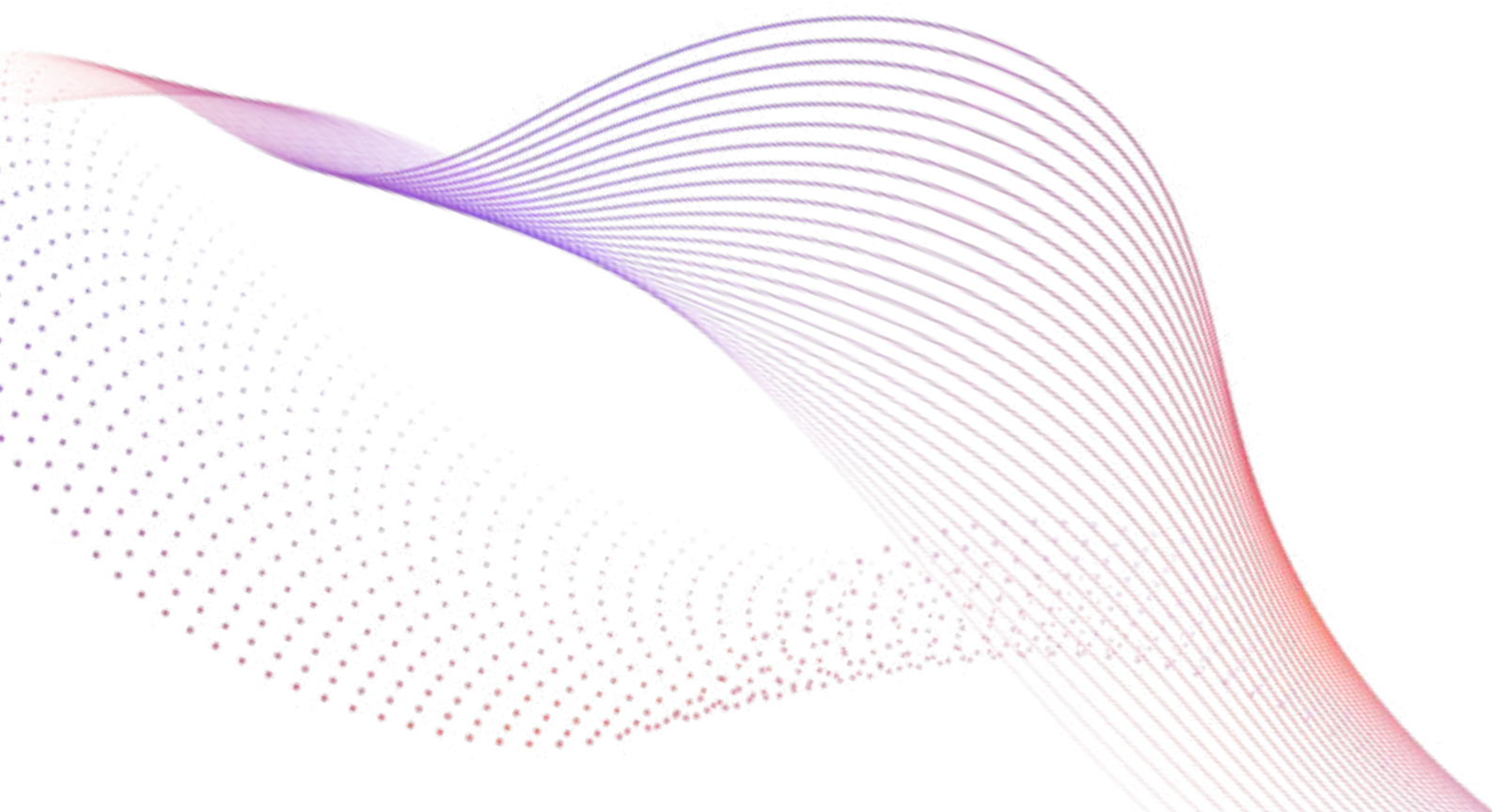


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For the Year Ended 31 December 2023



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These Audited Preliminary Group Consolidated Financial Statements are subject to the Central Bank of UAE Approval and adoption by the Shareholders at the Annual General Meeting.

Independent Auditor's Report To the Shareholders of Emirates Islamic Bank P.J.S.C.

The Shareholders
Emirates Islamic Bank P.J.S.C.
Dubai
United Arab Emirates

Report on the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the consolidated financial statements of **Emirates Islamic Bank P.J.S.C. (the "Bank")** and its subsidiaries (**together the "Group"**) which comprise the consolidated statement of financial position as at 31 December 2023, and the consolidated income statement, consolidated statement of comprehensive income, consolidated statement of cash flows and consolidated statement of changes in equity for the year then ended, and notes to the consolidated financial statements, including a summary of material accounting policies information.

In our opinion, the accompanying consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of the Group, as at 31 December 2023, and its consolidated financial performance and consolidated cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS Accounting Standards).

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISAs). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the Group in accordance with the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (the "IESBA Code") together with the other ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the Group's consolidated financial statements in the United Arab Emirates and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Key Audit Matters

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgment, were of most significance in our audit of the consolidated financial statements of the current period. These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of the consolidated financial statements as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters.

Key audit matter

How our audit addressed the key audit matter

Financing receivables loss impairments – Estimation uncertainty with respect to expected credit losses for financing receivables to customers

The assessment of the Group's determination of impairment allowances for financing receivables to customers require management to make judgements over the staging of financial assets and measurement of the Expected Credit Loss (ECL). The audit was focused on this matter due to the materiality of the financing receivables to customers (representing 61% of total assets) and the complexity of the judgements, assumptions and estimates used in the ECL models. Refer to Note 6 to the consolidated financial statements for the accounting policy and Note 35 for the credit risk disclosure.

We gained an understanding of the financing receivables origination process, credit risk management process and the estimation process of determining impairment allowances for financing receivables to customers and tested the operating effectiveness of relevant controls within these processes.

On a sample basis, we selected individual financing receivables and performed a detailed credit review and challenged the Group's identification of SICR (Stage 2), the assessment of credit-impaired classification (Stage 3) and whether relevant impairment events had been identified in a timely manner. We challenged the assumptions underlying the impairment allowance calculation, such as estimated future cash flows, collateral valuations and estimates of recovery. We evaluated controls over approval, accuracy and completeness of impairment allowances and governance controls, including assessing key management and committee meetings that form part of the approval process for financing receivables impairment allowances.

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Independent Auditor's Report To the Shareholders of Emirates Islamic Bank P.J.S.C. continued

Key audit matter

How our audit addressed the key audit matter

Financing receivables loss impairments – Estimation uncertainty with respect to expected credit losses for financing receivables to customers (continued)

The material portion of the non-retail portfolio of financing receivables is assessed individually for the significant increase in credit risk (SICR) or credit impairment and the related measurement of ECL. This requires management to capture all qualitative and quantitative reasonable and supportable forward-looking information while assessing SICR, or while assessing credit-impaired criteria for the exposure. Management judgement may also be involved in manual staging movements in accordance with the Group's policies and the requirements of IFRS 9 Financial Instruments ("IFRS 9").

The measurement of ECL amounts for retail and non-retail exposures classified as Stage 1 and Stage 2 are carried out by the models with limited manual intervention. It is important that models and its parameters (Probability of Default "PD", Loss given Default "LGD", Exposure at Default "EAD" and macroeconomic adjustments) are valid throughout the reporting period and are subject to a validation process by an independent reviewer.

We evaluated key assumptions such as criteria used to determine SICR and forward-looking macroeconomic scenarios including the related weighting.

For financing receivables tested collectively, we evaluated controls over the modelling process, including model inputs, monitoring, validation, and approval. We challenged key assumptions, reviewed the calculation methodology and traced a sample back to source data.

We tested the IT application used in the credit impairment process and verified the integrity of data used as input to the models including the transfer of data between source systems and the impairment models. We evaluated system-based and manual controls over the recognition and measurement of impairment allowances.

We evaluated post-model adjustments and management overlays in order to assess the reasonableness of these adjustments. We further assessed the reasonableness of forward-looking information incorporated into the impairment calculations by involving our specialists to challenge the multiple economic scenarios chosen and weighting applied to capture non-linear losses.

The Group performed an independent validation of the PD and LGD models including macro-economic model during the reporting period. We considered the process of this independent validation of models and involved our subject matter specialists to review the validation and its impact on the results of the impairment estimate.

We have updated our assessment of the methodology and framework designed and implemented by the Group as to whether the impairment models outcomes and stage allocations appear reasonable and reflective of the forecasts used by the Group to determine future economic conditions at the reporting date.

We assessed the disclosures in the consolidated financial statements relating to this matter against the requirements of IFRS Accounting Standards.

Independent Auditor’s Report To the Shareholders of Emirates Islamic Bank P.J.S.C. continued

Key audit matter

How our audit addressed the key audit matter

IT systems and controls over financial reporting

We identified IT systems and controls over financial reporting as an area of focus due to the extensive volume and variety of transactions which are processed daily by the Group and rely on the effective operation of automated and IT dependent manual controls. There is a risk that automated accounting procedures and related internal controls are not accurately designed and operating effectively. In particular, the incorporated relevant controls are essential to address the potential risk for fraud and error as a result of change to applications or underlying data.

We obtained an understanding of the applications relevant to financial reporting and the infrastructure supporting these applications.

We tested IT general controls relevant to the identified automated controls and Information Produced by the Entity (IPEs) covering access security, program changes, data center and network operations.

We examined certain Information Produced by the Entity (IPEs) used in the financial reporting from relevant applications and key controls over their report logics as well as preparation and maintenance.

We performed testing on the key automated controls on significant IT systems relevant to business processes.

We tested the interfaces among identified systems in order to determine whether information is being transmitted in an accurate and complete manner.

Other Information

The Board of Directors is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the annual report of the Group but does not include the consolidated financial statements and our auditor’s report thereon.

Our opinion on the consolidated financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance or conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the consolidated financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the consolidated financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work we have performed we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Consolidated Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the consolidated financial statements in accordance with IFRS Accounting Standards and their preparation in compliance with applicable provisions of UAE Federal Decree law no 32 of 2021, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of consolidated financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the consolidated financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Group’s ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Group or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Group’s financial reporting process.

Auditor’s Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor’s report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these consolidated financial statements.



Independent Auditor's Report

To the Shareholders of Emirates Islamic Bank P.J.S.C. continued

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than the one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omission, misrepresentations, or the override of internal controls.
- Obtain an understanding of internal controls relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the internal controls.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Group's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the consolidated financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Group to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the consolidated financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the consolidated financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- Obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business activities within the Group to express an opinion on the consolidated financial statements. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the group audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

We also provide those charged with governance with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

From the matters communicated with the Group's Audit Committee, we determine those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the consolidated financial statements of the current period and are therefore the key audit matters. We describe these matters in our auditor's report unless law and regulations preclude public disclosure about the matter or when, in extremely rare circumstances, we determine that a matter should not be communicated in our report because the adverse consequences of doing so would reasonably be expected to outweigh the public interest benefits of such communication.

Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

As required by the UAE Federal Law No. (32) of 2021, we report that for the year ended 31 December 2023:

- We have obtained all the information we considered necessary for the purposes of our audit;
- The consolidated financial statements have been prepared and comply, in all material respects, with the applicable provisions of the UAE Federal Law No. (32) of 2021;
- The Group has maintained proper books of account;
- The financial information included in the Directors' report is consistent with the books of account and records of the Group;
- Note 10 to the consolidated financial statements discloses the Group's purchases or investments in shares during the year ended 31 December 2023;
- Note 30 to the consolidated financial statements discloses material related party transactions and the terms under which they were conducted and principles of managing conflict of interest;
- Based on the information that has been made available to us nothing has come to our attention which causes us to believe that the Group has contravened during the year ended 31 December 2023 any of the applicable provisions of the UAE Federal Law No. (32) of 2021 or, in respect of the Bank its Articles of Association which would materially affect its activities or its financial position as at 31 December 2023; and
- Note 37 to the consolidated financial statements of the Group discloses social contributions made during the year ended 31 December 2023.

Further, as required by UAE Federal Law No. (14) of 2018, we report that we have obtained all the information and explanations we considered necessary for the purpose of our audit.

Deloitte & Touche (M.E.)

Musa Ramahi
Registration No. 872
24 January 2024
Dubai
United Arab Emirates

Group Consolidated Statement of Financial Position As at 31 December 2023

	Notes	2023 AED 000	2022 AED 000
ASSETS			
Cash and deposits with the Central Bank of the UAE	8	14,981,141	12,026,286
Due from banks	9	6,131,154	4,614,476
Investment securities	10	10,429,662	7,355,871
Financing receivables	11	53,747,737	48,368,978
Positive fair value of Islamic derivatives	27	184,173	184,118
Customer acceptances	29	1,036,534	923,843
Investment properties		184,806	280,547
Property and equipment		270,848	249,206
Other assets	12	845,676	760,393
TOTAL ASSETS		87,811,731	74,763,718
LIABILITIES			
Due to banks	13	5,792,375	1,880,081
Customer deposits	14	61,314,915	56,343,655
Sukuk payable	15	4,672,500	3,672,500
Negative fair value of Islamic derivatives	27	178,396	191,500
Customer acceptances	29	1,036,534	923,843
Other liabilities	16	3,373,303	2,491,797
TOTAL LIABILITIES		76,368,023	65,503,376
EQUITY			
Issued capital	17	5,430,422	5,430,422
Legal and statutory reserve	18	1,027,161	815,039
Other reserves	18	543,043	543,043
Fair value reserve	18	(269,979)	(375,476)
Retained earnings		4,713,061	2,847,314
TOTAL EQUITY ATTRIBUTABLE TO EQUITY HOLDERS OF THE GROUP		11,443,708	9,260,342
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		87,811,731	74,763,718

The attached notes 1 to 38 form an integral part of these Group consolidated financial statements.
The independent auditor's report is set out on pages 2 to 5.



Mr. Hesham Abdulla Al Qassim
Chairman



Mr. Shayne Nelson
Director



Mr. Farid Al Mulla
Chief Executive Officer

Group Consolidated Statement of Income

For the year ended 31 December 2023

	Notes	2023 AED 000	2022 AED 000
Income from financing and investment products	19	4,664,893	2,695,320
Distribution on deposits and profit paid to Sukuk holders	20	(950,916)	(360,061)
Net income from financing and investment products		3,713,977	2,335,259
Fee and commission income	21	937,078	829,530
Fee and commission expense		(454,937)	(374,426)
Net fee and commission income		482,141	455,104
Other operating income	22	569,453	391,662
Total operating income		4,765,571	3,182,025
General and administrative expenses	23	(1,771,366)	(1,539,020)
Operating profit before impairment		2,994,205	1,643,005
Net impairment loss on financial assets	24	(994,638)	(401,561)
Net impairment (loss) / reversal on non-financial assets		121,648	(1,300)
Total net impairment loss		(872,990)	(402,861)
Net profit for the year		2,121,215	1,240,144
Earnings per share (AED)	26	0.391	0.228

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Group Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income For the year ended 31 December 2023

	2023 AED 000	2022 AED 000
Net profit for the year	2,121,215	1,240,144
Other comprehensive income		
Items that will not be reclassified subsequently to the Income statement:		
Actuarial gains / (losses) on retirement benefit obligations	(15,714)	8,073
Items that may be reclassified subsequently to the Income statement:		
Cash flow hedges:		
– Effective portion of changes in fair value	4,986	–
Movement in fair value reserve (Sukuk instruments):		
– Net change in fair value	100,548	(486,810)
– Net amount transferred to income statement	(37)	(1,056)
Other comprehensive income / (loss) for the year	89,783	(479,793)
Total comprehensive income for the year	2,210,998	760,351

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Group Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows

For the year ended 31 December 2023

	2023 AED 000	2022 AED 000
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Net profit for the year	2,121,215	1,240,144
Adjustment for non cash items and other items (refer Note 33)	1,231,036	584,358
Operating profit before changes in operating assets and liabilities	3,352,251	1,824,502
(Increase) / decrease in balances with the Central Bank maturing after three months	(7,439,773)	2,637,047
(Increase) / decrease in amounts due from banks maturing after three months	(3,045,773)	392,866
Increase / (decrease) in amounts due to banks maturing after three months	(146,455)	153,946
(Increase) / decrease in positive fair value of Islamic derivatives	4,931	(65,742)
Increase / (decrease) in negative fair value of Islamic derivatives	(13,104)	64,885
(Increase) / decrease in other assets	(85,283)	(95,652)
Increase / (decrease) in other liabilities	698,126	518,331
Increase / (decrease) in customer deposits	4,971,260	9,074,594
(Increase) / decrease in financing receivables	(6,451,460)	(6,342,250)
Net cash flows (used in) / generated from operating activities	(8,155,280)	8,162,527
INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
(Increase) / decrease in investment securities	(3,018,038)	(1,072,456)
(Increase) / decrease of investment properties	215,665	(5,057)
Dividend income received	29	10,147
(Increase) / decrease of property and equipment	(110,215)	(54,272)
Net cash flows used in investing activities	(2,912,559)	(1,121,638)
FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Issuance of Sukuk	1,000,000	-
Net cash flows generated from financing activities	1,000,000	-
Increase / (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents (refer Note 33)	(10,067,839)	7,040,889

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Group Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity For the year ended 31 December 2023

	Issued capital AED 000	Legal and statutory reserve AED 000	Other reserves AED 000	Fair value reserve AED 000	Retained earnings AED 000	Total AED 000
Balance as at 1 January 2023	5,430,422	815,039	543,043	(375,476)	2,847,314	9,260,342
Profit for the year	-	-	-	-	2,121,215	2,121,215
Other comprehensive income/(loss) for the year	-	-	-	105,497	(15,714)	89,783
Transfer to reserves	-	212,122	-	-	(212,122)	-
Directors' fees (refer note 25)	-	-	-	-	(7,000)	(7,000)
Zakat	-	-	-	-	(20,632)	(20,632)
Balance as at 31 December 2023	5,430,422	1,027,161	543,043	(269,979)	4,713,061	11,443,708
Balance as at 1 January 2022	5,430,422	691,025	543,043	112,390	1,774,104	8,550,984
Profit for the year	-	-	-	-	1,240,144	1,240,144
Other comprehensive income/(loss) for the year	-	-	-	(487,866)	8,073	(479,793)
Transfer to reserves	-	124,014	-	-	(124,014)	-
Directors' fees	-	-	-	-	(7,000)	(7,000)
Zakat	-	-	-	-	(43,993)	(43,993)
Balance as at 31 December 2022	5,430,422	815,039	543,043	(375,476)	2,847,314	9,260,342

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Notes to the Group Consolidated Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 December 2023

1 Corporate Information

Emirates Islamic Bank P.J.S.C. (the "Bank") was incorporated by a decree of His Highness the Ruler of Dubai as a conventional Bank with a limited liability in the Emirate of Dubai on 3 October 1975. The Bank was reregistered as a Public Joint Stock Company in July 1995 and is regulated by the Central Bank of United Arab Emirates.

At an extraordinary general meeting held on 10 March 2004, a resolution was passed to transform the Bank's activities to be in full compliance with the Shariah rules and principles. The entire process was completed on 9 October 2004 (the "Transformation Date") when the Bank obtained the UAE Central Bank and other UAE authorities' approvals.

The Bank is a subsidiary of Emirates NBD Bank (P.J.S.C), Dubai (the "Group Holding Company"). The ultimate parent company of the Group Holding Company is Investment Corporation of Dubai (the "Ultimate Parent Company"), which is wholly owned by the Government of Dubai.

The Bank is listed in the Dubai Financial Market (TICKER: "EIB"). The Bank's website is www.emiratesislamic.ae. In addition to its head office in Dubai, the Bank operates through 40 branches in the UAE. The consolidated financial statements comprise financial statements of the Bank and its following subsidiaries (together referred to as "the Group").

	Date of incorporation & country	Principal activity	Ownership %	
			31 December 2023	31 December 2022
Emirates Islamic Financial Brokerage Co. LLC*	26 April 2006, UAE	Financial brokerage services	100%	100%
EIB Sukuk Company Limited	6 June 2007, Cayman Islands	Special Purpose Entity	100%	100%
EI Funding Limited	15 May 2014, Cayman Islands	Special Purpose Entity	100%	100%

The Bank provides banking services and offers a variety of products through financing and investing instruments in accordance with Shariah rules and principles.

The Bank's registered office address is P.O. Box 6564, Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

*This subsidiary is in the process of being dissolved.

2 Basis of accounting

Statement of compliance:

The Group consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs) issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) and applicable requirements of the laws of the UAE.

Federal Law No. 32 of 2021 on Commercial Companies has come into effect from 2 January 2022, replacing the existing Federal Law No. 2 of 2015.

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the Group consolidated financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented, unless otherwise stated.

3 Functional and presentation currency

The Group consolidated financial statements are presented in United Arab Emirates Dirham (AED), which is the Group's functional currency. Except where indicated, financial information presented in AED has been rounded to the nearest thousand.

4 Basis of measurement

The Group consolidated financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost basis except for the following:

- Shariah compliant derivatives are measured at fair value;
- financial instruments classified at fair value through profit or loss (FVTPL) are measured at fair value; and,
- financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income (FVOCI) are measured at fair value.

The preparation of consolidated financial statements in conformity with IFRS requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise judgment in the process of applying the Group's accounting policies. The areas involving a higher degree of judgment or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the Group consolidated financial statements are disclosed in Note 5.

Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements continued

5 Use of judgements and estimates

The preparation of the Group consolidated financial statements requires management to make certain estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amount of financial assets and liabilities and the resultant allowances for impairment and fair values. In particular, considerable judgment by management is required in the estimation of the amount and timing of future cash flows when determining the level of allowances required for impaired financing receivables as well as allowances for impairment provision for unquoted investment securities. 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.

Significant items where the use of estimates and judgments are required are outlined below:

(i) Financial instruments

Judgments made in applying accounting policies that have most significant effects on the amounts recognized in the consolidated financial statements of the year ended 31 December 2023 pertain to:

- Classification of financial assets: assessment of business model within which the assets are held and assessment of whether the contractual terms of the financial assets are solely payment of principal and profit of the principal amount outstanding.
- Calculation of expected credit loss (ECL): Assumptions and estimation uncertainties that have a significant impact on ECL for the year ended 31 December 2023. The impact is mainly driven by inputs, assumptions and techniques used for ECL calculation under IFRS 9 methodology.

Inputs, assumptions and techniques used for ECL calculation

Key concepts that have the most significant impact and require a high level of judgment, as considered by the Group while determining the ECL, are:

Assessment of Significant Increase in Credit Risk ("SICR")

The assessment of a significant increase in credit risk is done on a relative basis. To assess whether the credit risk on a financial asset has increased significantly since origination, the Group compares the risk of default occurring over the expected life of the financial asset at the reporting date to the corresponding risk of default at origination, using key risk indicators that are used in the Group's existing risk management processes.

The Group's assessment of significant increases in credit risk is being performed at least quarterly for each individual exposure based on three factors. If any of the following factors indicates that a significant increase in credit risk has occurred, the instrument will be moved from Stage 1 to Stage 2:

1. The Group has established thresholds for significant increase in credit risk based on movement in Probability of Default relative to initial recognition.
2. Additional qualitative reviews have been performed to assess the staging results and make adjustments, as necessary, to better reflect the positions which have significantly increased in risk.
3. IFRS 9 contains a rebuttable presumption that instruments which are 30 days past due have experienced a significant increase in credit risk.

Movements between Stage 2 and Stage 3 are based on whether financial assets are credit-impaired as at the reporting date. The determination of credit-impairment is based on individual assessment of financial assets for objective evidence of impairment.

The Group reviews its financing receivables portfolio to assess impairment on a regular basis. In determining whether an impairment loss should be recorded in the consolidated statement of income, the Group makes judgments as to whether there is any observable data indicating that there is a measurable decrease in the contractual future cash flows from a financing receivable or homogenous group of financing receivables. The methodology and assumptions used for estimating both the amount and timing of future cash flows are reviewed regularly to reduce any differences between loss estimates and actual loss.

Macroeconomic Factors, Forward Looking Information (FLI) and Multiple Scenarios

The measurement of ECL for each stage and the assessment of significant increases in credit risk considers information about past events and current conditions as well as reasonable and supportable forecasts of future events and economic conditions.

The estimation and application of forward-looking information requires significant judgment based on the macroeconomic variables (or changes in macroeconomic variables) such as occupancy rates, oil prices, housing price index and GDP (where applicable), that are closely correlated with credit losses in the relevant portfolio and represent the underlying causal effects of changes in these economic conditions. Each macroeconomic scenario used in the Group's ECL calculation will have projected forecasts of the relevant macroeconomic variables.

The Group estimation of ECL in Stage 1 and Stage 2 is a discounted probability-weighted estimate that considers a minimum of three future macroeconomic scenarios. These scenarios are based on macroeconomic forecasts published by the external experts. If conditions warrant, additional downside scenarios may also be considered.

Probability weights attached to these scenarios are updated on a quarterly basis (if required). All scenarios considered are applied to all portfolios subject to ECL with the same probabilities. In some instances the inputs and models used for calculating ECLs may not always capture all characteristics of the market at the date of the consolidated financial statements. To reflect this, qualitative adjustments or overlays are occasionally made as temporary adjustments when such differences are significantly material. Such cases are subjected to the Group's governance process for oversight.

Sensitivity assessment due to movement in each macroeconomic variable and the respective weights under the three scenarios is periodically assessed by the Group.

The table below summarises key macroeconomic indicators included in the economic scenarios on 31 December 2023 for the years ending 2023 to 2027.

	Base Scenario					Upside Scenario					Downside Scenario				
	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
UAE															
Oil Price – USD	84	87	76	74	74	84	89	77	74	74	84	69	59	69	72
GDP – Change %	3.1	4.0	4.3	3.1	3.2	3.1	5.8	5.7	3.2	3.2	3.1	0.2	-0.2	4.1	4.9
Imports – AED in Bn	1436	1500	1561	1602	1639	1436	1521	1604	1669	1722	1436	1372	1325	1365	1410

As with any economic forecasts, the projections and likelihoods of the occurrence are subject to inherent uncertainty and therefore the actual outcomes may be significantly different to those projected.

Definition of default

The definition of default used in the measurement of ECL and the assessment to determine movement between stages is consistent with the definition of default used for internal credit risk management purposes. IFRS 9 does not define default, but contains a rebuttable presumption that default has occurred when an exposure is greater than 90 days past due.

Expected Life

When measuring ECL, the Group must consider the maximum contractual period over which it is exposed to credit risk. All applicable contractual terms are considered when determining the expected life, including prepayment extension and rollover options. For certain revolving credit facilities that do not have a fixed maturity, the expected life is estimated based on the period over which the Group is exposed to credit risk and where the credit losses would not be mitigated by management actions.

Governance

In addition to the existing risk management framework, the Group has established an internal Committee to provide oversight to the IFRS 9 impairment process. The Committee is comprised of senior representatives from Finance, Risk Management, Internal audit and Business teams and are responsible for reviewing and approving key inputs and assumptions used in the Group ECL estimates. It also assesses the appropriateness of the overall allowance results to be included in the Group financial statements.

(ii) Fair value of financial instruments

Where the fair values of financial assets and financial liabilities recorded in the consolidated statement of financial position cannot be derived from quoted prices, they are determined using a variety of valuation techniques that include the use of mathematical models. The input to these models is taken from observable market data where possible, but where this is not possible, a degree of judgment is required in establishing fair values. The judgments include consideration of liquidity and model inputs such as correlation and volatility for longer dated Shariah compliant derivatives.

Fair values are subject to a control framework designed to ensure that they are either determined or validated, by a function independent of the risk taker.

(iii) Contingent liability arising from litigations

Due to the nature of its operations, the Group may be involved in litigations arising in the ordinary course of business. Provision for contingent liabilities arising from litigations is based on the probability of outflow of economic resources and reliability of estimating such outflow. Such matters are subject to many uncertainties and the outcome of individual matters is not predictable with assurance.

Estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to estimates are applied prospectively.

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6 Significant accounting policies

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

(a) Principles of consolidation

(i) Subsidiaries

Subsidiaries are all entities (including structured entities) over which the Group has control.

The Group controls an entity when the Group is exposed to, or has rights to, variable returns from its involvement with the entity and has the ability to affect those returns through its power over the entity.

The Group re-assesses whether or not it controls an investee if facts and circumstances indicate that there are changes to one or more of the three elements of control. Subsidiaries are consolidated from the date of acquisition, being the date on which the Group obtains control, and continue to be consolidated until the date that such control ceases.

Basis of consolidation

The Group consolidated financial statements comprise the financial statements of the Bank and its subsidiaries as at the end of the reporting period. The financial statements of the subsidiaries used in the preparation of the Group consolidated financial statements are prepared for the same reporting date as the Bank. Consistent accounting policies are applied to like transactions and events in similar circumstances.

All intra-group balances, income and expenses and unrealised gains and losses resulting from intra-group transactions are eliminated.

Business combinations are accounted for by applying the acquisition method. The cost of an acquisition is measured as the aggregate of the consideration transferred measured at acquisition date, fair value of assets transferred by group, liability incurred and equity interest issued by the group in exchange for control of the acquiree. Identifiable assets acquired and liabilities assumed in a business combination are measured initially at their fair values at the acquisition date. Acquisition-related costs are recognised as expenses in the periods in which the costs are incurred and the services are received.

When the Group acquires a business, it assesses the financial assets and liabilities assumed for appropriate classification and designation in accordance with the contractual terms, economic circumstances and pertinent conditions as at the acquisition date. This includes the separation of embedded derivatives in host contracts by the acquiree.

Any contingent consideration to be transferred by the acquirer will be recognised at fair value at the acquisition date.

Subsequent changes to the fair value of the contingent consideration which is deemed to be an asset or liability will be recognised in accordance with IFRS 9 in profit or loss. If the contingent consideration is classified as equity, it is not remeasured until it is finally settled within equity.

In business combinations achieved in stages, previously held equity interest in the acquiree are restated to fair value at the acquisition date and any corresponding gain or loss is recognised in profit or loss.

The Group elects for each individual business combination, whether non-controlling interest in the acquiree (if any) is recognised on the acquisition date at fair value, or at the non-controlling interest's proportionate share of the acquiree's identifiable net assets.

Any excess of the sum of the fair value of the consideration transferred in the business combination, the amount of non-controlling interest in the acquiree (if any), and the fair value of the Group's previously held equity interest in the acquiree (if any), over the net fair value of the acquiree's identifiable assets and liabilities is recorded as goodwill. In instances where the latter amount exceeds the former, the excess is recognised as gain on bargain purchase in profit or loss on the acquisition date.

Upon the loss of control, the Group derecognises the assets and liabilities of the subsidiary, any non-controlling interest and the other components of equity related to the subsidiary. Any surplus or deficit arising on the loss of control is recognised in profit or loss. If the Group retains any interest in the previous subsidiary, then such interest is measured at fair value at the date that control is lost. Subsequently it is accounted for as an equity-accounted investee or in accordance with the Group's accounting policy for financial instruments depending on the level of influence retained.

(ii) Special Purpose Entities

Special Purpose Entities (SPEs) are entities that are created to accomplish a well-defined objective such as the securitisation of particular assets, or the execution of a specific funding transaction. An SPE is consolidated if the Group is exposed to variable returns from its involvement in the SPE and has the ability to affect those returns through its power over the SPE based on an evaluation of the substance of its relationship with the Group.

The following circumstances may indicate a relationship in which, in substance, the Group controls and consequently consolidates an SPE:

- a. the Group has power over the SPE;
- b. the Group has exposure to, or rights to, variable returns from its involvement with the SPE; and
- c. the Group has the ability to use its power over the SPE to affect the amount of the Group's returns.

The assessment of whether the Group has control over an SPE is carried out at inception and reassessed at each period end date or if there are changes in the structure / terms of additional transactions between the group and the SPE.

Information about the Group's securitisation activities is included in Note 15.

(b) Foreign Currencies

Monetary items denominated in foreign currencies are retranslated at the rates prevailing at the reporting date. The resulting gain / loss on monetary items is taken to the 'Other operating income' in the consolidated statement of income. Non-monetary items carried at fair value that are denominated in foreign currencies are retranslated at the rates prevailing at the date when the fair value was determined. Non-monetary items that are measured in terms of historical cost in a foreign currency are not retranslated.

(c) Financing Profit

Effective profit rate

Profit income and expense are recognised in profit or loss using the effective profit method. The 'effective profit rate' is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash receipts or payments 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 profit rate for financial instruments other than credit-impaired assets, the Group estimates future cash flows considering all contractual terms of the financial instrument, but not ECL. For credit-impaired financial assets, a credit-adjusted effective profit rate is calculated using estimated future cash flows including ECL.

Amortised cost

The 'amortised cost' of a financial asset or financial liability is the amount at which the financial asset or financial liability is measured at initial recognition minus the principal repayments, plus or minus the cumulative amortization of the difference between the initial amount and the maturity amount using the effective profit method and, for financial assets, adjusted for any loss allowance.

Gross carrying amount

The 'gross carrying amount of a financial asset' is the amortised cost of a financial asset before adjusting any loss allowance.

Presentation

Finance profit and expense presented in the consolidated statement of income include:

- Profit on financial assets and financial liabilities measured at amortised cost calculated on an effective profit basis.
- Profit on Sukuk measured at FVOCI calculated on an effective profit basis.

(d) Income from financing receivables

Revenue is recognised on the respective Islamic products as follows:

Murabaha

The profit is quantifiable and contractually determined at the commencement of the contract. Profit is recognised as it accrues over the life of the contract using an effective profit method on the balance outstanding.

Istisna'a

Istisna'a revenue and the associated profit margin (difference between the cash price to the customer and the bank's total Istisna'a cost) are accounted using effective profit method.

Ijara

Income from Ijara is recognised on an accrual basis over the period of the contract using effective profit method.

Mudaraba

Income on Mudaraba financing is recognised on distribution by the Mudarib, whereas the losses are charged to income on their declaration by the Mudarib.

Wakala

Estimated income from Wakala is recognised on an accrual basis over the period using effective profit method, adjusted by actual income when received. Losses are accounted for on the date of declaration by the agent.

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6 Significant accounting policies

(e) Fees and commission

Fee income, which is not an integral part of the effective profit rate of a financial instrument, is earned from a diverse range of services provided by the Group 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 Group based on the consideration specified in a contract with a customer and excludes amounts collected on behalf of third parties. The Group recognises revenue when it transfers control over a product or service to a customer.

Fee income is accounted for as follows:

- (i) income earned on the execution of a significant act is recognised as revenue when the act is completed (for example, fees arising from negotiating, or participating in the negotiation of a transaction for a third-party, such as an arrangement for the acquisition of shares or other securities);
- (ii) income earned from the provision of services is recognised as revenue as the services are provided (for example, portfolio and other management advisory and service fees); and
- (iii) Other fees and commission income and expense are recognised as the related services are performed or received.

Fee income which forms an integral part of the effective profit rate of a financial instrument is recognised as an adjustment to the effective profit rate (for example, certain financing commitment fees) and recorded in income from financing and investing products.

(f) Earnings prohibited by Shariah

Earnings prohibited by the Shariah are set aside for charitable purposes or otherwise dealt with in accordance with the directions of the Internal Shariah Supervision Committee.

(g) Dividend income

Dividend income is recognised when the Group's right to receive the dividend is established.

(h) Property related income

Property related income includes rental income, which is recognised on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease.

(i) Leases

Under IFRS 16, the Group recognises a right-of-use asset and a lease liability at lease commencement for all leases, except for short term leases and leases of low value assets.

The Group initially measures the right-of-use asset at cost and subsequently measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment losses, adjusted for any remeasurement of the lease liability.

The Group initially measures the lease liability at the present value of the future lease payments discounted using the discount rate implicit in the lease. Subsequently, the lease liability is adjusted for profit and lease payments, as well as the impact of lease modifications, amongst others.

The Group has elected to apply the expedient allowed by IFRS 16 on its general requirements to short-term leases (i.e. one that does not include a purchase option and has a lease term at commencement date of 12 months or less) and leases of low value assets. For this the Group recognises the lease payments associated with those leases as an expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term or another systematic basis if that basis is representative of the pattern of the lessee's benefits.

The Group has presented right of use assets within 'Property and equipment' and lease liabilities within 'Other liabilities' in the consolidated statement of financial position.

Where the Group leases out its investment property, the Group has classified these as operating leases.

(j) Financial assets and financial liabilities**(i) Classification of financial assets and financial liabilities**

On initial recognition, a financial asset is classified as measured: at amortised cost, FVOCI or FVTPL.

A financial asset is measured at amortised cost if it meets both the following conditions and is not designated as at FVTPL:

- the asset is held within a business model whose objective is achieved by both collecting contractual cash flows and selling financial assets; and
- the contractual terms of the financial asset give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and profit on the principal amount outstanding.

On initial recognition of an equity investment that is not held for trading, the Group 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 Group 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.

(ii) Recognition and initial measurement

The Group initially recognises financing receivables, deposits and Sukuks issued on the date on which they are originated or acquired. 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 Group becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

A financial asset or financial liability is measured initially at fair value plus, for an item not at FVTPL, transaction costs that are directly attributable to its acquisition or issue.

Business model assessment:

The Group makes an assessment of the objective of a business model in which an asset is held at a portfolio level as this best reflects the way the business is managed and information is provided to 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 profit revenue, maintaining a particular profit rate profile, matching the duration of the financial assets to the duration of the liabilities that are funding those assets or realizing cash flows through the sale of the assets;
- how the performance of the portfolio is evaluated and reported to the Group'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 the future sales activity. However, information about sales activity is not considered in isolation, but as part of an overall assessment of how the Group's stated objective for managing the financial assets is achieved and how cash flows are realised.

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6 Significant accounting policies (continued)

(j) Financial assets and financial liabilities (continued)

(ii) Recognition and initial measurement (continued)

Assessment whether contractual cash flows are solely payments of principal and profit:

For the purposes of this assessment, 'principal' is defined as the fair value of the financial asset on initial recognition. 'profit' 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 financing 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 profit, the Group 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 Group considers:

- contingent events that would change the amount and timing of cash flows;
- leverage features;
- prepayment and extension terms;
- terms that limit the Group'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 profit rate.

See note on investment securities, financing receivables and cash and cash equivalents for further details.

The Group classifies its financial liabilities, other than financial guarantees and financing commitments, as measured at amortised cost or FVTPL.

Reclassifications:

Financial assets are not reclassified subsequent to their initial recognition, except in the period after the Group changes its business model for managing financial assets.

(iii) Impairment

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

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

No impairment loss is recognised on equity investments.

The Group measures loss allowances at an amount equal to lifetime ECL, except for the financial instruments on which credit risk has not increased significantly since their initial recognition.

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

Measurement of ECL

ECL are 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 entity in accordance with the contract and the cash flows that the Group 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 financing commitments: as the present value of the difference between the contractual cash flows that are due to the Group if the commitment is drawn down and the cash flows that the Group expects to receive; and
- financial guarantee contracts: the expected payments to reimburse the holder less any amounts that the Group expects to recover.

Restructured financial assets

If the terms of a financial asset are renegotiated or modified or an existing financial asset is replaced with a new one due to financial difficulties of the obligor, then an assessment is made of whether the financial asset should be derecognised and ECL are measured as follows:

- If the expected restructuring will not result in derecognition of the existing asset, then the expected cash flows arising from the modified financial asset are included in calculating the cash shortfalls from the existing asset.
- If the expected restructuring will result in derecognition of the existing asset, then the expected fair value of the new asset is treated as the final cash flow from the existing financial asset at the time of its derecognition. This amount is included in calculating the cash shortfalls from the existing financial asset. The cash shortfalls are discounted from the expected date of derecognition to the reporting date using the original effective profit rate of the existing financial asset.

Credit-impaired financial assets

At each reporting date, the Group assesses whether financial assets carried at amortised cost and 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 obligor or issuer;
- a breach of contract such as a default or past due event;
- the restructuring of a financing or advance by the Group on terms that the Group would not consider otherwise;
- it is becoming probable that the obligor will enter bankruptcy or other financial reorganization; or
- the disappearance of an active market for a security because of financial difficulties.

Purchased or originated credit impaired assets (POCI)

POCI assets are financial assets that are credit impaired on initial recognition. POCI assets are recorded at fair value at original recognition and profit is subsequently recognised based on a credit-adjusted EIR. Lifetime ECLs are only recognised or released to the extent that there is a subsequent change in the credit risk.

Revolving facilities

The Group's product offering includes a variety of corporate and retail facilities and credit cards, in which the Group has the right to cancel and/or reduce the facilities at a short notice. The Group does not limit its exposure to credit losses to the contractual notice period, but, instead calculates ECL over a period that reflects the Group's expectations of the customer behaviour, its likelihood of default and the Group's future risk mitigation procedures, which could include reducing or cancelling the facilities.

Based on past experience and the Group's expectations, the period over which the Group calculates ECLs for these products, is estimated based on the period over which the Group is exposed to credit risk and where the credit losses would not be mitigated by management actions.

Write-off

Financing receivables and financing securities are written off (either partially or in full) when there is no realistic prospect of recovery. This is generally the case when the Group has exhausted all legal and remedial efforts to recover from the customers. However, financial assets that are written off could still be subject to enforcement activities in order to comply with the Group's procedures for recovery of amounts due.

(iv) Financial guarantees and financing commitments

Financial guarantees are contracts that require the Group to make specified payments to reimburse the holders for a loss they incur because a specified obligor fails to make payment when due, in accordance with the terms of a financing instrument. The financial guarantee liability is carried at amortised cost when payment under the contract has become probable.

'Financing commitments' are firm irrevocable commitments to provide credit under pre-specified terms and conditions.

Financial guarantees issued or irrevocable commitments to provide credit are initially measured at fair value and their initial fair value is amortised over the life of the guarantee or the commitment. Subsequently, they are measured at the higher of this amortised amount and the amount of loss allowance.

(v) Foreign currencies

Foreign currency differences arising on translation are generally recognized in profit or loss. However, foreign currency differences arising from the translation of equity investments in respect of which an election has been made to present subsequent changes in fair value in OCI are recognised through OCI.

(vi) Financing receivables

Financing receivables are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market. 'Financing receivables' captions in the consolidated statement of financial position include:

- Financing receivables measured at amortised cost; they are initially measured at fair value plus incremental direct transaction costs and subsequently at their amortised cost using the effective profit method and are presented net of expected credit losses; and
- Financing receivables measured at FVTPL or designated as at FVTPL; these are measured at fair value with changes recognised immediately in profit or loss, if applicable.

The following terms are used in financing receivables:

Murabaha

An agreement whereby the Group sells to a customer a commodity, which the Group has purchased and acquired, based on a promise received from the customer to buy the item purchased according to specific terms and conditions. The selling price comprises the cost of the commodity and an agreed profit margin.

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6 Significant accounting policies (continued)

(j) Financial assets and financial liabilities (continued)

(vi) Financing receivables (continued)

Istisna'a

An agreement between the Group and a customer whereby the Group would sell to the customer a developed property according to agreed upon specifications. The Group would develop the property either on its own or through a subcontractor and then hand it over to the customer on a fixed date at an agreed price.

Ijara

An agreement, whereby the Group (lessor) leases an asset to a customer (lessee), for a specific period and against certain rent instalments. Ijara could end by transferring the ownership of the asset to the lessee at the end of the agreement or substantially all the risks and returns related to the ownership.

Musharaka

An agreement between the Group and a customer to contribute to a certain investment enterprise, whether existing or new, or the ownership of a certain property either permanently or according to a diminishing agreement set between both parties while the loss is shared in proportion to their shares of capital in the enterprise

Mudaraba

An agreement between two parties; wherein one of them provides the funds and is called Rab-ul-Mal and the other provides efforts and expertise and is called the Mudarib and is responsible for investing such funds in a specific enterprise or activity in return for a pre-agreed percentage of the Mudaraba income. In case of normal loss; the Rab-ul-Mal would bear the loss of his funds while the Mudarib would bear the loss of his efforts. However, in case of default, negligence or violation of any of the terms and conditions of the Mudaraba agreement, only the Mudarib would bear the losses. The Group may act as Mudarib when accepting funds from depositors and as Rab-ul-Mal when investing such funds on a Mudaraba basis.

Wakala

An agreement whereby the Group provides a certain sum of money to an agent who invests it according to specific conditions in return for a certain fee (a lump sum of money or a percentage of the amount invested). The agent is obliged to return the invested amount in case of default, negligence or violation of any of the terms and conditions of the Wakala.

These products are carried at amortised cost less impairment.

(vii) Investment securities

'Investment securities' caption in the consolidated statement of financial position includes:

- Financing investment securities measured at amortised cost; these are initially measured at fair value plus incremental direct transaction costs, and subsequently at their amortised cost using the effective profit method;
- Financing and equity investment securities measured at FVTPL or designated as at FVTPL; these are at fair value with changes recognised immediately in profit or loss;
- Financing securities measured at FVOCI; and
- Equity investment securities designated as at FVOCI.

For financing 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.

- Profit income using the effective profit method
- ECL charges and reversals, and
- Foreign exchange gains and losses.

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

The Group elects to present in OCI changes in the fair value of certain investments in equity instruments that are not held for trading. The election is made on an instrument-by-instrument basis on initial recognition and is irrevocable.

Gains and losses on such equity instruments are never reclassified to profit or loss and no impairment is recognised in profit or loss. Dividends are recognised in profit or loss unless they clearly represent a recovery of part of the cost of the investment, in which case they are recognised in OCI. Cumulative gains and losses on equity instruments recognised in OCI are transferred to retained earnings on disposal of an investment.

(viii) Derecognition

The Group derecognises a financial asset when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the financial asset expires, or it transfers the rights to receive the contractual cash flows in a transaction in which substantially all of the risks and rewards of the ownership of the financial asset are transferred or in which the Group neither transfers nor retains substantially all of the risks and rewards or ownership and it does not retain control of the financial asset.

On derecognition of a financial asset, the difference between the carrying amount of the asset (or the carrying amount allocated to the portion of the asset derecognised) and the sum of (i) the consideration received (including any new asset obtained less any new liability assumed) and (ii) any cumulative gain or loss that had been recognised in OCI is recognised in profit or loss.

Any cumulative gain/loss recognised in OCI in respect of equity investment securities designated as FVOCI is not recognised in profit or loss account on derecognition of such securities.

Any interest in transferred financial assets that qualify for derecognition that is created or retained by the Group is recognised as a separate asset or liability.

The Group enters into transactions whereby it transfers assets recognised on its consolidated statement of financial position, but retains either all or substantially all of the risks and rewards of the transferred assets or a portion of them. In such cases, the transferred assets are not derecognised. Examples of such transactions are securities financing and sale-and-repurchase transactions.

In transactions in which the Group neither retains nor transfers substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership of a financial asset and it retains control over the asset, the Group continues to recognise the asset to the extent of its continuing involvement, determined by the extent to which it is exposed to changes in the value of the transferred asset.

The Group derecognises a financial liability when its contractual obligations are discharged or cancelled, or expired.

(ix) Modification of financial assets and financial liabilities

If the terms of a financial asset are modified, the Group 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.

If the cash flows of the modified asset carried at amortised cost are not substantially different, then the modification does not result in derecognition of the financial asset. In this case, the Group recalculates the gross carrying amount of the financial asset and recognises the amount arising from adjusting the gross carrying amount as modification gain or loss in profit or loss. If such a modification is carried out because of financial difficulties of the obligor, then the gain or loss is presented together with impairment losses. In other cases, it is presented as profit income.

The Group 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 extinguished and the new financial liability with modified terms is recognised in profit or loss.

(x) Offsetting

Financial assets and financial liabilities are offset and the net amount presented in the Group consolidated statement of financial position when, and only when, the Group currently has legally enforceable rights to set off amounts and it intends either to settle them on a net basis or through realize the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Income and expenses are presented on a net basis only when permitted under IFRS, or for gains and losses arising from a group of similar transactions such as in the Group's trading activities.

(xi) Fair value Measurement

Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction in the principal market 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:

- (i) In the principal market for the asset or liability; or
- (ii) In the absence of principal market, in the most advantageous market for the asset and liabilities.

If an asset or a liability measured at fair value has a 'Bid' price and an 'Ask' price, then the Group measures assets and long positions at a 'Bid' price and liabilities and short positions at an 'Ask' price.

The Group recognises transfers between levels of the fair value hierarchy as of the end of the reporting period during which the change has occurred.

Fair value is applicable to both financial and non-financial instruments.

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6 Significant accounting policies (continued)

(j) Financial assets and financial liabilities (continued)

(xii) Designated at FVTPL

At initial recognition, the Group has designated certain financial assets as at FVTPL because this designation eliminates or significantly reduces an accounting mismatch, which would otherwise arise.

The Group has designated certain financial liabilities as at FVTPL in either of the following circumstances:

- (a) The liabilities are managed, evaluated and reported internally on a fair value basis; or
- (b) The designation eliminates or significantly reduces an accounting mismatch which would otherwise arise.

A description of the basis of each designation is set out in relevant notes for the asset or liability class.

(xiii) Sale and repurchase agreements

Securities sold subject to repurchase agreements ('repos') are disclosed in the notes to the Group consolidated financial statements when the transferee has the right by contract or custom to sell or re-pledge the collateral; the counterparty liability is included as a separate deposit. Securities purchased under agreements to resell ('reverse repos') are recorded as financing receivables to either banks or customers, as appropriate. The difference between sale and repurchase price is treated as profit and accrued over the life of the agreements using the effective profit method.

(k) Cash and cash equivalents

'Cash and cash equivalents' include notes and coins on hand, unrestricted balances held with Central Banks and highly liquid financial assets with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition that are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in their fair value, and are used by the Group in the management of its short-term commitments.

Cash and cash equivalents are carried at amortized cost in the consolidated statement of financial position.

(l) Islamic derivatives held for risk management purposes and hedge accounting

The Group follows a hedge accounting model that aligns hedge accounting more closely with risk management. The model measures hedge effectiveness through an objectives-based test that focuses on the economic relationship between the hedged item and the hedging instrument, and the effect of credit risk on that economic relationship.

The Group also performs rebalancing of hedging relationships, whereby, if a hedging relationship ceases to meet the hedge effectiveness requirement relating to the hedge ratio under IFRS 9, but the risk management objective for that designated hedging relationship remains the same, the Group shall adjust the hedge ratio of the hedging relationship so that it meets the qualifying criteria again.

Gains and losses arising from changes in the fair value of Islamic derivatives that are not the hedging instrument in a qualifying hedge are recognised as they arise in profit or loss. Gains and losses are recorded in 'income from trading activities' except for gains and losses on those Islamic derivatives that are managed together with financial instruments designated at fair value; these gains and losses are included in 'other operating income'.

The Group utilises Shariah compliant hedging instruments to satisfy the requirements of its customers, for proprietary trading purposes and to hedge its own exposure to profit rates and currency risk.

Where there is a hedging relationship between an Islamic derivative instrument and a related item being hedged, the hedging instrument is measured at fair value, with any resultant gains and losses being accounted as set out below.

The fair value of Islamic derivative hedging instruments is calculated in the same way as the fair value of financial instruments.

The method of recognising the resulting fair value gain or loss depends on whether the Islamic derivative is designated as a hedging instrument, and if so, the nature of the item being hedged. The Group designates certain Islamic derivatives as either:

- Hedges of the exposure to changes in fair value of recognised assets or liabilities or firm commitments (fair value hedge);
- Hedges of highly probable future cash flows attributable to a recognised asset or liability, or a forecasted transaction (cash flow hedge); or
- Hedge of net investment in a foreign operation.

Hedge accounting is used for Islamic derivatives designated in this way provided certain criteria are met.

(i) Fair value hedge

When an Islamic derivative is designated as the hedging instrument in a hedge of the change in fair value of a recognised asset or liability or a firm commitment that could affect profit or loss, changes in the fair value of the Islamic derivative are recognised immediately in profit or loss together with changes in the fair value of the hedged item that are attributable to the hedged risk.

When a derivative is designated as the hedging instrument in a hedge of the change in fair value of a recognised asset or liability or a firm commitment that could affect profit or loss, changes in the fair value of the derivative are recognised immediately in profit or loss together with changes in the fair value of the hedged item that are attributable to the hedged risk.

If the hedging Islamic derivative expires or is sold, terminated, or exercised, or the hedge no longer meets the criteria for fair value hedge accounting, or the hedge designation is revoked, then hedge accounting is discontinued prospectively. Any adjustment up to that point to a hedged item for which the effective profit method is used, is amortised to profit or loss as part of the recalculated effective profit rate of the item over its remaining life.

(ii) Cash flow hedge

When an Islamic derivative is designated as the hedging instrument in a hedge of the variability in cash flows attributable to a particular risk associated with a recognised asset or liability or a highly probable forecast transaction that could affect profit or loss, the effective portion of changes in the fair value of Islamic derivative is recognised in other comprehensive income within 'Cash flow hedges – fair value gains / (losses)'. Any gain or loss in fair value relating to an ineffective portion is recognised immediately in the Group consolidated statement of income.

The accumulated gains and losses recognised in other comprehensive income are reclassified to the Group consolidated statement of income in the periods in which the hedged item will affect profit or loss. However, when the forecast transaction that is hedged results in the recognition of a non-financial asset or a non-financial liability, the gains and losses previously recognised in other comprehensive income are removed from equity and included in the initial measurement of the cost of the asset or liability.

When a hedging instrument expires or is sold, or when a hedge no longer meets the criteria for hedge accounting or the hedge designation is revoked, then hedge accounting is discontinued prospectively, and any cumulative gain or loss recognised in other comprehensive income at that time remains in equity until the forecast transaction is eventually recognised in the Group consolidated statement of income. When a forecast transaction is no longer expected to occur, the cumulative gain or loss that was recognised in other comprehensive income is immediately reclassified to the Group consolidated statement of income.

(iii) Net investment hedges

When an Islamic derivative instrument or a non-derivative financial liability is designated as the hedging instrument in a hedge of a net investment in a foreign operation, the effective portion of changes in the fair value of the hedging instrument is recognised in other comprehensive income and accumulated in the translation reserve. Any ineffective portion of the changes in the fair value of the Islamic derivative is recognised immediately in Group consolidated statement of income. The amount recognised in other comprehensive income is reclassified to the Group consolidated statement of income as an adjustment on disposal of the foreign operation.

(iv) Islamic derivatives that do not qualify for hedge accounting

Certain Islamic derivative financial instruments do not qualify for hedge accounting. Such Islamic derivative financial instruments include foreign exchange contracts, profit rate swaps and foreign exchange options. Islamic derivative financial instruments are initially measured at cost, being the fair value at contract date, and are subsequently re-measured at fair value. All Islamic derivatives are carried at their fair values as assets where the fair values are positives and as liabilities where the fair values are negative. Islamic derivative assets and liabilities arising from different transactions are only offset if the transactions are with the same counterparty, a legal right to setoff exists, and the parties intend to settle the cash flows on a net basis.

Islamic derivative fair values are determined from quoted prices in active markets where available. Where there is no active market for an instrument, fair value is derived from prices for the Islamic derivative's components using recognized pricing or valuation models as appropriate.

(v) Embedded Islamic derivatives

Islamic derivatives embedded in financial assets, liabilities and non-financial host contracts, are treated as separate Islamic derivatives and recorded at fair value if they meet the definition of an Islamic derivative, their economic characteristics and risks are not closely related to those of the host contract, and the host contract is not itself held for trading or designated at FVTPL. The embedded Islamic derivatives separated from the host are carried at fair value in the trading portfolio with changes in fair value recognised in the Group consolidated statement of income.

(m) Inventory

Properties acquired in settlement of financing receivables are held as inventory and are stated at lower of cost or net realisable value. Directly attributable costs incurred in the acquisition of inventory is included as part of cost of the inventory.

Net realisable value is the estimated selling price in the ordinary course of the business, based on market prices at the reporting date.

6 Significant accounting policies (continued)

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(n) Property, equipment and depreciation

Property and equipment are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment if any. Historical cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to the acquisition of the assets.

Subsequent costs are included in the asset's carrying amount or are recognised as a separate asset, as appropriate, only when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to the Group and the cost of the item can be measured reliably. All other repairs and maintenance are charged to the statement of income during the financial period in which they are incurred.

Freehold land and fixed assets not commissioned are not depreciated. The estimated useful life of fixed assets for the Group is as follows:

Freehold premises	25 – 60 years
Freehold improvements	10 years
Leasehold improvements	7 years
Furniture, fixtures and office equipment	5 years
Computer hardware and software	4 – 5 years
Core banking software	5 – 7 years
Motor vehicles	3 – 5 years

Assets are depreciated on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives as given above.

Fixed assets not commissioned are stated at cost. When commissioned, they are transferred to the appropriate property and equipment category and depreciated in accordance with the Group's policies.

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing proceeds with the carrying amount. These are included in the Group consolidated statement of income.

(o) Investment properties

The Group holds certain properties as investments to earn rental income, for capital appreciation, or both. Investment properties are measured initially at cost, including transaction costs. The carrying amount includes the cost of replacing part of an existing investment property at the time that cost is incurred, if the recognition criteria are met, and excludes the costs of day-to-day servicing of an investment property. Subsequent to initial recognition, investment properties are stated at cost less depreciation and accumulated impairment (if any).

Investment properties are derecognised when either they have been disposed of or when the investment property is permanently withdrawn from use and no future economic benefit is expected from its disposal. Any gains or losses on the retirement or disposal of an investment property are recognised in the consolidated statement of income in 'other operating income' in the year of retirement or disposal.

Transfers to and from investment properties are made only when there is a change in use based on the business model.

(p) Intangible assets

(i) Capitalised software

Software acquired by the Group is stated at cost less accumulated amortisation and accumulated impairment losses.

Subsequent expenditure on software assets is capitalised only when it increases the future economic benefits embodied in the specific asset to which it relates. All other expenditure is expensed as incurred.

Amortisation is recognised in the Group consolidated statement of income on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful life of the software, from the date that it is available for use.

(ii) Other intangible assets

Intangibles acquired separately are measured on initial recognition at cost. The cost of the intangibles acquired in a business combination is at fair value as at the date of acquisition. Following initial recognition, intangibles are carried at cost less any accumulated amortisation and any accumulated impairment losses. The useful lives of intangible asset are assessed to be either finite or indefinite. Intangibles with finite lives are amortised over the useful economic life and assessed for impairment whenever there is an indication that the intangibles may be impaired. The amortisation period and amortisation method for intangibles with a finite useful life is reviewed at least at each financial year end. Changes in the expected useful life or the expected pattern of consumption of future economic benefits embodied in the asset are accounted for by changing the amortisation period or method, as appropriate, and treated as changes in an accounting estimate. The amortisation expense on intangibles with finite lives is recognised in the Group consolidated income statement in the expense category consistent with the function of the intangibles.

(q) Impairment of non financial assets

The carrying amounts of the Group's non-financial assets are reviewed periodically to determine whether there is any indication of impairment. If any such indication exists then the asset's recoverable amount is estimated.

An impairment loss is recognised if the carrying amount of an asset or its cash generating unit exceeds its recoverable amount. A cash generating unit is the smallest identifiable asset group that generates cash flows that largely are independent from other assets and groups. Impairment losses are recognised in the consolidated statement of income. Impairment losses recognised in respect of cash generating units are allocated first to reduce the carrying amount of any goodwill allocated to the units and then to reduce the carrying amount of other assets in the unit (group or units) on a pro rata basis.

The recoverable amount of an asset or cash generating unit is the greater of its value in use and its fair value less costs to sell. In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using a discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset.

(r) Deposits, financing receivables and Sukuks issued

Deposits, financing receivables and Sukuks issued are the main sources of funding for the Group.

Deposits, financing receivables and Sukuks issued are initially measured at fair value minus incremental direct transaction costs, and subsequently measured at their amortised cost using the effective profit method.

(s) Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the Group has a present obligation (legal or constructive), as a result of past events, and it is probable (more likely than not) that an outflow of resources embodying economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation, and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation.

(t) Employee benefits**(i) Pension obligations**

The Group operates a pension scheme in respect of eligible UAE national employees in compliance with the UAE Federal Law on Pensions and Social Security. Arrangements for benefits for overseas employees is made in accordance with local regulations and customs. Full provision is made for all accrued benefits.

The Group also pays contributions to trustee administered funds on a contractual or voluntary basis. The Group has no further payment obligations once the contributions have been paid. The contributions are recognised as employee benefit expense when they are due. Prepaid contributions are recognised as an asset to the extent that a cash refund or a reduction in the future payments is available. The entitlement to these benefits is usually conditional on the employee remaining in service up to retirement age and the completion of a minimum service period.

(ii) Termination gratuity benefit scheme

In compliance with UAE labour law, the Group has a termination gratuity benefit scheme covering all of its expatriate salaried employees who have been employed with the Group for more than one year. The provision for gratuity is recorded through the consolidated statement of income.

The present value of the gratuity obligations depends on a number of factors that are determined on an actuarial basis using a number of assumptions. The assumptions used in determining the net cost (income) for gratuities include the discount rate. Any changes in these assumptions will impact the carrying amount of gratuity obligations. The value of the gratuity obligations is based on the report submitted by an independent actuarial firm.

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6 Significant accounting policies (continued)

(u) Dividend on shares

Dividends on shares are recognised as a liability and deducted from equity when they are approved by the Group's shareholders in the Annual General Meeting.

(v) Share capital and reserves

Share issue costs

Incremental costs that are directly attributable to the issue of an equity instrument are deducted from the initial measurement of the equity instruments.

(w) Earnings per share

The Group presents basic and diluted Earnings Per Share (EPS) data for its ordinary shares. Basic EPS is calculated by dividing the profit or loss for the year by the weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding during the year. Diluted EPS is determined by adjusting the weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding for the effects of potential ordinary shares, if any.

(x) Operating segments

For management purposes, the Group is organised into operating segments based on their products, services and certain subsidiaries which are independently managed by the respective segment managers responsible for the performance of the segments under their charge.

The segment managers report directly to the management of the Group who regularly review the segment results in order to allocate resources to the segments and to assess the segment performance. Additional disclosures on each of these segments are shown in Note 28.

(y) Related parties

A party is considered to be related to the Group if:

- (a) the party, directly or indirectly through one or more intermediaries,
 - (i) controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with, the Group;
 - (ii) has any interest in the Group that gives it significant influence over the Group; or
 - (iii) has joint control over the Group;
- (b) the party is an associate;
- (c) the party is a jointly-controlled entity;
- (d) the party is a member of the key management personnel of the Group;
- (e) the party is a close member of the family of any individual referred to in (a) or (d); or
- (f) the party is an entity that is controlled, jointly controlled or significantly influenced by or for which significant voting power in such entity resides with, directly or indirectly, any individual referred to in (d) or (e); or
- (g) the party is a post-employment benefit plan for the benefit of the employees of the Group, or of any entity that is a related party of the Group.

(z) Profit distribution

Profit distribution between the unrestricted account holders (investment, saving and Wakala accounts) and the Shareholders, is according to the instructions of the Bank's Internal Shariah Supervision Committee.

Net income realised from Mudaraba Pool, at the end of each quarter, represents the net profit available for distribution. Net profit available for distribution between unrestricted account holders and shareholders is calculated after deducting the Mudarib share as per the agreed and declared percentage.

Profit Distribution is on a pro rata-basis of the weighted average balances of unrestricted customers' accounts and Shareholders' funds. No priority is given to either party in the Mudaraba Pool.

(aa) Zakat

The Bank discharges Zakat (Alms) as per its Articles of Association. The Bank calculates Zakat based on the guidance of its Internal Shariah Supervision Committee as follows:

- Zakat is calculated as per the Net Investment Asset method.
- Zakat is disbursed to Shariah channels through a committee formed by the management.

(ab) Profit equalisation reserve

Profit equalisation reserves are amounts appropriated out of the common mudaraba pool's income, before allocating the mudarib share, in order to maintain a certain level of return on investments for all the investment account holders and other investors in the common mudaraba pool.

(ac) Depositors' investment risk reserve

Depositors' investment risk reserve represents a portion of the depositors' share of profits set aside as a reserve. This reserve is payable to the depositors upon the approval of the Bank's Internal Shariah Supervision Committee. Zakat on depositors' investment risk reserve is included under Zakat payable and is deducted from the depositors' investment risk reserve balance

(ad) Revenue recognition

Revenue is recognised when a customer obtains control of a good or service. A customer obtains control when it has the ability to direct the use of and obtain the benefits from the good or service in an amount that reflects the consideration to which the entity expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services.

The Group also operates a rewards programme which allows customers to accumulate points when they purchase products on the Group's credit cards. The points can then be redeemed for shopping rewards, cash back or air miles, subject to a minimum number of points being obtained.

(ae) Corporate tax in UAE

On 9 December 2022, the United Arab Emirates (UAE) Ministry of Finance ("MOF") released Federal Decree-Law No 47 of 2022 on the Taxation of Corporations and Businesses, Corporate Tax Law ("CT Law") to enact a new CT regime in the UAE. The new CT regime has become effective for accounting periods beginning on or after 1 June 2023.

As the Group's accounting year ends on 31 December, accordingly the effective implementation date for the Group will start from 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024, with the first return to be filed on or before 30 September 2025.

The CT Law confirms the rate of 9% to be applied to taxable income exceeding a specified threshold. It is not currently foreseen that the Group will be subject to the application of the Global Minimum Tax rate of 15% in FY2024. The application is dependent on the implementation of Base Erosion Profit Shifting (BEPS 2) – Pillar Two rules by the countries where the Group operates and the implementation of a top-up tax regime by UAE MOF.

As per the Group's assessment, there is no deferred tax impact on account of the CT Law in the Group consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023. Furthermore, based on the Group's assessment, the expected effective tax rate that it will be subject to in the UAE is 9%.

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7 Standards issued but not yet adopted

Certain new standards, amendments to standards and interpretations are not yet effective for the year ended 31 December 2023, with the Group not opting for early adoption.

New and revised IFRSs	Effective for annual periods beginning on or after
Amendments to IAS 1 <i>Presentation of Financial Statements</i> relating to Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-Current	1 January 2024
Amendments to IAS 1 <i>Presentation of Financial Statements</i> relating to Non-current Liabilities with Covenants	1 January 2024
Amendments to IAS 7 <i>Statement of Cash Flows</i> and IFRS 7 <i>Financial Instruments: Disclosures relating to Supplier Finance Arrangements</i>	1 January 2024

The Group anticipates that these new standards, interpretations and amendments will be adopted in the Group's consolidated financial statements as and when they are applicable and adoption of these new standards, interpretations and amendments may have no material impact on the consolidated financial statements of Group in the period of initial application.

8 Cash and deposits with the Central Bank of the UAE

	2023 AED 000	2022 AED 000
Cash	902,981	517,586
Statutory and other deposits with the Central Bank of the UAE	6,542,899	4,321,753
Murabaha with the Central Bank of the UAE	7,535,261	7,186,947
	14,981,141	12,026,286

The reserve requirements which are kept with Central Bank of the UAE are not available for use in the Group's day to day operations and cannot be withdrawn without the approval of the Central Bank. The level of reserves required changes periodically in accordance with the directives of the Central Bank of UAE.

9 Due from banks

	Local (UAE) AED 000	Foreign AED 000	Total AED 000
31 December 2023			
Time	1,651,631	4,102,790	5,754,421
Overnight, call and short notice	6,090	384,666	390,756
Gross due from banks	1,657,721	4,487,456	6,145,177
Less: Expected credit losses			(14,023)
			6,131,154
31 December 2022			
Time	1,072,824	2,594,301	3,667,125
Overnight, call and short notice	677,513	278,938	956,451
Gross due from banks	1,750,337	2,873,239	4,623,576
Less: Expected credit losses			(9,100)
			4,614,476

10 Investment Securities

	Domestic* AED 000	Regional** AED 000	International*** AED 000	Total AED 000
31 December 2023				
DESIGNATED AS AT FVTPL				
Equity	-	64,172	-	64,172
Others	-	-	-	-
	-	64,172	-	64,172
MEASURED AT AMORTISED COST				
Government Sukuk	1,145,290	1,242,179	262,834	2,650,303
Corporate Sukuk	794,031	404,133	669,308	1,867,472
	1,939,321	1,646,312	932,142	4,517,775
Less: Expected credit losses				(4,715)
				4,513,060
MEASURED AT FVOCI				
Government Sukuk	-	80,579	460,316	540,895
Corporate Sukuk	2,563,407	1,050,027	1,716,716	5,330,150
	2,563,407	1,130,606	2,177,032	5,871,045
Less: Expected credit losses				(18,615)
				5,852,430
Gross investment securities	4,502,728	2,841,090	3,109,174	10,452,992
Net investment securities				10,429,662

As at 31 December 2023, the fair value of investment securities measured at amortized cost amounted to AED 4,526 million (31 December 2022: AED 1,226 million).

Investment securities with the carrying amount of AED 345 million (2022: Nil) and fair value of AED 335 million (2022: Nil) were collateralised for obligations under due to banks (refer note 13).

	Domestic* AED 000	Regional** AED 000	International*** AED 000	Total AED 000
31 December 2022				
Designated as at FVTPL				
Equity	106,600	64,182	-	170,782
Others	-	-	116	116
	106,600	64,182	116	170,898
Measured at amortised cost				
Government Sukuk	114,469	902,379	-	1,016,848
Corporate Sukuk	-	-	243,553	243,553
	114,469	902,379	243,553	1,260,401
Less: Expected credit losses				(491)
				1,259,910
Measured at FVOCI				
Government Sukuk	-	80,730	449,653	530,383
Corporate Sukuk	3,148,834	858,405	1,416,828	5,424,067
	3,148,834	939,135	1,866,481	5,954,450
Less: Expected credit losses				(29,387)
				5,925,063
Gross investment securities	3,369,903	1,905,696	2,110,150	7,385,749
Net investment securities				7,355,871

*Domestic: These are securities issued within the UAE.

**Regional: These are securities issued within the Middle East.

***International: These are securities issued outside the Middle East.

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11 Financing receivables

	2023 AED 000	2022 AED 000
At Amortised Cost		
Murabaha	37,048,788	32,616,411
Credit cards receivable	2,876,335	2,287,312
Wakala	359,983	364,502
Istissna'a	1,689,745	1,306,557
Ijara	18,270,242	17,820,042
Others	14,548	115,001
	60,259,641	54,509,825
Less: Deferred income	(1,660,758)	(1,428,178)
Gross financing receivables	58,598,883	53,081,647
Less: Expected credit losses	(4,851,146)	(4,712,669)
Net financing receivables	53,747,737	48,368,978
Total of impaired financing receivables	3,682,118	3,692,074
	2023 AED 000	2022 AED 000
By Business Units		
Corporate banking	22,265,033	20,768,213
Retail banking	36,333,850	32,313,434
	58,598,883	53,081,647

Ijara assets amounting to AED 2.9 billion (2022: AED 2.3 billion) were securitised for the purpose of issuance of Sukuk liability (refer note 15).

Allowances of impairment on financing receivables have been disclosed in further detail in note 35 i.

12 Other assets

	2023 AED 000	2022 AED 000
Profit receivable	145,725	153,644
Prepayments and other advances	166,050	96,871
Sundry financing and other receivables	5,500	14,924
Deferred sales commission	23,269	21,852
Goods available-for-sale	41,574	77,855
Others	463,558	395,247
	845,676	760,393

13 Due to banks

	2023 AED 000	2022 AED 000
Demand and call deposits	543,161	42,636
Repurchase agreements with banks	327,121	-
Time and other deposits	4,922,093	1,837,445
	5,792,375	1,880,081

The profit paid on the above averaged 3.89% p.a. (2022: 1.50% p.a).

14 Customer deposits

	2023 AED 000	2022 AED 000
(a) By Type		
Demand, call and short notice	29,495,837	24,921,802
Wakala	13,330,344	13,028,063
Time deposits	1,514,051	1,861,928
Savings	16,557,979	15,957,744
Others	416,704	574,118
	61,314,915	56,343,655
(b) By Business Units		
Corporate banking	11,444,545	12,874,573
Retail banking	49,870,370	43,469,082
	61,314,915	56,343,655

The profit rates paid on the above deposits averaged 1.26% p.a. (2022: 0.50% p.a.).

15 Sukuk payable

a) During 2023, the Group issued Sukuk amounting to AED 1 billion to raise AED denominated medium term finance via a Shariah compliant Sukuk financing arrangement. In years 2020 and 2021, Group had issued AED 3.7 billion to raise US Dollar denominated medium term finance via a Shariah compliant Sukuk financing arrangement. As at 31 December 2023, the total outstanding Sukuk payable is AED 4.7 billion.

Following are the details of all the Sukuk financing arrangement in issue.

Issue Date	Amount	Listing	Profit rate (%)	Payment basis	Maturity
September 2020	USD 500,000,000	Irish Stock Exchange & Nasdaq	1.827	Semi annual	September 2025
October 2021	USD 500,000,000	Irish Stock Exchange & Nasdaq	2.082	Semi annual	November 2026
February 2023	AED 1,000,000,000	Nasdaq	5.05	Semi annual	February 2026

The Bank transferred certain identified Ijara assets totalling to AED 2.9 billion (the "co-owned assets") to its subsidiary, EIB Sukuk company limited – (the "Issuer"), a special purpose vehicle formed for the issuance of these Sukuk. The Bank has further entered into a Murabaha with the Sukuk holders for an amount of AED 1.9 billion. This medium term finance is carried at amortised cost.

In substance, the co-owned assets remain in control of the Group; accordingly, these assets continue to be recognised by the Group. In case of any default, the Group has provided an undertaking to make good all losses to the Sukuk holders. The assets are in the control of the Group and shall continue to be serviced by the Group.

The Issuer will pay a semi-annual distribution amount from returns received in respect of the co-owned assets. Such proceeds are expected to be sufficient to cover the semi-annual distribution amount payable to the Sukuk holders on the semi-annual distribution dates. Upon maturity of the Sukuk, the Group has undertaken to repurchase the assets at the exercise price.

	2023 AED 000	2022 AED 000
Balance as at 1 January	3,672,500	3,672,500
Issuances	1,000,000	-
Balance at 31 December	4,672,500	3,672,500

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15 Sukuk payable continued

As at 31 December 2023, the outstanding Sukuk payable totalling AED 4,673 million (31 December 2022: AED 3,673 million) is falling due as below:

	2023 AED 000	2022 AED 000
2025	1,836,250	1,836,250
2026	2,836,250	1,836,250
	4,672,500	3,672,500

- a) On 15 May 2015, EI Funding Limited (the "SPE") was incorporated under Companies Law of Cayman Islands as a Special Purpose Entity. The principal activities of the company are to purchase portfolio of assets through issuance of notes. The securitisation results in a certificate pool that lists on NASDAQ clearing system (off market) for private-purpose, over-the-counter dealing. The underlying Shariah structure has been approved by the Bank's Shariah Supervision Committee.

The Bank has transferred part of its investment portfolio to EI Funding Limited (incorporated under Cayman Islands laws). However, the Group retains control over the transferred assets and hence the Group continues to recognize these assets as financing and the investment assets.

16 Other liabilities

	2023 AED 000	2022 AED 000
Profit payable to depositors	301,577	141,374
Staff related liabilities	194,036	158,055
Managers' cheques	612,105	504,412
Trade and other payables	342,530	333,159
Zakat payable	20,992	44,065
Depositors' Investment risk reserve	13,603	2,724
Others	1,888,460	1,308,008
	3,373,303	2,491,797

(i) Movement in depositors' investment risk reserve is as follows.

	2023 AED 000	2022 AED 000
Balance as at 1 January	2,724	-
Profit earned on reserve balance	-	-
Transfer	11,239	2,796
Zakat	(360)	(72)
Balance at 31 December	13,603	2,724

17 Issued capital and share premium reserve

	2023 AED 000	2022 AED 000
Authorized Share Capital		
10,000,000,000 (2022: 10,000,000,000) ordinary shares of AED 1 each (2022: AED 1 each)	10,000,000	10,000,000
Issued and fully paid up capital		
5,430,421,875 (2022: 5,430,421,875) ordinary shares of AED 1 each (2022: AED 1 each)	5,430,422	5,430,422

18 Reserves

Legal and statutory reserve

In accordance with the Bank's Articles of Association, and in compliance with Decretal Federal Law No. (14) of 2018, a minimum of 10% of profit should be transferred to a non-distributable legal and statutory reserve until such time as this reserve equals 50% of the Bank's issued capital.

Other reserve

10% of the profit is also transferable to a non-distributable regular reserve until such time as this reserve equals 10% of the Bank's issued capital. Since the regular reserve is equal to 10% of the Bank's issued capital, profit was not appropriated to the regular reserve during the year.

	Legal and statutory reserve AED 000	Other reserves AED 000	Total AED 000
At 1 January 2023	815,039	543,043	1,358,082
Transfer from retained earnings*	212,122	–	212,122
At 31 December 2023	1,027,161	543,043	1,570,204

*Prior year comparatives are shown in the consolidated statement of changes in equity.

Fair value reserve

Fair value reserve includes the net change in fair value of FVOCI financial assets and the net effective portion of changes in fair value of cash flow hedges.

19 Income from financing receivables and investment products

	2023 AED 000	2022 AED 000
Financing receivables		
– Murabaha	2,502,059	1,441,439
– Ijara	1,121,916	650,488
– Istisna'a	85,117	39,329
Investment securities measured at FVOCI	213,015	174,150
Investment securities measured at amortised cost	120,338	34,579
Others	622,448	355,335
	4,664,893	2,695,320

20 Distribution on deposits and profit paid to Sukuk holders

	2023 AED 000	2022 AED 000
Distribution to depositors	832,017	286,127
Profit paid to Sukuk holders	118,899	73,934
	950,916	360,061

Distribution on deposits represents the share of income between depositors and equity holders. The allocation and distribution to depositors is approved by the Internal Shariah Supervision Committee.

Profit paid to Sukuk holders represents the distribution of returns received in respect of assets transferred to the EIB Sukuk Company Limited which was specifically formed for this transaction.

21 Fee and commission income

	2023 AED 000	2022 AED 000
Commission income	82,041	71,353
Fee income	855,037	758,177
Total fee and commission income	937,078	829,530

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22 Other operating income

	2023 AED 000	2022 AED 000
Dividend income on equity investments designated at FVTPL	29	10,147
Gain from sale of investment securities measured at FVOCI	37	1,056
Gain / (loss) from investment securities designated at fair value through profit or loss	27,774	22,417
Rental income (net of depreciation)	4,920	2,396
Gain on sale of properties (investment properties / inventories)	9,921	11,544
Foreign exchange and Islamic derivative income / (loss)*	499,720	340,631
Other income (net)	27,052	3,471
	569,453	391,662

*Foreign exchange income comprises translation gain and gain on dealings with customers.

23 General and administrative expenses

	2023 AED 000	2022 AED 000
Staff cost	676,420	594,832
Recharges from group companies	437,826	351,699
Depreciation	88,573	86,939
Others*	568,547	505,550
	1,771,366	1,539,020

*Others include occupancy, communication, marketing, equipment and supplies, legal and other expenses.

24 Net impairment loss on financial assets

The charge to the income statement for the net impairment loss on financial assets is made up as follows:

	2023 AED 000	2022 AED 000
Net impairment of due from banks	4,923	4,802
Net impairment of investment securities	(6,548)	14,509
Net impairment of financing receivables (refer note 35 I)	1,072,701	587,296
Net impairment of unfunded exposures	140,034	(393)
Bad financing written off / (recovery) – net	(216,472)	(204,653)
Net impairment loss on financial assets	994,638	401,561

25 Directors fees

This comprises of fees payable to the directors of the Group of AED 7 million (2022: AED 7 million).

26 Earnings per share

The Group presents basic and diluted Earnings Per Share (EPS) data for its ordinary shares. Basic EPS is calculated by dividing the profit or loss for the year by the weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding during the period. Diluted EPS is determined by adjusting the weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding for the effects of all potential ordinary shares, if any.

	2023	2022
Net profit for the year (AED '000)	2,121,215	1,240,144
Weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue ('000)	5,430,422	5,430,422
Earnings per share* (AED)	0.391	0.228

*The diluted and basic EPS were the same at the year end.

27 Islamic derivative financial instruments

The table below shows the positive and negative fair values of Islamic derivative financial instruments, 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 an Islamic derivative's underlying asset, reference rate or index and is the basis upon which changes in the value of Islamic derivatives are measured. The notional amounts indicate the volume of transactions outstanding at year end and are neither indicative of the market risk nor credit risk.

31 December 2023	Positive fair value AED 000	Negative fair value AED 000	Notional amount AED 000	Within 3 months AED 000	Over 3 months to 1 year AED 000	Over 1 year to 3 years AED 000	Over 3 years to 5 years AED 000	Over 5 years AED 000
Islamic Derivative financial instruments:								
Forward foreign exchange contracts	4,352	(374)	4,394,720	2,322,152	2,072,568	-	-	-
Foreign exchange options	4,587	(4,711)	654,206	105,792	317,375	231,039	-	-
Profit rate swaps/caps	170,248	(173,311)	11,863,935	-	1,101,228	5,279,226	2,965,090	2,518,391
Total	179,187	(178,396)	16,912,861	2,427,944	3,491,171	5,510,265	2,965,090	2,518,391

Islamic Derivatives held as cash flow hedge:

Profit rate swaps/caps	4,986	-	300,000	-	-	300,000	-	-
Total	184,173	(178,396)	17,212,861	2,427,944	3,491,171	5,810,265	2,965,090	2,518,391

31 December 2022	Positive fair value AED 000	Negative fair value AED 000	Notional amount AED 000	Within 3 months AED 000	Over 3 months to 1 year AED 000	Over 1 year to 3 years AED 000	Over 3 years to 5 years AED 000	Over 5 years AED 000
Islamic Derivative financial instruments:								
Forward foreign exchange contracts	3,534	(2,524)	5,020,278	2,983,492	2,036,786	-	-	-
Foreign exchange options	3,505	(3,612)	136,799	28,303	51,889	56,607	-	-
Profit rate swaps/caps	177,079	(185,364)	9,419,651	-	299,238	2,719,659	3,312,199	3,088,555
Total	184,118	(191,500)	14,576,728	3,011,795	2,387,913	2,776,266	3,312,199	3,088,555

Islamic Derivatives held as cash flow hedge:

Profit rate swaps/caps	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	184,118	(191,500)	14,576,728	3,011,795	2,387,913	2,776,266	3,312,199	3,088,555

Islamic derivative related credit risk

Credit risk in respect of Islamic derivative financial instruments arises from the potential for a counterparty to default on its contractual obligations and is limited to the positive fair value of instruments that are favourable to the Group and potential future fluctuations. All credit exposure is managed under approved facilities and in certain cases collateralised. The Group takes a Credit Value Adjustment (CVA) on outstanding derivative transactions. The methodology for CVA calculation relies on three components: the probability of default of the counterparty, the expected positive exposure and the recovery rate. CVA is computed on all asset classes including Foreign Exchange and Profit Rates.

Islamic derivatives held or issued for trading purposes

Most of the Group's Islamic derivative trading activities relate to sales and position coverage. Sales activities involve offering products to customers at competitive prices in order to enable them to transfer, modify or reduce current and expected risks.

Profit rate derivatives trading is conducted under Board approved limits.

Islamic derivatives held or issued for hedging purposes

As part of its asset and liability management, the Group uses Islamic derivatives for hedging purposes in order to reduce its exposure to currency and profit rate risks. This is achieved by hedging specific financial instruments and forecasted transactions as well as strategic hedging against overall balance sheet exposures.

The Group designates its Islamic derivatives held or issued for hedging purposes as:

- Fair value hedges: Hedges of the fair value of recognised assets or liabilities or firm commitments;
- Cash flow hedges: Hedges of highly probable future cash flows attributable to a recognised asset or liability, or a highly probable forecast transaction; and
- Net investment hedges: Hedges of net investments in foreign operations.

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27 Islamic derivative financial instruments continued

Islamic derivatives held or issued for hedging purposes continued

Further, in terms of the hedging transactions carried out by the Group, the Group documents:

- At the inception of the transaction, the relationship between hedging instruments and hedged items, the risk being hedged and the Group's risk management objective and strategy for undertaking a hedge transaction.
- The manner in which effectiveness will be measured throughout the life of the hedge relationship.

At the end of period, no derivatives are designated for hedging purposes as "Fair value hedge" or "Net investment hedge".

The Group's assessment, both at hedge inception and on an ongoing basis, of whether the derivatives that are used in hedging transactions are highly effective in offsetting changes in fair values or cash flows of hedged items.

Hedge effectiveness is measured by the Group on a prospective basis at inception, as well as retrospectively (where applicable) and prospectively over the term of the hedge relationship. Sources of ineffectiveness in hedge accounting include the impact of Islamic derivative related credit risk on the valuation of the hedging Islamic derivative and hedged item. To mitigate this credit risk, the Group executes hedging Islamic derivatives with high quality counterparties and the majority of the Group's hedging Islamic derivatives are collateralised.

Fair value hedges:

The Group uses profit rate swaps to hedge against changes in value of investment securities due to profit rate movements. These are designated by the Group as fair value hedges and, therefore the fair value hedge accounting is applied to hedge movements in the value of fixed profit rate assets and liabilities subject to profit rate risk, as well as assets and liabilities subject to foreign exchange risk.

Subsequent to initial designation, changes in the fair value of Islamic derivatives designated as fair value hedges are accounted for in the 'other operating income', along with any changes in the fair value of the hedged asset or liability attributable to the hedged risk.

Cash flow hedges:

The Group uses profit rate swaps and forward rate agreements to hedge against the cash flow risks arising on certain floating rate customer deposits and medium-term financings. Profit rate swaps are also used to hedge against the cash flow risks arising on certain floating rate facilities and receivables. These are designated by the Group as cash flow hedges, and, as such, the Group applies cash flow hedge accounting to hedge the variability in highly probable forecast future cash flows attributable to profit rate risk on variable rate assets and liabilities, and assets and liabilities subject to foreign exchange risk.

The effective portion of changes in the fair value of Islamic derivatives designated as cash flow hedges are recognised in the fair value reserve within equity. Any gain or loss relating to the ineffective portion is recognised immediately in the Group consolidated statement of income.

28 Operating segments

The Group's activities comprise the following main business segments:

Corporate and institutional banking

Within this business segment, the Bank provides to corporate customers a range of products and services and accepts their deposits.

Retail banking and wealth management

Retail segment provides a wide range of products and services to individuals and small and medium enterprises and accepts their deposits.

Treasury

Treasury activities comprises of managing the Group's portfolio of investments, funds management, and interbank treasury operations, and brokerage services.

Others

Other operations of the Group include operations and support functions.

	Corporate and institutional banking AED 000	Retail banking and wealth management AED 000	Treasury AED 000	Others AED 000	Total AED 000
31 December 2023					
Net income from financing and investment products	651,496	2,150,596	376,856	535,029	3,713,977
Net fees, commission & other income	179,691	822,304	35,780	13,819	1,051,594
Total operating income	831,187	2,972,900	412,636	548,848	4,765,571
General administrative and other expenses	(90,221)	(1,009,377)	(23,393)	(648,375)	(1,771,366)
Net impairment loss	(126,668)	(876,420)	6,282	123,816	(872,990)
Net profit / (loss) for the year	614,298	1,087,103	395,525	24,289	2,121,215
Segment Assets	27,305,137	41,522,562	18,966,447	17,585	87,811,731
Segment Liabilities and Equity	14,486,859	52,638,886	2,848,117	17,837,869	87,811,731

	Corporate and institutional banking AED 000	Retail banking and wealth management AED 000	Treasury AED 000	Others AED 000	Total AED 000
31 December 2022					
Net income from financing and investment products	480,201	1,524,549	153,211	177,298	2,335,259
Net fees, commission & other income	157,800	641,137	34,804	13,025	846,766
Total operating income	638,001	2,165,686	188,015	190,323	3,182,025
General administrative and other expenses	(79,617)	(795,608)	(19,817)	(643,978)	(1,539,020)
Net impairment loss	(96,427)	(290,411)	(15,152)	(871)	(402,861)
Net profit / (loss) for the year	461,957	1,079,667	153,046	(454,526)	1,240,144
Segment Assets	22,756,036	35,742,529	15,961,677	303,476	74,763,718
Segment Liabilities and Equity	14,579,936	45,415,535	1,138,899	13,629,348	74,763,718

29 Commitments and contingencies

The Group's commitments and contingencies are as follows:

	2023 AED 000	2022 AED 000
Letters of credit	563,001	648,689
Guarantees	6,578,967	5,461,759
Liability on risk participations	10,781	-
Irrevocable financing commitments*	2,795,524	1,489,294
	9,948,273	7,599,742

*Irrevocable financing commitments represent a contractual commitment to permit draw downs on a facility within a defined period subject to conditions precedent and termination clauses. Since commitments may expire without being drawn down, and as conditions precedent to draw down have to be fulfilled the total contract amounts do not necessarily represent exact future cash requirements.

The table below summarizes the stage wise balances of unfunded exposures and customer acceptances and ECL thereon:

AED 000	31 December 2023		31 December 2022	
	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 1	Stage 2
Unfunded exposures	10,665,416	319,391	7,923,217	600,368
ECL on unfunded exposures	151,976	7,313	19,201	52

Unfunded exposure includes guarantees, standby letter of credits and irrevocable financing commitments.

(a) Acceptance

Under IFRS 9, acceptances are recognised on balance sheet with a corresponding liability. Accordingly, there is no off balance sheet commitment for acceptances.

(b) Capital Commitments

The Group has commitments as at 31 December 2023 for branch refurbishments and automation projects of AED 11.2 million (2022: AED 9.7 million).

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30 Related party transactions

The Group is owned by Emirates NBD (99.9%), which is partially owned by the Investment Corporation of Dubai (40.92%, 2022: 55.75%). The Government of Dubai is the major shareholder in Investment Corporation of Dubai.

Customer accounts from and financing to Government related entities, other than those that have been individually disclosed, amount to 14.2% and 4.2% (2022: 16.0% and 4.0%) of the total customer's deposits and financing receivables of the Group, respectively.

These entities are independently run business entities, and all the financial dealings with the Group are on normal commercial terms.

The Group has also entered into transactions with certain other related parties who are non-government related entities. Such transactions were also made on substantially the same terms, including profit rates and collaterals, as those prevailing at the same time for comparable transactions with third parties and do not involve more than a normal amount of risk.

Key management personnel are those persons, including non-executive directors, having authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the Group, directly or indirectly.

No impairment losses have been recorded against balances outstanding during the period with key management personnel and their immediate relations at the year end.

Related party balances and transactions are carried out on normal commercial terms and are as follows:

	2023 AED 000	2022 AED 000
Financing and other receivables		
To parent and related companies	429,743	971,157
To directors and related companies	4,240	8,671
To key management personnel and affiliates	3,592	164
	437,575	979,992
Customer deposits and other payables		
From ultimate parent company	9	183,635
From parent and related companies	4,578,147	1,505,156
From directors and related companies	99	161
From key management personnel and affiliates	18,983	17,847
	4,597,238	1,706,799
Investment securities and Islamic derivatives		
Investment in ultimate parent company	186,045	191,577
Positive fair value of Islamic derivative – Parent and related companies	67,476	103,257
Negative fair value of Islamic derivative – Parent and related companies	(116,858)	(81,130)
Notional amount of Islamic derivative – Parent and related companies	10,804,699	9,725,512
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Recharges from group companies	(437,826)	(351,699)
Income from investment in ultimate parent company	6,443	6,443
Income on financing receivables		
From parent and related companies	55,114	12,527
Distribution on deposits		
To ultimate parent company	3,911	4,061
To parent and related companies	25,800	8,591

The total amount of compensation paid to key management personnel of the Group during the year was as follows:

	2023 AED 000	2022 AED 000
Key management compensation		
Short term employee benefits	30,754	24,443
Post employment benefits	1,062	3,003

31 Geographical distribution of assets and liabilities

The Group's financial position, before taking into account any collateral held or other credit enhancement, can be analysed by the following regions:

31 December 2023	UAE AED 000	Other GCC AED 000	International AED 000	Total AED 000
ASSETS				
Cash and deposits with the Central Bank of the UAE	14,981,141	-	-	14,981,141
Due from banks	1,643,698	1,804,977	2,682,479	6,131,154
Investment securities	4,492,761	2,839,039	3,097,862	10,429,662
Financing Receivables	52,292,815	1,198,431	256,491	53,747,737
Positive fair value of Islamic derivatives	184,173	-	-	184,173
Customer acceptances	1,036,534	-	-	1,036,534
Investment properties	184,806	-	-	184,806
Property and equipment	270,848	-	-	270,848
Other assets	845,676	-	-	845,676
TOTAL ASSETS	75,932,452	5,842,447	6,036,832	87,811,731
LIABILITIES				
Due to banks	4,954,915	160,310	677,150	5,792,375
Customer deposits	60,092,326	267,519	955,070	61,314,915
Sukuk payable	4,672,500	-	-	4,672,500
Negative fair value of Islamic derivatives	178,396	-	-	178,396
Customer acceptances	1,036,534	-	-	1,036,534
Other liabilities	3,373,303	-	-	3,373,303
Total equity	11,443,708	-	-	11,443,708
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	85,751,682	427,829	1,632,220	87,811,731
Geographical distribution of letters of credit and guarantees	6,390,411	151,449	600,108	7,141,968

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Geographical distribution of assets	65,276,404	3,991,197	5,496,117	74,763,718
Geographical distribution of liabilities and equity	73,546,446	548,088	669,184	74,763,718
Geographical distribution of letters of credit and guarantees	5,920,252	124,134	66,062	6,110,448

32 Financial assets and liabilities

A. Classification of financial assets and financial liabilities

The table below sets out the Group's classification of each class of financial assets and liabilities, and their carrying values.

31 December 2023	FVTPL AED 000	FVOCI AED 000	Amortised cost* AED 000	Hedging instruments AED 000	Total carrying value AED 000
Financial assets					
Cash and deposits with the Central Bank of the UAE	-	-	14,981,141	-	14,981,141
Due from banks	-	-	6,131,154	-	6,131,154
Investment securities	64,172	5,852,430	4,513,060	-	10,429,662
Financing receivables	-	-	53,747,737	-	53,747,737
Positive fair value of Islamic derivatives	179,187	-	-	4,986	184,173
Others	-	-	1,651,317	-	1,651,317
	243,359	5,852,430	81,024,409	4,986	87,125,184
Financial liabilities					
Due to banks	-	-	5,792,375	-	5,792,375
Customer deposits	-	-	61,314,915	-	61,314,915
Sukuk payable	-	-	4,672,500	-	4,672,500
Negative fair value of Islamic derivatives	178,396	-	-	-	178,396
Others	-	-	4,409,837	-	4,409,837
	178,396	-	76,189,627	-	76,368,023

*The carrying values of the financial assets and liabilities (that are not stated at fair value) are not significantly different to their fair values.

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32 Financial assets and liabilities continued

A. Classification of financial assets and financial liabilities continued

31 December 2022	FVTPL AED 000	FVOCI AED 000	Amortised cost* AED 000	Hedging instruments AED 000	Total carrying value AED 000
Financial assets					
Cash and deposits with the Central Bank of the UAE	-	-	12,026,286	-	12,026,286
Due from banks	-	-	4,614,476	-	4,614,476
Investment securities	170,898	5,925,063	1,259,910	-	7,355,871
Financing receivables	-	-	48,368,978	-	48,368,978
Positive fair value of Islamic derivatives	184,118	-	-	-	184,118
Others	-	-	1,487,658	-	1,487,658
	355,016	5,925,063	67,757,308	-	74,037,387
Financial liabilities					
Due to banks	-	-	1,880,081	-	1,880,081
Customer deposits	-	-	56,343,655	-	56,343,655
Sukuk payable	-	-	3,672,500	-	3,672,500
Negative fair value of Islamic derivatives	191,500	-	-	-	191,500
Others	-	-	3,415,640	-	3,415,640
	191,500	-	65,311,876	-	65,503,376

*The carrying values of the financial assets and liabilities (that are not stated at fair value) are not significantly different to their fair values.

B. Fair value of financial instruments

The table below analyses financial instruments measured at fair value on a recurring basis. The different levels in the fair value hierarchy have been defined as follows:

- Level 1: quoted prices (unadjusted) in principal markets for identified assets or liabilities.
- Level 2: valuation using inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the assets or liabilities, either directly (i.e., as prices) or indirectly (i.e., derived from prices).
- Level 3: valuation using inputs for the assets or liabilities that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs).

31 December 2023	Level 1 AED 000	Level 2 AED 000	Level 3 AED 000	Total AED 000
Investment securities				
FVOCI				
Government Sukuk	532,978	-	-	532,978
Corporate Sukuk	5,319,452	-	-	5,319,452
	5,852,430	-	-	5,852,430
Designated at FVTPL				
Equity	-	-	64,172	64,172
Others	-	-	-	-
	-	-	64,172	64,172
Islamic derivative financial instruments				
Positive fair value of Islamic derivatives				
Islamic derivatives held for trading	-	179,187	-	179,187
Islamic derivatives held as cash flow hedge: Profit rate swaps	-	4,986	-	4,986
	-	184,173	-	184,173
Negative fair value of Islamic derivatives				
Islamic derivatives held for trading	-	(178,396)	-	(178,396)
Islamic derivatives held as cash flow hedge: Profit rate swaps	-	-	-	-
	-	(178,396)	-	(178,396)
	5,852,430	5,777	64,172	5,922,379

The following table shows a reconciliation from the beginning balances to the ending balances for the fair value measurements in Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy.

	Designated at FVTPL AED 000
Balance as at 1 January 2023	64,298
Total gains or losses:	
– in profit or loss	6,969
Transfers out of level 3	–
Settlements and other adjustments	(7,095)
Balance as at 31 December 2023	64,172
	64,172

31 December 2022	Level 1 AED 000	Level 2 AED 000	Level 3 AED 000	Total AED 000
Investment securities				
FVOCI				
Government Sukuk	522,128	–	–	522,128
Corporate Sukuk	5,402,935	–	–	5,402,935
	5,925,063	–	–	5,925,063
Designated at FVTPL				
Equity	–	106,600	64,182	170,782
Others	–	–	116	116
	–	106,600	64,298	170,898
Islamic derivative financial instruments				
Positive fair value of Islamic derivatives				
Islamic derivatives held for trading	–	184,118	–	184,118
Islamic derivatives held as cash flow hedge:				
Profit rate swaps	–	–	–	–
	–	184,118	–	184,118
Negative fair value of Islamic derivatives				
Islamic derivatives held for trading	–	(191,500)	–	(191,500)
Islamic derivatives held as cash flow hedge:				
Profit rate swaps	–	–	–	–
	–	(191,500)	–	(191,500)
	5,925,063	99,218	64,298	6,088,579

The following table shows a reconciliation from the beginning balances to the ending balances for the fair value measurements in Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy.

	Designated at FVTPL AED 000
Balance as at 1 January 2022	150,583
Total gains or losses:	
– in profit or loss	(49,650)
Transfers out of level 3	(36,635)
Settlements and other adjustments	–
Balance as at 31 December 2022	64,298

The fair value of financial instruments classified as level 3 are, in certain circumstances, measured using valuation techniques that incorporate assumptions that are not evidenced by the prices from observable current market transactions in the same instrument and are not based on observable market data. The Group employs valuation techniques, depending on the instrument type and available market data. For example, in the absence of active market, an investment's fair value is estimated on the basis of an analysis of the investee's financial position and results, risk profile and other factors. Favourable and unfavourable changes in the value of financial instruments are determined on the basis of changes in the value of the instruments as a result of varying the levels of the unobservable parameters, quantification of which is judgmental.

There have been no transfers between Level 1 and Level 2 during the years ended 31 December 2023 and 31 December 2022.

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33 Notes to the group consolidated cash flow statement

	2023 AED 000	2022 AED 000
(a) Analysis of changes in cash and cash equivalents during the year		
Balance at beginning of year	7,097,319	56,430
Net cash inflow / (outflow)	(10,067,839)	7,040,889
Balance at end of year	(2,970,520)	7,097,319
(b) Analysis of cash and cash equivalents		
Cash and deposits with the Central Bank of the UAE	14,981,141	12,026,286
Due from banks	6,145,177	4,623,576
Due to banks	(5,792,375)	(1,880,081)
	15,333,943	14,769,781
Less: Deposits with the Central Bank for regulatory purposes	(5,498,131)	(3,013,129)
Less: Murabaha with the Central Bank maturing after three months	(7,535,257)	(2,580,486)
Less: Amounts due from banks maturing after three months	(5,278,566)	(2,232,793)
Add: Amounts due to banks maturing after three months	7,491	153,946
	(2,970,520)	7,097,319
(c) Adjustment for non cash and other items		
Net impairment loss / (reversal) on due from banks / other assets	4,923	4,802
Net impairment loss / (reversal) on investment securities	(6,548)	14,509
Impairment loss on financing receivables	1,072,701	587,296
Impairment loss on unfunded exposures	140,034	(393)
Dividend income on equity investments	(29)	(10,147)
Depreciation / impairment on property and equipment / investment properties	(21,430)	101,047
Unrealised (gain) / loss on investments	51,306	(101,212)
(Gain) / loss on sale of properties (investment properties / inventories)	(9,921)	(11,544)
	1,231,036	584,358

34 Capital management and allocation

The CBUAE supervises the Group on a consolidated basis, and therefore receives information on the capital adequacy of, and sets capital requirements for, the Group as a whole. Effective from 2017, the capital is computed at a Group level using the Basel III framework of the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision (Basel Committee), after applying the amendments advised by the CBUAE, within national discretion. The Basel III framework, like Basel II, is structured around three pillars: minimum capital requirements, supervisory review process and market discipline.

Minimum Capital Requirements

The CBUAE issued Basel III capital regulations, which came into effect from 1 February 2017 introducing minimum capital requirements at three levels, namely Common Equity Tier 1 (CET1), Additional Tier 1 (AT1) and Total Capital.

Additional capital buffers (Capital Conservation Buffer (CCB) and Countercyclical Capital Buffer (CCyB) – maximum up to 2.5% for each buffer) introduced over and above the minimum CET1 requirement of 7%.

Regulatory Capital

The Group's capital base is divided into three main categories, namely CET1, AT1 and Tier 2 ('T2'), depending on their characteristics.

- CET1 capital is the highest quality form of capital, comprising share capital, share premium, legal, statutory and other reserves, fair value reserve, retained earnings, non-controlling interest after deductions for goodwill and intangibles and other regulatory adjustments relating to items that are included in equity but are treated differently for capital adequacy purposes under CBUAE guidelines.
- AT1 capital comprises eligible non-common equity capital instruments. The Group does not have AT1 capital at the end of reporting period.
- T2 capital comprises qualifying subordinated financing, and undisclosed reserve.

The capital overview as per Basel III framework is given below:

	2023 AED 000	2022 AED 000
Available capital		
Common equity tier 1 capital	11,726,133	9,427,854
Tier 1 capital	11,726,133	9,427,854
Total eligible capital	12,426,801	10,033,965
Risk-weighted assets		
Credit risk	56,053,403	48,488,869
Market risk	101,515	84,066
Operational risk	5,830,949	4,196,721
Total risk-weighted assets	61,985,867	52,769,656
Capital Ratio	2023	2022
a. Total capital ratio for consolidated Group	20.05%	19.01%
b. Tier 1 ratio only for consolidated Group	18.92%	17.87%
c. CET1 ratio only for consolidated Group	18.92%	17.87%

The capital adequacy ratios as per Basel III capital regulation are given below:

	2023 AED 000	2022 AED 000
Common Equity Tier 1 (CET1) Capital		
Share Capital	5,430,422	5,430,422
Eligible reserves	1,300,225	982,607
Transitional arrangement: Partial addback of ECL impact to CET1	362,479	209,588
Retained earnings / (-) loss	4,713,061	2,847,314
CET1 capital before the regulatory adjustments and threshold deduction	11,806,187	9,469,931
Less: Regulatory deductions	(80,054)	(42,077)
Total CET1 capital after the regulatory adjustments and threshold deduction	11,726,133	9,427,854
Total CET1 capital after transitional arrangement for deductions (CET1) (A)	11,726,133	9,427,854
Additional Tier 1 (AT1) Capital		
Eligible AT1 capital	-	-
Other AT1 Capital (e.g. Share premium, non-controlling interest)	-	-
Total AT1 capital	-	-
Total AT1 capital after transitional arrangements (AT1) (B)	-	-
Tier 2 (T2) Capital		
Other Tier 2 capital (including General Provisions, etc.)	700,668	606,111
Total T2 Capital	700,668	606,111
Total T2 capital after transitional arrangements (T2) (C)	700,668	606,111
Total Regulatory Capital (A+B+C)	12,426,801	10,033,965

35 Risk management

The primary risks to the Group arise from extending credit to corporate and institutional banking and retail banking and wealth management customers. The Group is also exposed to a range of other risk types such as market, operational, liquidity, compliance, reputational, country, market conduct risk and legal that drive the direction of its risk management strategy, product range and risk diversification strategies.

Group Risk Management Framework (GRMF):

The GRMF enables the Group to manage group-wide risks with the objective of maximising returns while adhering to our risk appetite.

The Group uses a three lines of defence model to support its approach to risk management by clarifying responsibility, encouraging collaboration, and enabling efficient coordination of risk and control activities. The three lines of defence are summarized below:

- Business units: required to ensure the effective management of risks within the scope of their direct organisational responsibilities. All employees within the business units are sufficiently trained and have access to appropriate tools to ensure risk-taking is controlled. Each business unit primarily owns the risk that it underwrites and is equally responsible for designing and implementing necessary controls to mitigate risks emanating from its activities.
- Risk control units: responsible for implementing policies and procedures, monitoring risks taken to ensure all risks are within the Group's risk appetite. Appropriate controls are designed and implemented with adequate reporting in place to anticipate future risks and improve the level of preparedness across the management chain.
- Group Internal Audit: provides independent assurance and reports its findings to all relevant management and governance bodies, accountable line managers, relevant oversight function and committee(s) of the Board.

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A. Risk governance

The risk governance structure of the group ensures central oversight and control with clear accountability for and ownership of risk.

The Board of Directors (the Board) has the ultimate responsibility for setting Group's risk appetite and for the establishment and oversight of the Group's risk management framework. This is managed through a number of committees; namely Board Risk Committee (BRC), Board Credit & Investment Committee (BCIC) and Board Audit Committee (BAC). The management level committees also actively manage risk particularly the Group Risk Committee (GRC), Management Credit Committee (MCC), Management Investment Committee (MIC) and Asset Liability Management Committee (ALCO).

BRC comprises of members of the Board and is responsible for risk oversight responsibilities of the Board with regards to risk governance, risk appetite and the risk management framework. The BRC receives reports on risk management including portfolio trends, policies and standards, stress testing, liquidity and capital adequacy and is authorized to investigate or seek any information relating to any activity within its terms of reference.

BCIC supports the Board to manage the credit and investment portfolios of the Bank and is responsible for approval of credit and investment decisions above the MCC and MIC's authority. It oversees the execution of Group's credit risk management and reviews the credit profile of material portfolios to ensure that it is aligned with business strategy and risk appetite.

The primary role BAC is to have oversight and review of financial, audit and internal control issues as well as oversee the independence and performance of group's external and internal auditors.

MCC is management level committee which carries out credit facilities decisions including but not limited to approval and renewal of credit facilities, review and monitor portfolio performance in line with the credit risk strategy, decisions on debt settlement, provisioning write off and amendments to pricing, grades and waiver.

The role of the MIC is to support the Board in the management of the Investment Portfolios of the Group to ensure they conform to the strategic vision of the same and support the Board in monitoring and reporting the performance of these portfolios.

The ALCO is responsible for balance sheet management and quality of the funding plan as well as the management of capital and the establishment of, and compliance with, policies relating to balance sheet management, including management of our liquidity, capital adequacy and structural foreign exchange and profit rate risk. The committee also approves the contingency funding plan as well as the funds transfer pricing among other things.

The GRC is responsible for the management of all risks other than those delegated to MCC, MIC and ALCO and ensures the effective management of risk throughout the group in support of the group's business strategy and group's risk appetite. The committee approves risk policies and analytical models to ensure effective management of credit, market, operational, business continuity and reputational, compliance, market conduct risk and legal and other risks confronting the group.

B. The risk function

The GRMF is managed by the Enterprise and Regulatory Risk. The function is independent of the business (origination, trading and sales functions) to ensure that the necessary balance in risk/return decisions is not compromised by pressures for better results in terms of revenues and to ensure transparency of decisions in accordance with group standards and policies.

Group Risk assists in controlling and actively managing the Group's overall risk profile. The role of the function is:

- To ensure the risk management framework is effectively communicated and implemented across the Group and is appropriate to the Group's activities;
- To exercise direct ownership for various risk types including but not limited to credit, market, country, operational, reputational risks;
- To ensure that the Group's business strategies, risk policies, procedures and methodologies are consistent with the Group's risk appetite;
- To ensure the integrity of the Group's risk/return decisions guaranteeing their transparency;
- To ensure that appropriate risk management architecture and systems are developed and implemented.

C. Risk appetite

The Group Risk Appetite Statement (Group RAS) is an articulation of the risk that the Group would be willing to accept, underwrite and/or be exposed to in the normal course of its business conduct.

The Group RAS is a critical component and extension of the GRMF. It is a mechanism used by the Group to proactively establish and subsequently monitor the group's risk profile using a set of pre-defined key risk metrics and respective thresholds.

D. Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk of financial loss, should any of the Group's customers, clients or market counterparties fail to fulfil their contractual obligation to the Group. Credit risk arises mainly from interbank, corporate and institutional banking and retail banking and wealth management receivables, and financing commitments arising from such financing activities, but can also arise from credit enhancement provided, such as financial guarantees, letter of credit, endorsement and acceptances.

The Group is also exposed to other credit risks arising from investments in financing securities (Sukuk) and other exposures arising from derivatives as well as settlement balances with market counterparties and reverse repurchase agreements.

Credit risk management

Group's approach to credit risk management is based on the foundation of independence and integrity of risk management. This is ensured through a well-defined and robust organisation structure duly supported by various risk committees, forums, systems, policies, procedures and processes providing a strong risk infrastructure and management framework.

The Group's credit policy focuses on the core credit principles, financing guidelines and parameters, control and monitoring requirements, problem financing receivable identification, management of high risk counterparties and provisioning. Standard procedures specific to businesses are in place to manage various types of risks across different business segments, products and portfolios.

Portfolio performance is periodically measured against RAS parameters and breaches, if any, are actioned by the Group's Executive Committee.

Corporate and institutional Banking, Business Bank and Private Banking credit risk management

Credit facilities are granted based on the detailed credit risk assessment of the counterparty. The assessment considers amongst other things the purpose of the facility, sources of re-payment, prevailing and potential macro-economic factors, industry trends, customers' credit worthiness and standing within the industry.

The credit facility administration process is undertaken by an independent function to ensure proper execution of all credit approvals, maintenance of documentation and proactive controls over maturities, expiry of limits and collaterals.

Operations are managed by independent units responsible for processing transactions in line with credit approvals and standard operating guidelines.

Management of Early Alert (EA), Watch List (WL) & Impaired Non Performing Financing Receivables (NPFR) – The Group has a well-defined process for identification of EA, WL & NPFR accounts and dealing with them effectively. There are policies which govern credit grading of EA, WL & NPFR accounts and impairment, in line with IFRS and regulatory guidelines.

Retail banking credit risk management

The Group has a structured management framework for Retail banking risk management. The framework enables the Group in identification and evaluation of the significance of all credit risks that the Group faces, which may have an adverse material impact on its financial position.

In the retail banking portfolio, losses stem from outright default due to inability or unwillingness of a customer to meet commitments in relation to funding transactions.

The Group's provisioning policy, which is in line with the IFRS and the regulatory guidelines, allows the Group to prudently recognize impairment on its retail portfolios.

Model risk management and independent validation

The Group has utilised models in many of its financial and business activities from underwriting a credit facility to reporting expected loss under the IFRS 9 accounting standards.

To manage the model risks, the Group has implemented the Group Model Governance Framework (the Framework). The Framework is a group wide policy and is applicable to models in all entities and subsidiaries of the Group. According to the Framework, all internally or externally (vendor based) developed risk quantification models that directly affect financial reporting, including Expected Loss (EL), Lifetime Expected Loss (LEL) and Regulatory requirements require independent validation.

The Framework establishes a systematic approach to manage the development, validation, approval, implementation and on-going use of the models. It sets out an effective management structure with clearly defined roles and responsibilities, policies and controls for managing model risk. The Framework is reviewed on a regular basis to ensure it meets regulatory standards and international practices. Any major change to the Framework must be approved by the Board of Directors or the BRC.

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D. Credit risk continued

Credit risk management continued

Model risk management and independent validation continued

The Group has an independent Group Model Validation (GMV) function that performs independent model validation. It provides Fit-for-Purpose (FFP), Conditional Approval (CA) or Not Fit-for-Purpose (NFFP) recommendation for the BRC or an appropriately delegated authority to approve the use of the new risk quantification / valuation models. In addition to new model validation, the validation function also evaluates the performance of existing models through an annual validation process. The independency of the team enables it to serve as an effective second line of defence for the bank.

Credit approving authorities

BCIC has delegated credit approving authorities to the MCC, MIC and members of senior management to facilitate and effectively manage the business. However, BCIC has retained the ultimate authority to approve credits beyond MCC authority.

Credit risk measurement

The estimation of credit risk for risk management purpose is complex and requires use of models, as the exposure varies with changes in market condition, expected cash flows and the passage of time. The assessment of credit risk of a portfolio of assets entails further estimations as to the likelihood of defaults occurring and of the associated loss ratios. The Group measures credit risk using PD, EAD and LGD. This is similar to the approach used for the purpose of measuring ECL under IFRS 9.

Credit risk grading

The Group uses internal credit risk grading that reflects its assessment of the probability of default of individual counterparties. The Group uses internal rating models tailored to various categories of counterparty. Obligor and financing receivable specific information collected at the time of facility application (such as disposable income, and level of collateral for retail exposure; and turnover and industry type considerations which may not be captured as part of the other data inputs into the model.

The credit grades are calibrated, such that the risk of default increases exponentially at each higher risk grade. For example, the difference in the PD between a 1A and 2A rating grade is lower than the difference in the PD between a 3A and 4A rating grade.

The following are additional considerations for each type of portfolio held by the Group:

Retail:

After the date of initial recognition, for retail business, the payment behaviour of the obligor is monitored on a periodic basis to develop a behavioural score. Any other known information about the obligor which impacts their credit worthiness such as: unemployment and previous delinquency history is also incorporated into the behaviour score. This score is mapped to a PD.

Corporate and institutional Banking, Business Banking and Private Banking:

Ratings are determined at the obligor level for these segments. A relationship manager incorporates any updated or new information/credit assessment into the credit system on an ongoing basis. In addition, the relationship manager also updates information about the creditworthiness of the obligor every year from sources such as public financial statements. This will determine the updated internal credit rating and PD.

Treasury:

For financing securities (Sukuk) in the Treasury portfolio, external rating agency credit grades are used. These published grades are continuously monitored and updated. The PDs associated with each grade are determined based on realized default rates over the prior 12 months, as published by the rating agency.

The Group's rating method comprises 24 rating levels for instruments not in default (1 to 24) and 4 default classes (25 to 28). The Group's internal rating scale are mapped with external ratings. The master scale assigns each rating category a specified range of probabilities of default, which is stable over the time. The rating models are reviewed for recalibration so that they reflect the latest projections in the light of all actually observed defaults.

ECL measurement

IFRS 9 outlines a 'three-stage' model for impairment based on changes in credit-quality since initial recognition as summarized below:

- A financial instrument that is not credit-impaired on initial recognized is classified in Stage 1 and has its credit risk continuously monitored by the Group.
- If a significant increase in credit risk ('SICR') since initial recognition is identified, the financial instrument is moved to 'Stage 2' but is not yet deemed to be credit-impaired.
- If the financial instrument is credit-impaired, the financial instrument is then moved to Stage 3.
- Financial instrument in Stage 1 have their ECL measured at an amount equal to the portion of lifetime ECL that results from default events possible within the next 12 months. Instruments in Stages 2 or 3 have their ECL measured based on a lifetime basis.
- ECL is measured after factoring forward-looking information.
- ECL on Purchased or originated credit-impaired financial assets is measured on a lifetime basis.

Significant increase in credit risk

The Group considers a financial instrument to have experienced a significant increase in credit risk when one or more of the following quantitative, qualitative or backstop criteria have been met:

Quantitative criteria:

Corporate and Institutional Banking, Business Banking and Private Banking:

Significant increase in credit risk is measured by comparing the risk of default estimated at origination with the risk of default at reporting date.

Retail:

Thresholds have been set for each portfolio based on historical default rates. Facilities exceeding the threshold are considered for significant increase in credit risk.

Qualitative criteria:

The Group also considers in its assessment of significant increase in credit risk, various qualitative factors like significant adverse changes in business, extension of term granted, actual and expected forbearance or restructuring, early sign of cash flows and liquidity problems.

Backstop:

A backstop is applied and the financial instrument considered to have experienced a significant increase in credit risk if the obligor is more than 30 days past due on its contractual payments.

Definition of default and credit-impaired assets

The Group defines a financial instrument as in default, which is fully aligned with definition of credit-impaired, when it meets one or more of the following criteria:

Quantitative:

The obligor is more than 90 days past due on its contractual payments.

Qualitative:

The obligor meets unlikelihood to pay criteria, which indicates the obligor is in significant financial difficulty. These are instances like long-term forbearance, obligor is insolvent, obligor is entering bankruptcy etc.

Curing

The Group continues to monitor such financial instruments for a minimum probationary period of 12 months to confirm if the risk of default has decreased sufficiently before upgrading such exposure from Lifetime ECL (Stage 2) to 12 months ECL (Stage 1).

The Group is observing a probationary period of a minimum of 4 instalments (for repayments which are on a quarterly basis or shorter) and 12 months (in cases where instalments are on a longer frequency than quarterly) after the restructuring, before upgrading such exposures from Stage 3 to 2.

Measuring ECL – Explanations of input, assumptions and estimation techniques

ECL inputs (PD, EAD and LGD) are adjusted for the likelihood of survival (i.e. the exposure has not prepaid or defaulted in earlier year) on annual basis. This effectively calculates an ECL for each future year, which is then discounted back to the reporting date and summed. The discount rate used in ECL computation is the original effective profit rate or an approximation thereof.

The Lifetime PDs are determined based on maturity profile. The maturity profile looks at how defaults develop on a portfolio throughout the remaining life of the financing receivable. The maturity profile is based on historical observed data.

The EADs are determined based on the expected payment profile, which varies by product type.

- For amortising products and bullet repayment financings, this is based on the contractual repayments owed by the obligor over the 12 months and lifetime basis. This is also adjusted for any overpayments made by the obligor.
- For revolving products, the EAD is predicted by taking current drawn balance and adding a credit conversion factor which allows for the expected drawdown of the remaining limit by the time of default.

LGDs are computed at facility level. These are based upon information such as exposure, collateral and other criteria's depending upon business segment. In addition, the final LGD is conditioned upon macro-economic outlook.

Forward looking economic information is also included in determining the 12 month and lifetime PD, EAD and LGD.

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D. Credit risk continued

Credit risk measurement continued

Forward-looking information incorporated in the ECL model

The assessment of SICR and the calculation of ECL both incorporate forward-looking information. The Group has performed historical analysis and identified key economic variables impacting credit risk and ECL for each portfolio.

These economic variables and their associated impact on PD, EAD and LGD vary by financial instrument. Expert judgement has also been applied in this process. Forecast of these economic variables (the "base, upside and downside economic scenario along with scenario weighting") are obtained externally on a quarterly basis.

The impact of these economic variables on the PD, EAD and LGD has been determined by performing statistical analysis to understand the impact changes in these variables have had historically on default rates and on the components of LGD and EAD.

As with any economic forecasts, the projections and likelihoods of the occurrence are subject to a high degree of inherent uncertainty and therefore the actual outcomes may be significantly different to those projected.

Credit risk monitoring

Corporate and Institutional Banking, Business Banking and Private Banking: the Group's exposures are continuously monitored through a system of triggers and early warning signals. These are supplemented by monitoring of account conduct, assessment of collateral and market intelligence and early alerts.

Early Alert accounts are identified based on oversight, vigilance and risk triggers. Account strategy and action plans on these accounts are regularly monitored and discussed in the Early Alert Committee meetings.

Additionally for IFRS 9 ECL computation, credit exposures are monitored and reported as per IFRS 9 requirements. Stage migrations, any exceptions to SICR criteria, other credit and impairment related matters are reviewed and approved by IFRS 9 Governance Forum.

Retail banking: risks of the Group's financing portfolio are continuously assessed and monitored on the basis of exceptions, management information reports and returns generated by the business and credit units. Credit risk is also monitored on an ongoing basis with formal monthly and quarterly reporting to ensure that senior management is aware of shifts in the credit quality of the portfolio along with changing external factors.

Group credit risk mitigation strategy

The Group operates within prudential exposure ceilings set by the Board in line with the UAE Central Bank guidelines. There are well laid out processes for exception management and escalation.

The Group has adopted measures to diversify the exposures to various sectors. Diversification is achieved by limiting concentration through setting customer, industry and geographical limits.

The risk transfer in the form of syndicated financings and risk participation agreements with other banks are globally accepted practices followed by the Group, where appropriate, to limit its exposure.

Collateral management

Collaterals and guarantees are effectively used as mitigating tools by the Group. The quality of collateral is continuously monitored and assessed and the Group seeks to ensure enforceability of the collateral. Major categories of collaterals include cash/ fixed deposits, inventories, shares, guarantees (corporate, bank and personal guarantees), immovable properties, receivables, gold and vehicles.

Collaterals are revalued regularly as per the Group's credit policy. In addition, ad hoc valuations are also carried out depending on the nature of collateral and general economic condition. This enables the Group to assess the fair market value of the collateral and ensure that risks are appropriately managed. Security structures and legal covenants are also subject to regular review.

Please refer to Pillar 3 disclosures for additional information on collaterals.

Write offs

Financing and Sukuk in corporate and institutional banking and Treasury are written off (either partially or in full) when there is no realistic prospect of recovery. This is generally the case when the Group has exhausted all legal and remedial efforts to recover from the customers. However, financial assets that are written off could still be subject to enforcement activities in order to comply with the Group's procedures for recovery of the amounts due.

Non performing consumer financing, except for mortgage facilities and home financing, are written off at 181 days past due. All receivables remain active on the financing management system for recovery and any legal strategy the Group may deem fit to use.

E. Analysis by economic activity for assets:

The Group monitors concentrations of credit risk by economic activity sector. The analysis by economic activity is as follows:

	2023		2022	
	Financing receivables	Others	Financing receivables	Others
Manufacturing	2,391,314	400,058	2,614,767	323,360
Construction	741,005	317,291	768,790	315,448
Trade	5,463,957	-	5,223,456	-
Transport and communication	604,412	1,223,101	83,295	977,126
Utilities and services	1,983,044	768,265	1,479,023	561,878
Sovereign	225,639	3,191,198	793,730	1,547,220
Personal	36,772,410	-	32,609,059	-
Real estate	4,546,094	-	3,832,212	-
Hotels and restaurants	91,565	-	91,214	-
Management of companies and enterprises	3,160,155	-	3,141,246	-
Financial institutions and investment companies	1,064,005	10,514,039	1,534,385	8,193,792
Others	3,216,041	184,217	2,338,648	90,488
Total Assets	60,259,641	16,598,169	54,509,825	12,009,312
Less: Deferred Income	(1,660,758)	-	(1,428,178)	-
Less: Expected credit loss	(4,851,146)	(37,353)	(4,712,669)	(38,978)
	53,747,737	16,560,816	48,368,978	11,970,334

Others includes due from banks and investment securities.

F. Classification of investment securities as per their external ratings

As of 31 December 2023	Designated at FVTPL AED 000	FVOCI AED 000	Amortised cost AED 000	Total AED 000
Ratings				
AAA	-	-	238,328	238,328
AA- to AA+	-	934,787	939,371	1,874,158
A- to A+	-	2,872,648	1,898,469	4,771,117
Lower than A-	-	1,811,034	1,390,192	3,201,226
Unrated	64,172	252,576	51,415	368,163
Less: Expected credit loss	-	(18,615)	(4,715)	(23,330)
	64,172	5,852,430	4,513,060	10,429,662

Of which issued by:

Governments	-	540,895	2,650,303	3,191,198
Public sector enterprises	-	4,592,421	1,867,472	6,459,893
Private sector and others	64,172	737,729	-	801,901
Less: Expected credit loss	-	(18,615)	(4,715)	(23,330)
	64,172	5,852,430	4,513,060	10,429,662

As of 31 December 2022	Designated at FVTPL AED 000	FVOCI AED 000	Amortised cost AED 000	Total AED 000
Ratings				
AAA	-	-	183,100	183,100
AA- to AA+	-	607,143	-	607,143
A- to A+	-	3,084,955	815,303	3,900,258
Lower than A-	-	1,988,995	210,583	2,199,578
Unrated	170,898	273,357	51,415	495,670
Less: Expected credit loss	-	(29,387)	(491)	(29,878)
	170,898	5,925,063	1,259,910	7,355,871

Of which issued by:

Governments	-	530,383	1,016,848	1,547,231
Public sector enterprises	-	4,447,042	243,553	4,690,595
Private sector and others	170,898	977,025	-	1,147,923
Less: Expected credit loss	-	(29,387)	(491)	(29,878)
	170,898	5,925,063	1,259,910	7,355,871

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G. Risk gross maximum exposure:

The table below shows the gross maximum exposure to credit risk for the components of the statement of financial position. The maximum exposure is shown gross, before the effect of use of master netting and collateral agreements.

	2023 AED 000	2022 AED 000
Deposits with Central Bank	14,078,160	11,508,700
Due from banks	6,131,154	4,614,476
Investment securities	10,429,662	7,355,871
Financing receivables	53,747,737	48,368,978
Positive fair value of Islamic derivatives	184,173	184,118
Customer acceptances	1,036,534	923,843
Other assets	151,225	168,568
Total (A)	85,758,645	73,124,554
Contingent liabilities	7,152,749	6,110,448
Irrevocable commitments	2,795,524	1,489,294
Total (B)	9,948,273	7,599,742
Total credit risk exposure (A + B)	95,706,918	80,724,296

H. Credit quality analysis:

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.

AED 000 31 December 2023	12-month ECL	Lifetime ECL not credit- impaired	Lifetime ECL credit-impaired	Total
Financing receivables				
Balance as at 1 January	48,129,717	1,259,856	3,692,074	53,081,647
Transfers from stage 1	(2,178,901)	1,588,044	590,857	-
Transfers from stage 2	312,900	(652,413)	339,513	-
Transfers from stage 3	367	19,846	(20,213)	-
New financial assets, net of repayments	6,280,627	156,722	14,111	6,451,460
Amounts written off during the year	-	-	(934,224)	(934,224)
Total gross financing receivables as at 31 December	52,544,710	2,372,055	3,682,118	58,598,883
Expected credit losses	(1,264,296)	(275,465)	(3,311,385)	(4,851,146)
Carrying amount	51,280,414	2,096,590	370,733	53,747,737
By business units				
Corporate Banking	18,713,745	502,190	3,049,098	22,265,033
Retail Banking	33,830,965	1,869,865	633,020	36,333,850
Total gross financing receivables	52,544,710	2,372,055	3,682,118	58,598,883
AED 000 31 December 2022	12-month ECL	Lifetime ECL not credit- impaired	Lifetime ECL credit-impaired	Total
Financing receivables				
Balance as at 1 January	42,289,030	900,348	3,843,720	47,033,098
Transfers from stage 1	(895,846)	855,641	40,205	-
Transfers from stage 2	84,836	(355,307)	270,471	-
Transfers from stage 3	-	97,279	(97,279)	-
New financial assets, net of repayments	6,651,697	(238,105)	(71,342)	6,342,250
Amounts written off during the year	-	-	(293,701)	(293,701)
Total gross financing receivables as at 31 December	48,129,717	1,259,856	3,692,074	53,081,647
Expected credit losses	(955,482)	(274,920)	(3,482,267)	(4,712,669)
Carrying amount	47,174,235	984,936	209,807	48,368,978
By business units				
Corporate Banking	17,287,769	465,546	3,014,898	20,768,213
Retail Banking	30,841,948	794,310	677,176	32,313,434
Total gross financing receivables	48,129,717	1,259,856	3,692,074	53,081,647

The stage 1 and stage 2 are performing financing receivables having grades 1a – 4f while stage 3 is non-performing financing receivable having grades 5a – 5d.

Corporate Banking – Performing does not include any exposure against watchlist customers.

I. Amounts arising from ECL

	31 December 2023				31 December 2022			
	12-month ECL AED 000	Lifetime ECL not credit-impaired AED 000	Lifetime ECL credit-impaired AED 000	Total AED 000	12-month ECL AED 000	Lifetime ECL not credit-impaired AED 000	Lifetime ECL credit-impaired AED 000	Total AED 000
Financing receivables								
Balance as at 1 January	955,482	274,920	3,482,267	4,712,669	717,111	249,248	3,452,715	4,419,074
Transfers from Stage 1	(87,730)	33,256	54,474	-	(17,977)	16,763	1,214	-
Transfers from Stage 2	20,605	(142,035)	121,430	-	17,977	(58,814)	40,837	-
Transfers from Stage 3	367	5,663	(6,030)	-	-	42,051	(42,051)	-
Allowances for impairment made during the year	375,572	103,661	1,076,834	1,556,067	238,371	25,672	532,097	796,140
Write back / recoveries made during the year	-	-	(483,366)	(483,366)	-	-	(208,844)	(208,844)
Amounts written off during the year	-	-	(934,224)	(934,224)	-	-	(293,701)	(293,701)
Closing balance as at 31 December	1,264,296	275,465	3,311,385	4,851,146	955,482	274,920	3,482,267	4,712,669

The contractual amount outstanding on financing receivables which were written off during the year, and are still subject to enforcement activity amounted to AED 934 million (2022: AED 294 million).

J. Impairment reserve under the Central Bank of UAE (CBUAE) guidance

The Central Bank of the UAE issued its IFRS 9 guidance on 30 April 2018 via notice no. CBUAE/BS/2018/458 addressing various implementation challenges and practical implications for Banks adopting IFRS 9 in the UAE ("the guidance").

Pursuant to clause 6.4 of the guidance, the reconciliation between general and specific provision under Circular 28/2010 of CBUAE and IFRS 9 is as follows:

	2023 AED 000	2022 AED 000
Impairment reserve: General		
General provisions under Circular 28/2010 of CBUAE	840,801	791,545
Less: Stage 1 and Stage 2 provisions under IFRS 9	(1,539,761)	(1,288,635)
General provision transferred to the impairment reserve*	-	-
Impairment reserve: Specific		
Specific provisions under Circular 28/2010 of CBUAE	3,070,537	3,253,620
Less: Stage 3 provisions under IFRS 9	(3,311,385)	(3,482,267)
Specific provision transferred to the impairment reserve*	-	-
Total provision transferred to the impairment reserve	-	-

*In the case where provisions under IFRS 9 exceed provisions under CBUAE, no amount shall be transferred to the impairment reserve.

K. Market risk

Market risk is the potential for adverse changes in the market value of portfolio and positions due to fluctuations in profit rates, exchange rates, equity prices, commodity prices, as well as in their correlation and implied volatility. Consistent with the Group's approach to strict compliance with Shariah rules and principles, the Group does not involve in speculative foreign exchange transactions.

The Group's market risk is managed through risk limits set by the ALCO and approved by the Board Risk Committee. Risk limits are reviewed by the ALCO on an annual basis and are monitored independently by the Market Risk unit on a regular basis, and exceptions, if any, are reported to senior management.

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35 Risk management continued

K. Market risk continued

Value-at-Risk

To better capture the multi-dimensional aspects of market risk, the Group's primary market risk metric is a statistical one, Value-at-Risk (VaR), which is used for short-term risk holding periods. VaR metrics are calculated daily for the specific asset classes, such as Profit Rate VaR, Foreign Exchange VaR and Total VaR

i. Currency risk

Currency risk is the risk that the value of a financial instrument will fluctuate due to changes in foreign exchange rates. The Group is not significantly exposed to currency risk since the majority of the assets and liabilities of the Group are denominated predominately in either AED or in USD-pegged currencies from other GCC countries.

ii. Price risk

The risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market prices, whether those changes are caused by factors specific to the individual financial instrument or its issuer, or factors affecting all similar financial instruments traded in the market. The effect on equity due to reasonably possible change in equity indices, with all other variables held constant, is as follows:

	2023			2022		
	% Change in market indices	Effect on net profit AED 000	Effect on OCI AED 000	% Change in market indices	Effect on net profit AED 000	Effect on OCI AED 000
Equity	10	6,417	-	10	17,090	-
Sukuk	10	-	585,243	10	-	592,506

L. Operational risk

Operational Risk is the risk of loss resulting from inadequate or failed internal processes, people, systems, or from external events. This definition includes legal risks (described as exposure to fines, penalties and punitive damages resulting from supervisory actions, as well as private settlements), regulatory risks, and the risk arising from change initiatives.

Operational Risk Governance Framework

The Group applies a three line of defence model for operational risk management. The business and support units form the first line of defence. They have the primary responsibility and accountability for identifying operational risk in their areas and to promptly mitigate any issues.

The Operational Risk function as the second line of defence, provide consistent and standardized methods and tools to business and support functions for managing operational risk. The Group Operational Risk unit monitors the risk management process and compliance to the operational risk policies and procedures. It conducts independent analysis of the operational risk exposure and the bank's mitigating strategies.

Internal Audit acts as the third line of defence, provides independent assurance to the Board of Directors.

Operational Risk Management Process

The Group has set up the Operational Risk function within Risk Management Team to establish the framework and governance structure set out in the operational risk policy. The risk management process comprises mainly of the below elements:

- Risk Assessment
- Risk Monitoring and Review
- Risk Treatment
- Risk Reporting

This function develops and implements the methods for the identification, assessment and monitoring of Operational Risk throughout the Group and provides regular and comprehensive reporting on operational risks to senior management. The function supports business and other support units to monitor and manage their individual operational risks. Furthermore, the Group Operational Risk function also provides analysis and reports on operational risks to management committees (Board Risk Committee, Group Risk Committee, Local Risk Committee), and to the CBUAE as per regulations, guidelines / circulars and conducts independent oversight and monitoring of risks and mitigating measures.

Insurance Management

The Group obtains comprehensive and tailored insurance cover to protect the Group against unexpected and unforeseeable losses. Islamic insurance cover is obtained from high rated insurance companies in the international reinsurance market. The requirements for insurance are reviewed periodically and the insurance cover is aligned to changes of the Group's risk exposure.

Fraud Management

The Board and Management are determined to build and maintain a credible defence to the threat posed by fraud.

In line with the evolving banking technologies and digital landscape, management has recognized the need for greater focus on anti-fraud capabilities of the Group. As such the bank is continuously investing into advanced systems and controls for the interdiction of frauds perpetrated against the bank. The bank has increased monitoring and enhanced detective controls to manage fraud risks, which arise from new technologies and new methods of banking.

The Group has a specialized Fraud Prevention and Investigation (FP&I) team which focuses on investigation of fraud attempts against the bank, spreading fraud awareness to stakeholders, identification and mitigation of fraud risks. The team has independent reporting to Board Risk Committee.

The Group has policies and procedures in place to ensure compliance with prevailing legislation and limit risk, including the risk of fraud.

Whistleblowing

The Group is committed to the highest standards of openness, integrity and accountability in the delivery of its services. Whilst the Group has instituted a wide range of rules, regulations, procedures and codes of practice to deliver on its commitments, fraud, malpractice, abuse and/or wrongdoing may unfortunately occur.

As such, the Group as part of 'Whistleblowers Policy', provides the platform to employees for reporting of malpractices. The policy is designed to encourage employees to report suspected internal fraud and other breaches, through specified channels, while safeguarding the employee from retribution.

Cyber Security Management

Emirates Islamic considers Information and related processes, systems, and networks as an important and valuable asset. These assets are required to be protected to ensure their confidentiality, availability and integrity at all times.

The Group has established a comprehensive cyber security framework based on three line of defence model.

The framework ensures Emirates Islamic is resilient to sustain cyber security threats in an evolving and increasingly complex digital environment.

Business Continuity Management

Business Continuity Management (BCM) is defined as a "holistic management process that identifies potential threats to an organization and the impacts to business operations that those threats, if realized, might cause, and which provides a framework for building organisational resilience with the capability for an effective response that safeguards the interests of its key stakeholders, reputation, brand and value-creating activities."

The business continuity process across the Group is based on the international standard ISO22301:2012 (E). The BRC is responsible for providing oversight and strategy for Business Continuity Management. Business and support units are responsible to ensure appropriate Business Continuity Plans are in place and tested for their respective areas. The effectiveness of the Business Continuity Plans is monitored independently by Group Operational Risk.

M. Liquidity risk

Liquidity Risk refers to the inability of the Group to fund an increase in assets and meet obligations as they become due (Structural Funding Risk), or the inability to convert assets into cash at reasonable prices (Market Liquidity Risk). The risk arises from mismatches in the amount and timings of cash flows.

Objectives and Governance structure

The objective of the Group's liquidity and funding management framework is to ensure that all foreseeable funding commitments (under both normal and stressed conditions) can be met when due, and that access to the wholesale markets is coordinated and cost effective. To this end, the Group maintains a diversified funding base comprising core retail and corporate customer deposits and institutional balances. This is augmented with wholesale funding and portfolios of highly liquid assets diversified by currency and maturity which are held to enable the Group to respond quickly and smoothly to unforeseen liquidity requirements.

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35 Risk management continued

M. Liquidity risk continued

Policies and Procedures

Specifically, liquidity and funding management process includes:

- projecting cash flows under various stress scenarios and considering the level of liquid assets necessary in relation thereto;
- mis-match analysis between assets and liabilities for different periods with a focus on shorter time frames. These gap reports are based on contractual cash flow, retention and decay assumptions for non-maturing assets and liabilities and potential liquidity demand through undrawn commitments;
- monitoring balance sheet liquidity and financing receivables to deposits ratios against internal and regulatory requirements;
- maintaining a diverse range of funding sources with back-up facilities;
- managing the concentration and profile of financing maturities;
- maintaining financing plans;
- monitoring customer depositor concentration in order to avoid undue reliance on large individual depositors and ensure a satisfactory overall funding mix; and
- maintaining liquidity and funding contingency plans. These plans identify early indicators of distress conditions and describe actions to be taken in the event of difficulties arising from systemic or other crisis, while minimising adverse long-term implications for the business.

N. Maturity analysis of assets and liabilities

The table below summarizes the maturity profile of the Group's assets and liabilities based on their carrying values:

	Within 3 months AED 000	Over 3 months to 1 year AED 000	Over 1 year to 3 years AED 000	Over 3 years to 5 years AED 000	Undated and Over 5 years AED 000	Total AED 000
31 December 2023						
ASSETS						
Cash and deposits with the Central bank of the UAE	7,752,154	7,228,987	-	-	-	14,981,141
Due from banks	4,178,193	1,952,961	-	-	-	6,131,154
Investment securities	487,398	525,153	3,245,896	3,294,811	2,876,404	10,429,662
Financing receivables	17,501,091	7,079,331	9,869,542	6,131,770	13,166,003	53,747,737
Positive fair value of Islamic derivatives	1,438	7,639	65,219	70,299	39,578	184,173
Investment properties	-	-	-	-	184,806	184,806
Customer acceptances	1,036,534	-	-	-	-	1,036,534
Property and equipment	-	-	-	-	270,848	270,848
Other Assets	313,410	-	-	-	532,266	845,676
TOTAL ASSETS	31,270,218	16,794,071	13,180,657	9,496,880	17,069,905	87,811,731
LIABILITIES						
Due to banks	3,245,332	551,476	-	-	1,995,567	5,792,375
Customer deposits	51,817,180	7,864,275	857,160	341,848	434,452	61,314,915
Sukuk payable	-	-	4,672,500	-	-	4,672,500
Negative fair value of Islamic derivatives	537	4,697	60,677	71,912	40,573	178,396
Customer acceptances	1,036,534	-	-	-	-	1,036,534
Other liabilities	1,457,799	-	-	-	1,915,504	3,373,303
Total equity	-	-	-	-	11,443,708	11,443,708
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	57,557,382	8,420,448	5,590,337	413,760	15,829,804	87,811,731
OFF BALANCE SHEET						
Letters of credit and guarantees	3,512,997	1,658,880	1,253,999	287,271	428,821	7,141,968
31 December 2022						
ASSETS	29,817,570	10,660,951	11,979,142	6,983,705	15,322,350	74,763,718
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	49,901,540	8,545,293	2,399,086	2,336,995	11,580,804	74,763,718
OFF BALANCE SHEET ITEMS	3,244,699	1,717,218	693,514	160,289	294,728	6,110,448

O. Analysis of financial liabilities by remaining contractual maturities

The table below summarizes the maturity profile of the Group's financial liabilities at 31 December 2023 based on contractual undiscounted repayment obligations. Repayments which are subject to notice are treated as if notice was given immediately. However, the Group expects that many customers will not request repayment on the earliest date, the Group could be required to pay and the table does not reflect the expected cash flows indicated by the Group's deposit retention history.

	Carrying amount AED 000	Gross nominal outflows AED 000	Within 3 months AED 000	Over 3 months to 1 year AED 000	Over 1 year to 3 years AED 000	Over 3 years to 5 years AED 000	Over 5 years AED 000
Financial liabilities							
Due to banks	5,792,375	(5,829,167)	(3,264,014)	(569,586)	-	-	(1,995,567)
Customer deposits	61,314,915	(61,818,660)	(51,956,362)	(8,032,758)	(960,791)	(416,325)	(452,424)
Sukuk payable	4,672,500	(4,950,178)	(30,909)	(93,408)	(4,825,861)	-	-
	71,779,790	(72,598,005)	(55,251,285)	(8,695,752)	(5,786,652)	(416,325)	(2,447,991)
Letters of credit and guarantees	7,141,968	(7,141,968)	(3,512,997)	(1,658,880)	(1,253,999)	(287,271)	(428,821)
Irrevocable financing commitments	2,795,524	(2,795,524)	(722,383)	(2,055,759)	-	-	(17,382)
As at December 2022	Carrying amount AED 000	Gross nominal outflows AED 000	Within 3 months AED 000	Over 3 months to 1 year AED 000	Over 1 year to 3 years AED 000	Over 3 years to 5 years AED 000	Over 5 years AED 000
Financial liabilities							
Due to banks	1,880,081	(1,889,898)	(1,138,600)	(195,647)	-	-	(555,651)
Customer deposits	56,343,655	(56,672,291)	(46,794,034)	(8,474,891)	(581,397)	(462,626)	(359,343)
Sukuk payable	3,672,500	(3,914,098)	(17,945)	(54,831)	(1,972,682)	(1,868,640)	-
	61,896,236	(62,476,287)	(47,950,579)	(8,725,369)	(2,554,079)	(2,331,266)	(914,994)
Letters of credit and guarantees	6,110,448	(6,110,448)	(3,244,699)	(1,717,218)	(693,514)	(160,289)	(294,728)
Irrevocable financing commitments	1,489,294	(1,489,294)	(1,383,827)	(94,720)	-	-	(10,747)

P. Profit rate risk in the banking book

Profit Rate Risk in the Banking Book ('PRRBB') is defined as the exposure of the non-trading products of the Group to profit rates. Non-trading portfolios include all banking book positions that arise from the profit rate on the Group's retail and commercial banking assets and liabilities, and financial investments designated as available for sale and amortised cost / held to maturity. PRRBB arises principally from mismatches between the future yields on assets and their funding costs, as a result of profit rate changes.

In order to manage this risk optimally, PRRBB in non-trading portfolios is transferred to Group Treasury under the supervision of the Group ALCO, through Funds Transfer Pricing (FTP) Systems. Group ALCO is required to regularly monitor all such profit rate risk positions to ensure they comply with profit rate risk limits.

For measuring overall profit sensitivity in the banking book, the Group conducts stress tests by simulating parallel shifts to the yield curve(s) ranging from 50 basis points to 200 basis points, and assessing the corresponding impact on its net income from financing and investment products.

	As at 31 December 2023		As at 31 December 2022	
	Amount AED 000	Variance AED 000	Amount AED 000	Variance AED 000
Rates Up 200 bp	3,669,155	422,878	3,177,133	339,142
Base Case	3,246,278	-	2,837,991	-
Rates Down 200 bp	2,571,000	(675,278)	2,126,779	(711,212)

The profit rate sensitivities set out in the table above are based on a set scenario i.e. the projections above assume that profit rates of all maturities move by the same amount and, therefore, do not reflect the potential effect on net income from financing and investment products of some rates changing while others remain unchanged. The projections also make the assumption that all positions run to maturity. This effect does not incorporate actions that would be taken by Group Treasury or in the business units to mitigate the impact of this profit rate risk. In practice, Group Treasury seeks proactively to change the profit rate risk profile to minimize losses and optimise net revenues.

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Q. Profit rate repricing analysis*

31 December 2023	Less than 1 month Actual	Over 1 month to 3 months Actual	Over 3 months to 6 months Actual	Over 6 months to 1 year Actual	Over 1 year Actual	Non-profit bearing Actual	Total AED 000
ASSETS							
Cash and deposits with the Central Bank of the UAE	306,274	7,228,987	-	-	-	7,445,880	14,981,141
Due from banks	3,082,271	1,119,612	1,057,197	481,317	-	390,757	6,131,154
Investment securities	219,688	267,826	408,738	116,415	9,352,823	64,172	10,429,662
Financing receivables	15,961,322	21,062,393	4,236,310	3,863,223	8,624,489	-	53,747,737
Positive fair value of Islamic derivatives	-	-	-	-	-	184,173	184,173
Investment properties	-	-	-	-	-	184,806	184,806
Customer acceptances	-	-	-	-	-	1,036,534	1,036,534
Property and equipment	-	-	-	-	-	270,848	270,848
Other assets	-	-	-	-	-	845,676	845,676
TOTAL ASSETS	19,569,555	29,678,818	5,702,245	4,460,955	17,977,312	10,422,846	87,811,731
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY							
Due to banks	1,200,574	1,505,141	-	551,476	-	2,535,184	5,792,375
Customer deposits	18,990,944	2,715,648	4,220,641	3,643,634	1,633,460	30,110,588	61,314,915
Sukuk payable	-	-	-	-	4,672,500	-	4,672,500
Negative fair value of Islamic derivatives	-	-	-	-	-	178,396	178,396
Customer acceptances	-	-	-	-	-	1,036,534	1,036,534
Other liabilities	-	-	-	-	-	3,373,303	3,373,303
Total equity	-	-	-	-	-	11,443,708	11,443,708
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	20,191,518	4,220,789	4,220,641	4,195,110	6,305,960	48,677,713	87,811,731
ON BALANCE SHEET GAP	(621,963)	25,458,029	1,481,604	265,845	11,671,352	(38,254,867)	-
PROFIT RATE SENSITIVITY GAP – 2023	(621,963)	25,458,029	1,481,604	265,845	11,671,352	(38,254,867)	-
CUMULATIVE PROFIT RATE SENSITIVITY GAP – 2023	(621,963)	24,836,066	26,317,670	26,583,515	38,254,867	-	-
CUMULATIVE PROFIT RATE SENSITIVITY GAP – 2022	12,116	19,362,507	20,787,258	22,737,660	31,284,791	-	-

*Represents when the profit rate will be repriced for each class of assets and liabilities.

R. Reputational risk

Reputational risk is the risk of potential loss of earnings and future revenue, loss in market value or lack of liquidity supply due to deterioration of reputation. It also includes the threat to the brand value of a financial institution. It also arises due to non-compliance with Internal Shariah Supervision Committee's resolution and Fatwas while taking administrative decisions, products or executing financial products contracts.

Reputational risk can arise as a consequence of failures with a strong negative perception amongst clients, shareholders, creditors or the public. The Group has measures to ensure a positive perception of the Group and that overall risk management ensures appropriate management of reputational risk.

S. ICAAP and Stress-Testing

Stress testing is an integral part of the Group's risk management process. It includes scenario analysis and is conducted regularly. In particular, the ICAAP (a group-wide exercise spanning risk types) is performed annually. On top of this, additional stress tests are carried out in response to microeconomic and macroeconomic conditions or portfolio and branch/subsidiary level. Every stress test is documented and the results are discussed at the EXCO level and approved by the GRC and the BRC.

Stress testing alerts senior management to the Group's potential vulnerability to exceptional but plausible adverse events. As such, stress testing enable us to assess capital adequacy and identify potential risky portfolio segments as well as inherent systematic risks. This then allows us to develop the right contingency plans, exit strategies and mitigating actions beforehand.

T. Regulatory/compliance risk

Regulatory/Compliance risk is the risk of reputational and/or financial losses due to the failure to comply with applicable laws, regulations or sanctions.

The Group has an independent Compliance function, with the necessary mandate and authority to enforce and monitor compliance on a Group wide basis. This includes compliance with the applicable laws and regulations across the various jurisdictions where the Group operates as well as those of the USD / EU clearing centres.

Compliance policies covering key areas such as Sanctions, Anti Money Laundering (AML), Counter Terrorist Financing (CTF), Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA) and Common Reporting Standards (CRS) are applicable Group wide and are supplemented where necessary to address any unique local requirements. These policies are supported by automated screening and monitoring systems and associated investigation teams to help comply with the Sanctions, AML, CTF, FATCA and CRS requirements. Independent Compliance Monitoring is undertaken to provide assurance over the effectiveness of controls. Mandatory Compliance Training is provided to all relevant staff both at onboarding and periodically thereafter to help ensure that key requirements are complied with.

i) Shariah non-compliance risk

Non-compliance with Internal Shariah Supervision Committee's Resolutions and Fatwas while taking administrative decision, products or executing financial products' contracts, may cause a reputational risk for the Group.

The Group has permanent Internal Shariah Control Department to evaluate all existing and proposed solutions prior to presenting it to Internal Shariah Supervision Committee for approval and to conduct a periodic audit to ensure compliance with Shariah principles and rules.

U. Internal Audit's role in overall risk management

The Group Internal Audit is an independent appraisal function established by the Board of Directors to examine and evaluate the activities of the Group including all aspects of the Group Risk Management. The department is organisationally independent of all other functions in the bank. The unit is headed by the Chief Audit Officer, who is accountable to the Board of Directors through the Board Audit Committee.

The primary objectives of Group Internal Audit is to provide assurance on risks to which the Group' business are exposed, evaluate the adequacy and effectiveness of financial/operating controls and the Corporate Governance environment, assess the extent to which assets are accounted for and safeguarded from losses and conduct follow-up activities to assess and report on the degree to which management has addressed risks and compliance with action plans previously agreed.

The unit's mission is achieved through a risk based annual audit plan approved by the Board Audit Committee. A formal report is prepared at the end of each quarter which includes a summary of audit activity completed during the period and an update on the status of previously reported matters for Board Audit Committee attention.

The Board Audit Committee reviews and approves Group Internal Audit's plans and resources, and evaluates the effectiveness of the Internal Audit function. External advisers also periodically conduct an assessment of the function.

V. Environmental, social and governance (ESG) risk

The rapidly changing global landscape, marked by challenges such as climate change, the evolving expectations of our stakeholders, as well as a continuous evolution of international standards, particularly in the areas of sustainability accounting, audit and ethics necessitates a proactive approach to ESG. The Group continues to develop its approach to ESG in line with progressing standards, both regionally and globally.

Climate related risk

Climate risks relate to the financial and non-financial impacts that may arise as a result of climate change. There are two categories of climate risks: physical risks, which can arise from changes in weather and climate and transition risks which can arise from the shift to a low-carbon economy.

The Group considers climate risk as part of the broader environmental and social risks. Our strategy on climate risk is being incorporated into the Group Risk Management Framework and is guided by the three-lines of defence approach.

The Group's Board of Directors bears the final responsibility for all aspects concerning climate related risks. The Board actively participates in shaping our ESG strategy and is regularly briefed on the progress of this strategy by the Executive Committee.

Impact of climate risk on accounting judgments and estimates

At this time, the Group believes that the effects climate related risks which could arise in the short and medium term will have limited effect on accounting judgements and estimates.

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W. Risk management framework and processes at Group entities

In establishing risk management policies & processes at the Group entities level, due consideration is given to the entities' specific regulatory environment.

36 Legal proceedings

Litigation is a common occurrence in the banking industry due to the nature of the business undertaken. The Group is party to legal proceedings and regulatory matters arising out of its normal business operations. The Group has proper controls and policies for managing legal claims. The recognition of provisions is determined in accordance with the accounting policies set out in Note 6. While the outcomes of legal proceedings and regulatory matters are inherently uncertain, management believes that, based on the information available to it, appropriate provisions have been made in respect of these matters as at 31 December 2023. Any provision recognised does not constitute an admission of wrongdoing or legal liability. Based on the information available, no material adverse impact on the financial position of the Group is expected to arise from legal claims as at 31 December 2023 other than to the extent already provided.

37 Social contributions

The social contributions (including donations and charity) made during the year amount to AED 50.5 million (2022: AED 108.1 million).

38 Comparative amounts

Certain prior year comparatives have been reclassified wherever necessary to conform to the presentation adopted in the current year.



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