16,597	<b>20,473</b>	Other reserves	18	<b>7,882</b>	6,390
561,178	<b>644,857</b>	Retained earnings		<b>248,270</b>	216,053
<b>1,230,393</b>	<b>1,317,948</b>	<b>TOTAL EQUITY ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE SHARE HOLDERS OF THE BANK</b>		<b>507,410</b>	473,701
434,112	<b>434,112</b>	Tier 1 Perpetual Bonds	19	<b>167,133</b>	167,133
<b>1,664,505</b>	<b>1,752,060</b>	<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>		<b>674,543</b>	640,834
<b>11,153,455</b>	<b>12,524,691</b>	<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>		<b>4,822,006</b>	4,294,080

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue on 30 January 2024 by the Board of Directors.

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Director

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Chief Executive Officer

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Chairperson

The attached notes 1 to 37 form part of these financial statements.

National Bank of Oman SAOG  
 STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME  
 DRAFT SUBJECT TO CBO APPROVAL

For the year ended 31 December 2023

2022 USD'000	2023 USD'000		Note	2023 RO'000	2022 RO'000
475,725	<b>587,930</b>	Interest income	22	<b>226,353</b>	183,154
(221,138)	<b>(316,592)</b>	Interest expense	23	<b>(121,888)</b>	(85,138)
<u>254,587</u>	<u><b>271,338</b></u>	<b>Net interest income</b>		<u><b>104,465</b></u>	<u>98,016</u>
28,200	<b>42,010</b>	Income from Islamic financing and investments		<b>16,174</b>	10,857
(13,855)	<b>(26,226)</b>	Unrestricted investment account holders' share of profit		<b>(10,097)</b>	(5,334)
<u>14,345</u>	<u><b>15,784</b></u>	<b>Net income from Islamic financing and investment assets</b>		<u><b>6,077</b></u>	<u>5,523</u>
<u>268,932</u>	<u><b>287,122</b></u>	<b>Net interest income and net income from Islamic financing and investment assets</b>		<u><b>110,542</b></u>	<u>103,539</u>
53,626	<b>55,192</b>	Fee and commission income	24	<b>21,249</b>	20,646
36,499	<b>36,561</b>	Other operating income	25	<b>14,076</b>	14,052
<u>359,057</u>	<u><b>378,875</b></u>	<b>Operating income</b>		<u><b>145,867</b></u>	<u>138,237</u>
(95,358)	<b>(99,252)</b>	Staff cost	26	<b>(38,212)</b>	(36,713)
(46,595)	<b>(45,709)</b>	Other operating expenses	27	<b>(17,598)</b>	(17,939)
(15,231)	<b>(15,842)</b>	Depreciation	8	<b>(6,099)</b>	(5,864)
<u>(157,184)</u>	<u><b>(160,803)</b></u>	<b>Total operating expenses</b>		<u><b>(61,909)</b></u>	<u>(60,516)</u>
<u>201,873</u>	<u><b>218,072</b></u>	<b>Profit from operations before impairment losses and tax</b>		<u><b>83,958</b></u>	<u>77,721</u>
(52,595)	<b>(40,774)</b>	<b>Total impairment losses on financial instruments (net)</b>	28.5	<b>(15,698)</b>	(20,249)
<u>149,278</u>	<u><b>177,298</b></u>	<b>Profit before tax</b>		<u><b>68,260</b></u>	<u>57,472</u>
(24,055)	<b>(26,574)</b>	Taxation	14	<b>(10,231)</b>	(9,261)
<u>125,223</u>	<u><b>150,724</b></u>	<b>Profit for the year</b>		<u><b>58,029</b></u>	<u>48,211</u>
<b>OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME</b>					
<i>Items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss</i>					
3,086	<b>4,301</b>	Equity investments at FVOCI – net change in fair value		<b>1,656</b>	1,188
10	<b>(426)</b>	Tax effect of equity investments at FVOCI – net change in fair value	14	<b>(164)</b>	4
<i>Items that are or maybe reclassified subsequently to profit or loss</i>					
(353)	-	Debt instruments at FVOCI - net change in fair value		-	(136)
<u>2,743</u>	<u><b>3,875</b></u>	<b>Other comprehensive income for the year</b>		<u><b>1,492</b></u>	<u>1,056</u>
<u>127,966</u>	<u><b>154,599</b></u>	<b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b>		<u><b>59,521</b></u>	<u>49,267</u>
0.06	<b>0.07</b>	Earnings per share: (USD) – Basic and diluted – (RO)	30	<b>0.028</b>	0.024

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY  
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For the year ended 31 December 2023

	<i>Share capital (note15) RO'000</i>	<i>Share premium (note 16) RO'000</i>	<i>Legal reserve (note17) RO'000</i>	<i>Other reserves (note 18) RO'000</i>	<i>Retained earnings RO'000</i>	<i>Total equity attributable to the share holder of the bank RO'000</i>	<i>Tier 1 perpetual bond (note19) RO'000</i>	<i>Total equity RO'000</i>
Balance at 1 January 2023	162,595	34,465	54,198	6,390	216,053	473,701	167,133	640,834
Profit for the year	-	-	-	-	58,029	58,029	-	58,029
Other comprehensive income for the year	-	-	-	437	-	437	-	437
Net losses on derecognition of financial instruments measured at FVOCI (net of tax)	-	-	-	1,055	(1,055)	-	-	-
Payment of interest on tier 1 perpetual bond	-	-	-	-	(12,725)	(12,725)	-	(12,725)
Payment of dividend	-	-	-	-	(12,032)	(12,032)	-	(12,032)
<b>Balance at 31 December 2023</b>	<b>162,595</b>	<b>34,465</b>	<b>54,198</b>	<b>7,882</b>	<b>248,270</b>	<b>507,410</b>	<b>167,133</b>	<b>674,543</b>
<b>Balance at 31 December 2023 – In USD'000</b>	<b>422,325</b>	<b>89,519</b>	<b>140,774</b>	<b>20,473</b>	<b>644,857</b>	<b>1,317,948</b>	<b>434,112</b>	<b>1,752,060</b>
Balance at 1 January 2022	162,595	34,465	54,198	5,334	183,363	439,955	115,500	555,455
Profit for the year	-	-	-	-	48,211	48,211	-	48,211
Other comprehensive income for the year	-	-	-	1,118	-	1,118	-	1,118
Net gain on derecognition of financial instruments measured at FVOCI (net of tax)	-	-	-	(62)	62	-	-	-
Payment of interest on tier 1 perpetual bond	-	-	-	-	(9,240)	(9,240)	-	(9,240)
Issuance of tier 1 perpetual bond	-	-	-	-	-	-	51,633	51,633
Issuance cost on tier 1 perpetual bond	-	-	-	-	(327)	(327)	-	(327)
Payment of dividend	-	-	-	-	(6,016)	(6,016)	-	(6,016)
Balance at 31 December 2022	162,595	34,465	54,198	6,390	216,053	473,701	167,133	640,834
Balance at 31 December 2022 – In USD'000	422,325	89,519	140,774	16,597	561,178	1,230,393	434,112	1,664,505

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National Bank of Oman SAOG  
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS  
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For the year ended 31 December 2023

2022 USD'000	2023 USD'000		Note	2023 RO'000	2022 RO'000
<b>OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>					
149,278	<b>177,298</b>	Profit before taxation		<b>68,260</b>	57,472
Adjustments for:					
15,231	<b>15,842</b>	Depreciation	8	<b>6,099</b>	5,864
52,595	<b>40,774</b>	Allowance for credit losses - financial instruments	28.5	<b>15,698</b>	20,249
(1,691)	<b>(3,273)</b>	Amortization of discount/(premium)		<b>(1,260)</b>	(651)
(101)	<b>(18)</b>	Profit on sale of property and equipment		<b>(7)</b>	(39)
(6,291)	<b>(2,026)</b>	Profit on investments at FVTPL and amortised cost	25	<b>(780)</b>	(2,422)
(226)	<b>(42)</b>	Translation differences		<b>(16)</b>	(87)
(3,925)	<b>(5,870)</b>	Payment of lease liability		<b>(2,260)</b>	(1,511)
(52,701)	<b>(68,462)</b>	Income from investment		<b>(26,358)</b>	(20,290)
152,169	<b>154,223</b>	<b>Operating cash flows before changes in operating assets and liabilities</b>		<b>59,376</b>	58,585
803	<b>(186,387)</b>	Due from banks and other money market placements		<b>(71,759)</b>	309
(93,470)	<b>392,956</b>	Due to banks and other money market deposits		<b>151,288</b>	(35,986)
(741,678)	<b>(353,213)</b>	Loans, advances and Islamic financing assets		<b>(135,987)</b>	(285,546)
(91,582)	<b>36,792</b>	Other assets		<b>14,165</b>	(35,259)
336,857	<b>1,365,223</b>	Customers' deposits		<b>525,611</b>	129,690
-	<b>(490,558)</b>	Euro medium term notes		<b>(188,865)</b>	-
82,621	<b>(46,945)</b>	Other liabilities		<b>(18,074)</b>	31,809
(354,280)	<b>872,091</b>	<b>Cash from / (used in) operating activities</b>		<b>335,755</b>	(136,398)
(16,499)	<b>(18,384)</b>	Taxes paid	14	<b>(7,078)</b>	(6,352)
(370,779)	<b>853,707</b>	<b>Cash from / (used in) operating activities</b>		<b>328,677</b>	(142,750)
<b>INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>					
(133,291)	<b>(240,182)</b>	Purchase of investments		<b>(92,470)</b>	(51,317)
255,452	<b>108,122</b>	Proceeds from sale of investments		<b>41,627</b>	98,349
(5,629)	<b>(9,197)</b>	Purchase of property and equipment		<b>(3,541)</b>	(2,167)
212	<b>545</b>	Proceeds from disposal of property and equipment		<b>210</b>	82
52,701	<b>68,462</b>	Income from investment		<b>26,358</b>	20,290
169,445	<b>(72,250)</b>	<b>Net cash (used in) / from investing activities</b>		<b>(27,816)</b>	65,237
<b>FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>					
(15,626)	<b>(31,252)</b>	Payment of dividend	20	<b>(12,032)</b>	(6,016)
134,112	-	Proceeds from Tier 1 perpetual bond		-	51,633
(24,000)	<b>(33,052)</b>	Interest on Tier 1 perpetual bond		<b>(12,725)</b>	(9,240)
(849)	-	Issuance cost on Tier 1 perpetual bond		-	(327)
93,637	<b>(64,304)</b>	<b>Net cash (used in) / from financing activities</b>		<b>(24,757)</b>	36,050
(107,697)	<b>717,153</b>	<b>INCREASE / (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS</b>		<b>276,104</b>	(41,463)
1,031,995	<b>924,298</b>	Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		<b>355,855</b>	397,318
924,298	<b>1,641,451</b>	<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE END OF THE YEAR</b>		<b>631,959</b>	355,855
<b>REPRESENTING:</b>					
678,153	<b>1,049,270</b>	Cash and balances with Central Banks	4	<b>403,969</b>	261,089
246,145	<b>592,181</b>	Due from Banks maturing within three months		<b>227,990</b>	94,766
924,298	<b>1,641,451</b>			<b>631,959</b>	355,855

The attached notes 1 to 37 form part of these financial statements.

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## 1 LEGAL STATUS AND PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

National Bank of Oman SAOG ("NBO", "the Bank") was established in the Sultanate of Oman in 1973 as a joint stock company and is engaged in retail, wholesale, investment and Islamic banking services within the Sultanate of Oman, through overseas branches in the United Arab Emirates and Egypt. In Oman the bank operates under banking license issued by the Central Bank of Oman and is covered by its deposit insurance scheme, whereas in the United Arab Emirates and in Egypt the branches operate under a commercial bank licences given by the respective Central Banks. The bank is in the process of closing down its operations in Egypt and it is expected that the closure process will be completed during the year 2024. The bank is head quartered at Azaiba, Governorate of Muscat, Sultanate of Oman and its registered address is PO Box 751, Ruwi, Postal Code 112, Muscat, Sultanate of Oman. The Bank's equity shares are listed on the Muscat Stock Exchange. Perpetual bonds are listed in the Euronext Dublin.

CMA of the Sultanate of Oman requires all Public Joint Stock Companies to disclose the financials of the Parent Company in a separate column in the financial statement vide circular E/2/2007 dated 21 January 2007.

The Bank has the following fully owned Special Purpose Vehicles ("SPVs"):

Name of the entity	Country of incorporation	Activity of the subsidiary	Percentage of ownership	
			2023	2022
NBO Global Markets Cayman Limited	Cayman Islands	Financial services	100%	-

The sizes, operations and financial statements of the above SPVs are not material to the consolidated financial statements of the Bank. Hence, financial statements of the Parent Company have not been provided in a separate column in these financial statements.

## 2 BASIS OF PREPARATION

### 2.1 Basis of measurement

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost basis except for the following:

- financial instruments classified as trading and at fair value through profit or loss (FVTPL);
- financial instruments at fair value through other comprehensive income;
- recognised assets and liabilities that are hedged are measured at fair value in respect of the risk that is hedged.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) accounting standards requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise its judgment in the process of applying the Bank's accounting policies. The areas involving a higher degree of judgment or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the financial statements are disclosed in note 2.4.

### 2.2 Functional and presentation currency

These financial statements are presented in Rial Omani rounded to the nearest thousand Rial Omani, except when otherwise indicated. The functional currencies of the Bank's operations are as follows:

- Sultanate of Oman: Rial Omani
- United Arab Emirates: UAE Dirham
- Egypt: US Dollar

The United States Dollar amounts shown in the financial statements have been translated from Rial Omani at an exchange rate of RO 0.385 to each US Dollar, and are shown for the convenience of the reader only.

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## **2 BASIS OF PREPARATION (CONTINUED)**

### **2.3 Statement of compliance**

The financial statements of the Bank have been prepared in accordance with IFRS accounting standards, applicable regulations of the Central Bank of Oman, and in compliance with applicable requirements of the Commercial Companies Law of Oman 2019 and the Capital Market Authority of the Sultanate of Oman.

The Bank also prepares a separate set of financial statements for its Islamic Banking Window (IBW) in accordance with the requirements of Section 1.2 of Title 3 of the Islamic Banking Regulatory Framework ("IBRF") issued by CBO. The separate set of financial statements of its IBW are prepared in accordance with Financial Accounting Standards ("FAS") issued by Accounting and Auditing Organisation for Islamic Financial Institutions ("AAOIFI") as modified by CBO, the Sharia Rules and Principles as determined by the Sharia Supervisory Board of the Islamic Window (the "SSB") and other applicable requirements of CBO. The IBWs financial statements are then converted into IFRS compliant financial statements and included in these financial statements. All inter branch balances and transactions have been eliminated.

### **2.4 Significant accounting judgments and estimates**

In preparation of the Bank's financial statements, management requires to make certain estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amount of financial assets and liabilities. Estimates and judgments are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances, any revisions to estimates are recognised prospectively. The significant judgments and estimates are as follows:

#### **2.4.1 Financial Instruments**

Judgements made in applying accounting policies that have most significant effects on the amounts recognized in the financial statements of the year ended 31 December 2023 and 31 December 2022 pertain to IFRS 9, Financial instruments which impact:

Measurement of expected credit losses:

Below are the significant Judgements used in measurement of expected credit losses:

- 1) Establishing the criteria for determining whether credit risk on a financial asset has increased significantly since initial recognition
- 2) Determining the methodology for incorporating forward-looking information into the measurement of ECL
- 3) Selection and approval of models used to measure ECL.
- 4) Determination of inputs into the ECL measurement model, including key assumptions used in estimating recoverable cash flows and incorporation of forward-looking information.

#### **2.4.2 Fair value of financial instruments**

Where the fair values of financial assets and financial liabilities recorded on the statement of financial position cannot be derived from active markets, they are determined using a variety of valuation techniques that include the use of valuation models. The inputs to these models are derived from observable market data where possible, but where observable market data are not available, judgment is required to establish fair values.

#### **2.4.3 Taxes**

Uncertainties exist with respect to the interpretation of tax regulations and the amount and timing of future taxable income. Given the wide range of business relationships and nature of existing contractual agreements, differences arising between the actual results and the assumptions made, or future changes to such assumptions, could necessitate future adjustments to tax income and expense already recorded. The Bank establishes provisions, based on reasonable estimates, for possible consequences of finalisation of tax assessments of the Bank. The amount of such provisions is based on various factors, such as experience of previous tax assessments and differing interpretations of tax regulations by the taxable entity and the responsible tax authority.

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## **2 BASIS OF PREPARATION (CONTINUED)**

### **2.4 Significant accounting judgments and estimates (continued)**

#### **2.4.4 Going concern**

The Bank's management has made an assessment of the Bank's ability to continue as a going concern and is satisfied that the Bank has the resources to continue in business for the foreseeable future. Furthermore, the management is not aware of any material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt upon the Bank's ability to continue as a going concern. Therefore, the financial statements continue to be prepared on a going concern basis.

### **2.5 Standards, amendments and interpretations effective in 2023 and relevant for the Bank's operations**

For the year ended 31 December 2023, the Bank has adopted all of new and revised standards and interpretations issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) and the International Financial Reporting Interpretations Committee (IFRIC) of the IASB that are relevant to its operations and effective for periods beginning on 1 January 2023. The following amendments to existing standards and framework have been applied by the Bank in preparation of these financial statements.

- Disclosures of Accounting Policies – Amendments to IAS 1 and IFRS Practice Statement 2.
- Definition of Accounting Policies - Amendments to IAS 8.
- Deferred Tax related to Assets and Liabilities arising from a Single Transaction - Amendments to IAS 12.
- International Tax Reform – Pillar Two Model Rules – Amendments to IAS 12

Other amendments and interpretations apply for the first time in 2023, but do not have an impact on the Bank's financial statements.

### **2.6 Standards issued but not yet effective**

A number of new standards and amendments to standards are effective for annual periods beginning after 1 January 2024 and earlier application is permitted; however, the Bank has not early adopted the new and amended standards in preparing these financial statements.

- *Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-Current and Non-current Liabilities with Covenants (Amendments to IAS 1).*
- *Supplier Finance Arrangements (Amendments to IAS 7 and IFRS 7).*
- *Lack of Exchangeability (Amendments to IAS 21).*
- *Lease Liability in Sale and Leaseback (Amendments to IFRS 16).*

The amendments listed above are not expected to have any significant impact on the bank's financial statements of future periods.

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### **3 MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The Bank has consistently applied the following accounting policies to all periods presented in these financial statements.

In addition, the Bank has adopted Disclosure of Accounting Policies (Amendments' to IAS 1 and IFRS Practice Statement 2) from 1 January 2023. The amendments require the disclosure of 'material' rather than 'significant', accounting policies. Although the amendments did not result in any changes to the accounting policies themselves, they impacted the accounting policy information related to financial instruments disclosed as below in certain instances.

#### **3.1 Financial instruments – initial recognition**

##### **a. Date of recognition and initial measurement**

The Bank initially recognises loans and advances, deposits, debt securities issued and subordinated liabilities on the date on which they originated. All other financial instruments (including regular-way purchases and sales of financial assets) are recognised on the trade date, which is the date on which the Bank becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

A financial asset or financial liability is measured initially at fair value plus or minus, for an item not at FVTPL, transaction costs that are directly attributable to its acquisition or issue. When the fair value of financial instruments at initial recognition differs from the transaction price, the Bank accounts for the Day 1 profit or loss, as described below.

##### **b. Day 1 profit or loss**

When the transaction price of the instrument differs from the fair value at origination and the fair value is based on a valuation technique using only inputs observable in market transactions, the Bank recognises the difference between the transaction price and fair value in net trading income. In those cases, where fair value is based on models for which some of the inputs are not observable, the difference between the transaction price and the fair value is deferred and is only recognised in profit or loss when the inputs become observable, or when the instrument is derecognised.

##### **c. Measurement categories of financial assets and liabilities**

The Bank has applied IFRS 9 and classifies all of its financial assets based on the business model for managing the assets and the asset's contractual terms, measured at either:

- Fair value through profit or loss (FVTPL);
- Fair value through other comprehensive income (FVOCI); or
- Amortised cost.

Financial liabilities, other than loan commitments and financial guarantees, are measured at amortised cost or at FVTPL when they are held for trading and derivative instruments at the fair value.

#### **3.2 Financial assets and liabilities**

##### **3.2.1 Due from Banks, Loans, advances and Islamic financing assets to customers, financial investments**

The Bank only measures due from banks, loans, advances and Islamic financing assets to customers and other financial investments at amortised cost if both of the following conditions are met:

- The financial asset is held within a business model with the objective to hold financial assets in order to collect contractual cash flows
- The contractual terms of the financial asset give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest (SPPI) on the principal amount outstanding.

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### **3 MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

#### **3.2 Financial assets and liabilities (continued)**

##### **3.2.1 Due from Banks, Loans, advances and Islamic financing assets to customers, financial investments (continued)**

The details of these conditions are outlined below.

On initial recognition of an equity investment that is not held for trading, the Bank may irrevocably elect to present subsequent changes in fair value in Other Comprehensive Income (OCI). This election is made on an investment-by-investment basis. All other financial assets are classified as measured at FVTPL.

In addition, on initial recognition, the Bank may irrevocably designate a financial asset that otherwise meets the requirements to be measured at amortised cost or at FVOCI as at FVTPL if doing so eliminates or significantly reduces an accounting mismatch that would otherwise arise.

##### ***Business model assessment***

The Bank makes an assessment of the objective of a business model in which an asset is held at a portfolio level because this best reflects the way the business is managed and information is provided to the management. The information considered includes:

- the stated policies and objectives for the portfolio and the operation of those policies in practice. In particular, whether management's strategy focuses on earning contractual interest revenue, maintaining a particular interest rate profile, matching the duration of the financial assets to the duration of the liabilities that are funding those assets or realising cash flows through the sale of the assets;
- how the performance of the portfolio is evaluated and reported to the Bank's management;
- the risks that affect the performance of the business model (and the financial assets held within that business model) and how those risks are managed;
- how managers of the business are compensated – e.g. whether compensation is based on the fair value of the assets managed or the contractual cash flows collected; and
- the frequency, volume and timing of sales in prior periods, the reasons for such sales and its expectations about future sales activity. However, information about sales activity is not considered in isolation, but as part of an overall assessment of how the Bank's stated objective for managing the financial assets is achieved and how cash flows are realised.

The business model assessment is based on reasonably expected scenarios without taking 'worst case' or 'stress case' scenarios into account. If cash flows after initial recognition are realised in a way that is different from the Bank's original expectations, the Bank does not change the classification of the remaining financial assets held in that business model, but incorporates such information when assessing newly originated or newly purchased financial assets going forward.

Financial assets that are held for trading or managed and whose performance is evaluated on a fair value basis are measured at FVTPL because they are neither held to collect contractual cash flows nor held both to collect contractual cash flows and to sell financial assets.

##### ***Assessment whether contractual cash flows are solely payments of principal and interest ('SPPI')***

For the purposes of this assessment, 'principal' is defined as the fair value of the financial asset on initial recognition. 'Interest' is defined as consideration for the time value of money and for the credit risk associated with the principal amount outstanding during a particular period of time and for other basic lending risks and costs (e.g. liquidity risk and administrative costs), as well as profit margin.

In assessing whether the contractual cash flows are solely payments of principal and interest, the Bank considers the contractual terms of the instrument. This includes assessing whether the financial asset contains a contractual term that could change the timing or amount of contractual cash flows such that it would not meet this condition. In making the assessment, the Bank considers:

- contingent events that would change the amount and timing of cash flows;
- leverage features;
- prepayment and extension terms;
- terms that limit the Bank's claim to cash flows from specified assets (e.g. non-recourse asset arrangements); and
- features that modify consideration of the time value of money – e.g. periodical reset of interest rates.

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### **3 MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

#### **3.2 Financial assets and liabilities (continued)**

##### **3.2.1 Due from Banks, Loans, advances and Islamic financing assets to customers, Financial investments at amortised cost (continued)**

The Bank holds a portfolio of long-term fixed rate loans for which the Bank has the option to propose to revise the interest rate at periodic reset dates. These reset rights are limited to the market rate at the time of revision. The borrowers have an option to either accept the revised rate or redeem the loan at par without penalty. The Bank has determined that the contractual cash flows of these loans are solely payments of principal and interest because the option varies the interest rate in a way that is consideration for the time value of money, credit risk, other basic lending risks and costs associated with the principal amount outstanding.

Contractual terms that introduce a more than, reduce exposure to risks or volatility in the contractual cash flows that are unrelated to a basic lending arrangement do not give rise to contractual cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the amount outstanding. In such cases, the financial asset is required to be measured at FVTPL.

##### **3.2.2 Financial assets or financial liabilities held for trading**

The Bank classifies financial assets or financial liabilities as held for trading when they have been purchased or issued primarily for short-term profit making through trading activities or form part of a portfolio of financial instruments that are managed together, for which there is evidence of a recent pattern of short-term profit taking. Held-for-trading assets and liabilities are recorded and measured in the statement of financial position at fair value. Changes in fair value are recognised in net trading income. Interest and dividend income or expense is recorded in net trading income according to the terms of the contract, or when the right to payment has been established.

##### **3.2.3 Debt instruments at FVOCI**

The Bank applies the category of debt instruments measured at FVOCI when both of the following conditions are met:

- The instrument is held within a business model, the objective of which is achieved by both collecting contractual cash flows and selling financial assets
- The contractual terms of the financial asset meet the SPPI test

For debt securities measured at FVOCI, gains and losses are recognised in OCI, except for the following, which are recognised in profit or loss in the same manner as for financial assets measured at amortised cost:

- interest revenue using the effective interest method;
- ECL and reversals; and
- foreign exchange gains and losses.

When debt security measured at FVOCI is derecognised, the cumulative gain or loss previously recognised in OCI is reclassified from equity to profit or loss.

##### **3.2.4 Equity instruments at FVOCI**

Upon initial recognition, the Bank occasionally elects to classify irrevocably some of its equity investments as equity instruments at FVOCI when they meet the definition of Equity under IAS 32 (Financial Instruments - Presentation) and are not held for trading. Such classification is determined on an instrument-by-instrument basis.

Gains and losses on these equity instruments are never recycled to profit. Dividends are recognised in profit or loss as other operating income when the right of the payment has been established, except when the Bank benefits from such proceeds as a recovery of part of the cost of the instrument, in which case, such gains are recorded in OCI. Equity instruments at FVOCI are not subject to an impairment assessment.

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### **3 MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

#### **3.2 Financial assets and liabilities (continued)**

##### **3.2.5 Debt issued and other borrowed funds**

After initial measurement, debt issued and other borrowed funds are subsequently measured at amortised cost. Amortised cost is calculated by taking into account any discount or premium on issue funds, and costs that are an integral part of the EIR. A compound financial instrument which contains both a liability and an equity component is separated at the issue date.

##### **3.2.6 Financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss**

Financial assets and financial liabilities in this category are those that are held for trading and have been either designated by management upon initial recognition or are mandatorily required to be measured at fair value under IFRS 9. Management only designates an instrument at FVTPL upon initial recognition when one of the following criteria are met. Such designation is determined on an instrument-by-instrument basis:

- The designation eliminates, or significantly reduces, the inconsistent treatment that would otherwise arise from measuring the assets or liabilities or recognising gains or losses on them on a different basis;
- The liabilities are part of a group of financial liabilities, which are managed and their performance evaluated on a fair value basis, in accordance with a documented risk management or investment strategy;
- The liabilities containing one or more embedded derivatives, unless they do not significantly modify the cash flows that would otherwise be required by the contract, or it is clear with little or no analysis when a similar instrument is first considered that separation of the embedded derivative(s) is prohibited.

Financial assets and financial liabilities at FVTPL are recorded in the statement of financial position at fair value. Changes in fair value are recorded in profit and loss with the exception of movements in fair value of liabilities designated at FVTPL due to changes in the Bank's own credit risk. Such changes in fair value are recorded in the own credit reserve through OCI and do not get recycled to the profit or loss. Interest earned or incurred on instruments designated at FVTPL is accrued in interest income or interest expense, respectively, using the EIR, taking into account any discount/ premium and qualifying transaction costs being an integral part of instrument. Interest earned on assets mandatorily required to be measured at FVTPL is recorded using contractual interest rate. Dividend income from equity instruments measured at FVTPL is recorded in profit or loss as other operating income when the right to the payment has been established.

##### **3.2.7 Financial guarantees, letters of credit and undrawn loan commitments**

The Bank issues financial guarantees, letters of credit and loan commitments.

Financial guarantees are initially recognised in the financial statements (within Provisions) at fair value, being the commission received. Subsequent to initial recognition, the Bank's liability under each guarantee is measured at the higher of the amount initially recognised less cumulative amortisation recognised in the income statement, under IFRS 9 – an ECL provision.

The commission received is recognised in the profit or loss in net fees and commission income on a straight line basis over the life of the guarantee.

Undrawn loan commitments and letters of credits are commitments under which, over the duration of the commitment, the Bank is required to provide a loan with pre-specified terms to the customer. Similar to financial guarantee contracts, these contracts are in the scope of the ECL requirements.

The nominal contractual value of financial guarantees, letters of credit and undrawn loan commitments, where the loan agreed to be provided is on market terms, are not recorded on in the statement of financial position. The nominal values of these instruments together with the corresponding ECLs are disclosed in Note 13 and 28.

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### 3 MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### 3.2 Financial assets and liabilities (continued)

##### 3.2.8 Financial liabilities

Under IFRS 9 fair value changes are generally presented as follows:

- the amount of change in the fair value that is attributable to changes in the credit risk of the liability is presented in OCI; and
- the remaining amount of change in the fair value is presented in profit or loss.

The amount presented separately in OCI related to changes in own credit risk of a designated financial liability at FVTPL are not recycled to profit or loss, even when the liability is derecognised and the amounts are paid. Instead, own credit gains and losses should be reclassified to retained earnings within equity upon derecognition of the relevant liability.

##### 3.2.9 Derivative financial instruments and hedging activities

Derivatives are initially recognised at fair value on the date a derivative contract is entered into and are subsequently remeasured at their fair value. The method of recognising the resulting gain or loss depends on whether the derivative is designated as a hedging instrument, and if so, the nature of the item being hedged. The Bank designates certain derivatives as either:

- (i) hedges of the fair value of recognised assets or liabilities or a firm commitment (fair value hedge);
- (ii) hedges of a particular risk associated with a recognised asset or liability or a highly probable forecast transaction (cash flow hedge); or
- (iii) hedges of a net investment in a foreign operation (net investment hedge).

The Bank makes use of derivative instruments to manage exposures to interest rate, foreign currency and credit risks, including exposures arising from highly probable forecast transactions and firm commitments. In order to manage particular risks, the Bank applies hedge accounting for transactions which meet specified criteria. Certain derivative instruments do not qualify for hedge accounting. Changes in the fair value of any such derivative instruments are recognised immediately in the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income within 'Other operating income'.

Hedge documentation, effectiveness assessment, and discontinuation accounting disclosures are provided in Note 3.10.

##### *Fair value hedges*

For designated and qualifying fair value hedges, the cumulative change in the fair value of a hedging derivative is recognised in the profit or loss in other operating income. Meanwhile, the cumulative change in the fair value of the hedged item attributable to the risk hedged is recorded as part of the carrying value of the hedged item in the statement of financial position and is also recognised in the profit or loss in other operating income. If the hedging instrument expires or is sold, terminated or exercised, or where the hedge no longer meets the criteria for hedge accounting, the hedge relationship is discontinued prospectively. For hedged items recorded at amortised cost, the difference between the carrying value of the hedged item on termination and the face value is amortised over the remaining term of the original hedge using the recalculated EIR method. If the hedged item is derecognised, the unamortised fair value adjustment is recognised immediately in the profit or loss.

##### *Cash flow hedges*

For designated and qualifying cash flow hedges, the effective portion of the cumulative gain or loss on the hedging instrument is initially recognised directly in equity in the cash flow hedge reserve. The ineffective portion of the gain or loss on the hedging instrument is recognised immediately in other operating income in the profit or loss.

When the hedged cash flow affects the profit or loss, the gain or loss on the hedging instrument is recorded in the corresponding income or expense line of the profit or loss. When the forecast transaction subsequently results in the recognition of a non-financial asset or a non-financial liability, the gains and losses previously recognised in the other comprehensive income are removed from the reserve and included in the initial cost of the asset or liability. When a hedging instrument expires, or is sold, terminated, exercised, or when a hedge no longer meets the criteria for hedge accounting, any cumulative gain or loss that has been recognised in other comprehensive income at that time remains in other comprehensive income and is recognised when the hedged forecast transaction is ultimately recognised in the profit or loss. When a forecast transaction is no longer expected to occur, the cumulative gain or loss that was reported in other comprehensive income is immediately transferred to the profit or loss.

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### 3 MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### 3.3 Reclassifications

The Bank does not reclassify its financial assets subsequent to their initial recognition, except in the period after the Bank changes its business model for managing financial assets. Financial liabilities are never reclassified. The Bank did not reclassify any of its financial assets or liabilities in 2023 and 2022.

#### 3.4 Derecognition of the financial assets and liabilities

##### *Financial assets*

A financial asset (or, where applicable a part of a financial asset or part of a group of similar financial assets) is derecognised where:

- the rights to receive cash flows from the asset have expired; or
- the Bank has transferred its rights to receive cash flows from the asset or has assumed an obligation to pay the received cash flows in full without material delay to a third party under a 'pass-through' arrangement; and
- Either (a) the Bank has transferred substantially all the risks and rewards of the asset, or (b) the Bank has neither transferred nor retained substantially all the risks and rewards of the asset, but has transferred control of the asset.

When the Bank has transferred its rights to receive cash flows from an asset or has entered into a pass-through arrangement, and has neither transferred nor retained substantially all the risks and rewards of the asset nor transferred control of the asset, the asset is recognised to the extent of the Bank's continuing involvement in the asset. In that case, the Bank also recognises an associated liability. The transferred asset and the associated liability are measured on a basis that reflects the rights and obligations that the Bank has retained. Continuing involvement that takes the form of a guarantee over the transferred asset is measured at the lower of the original carrying amount of the asset and the maximum amount of consideration that the Bank could be required to repay.

##### *Financial liabilities*

A financial liability is derecognised when the obligation under the liability is discharged or cancelled or expires. Where an existing financial liability is replaced by another from the same lender on substantially different terms, or the terms of an existing liability are substantially modified, such an exchange or modification is treated as a derecognition of the original liability and the recognition of a new liability, and the difference in the respective carrying amounts is recognised in profit or loss for the year.

#### 3.5 Modifications of financial assets and financial liabilities

##### *Financial assets*

If the terms of a financial asset are modified, then the Bank evaluates whether the cash flows of the modified asset are substantially different.

If the cash flows are substantially different, then the contractual rights to cash flows from the original financial asset are deemed to have expired. In this case, the original financial asset is derecognised and a new financial asset is recognised at fair value plus any eligible transaction costs. Any fees received as part of the modification are accounted for as follows:

- fees that are considered in determining the fair value of the new asset and fees that represent reimbursement of eligible transaction costs are included in the initial measurement of the asset;
- and
- other fees are included in profit or loss as part of the gain or loss on derecognition.

If cash flows are modified when the borrower is in financial difficulties, then the objective of the modification is usually to maximise recovery of the original contractual terms rather than to originate a new asset with substantially different terms. If the Bank plans to modify a financial asset in a way that would result in forgiveness of cash flows, then it first considers whether a portion of the asset should be written off before the modification takes place (see below for write-off policy). This approach impacts the result of the quantitative evaluation and means that the derecognition criteria are not usually met in such cases.

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**3 MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

**3.5 Modifications of financial assets and financial liabilities (continued)**

*Financial assets (continued)*

If the modification of a financial asset measured at amortised cost or FVOCI does not result in derecognition of the financial asset, then the Bank first recalculates the gross carrying amount of the financial asset using the original effective interest rate of the asset and recognises the resulting adjustment as a modification gain or loss in profit or loss. For floating-rate financial assets, the original effective interest rate used to calculate the modification gain or loss is adjusted to reflect current market terms at the time of the modification. Any costs or fees incurred and modification fees received adjust the gross carrying amount of the modified financial asset and are amortised over the remaining term of the modified financial asset.

If such a modification is carried out because of financial difficulties of the borrower, then the gain or loss is presented together with impairment losses. In other cases, it is presented as interest income calculated using the effective interest method.

*Financial liabilities*

The Bank derecognises a financial liability when its terms are modified and the cash flows of the modified liability are substantially different. In this case, a new financial liability based on the modified terms is recognised at fair value. The difference between the carrying amount of the financial liability derecognised and the consideration paid is recognised in profit or loss. Consideration paid includes non-financial assets transferred, if any, and the assumption of liabilities, including the new modified financial liability.

If the modification of a financial liability is not accounted for as derecognition, then the amortised cost of the liability is recalculated by discounting the modified cash flows at the original effective interest rate and the resulting gain or loss is recognised in profit or loss. For floating-rate financial liabilities, the original effective interest rate used to calculate the modification gain or loss is adjusted to reflect current market terms at the time of the modification's. Any costs and fees incurred are recognised as an adjustment to the carrying amount of the liability and amortised over the remaining term of the modified financial liability by re-computing the effective interest rate on the instrument.

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### 3 MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### 3.6 Impairment of financial assets

The Bank recognises loss allowances for ECL on the following financial instruments that are not measured at FVTPL:

- financial assets that are debt instruments;
- financial guarantee contracts issued; and
- loan commitments issued.

No impairment loss is recognised on equity investments. The Bank measures loss allowances at an amount equal to lifetime ECL, except for other financial instruments on which credit risk has not increased significantly since their initial recognition which are measured as 12-month ECL.

12-month ECL are the portion of ECL that result from default events on a financial instrument that are possible within the 12 months after the reporting date.

##### 3.6.1 Measurement of ECL

ECL are a probability-weighted estimate of credit losses. They are measured as follows:

- *financial assets that are not credit-impaired at the reporting date*: as the present value of all cash shortfalls (i.e. the difference between the cash flows due to the Bank in accordance with the contract and the cash flows that the Bank expects to receive);
- *financial assets that are credit-impaired at the reporting date*: as the difference between the gross carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flows;
- *undrawn loan commitments*: as the present value of the difference between the contractual cash flows that are due to the Bank if the commitment is drawn down and the cash flows that the Bank expects to receive; and
- *financial guarantee contracts*: the expected payments to reimburse the holder less any amounts that the Bank expects to recover.

##### 3.6.2 Overview of the ECL principles

The adoption of IFRS 9 has fundamentally changed the Bank's financing loss impairment method by replacing incurred loss approach with a forward-looking ECL approach. From 1 January 2019, the Bank has been recording the allowance for expected credit losses for all financing exposure and other debt financial assets not held at FVTPL, together with financing commitments and financial guarantee contracts. Equity instruments are not subject to impairment under IFRS 9 as they are carried at fair value

The ECL allowance is based on the credit losses expected to arise over the life of the asset (the lifetime expected credit loss) (LTECL), unless there has been no significant increase in credit risk since origination, in which case, the allowance is based on the 12 months' expected credit loss (12 month ECL).

The 12 month ECL is the portion of LTECLs that represent the ECLs that result from default events on a financial instrument that are possible within the 12 months after the reporting date.

Both LTECLs and 12 month ECL's are calculated either on an individual basis or on a collective basis, depending on the nature of the underlying portfolio of financial instruments.

The Bank has established a policy to perform an assessment, at the end of each reporting period, of whether a financial instrument's credit risk has increased significantly since initial recognition, by considering the change in the risk of default occurring over the remaining life of the financial instrument.

Based on the above process, the Bank groups its financing exposure into Stage 1, Stage 2, and Stage 3, as described below:

##### Stage 1

When financing is first recognised, the Bank recognises an allowance based on 12 month ECLs. Stage 1 financing exposure also include facilities where the credit risk has improved and the financing exposure has been reclassified from Stage 2.

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**3 MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

**3.6 Impairment of financial assets (continued)**

**3.6.2 Overview of the ECL principles (continued)**

**Stage 2**

When a financing exposure has shown a significant increase in credit risk since origination, the Bank records an allowance for the LTECLs. Stage 2 financing exposure also include facilities, where the credit risk has improved and the financing exposure has been reclassified from Stage 3.

**Stage 3**

Financing exposure considered credit-impaired. The Bank records an allowance for the LTECLs.

At initial recognition of a financial asset, the Bank recognises a loss allowance equal to 12-month expected credit losses. After initial recognition, the three stages under the proposals would be applied as follows:

**3.6.3 The calculation of ECLs**

The Bank calculates ECLs based on a three probability-weighted scenarios to measure the expected cash shortfalls, discounted at an approximation to the EIR. A cash shortfall is the difference between the cash flows that are due in accordance with the contract and the cash flows that are expected to be received.

The mechanics of the ECL calculations are outlined below and the key elements are, as follows:

- PD – The Probability of Default is an estimate of the likelihood of default over a given time horizon. A default may only happen at a certain time over the assessed period, if the facility has not been previously derecognised and is still in the portfolio.
- EAD – The Exposure at Default is an estimate of the exposure at a future default date, taking into account expected changes in the exposure after the reporting date, including repayments of principal and interest/profit, whether scheduled by contract or otherwise, expected drawdowns on committed facilities, and accrued interest/profit from missed payments.
- LGD - The Loss Given Default is an estimate of the loss arising in the case where a default occurs at a given time. It is based on the difference between the contractual cash flows due and those that the Bank would expect to receive, including from the realisation of any collateral, if any. It is usually expressed as a percentage of the EAD.

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### **3 MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

#### **3.6 Impairment of financial assets (continued)**

##### **3.6.4 Presentation of allowance for ECL in the statement of financial position**

Loss allowances for ECL are presented in the statement of financial position as follows:

- financial assets measured at amortised cost: as a deduction from the gross carrying amount of the assets;
- loan commitments and financial guarantee contracts: generally, as a provision, in other liabilities;
- where a financial instrument includes both a drawn and an undrawn component, and the Bank cannot identify the ECL on the loan commitment component separately from those on the drawn component: the Bank presents a combined loss allowance for both components. The combined amount is presented as a deduction from the gross carrying amount of the drawn component. Any excess of the loss allowance over the gross amount of the drawn component is presented as a provision in other liabilities; and
- debt instruments measured at FVOCI: no loss allowance is recognised in the statement of financial position because the carrying amount of these assets is their fair value. However, the loss allowance is disclosed and is recognised in the fair value reserve.

##### **3.6.5 Debt instruments measured at fair value through OCI**

The ECLs for debt instruments measured at FVOCI do not reduce the carrying amount of these financial assets in the statement of financial position, which remains at fair value. Instead, an amount equal to the allowance that would arise if the assets were measured at amortised cost is recognised in OCI as an accumulated impairment amount, with a corresponding charge to profit or loss. The accumulated loss recognised in OCI is recycled to the profit and loss upon derecognition of the assets.

##### **3.6.6 Credit cards and other revolving facilities**

The Bank's product offering includes a variety of corporate and retail overdraft and credit cards facilities, in which the Bank has the right to cancel and/or reduce the facilities with one day's notice. The Bank does not limit its exposure to credit losses to the contractual notice period, but, instead calculates ECL over a period that reflects the Bank's expectations of the customer behaviour, its likelihood of default and the Bank's future risk mitigation procedures, which could include reducing or cancelling the facilities. Based on past experience and the Bank's expectations, the period over which the Bank calculates ECLs for these products, is five years for corporate and seven years for retail products.

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### **3 MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

#### **3.7 Credit-impaired financial assets**

At each reporting date, the Bank assesses whether financial assets carried at amortised cost and debt financial assets carried at FVOCI are credit-impaired. A financial asset is 'credit-impaired' when one or more events that have a detrimental impact on the estimated future cash flows of the financial asset have occurred.

Evidence that a financial asset is credit-impaired includes the following observable data:

- significant financial difficulty of the borrower or issuer;
- a breach of contract such as a default or past due event;
- the restructuring of a loan or advance by the Bank on terms that the Bank would not consider otherwise;
- it is becoming probable that the borrower will enter Bankruptcy or other financial reorganisation; or
- the disappearance of an active market for a security because of financial difficulties.

A loan that has been renegotiated due to a deterioration in the borrower's condition is usually considered to be credit-impaired unless there is evidence that the risk of not receiving contractual cash flows has reduced significantly and there are no other indicators of impairment. In addition, a retail loan that is overdue for 90 days or more is considered impaired.

In making an assessment of whether an investment in sovereign debt is credit-impaired, the Bank considers the following factors.

- The market's assessment of creditworthiness as reflected in the bond yields.
- The rating agencies' assessments of creditworthiness.
- The country's ability to access the capital markets for new debt issuance.
- The probability of debt being restructured, resulting in holders suffering losses through voluntary or mandatory debt forgiveness.
- The international support mechanisms in place to provide the necessary support as 'lender of last resort' to that country, as well as the intention, reflected in public statements, of governments and agencies to use those mechanisms. This includes an assessment of the depth of those mechanisms and, irrespective of the political intent, whether there is the capacity to fulfil the required criteria.

#### **3.8 Write-off**

Loans and debt securities are written off (either partially or in full) when there is no realistic prospect of recovery. This is generally the case when the Bank determines that the borrower does not have assets or sources of income that could generate sufficient cash flows to repay the amounts subject to the write-off. However, financial assets that are written off could still be subject to enforcement activities in order to comply with the Bank's procedures for recovery of amounts due.

#### **3.9 Hedge documentation, effectiveness assessment, and discontinuation**

At the inception of the hedge, the Bank formally designates and documents the hedging relationship to which the Bank wishes to apply hedge accounting, and the risk management objective and strategy for undertaking the hedge. That documentation shall include identification of the hedging instrument, the hedged item, the nature of the risk being hedged and how the Bank will assess whether the hedging relationship meets the hedge effectiveness requirements (including its analysis of the sources of hedge ineffectiveness and how it determines the hedge ratio). Such hedges are expected to be highly effective in achieving offsetting changes in fair value or cash flows and are assessed on an ongoing basis at each reporting date or upon a significant change in the circumstances affecting the hedge effectiveness requirements, whichever comes first. The assessment relates to expectations about hedge effectiveness and is therefore only forward-looking.

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### **3 MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

#### **3.9 Hedge documentation, effectiveness assessment, and discontinuation (continued)**

A hedging relationship qualifies for hedge accounting if it meets all of the following effectiveness requirements:

- there is 'an economic relationship' between the hedged item and the hedging instrument;
- the effect of credit risk does not 'dominate the value changes' that result from that economic relationship; and
- the hedge ratio of the hedging relationship is the same as that resulting from the quantity of hedged item that the Bank actually hedges and the quantity of the hedging instrument that the Bank actually uses to hedge that quantity of hedged item.

When the hedging instrument or instruments have been sold or terminated, or when a hedging relationship no longer meets the risk management objective or the criteria for hedge accounting, any cumulative gain or loss that has been recognised in other comprehensive income at that time remains in other comprehensive income and is recognised when the hedged forecast transaction is ultimately recognised in the profit or loss. When a forecast transaction is no longer expected to occur, the cumulative gain or loss that was reported in other comprehensive income is immediately transferred to the profit or loss.

The Bank performs a hedge effectiveness assessment in a similar manner as at the inception of the hedging relationship and subsequently on every reporting period.

A hedging relationship is discontinued in its entirety when as a whole it ceases to meet the qualifying criteria of the hedging relationship. Voluntary discontinuation when the qualifying criteria are met is prohibited. In the event of discontinuation any subsequent changes in fair value of the hedging instrument are recognised in profit or loss. For effective fair value hedges of financial instruments with fixed maturities any adjustment arising from hedge accounting is amortised over the remaining term to maturity. For effective cash flow hedges any cumulative gain or loss on the hedging instrument recognised in equity remains in equity until the hedged transaction occurs. If the hedged transaction is no longer expected to occur, the net cumulative gain or loss recognised in equity is transferred to profit or loss.

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### 3 MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### 3.10 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents consist of cash on hand, balances with Banks and other financial institutions, treasury bills and money market placements, deposits and certificates of deposit maturing within three months of the date of acquisition. Cash and cash equivalents are carried at amortised cost in the statement of financial position.

#### 3.11 Determination of fair values

A number of the Bank's accounting policies and disclosures require the determination of fair value, for both financial and non-financial assets and liabilities. Fair values have been determined for measurement and/or disclosure purposes based on a number of accounting policies and methods. Where applicable, information about the assumptions made in determining fair values is disclosed in the notes specific to that asset or liability. Details are set out in note 35.

Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The fair value measurement is based on the presumption that the transaction to sell the asset or transfer the liability takes place either:

- In the principal market for the asset or liability, or
- In the absence of a principal market, in the most advantageous market for the asset or liability.

The principal or the most advantageous market must be accessible to the Bank.

The fair value of an asset or a liability is measured using the assumptions that market participants would use when pricing the asset or liability, assuming that market participants act in their economic best interest.

A fair value measurement of a non-financial asset takes into account a market participant's ability to generate economic benefits by using the asset in its highest and best use or by selling it to another market participant that would use the asset in its highest and best use.

The Bank uses valuation techniques that are appropriate in the circumstances and for which sufficient data are available to measure fair value, maximising the use of relevant observable inputs and minimising the use of unobservable inputs.

All assets and liabilities for which fair value is measured or disclosed in the financial statements are categorised within the fair value hierarchy, described as follows, based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement as a whole:

- Level 1 — Quoted (unadjusted) market prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities
- Level 2 — Valuation techniques for which the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement is directly or indirectly observable
- Level 3 — Valuation techniques for which the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement is unobservable

For assets and liabilities that are recognised in the financial statements on a recurring basis, the Bank determines whether transfers have occurred between Levels in the hierarchy by re-assessing categorisation (based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement as a whole) at the end of each reporting period.

At each reporting date, the Bank analyses the movements in the values of assets and liabilities which are required to be re-measured or re-assessed as per the Bank's accounting policies. For this analysis, the Bank verifies the major inputs applied in the latest valuation by agreeing the information in the Valuation computation to contracts and other relevant documents.

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### 3 MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### 3.11 Determination of fair values (Continued)

The Bank also compares each the changes in the fair value of each asset and liability with relevant external sources to determine whether the change is reasonable.

For the purpose of fair value disclosures, the Bank has determined classes of assets and liabilities on the basis of the nature, characteristics and risks of the asset or liability and the level of the fair value hierarchy as explained above.

#### 3.12 Property and equipment

Property and equipment are recorded at cost or deemed cost.

##### i) Recognition and measurement

Items of property and equipment are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. Purchased software that is integral to the functionality of the related equipment is capitalised as part of that equipment. If significant parts of an item of property and equipment have different useful lives, then they are accounted for as separate items (major components) of property and equipment. Any gain or loss on disposal of an item of property and equipment is recognised within other income in profit or loss.

##### ii) Subsequent costs

Subsequent expenditure is capitalised only if it is probable that the future economic benefits associated with the expenditure will flow to the Bank. Ongoing repairs and maintenance are expensed as incurred.

##### iii) Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated to write off the cost of items of property and equipment less their estimated residual values using the straight-line method over their estimated useful lives, and is generally recognised in profit or loss. Land is not depreciated.

Land and capital work in progress are stated at cost and tested for impairment, if any. Depreciation is provided on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of all property and equipment other than freehold land, which is deemed to have an indefinite life, and capital work in progress.

Right-of-use assets are presented together with property and equipment in the statement of financial position (refer note 8). Right of use assets are depreciated on a straight line basis over the lease term.

The rates of depreciation are based upon the following estimated useful lives:

Buildings on freehold land	25 to 40 years
Leasehold improvements	Over the lease terms 3 to 10 years
Motor vehicles	4 years
Furniture	3 to 10 years
Equipment	5 to 20 years

The assets' residual values, useful lives and depreciation methods are reviewed and adjusted if appropriate at each statement of financial position date.

#### 3.13 Collateral pending sale

The Bank occasionally acquires real estate in settlement of certain loans and advances. Real estate is stated at the lower of the cost or the net realisable value of the related loans and advances and the current fair value of such assets. Gains or losses on disposal, and unrealised losses on revaluation, are recognised in the profit or loss for the year.

#### 3.14 Deposits

All money market and customer deposits are carried at amortised cost using EIR.

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### 3 MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### 3.15 Other borrowed funds

Other borrowings including subordinate private placements are recognised initially at fair value on transaction date. Borrowings are subsequently stated at amortised cost; any difference between proceeds, net of transaction costs, and the redemption value is recognised in the profit or loss over the period of the borrowings using EIR.

#### 3.16 Taxation – current and deferred

Taxation is provided for based on the relevant tax laws of the respective countries, in which the Bank operates.

Income tax on the profit or loss for the year comprises current and deferred tax. Income tax is recognised in the profit or loss for the year except to the extent that it relates to items recognised directly to other comprehensive income, in which case it is recognised in equity.

Current tax comprises the expected tax payable or receivable on the taxable income or loss for the year and any adjustment to the tax payable or receivable in respect of previous years. The amount of current tax payable or receivable is the best estimate of the tax amount expected to be paid or received that reflects uncertainty related to income taxes, if any. It is measured using tax rates enacted or substantively enacted at the reporting date. Current tax also includes any tax arising from dividends.

A deferred tax asset is recognised only to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profits will be available against which the asset can be utilised. Deferred tax assets are reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that the related tax benefit will be realised.

Deferred tax is recognised in respect of temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes and the amounts used for taxation purposes. Deferred tax is not recognised for:

- i) temporary differences on the initial recognition of assets or liabilities in a transaction that is not a business combination and that affects neither accounting nor taxable profit or loss;
- ii) temporary differences related to investments in subsidiaries to the extent that the Bank is able to control the timing of the reversal of the temporary differences and it is probable that they will not reverse in the foreseeable future; and
- iii) taxable temporary differences arising on the initial recognition of goodwill.

Deferred tax assets are recognised for unused tax losses, unused tax credits and deductible temporary differences to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profits will be available against which they can be used. Future taxable profits are determined based on the reversal of relevant taxable temporary differences. If the amount of taxable temporary differences is insufficient to recognise a deferred tax asset in full, then future taxable profits, adjusted for reversals of existing temporary differences, are considered, based on business plans for individual subsidiaries in the Bank. Deferred tax assets are reviewed at each reporting date and are reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that the related tax benefit will be realised; such reductions are reversed when the probability of future taxable profits improves.

Unrecognised deferred tax assets are reassessed at each reporting date and recognised to the extent that it has become probable that future taxable profits will be available against which they can be used.

Deferred tax is measured at the tax rates that are expected to be applied to temporary differences when they reverse, using tax rates enacted or substantively enacted at the reporting date, and reflects uncertainty related to income taxes, if there is any.

The measurement of deferred tax reflects the tax consequences that would follow from the manner in which the Bank expects, at the reporting date, to recover or settle the carrying amount of its assets and liabilities.

#### 3.17 Fiduciary assets

Assets held in trust or in a fiduciary capacity are not treated as assets of the Bank and accordingly are not included in these financial statements.

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### 3 MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### 3.18 Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the Bank has a present obligation (legal or constructive) arising from a past events and the costs to settle the obligation are both probable and reliably measurable.

#### 3.19 Perpetual Bond

The Bank classifies capital instruments as financial liabilities or equity instruments in accordance with the substance of the contractual terms of the instrument. The Bank's perpetual bonds are not redeemable by holders and bear an entitlement to distribution that is non-cumulative and it is governed by the terms and conditions of the Instruments. Accordingly, they are presented within equity. Distributions thereon are recognised in equity. The Instrument meets all requirements of AET 1 issuance mandated by Basel and Central Bank of Oman norms.

#### 3.20 Offsetting

Financial assets and financial liabilities are offset and the net amount reported in the statement of financial position if, and only if, there is a currently enforceable legal right to offset the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis, or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously. Income and expenses are presented on a net basis only when permitted under IFRS Standards, or for gains and losses arising from a Bank of similar transactions such as in the Bank's trading activity.

#### 3.21 Revenue recognition

Revenue is recognised to the extent that it is probable that the economic benefits will flow to the Bank and the revenue can be reliably measured. The following specific recognition criteria must also be met before revenue is recognised.

#### *Interest and similar income and expense*

##### Effective interest rate

Interest income and expense are recognised in profit or loss using the effective interest method. The 'effective interest rate' is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash payments or receipts through the expected life of the financial instrument to:

- the gross carrying amount of the financial asset; or
- the amortised cost of the financial liability.

When calculating the effective interest rate for financial instruments other than purchased or originated credit-impaired assets, the Bank estimates future cash flows considering all contractual terms of the financial instrument, but not ECL. For purchased or originated credit impaired financial assets, a credit-adjusted effective interest rate is calculated using estimated future cash flows including ECL. The calculation of the effective interest rate includes transaction costs and fees and points paid or received that are an integral part of the effective interest rate. Transaction costs include incremental costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition or issue of a financial asset or financial liability.

##### Amortised cost and gross carrying amount

The 'amortised cost' of a financial asset or financial liability is the amount at which the financial asset or financial liability is measured on initial recognition minus the principal repayments, plus or minus the cumulative amortisation using the effective interest method of any difference between that initial amount and the maturity amount and, for financial assets, adjusted for any expected credit loss allowance. The 'gross carrying amount of a financial asset' is the amortised cost of a financial asset before adjusting for any expected credit loss allowance.

##### Calculation of interest income and expense

The effective interest rate of a financial asset or financial liability is calculated on initial recognition of a financial asset or a financial liability. In calculating interest income and expense, the effective interest rate is applied to the gross carrying amount of the asset (when the asset is not credit impaired) or to the amortised cost of the liability. The effective interest rate is revised as a result of periodic re-estimation of cash flows of floating-rate instruments to reflect movements in market rates of interest. The effective interest rate is also revised for fair value hedge adjustments at the date on which amortisation of the hedge adjustment begins.

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### 3 MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### 3.21 Revenue recognition (Continued)

However, for financial assets that have become credit-impaired subsequent to initial recognition, interest income is calculated by applying the effective interest rate to the amortised cost of the financial asset. If the asset is no longer credit-impaired, then the calculation of interest income reverts to the gross basis. For financial assets that were credit-impaired on initial recognition, interest income is calculated by applying the credit-adjusted effective interest rate to the amortised cost of the asset. The calculation of interest income does not revert to a gross basis, even if the credit risk of the asset improves.

For information on when financial assets are credit-impaired,

##### Presentation

Interest income calculated using the effective interest method presented in the statement of profit or loss and OCI includes:

- interest on financial assets and financial liabilities measured at amortised cost;
- interest on debt instruments measured at FVOCI;
- the effective portion of fair value changes in qualifying hedging derivatives designated in cash flow hedges of variability in interest cash flows, in the same period as the hedged cash flows affect interest income/expense;
- the effective portion of fair value changes in qualifying hedging derivatives designated in fair value hedges of interest rate risk; and

Other interest income presented in the statement of profit or loss and OCI includes interest income on lease receivables.

Interest expense presented in the statement of profit or loss and OCI includes:

- financial liabilities measured at amortised cost;
- the effective portion of fair value changes in qualifying hedging derivatives designated in cash flow hedges of variability in interest cash flows, in the same period as the hedged cash flows affect interest income/expense;
- interest expense on lease liabilities.

Interest income and expense on all trading assets and liabilities are considered to be incidental to the Bank's trading operations and are presented together with all other changes in the fair value of trading assets and liabilities in net trading income. Interest income and expense on other financial assets and financial liabilities at FVTPL are presented in net income and from other financial instruments at FVTPL. Cash flows related to capitalised interest are presented in the statement of cash flows consistently with interest cash flows that are not capitalised.

##### *Fee and commission income*

The Bank earns fee and commission income from a diverse range of services it provides to its customers. Fee income, which is not an integral part of the effective interest rate of a financial instrument, is earned from a diverse range of services provided by the Bank to its customers, and are accounted for in accordance with IFRS 15 'Revenue from Contracts with Customers'. Under the IFRS 15, fee income is measured by the Bank based on the consideration specified in a contract with a customer and excludes amounts collected on behalf of third parties. The Bank recognises revenue when it transfers control over a product or service to a customer. Fee income can be divided into the following two categories:

##### *Fee income earned from services that are provided over a certain period of time*

Fees earned for the provision of services over a period of time are accrued over that period. These fees include commission income and asset management, custody and other management and advisory fees.

Loan commitment fees for loans that are likely to be drawn down and other credit related fees are deferred (together with any incremental costs) and recognised as an adjustment to the EIR on the loan. When it is unlikely that a loan will be drawn down, the loan commitment fees are recognised over the commitment period on a straight line basis.

##### *Dividend income*

Dividend income is recognised when the right to receive income is established. Usually, this is the ex-dividend date for quoted equity securities. Dividends are presented in net trading income, net income from other financial instruments at FVTPL or other revenue based on the underlying classification of the equity investment.

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**3 MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

**3.21 Revenue recognition (Continued)**

*Net income from other financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss*

Net income from other financial instruments at FVTPL relates to non-trading derivatives held for risk management purposes that do not form part of qualifying hedging relationships, financial assets and financial liabilities designated as at FVTPL and also non-trading assets mandatorily measured at FVTPL. The line item includes fair value changes, interest, dividends and foreign exchange differences.

The following table provides information about the nature and timing of the satisfaction of performance obligations in contracts with customers, including significant payment terms, and the related revenue recognition policies.

<b>Type of service</b>	<b>Nature and timing of satisfaction of performance obligations, including significant payment terms</b>	<b>Revenue recognition policies under IFRS 15</b>
<b>Retail and corporate Banking service</b>	<p>The Bank provides Banking services to retail and corporate customers, including account management, provision of overdraft facilities, foreign currency transactions, credit card and servicing fees.</p> <p>Fees for ongoing account management are charged to the customer's account on a monthly basis. The Bank sets the rates separately for retail and corporate Banking customers in each jurisdiction on an annual basis.</p> <p>Transaction-based fees for interchange, foreign currency transactions and overdrafts are charged to the customer's account when the transaction takes place.</p> <p>Servicing fees are charged on a monthly basis and are based on fixed rates reviewed annually by the Bank.</p>	<p>Revenue from account service and servicing fees is recognised over time as the services are provided.</p> <p>Revenue related to transactions is recognised at the point in time when the transaction takes place.</p>
<b>Investment Banking service</b>	<p>The Bank's investment Banking segment provides various finance-related services, including loan administration and agency services, administration of a loan syndication, execution of client transactions with exchanges and securities underwriting.</p> <p>Fees for ongoing services are charged annually at the end of the calendar year to the customer's account. However, if a customer terminates the contract before 31 December, then on termination it is charged the fee for the services performed to date.</p> <p>Transaction-based fees for administration of a loan syndication, execution of transactions, and securities underwriting are charged when the transaction takes place.</p>	<p>Revenue from administrative agency services is recognised over time as the services are provided. The amounts to be collected from customers on 31 December are recognised as trade receivables.</p> <p>Revenue related to transactions is recognised at the point in time when the transaction takes place.</p>
<b>Asset management service</b>	<p>The Bank provides asset management services.</p> <p>Fees for asset management services are calculated based on a fixed percentage of the value of assets managed and deducted from the customer's account balance on a monthly basis.</p> <p>In addition, the Bank charges a non-refundable up-front fee when opening an account.</p>	<p>Revenue from asset management services is recognised over time as the services are provided.</p> <p>Non-refundable up-front fees give rise to material rights for future services and are recognised as revenue over the period for which a customer is expected to continue receiving asset management services</p>

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### **3 MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

#### **3.21 Revenue recognition (Continued)**

##### *Fee income from providing transaction services*

Fees arising from negotiating or participating in the negotiation of a transaction for a third party, such as the arrangement of the acquisition of shares or other securities or the purchase or sale of businesses, sale of insurance products are recognised on completion of the underlying transaction. Fees or components of fees that are linked to a certain performance are recognised after fulfilling the corresponding criteria.

##### *Net trading income*

Net trading income comprises gains less losses related to trading assets and liabilities, and includes all fair value changes.

#### **3.22 Repurchase and resale agreements**

Assets sold with a commitment to repurchase (repos) at a specified future date are recognised in the statement of financial position and are measured in accordance with accounting policies for trading securities or investment securities. The counter party liability for amounts received under these agreements is included in due to Banks and other financial institutions. The difference between sale and repurchase price is treated as interest expense and accrued over the life of the repo agreement. Assets purchased with a corresponding commitment to resell at a specified future date (reverse repos) are not recognised in the statement of financial position and the amounts paid under these agreements are included in deposits with Banks and other financial institutions. The difference between purchase and resale price is treated as interest income and accrued over the life of the reverse repo agreement.

#### **3.23 Leases**

At inception of a contract, the Bank assesses whether a contract is, or contains, a lease. A contract is, or contains, a lease if the contract conveys the right to control the use of an identified asset for a period of time in exchange for consideration.

At commencement or on modification of a contract that contains a lease component, the Bank allocates consideration in the contract to each lease component on the basis of its relative stand-alone price. However, for leases of branches and office property the Bank has elected not to separate non-lease components and accounts for the lease and non-lease components as a single lease component.

The Bank recognises a right-of-use asset and a lease liability at the lease commencement date. The right-of-use asset is initially measured at cost, which comprises the initial amount of the lease liability adjusted for any lease payments made at or before the commencement date, plus any initial direct costs incurred and an estimate of costs to dismantle and remove any improvements made to branches or office property.

The right-of-use asset is subsequently depreciated using the straight-line method from the commencement date to the end of the lease term. In addition, the right-of-use asset is periodically reduced by impairment losses, if any, and adjusted for certain remeasurements of the lease liability.

The lease liability is initially measured at the present value of the lease payments that are not paid at the commencement date, discounted using the interest rate implicit in the lease or, if that rate cannot be readily determined, the Bank's incremental borrowing rate. Generally, the Bank uses its incremental borrowing rate as the discount rate.

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### **3 MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

#### **3.23 Leases (continued)**

The Bank determines its incremental borrowing rate by analysing its borrowings from various external sources and makes certain adjustments to reflect the terms of the lease and type of asset leased.

Lease payments included in the measurement of the lease liability comprise the following:

- i) Fixed payments, including in-substance fixed payments;
- ii) Variable lease payments that depend on an index or a rate, initially measured using the index or rate as at the commencement date;
- iii) amounts expected to be payable under a residual value guarantee; and
- iv) the exercise price under a purchase option that the Bank is reasonably certain to exercise, lease payments in an optional renewal period if the Bank is reasonably certain to exercise an extension option, and penalties for early termination of a lease unless the Bank is reasonably certain not to terminate early.

The lease liability is measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. It is remeasured when there is a change in future lease payments arising from a change in an index or rate, if there is a change in the Bank's estimate of the amount expected to be payable under a residual value guarantee, if the Bank changes its assessment of whether it will exercise a purchase, extension or termination option or if there is a revised in-substance fixed lease payment.

When the lease liability is remeasured in this way, a corresponding adjustment is made to the carrying amount of the right-of-use asset, or is recorded in profit or loss if the carrying amount of the right-of-use asset has been reduced to zero.

The Bank presents right-of-use assets in 'property and equipment' and lease liabilities in 'other liabilities' in the statement of financial position.

#### **3.24 Staff terminal benefits**

Contribution to a defined contribution retirement plan for Omani employees, in accordance with the Oman Social Insurance Scheme, is recognised as an expense in statement of profit or loss when incurred.

The Bank's obligation in respect of non-Omani terminal benefits, which is an unfunded defined benefit retirement plan, is the amount of future benefit that such employees have earned in return for their service in the current and prior periods. The obligation is calculated using the projected unit credit method and is discounted to its present value. The end of service benefits for employees in UAE are provided for in accordance with the employees' contracts of employment and applicable requirements of the UAE labour laws. For Egyptian employees the terminal benefits are provided in accordance with the Egyptian social security law.

#### **3.25 Segment reporting**

The Bank's segmental reporting is based on the following operating segments: retail Banking, wholesale Banking, commercial Banking, funding centre and Islamic. Segment results are reported to the Chief Executive Officer of the Bank, (being the chief operating decision maker) and include items directly attributable to a segment as well as those that can be allocated on a reasonable basis.

#### **3.26 Dividend on ordinary shares**

Dividends on ordinary shares are recognised as a liability and they are deducted from the equity when they are approved by the Bank's shareholders. Interim dividends are deducted from equity when they are paid.

Dividends for the year that are approved after the reporting date are dealt with as an event after the statement of financial position date.

#### **3.27 Directors' remuneration**

The board of directors' remuneration is accrued within the limits specified by the Capital Market Authority and the requirements of the Commercial Companies Law of the Sultanate of Oman.

#### **3.28 Impairment of non-financial assets**

The carrying amount of the Bank's non-financial assets, other than deferred tax assets are reviewed at each reporting date to determine whether there is any indication of impairment. An impairment loss is recognised only if the carrying amount of an asset exceeds its recoverable amount. An impairment loss is reversed, only to the extent that the asset's carrying amount does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined, net of depreciation or amortisation, if no impairment loss has been recognised.

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### **3 MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

#### **3.29 Earnings per share**

The Bank presents basic and diluted earnings per share (EPS) data for its ordinary shares. Basic EPS is calculated by dividing the profit or loss attributable to ordinary shareholders by the weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding during the period. Diluted EPS is determined by adjusting the profit or loss attributable to ordinary shareholders and the weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding for the effects of all dilutive potential ordinary shares.

#### **3.30 Foreign currency translation**

- (i) Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into Rial Omani at exchange rates ruling at the value dates of the transactions.
- (ii) Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into Rial Omani at exchange rates ruling at the reporting date. The foreign currency gain or loss on monetary items is the difference between amortised costs in the Rial Omani at the beginning of the period, adjusted for effective interest and payments during the period and the amortised costs in foreign currency translated at the exchange rate at the end of the period. Foreign exchange gains and losses resulting from the settlement of such transactions and from the translation at year-end exchange rates of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are recognised in the profit or loss, except when deferred in other comprehensive income as qualifying cash flow hedges and qualifying net investment hedges.
- (iii) Non-monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies that are measured at fair value are translated to Rial Omani at the exchange rate at the date that the fair value was determined. Translation differences on non-monetary financial assets and liabilities such as equities held at fair value through profit or loss are recognised in profit or loss as part of the fair value gain or loss. Translation differences on non-monetary financial assets, such as equities classified as FVOCI, are included in other comprehensive income.

#### **3.31 Acceptances**

Acceptances are disclosed on the statement of financial position under other assets with corresponding liability disclosed under other liabilities. Therefore, there is no off-balance sheet commitment for acceptances.

#### **3.32 Interest rate benchmark (SOFR) reform**

If the basis for determining the contractual cash flows of a financial asset or financial liability measured at amortised cost changes as a result of interest rate benchmark reform, then the Bank updates the effective interest rate of the financial asset or financial liability to reflect the change that is required by the reform. A change in the basis for determining the contractual cash flows is required by interest rate benchmark reform if the following conditions are met:

- the change is necessary as a direct consequence of the reform; and
- the new basis for determining the contractual cash flows is economically equivalent to the previous basis – i.e. the basis immediately before the change.

If changes are made to a financial asset or financial liability in addition to changes to the basis for determining the contractual cash flows required by interest rate benchmark reform, then the Bank first updates the effective interest rate of the financial asset or financial liability to reflect the change that is required by interest rate benchmark reform. After that, the Bank applies the policies on accounting for modifications set out above to the additional changes.

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**4 CASH AND BALANCES WITH CENTRAL BANKS**

2022	2023		2023	2022
USD'000	USD'000		RO'000	RO'000
99,629	<b>90,551</b>	Cash	<b>34,862</b>	38,357
578,524	<b>958,719</b>	Other balances with Central Banks	<b>369,107</b>	222,732
678,153	<b>1,049,270</b>	<b>Cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>403,969</b>	261,089
1,299	<b>1,299</b>	Capital deposit with Central Bank of Oman	<b>500</b>	500
679,452	<b>1,050,569</b>	<b>Cash and balances with Central Banks</b>	<b>404,469</b>	261,589

- (i) At 31 December 2023, cash and balances with Central Bank of Oman included balances amounting to RO 500,000 (31 December 2022: RO 500,000) as capital deposit. This deposit cannot be withdrawn without the Central Bank of Oman approval.
- (ii) Minimum cash reserve to be maintained with Central Bank of Oman as of 31 December 2023 is 3% (2022: 3%) of total customer's deposits and for Central Bank of UAE, is 1% (2022: 1%) of time deposits and 11% (2022: 7%) of all other deposits.
- (iii) ECL on the cash and balances with Central Banks is not material and accordingly no adjustment has been accounted by the Bank. All the exposures are related to stage 1.

**5 DUE FROM BANKS AND OTHER MONEY MARKET PLACEMENTS (NET)**

2022	2023		2023	2022
USD'000	USD'000		RO'000	RO'000
11,558	<b>32,499</b>	Loans and advances to Banks	<b>12,512</b>	4,450
195,101	<b>496,826</b>	Placement with Banks	<b>191,278</b>	75,114
103,159	<b>312,917</b>	Demand balances	<b>120,473</b>	39,716
309,818	<b>842,242</b>	<b>Due from Banks and other money market placement</b>	<b>324,263</b>	119,280
(52)	<b>(130)</b>	Less: allowance for credit losses	<b>(50)</b>	(20)
309,766	<b>842,112</b>	<b>Due from Banks and other money market placement (net)</b>	<b>324,213</b>	119,260

Movement in allowances for the credit losses is set out below:

2022	2023		2023	2022
USD'000	USD'000		RO'000	RO'000
223	<b>52</b>	Balance at beginning of year	<b>20</b>	86
(171)	<b>78</b>	Provided / (released) during the year	<b>30</b>	(66)
52	<b>130</b>	<b>Balance at end of year</b>	<b>50</b>	20

The credit quality and the maximum exposure to credit risk based on Bank's internal credit rating system and the year-end staging classification is disclosed in note 32.1 to the financial statements.

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**6 LOANS, ADVANCES AND ISLAMIC FINANCING ASSETS (NET)**

<i>2022</i>	<i>2023</i>		<i>2023</i>	<i>2022</i>
<i>USD'000</i>	<i>USD'000</i>		<i>RO'000</i>	<i>RO'000</i>
175,034	<b>178,813</b>	Overdrafts	<b>68,843</b>	67,388
3,725,171	<b>3,908,319</b>	Personal loans	<b>1,504,703</b>	1,434,191
132,275	<b>142,384</b>	Loans against trust receipts	<b>54,818</b>	50,926
26,673	<b>28,182</b>	Bills discounted	<b>10,850</b>	10,269
5,063,949	<b>5,232,195</b>	Term loans, Islamic financing and others	<b>2,014,395</b>	1,949,620
9,123,102	<b>9,489,893</b>	<b>Gross Loans, advances and Islamic financing assets for customers</b>	<b>3,653,609</b>	3,512,394
(412,195)	<b>(409,566)</b>	Allowance for credit losses	<b>(157,683)</b>	(158,695)
8,710,907	<b>9,080,327</b>	<b>Net loans, advances and Islamic financing assets for customers</b>	<b>3,495,926</b>	3,353,699

Gross Loans, advances and Islamic financing assets for customers include RO 78 million (USD 203 million) due from related parties at 31 December 2023 (31 December 2022 – RO 142 million – USD 368 million) (refer note 29).

The movement in the provision for impairment of loans, advances and Islamic financing assets for customers is set out below:

<i>2022</i>	<i>2023</i>		<i>2023</i>	<i>2022</i>
<i>USD'000</i>	<i>USD'000</i>		<i>RO'000</i>	<i>RO'000</i>
392,839	<b>412,195</b>	Balance at beginning of year	<b>158,695</b>	151,243
92,743	<b>80,356</b>	Provided during the year	<b>30,937</b>	35,706
(10,283)	<b>(18,429)</b>	Recovered/ released during the year	<b>(7,095)</b>	(3,959)
(63,104)	<b>(64,556)</b>	Written off during the year	<b>(24,854)</b>	(24,295)
412,195	<b>409,566</b>	<b>Balance at end of year</b>	<b>157,683</b>	158,695

Provided during the period includes contractual interest reserved for RO 9.12 million (31 December 2022 – RO 8.92 million).

Recovered/released during the period includes recovery of reserved interest for RO 4.07 million (31 December 2022 – RO 1.76 million).

All loans and advances require payment of interest based on agreed tenors, some at fixed rates and others at rates that re-price prior to maturity. Contractual interest reserved and recovery thereof is shown under net interest income and income from Islamic financing in the statement of comprehensive income.

As of 31 December 2023, loans and advances on which interest is not being accrued or where interest has been reserved amounted to RO 163 million (31 December 2022 – RO 173 million).

The credit quality and the maximum exposure to credit risk based on Bank's internal credit rating system and the year-end staging classification is disclosed in note 32.1 to the financial statements.

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**6 LOANS, ADVANCES AND ISLAMIC FINANCING ASSETS (NET) (CONTINUED)**

The table below analyses the concentration of loans, advances and Islamic financing assets by various sectors.

2022 USD'000	2023 USD'000		2023 RO'000	2022 RO'000
3,725,171	<b>3,908,319</b>	Personal	<b>1,504,703</b>	1,434,191
884,645	<b>786,883</b>	Service	<b>302,950</b>	340,588
602,348	<b>714,413</b>	Transport and communication	<b>275,049</b>	231,904
607,000	<b>633,704</b>	Financial institutions	<b>243,976</b>	233,695
551,135	<b>619,545</b>	Electricity, gas and water	<b>238,525</b>	212,187
683,785	<b>549,506</b>	Government	<b>211,560</b>	263,257
483,205	<b>503,166</b>	Manufacturing	<b>193,719</b>	186,034
392,021	<b>500,101</b>	Mining and quarrying	<b>192,539</b>	150,928
356,530	<b>429,091</b>	Construction	<b>165,200</b>	137,264
397,597	<b>427,106</b>	Wholesale and retail trade	<b>164,436</b>	153,075
256,759	<b>234,415</b>	Others	<b>90,249</b>	98,852
160,896	<b>161,278</b>	Import trade	<b>62,092</b>	61,945
22,010	<b>22,366</b>	Agriculture	<b>8,611</b>	8,474
<b>9,123,102</b>	<b>9,489,893</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>3,653,609</b>	<b>3,512,394</b>

The geographic distribution of loans, advances and Islamic financing assets based on the location of the borrower is as follows:

2022 USD'000	2023 USD'000		2023 RO'000	2022 RO'000
8,795,686	<b>9,206,402</b>	Sultanate of Oman	<b>3,544,465</b>	3,386,339
302,416	<b>265,057</b>	United Arab Emirates	<b>102,047</b>	116,430
25,000	<b>18,434</b>	Others	<b>7,097</b>	9,625
<b>9,123,102</b>	<b>9,489,893</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>3,653,609</b>	<b>3,512,394</b>

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**7 FINANCIAL INVESTMENTS**

2022 USD'000	2023 USD'000		2023 RO'000	2022 RO'000
		<b>Investments measured at Fair value through profit and loss (FVTPL)</b>		
3,969	<b>4,340</b>	Quoted investments - Oman	<b>1,671</b>	1,528
894	<b>470</b>	Quoted investments - foreign	<b>181</b>	344
6,283	<b>6,714</b>	Unquoted Investments in funds	<b>2,585</b>	2,419
<b>11,146</b>	<b>11,524</b>	<b>Total FVTPL investments</b>	<b>4,437</b>	4,291
		<b>Investments measured at Fair value through other comprehensive income (FVOCI)</b>		
		<b>FVOCI – Equity investments</b>		
49,506	<b>87,948</b>	Quoted investments - Oman	<b>33,860</b>	19,060
74,530	<b>72,873</b>	Quoted investments - foreign	<b>28,056</b>	28,694
<b>124,036</b>	<b>160,821</b>	<b>Total FVOCI investments</b>	<b>61,916</b>	47,754
		<b>Investments measured at amortised cost</b>		
602,506	<b>592,321</b>	Government development bonds - Oman	<b>228,044</b>	231,965
44,886	<b>57,901</b>	Government sukuk - Oman	<b>22,292</b>	17,281
74,104	<b>115,842</b>	Quoted investments - Oman	<b>44,599</b>	28,530
-	<b>41,177</b>	Quoted investments- Foreign	<b>15,853</b>	-
194,805	<b>210,390</b>	Treasury Bills	<b>81,000</b>	75,000
<b>916,301</b>	<b>1,017,631</b>	<b>Total – amortised cost</b>	<b>391,788</b>	352,776
<b>1,051,483</b>	<b>1,189,976</b>	<b>Total financial investments</b>	<b>458,141</b>	404,821
(1,127)	(1,366)	<b>Less: Impairment</b>	<b>(526)</b>	(434)
<b>1,050,356</b>	<b>1,188,610</b>	<b>Total financial investments</b>	<b>457,615</b>	404,387

Movement in allowances for the credit losses for debt securities at fair value through other comprehensive income and amortised cost:

2022 USD'000	2023 USD'000		2023 RO'000	2022 RO'000
1,229	<b>1,127</b>	Balance at beginning of year	<b>434</b>	473
(102)	<b>239</b>	Provided / (released) during the year	<b>92</b>	(39)
<b>1,127</b>	<b>1,366</b>	<b>Balance at end of year</b>	<b>526</b>	434

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**7 FINANCIAL INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)**

**Details of significant investments**

Details of investments exceeding 10% of the carrying value of the Bank's investment portfolio are as follows:

<i>Bank's portfolio %</i>	<i>Carrying value USD'000</i>		<i>Bank's portfolio %</i>	<i>Carrying value RO'000</i>
		<b>2023</b>		
<b>55%</b>	<b>650,222</b>	Government Development Bonds-Oman	<b>55%</b>	<b>250,336</b>
<b>18%</b>	<b>210,390</b>	Treasury Bills	<b>18%</b>	<b>81,000</b>
		<b>2022</b>		
62%	647,392	Government Development Bonds-Oman	62%	249,246
19%	194,805	Treasury Bills	19%	75,000

In 2023, the Bank received dividends of RO 2.26 million from its FVOCI equities (2022: RO 1.60 million for FVOCI equities), recorded as other operating income.

The fair value of the Bank's debt instruments measured at FVOCI by credit risk, based on the Bank's internal credit rating system and year-end stage classification are disclosed in note 32.1 to the financial statements.

The credit rating profile of investment debt securities, based on the lowest rating assigned by the major international rating agencies, was as follows:

<i>2022 USD'000</i>	<i>2023 USD'000</i>		<i>2023 RO'000</i>	<i>2022 RO'000</i>
59,104	<b>157,019</b>	Rated	<b>60,452</b>	22,755
15,000	-	Unrated	-	5,775
842,197	<b>860,612</b>	Sovereign	<b>331,336</b>	324,246
<b>916,301</b>	<b>1,017,631</b>		<b>391,788</b>	<b>352,776</b>

The movement in financial investment are summarised below:

<i>2022 USD'000</i>	<i>2023 USD'000</i>		<i>2023 RO'000</i>	<i>2022 RO'000</i>
1,161,501	<b>1,050,356</b>	Balance at beginning of year	<b>404,387</b>	447,178
133,291	<b>240,182</b>	Additions	<b>92,470</b>	51,317
(255,452)	<b>(108,122)</b>	Disposals and redemption	<b>(41,627)</b>	(98,349)
2,743	<b>3,875</b>	Gain from changes in Fair Value	<b>1,492</b>	1,056
102	<b>(239)</b>	(Provision) / reversal of impairment Losses	<b>(92)</b>	39
189	<b>(2,741)</b>	(Loss) / gain on sale – FVOCI	<b>(1,055)</b>	73
1,691	<b>3,273</b>	Amortization of discount/(premium)	<b>1,260</b>	651
6,291	<b>2,026</b>	Profit on investments at FVTPL and amortised cost	<b>780</b>	2,422
<b>1,050,356</b>	<b>1,188,610</b>	Balance at end of year	<b>457,615</b>	<b>404,387</b>

During the year, the Bank has disposed of amortised cost debt securities, considering the regulatory guidelines.

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**8 PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT**

	<i>Freehold Land, buildings and leasehold improvements RO'000</i>	<i>Motor vehicles, furniture and equipment RO'000</i>	<i>Capital work in progress RO'000</i>	<i>Right of use assets RO'000</i>	<i>Total RO'000</i>
<b>Carrying amount:</b>					
Balance as at 1 January 2023, net of accumulated Depreciation	43,833	10,657	721	1,879	57,090
Additions	188	1,596	1,757	1,564	5,105
Disposals	(195)	(2)	(6)	-	(203)
Transfers	953	259	(1,212)	-	-
Depreciation	(1,440)	(3,041)	-	(1,618)	(6,099)
<b>Balance at 31 December 2023, net of accumulated depreciation</b>	<b>43,339</b>	<b>9,469</b>	<b>1,260</b>	<b>1,825</b>	<b>55,893</b>
At cost	61,942	50,325	1,260	3,954	117,481
Accumulated depreciation	(18,603)	(40,856)	-	(2,129)	(61,588)
<b>Net carrying value at 31 December 2023</b>	<b>43,339</b>	<b>9,469</b>	<b>1,260</b>	<b>1,825</b>	<b>55,893</b>
<b>Net carrying value at 31 December 2023 – USD'000</b>	<b>112,569</b>	<b>24,595</b>	<b>3,273</b>	<b>4,740</b>	<b>145,177</b>
<b>Carrying amount:</b>					
Balance as at 1 January 2022, net of accumulated Depreciation	44,553	11,572	1,109	2,658	59,892
Additions	4	903	1,260	938	3,105
Disposals	-	(3)	(40)	-	(43)
Transfers	544	1,064	(1,608)	-	-
Depreciation	(1,268)	(2,879)	-	(1,717)	(5,864)
<b>Balance at 31 December 2022, net of accumulated depreciation</b>	<b>43,833</b>	<b>10,657</b>	<b>721</b>	<b>1,879</b>	<b>57,090</b>
At cost	61,243	48,693	721	4,355	115,012
Accumulated depreciation	(17,410)	(38,036)	-	(2,476)	(57,922)
<b>Net carrying value at 31 December 2022</b>	<b>43,833</b>	<b>10,657</b>	<b>721</b>	<b>1,879</b>	<b>57,090</b>
<b>Net carrying value at 31 December 2022 – USD'000</b>	<b>113,851</b>	<b>27,681</b>	<b>1,873</b>	<b>4,881</b>	<b>148,286</b>

Freehold land and buildings and leasehold improvements include land at a cost of RO 8.56 million – USD 22.22 million (2022 – RO 8.56 million – USD 22.22 million) which is not depreciated.

The Bank leases a number of branches and office premises. The leases run between 1 year to 10 years, with an option to renew the lease after that date. For some leases, payments are renegotiated periodically to reflect market rentals.

The Bank also leases IT equipment with contract terms of one to three years. These leases are short-term and/or leases of low-value items. The Bank has not recognised right-of-use assets and lease liabilities for these leases.

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**9 OTHER ASSETS**

<i>2022</i>	<i>2023</i>		<i>2023</i>	<i>2022</i>
<i>USD'000</i>	<i>USD'000</i>		<i>RO'000</i>	<i>RO'000</i>
93,634	<b>110,402</b>	Interest receivable and others	<b>42,505</b>	36,049
54,148	<b>36,395</b>	Positive fair value of derivatives (note 36)	<b>14,012</b>	20,847
106,906	<b>71,099</b>	Customers' indebtedness for acceptances	<b>27,373</b>	41,159
<u>254,688</u>	<u><b>217,896</b></u>		<u><b>83,890</b></u>	<u>98,055</u>

**10 DUE TO BANKS AND OTHER MONEY MARKET DEPOSITS**

<i>2022</i>	<i>2023</i>		<i>2023</i>	<i>2022</i>
<i>USD'000</i>	<i>USD'000</i>		<i>RO'000</i>	<i>RO'000</i>
634,626	<b>1,028,792</b>	Borrowings	<b>396,085</b>	244,331
45,226	<b>44,016</b>	Demand balances	<b>16,946</b>	17,412
<u>679,852</u>	<u><b>1,072,808</b></u>		<u><b>413,031</b></u>	<u>261,743</u>

**11 CUSTOMERS' DEPOSITS AND UNRESTRICTED INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS**

<i>2022</i>	<i>2023</i>		<i>2023</i>	<i>2022</i>
<i>USD'000</i>	<i>USD'000</i>		<i>RO'000</i>	<i>RO'000</i>
3,028,098	<b>3,123,335</b>	Current accounts	<b>1,202,484</b>	1,165,818
1,570,934	<b>1,453,982</b>	Savings accounts	<b>559,783</b>	604,810
3,316,350	<b>4,703,288</b>	Term deposits	<b>1,810,766</b>	1,276,794
<u>7,915,382</u>	<u><b>9,280,605</b></u>		<u><b>3,573,033</b></u>	<u>3,047,422</u>

**12 EURO MEDIUM TERM NOTES**

The bank had established Euro medium term notes (EMTN) programme for USD 1,500 million. These Bonds were listed in the Irish Stock Exchange and governed by English law. During the year 2023, EMTN of RO 192.5 million (USD 500 million) matured on 25 September 2023. As at reporting date, total outstanding is Nil (31 December 2022 - RO 192.5 million - USD 500 million).

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**13 OTHER LIABILITIES**

<i>2022</i>	<i>2023</i>		<i>2023</i>	<i>2022</i>
<i>USD'000</i>	<i>USD'000</i>		<i>RO'000</i>	<i>RO'000</i>
175,180	<b>239,166</b>	Interest payable and others	<b>92,080</b>	67,445
106,906	<b>71,099</b>	Liabilities under acceptances	<b>27,373</b>	41,159
63,208	<b>36,281</b>	Negative fair value of derivatives (note 36)	<b>13,968</b>	24,335
6,434	<b>11,655</b>	Allowances for credit losses for loan commitments and financial guarantees	<b>4,487</b>	2,477
5,039	<b>5,969</b>	Staff entitlements	<b>2,298</b>	1,940
3,455	<b>3,564</b>	Lease liabilities	<b>1,372</b>	1,330
1,427	<b>2,196</b>	Deferred tax liability (note 14)	<b>845</b>	549
<b>361,649</b>	<b>369,930</b>		<b>142,423</b>	139,235

Staff entitlements are as follows:

4,161	<b>4,488</b>	End of service benefits	<b>1,728</b>	1,602
878	<b>1,481</b>	Other liabilities	<b>570</b>	338
<b>5,039</b>	<b>5,969</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>2,298</b>	1,940

Movement in the lease liabilities:

<i>2022</i>	<i>2023</i>		<i>2023</i>	<i>2022</i>
<i>USD'000</i>	<i>USD'000</i>		<i>RO'000</i>	<i>RO'000</i>
4,548	<b>3,455</b>	Balance at beginning of year	<b>1,330</b>	1,751
2,676	<b>5,844</b>	Additions during the year	<b>2,250</b>	1,030
156	<b>135</b>	Finance charges on lease	<b>52</b>	60
(3,925)	<b>(5,870)</b>	Lease payments	<b>(2,260)</b>	(1,511)
<b>3,455</b>	<b>3,564</b>	<b>Balance at year end</b>	<b>1,372</b>	1,330

Maturity analysis of lease liabilities:

<i>2022</i>	<i>2023</i>		<i>2023</i>	<i>2022</i>
<i>USD'000</i>	<i>USD'000</i>		<i>RO'000</i>	<i>RO'000</i>
2,743	<b>3,330</b>	1 to 5 years	<b>1,282</b>	1,056
712	<b>234</b>	Over 5 years	<b>90</b>	274
<b>3,455</b>	<b>3,564</b>	<b>Balance at year end</b>	<b>1,372</b>	1,330

Movement in the allowance for credit losses - non-funded loans, advances and financing activities for customers:

<i>2022</i>	<i>2023</i>		<i>2023</i>	<i>2022</i>
<i>USD'000</i>	<i>USD'000</i>		<i>RO'000</i>	<i>RO'000</i>
6,795	<b>6,434</b>	Balance at beginning of year	<b>2,477</b>	2,616
(361)	<b>5,221</b>	Provided / (released) during the year	<b>2,010</b>	(139)
<b>6,434</b>	<b>11,655</b>	<b>Balance at year end</b>	<b>4,487</b>	2,477

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**14 TAXATION**

2022 USD'000	2023 USD'000		2023 RO'000	2022 RO'000
		<b>Tax expense</b>		
23,946	<b>26,231</b>	Current year	<b>10,099</b>	9,219
109	<b>343</b>	Deferred tax adjustment	<b>132</b>	42
<u>24,055</u>	<u><b>26,574</b></u>		<u><b>10,231</b></u>	<u>9,261</u>

The Bank is liable to income tax at the following rates:

- Sultanate of Oman: 15% of consolidated taxable income (2022: 15% of consolidated taxable income)
- United Arab Emirates: 20% of taxable income (2022: 20% of taxable income)
- Egypt: 22.5% of taxable income (2022: 22.5% of taxable income)

Set out below is reconciliation between income tax calculated on accounting profits with income tax expense for the year:

2022 USD'000	2023 USD'000		2023 RO'000	2022 RO'000
149,278	<b>177,298</b>	Accounting profit	<b>68,260</b>	57,472
22,392	<b>26,595</b>	Tax at applicable rate	<b>10,239</b>	8,621
275	<b>177</b>	Non-deductible expenses	<b>68</b>	106
(1,023)	<b>(771)</b>	Tax exempt revenues	<b>(297)</b>	(394)
2,302	<b>230</b>	Others	<b>89</b>	886
<u>23,946</u>	<u><b>26,231</b></u>		<u><b>10,099</b></u>	<u>9,219</u>

The Bank's liabilities for taxation in the Sultanate of Oman have been assessed and agreed up to the year ended 31 December 2018.

Management believes that additional taxes, if any, in respect of open tax assessments would not be significant to the Bank's financial position as at 31 December 2023.

The tax assessments of the Egypt operations in respect of the different taxes applicable are at different stages of completion with the respective tax authorities. The Bank's liability in respect of its branches in UAE has been agreed with the tax authorities up to 31 December 2022.

**Tax liability**

2022 USD'000	2023 USD'000		2023 RO'000	2022 RO'000
23,946	<b>26,231</b>	Through comprehensive income	<b>10,099</b>	9,219
17,495	<b>23,057</b>	Through prior years	<b>8,877</b>	6,736
68	-	Through retained earnings	-	26
<u>41,509</u>	<u><b>49,288</b></u>		<u><b>18,976</b></u>	<u>15,981</u>

**Recognised deferred tax liabilities**

Deferred tax liabilities are attributable to the following:

2022 USD'000	2023 USD'000		2023 RO'000	2022 RO'000
(79)	<b>(426)</b>	Deductible temporary differences relating to provisions	<b>(164)</b>	(30)
(1,348)	<b>(1,770)</b>	FVOCI investments	<b>(681)</b>	(519)
<u>(1,427)</u>	<u><b>(2,196)</b></u>		<u><b>(845)</b></u>	<u>(549)</u>

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**14 TAXATION (CONTINUED)**

**Movement of deferred tax liability**

<i>2022</i>	<i>2023</i>		<i>2023</i>	<i>2022</i>
<i>USD'000</i>	<i>USD'000</i>		<i>RO'000</i>	<i>RO'000</i>
(1,328)	<b>(1,427)</b>	Balance at the beginning of the year	<b>(549)</b>	(511)
(109)	<b>(343)</b>	Provided during the year	<b>(132)</b>	(42)
10	<b>(426)</b>	Tax effect of equity investments at FVOCI – net change in fair value	<b>(164)</b>	4
<b>(1,427)</b>	<b>(2,196)</b>		<b>(845)</b>	(549)

**15 SHARE CAPITAL**

The Authorised share capital of the Bank is 2,000,000,000 shares of RO 0.100 each (2022 – 2,000,000,000 of RO 0.100 each). At 31 December 2023, 1,625,946,355 shares of RO 0.100 each (2022 – 1,625,946,355 shares of RO 0.100 each) have been issued and fully paid.

The following shareholders held 10% or more of the Bank's capital:

	<i>2023</i>		<i>2022</i>	
	<i>No. of shares</i> <i>'000</i>	<i>% Holding</i>	<i>No. of shares</i> <i>'000</i>	<i>% Holding</i>
The Commercial Bank of Qatar	<b>567,453</b>	<b>34.90%</b>	567,453	34.90%
Suhail Salim Abdullah Al Mukhaini Bahwan	<b>239,805</b>	<b>14.75%</b>	239,805	14.75%
Civil Service Employee Pension Fund	<b>187,904</b>	<b>11.56%</b>	187,715	11.54%

The percentage shareholding is calculated based on the total shares of the Bank outstanding at the reporting date.

**16 SHARE PREMIUM**

The share premium of RO 34.47 million (USD 89.52 million) (2022 – RO 34.47 million (USD 89.52 million)) represents the premium collected on issue of shares by the bank through a private placement in prior years.

**17 LEGAL RESERVE**

The legal reserve, which is not available for distribution, is accumulated in accordance with the requirements of the article of 274 of the Commercial Companies Law of Oman and the Union Law No. 10 of UAE. The annual appropriations must not be less than 10% of the profit for the year until such time that the respective reserve account balance amounts to at least one third of the share capital in Oman and half of the branch capital in UAE. At 31 December 2023, the legal reserve of Oman has reached one third of the issued capital.

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**18 OTHER RESERVES**

	FVOCI RO '000	Impairment reserve RO '000	Total RO '000
At 1 January 2023	(4,190)	10,580	6,390
Net movement on FVOCI	1,656	-	1,656
Tax effect of net results on FVOCI	(164)	-	(164)
<b>At 31 December 2023</b>	<b>(2,698)</b>	<b>10,580</b>	<b>7,882</b>
<b>At 31 December 2023 (USD'000s)</b>	<b>(7,008)</b>	<b>27,481</b>	<b>20,473</b>

	FVOCI RO '000	Impairment reserve RO '000	Total RO '000
At 1 January 2022	(5,246)	10,580	5,334
Net movement on FVOCI	1,052	-	1,052
Tax effect of net results on FVOCI	4	-	4
<b>At 31 December 2022</b>	<b>(4,190)</b>	<b>10,580</b>	<b>6,390</b>
<b>At 31 December 2022 (USD'000s)</b>	<b>(10,884)</b>	<b>27,481</b>	<b>16,597</b>

The impairment reserve represents excess of impairment allowance (net of tax) calculated as per CBO norms and IFRS 9. Based on current regulation, there are no changes to the reserve in the years 2023 and 2022. The reserve is not available for distribution to the shareholders.

**19 TIER 1 PERPETUAL BOND**

The Bank has issued Perpetual Tier 1 Capital Securities (the "Tier 1 Securities") with details mentioned in the table below. The Tier 1 Securities constitute direct, unconditional, subordinated and unsecured obligations of the Bank and are classified as equity in accordance with IAS 32: Financial Instruments – Classification. The Tier 1 Securities do not have a fixed or final maturity date. They are redeemable by the Bank at its sole discretion on any interest payment date on or after the first call date subject to the prior consent of the Central Bank of Oman.

Issuance Month/Year	Issued Amount	Coupon Rate
April 2021	USD 300 million (OMR 115.5 million)	Fixed interest rate of 8.00% with a reset after 5 years
November 2022	USD 134.11 million (OMR 51.63 million)	Fixed interest rate of 6.75% with a reset after 5 years

These securities form part of Tier 1 Capital of the bank and comply with Basel-III and Central Bank of Oman regulations (BM 1114).

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**20 DIVIDENDS PAID AND PROPOSED**

The Board of Directors have proposed a cash dividend of RO 0.0085 per share totalling RO 13.8 million (USD 0.022 per share totalling USD 35.9 million) for the year ended 31 December 2023 [2022: RO 0.0074 per share totalling RO 12 million (USD 0.019 per share totalling USD 31.3 million)], which is subject to the approval of the shareholders at the Annual General Meeting to be held in March 2024.

**21 CONTINGENT LIABILITIES AND COMMITMENTS**

To meet the financial needs of customers, the Bank enters into various irrevocable commitments and contingent liabilities. Even though these obligations may not be recognised on the statement of financial position, they do contain credit risk and are therefore part of the overall risk of the Bank.

Credit related commitments include commitments to extend credit, standby letters of credit and guarantees, which are designed to meet the requirements of the Bank's customers.

Commitments to extend credit represent contractual commitments to make loans and revolving credits. Commitments generally have fixed expiration dates or other termination clauses and require the payment of a fee. Since commitments may expire without being drawn upon, the total contract amounts do not necessarily represent future cash requirements.

Standby letters of credit and guarantees commit the Bank to make payments on behalf of customers' contingent upon the failure of the customer to perform under the terms of the contract.

**21.1 Contingent liabilities**

As of the reporting date, commitments on behalf of customers for which there were corresponding customer liabilities consisted of the following:

<i>2022</i>	<i>2023</i>		<i>2023</i>	<i>2022</i>
<i>USD'000</i>	<i>USD'000</i>		<i>RO'000</i>	<i>RO'000</i>
728,052	<b>714,881</b>	Guarantees	<b>275,229</b>	280,300
113,460	<b>101,901</b>	Documentary letters of credit	<b>39,232</b>	43,682
<b>841,512</b>	<b>816,782</b>		<b>314,461</b>	<b>323,982</b>

The table below analyses the concentration of contingent liabilities by economic sector

<i>2022</i>	<i>2023</i>		<i>2023</i>	<i>2022</i>
<i>USD'000</i>	<i>USD'000</i>		<i>RO'000</i>	<i>RO'000</i>
226,725	<b>228,962</b>	Construction	<b>88,150</b>	87,289
136,548	<b>146,875</b>	Service	<b>56,547</b>	52,571
149,701	<b>134,933</b>	Financial Institutions	<b>51,949</b>	57,635
121,696	<b>110,626</b>	Wholesale and Retail Trade	<b>42,591</b>	46,853
86,902	<b>91,626</b>	Manufacturing	<b>35,276</b>	33,457
63,332	<b>64,597</b>	Transport and Communication	<b>24,870</b>	24,383
22,917	<b>24,899</b>	Electricity, Gas & Water	<b>9,586</b>	8,823
8,686	<b>5,597</b>	Others	<b>2,155</b>	3,344
11,584	<b>5,397</b>	Agriculture	<b>2,078</b>	4,460
12,865	<b>2,714</b>	Mining & Quarrying	<b>1,045</b>	4,953
556	<b>556</b>	Personal	<b>214</b>	214
<b>841,512</b>	<b>816,782</b>		<b>314,461</b>	<b>323,982</b>

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**21 CONTINGENT LIABILITIES AND COMMITMENTS (CONTINUED)**

**21.2 Commitments**

2022 USD'000	2023 USD'000		2023 RO'000	2022 RO'000
520,543	<b>280,857</b>	Undrawn commitment	<b>108,130</b>	200,409
2,470	<b>4,195</b>	Capital expenditure	<b>1,615</b>	951

**21.3 Branches**

The Bank has deposited in the countries concerned, the following amounts of capital as support for its overseas branches. These amounts cannot be withdrawn without the approval of the respective Central Banks.

2022 USD'000	2023 USD'000		2023 RO'000	2022 RO'000
106,282	<b>106,282</b>	UAE branch	<b>40,918</b>	40,918
50,000	<b>50,000</b>	Egypt branch	<b>19,250</b>	19,250
156,282	<b>156,282</b>		<b>60,168</b>	60,168

**21.4 Legal claims**

By nature of the Banking sector, litigation whether by or against the Bank is expected. In order to properly manage such litigation, the Bank has in place effective mechanism and controls. The Bank does not have any major/ material litigation pending in a court of law in Oman or outside either instituted by or against the Bank, other than normal cases filed by or against customers in the normal course of business. However, there are certain unresolved legal claims filed against the Bank which are not expected to have any significant implication on the Bank's financial statements.

**21.5 Fiduciary assets**

The Bank acts as fund manager and investment advisor to investment funds. For all funds managed by the Bank, the investors (whose number ranges from 30 to 100) are able to vote by simple majority to remove the Bank as fund manager without cause, and the Bank's aggregate economic interest is in each case less than 5% per annum. As a result, the Bank has concluded that it acts as agent for the investors in all cases, and therefore has not consolidated these funds.

The Bank's fiduciary activities consist of investment management activities conducted as trustee and manager for a number of investment funds and individuals. The aggregate amounts of funds managed, which are not included in the Bank's statement of financial position, are as follows:

2022 USD'000	2023 USD'000		2023 RO'000	2022 RO'000
280,369	<b>330,636</b>	Fund under management	<b>127,295</b>	107,942

**Involvement with unconsolidated structured entities**

The following table sets out an analysis of the carrying amounts of interests held by the Bank in unconsolidated structured entities. The maximum exposure to loss is the carrying amount of the assets held.

2022 USD'000	2023 USD'000		2023 RO'000	2022 RO'000
1,514	<b>1,543</b>	Carrying amount of funds invested	<b>594</b>	583

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**21 CONTINGENT LIABILITIES AND COMMITMENTS (CONTINUED)**

**21.5 Fiduciary assets (continued)**

The Bank considers itself a sponsor of a structured entity when it facilitates the establishment of the structured entity. The following table sets out information in respect of structured entities that the Bank sponsors, but in which the Bank does not have an interest.

<i>2022</i>	<i>2023</i>		<i>2023</i>	<i>2022</i>
<i>USD'000</i>	<i>USD'000</i>		<i>RO'000</i>	<i>RO'000</i>
27,093	<b>30,860</b>	Fund under management	<b>11,881</b>	10,431
780	<b>780</b>	Commission and fees	<b>300</b>	300

**22 INTEREST INCOME**

<i>2022</i>	<i>2023</i>		<i>2023</i>	<i>2022</i>
<i>USD'000</i>	<i>USD'000</i>		<i>RO'000</i>	<i>RO'000</i>
423,925	<b>497,613</b>	Interest from customers	<b>191,581</b>	163,211
5,829	<b>30,468</b>	Interest from banks	<b>11,730</b>	2,244
45,971	<b>59,849</b>	Interest from investments	<b>23,042</b>	17,699
<b>475,725</b>	<b>587,930</b>		<b>226,353</b>	183,154

Interest bearing assets have an average effective annual rate of 5.91% per annum for the year ended 31 December 2023 (31 December 2022 – 5.15% per annum).

**23 INTEREST EXPENSE**

<i>2022</i>	<i>2023</i>		<i>2023</i>	<i>2022</i>
<i>USD'000</i>	<i>USD'000</i>		<i>RO'000</i>	<i>RO'000</i>
161,527	<b>232,148</b>	Interest to customers	<b>89,377</b>	62,188
28,356	<b>51,031</b>	Interest to banks	<b>19,647</b>	10,917
31,255	<b>33,413</b>	Interest on EMTN	<b>12,864</b>	12,033
<b>221,138</b>	<b>316,592</b>		<b>121,888</b>	85,138

For the year ended 31 December 2023, the average effective annual cost of funds was 3.50% per annum (31 December 2022 – 2.57% per annum).

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**24 FEE AND COMMISSION INCOME**

The commission and fee income shown in the profit or loss is RO 21.25 million (USD 55.19 million) for the year ended 31 December 2023 (31 December 2022 – RO 20.65 million (USD 53.63 million)). Refer note 34.

**25 OTHER OPERATING INCOME**

<i>2022</i>	<i>2023</i>		<i>2023</i>	<i>2022</i>
<i>USD'000</i>	<i>USD'000</i>		<i>RO'000</i>	<i>RO'000</i>
14,816	<b>17,104</b>	Net gains from foreign exchange dealings	<b>6,585</b>	5,704
4,169	<b>5,865</b>	Dividend income	<b>2,258</b>	1,605
6,291	<b>2,026</b>	Profit on investments at FVTPL	<b>780</b>	2,422
11,223	<b>11,566</b>	Miscellaneous income	<b>4,453</b>	4,321
<u>36,499</u>	<u><b>36,561</b></u>		<u><b>14,076</b></u>	<u>14,052</u>

**26 STAFF COSTS**

<i>2022</i>	<i>2023</i>		<i>2023</i>	<i>2022</i>
<i>USD'000</i>	<i>USD'000</i>		<i>RO'000</i>	<i>RO'000</i>
70,901	<b>71,395</b>	Employees' salaries	<b>27,487</b>	27,297
7,104	<b>6,494</b>	Contribution to social insurance schemes	<b>2,500</b>	2,735
17,353	<b>21,363</b>	Other staff costs	<b>8,225</b>	6,681
<u>95,358</u>	<u><b>99,252</b></u>		<u><b>38,212</b></u>	<u>36,713</u>

The Bank employed 1,413 employees as of 31 December 2023 (31 December 2022 - 1,432).

**27 OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES**

<i>2022</i>	<i>2023</i>		<i>2023</i>	<i>2022</i>
<i>USD'000</i>	<i>USD'000</i>		<i>RO'000</i>	<i>RO'000</i>
12,504	<b>11,883</b>	Establishment costs	<b>4,575</b>	4,814
32,855	<b>32,668</b>	Operating and administration costs	<b>12,577</b>	12,649
1,236	<b>1,158</b>	Directors' remuneration and sitting fees	<b>446</b>	476
<u>46,595</u>	<u><b>45,709</b></u>		<u><b>17,598</b></u>	<u>17,939</u>

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**28 CLASSIFICATION AND MEASUREMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS**

**28.1 Comparison of impairment provisions in accordance with IFRS 9 and regulatory provision under Central Bank of Oman's (CBO) requirement as at 31 December 2023:**

**Impairment charge and provision held as of 31 December 2023**

As per CBO Norms	As per IFRS 9	Difference	Particular	As per CBO Norms	As per IFRS 9	Difference
USD'000	USD'000	USD'000		RO'000	RO'000	RO'000
	40,774	NA	Impairment Loss charged to profit and loss	-	15,698	NA
449,693	422,717	(26,976)	Provisions required	173,131	162,746	(10,385)
-	4.5	-	Gross non-performing loan ratio (percentage)	-	4.5	-
-	3.9	-	Net non-performing loan ratio (percentage)	-	3.9	-

**Mapping of IFRS 9 and CBO norms**

Amounts in

RO'000

Asset Classification as per CBO Norms	Asset Classification as per IFRS 9	Gross Amount	Provision required as per CBO Norms	Provision held as per IFRS 9	Difference between CBO provision required and provision held under IFRS 9	Net Amount as per IFRS 9	Reserve interest as per CBO norms
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6) = (4)-(5)+(8)	(7) = (3)-(5)	(8)
Standard	Stage 1	2,735,344	37,567	5,718	31,849	2,729,626	-
	Stage 2	579,301	6,143	8,852	(2,709)	570,449	-
	Stage 3	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>3,314,645</b>	<b>43,710</b>	<b>14,570</b>	<b>29,140</b>	<b>3,300,075</b>	<b>-</b>
Special Mention	Stage 1	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Stage 2	175,480	1,811	42,930	(41,119)	132,550	-
	Stage 3	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>175,480</b>	<b>1,811</b>	<b>42,930</b>	<b>(41,119)</b>	<b>132,550</b>	<b>-</b>
Substandard	Stage 1	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Stage 2	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Stage 3	12,188	3,011	3,847	(669)	8,341	167
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>12,188</b>	<b>3,011</b>	<b>3,847</b>	<b>(669)</b>	<b>8,341</b>	<b>167</b>
Doubtful	Stage 1	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Stage 2	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Stage 3	22,833	9,635	11,587	121	11,246	2,073
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>22,833</b>	<b>9,635</b>	<b>11,587</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>11,246</b>	<b>2,073</b>
Loss	Stage 1	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Stage 2	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Stage 3	128,463	91,759	84,749	27,975	43,714	20,965
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>128,463</b>	<b>91,759</b>	<b>84,749</b>	<b>27,975</b>	<b>43,714</b>	<b>20,965</b>
Other items not covered under CBO circular BM 977 and related instructions	Stage 1	943,777	-	940	(940)	942,837	-
	Stage 2	147,976	-	2,845	(2,845)	145,131	-
	Stage 3	5,112	-	1,278	(1,278)	3,834	-
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>1,096,865</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,063</b>	<b>(5,063)</b>	<b>1,091,802</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total</b>	Stage 1	3,679,121	37,567	6,658	30,909	3,672,463	-
	Stage 2	902,757	7,954	54,627	(46,673)	848,130	-
	Stage 3	168,596	104,405	101,461	26,149	67,135	23,205
	<b>Total</b>	<b>4,750,474</b>	<b>149,926</b>	<b>162,746</b>	<b>10,385</b>	<b>4,587,728</b>	<b>23,205</b>

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**28.1 Comparison of impairment provisions in accordance with IFRS 9 and regulatory provision under Central Bank of Oman's (CBO) requirement as at 31 December 2023 (continued):**

**Mapping of IFRS 9 and CBO norms**

*Amounts in USD'000*

Asset Classification as per CBO Norms	Asset Classification as per IFRS 9	Gross Amount	Provision required as per CBO Norms	Provision held as per IFRS 9	Difference between CBO provision required and provision held under IFRS 9	Net Amount as per IFRS 9	Reserve interest as per CBO norms
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6) = (4)-(5)+(8)	(7) = (3)-(5)	(8)
Standard	Stage 1	7,104,789	97,576	14,853	82,723	7,089,936	-
	Stage 2	1,504,678	15,957	22,990	(7,033)	1,481,688	-
	Stage 3	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>8,609,467</b>	<b>113,533</b>	<b>37,843</b>	<b>75,690</b>	<b>8,571,624</b>	<b>-</b>
Special Mention	Stage 1	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Stage 2	455,791	4,705	111,507	(106,802)	344,284	-
	Stage 3	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>455,791</b>	<b>4,705</b>	<b>111,507</b>	<b>(106,802)</b>	<b>344,284</b>	<b>-</b>
Substandard	Stage 1	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Stage 2	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Stage 3	31,660	7,820	9,992	(1,738)	21,668	434
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>31,660</b>	<b>7,820</b>	<b>9,992</b>	<b>(1,738)</b>	<b>21,668</b>	<b>434</b>
Doubtful	Stage 1	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Stage 2	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Stage 3	59,306	25,025	30,095	315	29,211	5,385
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>59,306</b>	<b>25,025</b>	<b>30,095</b>	<b>315</b>	<b>29,211</b>	<b>5,385</b>
Loss	Stage 1	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Stage 2	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Stage 3	333,669	238,336	220,129	72,662	113,540	54,455
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>333,669</b>	<b>238,336</b>	<b>220,129</b>	<b>72,662</b>	<b>113,540</b>	<b>54,455</b>
Other items not covered under CBO circular BM 977 and related instructions	Stage 1	2,451,368	-	2,437	(2,437)	2,448,931	-
	Stage 2	384,353	-	7,395	(7,395)	376,958	-
	Stage 3	13,278	-	3,319	(3,319)	9,959	-
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>2,848,999</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>13,151</b>	<b>(13,151)</b>	<b>2,835,848</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total</b>	Stage 1	9,556,157	97,576	17,290	80,286	9,538,867	-
	Stage 2	2,344,822	20,662	141,892	(121,230)	2,202,930	-
	Stage 3	437,913	271,181	263,535	67,920	174,378	60,274
	<b>Total</b>	<b>12,338,892</b>	<b>389,419</b>	<b>422,717</b>	<b>26,976</b>	<b>11,916,175</b>	<b>60,274</b>

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**28.1 Comparison of impairment provisions in accordance with IFRS 9 and regulatory provision under Central Bank of Oman's (CBO) requirement as at 31 December 2022 (continued):**

Impairment charge and provision held as of 31 December 2022

As per CBO Norms	As per IFRS 9	Difference	Particular	As per CBO Norms	As per IFRS 9	Difference
<i>USD'000</i>	<i>USD'000</i>	<i>USD'000</i>		<i>RO'000</i>	<i>RO'000</i>	<i>RO'000</i>
	52,595	NA	Impairment Loss charged to profit and loss	-	20,249	NA
472,498	419,808	(52,690)	Provisions required	181,912	161,626	(20,286)
-	4.93	-	Gross non-performing loan ratio (percentage)	-	4.93	-
-	4.35	-	Net non-performing loan ratio (percentage)	-	4.35	-

Mapping of IFRS 9 and CBO norms

Asset Classification as per CBO Norms	Asset Classification as per IFRS 9	Gross Amount	Provision required as per CBO Norms	Provision held as per IFRS 9	Difference between CBO provision required and provision held under IFRS 9	Amounts in RO'000	
						Net Amount as per IFRS 9	Reserve interest as per CBO norms
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6) = (4)-(5)+(8)	(7) = (3)-(5)	(8)
Standard	Stage 1	2,801,141	37,270	5,485	31,785	2,795,656	-
	Stage 2	345,697	3,883	8,599	(4,716)	337,098	-
	Stage 3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Subtotal		3,146,838	41,153	14,084	27,069	3,132,754	-
Special Mention	Stage 1	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Stage 2	192,444	1,966	34,888	(32,922)	157,556	-
	Stage 3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Subtotal		192,444	1,966	34,888	(32,922)	157,556	-
Substandard	Stage 1	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Stage 2	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Stage 3	7,976	2,072	2,306	(154)	5,670	80
Subtotal		7,976	2,072	2,306	(154)	5,670	80
Doubtful	Stage 1	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Stage 2	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Stage 3	24,027	10,864	10,279	1,811	13,748	1,226
Subtotal		24,027	10,864	10,279	1,811	13,748	1,226
Loss	Stage 1	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Stage 2	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Stage 3	141,109	104,532	97,138	27,413	43,971	20,019
Subtotal		141,109	104,532	97,138	27,413	43,971	20,019
Other items not covered under CBO circular BM 977 and related instructions	Stage 1	739,553	-	909	(909)	738,644	-
	Stage 2	108,531	-	2,022	(2,022)	106,509	-
	Stage 3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Subtotal		848,084	-	2,931	(2,931)	845,153	-
Total	Stage 1	3,540,694	37,270	6,394	30,876	3,534,300	-
	Stage 2	646,672	5,849	45,509	(39,660)	601,163	-
	Stage 3	173,112	117,468	109,723	29,070	63,389	21,325
	Total	4,360,478	160,587	161,626	20,286	4,198,852	21,325

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**28.1 Comparison of impairment provisions in accordance with IFRS 9 and regulatory provision under Central Bank of Oman's (CBO) requirement as at 31 December 2022 (continued):**

**Impairment charge and provision held as of 31 December 2022 (continued)**

**Mapping of IFRS 9 and CBO norms (continued)**

*Amounts in USD'000*

Asset Classification as per CBO Norms	Asset Classification as per IFRS 9	Gross Amount	Provision required as per CBO Norms	Provision held as per IFRS 9	Difference between CBO provision required and provision held under IFRS 9	Net Amount as per IFRS 9	Reserve interest as per CBO norms
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6) = (4)-(5)+(8)	(7) = (3)-(5)	(8)
Standard	Stage 1	7,275,691	96,805	14,246	82,559	7,261,445	-
	Stage 2	897,914	10,086	22,335	(12,249)	875,579	-
	Stage 3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Subtotal		8,173,605	106,891	36,581	70,310	8,137,024	-
Special Mention	Stage 1	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Stage 2	499,855	5,106	90,618	(85,512)	409,237	-
	Stage 3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Subtotal		499,855	5,106	90,618	(85,512)	409,237	-
Substandard	Stage 1	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Stage 2	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Stage 3	20,717	5,382	5,990	(400)	14,727	208
Subtotal		20,717	5,382	5,990	(400)	14,727	208
Doubtful	Stage 1	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Stage 2	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Stage 3	62,408	28,218	26,699	4,703	35,709	3,184
Subtotal		62,408	28,218	26,699	4,703	35,709	3,184
Loss	Stage 1	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Stage 2	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Stage 3	366,517	271,512	252,307	71,202	114,210	51,997
Subtotal		366,517	271,512	252,307	71,202	114,210	51,997
Other items not covered under CBO circular BM 977 and related instructions	Stage 1	1,920,917	-	2,361	(2,361)	1,918,556	-
	Stage 2	281,899	-	5,252	(5,252)	276,647	-
	Stage 3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Subtotal		2,202,816	-	7,613	(7,613)	2,195,203	-
Total	Stage 1	9,196,608	96,805	16,607	80,198	9,180,001	-
	Stage 2	1,679,668	15,192	118,205	(103,013)	1,561,463	-
	Stage 3	449,642	305,112	284,996	75,505	164,646	55,389
	Total	11,325,918	417,109	419,808	52,690	10,906,110	55,389

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**28 CLASSIFICATION AND MEASUREMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (continued)**

**28.2 Comparison of impairment provisions in accordance with IFRS 9 and regulatory provision under Central Bank of Oman's (CBO) requirement as at 31 December 2023:**

Restructured loans

*Amounts in RO'000*

Asset classification as per CBO's Norms	Asset classification as per IFRS 9	Gross carrying amount	Provision required as per CBO's norms	Provision held as per IFRS 9	Difference between CBO provision required and provision held under IFRS 9	Net carrying amount as per IFRS 9	Reserve interest as per CBO's norms
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6) = (4)-(5)+(8)	(7) = (3)-(5)	(8)
Classified as performing	Stage 1	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Stage 2	199,834	2,060	33,403	(31,343)	166,431	-
	Stage 3	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>199,834</b>	<b>2,060</b>	<b>33,403</b>	<b>(31,343)</b>	<b>166,431</b>	<b>-</b>
Classified as non-performing	Stage 1	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Stage 2	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Stage 3	32,665	22,731	19,158	7,527	13,507	3,954
<b>Sub total</b>		<b>32,665</b>	<b>22,731</b>	<b>19,158</b>	<b>7,527</b>	<b>13,507</b>	<b>3,954</b>
<b>Total</b>	Stage 1	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Stage 2	199,834	2,060	33,403	(31,343)	166,431	-
	Stage 3	32,665	22,731	19,158	7,527	13,507	3,954
	<b>Total</b>	<b>232,499</b>	<b>24,791</b>	<b>52,561</b>	<b>(23,816)</b>	<b>179,938</b>	<b>3,954</b>

Restructured loans

*Amounts in USD'000*

Asset classification as per CBO's Norms	Asset classification as per IFRS 9	Gross carrying amount	Provision required as per CBO's norms	Provision held as per IFRS 9	Difference between CBO provision required and provision held under IFRS 9	Net carrying amount as per IFRS 9	Reserve interest as per CBO's norms
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6) = (4)-(5)+(8)	(7) = (3)-(5)	(8)
Classified as performing	Stage 1	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Stage 2	519,049	5,351	86,761	(81,410)	432,288	-
	Stage 3	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>519,049</b>	<b>5,351</b>	<b>86,761</b>	<b>(81,410)</b>	<b>432,288</b>	<b>-</b>
Classified as non-performing	Stage 1	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Stage 2	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Stage 3	84,844	59,042	49,761	19,551	35,083	10,270
<b>Sub total</b>		<b>84,844</b>	<b>59,042</b>	<b>49,761</b>	<b>19,551</b>	<b>35,083</b>	<b>10,270</b>
<b>Total</b>	Stage 1	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Stage 2	519,049	5,351	86,761	(81,410)	432,288	-
	Stage 3	84,844	59,042	49,761	19,551	35,083	10,270
	<b>Total</b>	<b>603,893</b>	<b>64,393</b>	<b>136,522</b>	<b>(61,859)</b>	<b>467,371</b>	<b>10,270</b>

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Restructured loans

Amounts in RO'000

Asset classification as per CBO's Norms	Asset classification as per IFRS 9	Gross carrying amount	Provision required as per CBO's norms	Provision held as per IFRS 9	Difference between CBO provision required and provision held under IFRS 9	Net carrying amount as per IFRS 9	Reserve interest as per CBO's norms
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6) = (4) - (5) + (8)	(7) = (3) - (5)	(8)
Classified as performing	Stage 1	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Stage 2	191,792	1,978	27,428	(25,450)	164,364	-
	Stage 3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Subtotal		191,792	1,978	27,428	(25,450)	164,364	-
Classified as non-performing	Stage 1	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Stage 2	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Stage 3	31,532	22,508	18,919	7,110	12,613	3,521
Sub total		31,532	22,508	18,919	7,110	12,613	3,521
Total	Stage 1	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Stage 2	191,792	1,978	27,428	(25,450)	164,364	-
	Stage 3	31,532	22,508	18,919	7,110	12,613	3,521
	Total	223,324	24,486	46,347	(18,340)	176,977	3,521

Restructured loans

Amounts in USD'000

Asset classification as per CBO's Norms	Asset classification as per IFRS 9	Gross carrying amount	Provision required as per CBO's norms	Provision held as per IFRS 9	Difference between CBO provision required and provision held under IFRS 9	Net carrying amount as per IFRS 9	Reserve interest as per CBO's norms
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6) = (4) - (5) + (8)	(7) = (3) - (5)	(8)
Classified as performing	Stage 1	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Stage 2	498,161	5,138	71,242	(66,104)	426,919	-
	Stage 3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Subtotal		498,161	5,138	71,242	(66,104)	426,919	-
Classified as non-performing	Stage 1	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Stage 2	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Stage 3	81,901	58,462	49,140	18,467	32,761	9,145
Sub total		81,901	58,462	49,140	18,467	32,761	9,145
Total	Stage 1	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Stage 2	498,161	5,138	71,242	(66,104)	426,919	-
	Stage 3	81,901	58,462	49,140	18,467	32,761	9,145
	Total	580,062	63,600	120,382	(47,637)	459,680	9,145

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**28.3 Movement in expected credit losses (ECL) as at 31 December 2023**

	<i>Stage 1</i>	<i>Stage 2</i>	<i>Stage 3</i>	<i>Total</i>
	<i>RO'000</i>	<i>RO'000</i>	<i>RO'000</i>	<i>RO'000</i>
<b>Exposure subject to ECL</b>				
- Loans, advances and Islamic financing assets	2,735,344	754,781	163,484	3,653,609
- Financial investment (Debt)	391,788	-	-	391,788
- Contingent liabilities and commitments	264,915	152,564	5,112	422,591
- Due from banks and other money market placements	324,263	-	-	324,263
	3,716,310	907,345	168,596	4,792,251
<b>Opening Balance – as at 1 January 2023</b>				
- Loans, advances and Islamic financing assets	5,485	43,487	109,723	158,695
- Financial investment (Debt)	312	122	-	434
- Contingent liabilities and commitments	577	1,900	-	2,477
- Due from banks and other money market placements	20	-	-	20
	6,394	45,509	109,723	161,626
<b>Net transfer between stages</b>				
- Loans, advances and Islamic financing assets	233	(5,533)	5,300	-
- Financial investment (Debt)	-	-	-	-
- Contingent liabilities and commitments	(1,070)	1,070	-	-
- Due from banks and other money market placements	-	-	-	-
	(837)	(4,463)	5,300	-
<b>Charge / (release) for the period (net)</b>				
- Loans, advances and Islamic financing assets	-	13,828	10,014	23,842
- Financial investment (Debt)	214	(122)	-	92
- Contingent liabilities and commitments	857	(125)	1,278	2,010
- Due from banks and other money market placements	30	-	-	30
	1,101	13,581	11,292	25,974
<b>Write off for the period</b>				
- Loans, advances and Islamic financing assets	-	-	(24,854)	(24,854)
	-	-	(24,854)	(24,854)
<b>Closing Balance – as at 31 December 2023</b>				
- Loans, advances and Islamic financing assets	5,718	51,782	100,183	157,683
- Financial investment (Debt)	526	-	-	526
- Contingent liabilities and commitments	364	2,845	1,278	4,487
- Due from banks and other money market placements	50	-	-	50
	6,658	54,627	101,461	162,746

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**28.3 Movement in expected credit losses (ECL) as at 31 December 2023 (continued)**

	<i>Stage 1</i>	<i>Stage 2</i>	<i>Stage 3</i>	<i>Total</i>
	<i>USD'000</i>	<i>USD 000</i>	<i>USD'000</i>	<i>USD'000</i>
<b>Exposure subject to ECL</b>				
- Loans, advances and Islamic financing assets	7,104,789	1,960,469	424,635	9,489,893
- Financial investment (Debt)	1,017,631	-	-	1,017,631
- Contingent liabilities and commitments	688,091	396,270	13,278	1,097,639
- Due from banks and other money market placements	842,242	-	-	842,242
	9,652,753	2,356,739	437,913	12,447,405
<b>Opening Balance - as at 1 January 2023</b>				
- Loans, advances and Islamic financing assets	14,248	112,951	284,996	412,195
- Financial investment (Debt)	810	317	-	1,127
- Contingent liabilities and commitments	1,497	4,937	-	6,434
- Due from banks and other money market placements	52	-	-	52
	16,607	118,205	284,996	419,808
<b>Net transfer between stages</b>				
- Loans, advances and Islamic financing assets	605	(14,371)	13,766	-
- Financial investment (Debt)	-	-	-	-
- Contingent liabilities and commitments	(2,779)	2,779	-	-
- Due from banks and other money market placements	-	-	-	-
	(2,174)	(11,592)	13,766	-
<b>Charge / (release) for the period (net)</b>				
- Loans, advances and Islamic financing assets	-	35,917	26,010	61,927
- Financial investment (Debt)	556	(317)	-	239
- Contingent liabilities and commitments	2,223	(321)	3,319	5,221
- Due from banks and other money market placements	78	-	-	78
	2,857	35,279	29,329	67,465
<b>Write off for the period</b>				
- Loans, advances and Islamic financing assets	-	-	(64,556)	(64,556)
	-	-	(64,556)	(64,556)
<b>Closing Balance - as at 31 December 2023</b>				
- Loans, advances and Islamic financing assets	14,853	134,497	260,216	409,566
- Financial investment (Debt)	1,366	-	-	1,366
- Contingent liabilities and commitments	941	7,395	3,319	11,655
- Due from banks and other money market placements	130	-	-	130
	17,290	141,892	263,535	422,717

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**28.3 Movement in expected credit losses (ECL) as at 31 December 2022**

	<i>Stage 1</i>	<i>Stage 2</i>	<i>Stage 3</i>	<i>Total</i>
	<i>RO'000</i>	<i>RO'000</i>	<i>RO'000</i>	<i>RO'000</i>
Exposure subject to ECL				
- Loans, advances and Islamic financing assets	2,801,141	538,141	173,112	3,512,394
- Financial investment (Debt)	347,001	5,775	-	352,776
- Contingent liabilities and commitments	415,989	102,176	6,226	524,391
- Due from banks and other money market placements	119,280	-	-	119,280
	3,683,411	646,092	179,338	4,508,841
Opening Balance – as at 1 January 2022				
- Loans, advances and Islamic financing assets	9,043	32,763	109,437	151,243
- Financial investment (Debt)	300	173	-	473
- Contingent liabilities and commitments	908	1,708	-	2,616
- Due from banks and other money market placements	86	-	-	86
	10,337	34,644	109,437	154,418
Net transfer between stages				
- Loans, advances and Islamic financing assets	(108)	(2,716)	2,824	-
- Financial investment (Debt)	-	-	-	-
- Contingent liabilities and commitments	-	-	-	-
- Due from banks and other money market placements	-	-	-	-
	(108)	(2,716)	2,824	-
Charge / (release) for the period (net)				
- Loans, advances and Islamic financing assets	(3,450)	13,440	21,757	31,747
- Financial investment (Debt)	12	(51)	-	(39)
- Contingent liabilities and commitments	(331)	192	-	(139)
- Due from banks and other money market placements	(66)	-	-	(66)
	(3,835)	13,581	21,757	31,503
Write off for the period				
- Loans, advances and Islamic financing assets	-	-	(24,295)	(24,295)
	-	-	(24,295)	(24,295)
Closing Balance – as at 31 December 2022				
- Loans, advances and Islamic financing assets	5,485	43,487	109,723	158,695
- Financial investment (Debt)	312	122	-	434
- Contingent liabilities and commitments	577	1,900	-	2,477
- Due from banks and other money market placements	20	-	-	20
	6,394	45,509	109,723	161,626

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**28.3 Movement in expected credit losses (ECL) as at 31 December 2022 (continued)**

	<i>Stage 1</i>	<i>Stage 2</i>	<i>Stage 3</i>	<i>Total</i>
	<i>USD'000</i>	<i>USD'000</i>	<i>USD'000</i>	<i>USD'000</i>
Exposure subject to ECL				
- Loans, advances and Islamic financing assets	7,275,691	1,397,769	449,642	9,123,102
- Financial investment (Debt)	901,301	15,000	-	916,301
- Contingent liabilities and commitments	1,080,492	265,392	16,171	1,362,055
- Due from banks and other money market placements	309,818	-	-	309,818
	9,567,302	1,678,161	465,813	11,711,276
Opening Balance - as at 1 January 2022				
- Loans, advances and Islamic financing assets	23,488	85,098	284,253	392,839
- Financial investment (Debt)	779	450	-	1,229
- Contingent liabilities and commitments	2,359	4,436	-	6,795
- Due from banks and other money market placements	223	-	-	223
	26,849	89,984	284,253	401,086
Net transfer between stages				
- Loans, advances and Islamic financing assets	(279)	(7,056)	7,335	-
- Financial investment (Debt)	-	-	-	-
- Contingent liabilities and commitments	-	-	-	-
- Due from banks and other money market placements	-	-	-	-
	(279)	(7,056)	7,335	-
Charge / (release) for the period (net)				
- Loans, advances and Islamic financing assets	(8,961)	34,909	56,512	82,460
- Financial investment (Debt)	31	(133)	-	(102)
- Contingent liabilities and commitments	(862)	501	-	(361)
- Due from banks and other money market placements	(171)	-	-	(171)
	(9,963)	35,277	56,512	81,826
Write off for the period				
- Loans, advances and Islamic financing assets	-	-	(63,104)	(63,104)
	-	-	(63,104)	(63,104)
Closing Balance - as at 31 December 2022				
- Loans, advances and Islamic financing assets	14,248	112,951	284,996	412,195
- Financial investment (Debt)	810	317	-	1,127
- Contingent liabilities and commitments	1,497	4,937	-	6,434
- Due from banks and other money market placements	52	-	-	52
	16,607	118,205	284,996	419,808

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**28.4 Movement in loans, advances and Islamic financing assets as at 31 December 2023**

	<i>Stage 1</i>	<i>Stage 2</i>	<i>Stage 3</i>	<i>Total</i>
	<i>RO'000</i>	<i>RO'000</i>	<i>RO'000</i>	<i>RO'000</i>
<b>Exposure subject to ECL</b>				
Opening Balance - as at 1 January 2023	2,801,141	538,141	173,112	3,512,394
Transfer to stage 1	4,071	(3,603)	(468)	-
Transfer to stage 2	(247,108)	247,525	(417)	-
Transfer to stage 3	(4,485)	(18,551)	23,036	-
New loans, advances and Islamic financing assets	1,104,841	37,491	-	1,142,332
Recovery of loans, advances and Islamic financing assets	(923,116)	(46,222)	(6,925)	(976,263)
Write off for the period	-	-	(24,854)	(24,854)
Closing Balance - as at 31 December 2023	2,735,344	754,781	163,484	3,653,609

	<i>Stage 1</i>	<i>Stage 2</i>	<i>Stage 3</i>	<i>Total</i>
	<i>USD'000</i>	<i>USD'000</i>	<i>USD'000</i>	<i>USD'000</i>
<b>Exposure subject to ECL</b>				
Opening Balance - as at 1 January 2023	7,275,691	1,397,769	449,642	9,123,102
Transfer to stage 1	10,574	(9,358)	(1,216)	-
Transfer to stage 2	(641,839)	642,922	(1,083)	-
Transfer to stage 3	(11,649)	(48,184)	59,833	-
New loans, advances and Islamic financing assets	2,869,717	97,378	-	2,967,095
Recovery of loans, advances and Islamic financing assets	(2,397,705)	(120,058)	(17,985)	(2,535,748)
Write off for the period	-	-	(64,556)	(64,556)
Closing Balance - as at 31 December 2023	7,104,789	1,960,469	424,635	9,489,893

Movement in loans as at 31 December 2022

	<i>Stage 1</i>	<i>Stage 2</i>	<i>Stage 3</i>	<i>Total</i>
	<i>RO'000</i>	<i>RO'000</i>	<i>RO'000</i>	<i>RO'000</i>
<b>Exposure subject to ECL</b>				
Opening Balance - as at 1 January 2022	2,482,126	586,363	171,400	3,239,889
Transfer to stage 1	15,304	(14,987)	(317)	-
Transfer to stage 2	(12,986)	13,607	(621)	-
Transfer to stage 3	(8,945)	(5,739)	14,684	-
New loans, advances and Islamic financing assets	534,890	25,973	16,565	577,428
Recovery of loans, advances and Islamic financing assets	(209,248)	(67,076)	(4,304)	(280,628)
Write off for the period	-	-	(24,295)	(24,295)
Closing Balance - as at 31 December 2022	2,801,141	538,141	173,112	3,512,394

	<i>Stage 1</i>	<i>Stage 2</i>	<i>Stage 3</i>	<i>Total</i>
	<i>USD'000</i>	<i>USD'000</i>	<i>USD'000</i>	<i>USD'000</i>
<b>Exposure subject to ECL</b>				
Opening Balance - as at 1 January 2022	6,447,082	1,523,021	445,194	8,415,297
Transfer to stage 1	39,750	(38,927)	(823)	-
Transfer to stage 2	(33,730)	35,343	(1,613)	-
Transfer to stage 3	(23,233)	(14,907)	38,140	-
New loans, advances and Islamic financing assets	1,389,323	67,462	43,027	1,499,812
Recovery of loans, advances and Islamic financing assets	(543,501)	(174,223)	(11,179)	(728,903)
Write off for the period	-	-	(63,104)	(63,104)
Closing Balance - as at 31 December 2022	7,275,691	1,397,769	449,642	9,123,102

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**28.5 Movement in impairment credit losses for the period ended 31 December 2023**

2022 USD'000	2023 USD'000		2023 RO'000	2022 RO'000
		<b>(Impairment)/reversal of allowances for credit losses:</b>		
171	<b>(78)</b>	Due from Banks and other money market placements	<b>(30)</b>	66
(69,566)	<b>(56,665)</b>	Loans, advances and Islamic financing assets	<b>(21,816)</b>	(26,783)
102	<b>(239)</b>	Financial investments	<b>(92)</b>	39
361	<b>(5,221)</b>	Contingent liabilities and commitments	<b>(2,010)</b>	139
<b>(68,932)</b>	<b>(62,203)</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>(23,948)</b>	(26,539)
5,714	<b>7,852</b>	Recoveries and releases from provision for credit losses	<b>3,023</b>	2,200
10,623	<b>13,577</b>	Recoveries and releases from loans, advances and Islamic financing assets written off	<b>5,227</b>	4,090
<b>16,337</b>	<b>21,429</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>8,250</b>	6,290
<b>(52,595)</b>	<b>(40,774)</b>	<b>Net Impairment losses</b>	<b>(15,698)</b>	(20,249)

**29 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

In the ordinary course of business, the Bank conducts transactions with certain of its directors, shareholders, senior management and companies over which they have significant interest. Principal shareholders comprise of all shareholders with holding more than 10% of the paid-up share capital and others include directors, senior management and associate companies of principal shareholders and directors. The Bank engages in transactions with related parties at arm's length terms and in accordance with relevant laws and regulations. Terms of these transactions are approved by the Bank's Board and Management.

The aggregate amounts of balances with such related parties are as follows:

	2023			2022		
	<i>Principal shareholders</i>	<i>Others</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Principal shareholders</i>	<i>Others</i>	<i>Total</i>
	RO'000	RO'000	RO'000	RO'000	RO'000	RO'000
Loans, advances and Islamic financing assets	-	77,993	77,993	-	141,789	141,789
Customers' deposits	141,494	55,798	197,292	150,110	56,059	206,169
Due from Banks	35,106	-	35,106	4,376	-	4,376
Due to Banks	122	-	122	94	-	94
Letter of credit, guarantees and acceptance	850	11,109	11,959	985	12,723	13,708
Investment	2,630	594	3,224	2,702	541	3,243

The statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income includes the following amounts in relation to transactions with related parties:

Interest income	53	4,284	4,337	23	7,993	8,016
Commission income	9	449	458	9	428	437
Interest expense	7,691	1,383	9,074	4,912	2,141	7,053
Other expenses	-	766	766	-	1,406	1,406

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**29 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (CONTINUED)**

	2023			2022		
	<i>Principal shareholders</i>	<i>Others</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Principal shareholders</i>	<i>Others</i>	<i>Total</i>
	<i>USD'000</i>	<i>USD'000</i>	<i>USD'000</i>	<i>USD'000</i>	<i>USD'000</i>	<i>USD'000</i>
Loans, advances and Islamic financing assets	-	<b>202,579</b>	<b>202,579</b>	-	368,283	368,283
Customers' deposits	<b>367,517</b>	<b>144,930</b>	<b>512,447</b>	389,896	145,608	535,504
Due from Banks	<b>91,184</b>	-	<b>91,184</b>	11,366	-	11,366
Due to Banks	<b>317</b>	-	<b>317</b>	244	-	244
Letter of credit, guarantees and acceptance	<b>2,208</b>	<b>28,855</b>	<b>31,063</b>	2,558	33,047	35,605
Investment	<b>6,831</b>	<b>1,543</b>	<b>8,374</b>	7,018	1,405	8,423

The statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income includes following amounts as relation to the transaction with related parties.

Interest income	<b>138</b>	<b>11,127</b>	<b>11,265</b>	60	20,761	20,821
Commission income	<b>23</b>	<b>1,166</b>	<b>1,189</b>	23	1,112	1,135
Interest expense	<b>19,977</b>	<b>3,592</b>	<b>23,569</b>	12,758	5,561	18,319
Other expenses	-	<b>1,990</b>	<b>1,990</b>	-	3,652	3,652

Details regarding senior management are set out below:

The Bank considers the personnel of Management Executive Committee to be key management personnel for the purposes of IAS 24 'Related Party Disclosures.'

The balances in respect of these related parties included in the statement of financial position as at the reporting date are as follows:

2022 <i>USD'000</i>	2023 <i>USD'000</i>		2023 <i>RO'000</i>	2022 <i>RO'000</i>
2,797	<b>4,579</b>	Loans, advances and Islamic financing assets	<b>1,763</b>	1,077
2,906	<b>3,649</b>	Customers' deposits	<b>1,405</b>	1,119

The income and expenses in respect of these related parties included in the financial statement are as follows:

2022 <i>USD'000</i>	2023 <i>USD'000</i>		2023 <i>RO'000</i>	2022 <i>RO'000</i>
81	<b>112</b>	Interest Income	<b>43</b>	31
60	<b>94</b>	Interest Expense	<b>36</b>	23
8,062	<b>10,239</b>	Salaries and other short-term benefits	<b>3,942</b>	3,104
148	<b>171</b>	Post-employment benefits	<b>66</b>	57

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**30 BASIC AND DILUTED EARNINGS PER SHARE**

	<b>2023</b>	2022
	<b>RO'000</b>	RO'000
Net Profit after tax (RO'000s)	<b>58,029</b>	48,211
Less: Interest on tier 1 perpetual bond	<b>(12,725)</b>	(9,240)
Profit attributable to shareholders	<b>45,304</b>	38,971
Weighted average number of shares outstanding during the year (in '000s)	<b>1,625,946</b>	1,625,946
Basic and diluted earnings per share (RO)	<b>0.028</b>	0.024
	<b>2023</b>	2022
	<b>USD'000</b>	USD'000
Net Profit after tax (USD'000s)	<b>150,724</b>	125,223
Less: Interest on tier 1 perpetual bond	<b>(33,052)</b>	(24,000)
Profit attributable to shareholders	<b>117,672</b>	101,223
Weighted average number of shares outstanding during the year (in '000s)	<b>1,625,946</b>	1,625,946
Basic and diluted earnings per share (USD)	<b>0.07</b>	0.06

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### 31 CAPITAL ADEQUACY

The Bank maintains an actively managed capital base to cover risks inherent in the business. The adequacy of the Bank's capital is monitored using, among other measures, the rules and ratios established by the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision and adopted by the Central Bank of Oman in supervising the Bank.

During the past year, the Bank had complied in full with all its externally imposed capital requirements.

#### **Capital management**

The primary objectives of the Bank's capital management are to ensure that the Bank complies with externally imposed capital requirements and that the Bank maintains strong credit ratings and healthy capital ratios in order to support its business and to maximise shareholders' value.

The Bank manages its capital structure and makes adjustments to it in the light of changes in economic conditions and the risk characteristics of its activities. In order to maintain or adjust the capital structure, the Bank may adjust the amount of dividend payment to shareholders, return capital to shareholders or issue capital securities. The Capital Management Policy was revised during the year to incorporate the regulatory changes.

The international standard for measuring capital adequacy is the risk asset ratio, which relates capital to balance sheet assets and off balance sheet exposures weighted according to broad categories of risk.

The risk asset ratio calculated in accordance with the capital adequacy guidelines of the Bank for International Settlement is as follows:

2022	2023		2023	2022
USD'000	USD'000		RO'000	RO'000
		<b>Capital base</b>		
1,161,288	<b>1,239,190</b>	Common equity Tier 1 - shareholders' funds	<b>477,088</b>	447,096
434,112	<b>434,112</b>	Additional Tier 1 - capital	<b>167,133</b>	167,133
57,969	<b>58,543</b>	Tier 2 - subordinated debt and eligible impairment provisions	<b>22,539</b>	22,318
<u>1,653,369</u>	<u><b>1,731,845</b></u>	Total capital base	<u><b>666,760</b></u>	<u>636,547</u>
		<b>Risk weighted assets</b>		
8,801,722	<b>9,349,114</b>	Credit risk	<b>3,599,409</b>	3,388,663
614,532	<b>661,452</b>	Operational risk	<b>254,659</b>	236,595
345,519	<b>227,416</b>	Market risk	<b>87,555</b>	133,025
<u>9,761,773</u>	<u><b>10,237,982</b></u>	Total risk weighted assets	<u><b>3,941,623</b></u>	<u>3,758,283</u>
<u>11.9%</u>	<u><b>12.1%</b></u>	Common Equity Tier 1 Ratio	<u><b>12.1%</b></u>	<u>11.9%</u>
<u>16.3%</u>	<u><b>16.3%</b></u>	Tier 1 Ratio	<u><b>16.3%</b></u>	<u>16.3%</u>
<u>16.9%</u>	<u><b>16.9%</b></u>	Risk asset ratio (Basel II norms)	<u><b>16.9%</b></u>	<u>16.9%</u>

### 32 RISK MANAGEMENT

Effective risk management is of primary importance for the Bank. The Bank's risk management process evaluates, monitors and manages the risks associated with the businesses the Bank conducts in line with the defined risk appetite. The Bank's key risks are credit risk, market risk, operational risk and strategic risk. The Bank operates on the guiding principles of three lines of defence i.e. Business, Independent control functions and internal audit. The risk management function is headed by the CRO with a team of risk professionals to manage specific risk functions.

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## 32 RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

### 32.1 CREDIT RISK

Credit risk is the risk of potential loss in the event that the Bank's customers, clients or counterparties fail to honour their financial and contractual obligations to the Bank. Credit risk is one of the most significant risks for the Bank. The Bank has a robust credit risk framework and policies for each of the businesses it operates. The policies are aligned with the risk appetite and credit limits are set up based on the counter party risk rating, industry sector, and as per the guidelines of Central Bank of Oman.

#### Credit risk management

Credit Risk is managed within the regulatory requirements of Central Bank of Oman; the risk framework is provided in the Board approved Risk Charter and Credit Policies and Procedures. The policies and procedures are periodically reviewed to ensure alignment to the current best practices. Credit exposures are approved by delegated authorities based on the delegation by the Board and Board Risk Committee. The delegation of authorities is based on the size of the single obligor exposure, the credit quality (internal, external rating) as well as level of credit risk mitigation (collateral, guarantees, etc.) for the proposed exposures. For retail exposures, there is delegation of authority for handling exceptions to approved program lending. Control, monitoring and management of credit exposures and remedial management are done in coordination with respective Business Units as per established procedures. The risk management framework also includes policies with respect to problem recognition, early warning lists, watch lists, classification parameters and risk rating adjustments. The Bank also undertakes stress testing of its portfolio and potential credit costs in the event of a downgrade or default by its customers.

#### Corporate credit

Corporate Credit Risk Division is responsible for independent assessment and control of the risks related to all Corporate, Business Banking, Financial Institutions as well as Small and Medium enterprise exposures. The credit risk associated with any corporate financing is assessed based on an analysis of the customer and the industry it operates in. The credit rating acts as a key factor in credit decisions at the time of approval and subsequent credit assessments. The Division reviews and assesses credit risk for proposed exposures prior to facilities being committed to customers by the concerned business units. Renewals and reviews of facilities are subject to the same process. Each proposal is also assessed with respect to established concentration limits for various economic sectors, countries, risk grades, etc. and deviations, if any are highlighted. The Bank follows a risk adjusted return of capital model for benchmarking risk pricing and each credit proposal is also assessed based on internal benchmarks of required risk adjusted returns. The Bank has implemented a customised Moody's Risk Analyst model for risk rating corporate borrowers. The Bank maintains an accurate and consistent corporate credit rating for all its customers.

In addition to formal annual credit risk reviews of each corporate facility, more frequent reviews are also undertaken for watch list accounts, early warning accounts, lower rated customers, public companies and large exposures. Further, the Bank continues to undertake quarterly review of financial institutions and country portfolio including stress tests and review of adverse rating migrations and outlooks in line with best practices and regulatory guidelines. The Bank also undertook a weekly review across all its business segments of early warning accounts, which showed signs of stress, and remedial action prescribed as necessary.

A comprehensive review of the Corporate Credit Portfolio is conducted on a quarterly basis and provided to the Senior Management and the Board Risk Committee. Salient areas covered in the review include: -

- Exposures downgraded/negatively migrated
- Weighted average credit grade profile
- Portfolio concentration/ performance
- Position of restructured exposures
- Position of past due exposures
- Exposures secured by equity
- Exposures to real estate and leasing sectors
- Syndicated exposures
- New relationships

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## **32 RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)**

### **32.1 CREDIT RISK (CONTINUED)**

- Exposures to senior members and non-resident borrowers
- Exposures to countries / financial institutions
- Clean lending and name lending exposures

The Bank introduced prudent control measures for its UAE operations in line with the changing operating environment detailed below

- Revised business focus on Oman-UAE business corridor with emphasis on businesses sponsored by Omani or reputed UAE nationals.
- Enhanced Due diligence and strengthened KYC processes
- Revised Standard Operating Procedures in line with changing business needs.

#### **Retail credit**

Retail Credit Division manages the credit risk in the retail portfolio. Credit facilities are offered to retail customers primarily based on Product Programs approved by Risk Committee of the Board. The lending criteria for these programs are regularly reviewed and, if required revised, based on an on-going analysis of product performance and portfolio credit quality and perceived risk. Credit facilities outside the Product Programs are individually assessed by the Retail Credit Risk Division and recommended to the delegated authorities.

A review of the Retail Credit Portfolio is conducted on a quarterly basis and provided to the Management Risk Committee, and to the Board Risk Committee. Monthly management reports are also prepared and submitted to the CRO and to the Business Heads. Salient areas covered in the review include:

- Portfolio quality
- Management Summary of Delinquency and NPA trends (which includes product-wise delinquency analysis, vintage analysis, and delinquencies across various credit criteria, etc.)
- Projects undertaken / fulfilled during the quarter.

System enhancements and continuous improvements have been made on all processes that are critical to improve quality of overall retail portfolio. The Bank has a lending strategy through the adoption of pre-defined lending criteria and continuous monitoring of the portfolio, and has implemented a Credit Application Scoring Module for its salary related loan portfolio to enhance the Retail Credit Risk framework.

#### **Loan review mechanism**

The Bank has an independent Loan Review Mechanism Division (LRM) with a mandate for constantly evaluating the quality of the loan book, and the balance between risk and reward and to bring about qualitative improvements in credit administration. The division evaluates the effectiveness of loan administration, integrity of the credit grading process, assessment of general and specific loan loss provisions, portfolio quality, etc. In addition to the above the LRM team reviews the Bank's effectiveness of approved internal controls and procedures to ensure robust and sound practices are being followed by all stake holders. LRM also performs independent ad hoc reviews, investigations and assessments as directed by management on areas of concern relating to the credit approval process and/or the analysis processes within the Bank. Significant findings are reported to the CRO, the MRC and potentially to the BRC where warranted.

#### **Risk mitigation policies**

The Bank manages, limits and controls concentrations of credit risk – in particular, with respect to individual counterparties and groups, and industries and countries. The Bank structures the levels of credit risk it undertakes by placing limits on the amount of risk accepted in relation to one borrower, or groups of borrowers, and to geographical and industry segments. Such risks are monitored and reviewed periodically by the Management Credit Committee and Board Risk Committee.

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**32.1 CREDIT RISK (CONTINUED)**

**Maximum exposure to credit risk**

<i>Gross maximum exposure</i>	<i>Gross maximum exposure</i>		<i>Gross maximum exposure</i>	<i>Gross maximum exposure</i>
<i>2022</i>	<i>2023</i>		<i>2023</i>	<i>2022</i>
<i>USD'000</i>	<i>USD'000</i>		<i>RO '000</i>	<i>RO '000</i>
579,823	<b>960,018</b>	Balances with Central Banks	<b>369,607</b>	223,232
309,818	<b>842,242</b>	Due from Banks and other money market placements	<b>324,263</b>	119,280
9,123,102	<b>9,489,893</b>	Loans, advances and financing activities for customers	<b>3,653,609</b>	3,512,394
927,447	<b>1,029,155</b>	Financial investments	<b>396,225</b>	357,067
200,540	<b>181,501</b>	Other assets	<b>69,878</b>	77,208
54,148	<b>36,395</b>	Derivatives	<b>14,012</b>	20,847
<b>11,194,878</b>	<b>12,539,204</b>	<b>Total on balance sheet exposure</b>	<b>4,827,594</b>	<b>4,310,028</b>
728,052	<b>714,881</b>	Guarantees	<b>275,229</b>	280,300
113,460	<b>101,901</b>	Documentary letters of credit	<b>39,232</b>	43,682
520,543	<b>280,857</b>	Undrawn commitment	<b>108,130</b>	200,409
<b>1,362,055</b>	<b>1,097,639</b>	<b>Total off-balance sheet exposure</b>	<b>422,591</b>	<b>524,391</b>

The above table represents the maximum credit risk exposure to the Bank at 31 December 2023 and 2022 without taking into account the collateral held or other credit enhancements. Management is confident that the Bank has suitable policies to measure and control the credit risk. In addition credit risk is mitigated through collaterals in the form of mortgages and guarantees wherever required.

An ageing analysis of the Bank's loans which are past due but not impaired is set out below:

	<i>Loans in arrears 1-30 days</i>	<i>Loans in arrears 31-60 days</i>	<i>Loans in arrears 61-89 days</i>	<i>Total</i>
	<i>RO'000</i>	<i>RO'000</i>	<i>RO'000</i>	<i>RO'000</i>
<b>Loans and advances to customers at 31 December 2023</b>	<b>44,167</b>	<b>20,638</b>	<b>14,926</b>	<b>79,731</b>
<b>31 December 2023 – USD'000s</b>	<b>114,719</b>	<b>53,605</b>	<b>38,769</b>	<b>207,093</b>
31 December 2022	80,930	24,356	16,185	121,471
31 December 2022 – USD'000s	210,208	63,262	42,039	315,509

**Collateral and other credit enhancements**

The Bank employs a range of policies and practices to mitigate credit risk. The most traditional of these is the taking of security for funds advanced, which is the common practice. The Bank implements guidelines on the acceptability of specific classes of collateral or credit risk mitigation. The principal collateral types for loans and advances are:

- Charges over business assets such as property, inventory and accounts receivable
- Lien on fixed deposits
- Cash margins
- Mortgages over residential and commercial properties
- Pledge of marketable shares and securities

The housing loans are secured by mortgage over the residential property.

The Management monitors the market value of collateral, requests additional collateral in accordance with the underlying agreement, and monitors the market value of collateral obtained during its review of the adequacy of the allowance for impairment losses.

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**32.1 CREDIT RISK (CONTINUED)**

It is the Bank's policy to dispose of repossessed properties in an orderly fashion. The proceeds are used to reduce or repay the outstanding claim. In general, the Bank does not occupy repossessed properties for business use.

An analysis of the collateral held and other credit enhancement held against loan and advances granted is as follows:

	<i>Stage 1</i> <i>RO'000</i>	<i>Stage 2</i> <i>RO'000</i>	<i>Stage 3</i> <i>RO'000</i>	<i>Total</i> <i>RO'000</i>
Property	832,106	349,456	75,129	1,256,691
Equities	90,741	206,032	123	296,896
Others	511,299	451,795	8,496	971,590
<b>Balance As at 31 December 2023</b>	<b>1,434,146</b>	<b>1,007,283</b>	<b>83,748</b>	<b>2,525,177</b>
<b>Balance As at 31 December 2023 – USD'000s</b>	<b>3,725,055</b>	<b>2,616,319</b>	<b>217,527</b>	<b>6,558,901</b>

	<i>Stage 1</i> <i>RO'000</i>	<i>Stage 2</i> <i>RO'000</i>	<i>Stage 3</i> <i>RO'000</i>	<i>Total</i> <i>RO'000</i>
Property	969,457	346,503	78,914	1,394,874
Equities	194,488	104,045	8,393	149,082
Others	637,123	218,106	20,481	875,710
<b>Balance As at 31 December 2022</b>	<b>1,801,068</b>	<b>668,654</b>	<b>107,788</b>	<b>2,577,510</b>
<b>Balance As at 31 December 2022 – USD'000s</b>	<b>4,678,099</b>	<b>1,736,764</b>	<b>279,969</b>	<b>6,694,832</b>

The amount of total secured loans and advances is less than the total value of collateral as stated above at their fair value.

The following table sets out information about the credit quality of financial assets measured at amortised cost. Unless specifically indicated, for financial assets, the amounts in the table represent gross carrying amounts as of 31 December 2023:

	<i>Stage 1</i> <i>RO'000</i>	<i>Stage 2</i> <i>RO'000</i>	<i>Stage 3</i> <i>RO'000</i>	<i>Total</i> <i>RO'000</i>
<b>Gross loans, advances and Islamic financing assets to customers - corporate Banking</b>				
Performing loans (Grades 1-5)	1,299,143	435,282	-	1,734,425
Performing loans (Grades 6)	15,816	104,885	-	120,701
Performing loans (Grades 7)	-	167,302	-	167,302
Non-performing loans (Grades 8-10)	-	-	126,478	126,478
<b>Gross loans, advances and Islamic financing assets to customers - corporate Banking</b>	<b>1,314,959</b>	<b>707,469</b>	<b>126,478</b>	<b>2,148,906</b>
<b>Gross loans, advances and Islamic financing assets to customers – retail Banking</b>				
Performing loans (Grades 1-7)	1,420,385	47,312	-	1,467,697
Non-performing loans (Grades 8-10)	-	-	37,006	37,006
<b>Gross loans, advances and Islamic financing assets to customers - retail Banking</b>	<b>1,420,385</b>	<b>47,312</b>	<b>37,006</b>	<b>1,504,703</b>
<b>Total gross loans, advances and Islamic financing assets to customers</b>	<b>2,735,344</b>	<b>754,781</b>	<b>163,484</b>	<b>3,653,609</b>
<b>Loss allowance - loans, advances and Islamic financing assets to customers</b>	<b>5,718</b>	<b>51,782</b>	<b>100,183</b>	<b>157,683</b>

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	<i>Stage 1</i>	<i>Stage 2</i>	<i>Stage 3</i>	<i>Total</i>
	<i>RO'000</i>	<i>RO'000</i>	<i>RO'000</i>	<i>RO'000</i>
<b>Credit related contingent items and commitment</b>				
Performing loans (Grades 1-5)	263,075	109,716	-	372,791
Performing loans (Grades 6)	1,840	23,505	-	25,345
Performing loans (Grades 7)	-	19,343	-	19,343
Non-performing loans (Grades 8-10)	-	-	5,112	5,112
<b>Total gross credit related contingent items and commitment</b>	<b>264,915</b>	<b>152,564</b>	<b>5,112</b>	<b>422,591</b>
<b>Loss allowance - contingent liabilities and commitment</b>	<b>364</b>	<b>2,845</b>	<b>1,278</b>	<b>4,487</b>
<b>Due from Banks and money market placements</b>				
Performing Banks (Aa1 to Baa3)	260,441	-	-	260,441
Performing Banks (B1 to Ba2)	55,258	-	-	55,258
Performing Banks (Unrated)	8,564	-	-	8,564
<b>Due from Banks and money market placements</b>	<b>324,263</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>324,263</b>
<b>Loss allowance - due from Banks and money market placements</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>50</b>
<b>Financial investment</b>	<b>391,788</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>391,788</b>
<b>Loss allowance – financial investment</b>	<b>526</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>526</b>
	<i>Stage 1</i>	<i>Stage 2</i>	<i>Stage 3</i>	<i>Total</i>
	<i>USD'000</i>	<i>USD'000</i>	<i>USD'000</i>	<i>USD'000</i>
<b>Gross loans, advances and Islamic financing assets to customers - corporate Banking</b>				
Performing loans (Grades 1-5)	3,374,397	1,130,602	-	4,504,999
Performing loans (Grades 6)	41,081	272,428	-	313,509
Performing loans (Grades 7)	-	434,550	-	434,550
Non-performing loans (Grades 8-10)	-	-	328,515	328,515
<b>Gross loans, advances and Islamic financing assets to customers - corporate Banking</b>	<b>3,415,478</b>	<b>1,837,580</b>	<b>328,515</b>	<b>5,581,573</b>
<b>Gross loans, advances and Islamic financing assets to customers – retail Banking</b>				
Performing loans (Grades 1-7)	3,689,311	122,889	-	3,812,200
Non-performing loans (Grades 8-10)	-	-	96,120	96,120
<b>Gross loans, advances and Islamic financing assets to customers - retail Banking</b>	<b>3,689,311</b>	<b>122,889</b>	<b>96,120</b>	<b>3,908,320</b>
<b>Total gross loans, advances and Islamic financing assets to customers</b>	<b>7,104,789</b>	<b>1,960,469</b>	<b>424,635</b>	<b>9,489,893</b>
<b>Loss allowance - loans, advances and Islamic financing assets to customers</b>	<b>14,853</b>	<b>134,497</b>	<b>260,216</b>	<b>409,566</b>
<b>Credit related contingent items and commitment</b>				
Performing loans (Grades 1-5)	683,312	284,977	-	968,289
Performing loans (Grades 6)	4,779	61,052	-	65,831
Performing loans (Grades 7)	-	50,241	-	50,241
Non-performing loans (Grades 8-10)	-	-	13,278	13,278
<b>Total gross credit related contingent items and commitment</b>	<b>688,091</b>	<b>396,270</b>	<b>13,278</b>	<b>1,097,639</b>
<b>Loss allowance - contingent liabilities and commitment</b>	<b>941</b>	<b>7,395</b>	<b>3,319</b>	<b>11,655</b>

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	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Total
	<i>USD'000</i>	<i>USD'000</i>	<i>USD'000</i>	<i>USD'000</i>
<b>Due from Banks and money market placements</b>				
Performing Banks (Aa1 to Baa3)	676,471	-	-	676,471
Performing Banks (B1 to Ba2)	143,527	-	-	143,527
Performing Banks (Unrated)	22,244	-	-	22,244
<b>Due from Banks and money market placements</b>	<b>842,242</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>842,242</b>
<b>Loss allowance - due from Banks and money market placements</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>130</b>
<b>Financial investment</b>	<b>1,017,631</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,017,631</b>
<b>Loss allowance – financial investment</b>	<b>1,366</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,366</b>

The following table sets out information about the credit quality of financial assets measured at amortised cost. Unless specifically indicated, for financial assets, the amounts in the table represent gross carrying amounts as of 31 December 2022:

	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Total
	<i>RO'000</i>	<i>RO'000</i>	<i>RO'000</i>	<i>RO'000</i>
Gross loans, advances and Islamic financing assets to customers - corporate Banking				
Performing loans (Grades 1-5)	1,441,285	139,837	-	1,581,122
Performing loans (Grades 6)	16,378	158,037	-	174,415
Performing loans (Grades 7)	-	186,236	-	186,236
Non-performing loans (Grades 8-10)	-	-	136,430	136,430
Gross loans, advances and Islamic financing assets to customers - corporate Banking	<b>1,457,663</b>	<b>484,110</b>	<b>136,430</b>	<b>2,078,203</b>
Gross loans, advances and Islamic financing assets to customers – retail Banking				
Performing loans (Grades 1-7)	1,343,478	54,031	-	1,397,509
Non-performing loans (Grades 8-10)	-	-	36,682	36,682
Gross loans, advances and Islamic financing assets to customers - retail Banking	<b>1,343,478</b>	<b>54,031</b>	<b>36,682</b>	<b>1,434,191</b>
Total gross loans, advances and Islamic financing assets to customers	<b>2,801,141</b>	<b>538,141</b>	<b>173,112</b>	<b>3,512,394</b>
Loss allowance - loans, advances and Islamic financing assets to customers	<b>5,485</b>	<b>43,487</b>	<b>107,566</b>	<b>156,538</b>

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**32.1 CREDIT RISK (CONTINUED)**

	<i>Stage 1</i> <i>RO'000</i>	<i>Stage 2</i> <i>RO'000</i>	<i>Stage 3</i> <i>RO'000</i>	<i>Total</i> <i>RO'000</i>
Credit related contingent items and commitment				
Performing loans (Grades 1-5)	402,354	57,466	-	459,820
Performing loans (Grades 6)	13,635	12,911	-	26,546
Performing loans (Grades 7)	-	31,799	-	31,799
Non-performing loans (Grades 8-10)	-	-	6,226	6,226
Total gross credit related contingent items and commitment	415,989	102,176	6,226	524,391
Loss allowance - contingent liabilities and commitment	577	1,900	2,157	4,634
Due from Banks and money market placements				
Performing Banks (Aa1 to Baa3)	69,777	-	-	69,777
Performing Banks (B1 to Ba2)	18,122	-	-	18,122
Performing Banks (Unrated)	31,381	-	-	31,381
Due from Banks and money market placements	119,280	-	-	119,280
Loss allowance - due from Banks and money market placements	20	-	-	20
Financial investment	347,001	5,775	-	352,776
Loss allowance – financial investment	312	122	-	434
	<i>Stage 1</i> <i>USD'000</i>	<i>Stage 2</i> <i>USD'000</i>	<i>Stage 3</i> <i>USD'000</i>	<i>Total</i> <i>USD'000</i>
Gross loans, advances and Islamic financing assets to customers - corporate Banking				
Performing loans (Grades 1-5)	3,743,597	363,213	-	4,106,810
Performing loans (Grades 6)	42,540	410,486	-	453,026
Performing loans (Grades 7)	-	483,730	-	483,730
Non-performing loans (Grades 8-10)	-	-	354,364	354,364
Gross loans, advances and Islamic financing assets to customers - corporate Banking	3,786,137	1,257,429	354,364	5,397,930
Gross loans, advances and Islamic financing assets to customers – retail Banking				
Performing loans (Grades 1-7)	3,489,553	140,340	-	3,629,893
Non-performing loans (Grades 8-10)	-	-	95,278	95,278
Gross loans, advances and Islamic financing assets to customers - retail Banking	3,489,553	140,340	95,278	3,725,171
Total gross loans, advances and Islamic financing assets to customers	7,275,690	1,397,769	449,642	9,123,101
Loss allowance - loans, advances and Islamic financing assets to customers	14,248	112,951	279,393	406,592
Credit related contingent items and commitment				
Performing loans (Grades 1-5)	1,045,076	149,262	-	1,194,338
Performing loans (Grades 6)	35,416	33,535	-	68,951
Performing loans (Grades 7)	-	82,595	-	82,595
Non-performing loans (Grades 8-10)	-	-	16,171	16,171
Total gross credit related contingent items and commitment	1,080,492	265,392	16,171	1,362,055
Loss allowance - contingent liabilities and commitment	1,497	4,937	5,603	12,037

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**32.1 CREDIT RISK (CONTINUED)**

	Stage 1 USD'000	Stage 2 USD'000	Stage 3 USD'000	Total USD'000
Due from Banks and money market placements				
Performing Banks (Aa1 to Baa3)	181,239	-	-	181,239
Performing Banks (B1 to Ba2)	47,070	-	-	47,070
Performing Banks (Unrated)	81,509	-	-	81,509
Due from Banks and money market placements	<u>309,818</u>	-	-	<u>309,818</u>
Loss allowance - due from Banks and money market placements	52	-	-	52
Financial investment	<u>901,301</u>	<u>15,000</u>	-	<u>916,301</u>
Loss allowance – financial investment	<u>810</u>	<u>317</u>	-	<u>1,127</u>

**Impairment assessment**

**Definition of default and cure**

The Bank considers a financial instrument defaulted and therefore Stage 3 (credit-impaired) for ECL calculations in all cases when the borrower becomes 90 days past due on its contractual payments. The Bank considers treasury and interbank balances defaulted and takes immediate action when the required intraday payments are not settled by the close of business as outlined in the individual agreements.

As a part of a qualitative assessment of whether a customer is in default, the Bank also considers a variety of instances that may indicate unlikelihood to pay. When such events occur, the Bank carefully considers whether the event should result in treating the customer as defaulted and therefore assessed as Stage 3 for ECL calculations or whether Stage 2 is appropriate. Such events include:

- Internal rating of the borrower indicating default or near-default
- The borrower requesting emergency funding from the Bank
- The borrower having past due liabilities to public creditors or employees
- The borrower is deceased
- A material decrease in the underlying collateral value where the recovery of the loan is expected from the sale of the collateral
- A material decrease in the borrower's turnover or the loss of a major customer
- A covenant breach not waived by the Bank
- The debtor (or any legal entity within the debtor's group) filing for Bankruptcy application/protection.
- Debtor's listed debt or equity suspended at the primary exchange because of rumours or facts about financial difficulties

It is the Bank's policy to consider a financial instrument as 'cured' and therefore re-classified out of Stage 3 when none of the default criteria have been present for at least six consecutive months. The decision whether to classify an asset as Stage 2 or Stage 1 once cured depends on the updated credit grade, at the time of the cure, and whether this indicates there has been a significant increase in credit risk compared to initial recognition.

**Incorporation of forward-looking information**

The Bank incorporates forward-looking information into both its assessment of whether the credit risk of an instrument has increased significantly since its initial recognition and its measurement of ECL. Based on consideration of a variety of external actual and forecast information, the Bank formulates a fundamental view of the future direction of relevant economic variables as well as a reasonable range of possible scenarios.

Given the nature of the Bank's exposures and availability of historical statistically reliable information, the Bank derives the point-in-time (PIT) probability of default (PD) using the through-the-cycle (TTC) PD data published by Moody's for each rating category.

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**32 RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)**

**32.1 CREDIT RISK (CONTINUED)**

**Impairment assessment (CONTINUED)**

**Economic variable assumptions**

The method applied for determination of macroeconomic scenarios and their probabilities is a hybrid approach that combines deterministic forecast / modelling with analysis of stochastic distribution to get the alternative economic conditions and their probabilities.

The major assumptions and methodological choices can be summarised in a following set of steps:

1. Despite the fact that oil price was not chosen as an explanatory variable during statistical optimisation of variable selection, the business acumen as well as correlation analysis suggest that it is a major driving force in determination of GDP and real interest rate as defined by the World Bank (GDP deflator is highly affected by oil price as oil manufacturing is responsible for a vast portion of GDP volume in Oman)
2. The base scenario was created on the assumption of stabilisation of oil price at the level of 66 USD/barrel for Brent oil (2022: 66 USD/barrel for Brent oil).
3. The alternative scenarios were constructed based on deviations from the base trajectory of oil price taking into account:
  - a. historical volatility of changes in oil prices (28% standard deviation of annual relative price changes),
  - b. size of the detachment equal to plus/minus 0.87 standard deviation from the base scenario as an approximate representation of 33.33% probability of alternative (adverse and favourable) scenarios,
  - c. the time dynamics of the variable was based on assumption of normal distribution of annual changes of oil prices with some mean reverting characteristics and respective time scaling (standard deviation times square root of time) with the signs (-/+ ) in line with the character of the scenario (adverse / favourable).
4. GDP and real interest rate were forecasted deterministically based on their reciprocal dependencies and their relationship (with appropriate time lags) to oil price changes assuming mid-prices of Brent oil under given scenario as obtained through the process described in 3.
5. GDP per capita was predicted through regression to corresponding GDP changes as estimated for a given scenario and assumed lowering pace of population growth not dependent on the scenario in question.

Key drivers	ECL scenario and assigned weightage	31 December 2023		31 December 2022	
		2024	2025	2023	2024
Real Interest Rate	Base scenario	7.1%	7.1%	7.1%	7.1%
	Upside scenario	5.9%	6.3%	5.4%	5.9%
	Downside scenario	8.9%	8.4%	9.5%	8.9%
GDP	Base scenario	2.9%	4.0%	4.2%	2.9%
	Upside scenario	4.3%	4.2%	8.7%	4.2%
	Downside scenario	2.9%	3.7%	4.2%	2.9%
GDP per capita	Base scenario	-1.0%	0.05%	0.2%	-1.0%
	Upside scenario	0.3%	0.2%	4.6%	0.3%
	Downside scenario	-1.0%	-0.2%	0.2%	-1.0%

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## 32 RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

### 32.1 CREDIT RISK (CONTINUED)

#### Impairment assessment (CONTINUED)

##### Credit risk Grade

The Bank allocates each exposure to a credit risk grade based on a variety of data that is determined to be predictive of the risk of default and applying experienced credit judgement. Credit risk grades are defined using qualitative and quantitative factors that are indicative of risk of default. These factors vary depending on the nature of the exposure and the type of borrower.

Credit risk grades are defined and calibrated such that the risk of default occurring increases exponentially as the credit risk grade deteriorates so, for example, the difference in risk of default between credit risk grades 1 and 2 is smaller than the difference between credit risk grades 2 and 3.

Each exposure is allocated to a credit risk grade on initial recognition based on available information about the borrower. Exposures are subject to ongoing monitoring, which may result in an exposure being moved to a different credit risk grade.

##### Treasury, trading and interbank relationships

The Bank's treasury, trading and interbank relationships and counterparties comprise financial services institutions, Banks, broker-dealers, exchanges and clearing-houses. For these relationships, the Bank's credit risk department analyses publicly available information such as financial information and other external data and assigns the internal rating.

##### Corporate and commercial lending

For corporate and investment banking loans, the borrowers are assessed by specialised credit risk employees of the Bank. The credit risk assessment is based on a credit scoring model that takes into account various historical, current and forward-looking information such as:

- Historical financial information together with forecasts and budgets prepared by the client. This financial information includes realised and expected results, solvency ratios, liquidity ratios and any other relevant ratios to measure the client's financial performance. Some of these indicators are captured in covenants with the clients and are, therefore, measured with greater attention.
- Any publicly available information on the clients from external parties. This includes external rating grades issued by rating agencies, independent analyst reports, publicly traded bond or CDS prices or press releases and articles.
- Any macro-economic or geopolitical information, e.g., GDP growth relevant for the specific industry and geographical segments where the client operates.
- Any other objectively supportable information on the quality and abilities of the client's management relevant for the company's performance.
- The complexity and granularity of the rating techniques varies based on the exposure of the Bank and the complexity and size of the customer. Some of the less complex small business loans are rated within the Bank's models for retail products.

##### Consumer lending and retail mortgages

Consumer lending comprises unsecured personal loans, credit cards and overdrafts. These products along with retail mortgages and some of the less complex small business lending are rated by an automated scorecard tool primarily driven by days past due. Other key inputs into the models are:

- Consumer lending products: use of limits and volatility thereof, GDP growth, unemployment rates, changes in personal income/salary levels based on records of current accounts, personal indebtedness and expected interest repricing
- Retail mortgages: GDP growth, unemployment rates, changes in personal income/salary levels based on records of current accounts, personal indebtedness and expected interest repricing

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## 32 RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

### 32.1 CREDIT RISK (CONTINUED)

#### Sensitivity analysis

The most significant assumptions affecting the ECL allowance are as follows:

- Interest rate, given its impact on companies' likelihood of default; and
- GDP, given the significant impact on companies' performance and collateral valuations;
- Unemployment rate, given its impact on secured and unsecured borrowers' ability to meet their contractual repayments.

#### Exposure at default

The exposure at default (EAD) represents the gross carrying amount of the financial instruments subject to the impairment calculation, addressing both the client's ability to increase its exposure while approaching default and potential early repayments too.

To calculate the EAD for a Stage 1 loan, the Bank assesses the possible default events within 12 months for the calculation of the 12mECL. However, if a Stage 1 loan that is expected to default in the 12 months from the balance sheet date and is also expected to cure and subsequently default again, then all linked default events are taken into account. For Stage 2, Stage 3 and POCI financial assets, the exposure at default is considered for events over the lifetime of the instruments.

The Bank determines EADs by modelling the range of possible exposure outcomes at various points in time, corresponding the multiple scenarios. The IFRS 9 PDs are then assigned to each economic scenario based on the outcome of Bank's models.

#### Loss given default

For corporate and investment Banking financial instruments, LGD values are assessed at least every twelve months by account managers and reviewed and approved by the Bank's specialised credit risk department. The credit risk assessment is based on a standardised LGD assessment framework that results in a certain LGD rate. These LGD rates take into account the expected EAD in comparison to the amount expected to be recovered or realised from any collateral held.

The Bank segments its retail lending products into smaller homogeneous portfolios, based on key characteristics that are relevant to the estimation of future cash flows. The applied data is based on historically collected loss data and involves a wider set of transaction characteristics (e.g., product type, wider range of collateral types) as well as borrower characteristics. Further recent data and forward-looking economic scenarios are used in order to determine the IFRS 9 LGD rate for each group of financial instruments. When assessing forward-looking information, the expectation is based on multiple scenarios. Examples of key inputs involve changes in, collateral values including property prices for mortgages, commodity prices, payment status or other factors that are indicative of losses in the Bank.

The Bank estimates regulatory and IFRS 9 LGDs on a different basis. Under IFRS 9, LGD rates are estimated for the Stage 1, Stage 2, Stage 3 and POCI IFRS 9 segment of each asset class. The inputs for these LGD rates are estimated and, where possible, calibrated through back testing against recent recoveries. These are repeated for each economic scenario as appropriate.

#### Significant Increase in Credit Risk

The Bank continuously monitors all assets subject to ECLs. In order to determine whether an instrument or a portfolio of instruments is subject to 12mECL or LTECL, the Bank assesses whether there has been a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition.

As a backstop, the Bank considers that a significant increase in credit risk occurs no later than when an asset is more than 30 days past due. Days past due are determined by counting the number of days since the earliest elapsed due date in respect of which full payment has not been received. Due dates are determined without considering any grace period that might be available to the borrower.

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## 32 RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

### 32.1 CREDIT RISK (CONTINUED)

Credit risk may also be deemed to have increased significantly since initial recognition based on qualitative factors linked to the Bank's credit risk management processes that may not otherwise be fully reflected in its quantitative analysis on a timely basis. The Bank applies a secondary qualitative method for triggering a significant increase in credit risk for an asset, such as moving a customer/facility to the watch list, or the account becoming forborne. In certain cases, the Bank may also consider that events set out below are a significant increase in credit risk as opposed to a default. Regardless of the change in credit grades, if contractual payments are more than 30 days past due, the credit risk is deemed to have increased significantly since initial recognition.

- a. Inadequate or unreliable financial or other information such as unavailability of audited financial statements within 120 days from end of accounting period.
- b. Delay in documentation execution over 35 days from limit set up due to disputes with customers.
- c. Borrower is subject to litigation by third parties that may have a significant impact on his financial position.
- d. Frequent changes in key senior management personnel without acceptable successors or professional management.
- e. Intra Group transfer of funds without underlying transactions beyond 50% of Tangible Net Worth.
- f. Deferment/delay in the date for commencement of commercial operations by more than one year except in Government projects or delays are due to Government approvals.
- g. Modifications of terms resulting in concessions granted to the borrower (after examining the cash flows of the borrower/financial position/ability to repay) including extension of moratorium, deferment of payment, waiver of covenants etc. This requirement shall be in conformity to the restructuring guidelines issued by CBO from time to time.
- h. A fall of 25% or more in the turnover or in the EBIT as compared to the previous year except in the case of change in business model/one of material events.
- i. A fall in Debt Service coverage ratio to below 1 except in cases which have acceptable external credit support.
- j. Rating downgrade by 3 notches for ratings from R1 to R4 and 2 notches downgrade for R5 and R6.
- k. Erosion in net worth by more than 20% compared to previous year coupled with increase in leverage by 1.5 times.

Management overlays may be applied to the model outputs if consistent with the objective of identifying a significant increase in credit risk.

If there is evidence that there is no longer a significant increase in credit risk relative to initial recognition, then the loss allowance on an instrument returns to being measured at 12-month ECL. Some qualitative indicators of an increase in credit risk, such as delinquency or forbearance, may be indicative of an increased risk of default that persists after the indicator itself has ceased to exist. In these cases, the Bank determines a probation period during which the financial asset is required to demonstrate good behavior to provide evidence that its credit risk has declined sufficiently. When the contractual terms of a loan have been modified, evidence that the criteria for recognising lifetime ECL are no longer met includes a history of up-to-date payment performance against the modified contractual terms.

The Bank monitors the effectiveness of the criteria used to identify significant increases in credit risk by regular reviews to confirm that:

- the criteria are capable of identifying significant increases in credit risk before an exposure is in default;
- the criteria do not align with the point in time when an asset becomes 30 days past due;
- the average time between the identification of a significant increase in credit risk and default appears reasonable;
- exposures are not generally transferred directly from 12-month ECL measurement to credit-impaired; and
- there is no unwarranted volatility in loss allowance from transfers between 12-month PD (Stage 1) and lifetime PD (Stage 2).

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## **32 RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)**

### **32.1 CREDIT RISK (CONTINUED)**

#### **Modified financial assets**

The contractual terms of a loan may be modified for a number of reasons, including changing market conditions, customer retention and other factors not related to a current or potential credit deterioration of the customer. An existing loan whose terms have been modified may be derecognised and the renegotiated loan recognised as a new loan at fair value in accordance with the accounting policy set out in Note 3.5.

When the terms of a financial asset are modified and the modification does not result in derecognition, the determination of whether the asset's credit risk has increased significantly reflects comparison of:

- its remaining lifetime PD at the reporting date based on the modified terms; with
- the remaining lifetime PD estimated based on data on initial recognition and the original contractual terms.

When modification results in derecognition, a new loan is recognised and allocated to Stage 1 (assuming it is not credit-impaired at that time).

The Bank renegotiates loans to customers in financial difficulties (referred to as 'forbearance activities') to maximise collection opportunities and minimise the risk of default. Under the Bank's forbearance policy, loan forbearance is granted on a selective basis if the debtor is currently in default on its debt or if there is a high risk of default, there is evidence that the debtor made all reasonable efforts to pay under the original contractual terms and the debtor is expected to be able to meet the revised terms.

The revised terms usually include extending the maturity, changing the timing of interest payments and amending the terms of loan covenants. Both retail and corporate loans are subject to the forbearance policy. The Bank Credit Committee regularly reviews reports on forbearance activities. For financial assets modified as part of the Bank's forbearance policy, the estimate of PD reflects whether the modification has improved or restored the Bank's ability to collect interest and principal and the Bank's previous experience of similar forbearance action. As part of this process, the Bank evaluates the borrower's payment performance against the modified contractual terms and considers various behavioural indicators.

Generally, forbearance is a qualitative indicator of a significant increase in credit risk and an expectation of forbearance may constitute evidence that an exposure is credit-impaired. A customer needs to demonstrate consistently good payment behaviour over a period of time before the exposure is no longer considered to be credit-impaired/in default or the PD is considered to have decreased such that it falls within the 12-month PD ranges for the asset to be considered Stage 1.

#### **Measurement of ECL - Judgemental adjustments:**

Where appropriate, the Bank makes adjustments to the ECL estimate outside the Bank's regular modelling process to reflect management judgements. The changes to the assumptions underlying these judgmental adjustments could materially affect ECL within the next 12 months. These adjustments include post-model adjustments (PMAs) and overlays.

PMAs are adjustments to the ECL balance as part of the year-end reporting process to reflect late updates to market data, known model deficiencies and expert credit judgement. They are usually calculated and allocated at a granular level through modelled analysis, calculated separately for each economic scenario and where appropriate used to adjust stage allocation outcomes.

Overlays are adjustments to the ECL model outputs that have been made outside the detailed ECL calculation and reporting process. These do not meet the Bank's definition of PMAs because they are not calculated at a granular level through modelled analysis.

The Bank has internal governance frameworks and controls in place to assess the appropriateness of all judgmental adjustments. The aim of the Bank is to incorporate these adjustments into the ECL models, where possible, as part of the periodic recalibration and model assessment procedures.

Total judgmental adjustments as at 31 December 2023 increased the overall loss allowance by 0.65% compared to ECL allowance derived through the ECL models.

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## **32 RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)**

### **32.1 CREDIT RISK (CONTINUED)**

#### **Model risk management:**

The Bank has utilised models in many of its financial and business activities from underwriting a credit facility to reporting expected loss under the IFRS9 accounting standards.

To manage the model risks, the Bank undertook a gap assessment on the following

Data Management Framework which consists of Data identification and appropriateness, Data Governance, Data Infrastructure and systems, Model development scope includes, data preparation and transformations, sampling and methodology appropriateness, Development phase testing, Model validation,

Model governance and Controls which covers Model objective and strategy, Model Lifecycle, Model Inventory and management, decision process, Model documentation, Model usage, Model performance and monitoring

Model Validation which includes validation plan and procedures, metric directory and limits, responsibility and review frequency, Implementation and Calibration covering Project Governance, system infrastructure, user acceptance testing, production testing, overrides, calibration suitability, rectification plans and efficiency.

Detailed itemised remedial plan for each of the models used by NBO.

This enabled the bank to establish a systematic approach to manage the development, validation, approval, implementation and on-going use of the models. It set out an effective governance structure with clearly defined roles and responsibilities, policies and controls for managing model risk. To this end, the bank is setting up a Model oversight committee represented by senior management, responsible for all significant modelling decisions related to each step of the model life cycle as a part of the model governance framework. The Framework would be reviewed on a regular basis to ensure it meets regulatory standards and international practices.

The Bank has a practice of doing independent model validation which provides recommendation to approve the use of the new risk quantification / valuation models. In addition to new model validation, it also evaluates the performance of existing models through an annual validation process. The independency of the team will serve as an effective second line of defence for the Bank in terms of usage of models.

### **32.2 LIQUIDITY RISK**

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Bank will be unable to meet its payment obligations when they fall due under normal and stressed circumstances. To limit this risk, the management continuously looks for opportunities to diversify its funding sources in addition to its core deposit base, manages assets with liquidity in mind, and monitors future cash flows and liquidity on a daily basis. This incorporates an assessment of expected cash flows and the availability of high grade collateral which could be used to secure additional funding if required.

The Bank maintains liquidity by continually assessing, identifying and monitoring changes in funding needs required to meet strategic goals set in terms of the overall strategy. In addition, the Bank holds certain liquid assets as part of its liquidity risk management strategy.

The Bank manages the liquidity risk based on the Central Bank of Oman guidelines and the Liquidity and Liquidity Contingency Policies, which are approved and periodically reviewed by the Board Risk Committee. Liquidity Risk position is monitored regularly through analysis of various reports, such as, Maturity of Assets and Liabilities, Liquidity Lines, Early Warning Indicators and Stock Ratios. Further, the Bank also periodically conducts stress tests on liquidity based on market and Bank specific events in line with Basel Committee recommendations. The liquidity position of the Bank and stress test scenarios are regularly reviewed by the management and also discussed at the Board Risk Committee.

The Central Bank of Oman has issued guidelines on the implementation of Basel III liquidity framework which are Liquidity Coverage Ratio (LCR) and Net Stable Funding (NSFR).

The Net Stable Funding Ratio (NSFR) is a longer term structural ratio designed to address liquidity mismatches and reduce funding risk over a one-year horizon. It is effective January 2020, with a minimum ratio of 100% as per the regulatory guidance.

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**32 RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)**

**32.2 LIQUIDITY RISK (CONTINUED)**

The residual maturity behavioural of the assets, liabilities and equity at 31 December 2023 is as follows:

	<i>On demand within 3 months RO'000</i>	<i>3 to 12 months RO'000</i>	<i>Subtotal less than 12 months RO'000</i>	<i>1 to 5 years RO'000</i>	<i>Over 5 years RO'000</i>	<i>Subtotal over 12 months RO'000</i>	<i>Total RO'000</i>
Cash and balances with Central Banks	281,522	51,355	332,877	44,914	26,678	71,592	404,469
Due from Banks and other money market placements (net)	290,410	26,950	317,360	6,853	-	6,853	324,213
Loans, advances and Islamic financing assets (net)	386,955	164,117	551,072	1,000,587	1,944,267	2,944,854	3,495,926
Financial investments (net)	144,776	7,885	152,661	230,770	74,184	304,954	457,615
Property and equipment	-	-	-	-	55,893	55,893	55,893
Other assets	77,095	6,538	83,633	257	-	257	83,890
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>1,180,758</b>	<b>256,845</b>	<b>1,437,603</b>	<b>1,283,381</b>	<b>2,101,022</b>	<b>3,384,403</b>	<b>4,822,006</b>
Due to Banks and other money market deposits	56,906	111,650	168,556	244,475	-	244,475	413,031
Customers' deposits and unrestricted investment accounts	873,649	1,010,404	1,884,053	1,133,251	555,729	1,688,980	3,573,033
Other liabilities	114,497	6,734	121,231	21,158	34	21,192	142,423
Taxation	18,976	-	18,976	-	-	-	18,976
Shareholders' equity	-	-	-	-	507,410	507,410	507,410
Tier 1 perpetual bonds	-	-	-	-	167,133	167,133	167,133
<b>Total liabilities and shareholders' equity</b>	<b>1,064,028</b>	<b>1,128,788</b>	<b>2,192,816</b>	<b>1,398,884</b>	<b>1,230,306</b>	<b>2,629,190</b>	<b>4,822,006</b>
<b>Total liquidity gap</b>	<b>116,730</b>	<b>(871,943)</b>	<b>(755,213)</b>	<b>(115,503)</b>	<b>870,716</b>	<b>755,213</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Cumulative liquidity gap</b>	<b>116,730</b>	<b>(755,213)</b>	<b>(1,510,426)</b>	<b>(1,625,929)</b>	<b>(755,213)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

  

	<i>On demand within 3 months USD'000</i>	<i>3 to 12 months USD'000</i>	<i>Subtotal less than 12 months USD'000</i>	<i>1 to 5 years USD'000</i>	<i>Over 5 years USD'000</i>	<i>Subtotal over 12 months USD'000</i>	<i>Total USD'000</i>
Cash and balances with Central Banks	731,225	133,390	864,615	116,660	69,294	185,954	1,050,569
Due from Banks and other money market placements (net)	754,312	70,000	824,312	17,800	-	17,800	842,112
Loans, advances and Islamic financing assets (net)	1,005,078	426,278	1,431,356	2,598,927	5,050,044	7,648,971	9,080,327
Financial investments (net)	376,040	20,481	396,521	599,403	192,686	792,089	1,188,610
Property and equipment	-	-	-	-	145,177	145,177	145,177
Other assets	200,246	16,982	217,228	668	-	668	217,896
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>3,066,901</b>	<b>667,131</b>	<b>3,734,032</b>	<b>3,333,458</b>	<b>5,457,201</b>	<b>8,790,659</b>	<b>12,524,691</b>
Due to Banks and other money market deposits	147,808	290,000	437,808	635,000	-	635,000	1,072,808
Customers' deposits and unrestricted investment accounts	2,269,218	2,624,426	4,893,644	2,943,509	1,443,452	4,386,961	9,280,605
Other liabilities	297,395	17,491	314,886	54,956	88	55,044	369,930
Taxation	49,288	-	49,288	-	-	-	49,288
Shareholders' equity	-	-	-	-	1,317,948	1,317,948	1,317,948
Tier 1 perpetual bonds	-	-	-	-	434,112	434,112	434,112
<b>Total liabilities and shareholders' equity</b>	<b>2,763,709</b>	<b>2,931,917</b>	<b>5,695,626</b>	<b>3,633,465</b>	<b>3,195,600</b>	<b>6,829,065</b>	<b>12,524,691</b>
<b>Total liquidity gap</b>	<b>303,192</b>	<b>(2,264,786)</b>	<b>(1,961,594)</b>	<b>(300,007)</b>	<b>2,261,601</b>	<b>1,961,594</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Cumulative liquidity gap</b>	<b>303,192</b>	<b>(1,961,594)</b>	<b>(3,923,188)</b>	<b>(4,223,195)</b>	<b>(1,961,594)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

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**32.2 LIQUIDITY RISK (CONTINUED)**

The maturity profile of the assets, liabilities and equity at 31 December 2022 is as follows:

	<i>On demand within 3 months RO'000</i>	<i>3 to 12 months RO'000</i>	<i>Subtotal less than 12 months RO'000</i>	<i>1 to 5 years RO'000</i>	<i>Over 5 years RO'000</i>	<i>Subtotal over 12 months RO'000</i>	<i>Total RO'000</i>
Cash and balances with Central Banks	156,433	55,082	211,515	26,037	24,037	50,074	261,589
Due from Banks and other money market placements (net)	104,221	2,525	106,746	12,514	-	12,514	119,260
Loans, advances and Islamic financing assets (net)	360,031	214,063	574,094	931,796	1,847,809	2,779,605	3,353,699
Financial investments (net)	121,018	35,677	156,695	120,542	127,150	247,692	404,387
Property and equipment	-	-	-	-	57,090	57,090	57,090
Other assets	89,309	8,677	97,986	69	-	69	98,055
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>831,012</b>	<b>316,024</b>	<b>1,147,036</b>	<b>1,090,958</b>	<b>2,056,086</b>	<b>3,147,044</b>	<b>4,294,080</b>
Due to Banks and other money market deposits	107,743	11,550	119,293	142,450	-	142,450	261,743
Customers' deposits and unrestricted investment accounts	688,736	1,063,798	1,752,534	773,009	521,879	1,294,888	3,047,422
Euro medium term notes	-	188,865	188,865	-	-	-	188,865
Other liabilities	131,042	7,308	138,350	425	460	885	139,235
Taxation	15,981	-	15,981	-	-	-	15,981
Shareholders' equity	-	-	-	-	473,701	473,701	473,701
Tier 1 perpetual bonds	-	-	-	-	167,133	167,133	167,133
<b>Total liabilities and shareholders' equity</b>	<b>943,502</b>	<b>1,271,521</b>	<b>2,215,023</b>	<b>915,884</b>	<b>1,163,173</b>	<b>2,079,057</b>	<b>4,294,080</b>
<b>Total liquidity gap</b>	<b>(112,490)</b>	<b>(955,497)</b>	<b>(1,067,987)</b>	<b>175,074</b>	<b>892,913</b>	<b>1,067,987</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Cumulative liquidity gap</b>	<b>(112,490)</b>	<b>(1,067,987)</b>	<b>(2,135,974)</b>	<b>(1,960,900)</b>	<b>(1,067,987)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

  

	<i>On demand within 3 months USD'000</i>	<i>3 to 12 months USD'000</i>	<i>Subtotal less than 12 months USD'000</i>	<i>1 to 5 years USD'000</i>	<i>Over 5 years USD'000</i>	<i>Subtotal over 12 months USD'000</i>	<i>Total USD'000</i>
Cash and balances with Central Banks	406,319	143,070	549,389	67,629	62,434	130,063	679,452
Due from Banks and other money market placements (net)	270,704	6,558	277,262	32,504	-	32,504	309,766
Loans, advances and Islamic financing assets (net)	935,146	556,008	1,491,154	2,420,249	4,799,504	7,219,753	8,710,907
Financial investments (net)	314,332	92,668	407,000	313,096	330,260	643,356	1,050,356
Property and equipment	-	-	-	-	148,286	148,286	148,286
Other assets	231,971	22,538	254,509	179	-	179	254,688
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>2,158,472</b>	<b>820,842</b>	<b>2,979,314</b>	<b>2,833,657</b>	<b>5,340,484</b>	<b>8,174,141</b>	<b>11,153,455</b>
Due to Banks and other money market deposits	279,852	30,000	309,852	370,000	-	370,000	679,852
Customers' deposits and unrestricted investment accounts	1,788,924	2,763,112	4,552,036	2,007,816	1,355,530	3,363,346	7,915,382
Euro medium term notes	-	490,558	490,558	-	-	-	490,558
Other liabilities	340,368	18,982	359,350	1,104	1,195	2,299	361,649
Taxation	41,509	-	41,509	-	-	-	41,509
Shareholders' equity	-	-	-	-	1,230,393	1,230,393	1,230,393
Tier 1 perpetual bonds	-	-	-	-	434,112	434,112	434,112
<b>Total liabilities and shareholders' equity</b>	<b>2,450,653</b>	<b>3,302,652</b>	<b>5,753,305</b>	<b>2,378,920</b>	<b>3,021,230</b>	<b>5,400,150</b>	<b>11,153,455</b>
<b>Total liquidity gap</b>	<b>(292,181)</b>	<b>(2,481,810)</b>	<b>(2,773,991)</b>	<b>454,737</b>	<b>2,319,254</b>	<b>2,773,991</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Cumulative liquidity gap</b>	<b>(292,181)</b>	<b>(2,773,991)</b>	<b>(5,547,982)</b>	<b>(5,093,245)</b>	<b>(2,773,991)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

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## 32 RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

### 32.2 LIQUIDITY RISK (CONTINUED)

#### Liquidity coverage ratio

The Liquidity coverage ratio (LCR) is a short time ratio designed to increase resilience against a liquidity shortage of up to 30 days. The LCR is computed as per CBO requirement under the circular BM1127 (BASEL III: Framework on Liquidity coverage ratio and LCR disclosure standards). It is applicable from January 1, 2015 with a minimum ratio of 60% and increasing by 10% every year thereafter till it reaches a minimum required level of 100% on 1 January, 2020.

The following table set out the Liquidity Coverage ratio (LCR) and net stable funding ratio (NSFR) of the Bank.

As at 31 December	2023	2022
LCR	<b>384.42%</b>	232.22%
NSFR	<b>115.17%</b>	101.90%

### 32.3 MARKET RISK

The Bank is exposed to market risk, which is the risk that the fair value of the financial assets held by the Bank will fluctuate due to changes in market prices. Market risk arises from changes in the fair value of open positions held in foreign exchange, interest rate, currency, equity, credit spreads, etc. Market risk is managed based on the Central Bank of Oman guidelines and the Market Risk Policy, which is approved and periodically reviewed by the Board Risk Committee. Stress tests are also conducted periodically incorporating adverse movements in equity value, foreign exchange, etc. and reviewed by the Management and Board Risk Committee.

The Bank offers hedging products to its customers to hedge their genuine exposures, related to interest rate risk, foreign exchange risk and commodity risk. The counterparty credit risk exposures for such transactions (interest rate swaps, commodities contracts, currency forwards and options, etc.) are assessed based on the positive marked-to-market values of the contracts and the potential future exposures. The Bank has adopted risk weightings in line with best practices to capture the credit risk related to these off-balance sheet exposures.

- **Equity risk**

The proprietary equity positions are held in the 'FVOCI' category. The market risk is monitored through daily mark-to-market reports which are circulated to the management and, if any, required actions are promptly taken. The portfolio is also monitored and managed as per the Investment Policy approved by the Board Risk Committee.

- **Interest rate risk**

The principal market risk to which non-trading portfolio is exposed is the risk of loss from fluctuation in the future cash flows or fair values of financial instruments because of changes in market interest rates.

Interest rate risk arises from the possibility that changes in interest rates will affect future profitability or the fair values of financial instruments. The Bank is exposed to interest rate risk as a result of mismatches of interest rate re-pricing of assets and liabilities.

Methods and assumptions used in preparing the sensitivity analysis: The methods for interest rate sensitivity analysis are Maturity Gap Analysis (which measures the interest rate sensitivity of earnings) and Duration (which measures the interest rate sensitivity of capital). These are in line with the BIS in its paper on 'Principles for the Management and Supervision of Interest Rate Risk' issued in July 2004.

Interest rate risk is managed by monitoring the sensitivity of the Bank's financial assets and liabilities to various standardized interest rate shocks. Standardised shocks include a 100 basis point and 200 basis point parallel shifts in yield curves that are considered on a monthly basis. The impact of these shocks is analysed in the context of its impact on Earnings and Economic Value. The impact is compared against internal limits which have been formulated in line with the Central Bank of Oman and Basel Committee guidelines. The analysis is regularly reviewed by the Management and Board Risk Committee.

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**32 RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)**

**32.3 MARKET RISK (continued)**

• **Interest rate risk (continued)**

Earning impact of 200 basis points parallel shift in interest rate is provided below:

<b>As at December 2023</b>	<b>200 bps increase</b>	<b>200 bps decrease</b>
Earnings impact - RO'000s	<u>7,124</u>	<u>(7,124)</u>
Earnings impact - USD'000s	<u>18,504</u>	<u>(18,504)</u>

In addition, stress scenarios based on specific events or market disruptions are also analysed and presented at monthly ALCO meetings to estimate the impact on liquidity and earnings.

The Bank has been consistently using the above methods/assumptions to conduct interest rate sensitivity analysis. The above sensitivity analyses are carried out at monthly rests and results thereof monitored against the in-house limits and the results are also actively deliberated at the ALCO meetings and presented to the Board Risk Committee.

• **IBOR Reform**

A fundamental reform of major interest rate benchmarks is being undertaken globally, replacing some interbank offered rates (IBORs) with alternative nearly risk-free rates (referred to as 'IBOR reform').

The main risks to which the Bank has been exposed as a result of IBOR reform are operational. For example, the renegotiation of loan contracts through bilateral negotiation with customers, updating of contractual terms, updating of systems that use IBOR curves and revision of operational controls related to the reform and regulatory risks. Financial risk is predominantly limited to interest rate risk.

Following the decision by global regulators to phase out IBORs and replace them with alternative reference rates, the Bank has established a IBOR Committee to manage the transition for any of its contracts that could be affected. The IBOR Committee is being led by senior representatives from functions across the Bank including the client facing teams, Legal, Finance, Operations, Risk Management and Technology.

The objectives of the IBOR Committee include evaluating the extent to which loans advanced, loan commitments, liabilities and derivatives reference IBOR cash flows, whether such contracts need to be amended as a result of IBOR reform and how to manage communication about IBOR reform with counterparties. The IBOR Committee reports to the Executive Committee quarterly and collaborates with other business functions as needed. It provides periodic reports to ALCO and Central Treasury to support the management of interest rate risk and works closely with the Bank Operational Risk Committee to identify operational and regulatory risks arising from IBOR reform.

For contracts indexed to an IBOR that mature after the expected cessation of the IBOR rate, the IBOR Committee has established policies to amend the contractual terms. These amendments include the addition of fall back clauses or replacement of the IBOR rate with an alternative benchmark rate. The Bank has signed up to fall back mechanisms for centrally cleared derivatives and aimed to transfer exposures to the new benchmark rate ahead of the activation date of the fall back provisions.

The Bank has been applying a policy to require that retail products, such as its residential mortgage portfolio, are amended in a uniform way, and bespoke products, such as loans and advances to corporates, are amended in bilateral negotiations with the counterparties.

Based on regulatory guidelines all newly originated floating-rate loans and advances to customers on or after 01 January 2022, incorporate fall back provisions for when an IBOR ceases to exist. The fall back provisions provide for a transition to the applicable alternative benchmark rate, which vary depending on the jurisdiction.

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**32 RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)**

**32.3 MARKET RISK (CONTINUED)**

• ***Interest rate risk (continued)***

The Bank monitors the progress of transition from IBORs to new benchmark rates by reviewing the total amounts of contracts that have yet to transition to an alternative benchmark rate and the amounts of such contracts that include an appropriate fall back clause. The Bank considers that a contract is not yet transitioned to an alternative benchmark rate (and referred to as an 'unreformed contract') when interest under the contract is indexed to a benchmark rate that is still subject to IBOR reform, even if it includes a fall back clause that deals with the cessation of the existing IBOR.

IBOR reform exposes the Bank to various risks, which the project is managing and monitoring closely. These risks include but are not limited to the following:

- Conduct risk arising from discussions with clients and market counterparties due to the amendments required to existing contracts necessary to effect IBOR reform
- Financial risk to the Bank and its clients that markets are disrupted due to IBOR reform giving rise to financial losses
- Pricing risk from the potential lack of market information if liquidity in IBORs reduces and RFRs are illiquid and unobservable
- Operational risk arising from changes to the Bank's IT systems and processes, also the risk of payments being disrupted if an IBOR ceases to be available
- Accounting risk if the Bank's hedging relationships fail and from unrepresentative income statement volatility as financial instruments transition to RFRs.

The table below sets out the IBOR rates that the Bank had exposure to, the new benchmark rates to which these exposures have or are being transitioned, and the status of the transition.

<b>Currency</b>	<b>Benchmark before reform</b>	<b>Benchmark after reform</b>	<b>Status as on 31 December 2023</b>
USD	USD LIBOR	SOFR	Completed

There have not been any significant changes in Interest Rate Risk management process in the Bank during the year.

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**32.3 MARKET RISK (CONTINUED)**

• *Interest rate risk (continued)*

The Bank's interest sensitivity position based on contractual re-pricing arrangements at 31 December 2023 is as follows:

	<i>Average effective interest rate</i>	<i>On demand within 3 months RO'000</i>	<i>3 to 12 months RO'000</i>	<i>1 to 5 years RO'000</i>	<i>Over 5 years RO'000</i>	<i>Non-interest sensitive RO'000</i>	<i>Total RO'000</i>
Cash and balances with Central Banks	N/A	-	-	-	-	404,469	404,469
Due from Banks and other money market placements (net)	5.80%	179,443	19,250	6,853	-	118,667	324,213
Loans, advances and Islamic financing assets (net)	5.96%	1,245,155	924,258	676,358	642,500	7,655	3,495,926
Financial investments (net)	5.66%	144,773	7,885	230,769	68,748	5,440	457,615
Property and equipment	N/A	-	-	-	-	55,893	55,893
Other assets	N/A	-	-	-	-	83,890	83,890
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>1,569,371</b>	<b>951,393</b>	<b>913,980</b>	<b>711,248</b>	<b>676,014</b>	<b>4,822,006</b>
Due to Banks and other money market deposits	6.40%	382,610	7,700	-	-	22,721	413,031
Customers' deposits and unrestricted investment accounts	2.95%	354,059	1,725,907	920,007	129	572,931	3,573,033
Other liabilities	N/A	21,849	-	-	-	120,574	142,423
Taxation	N/A	-	-	-	-	18,976	18,976
Tier 1 Perpetual Bond	7.61%	-	-	167,133	-	-	167,133
Shareholders' equity	N/A	-	-	-	-	507,410	507,410
<b>Total liabilities and shareholders' equity</b>		<b>758,518</b>	<b>1,733,607</b>	<b>1,087,140</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>1,242,612</b>	<b>4,822,006</b>
<b>Total interest rate sensitivity gap</b>		<b>810,853</b>	<b>(782,214)</b>	<b>(173,160)</b>	<b>711,119</b>	<b>(566,598)</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Cumulative interest rate sensitivity gap</b>		<b>810,853</b>	<b>28,639</b>	<b>(144,521)</b>	<b>566,598</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

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**32.3 MARKET RISK (CONTINUED)**

• **Interest rate risk (continued)**

The Bank's interest sensitivity position based on contractual re-pricing arrangements at 31 December 2023 is as follows:

	<i>Average effective interest rate</i>	<i>On demand within 3 months USD'000</i>	<i>3 to 12 months USD'000</i>	<i>1 to 5 years USD'000</i>	<i>Over 5 years USD'000</i>	<i>Non- interest sensitive USD'000</i>	<i>Total USD'000</i>
Cash and balances with Central Banks	N/A	-	-	-	-	1,050,569	1,050,569
Due from Banks and other money market placements (net)	5.80%	466,086	50,000	17,800	-	308,226	842,112
Loans, advances and Islamic financing assets (net)	5.96%	3,234,169	2,400,670	1,756,774	1,668,831	19,883	9,080,327
Financial investments (net)	5.66%	376,034	20,481	599,400	178,565	14,130	1,188,610
Property and equipment	N/A	-	-	-	-	145,177	145,177
Other assets	N/A	-	-	-	-	217,896	217,896
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>4,076,289</b>	<b>2,471,151</b>	<b>2,373,974</b>	<b>1,847,396</b>	<b>1,755,881</b>	<b>12,524,691</b>
Due to Banks and other money market deposits	6.40%	993,792	20,000	-	-	59,016	1,072,808
Customers' deposits and unrestricted investment accounts	2.95%	919,634	4,482,875	2,389,629	335	1,488,132	9,280,605
Other liabilities	N/A	56,751	-	-	-	313,179	369,930
Taxation	N/A	-	-	-	-	49,288	49,288
Tier 1 Perpetual Bond	7.61%	-	-	434,112	-	-	434,112
Shareholders' equity	N/A	-	-	-	-	1,317,948	1,317,948
<b>Total liabilities and shareholders' equity</b>		<b>1,970,177</b>	<b>4,502,875</b>	<b>2,823,741</b>	<b>335</b>	<b>3,227,563</b>	<b>12,524,691</b>
<b>Total interest rate sensitivity gap</b>		<b>2,106,112</b>	<b>(2,031,724)</b>	<b>(449,767)</b>	<b>1,847,061</b>	<b>(1,471,682)</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Cumulative interest rate sensitivity gap</b>		<b>2,106,112</b>	<b>74,388</b>	<b>(375,379)</b>	<b>1,471,682</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

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**32.3 MARKET RISK (CONTINUED)**

• *Interest rate risk (continued)*

The Bank's interest sensitivity position based on contractual re-pricing arrangements at 31 December 2022 is as follows:

	<i>Average effective interest rate</i>	<i>On demand within 3 months RO'000</i>	<i>3 to 12 months RO'000</i>	<i>1 to 5 years RO'000</i>	<i>Over 5 years RO'000</i>	<i>Non-interest sensitive RO'000</i>	<i>Total RO'000</i>
Cash and balances with Central Banks	N/A	-	-	-	-	261,589	261,589
Due from Banks and other money market placements (net)	1.78%	72,682	2,525	12,514	-	31,539	119,260
Loans, advances and Islamic financing assets (net)	5.41%	1,397,478	736,891	661,445	546,591	11,294	3,353,699
Financial investments (net)	4.28%	75,000	10,422	17,715	27,232	274,018	404,387
Property and equipment	N/A	-	-	-	-	57,090	57,090
Other assets	N/A	-	-	-	-	98,055	98,055
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>1,545,160</b>	<b>749,838</b>	<b>691,674</b>	<b>573,823</b>	<b>733,585</b>	<b>4,294,080</b>
Due to Banks and other money market deposits	3.30%	252,732	-	-	-	9,011	261,743
Customers' deposits and unrestricted investment accounts	2.16%	175,170	1,825,303	496,391	64	550,494	3,047,422
Euro medium term notes	6.20%	-	188,865	-	-	-	188,865
Other liabilities	N/A	3,614	-	-	-	135,621	139,235
Taxation	N/A	-	-	-	-	15,981	15,981
Tier 1 Perpetual Bond	7.61%	-	-	167,133	-	-	167,133
Shareholders' equity	N/A	-	-	-	-	473,701	473,701
<b>Total liabilities and shareholders' equity</b>		<b>431,516</b>	<b>2,014,168</b>	<b>663,524</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>1,184,808</b>	<b>4,294,080</b>
<b>Total interest rate sensitivity gap</b>		<b>1,113,644</b>	<b>(1,264,330)</b>	<b>28,150</b>	<b>573,759</b>	<b>(451,223)</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Cumulative interest rate sensitivity gap</b>		<b>1,113,644</b>	<b>(150,686)</b>	<b>(122,536)</b>	<b>451,223</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

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**32.3 MARKET RISK (CONTINUED)**

• **Interest rate risk (continued)**

The Bank's interest sensitivity position based on contractual re-pricing arrangements at 31 December 2022 is as follows:

	Average effective interest rate	On demand within 3 months USD'000	3 to 12 months USD'000	1 to 5 years USD'000	Over 5 years USD'000	Non- interest sensitive USD'000	Total USD'000
Cash and balances with Central Banks	N/A	-	-	-	-	679,452	679,452
Due from Banks and other money market placements (net)	1.78%	188,784	6,558	32,504	-	81,920	309,766
Loans, advances and Islamic financing assets (net)	5.41%	3,629,813	1,914,003	1,718,039	1,419,717	29,335	8,710,907
Financial investments (net)	4.28%	194,805	27,070	46,013	70,732	711,736	1,050,356
Property and equipment	N/A	-	-	-	-	148,286	148,286
Other assets	N/A	-	-	-	-	254,688	254,688
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>4,013,402</b>	<b>1,947,631</b>	<b>1,796,556</b>	<b>1,490,449</b>	<b>1,905,417</b>	<b>11,153,455</b>
Due to Banks and other money market deposits	3.30%	656,447	-	-	-	23,405	679,852
Customers' deposits and unrestricted investment accounts	2.16%	454,987	4,741,047	1,289,327	166	1,429,855	7,915,382
Euro medium term notes	6.20%	-	490,558	-	-	-	490,558
Other liabilities	N/A	9,387	-	-	-	352,262	361,649
Taxation	N/A	-	-	-	-	41,509	41,509
Tier 1 Perpetual Bond	7.61%	-	-	434,112	-	-	434,112
Shareholders' equity	N/A	-	-	-	-	1,230,393	1,230,393
<b>Total liabilities and shareholders' equity</b>		<b>1,120,821</b>	<b>5,231,605</b>	<b>1,723,439</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>3,077,424</b>	<b>11,153,455</b>
<b>Total interest rate sensitivity gap</b>		<b>2,892,581</b>	<b>(3,283,974)</b>	<b>73,117</b>	<b>1,490,283</b>	<b>(1,172,007)</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Cumulative interest rate sensitivity gap</b>		<b>2,892,581</b>	<b>(391,393)</b>	<b>(318,276)</b>	<b>1,172,007</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

• **Currency risk**

Currency risk is the risk that the value of a financial instrument will fluctuate due to changes in foreign exchange rates. The Bank has set limits on open positions by currency. Positions are monitored on a daily basis and hedging strategies used to ensure positions are maintained within established limits.

The foreign exchange positions in the books of the Bank are generally small residual positions resulting from market coverings for customer transactions.

Foreign exchange VAR is computed monthly for all non-pegged currencies at 99% confidence level and a holding period of 10 days. Additionally, earnings impact of a 15% adverse movement in exchange rates for all open positions is factored in the monthly stress tests.

The Bank had the following significant net exposures denominated in foreign currencies:

2022 USD'000	2023 USD'000		2023 RO'000	2022 RO'000
240,145	<b>100,330</b>	US Dollar	<b>38,627</b>	92,456
108,727	<b>110,442</b>	UAE Dirham	<b>42,520</b>	41,860
30,447	<b>4,229</b>	Others	<b>1,628</b>	11,722

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## **32 RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)**

### **32.4 OPERATIONAL RISK**

Operational risk is the risk of loss arising from systems failure, human error, frauds or external events. When controls fail to perform, operational risks can cause damage to reputation, have legal or regulatory implications, or lead to financial loss. The Bank cannot expect to eliminate all operational risks, but through a control framework and by monitoring and responding to potential risks, the Bank is able to manage the risks. Controls include effective segregation of duties, access, authorization and reconciliation procedures, staff training and assessment processes, including the use of internal audit. Further, the Bank has established an operational loss appetite statement to monitor losses under various operational loss categories and any breaches of set-off thresholds are reported to the Board Risk Committee. In addition to this, the Bank has an operational loss reporting database.

Information Security is an essential component of Operational Risk Management. The Bank has implemented the latest security infrastructure like firewalls, intrusion prevention systems, anti-virus soft wares, etc. Periodic vulnerability assessments are conducted to ensure the security of the systems.

As a part of Business Continuity Management initiatives, the Bank has taken necessary actions to ensure effective measures in case of a crisis situation, e.g. evacuation drills, testing of critical systems and applications from the Disaster Recovery site. The Bank has the capability to ensure that critical Banking processes are tested to ascertain availability during such situations.

#### **32.4.1 Fraud Risk**

The Bank has adopted a 'zero tolerance' policy towards fraud and corruption and as such will seek to take disciplinary and/or legal action against those who perpetrate, are involved in, or assist with fraudulent or improper activities. The Fraud risk management (FRM) unit manages the fraud risk for the Bank at an enterprise level. The unit monitors transactions originating from Cards, POS and other Digital channels. Besides, the unit conducts Fraud Risk Assessments to assess fraud risks on a pro-active basis, verifies the existing controls and proposes new controls, if required.

The unit is also responsible for managing Incidents across the Bank and maintenance of Operational Loss Database.

### **32.5 STRATEGIC RISKS**

The Bank monitors strategic risks through regular quarterly assessment and reporting at the Board Risk Committee level. This includes reviews of human resource, economic (both at the macro and micro levels), regulatory/compliance, information technology and information security, legal and reputational related risks and the monitoring of strategic project risk arising from initiatives undertaken by the Bank. Furthermore, the Bank has augmented its Internal Capital Adequacy Assessment Process (ICAAP) to align the business strategy and the capital management processes. The Bank had engaged an internationally renowned consultant to review the current ICAAP process and to recommend enhancements that will, once implemented, escalate the ICAAP process and documentation to international best practices. This initiative was proposed and sponsored at the highest level by the Board Risk Committee and its recommendations are being progressively completed.

### **32.6 CLIMATE RELATED RISKS**

Climate change has emerged as one of the most significant global challenges of the time, impacting economies, societies, and ecosystems across the planet. As the effects of climate change become increasingly apparent, businesses and institutions must recognize the urgent need to address climate risks. Among these institutions, banks play a crucial role in shaping the global financial landscape and have a unique responsibility to manage climate-related financial risks within their operations.

In recent years, the financial sector has witnessed a growing recognition of the systemic risks associated with climate change. From physical risks, such as extreme weather events and rising sea levels, to transitional risks, such as policy changes and technological disruptions, climate-related factors have the potential to profoundly impact the stability of the banking industry. In this light, the bank has developed a comprehensive climate risk policy duly approved by the board. The policy serves as a roadmap to identify, assess, and mitigate the risks and opportunities associated with climate change. By incorporating climate considerations into operations, NBO intends to effectively manage its consequent risks, seize emerging opportunities, and contribute to the transition to a low-carbon and climate-resilient economy.

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**33 CONCENTRATIONS**

The Bank seeks to manage its credit risk exposure through diversification of lending activities to avoid undue concentrations of risk with individuals or groups of customers in specific locations or businesses. It also obtains security when appropriate.

The distribution of assets, liabilities and contingent items by geographical regions as of 31 December 2023 is as follows:

	<i>Sultanate of Oman RO'000</i>	<i>UAE RO'000</i>	<i>Egypt RO'000</i>	<i>Others RO'000</i>	<i>Total RO'000</i>
Cash and balances with Central Banks	344,335	59,358	776	-	404,469
Due from Banks and other money market placements (net)	50,789	41,135	537	231,752	324,213
Loans, advances and Islamic financing assets (net)	3,422,064	73,862	-	-	3,495,926
Financial investments (net)	413,136	13,535	-	30,944	457,615
Property and equipment	55,052	841	-	-	55,893
Other assets	80,210	3,431	249	-	83,890
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>4,365,586</b>	<b>192,162</b>	<b>1,562</b>	<b>262,696</b>	<b>4,822,006</b>
Due to Banks and other money market deposits	3,000	164,390	-	245,641	413,031
Customers' deposits and unrestricted investment accounts	3,464,877	107,713	443	-	3,573,033
Other liabilities	139,937	2,248	238	-	142,423
Taxation	18,673	246	57	-	18,976
Shareholders' equity	519,314	(13,812)	1,908	-	507,410
Tier 1 perpetual bond	167,133	-	-	-	167,133
<b>Liabilities and shareholders' equity</b>	<b>4,312,934</b>	<b>260,785</b>	<b>2,646</b>	<b>245,641</b>	<b>4,822,006</b>
<b>Contingent liabilities</b>	<b>258,300</b>	<b>20,610</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>35,551</b>	<b>314,461</b>

	<i>Sultanate of Oman USD'000</i>	<i>UAE USD'000</i>	<i>Egypt USD'000</i>	<i>Others USD'000</i>	<i>Total USD'000</i>
Cash and balances with Central Banks	894,376	154,177	2,016	-	1,050,569
Due from Banks and other money market placements (net)	131,920	106,844	1,395	601,953	842,112
Loans, advances and Islamic financing assets (net)	8,888,478	191,849	-	-	9,080,327
Financial investments (net)	1,073,080	35,156	-	80,374	1,188,610
Property and equipment	142,993	2,184	-	-	145,177
Other assets	208,337	8,912	647	-	217,896
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>11,339,184</b>	<b>499,122</b>	<b>4,058</b>	<b>682,327</b>	<b>12,524,691</b>
Due to Banks and other money market deposits	7,792	426,987	-	638,029	1,072,808
Customers' deposits and unrestricted investment accounts	8,999,680	279,774	1,151	-	9,280,605
Other liabilities	363,473	5,839	618	-	369,930
Taxation	48,501	639	148	-	49,288
Shareholders' equity	1,348,867	(35,875)	4,956	-	1,317,948
Tier 1 perpetual bond	434,112	-	-	-	434,112
<b>Liabilities and shareholders' equity</b>	<b>11,202,425</b>	<b>677,364</b>	<b>6,873</b>	<b>638,029</b>	<b>12,524,691</b>
<b>Contingent liabilities</b>	<b>670,909</b>	<b>53,533</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>92,340</b>	<b>816,782</b>

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The distribution of assets, liabilities and contingent items by geographical regions as of 31 December 2022 is as follows:

	<i>Sultanate of</i>				
	<i>Oman</i>	<i>UAE</i>	<i>Egypt</i>	<i>Others</i>	<i>Total</i>
	<i>RO'000</i>	<i>RO'000</i>	<i>RO'000</i>	<i>RO'000</i>	<i>RO'000</i>
Cash and balances with Central Banks	213,640	47,020	929	-	261,589
Due from Banks and other money market placements (net)	27,949	3,455	613	87,243	119,260
Loans, advances and Islamic financing assets (net)	3,278,009	66,066	-	9,624	3,353,699
Financial investments (net)	375,348	12,619	-	16,420	404,387
Property and equipment	55,974	1,116	-	-	57,090
Other assets	93,844	4,086	125	-	98,055
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>4,044,764</b>	<b>134,362</b>	<b>1,667</b>	<b>113,287</b>	<b>4,294,080</b>
Due to Banks and other money market deposits	11,001	108,487	3	142,252	261,743
Customers' deposits and unrestricted investment accounts	2,934,709	112,250	463	-	3,047,422
Euro medium term notes	188,865	-	-	-	188,865
Other liabilities	138,767	362	106	-	139,235
Taxation	15,570	330	81	-	15,981
Shareholders' equity	488,870	(17,190)	2,021	-	473,701
Tier 1 perpetual bond	167,133	-	-	-	167,133
<b>Liabilities and shareholders' equity</b>	<b>3,944,915</b>	<b>204,239</b>	<b>2,674</b>	<b>142,252</b>	<b>4,294,080</b>
Contingent liabilities	266,416	18,040	-	39,526	323,982

	<i>Sultanate of</i>				
	<i>Oman</i>	<i>UAE</i>	<i>Egypt</i>	<i>Others</i>	<i>Total</i>
	<i>USD'000</i>	<i>USD'000</i>	<i>USD'000</i>	<i>USD'000</i>	<i>USD'000</i>
Cash and balances with Central Banks	554,909	122,130	2,413	-	679,452
Due from Banks and other money market placements (net)	72,595	8,974	1,592	226,605	309,766
Loans, advances and Islamic financing assets (net)	8,514,310	171,600	-	24,997	8,710,907
Financial investments (net)	974,930	32,777	-	42,649	1,050,356
Property and equipment	145,387	2,899	-	-	148,286
Other assets	243,750	10,613	325	-	254,688
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>10,505,881</b>	<b>348,993</b>	<b>4,330</b>	<b>294,251</b>	<b>11,153,455</b>
Due to Banks and other money market deposits	28,574	281,784	8	369,486	679,852
Customers' deposits and unrestricted investment accounts	7,622,621	291,558	1,203	-	7,915,382
Euro medium term notes	490,558	-	-	-	490,558
Other liabilities	360,434	940	275	-	361,649
Taxation	40,442	857	210	-	41,509
Shareholders' equity	1,269,793	(44,649)	5,249	-	1,230,393
Tier 1 perpetual bond	434,112	-	-	-	434,112
<b>Liabilities and shareholders' equity</b>	<b>10,246,534</b>	<b>530,490</b>	<b>6,945</b>	<b>369,486</b>	<b>11,153,455</b>
Contingent liabilities	691,991	46,857	-	102,664	841,512

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**34 SEGMENTAL INFORMATION**

For management purposes, the Bank is organised into four operating segments based on business units and are as follows:

- Retail Banking offers various products and facilities to individual retail and high net-worth customers to meet everyday banking needs. This includes asset products like personal loans, housing loan, credit cards and term loans and liability products like savings account, current account and term deposits.
- Wholesale Banking delivers a variety of products and services to Corporate, Government and Financial Institutions, that include lending, accepting deposits, trade finance, treasury and foreign exchange. It also includes investment Banking which offers investment products such as asset management, corporate advisory and brokerage services to retail customers and institutional clients.
- International operations include UAE and Egypt operations.
- Islamic Banking offers various products as per Shari'a principles.
- Funding Center – The Funding center is responsible for balancing and managing the liquidity of funds within the Bank. It acts as repository of funds by allocating funds transfer pricing to various business units for performance management purposes. The department also handles the Bank's investments in securities, asset/liability management and cash instruments.

Management monitors the operating results of these segments separately for the purpose of making decisions about resource allocation and performance assessment. The costs incurred by the support functions are allocated to operating segments for performance measurement purposes.

Segment information by business line is as follows:

<i>Year ended</i> <b>31 December 2023</b>	<b>Retail Banking RO'000</b>	<b>Wholesale Banking RO'000</b>	<b>International Banking RO'000</b>	<b>Islamic Banking RO'000</b>	<b>Funding center RO'000</b>	<b>Total RO'000</b>
Net Interest income and net Income from Islamic financing and Investment activities	41,018	54,426	5,154	6,078	3,866	110,542
Fees, Commission and other operating income	13,151	20,505	739	930	-	35,325
Operating income	54,169	74,931	5,893	7,008	3,866	145,867
Operating expenditure	(36,385)	(17,080)	(3,967)	(4,088)	(389)	(61,909)
Operating profit	17,784	57,851	1,926	2,920	3,477	83,958
Loan impairment (losses)/reversal	(5,474)	(10,378)	1,844	(1,690)	-	(15,698)
Net profit before tax	12,310	47,473	3,770	1,230	3,477	68,260
Taxation	(1,552)	(5,986)	(2,255)	-	(438)	(10,231)
Net profit after tax	10,758	41,487	1,515	1,230	3,039	58,029
Total assets	1,437,975	2,132,613	150,729	381,823	718,866	4,822,006
Total liabilities and equity	919,698	2,295,453	150,729	381,823	1,074,303	4,822,006

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**34 SEGMENTAL INFORMATION (CONTINUED)**

<i>Year ended</i> <b>31 December 2023</b>	Retail Banking USD'000	Wholesale Banking USD'000	International Banking USD'000	Islamic Banking USD'000	Funding center USD'000	Total USD'000
Net Interest income and net Income from Islamic financing and Investment activities	106,540	141,366	13,387	15,787	10,042	287,122
Fees, Commission and other operating income	34,158	53,260	1,919	2,416	-	91,753
Operating income	140,698	194,626	15,306	18,203	10,042	378,875
Operating expenditure	(94,507)	(44,364)	(10,304)	(10,618)	(1,010)	(160,803)
Operating profit	46,191	150,262	5,002	7,585	9,032	218,072
Loan impairment (losses)/reversal	(14,218)	(26,956)	4,790	(4,390)	-	(40,774)
Net profit before tax	31,973	123,306	9,792	3,195	9,032	177,298
Taxation	(4,031)	(15,548)	(5,857)	-	(1,138)	(26,574)
Net profit after tax	27,942	107,758	3,935	3,195	7,894	150,724
Total assets	3,735,000	5,539,255	391,504	991,748	1,867,184	12,524,691
Total liabilities and equity	2,388,826	5,962,216	391,504	991,748	2,790,397	12,524,691

**Disaggregated revenues 2023**

IFRS15 requires the disclosure of disaggregated revenue from contracts with customers for major products / service lines. The below table provides disaggregation of commission and fee income into revenues within Bank's reportable segments. Contract revenue is further segregated based on the products and services:

<b>2023</b>	Retail RO'000	Wholesale RO'000	International RO'000	Islamic RO'000	Total RO'000
Transactional	7,622	-	2	69	7,693
Trade Income	86	2,358	210	98	2,752
Account Services	117	1,124	(9)	33	1,265
Underwriting & Syndication	782	5,950	193	325	7,250
Investment banking	-	2,289	-	-	2,289
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,607</b>	<b>11,721</b>	<b>396</b>	<b>525</b>	<b>21,249</b>

  

<b>2023</b>	Retail USD'000	Wholesale USD'000	International USD'000	Islamic USD'000	Total USD'000
Transactional	19,798	-	5	179	19,982
Trade Income	223	6,125	545	255	7,148
Account Services	304	2,919	(23)	86	3,286
Underwriting & Syndication	2,031	15,455	501	844	18,831
Investment banking	-	5,945	-	-	5,945
<b>Total</b>	<b>22,356</b>	<b>30,444</b>	<b>1,028</b>	<b>1,364</b>	<b>55,192</b>

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**34 SEGMENTAL INFORMATION (CONTINUED)**

For management purposes the Bank also reports the segment information of its operations by the following geographical locations:

- i) Oman
- ii) United Arab Emirates (UAE)
- iii) Egypt

Transactions between the above segments are conducted at estimated market rates.

Segment information by geography is as follows:

<b>For the year ended 31 December 2023</b>	<i>Oman</i> <i>RO'000</i>	<i>UAE</i> <i>RO'000</i>	<i>Egypt</i> <i>RO'000</i>	<i>Total</i> <i>RO'000</i>
Net Interest income and Income from Islamic financing and Investment activities	105,390	5,148	4	110,542
Fees, Commission and other operating income	34,585	896	(156)	35,325
<b>Operating income</b>	<b>139,975</b>	<b>6,044</b>	<b>(152)</b>	<b>145,867</b>
Operating expenses	(59,694)	(2,136)	(79)	(61,909)
<b>Operating profit</b>	<b>80,281</b>	<b>3,908</b>	<b>(231)</b>	<b>83,958</b>
Total impairment losses (net) and taxation	(25,518)	(529)	118	(25,929)
<b>Segment profit for the year</b>	<b>54,763</b>	<b>3,379</b>	<b>(113)</b>	<b>58,029</b>
<b>Other information</b>				
<b>Segment assets</b>	<b>4,671,277</b>	<b>149,703</b>	<b>1,026</b>	<b>4,822,006</b>
<b>Segment capital expenses</b>	<b>3,428</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,541</b>

<b>For the year ended 31 December 2023</b>	<i>Oman</i> <i>USD'000</i>	<i>UAE</i> <i>USD'000</i>	<i>Egypt</i> <i>USD'000</i>	<i>Total</i> <i>USD'000</i>
Net Interest income and Income from Islamic financing and Investment activities	273,741	13,371	10	287,122
Fees, Commission and other operating income	89,831	2,327	(405)	91,753
<b>Operating income</b>	<b>363,572</b>	<b>15,698</b>	<b>(395)</b>	<b>378,875</b>
Operating expenses	(155,050)	(5,548)	(205)	(160,803)
<b>Operating profit</b>	<b>208,522</b>	<b>10,150</b>	<b>(600)</b>	<b>218,072</b>
Total impairment losses (net) and taxation	(66,280)	(1,374)	306	(67,348)
<b>Segment profit for the year</b>	<b>142,242</b>	<b>8,776</b>	<b>(294)</b>	<b>150,724</b>
<b>Other information</b>				
<b>Segment assets</b>	<b>12,133,187</b>	<b>388,839</b>	<b>2,665</b>	<b>12,524,691</b>
<b>Segment capital expenses</b>	<b>8,903</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9,197</b>

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Segment information by business line is as follows:

<i>Year ended</i> 31 December 2022	Retail Banking RO'000	Wholesale Banking RO'000	International Banking RO'000	Islamic Banking RO'000	Funding center RO'000	Total RO'000
Net Interest income and net Income from Islamic financing and Investment activities	45,426	61,418	3,396	5,523	(12,224)	103,539
Fees, Commission and other operating income	14,310	18,746	511	1,100	31	34,698
Operating income	59,736	80,164	3,907	6,623	(12,193)	138,237
Operating expenditure	(36,000)	(16,577)	(4,274)	(3,758)	93	(60,516)
Operating profit/(loss)	23,736	63,587	(367)	2,865	(12,100)	77,721
Loan impairment (losses)/reversal	(4,320)	(13,773)	(638)	(1,518)	-	(20,249)
Net profit/(loss) before tax	19,416	49,814	(1,005)	1,347	(12,100)	57,472
Taxation	(2,346)	(6,020)	(2,357)	-	1,462	(9,261)
Net profit/(loss) after tax	17,070	43,794	(3,362)	1,347	(10,638)	48,211
Total assets	1,332,118	2,117,153	140,203	227,163	477,443	4,294,080
Total liabilities and equity	909,304	1,889,177	140,203	227,163	1,128,233	4,294,080

<i>Year ended</i> 31 December 2022	Retail Banking USD'000	Wholesale Banking USD'000	International Banking USD'000	Islamic Banking USD'000	Funding center USD'000	Total USD'000
Net Interest income and net Income from Islamic financing and Investment activities	117,990	159,527	8,821	14,345	(31,751)	268,932
Fees, Commission and other operating income	37,169	48,691	1,327	2,857	81	90,125
Operating income	155,159	208,218	10,148	17,202	(31,670)	359,057
Operating expenditure	(93,506)	(43,057)	(11,101)	(9,761)	241	(157,184)
Operating profit/(loss)	61,653	165,161	(953)	7,441	(31,429)	201,873
Loan impairment (losses)/reversal	(11,221)	(35,774)	(1,657)	(3,943)	-	(52,595)
Net profit/(loss) before tax	50,432	129,387	(2,610)	3,498	(31,429)	149,278
Taxation	(6,094)	(15,636)	(6,122)	-	3,797	(24,055)
Net profit/(loss) after tax	44,338	113,751	(8,732)	3,498	(27,632)	125,223
Total assets	3,460,047	5,499,099	364,164	590,034	1,240,111	11,153,455
Total liabilities and equity	2,361,829	4,906,953	364,164	590,034	2,930,475	11,153,455

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**34 SEGMENTAL INFORMATION (CONTINUED)**

**Disaggregated revenues 2022**

IFRS15 requires the disclosure of disaggregated revenue from contracts with customers for major products / service lines. The below table provides disaggregation of commission and fee income (net) into revenues within Bank's reportable segments. Contract revenue is further segregated based on the products and services:

2022	Retail RO'000	Wholesale RO'000	International RO'000	Islamic RO'000	Total RO'000
Transactional	8,638	-	2	61	8,701
Trade Income	57	3,057	245	101	3,460
Account Services	93	997	(29)	31	1,092
Underwriting & Syndication	846	4,165	152	622	5,785
Investment banking	-	1,608	-	-	1,608
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,634</b>	<b>9,827</b>	<b>370</b>	<b>815</b>	<b>20,646</b>

2022	Retail USD'000	Wholesale USD'000	International USD'000	Islamic USD'000	Total USD'000
Transactional	22,435	-	6	159	22,600
Trade Income	149	7,939	637	262	8,987
Account Services	242	2,590	(76)	80	2,836
Underwriting & Syndication	2,197	10,818	395	1,616	15,026
Investment banking	-	4,177	-	-	4,177
<b>Total</b>	<b>25,023</b>	<b>25,524</b>	<b>962</b>	<b>2,117</b>	<b>53,626</b>

For management purposes the Bank also reports the segment information of its operations by the following geographical locations:

- i) Oman
- ii) United Arab Emirates (UAE)
- iii) Egypt

Transactions between the above segments are conducted at estimated market rates.

Segment information by geography is as follows:

For the year ended 31 December 2022	<i>Oman</i> RO'000	<i>UAE</i> RO'000	<i>Egypt</i> RO'000	<i>Total</i> RO'000
Net Interest income and Income from Islamic financing and Investment activities	100,143	3,395	1	103,539
Fees, Commission and other operating income	34,187	972	(461)	34,698
Operating income	134,330	4,367	(460)	138,237
Operating expenses (refer note below)	(57,919)	(2,573)	(24)	(60,516)
Operating profit	76,411	1,794	(484)	77,721
Total impairment losses (net) and taxation	(26,515)	(2,995)	-	(29,510)
Segment profit for the year	49,896	(1,201)	(484)	48,211
<b>Other information</b>				
Segment assets	4,153,877	139,149	1,054	4,294,080
Segment capital expenses	2,141	26	-	2,167

Note : Operating expenses does not include cost allocation.

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### 34 SEGMENTAL INFORMATION (CONTINUED)

Segment information by geography is as follows:

For the year ended 31 December 2022	<i>Oman</i> USD'000	<i>UAE</i> USD'000	<i>Egypt</i> USD'000	<i>Total</i> USD'000
Net Interest income and Income from Islamic financing and Investment activities	260,111	8,818	3	268,932
Fees, Commission and other operating income	88,797	2,525	(1,197)	90,125
Operating income	348,908	11,343	(1,194)	359,057
Operating expenses	(150,439)	(6,683)	(62)	(157,184)
Operating profit	198,469	4,660	(1,256)	201,873
Total impairment losses (net) and taxation	(68,870)	(7,780)	-	(76,650)
Segment profit for the year	129,599	(3,120)	(1,256)	125,223
Other information				
Segment assets	10,789,291	361,426	2,738	11,153,455
Segment capital expenses	5,561	67	-	5,628

### 35 FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Based on the valuation methodology outlined below, the fair values of all financial instruments at 31 December 2023 and 31 December 2022 are considered by the Management not to be materially different to their book values.

#### Estimation of fair values

The following summarises the major methods and assumptions used in estimating the fair values of assets and liabilities:

#### 1. Loans, advances and Islamic financing assets

Fair value is calculated based on discounted expected future principal and interest cash flows. Loan repayments are assumed to occur at contractual repayment dates, where applicable. For loans that do not have fixed repayment dates or that are subject to prepayment risk, repayments are estimated based on experience in previous periods when interest rates were at levels similar to current levels, adjusted for any differences in interest rate outlook. Expected future cash flows are estimated considering credit risk and any indication of impairment. Expected future cash flows for homogeneous categories of loans are estimated on a portfolio basis and discounted at current rates offered for similar loans to new borrowers with similar credit profiles. The estimated fair values of loans reflect changes in credit status since the loans were made and changes in interest rates in the case of fixed rate loans.

#### 2. Investments

Fair value is based on quoted market prices at the reporting date without any deduction for transaction costs. If a quoted market price is not available, fair value is estimated based on discounted cash flow and other valuation techniques.

Where discounted cash flow techniques are used, estimated future cash flows are based on management's best estimates and the discount rate is a market-related rate for a similar instrument at the reporting date.

#### 3. Current account balances due to and due from Banks

The carrying amount of current account balances due to and from Banks was considered to be a reasonable estimate of fair value due to their short term nature.

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**35 FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (continued)**

**4. Bank and customer deposits**

For demand deposits and deposits with no defined maturities, fair value is taken to be the amount payable on demand at the reporting date. The estimated fair value of fixed-maturity deposits, including certificates of deposit, is based on discounted cash flows using rates currently offered for deposits of similar remaining maturities. The value of long-term relationships with depositors is not taken into account in estimating fair values.

**5. Other financial instruments**

No fair value adjustment is made with respect to credit-related off-balance sheet financial instruments, which include commitments to extend credit, standby letters of credit and guarantees, as the related future income streams materially reflect contractual fees and commissions actually charged at the reporting date for agreements of similar credit standing and maturity.

Foreign exchange contracts are valued based on market prices. The market value adjustments in respect of foreign exchange contracts are included in other assets and other liabilities.

The fair values of financial instruments that are traded in active markets are based on quoted market prices or dealer price quotations. Other unquoted equities are valued based on information provided by fund managers, investee financial information and current purchase prices.

The Bank measures fair values using the following fair value hierarchy, which reflects the significance of the inputs used in making the measurements.

**Valuation models**

Level 1: inputs that are quoted market prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical instruments.

Level 2: inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable either directly (i.e. as prices) or indirectly (i.e. derived from prices). This category includes instruments valued using: quoted market prices in active markets for similar instruments; quoted prices for identical or similar instruments in markets that are considered less than active; or other valuation techniques in which all significant inputs are directly or indirectly observable from market data.

Level 3: inputs that are unobservable. This category includes all instruments for which the valuation technique includes inputs not based on observable data and the unobservable inputs have a significant effect on the instrument's valuation. This category includes instruments that are valued based on quoted prices for similar instruments for which significant unobservable adjustments or assumptions are required to reflect differences between the instruments.

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**35 FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONTINUED)**

The following table shows an analysis of financial instruments other than derivatives instruments recorded at fair value by level of the fair value hierarchy:

<i>Total</i>	<i>Level 2</i>	<i>Level 1</i>		<i>Level 1</i>	<i>Level 2</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>USD'000</i>	<i>USD'000</i>	<i>USD'000</i>	<i>31 December 2023</i>	<i>RO'000</i>	<i>RO'000</i>	<i>RO'000</i>
			<b>Investment measured at FVTPL</b>			
<b>4,862</b>	-	<b>4,862</b>	Quoted equities	<b>1,852</b>	-	<b>1,852</b>
<b>6,283</b>	<b>6,283</b>	-	Unquoted equities	-	<b>2,585</b>	<b>2,585</b>
<b>11,145</b>	<b>6,283</b>	<b>4,862</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,852</b>	<b>2,585</b>	<b>4,437</b>
			<b>Investment measured at FVOCI</b>			
<b>160,821</b>	-	<b>160,821</b>	Quoted equities	<b>61,916</b>	-	<b>61,916</b>
<b>160,821</b>	-	<b>160,821</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>61,916</b>	-	<b>61,916</b>
<b>171,966</b>	<b>6,283</b>	<b>165,683</b>	<b>Total financial assets</b>	<b>63,768</b>	<b>2,585</b>	<b>66,353</b>
<i>Total</i>	<i>Level 2</i>	<i>Level 1</i>		<i>Level 1</i>	<i>Level 2</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>USD'000</i>	<i>USD'000</i>	<i>USD'000</i>	<i>31 December 2022</i>	<i>RO'000</i>	<i>RO'000</i>	<i>RO'000</i>
			<b>Investment measured at FVTPL</b>			
<b>4,863</b>	-	<b>4,863</b>	Quoted equities	<b>1,872</b>	-	<b>1,872</b>
<b>6,283</b>	<b>6,283</b>	-	Unquoted equities	-	<b>2,419</b>	<b>2,419</b>
<b>11,146</b>	<b>6,283</b>	<b>4,863</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,872</b>	<b>2,419</b>	<b>4,291</b>
			<b>Investment measured at FVOCI</b>			
<b>124,036</b>	-	<b>124,036</b>	Quoted equities	<b>47,754</b>	-	<b>47,754</b>
<b>124,036</b>	-	<b>124,036</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>47,754</b>	-	<b>47,754</b>
<b>135,182</b>	<b>6,283</b>	<b>128,899</b>	<b>Total financial assets</b>	<b>49,626</b>	<b>2,419</b>	<b>52,045</b>

The Bank's primary medium and long-term financial liabilities are the borrowed funds and subordinated liabilities. The fair values of these financial liabilities not materially different from their carrying values, since these liabilities are repriced at intervals of three or six months, depending on the terms and conditions of the instrument and the resultant applicable margins approximate the current spreads that would apply for borrowings with similar maturities

Derivative financial instrument at level 2 are valued based on counter party valuation, quoted forward rates and yield curves (see note 36). There are no transfers between levels of fair value measurement hierarchy during the years ended 31 December 2023 and 2022.

**36 DERIVATIVES**

In the ordinary course of business, the Bank enters into various types of transactions with customers and for own account for hedging purpose that involve derivative financial instruments. A derivative financial instrument is a financial contract between two parties where payments are dependent upon movements in price in one or more underlying financial instrument, reference rate or index. The Bank uses the following derivative financial instruments:

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## 36 DERIVATIVES (CONTINUED)

### *Derivative product types*

Forwards are contractual agreements to either buy or sell a specified currency, commodity or financial instrument at a specific price and date in the future. Forwards are customised contracts transacted in the over-the-counter market.

Swaps are contractual agreements between two parties to exchange movements in interest or foreign currency rates and equity indices, and (in the case of credit default swaps) to make payments with respect to defined credit events based on specified notional amounts.

Options are contractual agreements that convey the right, but not the obligation, to either buy or sell a specific amount of a commodity, foreign currency or financial instrument at a fixed price, either at a fixed future date or at any time within a specified period.

### *Derivatives held or issued for hedging purposes*

As part of its asset and liability management the Bank uses derivatives for hedging purposes in order to reduce its exposure to currency and interest rate risks. Hedging specific financial instruments and forecasted transactions as well as strategic hedging against overall balance sheet exposures achieve this.

The Bank uses forward foreign exchange contracts, options and currency swaps to hedge against specifically identified currency risks. In addition, the Bank uses interest rate swaps to hedge against the cash flow risks arising from certain fixed interest rate loans and deposits.

For interest rate risk strategic hedging is carried out by monitoring the re-pricing of financial assets and liabilities and entering into interest rate swaps to hedge a proportion of the interest rate exposure.

### *Fair value hedges of interest rate risk*

The Bank uses interest rate swaps to hedge its exposure to changes in the fair values of fixed-rate euro medium term notes (EMTN) issued in respect of the USD LIBOR benchmark interest rate. Pay-floating / receive-fixed interest rate swaps are matched to specific issuances of fixed-rate EMTN with terms that closely align with the critical terms of the hedged item.

The Bank's approach to managing market risk, including interest rate risk, is discussed in Note 32. The Bank's exposure to interest rate risk is disclosed in Note 32.3. Interest rate risk to which the Bank applies hedge accounting arises from fixed-rate senior unsecured bonds issued. The Bank hedges interest rate risk only to the extent of benchmark interest rates because the changes in fair value of a fixed-rate EMTN is significantly influenced by changes in the benchmark interest rate USD SOFR. Hedge accounting is applied where economic hedging relationships meet the hedge accounting criteria.

By using derivative financial instruments to hedge exposures to changes in interest rates, the Bank also exposes itself to credit risk of the derivative counterparty, which is not offset by the hedged item. The Bank minimizes counterparty credit risk in derivative instruments by entering into transactions with high-quality counterparties whose credit rating is higher than A, requiring counterparties to post collateral and clearing through CCPs.

Before fair value hedge accounting is applied by the Bank, the Bank determines whether an economic relationship between the hedged item and the hedging instrument exists based on an evaluation of the qualitative characteristics of these items and the hedged risk that is supported by quantitative analysis. The Bank considers whether the critical terms of the hedged item and hedging instrument closely align when assessing the presence of an economic relationship. The Bank evaluates whether the fair value of the hedged item and the hedging instrument respond similarly to similar risks. The Bank further supports this qualitative assessment by using regression analysis to assess whether the hedging instrument is expected to be and has been highly effective in offsetting changes in the fair value of the hedged item.

The Bank establishes a hedge ratio by aligning the par amount of the fixed-rate senior unsecured bonds and the notional amount of the interest rate swap designated as a hedging instrument. Under the Bank policy, in order to conclude that a hedging relationship is effective, economic relationship between the hedged item and the hedging instrument should exist along with critical terms (such as the nominal amount, maturity and underlying) of the hedging instrument and the hedged item match or are closely aligned.

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**36 DERIVATIVES (CONTINUED)**

***Fair value hedges of interest rate risk (continued)***

In these hedging relationships, the main sources of ineffectiveness are:

- the effect of the counterparty and the Bank's own credit risk on the fair value of the interest rate swap, which is not reflected in the fair value of the hedged item attributable to the change in interest rate; and
- differences in maturities of the interest rate swap and the loans or the notes.

There were no other sources of ineffectiveness in these hedging relationships.

The effective portion of fair value gains on derivatives held in qualifying fair value hedging relationships and the hedging gain or loss on the hedged items are included in net interest income.

The amounts relating to items designated as hedging instruments at 31 December 2022 as disclosed below.

The table below shows the positive and negative fair values of derivative financial instruments entered with and on behalf of customers, which are equivalent to the market values, together with the notional amounts analysed by the term to maturity. The notional amount is the amount of a derivative's underlying asset, reference rate or index and is the basis upon which changes in the value of derivatives are measured.

**31 December 2023**

	<i>Positive fair value</i> <i>RO'000</i> <i>(note 9)</i>	<i>Negative fair value</i> <i>RO'000</i> <i>(note 13)</i>	<i>Notional amount</i> <i>RO'000</i>	<i>Notional amounts by term to maturity</i>		
				<i>Within 3 months</i> <i>RO'000</i>	<i>3 - 12 months</i> <i>RO'000</i>	<i>More than 1 year</i> <i>RO'000</i>
Interest rate swaps	13,847	(13,847)	309,687	8,203	25,091	276,393
Forward foreign exchange purchase contracts	29	(21)	192,604	135,904	56,700	-
Forward foreign exchange sales contracts	136	(100)	192,604	135,925	56,679	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>14,012</b>	<b>(13,968)</b>	<b>694,895</b>	<b>280,032</b>	<b>138,470</b>	<b>276,393</b>
<b>Total – USD'000</b>	<b>36,395</b>	<b>(36,281)</b>	<b>1,804,922</b>	<b>727,356</b>	<b>359,662</b>	<b>717,904</b>

**31 December 2022**

	<i>Positive fair value</i> <i>RO'000</i> <i>(note 9)</i>	<i>Negative fair value</i> <i>RO'000</i> <i>(note 13)</i>	<i>Notional amount</i> <i>RO'000</i>	<i>Notional amounts by term to maturity</i>		
				<i>Within 3 months</i> <i>RO'000</i>	<i>3 - 12 months</i> <i>RO'000</i>	<i>More than 1 year</i> <i>RO'000</i>
Fair Value hedge - EMTN	-	(3,635)	192,500	-	-	192,500
Interest rate swaps	20,557	(20,557)	442,065	13,131	31,662	397,272
Forward foreign exchange purchase contracts	4	(50)	388,784	143,828	244,956	-
Forward foreign exchange sales contracts	286	(93)	388,784	143,860	244,924	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>20,847</b>	<b>(24,335)</b>	<b>1,412,133</b>	<b>300,819</b>	<b>521,542</b>	<b>589,772</b>
<b>Total – USD'000</b>	<b>54,148</b>	<b>(63,208)</b>	<b>3,667,878</b>	<b>781,348</b>	<b>1,354,655</b>	<b>1,531,875</b>

**37 COMPARATIVE AMOUNTS**

Certain of the corresponding figures for 2022 have been reclassified in order to conform with the presentation for the current year.