DOHA BANK Q.P.S.C -UNITED ARAB EMIRATES (UAE) BRANCHES

Financial statements For the year ended 31 December 2023

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Independent auditor's report to the Directors of Doha Bank Q.P.S.C in respect to its United Arab Emirates (UAE) Branches

Report on the audit of the financial statements

Our opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Doha Bank Q.P.S.C - United Arab Emirates (UAE) Branches (the "Branch") as at 31 December 2023, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with IFRS Accounting Standards.

The Branch's financial statements comprise:

- the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2023;
- the statement of profit or loss for the year then ended
- the statement of comprehensive income for the year then ended;
- the statement of changes in head office equity for the year then ended;
- the statement of cash flows for the year then ended; and
- the notes to the financial statements, which include material accounting policies and other explanatory information.

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 financial statements section of our report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Independence

We are independent of the Branch in accordance with the International Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including International independence Standards) issued by the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants (IESBA Code) and the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the United Arab Emirates. We have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and the IESBA Code.

Responsibilities of the Directors and those charged with governance for the financial statements

The Directors are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with IFRS Accounting Standards, and their preparation in compliance with the applicable provisions of the Article (114) of the Decretal Federal Law No. (14) of 2018, as amended, and for such internal control as the Directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Directors are responsible for assessing the Branch'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 the Directors either intend to liquidate the Branch or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Branch's financial reporting process.



Independent auditor's report to the Directors of Doha Bank Q.P.S.C in respect to its UAE Branches (continued)

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the 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 financial statements.

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

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the 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 for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control 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 Branch's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Directors.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the Director'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 Branch'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 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 Branch to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the
 disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a
 manner that achieves fair presentation.

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.



Independent auditor's report to the Directors of Doha Bank Q.P.S.C in respect to its UAE Branches (continued)

Report on other legal and regulatory requirements

Further, as required by the Article (114) of the Decretal 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.

PricewaterhouseCoopers Limited Partnership Dubai Branch 28 March 2024

Murad Alnsour

Registered Auditor Number 1301 Dubai, United Arab Emirates

Doha Bank (Q.P.S.C.) - United Arab Emirates (UAE) Branches Statement of financial position

		As at 31 December		
		2023	2022	
	Notes	AED '000	AED '000	
Assets				
Cash and balances with Central Bank of UAE	3	610,301	251,560	
Due from Head Office and overseas branches	4	167,293	4,434	
Due from banks and other financial institutions	10	590,097	698,006	
Acceptances		238,745	, a *	
Loans and advances	5	1,674,788	1,040,106	
Investment securities	6	295,013	299,549	
Deferred tax asset	7	857	26,132	
Property and equipment	9	11,613	13,012	
Other assets	8	9,225	6,634	
Total assets		3,597,932	2,339,433	
Liabilities and head office equity Liabilities			405.055	
Due to Head Office and overseas branches	4	545,232	425,375	
Due to banks and other financial institutions	10	405,867	537,480	
Acceptances		238,745	1 107 100	
Customers' deposits	11	2,040,222	1,127,102	
Other liabilities	12	133,622	88,908	
Total liabilities		3,363,688	2,178,865	
Head office equity				
Allocated capital	13	1,150,000	900,000	
Statutory reserve	14	2,595	2,595	
Fair value reserve	6	(28,486)	(24,323)	
Accumulated losses		(889,865)	(717,704)	
Total head office equity		234,244	160,568	
Total liabilities and head office equity		3,597,932	2,339,433	

These financial statements are issued under delegated authority from the Group Chief Executive Officer on 26th March 2024 and signed accordingly:

Scott Flewellen Doha Bank - UAE 28 March 2024



The Independent auditor's report is set out on page 1 to 3.

The attached notes on pages 9 to 61 form an integral part of the financial statements.

Statement of profit or loss

	_	For the year ended 31 December	
		2023	2022
	Notes	AED '000	AED '000
Interest income	15	150,054	88,795
Interest expense	16	(111,134)	(38,220)
Net interest income		38,920	50,575
Net fees and commission income	17	10,894	8,395
Other income/(loss)	18	22,029	(9,124)
Operating income		71,843	49,846
Staff costs		(9,729)	(10,069)
Other operating expenses	19	(14,044)	(10,460)
Depreciation	9	(1,888)	(2,315)
Loss on litigation	27	(163,019)	
Total operating expenses	-	(188,680)	(22,844)
Net operating loss		(116,837)	27,002
Net impairment allowance on loans and			
advances	5	(30,232)	(116,558)
Net impairment reversal on other financial			
assets	25	183	6,333
Loss for the year before tax		(146,886)	(83,223)
Tax for the year	7	(25,275)	(114,134)
Loss for the year	=	(172,161)	(197,357)

Statement of comprehensive income

	For the year ended 31 December	
	2023	2022
	AED '000	AED '000
Loss for the year	(172,161)	(197,357)
Other comprehensive income		,
Items that are or may be subsequently reclassified to		
statement of income:		
Net change in fair value through OCI	(3,949)	(22,832)
ECL on investment securities measured at fair value		,
through OCI	(214)	(6,448)
Other comprehensive loss for the year	(4,163)	(29,280)
Total comprehensive loss for the year	(176,324)	(226,637)

Statement of changes in Head Office equity

For the year ended 31 December 2023

Fair value Accumulated Total reserve losses AED'000 AED'000	4,957 (520,347) 387,205 - (197,357) (197,357)		(717,704)	- (172,161) (172,161) (4,163) - (4,163)	(4,163) (172,161) (176,324)
Statutory Feserve AED'000	2,595	I I	2,595	1 1	
Allocated capital AED'000	000,006	T T	900,000	1 1	1 6
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	Balance at 1 January 2022 Loss for the year	Other comprehensive loss Total comprehensive loss for the year	Balance at 31 December 2022 Capital injection	Loss for the year Other comprehensive loss	Total comprehensive loss for the year

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Statement of cash flows

		For the year ende	ed 31 December
		2023	2022
	Notes	AED '000	AED '000
Operating activities			
Loss for the year before tax		(146,885)	(83,223)
Adjustments for:			, ,
Depreciation	9	1,888	2,315
Gain on disposal of investment		(2,000)	10,465
Finance cost		448	101
Net impairment allowance on loans and			
advances		30,232	116,558
Net impairment reversal on other financial		,	,
assets		(183)	(6,333)
Operating profit before changes in operating	_ !		(-,)
assets and liabilities	,	(116,500)	39,883
		()	23,002
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:			
Statutory cash reserve with Central Bank of			
UAE		(4,076)	(2,889)
Loans and advances		(664,914)	196,278
Due to Head Office after three months		55,095	36,730
Due from banks and other FI's over three		55,075	30,730
months		75,185	(218,947)
Acceptances – assets		(238,745)	(210,547)
Other assets		(2,590)	(2,781)
Due to banks and other financial institutions		(131,614)	66,028
Acceptances – liabilities		238,745	-
Customer's deposits		913,120	(97,875)
Other liabilities		42,714	55,044
Cash generated from operations		166,421	71,471
Net cash generated from operating activities	*****	166,4219	71,471
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Investing activities			
Purchase of property and equipment	9	(50)	(23)
Purchase of investment securities		(68,008)	(196,771)
Proceeds received from sale of investments		72,065	117,416
Proceeds from maturities of investments		1,812	4,774
Net cash generated from investing activities	_	5,819	(74,604)
There as a generated from investing activities		3,017	(74,004)
Financing activities			
Capital injection	13	250,000	
Payment of lease liabilities	13	(2,200)	(1,914)
I wy Invite of Ivado Hadiiiio	*****	247,800	(1,914) $(1,914)$
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		420,038	(5,047)
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January		410,292	415,339
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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023

1 Activities

The financial statements of Doha Bank (Q.P.S.C.) - United Arab Emirates (UAE) Branches (the "Branches") relate to the activities of the Abu Dhabi and Dubai Branches of Doha Bank (Q.P.S.C.) (the "Head Office"). Doha Bank (Q.P.S.C.) is listed on the Doha Securities Market.

The Branches operate under separate licences issued by the UAE Central Bank and are engaged in banking activities. Dubai branch was incorporated on 18 July 2007 and Abu Dhabi branch started its operations from 27 November 2012.

The registered address of the Branches are as follows:

- Dubai Branch P.O. Box 125465, Dubai, United Arab Emirates
- Abu Dhabi Branch P.O. Box 27448, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

These financial statements reflect the activities of the Dubai and Abu Dhabi Branches only and exclude all transactions, assets and liabilities of the Head Office and other branches of the Head Office outside United Arab Emirates.

2 Material accounting policies

2.1 Changes in accounting policies

The following amendments to standards, which became effective as of 1 January 2023, are relevant to the Branches:

- Narrow scope amendments to IAS 1, Practice statement 2 and IAS 8
- Amendment to IAS 12 deferred tax related to assets and liabilities arising from a single transaction.
- IFRS 17, 'Insurance contracts'.

The adoption of the above did not result in any changes to previously reported net profit or Head Office equity of the Branches. Other than the above, there are no other significant IFRS Accounting Standards, amendments or interpretations that were effective for the first time for the financial year beginning on or after 1 January 2023.

2.2 Basis of preparation

The financial statements of the Branches have been prepared in accordance with IFRS Accounting Standards and Interpretations (IFRIC) issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB), and applicable requirements of the Decretal Federal Law No. (14) of 2018. The Branches have assessed their ability to continue as a going concern and are satisfied that they have the resources to continue in business for the foreseeable future. The ability of the Branches to continue as a going concern are dependent upon the continuity of the regulatory permit granted to continue in operations. The Branches have full regulatory permit for such purposes and also the support from their Head Office in Doha to fund ongoing liquidity requirements. Accordingly, these financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis. The branch is not a separate legal entity but meets the definition of a reporting entity under the conceptual framework of IFRS Accounting Standards.

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 (continued)

2 Material accounting policies (continued)

2.2 Basis of preparation (continued)

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with IFRS Accounting Standards requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise its judgment in the process of applying the Branches' accounting policies. The areas involving a higher degree of judgment or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the financial statements are disclosed in note 2.16

2.3 Basis of measurement

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost basis except for derivative financial instruments which are carried at fair value through profit or loss ("FVTPL") and investments in bonds that have been measured at fair value through other comprehensive income ('FVOCI').

2.4 Functional and presentation currency

The financial statements have been presented in UAE Dirhams in thousands, which is the functional and presentation currency of the Branches, rounded to the nearest thousand except when otherwise stated.

2.5 Financial assets and financial liabilities

(i) Recognition and initial measurement

The Branche initially recognizes loans and advances, and deposits on the date on which they are originated. All other financial assets and liabilities are initially recognized on the trade date, i.e., the date that the Branches become a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. This includes "regular way trades": purchases or sales of financial assets that require delivery of assets within the time frame generally established by regulation or convention in the marketplace.

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

(ii) Classification

The classification of financial instruments at initial recognition depends on their purpose and characteristics and the management's intention in acquiring them.

Financial assets

On initial recognition, a financial asset is classified as measured at: amortized cost, fair value through other comprehensive income (FVOCI) or fair value through profit or loss (FVTPL).

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 (continued)

- 2 Material accounting policies (continued)
- 2.5 Financial assets and financial liabilities (continued)
- (ii) Classification (continued)

Financial assets (continued)

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

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

A debt instrument is measured at FVOCI only if it meets both of 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 interest on the principal amount outstanding.

On initial recognition of an equity investment that is not held for trading, the Branches may irrevocably elect to present subsequent changes in fair value in 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 Branches may irrevocably designate a financial asset that otherwise meets the requirements to be measured at amortized cost or at FVOCI as at FVTPL if doing so eliminates or significantly reduces an accounting mismatch that would otherwise arise.

Business model assessment

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

- The stated policies and objectives for the portfolio and the operation of those policies in practice.
- How the performance of the portfolio is evaluated and reported to the Branches' 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

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 (continued)

- 2 Material accounting policies (continued)
- 2.5 Financial assets and financial liabilities (continued)
- (ii) Classification (continued)

Business model assessment (continued)

• the frequency, volume, and timing of sales in prior periods, the reasons for such sales and its expectations about future sales activity. However, information about sales activity is not considered in isolation, but as part of an overall assessment of how the Branches' stated objective for managing the financial assets is achieved and how cash flows are realised.

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

Assessment whether contractual cash flows are solely payments of principal and interest

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

In assessing whether the contractual cash flows are solely payments of principal and interest ("the SPPI test"), the Branches 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 Branches considers contingent events that would change the amount and timing of cash flows, prepayment and extension terms, terms that limit the Branches claim to cash flows from specified assets and features that modify consideration of the time value of money. Instruments failing SPPI will be measured at FVTPL.

Reclassifications

Financial assets are not reclassified subsequent to their initial recognition, except in the period after the Branches changes its business model for managing financial assets. The reclassification takes place from the start of the first reporting period following the change.

Financial liabilities

The Branches classifies its financial liabilities in the categories of fair value through profit or loss, and amortized cost.

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 (continued)

2 Material accounting policies (continued)

2.5 Financial assets and financial liabilities (continued)

Financial liabilities (continued)

(i) Financial liabilities at amortized cost

Other financial liabilities, including deposits and borrowings, are initially measured at fair value, net of transaction costs. Other financial liabilities are subsequently measured at amortized cost using the effective interest method.

The effective interest method is a method of calculating the amortized cost of a financial liability and of allocating interest expense over the relevant period. The EIR is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash payments through the expected life of the financial liability, or, where appropriate, a shorter period, to the net carrying amount on initial recognition.

(ii) Derecognition

Derecognition of financial assets

The Branches derecognize a financial asset only when the contractual rights to the asset's cash flows expire (including expiry arising from a modification with substantially different terms), or when the financial asset and substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of the asset are transferred to another entity. If the Branches neither transfer nor retain substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership and continue to control the transferred asset, the Branches recognize its retained interest in the asset and an associated liability for amounts it may have to pay. If the Branches retain substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of a transferred financial asset, the Branches continue to recognize the financial asset and also recognize a collateralised borrowing for the proceeds received.

In the case where the financial asset is derecognized, the loss allowance for ECL is remeasured at the date of derecognition to determine the net carrying amount of the asset at that date. The difference between this revised carrying amount and the fair value of the new financial asset with the new terms will lead to a gain or loss on derecognition. The new financial asset will have a loss allowance measured based on 12-month ECL except in the rare occasions where the new loan is considered to be originated credit impaired. This applies only in the case where the fair value of the new loan is recognized at a significant discount to its revised par amount because there remains a high risk of default which has not been reduced by the modification. The Branches monitor credit risk of modified financial assets by evaluating qualitative and quantitative information, such as if the borrower is in past due status under the new terms.

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 derecognized) 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 recognized in OCI is recognized in profit or loss.

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 (continued)

- 2 Material accounting policies (continued)
- 2.5 Financial assets and financial liabilities (continued)

Derecognition of financial liabilities (continued)

(ii) Derecognition (continued)

The Branches derecognize financial liabilities when, and only when, the Branches' obligations are discharged, cancelled, or have expired. The difference between the carrying amount of the financial liability derecognized and the consideration paid and payable is recognized in the income statement.

(iii) Modification of financial assets and liabilities

Financial assets

If the terms of a financial asset are modified, the Branches evaluate 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 derecognized and a new financial asset is recognized at fair value and recalculates a new effective interest rate for the asset. The date of renegotiation

is consequently considered to be the date of initial recognition for impairment calculation purpose, including for the purpose of determining whether a significant increase in credit risk has occurred.

If the cash flows of the modified asset carried at amortized cost are not substantially different, then the modification does not result in derecognition of the financial asset. In this case, the Branches recalculates the gross carrying amount of the financial asset based on the revised cash flows of the financial assets and recognizes the amount arising from adjusting the gross carrying amount as a modification gain or loss in the income statement. If such a modification is carried out because of financial difficulties of the borrower, then the gain or loss is presented together with impairment losses. In other cases, it is presented as income

Financial liabilities

The Branches derecognize 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 recognized at fair value. The difference between the carrying amount of the financial liability extinguished and the new financial liability with modified terms is recognized in the income statement.

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 (continued)

- 2 Material accounting policies (continued)
- 2.5 Financial assets and financial liabilities (continued)
- (i) Offsetting

Financial assets and financial liabilities are offset and the net amount reported in the statement of financial position if, and only if, there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognized amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis, or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously. This is not generally the case with master netting agreements; therefore, the related assets and liabilities are presented gross in the statement of financial position.

(ii) Measurement principles

Amortized cost measurement

The amortized cost of a financial asset or liability is the amount at which the financial asset or liability is measured at initial recognition, minus principal repayments, plus or minus the cumulative amortisation using the effective interest method of any difference between the initial amount recognized and the maturity amount, minus any reduction for impairment loss. Amortized cost is calculated by taking into account any discount or premium on acquisition and fees that are integral part of the effective interest rate.

Fair value measurement

For those assets and liabilities carried at fair value, the Branches measure fair value at each reporting date. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The fair value of a liability reflects its non-performance risk.

The fair value measurement of financial instruments is based on the presumption that the transaction to sell the asset or transfer the liability takes place either:

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

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

The fair value for financial instruments traded in active markets at the reporting date is based on their quoted market price in an active market for that instrument. An active market is one in which transactions for the asset or liability take place with sufficient frequency and volume to provide pricing information on an ongoing basis. For all other financial instruments including instruments for which the market has become inactive, the fair value is determined by using appropriate valuation techniques. Valuation techniques include the fair value derived from recent arm's length transaction, comparison to similar instruments for which market observable prices exist, discounted cash flow method or other relevant valuation techniques commonly used by market participants. For investments in equity instruments where a reasonable estimate of fair value cannot be determined, the investment is carried at cost.

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 (continued)

- 2 Material accounting policies (continued)
- 2.5 Financial assets and financial liabilities (continued)

Fair value measurement (continued)

(ii) Measurement principles (continued)

The fair value of a derivative financial instrument is the equivalent of the unrealised gain or loss from marking to market the derivative financial instrument, using relevant market rates.

All assets and liabilities for which fair value is measured are categorised and disclosed in the financial statements as follows:

- Level 1 Traded in the active market based on closing bid price.
- Level 2 Valuation techniques for which the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement is directly or indirectly observable. Valuation is derived from recent arm's length transaction, comparison to similar instruments for which market observable prices exists.
- Level 3 Valuation techniques for which the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement is unobservable. Valuation techniques include discounted cash flow method, book value method or other relevant valuation techniques commonly used by market participants.
- (iii) Identification and measurement of impairment

The Branches recognize loss allowances for expected credit losses (ECL) on the following financial instruments that are not measured at FVTPL:

- Financial assets that are debt instruments; and
- Loan commitments and financial guarantee contracts.

The Branches measure loss allowances at an amount equal to lifetime ECL, except for the following, for which they are measured as 12-month ECL:

- debt investment securities that are determined to have low credit risk at the reporting date; and
- other financial instruments on which credit risk has not increased significantly since their initial recognition.

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

Measurement of ECL

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

• Financial assets that are not credit-impaired at the reporting date: as the present value of all cash shortfalls (i.e. the difference between the cash flows due to the entity in accordance with the contract and the cash flows that the Branches expect to receive);

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 (continued)

- 2 Material accounting policies (continued)
- 2.5 Financial assets and financial liabilities (continued)

Measurement of ECL (continued)

- (iii) Identification and measurement of impairment (continued)
- Financial assets that are credit-impaired at the reporting date: as the difference between the gross carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flows.
- Undrawn loan commitments: as the present value of the difference between the contractual cash flows that are due to the Branches if the commitment is drawn down and the cash flows that the Branches expect to receive; and
- Financial guarantee contracts: the expected payments to reimburse the holder less any amounts that the Branches expect 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 borrower, then an assessment is made of whether the financial asset should be derecognized 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 that are discounted from the expected date of derecognition to the reporting date using the original effective interest rate of the existing financial asset.

Credit-impaired financial assets

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

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

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

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 (continued)

2 Material accounting policies (continued)

2.5 Financial assets and financial liabilities (continued)

Credit-impaired financial assets (continued)

Loans and advances to customers (and the related impairment allowance accounts) are normally written off, either partially or in full, when there is no realistic prospect of recovery. Where loans are secured, this is generally after receipt of any proceeds from the realisation of security. In circumstances where the net realisable value of any collateral has been determined and there is no reasonable expectation of further recovery, write-off may be earlier.

2.6 Revenue recognition

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

Interest income and expense

Interest income and expense for all interest bearing financial instruments except at FVTPL, are presented in 'interest income' and 'interest expense' in the income statement on an accrual basis using the effective interest rates of the financial assets or financial liabilities to which they relate. Effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash payments or receipts through the expected life of the financial instrument or a short period, where appropriate, to the net carrying amount of the financial assets or financial liabilities.

For the financial assets that have become credit-impaired subsequent to initial recognition, interest income is calculated by applying the effective interest rate to their amortized cost (i.e. net of the expected credit loss provision). If the asset is no longer credit-impaired, then the calculation of interest income reverts to the gross basis.

Fees and commission income and expense

Fees and commission income and expense that are integral to the effective interest rate of a financial asset or liability are included in the measurement of the effective interest rate.

Other fee and commission income, including account servicing fees, investment management fees, sales commission, placement fees and syndication fees, are recognized over time as the related services are performed. When a loan commitment is not expected to result in the drawdown of a loan, the related loan commitment fees are recognized over time on a straight-line basis over the commitment period. In case of these services, the control is considered to be transferred over time as the customer is benefited from these services over the tenure of the service period. Other fee and commission expense relate mainly to transaction the services are received.

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 (continued)

2 Material accounting policies (continued)

2.7 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents consist of notes and coins on hand, due from banks including head office and overseas branches, and unrestricted balances with UAE Central Bank with original maturity of less than three months or less with insignificant credit risk net of due to banks including head office and overseas branches with original maturity not exceeding three months.

2.8 Due from banks

Due from banks and loans and advances to customers are initially measured at the transaction price which is the fair value plus incremental direct transaction costs, and subsequently measured at their amortized cost using the effective interest method, except for the financial assets which are classified to be measured at FVTPL.

The effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash flow through the expected life of the financial asset or liability.

(i) Investment securities

The 'investment securities' include debt securities measured at FVOCI.

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

- Interest income using the effective interest method;
- Expected credit losses and reversals; and
- Foreign exchange gains and losses.

When a debt security measured at FVOCI is derecognized, the cumulative gain or loss previously recognized in OCI is reclassified from equity to statement of profit or loss.

2.9 Property and equipment

Property and equipment other than freehold land are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses.

Subsequent expenditure is capitalised only when it is probable that the future economic benefits of the expenditure will flow to the Branches. Ongoing repairs and maintenance are expensed as incurred.

Any gain or loss on disposal of an item of property and equipment (calculated as the difference between the net proceeds from disposal and the carrying amount of the item) is recognized within other income in the statement of profit or loss.

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 (continued)

2 Material accounting policies (continued)

2.9 Property and equipment (continued)

Depreciation is provided on all property and equipment, other than freehold land, at rates calculated to write off the cost of each asset on a straight-line basis over its estimated useful lives and generally recognized in statement of profit and loss.

The assets residual values, useful lives and methods of depreciation are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at each financial year end. The estimated useful lives of the assets for the calculation of depreciation are as follows:

Office equipment	5 years
Furniture and fixtures	7 years
Computer equipment	3 years
Motor vehicles	5 years
Right of use of assets	1 to 2 years

The carrying amounts of property and equipment are reviewed at each reporting date to determine whether there is any indication of impairment. If any such indication exists, the assets are written down to their recoverable amounts and the impairment loss is recognized in the statement of profit or loss.

2.10 Taxation

Income tax expense comprises of current tax and deferred tax. Income tax expense is recognized in the statement of profit or loss except to the extent that it relates to items recognized directly in equity, or in statement of comprehensive income, in which case it is recognized in statement of comprehensive income.

Current tax comprises the expected tax payable on the taxable income for the year, using tax rates enacted or substantively enacted at the reporting date by the tax laws and regulation issued by the Emirates of Abu Dhabi and Dubai, and any adjustments to tax payable in respect of previous years.

Current tax assets and liabilities are offset only if certain criteria are met.

2.11 Deferred tax

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

temporary differences on the initial recognition of assets or liabilities in a transaction that is not a business combination and that affects neither accounting nor taxable profit or loss;

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 (continued)

2 Material accounting policies (continued)

2.11 Deferred tax (continued)

- temporary differences related to investments in subsidiaries, associates and joint arrangements to the extent that the Branches are able to control the timing of the reversal of the temporary differences and it is probable that they will not reverse in the foreseeable future; and
- taxable temporary differences arising on the initial recognition of goodwill.

Deferred tax assets are recognized for unused tax losses, unused tax credits and deductible temporary differences to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profits will be available against which they can be used. Future taxable profits are determined based on the reversal of relevant taxable temporary differences. If the amount of taxable temporary differences is insufficient to recognize a deferred tax asset in full, then future taxable profits, adjusted for reversals of existing temporary differences, are considered, based on the business plans of the Branches.

Deferred tax assets are reviewed at each reporting date and are reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that the related tax benefit will be realised; such reductions are reversed when the probability of future taxable profits improves. Unrecognized deferred tax assets are reassessed at each reporting date and recognized to the extent that it has become probable that future taxable profits will be available against which they can be used.

Deferred tax is measured at the tax rates that are expected to be applied to temporary differences when they reverse, using tax rates enacted or substantively enacted at the reporting date.

The measurement of deferred tax reflects the tax consequences that would follow from the manner in which the Branches expect, at the reporting date, to recover or settle the carrying amount of its assets and liabilities. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset only if certain criteria are met

2.12 Provisions

Provisions are recognized when the Branches have a present obligation (legal or constructive) arising from a past event, and the costs to settle the obligation are both probable and able to be reliably measured. Provisions are determined by discounting the expected future cash flows at a rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and where appropriate, the risk specific to the liability.

2.13 End of service benefits

With respect to the Branches' national employees, the Branches contribute to the pension scheme for UAE nationals under the UAE General Pension and Social Security law in accordance with Federal Law No. (7), 1999 for Pension and Social Security. This is a defined contribution pension plan and the Branches' contributions are charged to the statement of profit or loss in the period to which they relate. In respect of this scheme, the Branches have an obligation to pay the fixed contributions as they fall due and no obligations exist to pay the future benefits.

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 (continued)

2 Material accounting policies (continued)

2.13 End of service benefits (continued)

The Branches provide for end of services benefits to other employees based on an estimation of the amount of future benefit that employees have earned in return for their service until their retirement, subject to completion of minimum services period. The expected costs of these benefits are accrued over the period of employment and are not less than the liability arising under the UAE Labour Laws.

2.14 Foreign currencies

Foreign currency transactions are recorded at rates of exchange ruling at value dates of the transaction. All monetary assets and liabilities in foreign currencies outstanding at the year-end are translated into UAE Dirhams at rates of exchange ruling at the reporting date. The foreign currency gain or loss on monetary items is the difference between amortized cost in the functional currency at the beginning of the year, adjusted for effective interest and payments during the year, and amortized cost in foreign currency translated at the exchange rate at the end of the year. Non-monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies that are stated at fair values are translated into UAE Dirhams using the spot exchange rate at the date the values were determined. Gains or losses on translation are included in the statement of profit or loss. Non-monetary assets and liabilities carried at cost are not re translated subsequent to their initial recognition. Any resultant gains or losses are taken to the statement of profit or loss.

2.15 Contingent liability

To meet the financial needs of customers, the Branches enter into various irrevocable commitments and contingent liabilities. These consist of financial guarantees, letters of credit and other undrawn commitments to lend. Even though these obligations may not be recognized on the statement of financial position, they do contain credit risk and are therefore part of the overall risk of the Branches.

Letters of credit and guarantees (including standby letters of credit) commit the Branches to make payments on behalf of customers in the event of a specific act, generally related to the import or export of goods. Guarantees and standby letters of credit carry a similar credit risk to loans. For details, refer note 22.

2.16 Use of estimates and judgements

The Branches make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year and the resultant provisions and fair value. 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.

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

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 (continued)

2 Material accounting policies (continued)

2.16 Use of estimates and judgements (continued)

The basis used by management in determining the carrying values of loans and advances and the underlying risk therein are discussed below:

(i) Income taxes/ deferred tax asset

The Branches are subject to income taxes in each of the two Emirates in the UAE that it operates in. There are certain transactions and calculations for which ultimate tax determination is uncertain during the ordinary course of business. The Branches recognize liabilities for anticipated tax audit issues based on estimates of whether additional taxes will be due. Where the final tax outcome of these matters is different from the amounts that were initially recorded, such differences will impact the income tax and deferred tax provisions in the period in which such determination is made.

(ii) Financial asset classification

Assessment of the business model within which the assets are held and assessment of whether the contractual terms of the financial asset are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding.

(iii) Significant increase in credit risk

ECL are measured as an allowance equal to 12-month ECL for Stage 1 assets, or lifetime ECL for Stage 2 or Stage 3 assets. An asset moves to Stage 2 when its credit risk has increased significantly since initial recognition. IFRS 9 does not define what constitutes a significant increase in credit risk. In assessing whether the credit risk of an asset has significantly increased the Branches take into account qualitative and quantitative reasonable and supportable forward-looking information.

(iv) Models and assumptions used

The Branches use various models and assumptions in measuring fair value of financial assets as well as in estimating ECLs. Judgement is applied in identifying the most appropriate model for each type of asset, as well as for determining the assumptions used in these models, including assumptions that relate to key drivers of credit risk. See note 2.5 (vii) for more details on ECL.

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 (continued)

2 Material accounting policies (continued)

2.16 Use of estimates and judgements (continued)

(v) Establishing groups of assets with similar credit risk characteristics (continued)

When ECLs are measured on a collective basis, the financial instruments are grouped on the basis of shared risk characteristics. Refer to note 2.5 (vii) for details of the characteristics considered in this judgement. The Branches monitor the appropriateness of the credit risk characteristics on an ongoing basis to assess whether they continue to be similar. This is required in order to ensure that should credit risk characteristics change there is an appropriate re-segmentation of the assets. This may result in new portfolios being created or assets moving to an existing portfolio that better reflects the similar credit risk characteristics of that Branches of assets. Re-segmentation of portfolios and movement between portfolios is more common when there is a significant increase in credit risk (or when that significant increase reverses) and so assets move from 12-month to lifetime ECLs, or vice versa, but it can also occur within portfolios that continue to be measured on the same basis of 12-month or lifetime ECLs but the amount of ECL changes because the credit risk of the portfolios differ.

2.17 Leases

At inception of a contract the Branch assesses whether a contract is, or contains a lease. A contract is, or contains, a lease if the contract conveys the right to control the use of an identified asset for a period of time in exchange for consideration. To assess whether a contract conveys the right to control the use of an identified asset, the Branches use the definition of a lease in IFRS 16.

The Branch recognises a right-of-use asset and a lease liability at the lease commencement date. The right-of-use asset is initially measured at cost, which comprises the initial amount of the lease liability adjusted for any prepaid and accrued lease expenses. The right-of-use asset is subsequently depreciated using the straight-line method over the shorter of the lease term and their useful lives unless it is reasonably certain that the Branch will obtain ownership by the end of the lease term. In addition, the right of-use asset is periodically reduced by impairment losses, if any, and is adjusted for extension in lease terms or cancellation of the leases.

rate implicit in the lease or, if that rate cannot be readily determined, the Branch's incremental borrowing rate, which is based on the weighted average rate applied in the Branch's principal markets adjusted for the nature of the asset, lease term, security and any other relevant assumptions. The lease liability is subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. The finance cost incurred related to the lease liabilities is included in the 'interest expense' in the consolidated income statement.

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

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 (continued)

2 Material accounting policies (continued)

2.18 Financial guarantees

Financial guarantee contracts are contracts that require the issuer to make specified payments to reimburse the holder for a loss it incurs because a specified debtor fails to make payments when due in accordance with the terms of a debt instrument. Such financial guarantees are given to banks, financial institutions, and other bodies on behalf of customers to secure loans, overdrafts, and other banking facilities.

Financial guarantees are initially recognized in the financial statements at fair value on the date that the guarantee was given, being the premium received. Subsequent to initial recognition, the branches liabilities under such guarantees are measured at the higher of the initial measurement, less amortisation calculated to recognize in the statement of income any fee income earned over the period, and the best estimate of the expenditure required settling any financial obligation arising as a result of the guarantees at the reporting date.

2.19 Derivatives

The branches derivative trading instruments include forward foreign exchange contracts. The branches sell these derivatives to customers in order to enable them to transfer, modify or reduce current and future risks. These derivative instruments are fair valued as at the end of reporting date and the corresponding fair value changes is taken to the statement of profit or loss.

2.20 Impairment of non-financial assets

The carrying amounts of the branches non-financial assets, other than deferred tax assets are reviewed at each reporting date 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 reversed only to the extent that the asset's carrying amount does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined, net of depreciation or amortisation, if no impairment loss had been recognized.

2.21 New standards and interpretations issued but not yet effective

A number of standards and amendments to standards are issued but not yet effective and the Bank has not adopted these in the preparation of these financial statements. The below standards may have an impact on the Bank's financial statements, however, the Bank is currently evaluating the impact of these new standards. The Bank will adopt these new standards on the respective effective dates.

- Non-current liabilities with covenants Amendments to IAS 1 (effective 1 January 2024)
- Lease liability in sale and leaseback amendments to IFRS 16 (effective 1 January 2024)

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 (continued)

3 Cash and balances with Central Bank of UAE

	2023 AED '000	2022 AED '000
Cash on hand Balances with the Central Bank of UAE	9,241	11,673
- Current accounts	1,058	1,961
- Statutory cash reserve	29,002	24,926
- Placement with CBUAE	571,000	213,000
	610,301	251,560

Effective 28 October 2020, the Central Bank of UAE ("CBUAE") introduced new regulations regarding reserve requirements for deposit-taking licensed financial institutions. Under the new regulation, deposit-taking licensed institutions are allowed to draw on their reserve balances held in the CBUAE on any day up to 100% for daily settlement purposes or to deal with any swings on overnight money market rates, while ensuring that the daily average requirements over a 14-day reserve maintenance period is met. The level of reserves required changes periodically in accordance with business requirements and the directives of the Central Bank of UAE.

Cash and balances with Central Bank of UAE are classified under stage 1 as per IFRS 9. Impairment on cash and balances with Central Bank of UAE has been measured on 12-month expected loss basis and reflects the short maturities of exposures. The Branches consider that these balances have low credit risk based on external credit ratings of the counterparties. Accordingly, the resulted ECL would be immaterial hence not recorded.

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4 Related party transactions

Related party

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

- The party, directly or indirectly through one or more intermediaries,
- controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with, the Branches;
- has an interest in the Branches that gives it significant influence over the Branch; or
- has joint control over the Branches;
- The party is an associate.
- The party is a jointly controlled entity.
- The party is a member of the key management personnel of the Branches.
- The party is a close member of the family of key management personnel.
- 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 key management personnel.
- The party is a post-employment benefit plan for the benefit of the employees of the Branch, or of any entity that is a related party of the Branches.

Related parties represent the Head Office and its branches, directors and key management personnel of the Head Office and its branches, and entities controlled, jointly controlled, or significantly influenced by such parties. The terms of these transactions are approved by the Head Office management.

The Branches maintain current accounts with the Head Office in Doha and other branches abroad and conducts banking transactions with them as part of its normal activities on terms approved by the head office management

	2023	2022
	AED '000	AED '000
Due from Head Office and overseas branches:	4577.000	
Due within three months	167,293	4,434
Due to Head Office and overseas branches:		
Due within three months	122,837	58,075
Due after three months	422,395	367,300
	545,232	425,375

No expected credit loss on due from Head Office and its branches as credit risk is very low.

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 (continued)

4 Related party transactions (continued)

Related party (continued)

Related party transactions, which arise in the ordinary course of business, included in the statement of profit or loss are as follows:

	2023 AED '000	2022 AED '000
Transactions with Head Office and its branches		
Interest income (Note 15)	2,863	580
Interest expense (Note 16)	20,168	9,934
Head Office charges (Note 19) *	5,000	2,428

^{*} Head Office charges are set based on the services provided by the respective functions.

Compensation of key management personnel is as follows:

	2023	2022
	AED '000	AED '000
Salaries and other benefits	968	1,031
End of service benefits	41	283
	1,009	1,314

Loans and advances to Board of Directors of the Head Office granted on 16 November 2015 amounting to AED 6,528 thousand (2022: AED 10,597 thousand) has an interest rate of 3.25% and maturity is on 29 October 2026.

5 Loans and advances

The composition of the loans and advances portfolio is as follows:

(a) By type

	2023 AED '000	2022 AED '000
Term loans	1,034,648	578,185
Overdrafts	17,298	31,902
Bills discounting	664,505	529,002
	1,716,451	1,139,089
Less:	***************************************	
Expected credit losses (ECL) allowance on stage 1 and 2 Allowance for impairment of loans and advances on	(18,422)	(19,401)
stage 3	(23,241)	(79,582)
	(41,663)	(98,983)
	1,674,788	1,040,106

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 (continued)

5 Loans and advances (continued)

(a) By type (continued)

An analysis of change in ECL allowances is as follows:

ECL allowance at 1 January 2023 Net impairment charge Interest in suspense Recoveries Amounts written off As at 31 December 2023 ECL allowance at 1 January 2022 Net impairment charge Interest in suspense Recoveries Amounts written off As at 31 December 2022 (a) Impairment allowance on loans	Stage 1 AED '000	Stage 2 AED '000	Stage 3 AED '000	Total AED '000
ECL allowance at 1 January 2023	8	19,393	79,582	98,983
Net impairment charge	1,640	(2,619)	8,537	7,558
•	-	-	12,939	12,939
	•	-	(2,355)	(2,355)
			(75,462)	(75,462)
As at 31 December 2023		16,774	23,241	41,663
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	Stage 1 AED '000	Stage 2 AED '000	Stage 3	Total
	AED 000	AED 000	AED '000	AED '000
ECL allowance at 1 January 2022	64	18,544	701,330	719,938
Net impairment charge	(56)	849	70,846	71,639
Interest in suspense	-	-	91,395	91,395
	-	-	(6,157)	(6,157)
-		-	(777,832)	(777,832)
As at 31 December 2022	8	19,393	79,582	98,983
		AEI	2023 2000 2000	2022 AED '000
(a) Impairment allowance on loans ar	nd advances. ne	t		
Net impairment charge for the year	,		2,501	122,715
Recoveries during the year			2,355)	(6,157)
Recoveries during the year - from writ	tten off		<u>-</u>	***
Charges associated with Loans settlen	nents	2	0,086_	_
		3	<u>50,232</u>	116,558
(b) By sector				
			2023	2022
		AED	'000	AED '000
Corporate lending		1 70	0,271	1,065,044
Retail lending			6,180	74,045
5			6,451	1,139,089
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5 Loans and advances (continued)

(c) By economic segment

	2023 AED '000	2022 AED '000
Wholesale and retail trade	350,000	548,590
Services	759,997	67,180
Construction	214,699	88,094
Transport and telecommunication	146,654	184,102
Personal loans	16,180	227,242
Manufacturing	83,838	23,881
Government	145,083	
	1,716,451	1,139,089
(d) By geographic area	2022	2022
	2023	2022
	AED '000	AED '000
Within UAE	975,485	667,834
Outside UAE	740,966	471,255
	1,716,451	1,139,089
(e) By currency		
	2023	2022
	AED '000	AED '000
UAE Dirhams	618,032	667,206
US Dollars	1,098,419	468,349
Euro		3,376
GBP	-	158
	1,716,451	1,139,089

Set out below are the gross loans and advances by past due and non-past due balances:

	2023	2022
	AED '000	AED '000
Impaired	44,885	469,327
Past due but not impaired	201,317	231,094
Neither past due nor impaired	1,470,249	438,668
	1,716,451	1,139,089

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 (continued)

6 Investment securities

The analysis of investment securities is detailed below:

	2023 AED '000	2022 AED '000
Investment securities (Bonds) measured at FVOCI	295,013	299,549
By geographic area	2023 AED '000	2022 AED '000
Within UAE	269,759	244,325
Outside UAE	25,254	55,224
	295,013	299,549

(a) Fair value reserve

The reserve comprises of fair value changes recognized on fair value through other comprehensive income (FVOCI):

	2023 AED '000	2022 AED '000
Balance at 1 January	(24,323)	4,957
Impact of revaluation	(3,949)	(22,832)
ECL on investment at fair value through OCI	(214)	(6,448)
Balance at 31 December	(28,486)	(24,323)

The fair value reserve as of 31 December 2023 contains an amount of AED 40 thousand of ECL (2022: AED 254 thousand), which consist of AED 40 thousand of Stage 1 ECL (2022: AED 245 thousand) and Stage 2 ECL of AED Nil (2022: AED 9 thousand).

(b) Below table sets out the credit quality of investment securities

	2023 AED '000	2022 AED '000
Investment grade - Aaa to Baa3 Sub-Investment grade - Ba1 to Caa3	295,013	269,588 29,961
	295,013	299,549

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 (continued)

7 Taxation

	2023 AED '000	2022 AED '000
Statement of profit and loss		
Current income tax:		
Current income tax charge	-	••
Adjustment in respect of current income tax of		
previous year	**	-
	-	-
Deferred tax:		
Deferred tax for the year	(25,275)	(114,134)
The relationship between the tax expense and the accounting profit		
Accounting loss before tax	(146,886)	(83,222)
Tax at the applicable rate of 20%	(29,377)	(16,644)
Reduction in DTA due to write off of provisions previously		
disallowed	25,275	114,134
DTA not recognized on current year loss	(29,377)	16,644
Income tax expense	25,275	114,134

Taxation is provided at 20% (2022: 20%) on the taxable profits for the year in the Emirate of Dubai and Abu Dhabi in which the Branches operates. The taxable profit is calculated after adding back certain provisions to the profit before taxation which management believes are likely to be disallowed as deduction by the tax authorities.

Movements in the income tax payable during the year are as follows:

	2023 AED '000	2022 AED '000
Balance at 1 January Provided during the year Income tax paid Balance at 31 December	- - -	-
Movements in the deferred tax asset during the year ar	e as follows:	
	2023 AED '000	2022 AED '000
Balance at 1 January Reversal of DTA due to write-off impaired loans and	26,132	140,266
advances Balance at 31 December	(25,275) 857	(114,134) 26,132

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 (continued)

7 Taxation (continued)

On 9 December 2022, the UAE Ministry of Finance released Federal Decree-Law No. 47 of 2022 on the Taxation of Corporations and Businesses (UAE CT Law or the Law) to enact a Federal corporate tax (CT) regime in the UAE.

The UAE CT Law shall apply to the Branch with effect from 1 January 2024. Cabinet Decision No. 116 of 2022 (published in December 2022 and considered to be effective from 16 January 2023) specifies that taxable income not exceeding AED 375,000 would be subject to the 0% UAE CT rate, and taxable income exceeding AED 375,000 would be subject to the 9% UAE CT rate. With the publication of this Decision, we would consider the UAE CT Law to be substantively enacted for the purposes of IAS 12 – Income Taxes, and that the impact of the UAE CT Law should be assessed on the financial statements for the Branch.

The Branch has performed an assessment of the potential impact of the UAE CT Law. Based on this assessment, there are no material temporary differences on which deferred taxes should be accounted for the year ended 31 December 2023.

On 7 March 2024 Dubai Emirate Law No. 1 of 2024 - Taxation of foreign banks was issued by Ruler of Dubai on taxation of foreign banks operating in Dubai which was effective from 8 March 2024 thereby not impacting the accounting period ended 31 December 2023. The Branch will continue to monitor the publication of subsequent decisions and related guidance, as well as continuing its more detailed review of its financial matters, to consider any changes to this position at subsequent reporting dates.

8 Other assets

	2023 AED '000	2022 AED '000
Accrued interest receivable	4,160	4,290
Advance payments	488	580
Positive fair value of forward exchange contracts	95	-
Others	4,482	1,764
	9,225	6,634

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9 Property and equipment

	Right of use	assets Total	AED '000 AED '000		23,392 49,717	23,392 49,717		- (135)	23,831 50,071		10,489 36,705		- (135)	12,311 38,458	THE PROPERTY OF THE PROPERTY O	11,520 11,613
	Motor Right	vehicles	AED '000 AE		292	292	•	1	292		292	1	ŧ	292		ı
	Computer	equipment	AED '000		9,440	9,440	43	•	9,483		9,416	30	•	9,446		37
Furniture	and	fixtures	AED '000		15,744	15,744	1	(135)	15,609		15,681	29	(135)	15,575		34
	Office	equipment	AED '000		849	849	1	1	928		827	7		834		22
				Cost	At 1 January 2023		Additions	Disposals	At 31 December 2023	Depreciation:	At 1 January 2023	Charge for the year	Disposals	At 31 December 2023	Net book value	At 31 December 2023

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 (continued)

Property and equipment (continued)

Total AED '000	45,091	45,091	4,626	- 49 717	1,91,K1	34,390	2,315	36,705	0000	13,012
Right of use assets AED '000	18,789	18,789	4,603	73 307	10,00 t	8,355	2,134	10,489		12,903
Motor vehicles AED '000	292	292	ı	700		289	€ 1	292		
Computer equipment AED '000	9,440	9,440	1	9 440		9,321	95	9,416		24
Furniture and fixtures AED '000	15,744	15,744	ı	15 744		15,606	75	15,681		63
Office equipment AED '000	826	826	23	- 849		819	∞ '	827		22
	Cost At 1 January 2022		Additions	Dispusais At 31 December 2022	Depreciation:	At 1 January 2022	Charge for the year Disposals	At 31 December 2022	Net book value	At 31 December 2022

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 (continued)

10 Due from banks / due to banks and other financial institutions

	2023	2022
	AED '000	AED '000
Due from banks		
Placement with banks	558,419	589,412
Current account	31,821	108,744
Less: expected credit loss	(143)	(150)
	590,097	698,006
	2023	2022
	AED '000	AED '000
Due to banks		
Time deposits	405,867	527 490
Time deposits	405,867	537,480 537,480
	403,007	337,480
11 Customers' deposits		
	2023	2022
	AED '000	AED '000
By type		
Current accounts	259,588	137,883
Call accounts	29,791	36,930
Saving accounts	23,028	22,845
Term deposits	1,717,464	918,665
Margin deposits	10,351	10,779
	2,040,222	1,127,102
	2023	2022
n .	AED '000	AED '000
By sector Corporate	1,914,142	984,027
Retail	126,080	143,075
	2,040,222	1,127,102
		1,120,100
	2023	2022
	AED '000	AED '000
By currency		
UAE Dirham	835,600	357,071
US Dollar	1,038,839	762,348
Others	165,783	7,683
	2,040,222	1,127,102

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 (continued)

11 Customers' deposits (continued)

Time/call deposits under lien as security for loans and advances (funded and unfunded) as at 31 December 2023 amounted to AED 254,691 thousand (2022: AED 24,174 thousand). The interest rate on the deposits averaged 4.51% in 2023 (1.78% in 2022) per annum.

12 Other liabilities

	2023	2022
	AED '000	AED '000
Expected credit loss on unfunded exposure	56,209	51,229
Interest payable	44,854	15,596
Lease liability (Note 12.1)	11,781	13,094
Staff related and other provisions	3,903	4,027
Accounts payable	2,468	154
Unearned commission	1,620	1,423
Others	12,787	3,385
	133,622	88,908

Staff related and other provision includes employees' end of service benefits and pension and national insurance.

12.1 Lease liability

	2023	2022
	AED '000	AED '000
At 1 January	13,094	10,303
Additions for the year	439	4,604
Finance charge for the year	448	101
Payment made during the year	(2,200)	(1,914)
Closing at 31 December	11,781	13,094

13 Allocated capital

During October 2023, in accordance with the letter to Central Bank of U.A.E.. the Head office injected additional capital amounting to AED 250 million. The assigned capital of the Branches from the Head Office as of 31 December 2023 is AED 1,150 million (31 December 2022: AED 900 million).

14 Statutory reserve

As required by the UAE Federal Law No. 14 of 2018, as amended, 10% of the profit for the year is to be transferred to a statutory reserve. As such, transfers may be discontinued when the reserve equals 50% of the allocated capital. During the year the Branches incurred a net loss of AED 172,161 thousand, therefore no amount is transferred to the reserve. This reserve is not available for distribution, except under the circumstances stipulated by the Law.

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 (continued)

15 Interest income (continued)

Loans and advances Investment securities Money market deposits	2023 AED '000 116,978 11,687 18,810	2022 AED '000 74,937 9,378 3,900
Head Office (note 4) 16 Interest expense	2,579 150,054	580 88,795
16 Interest expense		
	2023 AED '000	2022 AED '000
Customers' deposits Head Office (note 4) Money market deposits	67,930 20,168 22,588	19,207 9,934 8,978
Finance cost	448 111,134	<u>101</u> 38,220
Net fees and commission income	2023	2022
	AED '000	AED '000
Advising charges Commission income on letter of guarantee Commission income on letters of credit Management fees – loans Others	5,707 451 16 642 4,078 10,894	5,217 1,841 206 5 1,126 8,395
18 Other income/(loss)		
	2023 AED '000	2022 AED '000
Recoveries of bad debts early written off Income from trading activities Foreign exchange gains Telex, cable and postage charges recovered Others Loss on sale of bonds	12,043 11,471 2,055 90 827 (4,457) 22,029	943 153 245 (10,465) (9,124)

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 (continued)

19 Other operating expenses

	2023 AED '000	2022 AED '000
Legal and professional	3,939	3,478
Head Office charges (note 4)	5,000	2,428
Communication, and utilities and insurance	1,547	1,603
Fines	880	· <u>-</u>
Insurance expenses	155	1,245
Others	2,523	1,706
	14,044	10,460

20 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents for the purpose of Statement of Cash Flows with original maturity less than three months, comprise the following:

	2023	2022
	AED '000	AED '000
Cash and bank balances	9,241	11,673
Balances with Central Bank - current account	1,058	1,961
Due from Head Office and overseas branches	167,293	4,434
Due from banks and other financial institutions	204,575	237,299
Placement with CBUAE	571,000	213,000
	953,165	468,367
Less: Due to Head Office and overseas branches	(122,866)	(58,075)
Cash and cash equivalent	830,299	410,292

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand, central bank current account, due from banks and financial institutions, due from Head Office and branches abroad, certificate of deposits and other short-term liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value and have an original maturity of not less than 3 months less due to banks and due to Head Office and overseas branches which have a maturity of not more than 3 months.

21 Concentration of assets, liability, head office equity and off-balance sheet items

Geographic regions

2023	Assets AED '000	Liabilities & H.O equity AED '000	Off Balance sheet items AED '000
U.A.E	2,262,473	1,492,518	130,620
Other G.C.C countries	295,552	2,104,467	10,468
Rest of the world	1,039,907	947	167,343
Total	3,597,932	3,597,932	308,431

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 (continued)

Concentration of assets, liability, head office equity and off-balance sheet items (continued)

Geographic regions (continued)

2022	Assets AED '000	Liabilities & H.O equity AED '000	Off Balance sheet items AED '000
U.A.E Other G.C.C countries Rest of the world	1,217,412 171,874 950,147	969,320 1,356,360 13,753	171,626 2,837 172,448
Total	2,339,433	2,339,433	346,911

22 Commitments and contingent liabilities

The Branches' contractual amounts in respect of letters of credit, letters of guarantees and acceptances commit the Branches to make specified payments on behalf of customers and contingent upon the customer satisfying the terms of the contract. The contractual amounts represent the credit risks, assuming that the amounts are fully advanced guarantees are called for full amount following performance failure, and that any collateral or other security is of no value. However, the total contractual amount of commitments to extend credit does not necessarily represent future cash requirements as many of these commitments may expire or terminate without being funded.

The total outstanding contingent liabilities and commitments were as follows:

2023 AED '000	2022 AED '000
308,183	307,963
, <u>-</u>	36,110
· www	2,837
248	, <u>-</u>
308,431	346,910
385,665	277,279
•	
664,446	277,279
	AED '000 308,183 248 308,431 385,665 278,781

Unused facilities

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

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 (continued)

22 Commitments and contingent liabilities (continued)

Unused facilities (continued)

However, the potential credit loss is less than the total unused commitments since most commitments to extend credit are contingent upon customers maintaining specific standards. The Branches monitor the term to maturity of credit commitments because longer-term commitments generally have a greater degree of credit risk than shorter-term commitments.

Contingent liability arising from litigations

Where appropriate, the Branch recognizes a provision for liabilities when it is probable that an outflow of economic resources embodying economic benefits will be required and for which a reliable estimate can be made of the obligation. The Branch seeks to comply with all applicable laws and regulations but may be subject to regulatory actions and investigations from time to time, the outcome of which are generally difficult to predict and can be material. As at the reporting date, the Branch does not have contingent liability arising from litigation (2021: the Branches have no contingent liability arising from litigation).

23 Derivative financial instruments

In the normal course of its business, the Branches utilise derivative financial instruments to manage its exposure to fluctuations in interest and foreign exchange rates. Derivative financial instruments used include current forwards, futures, and options. During the year, the Branches only entered into forward foreign exchange contracts. Derivative transactions result, to varying degrees, in credit as well as market risks.

The Branches' measure of derivative related credit risk is the cost of replacing contracts at current market rates should the counterparty defaults on or prior to the settlement date and is limited to the positive fair value of instruments that are favourable to the Branches.

Market risk arises as interest and foreign exchange rates fluctuate affecting the value of a contract. For risk management purposes and to control these activities, the Branches have established appropriate procedures and limits approved by the Head Office.

The table below shows the fair values of derivative financial instruments, recorded as assets or liabilities, together with their contractual amounts. The contractual amount, recorded gross, is the amount of a derivative's underlying asset, reference rate or index and is the basis upon which changes in the value of derivatives are measured. The contractual amounts indicate the volume of transactions outstanding at the year end and are neither indicative of the market risk nor the credit risk.

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 (continued)

23 Derivative financial instruments (continued)

	2023			2022		
	Positive fair value AED '000	Negative fair value AED '000	Notional amounts AED '000	Positive fair value AED '000	Negative fair value AED '000	Notional amounts AED '000
Derivatives Interest rate Swap Forward foreign	211,198	(67,583)	278,781			-
exchange contracts	_	(95)	385,665		(93)	277,279

Forward foreign exchange contracts are contractual agreements to buy, sell or exchange a specified financial instrument at a specific price and date in the future. Forwards are customised contracts transacted in the over-the-counter market and are settled on a gross basis.

24 Fair values of financial instruments

Derivative financial instruments and investment in bonds are measured on a fair value basis. Derivatives are categorized within level 2 of fair value hierarchy and the fair value of financial instruments (investment in bonds) measured at fair value through other comprehensive incomes are categorized as Level 1 in the fair value hierarchy.

Other financial assets and liabilities are stated at amortized cost. These include balances with Central Bank of UAE, due from Head office and overseas branches, due from bank and other financial institutions, loans and advances, other assets (excluding derivative assets), due to head office and overseas branches, due to banks and financial institutions, customer deposits and other liabilities (excluding derivative liabilities). The fair values of these financial assets and liabilities are not materially different from the respective carrying values at 31 December 2023 since assets and liabilities are either short-term in nature or in the case of loans and advances and deposits, frequently re-priced.

25 Risk management

The strategy of the Branches is to maintain a strong risk management culture and manage the risk / reward relationship within and across each of the Branches' major risk-based lines of business.

The following sections describe the several risks inherent in the banking process, their nature and how they are managed.

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 (continued)

25 Risk management (continued)

Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that one party to a financial instrument will fail to discharge an obligation and cause the other party to incur a financial loss. The Branches manage credit risk by setting limits for individual borrowers and Branches of borrowers and for geographical and industry segments. The Branches also monitor credit exposures, and continually assesses the creditworthiness of counterparties. In addition, the Branches obtain security where appropriate; enter into master netting arrangements and collateral arrangements with counterparties and limits the duration of exposures.

The maximum exposure to credit risk, as at the reporting date, is represented by the carrying amount of each financial asset in the statement of financial position.

For details of the composition of the loans and advances portfolio refer to Note 5.

Concentrations of credit risk arise when a number of counterparties are engaged in similar business activities, or activities in the same geographic region, or have similar economic features that would cause their ability to meet contractual obligations to be similarly affected by changes in economic, political, or other conditions. Concentrations of credit risk indicate the relative sensitivity of the Branches' performance to developments affecting a particular industry or geographic location.

The Head Office has an internal committee which is composed of competent professional staff responsible for the study and evaluation of the existing credit facilities of each customer of the Bank. This committee is required to identify any abnormal situations and difficulties associated with a customer's position, which might cause the debt to be classified as irregular, and to determine an appropriate provisioning level.

Derivative financial instruments

Credit risk in respect of derivative financial instruments is limited to those with positive fair values, as recorded in the statement of financial position.

Maximum exposure and credit quality of financial instruments

The Branches' balances with Central Bank of UAE, due from Head office, due from banks and other financial institution and other receivables are neither past due nor impaired. The credit risk exposures relating to contingencies amounts to AED 308,431 (2022: AED 346,910 thousand).

Inputs, assumptions, and techniques used for estimating impairment

The IFRS 9 model was developed at the Head Office level and decision related to significant assumptions and techniques used for estimating impairment are carried out at the Head Office level with support from the Branches for relevant inputs.

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 (continued)

25 Risk management (continued)

Credit risk (continued)

Inputs, assumptions, and techniques used for estimating impairment (continued)

Significant increase in credit risk

When determining whether the risk of default on a financial instrument has increased significantly since initial recognition, the Branches considers reasonable and supportable information that is relevant and available without undue cost or effort. This includes both quantitative and qualitative information and analysis including internal credit risk grading system, external risk ratings, where available, delinquency status of accounts, credit judgement and, where possible, relevant historical experience. The Branches may also determine that an exposure has undergone a significant increase in credit risk based on particular qualitative indicators that it considers are indicative of such and whose effect may not otherwise be fully reflected in its quantitative analysis on a timely basis.

In determining whether credit risk has increased significantly since initial recognition following criteria are considered:

- (i) Two notches downgrade for ratings from Aaa to Baa or one notch downgrade for ratings from Ba to Caa
- (ii) Facilities restructured during previous twelve months
- (iii) Facilities overdue by 60 and 30 days as at the reporting date for corporate and retail loans respectively.

Credit risk grades

Credit risk grades are defined using qualitative and quantitative factors that are indicative of risk of default. These factors vary depending on the nature of the exposure and the type of borrower. Exposures are subject to on-going monitoring, which may result in an exposure being moved to a different credit risk grade.

Generating the term structure of Probability of Default (PD)

The Branches employs statistical models to analyse the data collected and generate estimates of PD of exposures and how these are expected to change as a result of the passage of time. This analysis includes the identification and calibration of relationships between changes in default rates and changes in key macro-economic factors, across various geographies in which the Branches has exposures.

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 (continued)

25 Risk management (continued)

Credit risk (continued)

Inputs, assumptions, and techniques used for estimating impairment (continued)

Renegotiated financial assets

The contractual terms of a loan may be modified for a number of reasons, including changing market conditions, customer retention and other factors not related to a current or potential credit deterioration of the customer. An existing loan whose terms have been modified may be derecognized and the renegotiated loan recognized as a new loan at fair value. Where possible, the Branches seek to restructure loans rather than to take possession of collateral, if available. This may involve extending the payment arrangements and documenting the agreement of new loan conditions. Management continuously reviews renegotiated loans to ensure that all criteria are met and that future payments are likely to occur.

The accounts which are restructured due to credit reasons in past 12 months are classified under Stage 2 based on cooling-off period.

Definition of default

The Branches consider a financial asset to be in default when:

- the borrower is unlikely to pay its credit obligations to the Branches in full, without recourse by the Branches to actions such as realising security (if any is held); or
- the borrower is past due more than 90 days on any material credit obligation to the Branches; or
- the borrower is rated 9 or 10.

In assessing whether a borrower is in default, the Branches also consider indicators that are:

- quantitative e.g. overdue status and non-payment on another obligation of the same issuer to the Branches; and
- based on data developed internally and obtained from external sources.

Inputs into the assessment of whether a financial instrument is in default and their significance may vary over time to reflect changes in circumstances. The definition of default largely aligns with that applied by the Branches for regulatory capital purposes.

Incorporation of forward-looking information

Incorporating forward looking information increases the level of judgement as to how changes in these macroeconomic factors will affect the expected credit loss (ECL) applicable to the stage 1 and stage 2 exposures which are considered as performing. The methodologies and assumptions involved, including any forecasts of future economic conditions, are reviewed periodically.

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 (continued)

25 Risk management (continued)

Credit risk (continued)

Inputs, assumptions, and techniques used for estimating impairment (continued)

Incorporation of forward-looking information (continued)

These economic variables and their associated impact on the PD, EAD and LGD vary by financial instrument. Forecasts of these economic variables (the "base economic scenario") are updated from the World economic outlook: IMF country data and economic forecast periodically published by Economic Intelligence Unit, which provide the best estimate view of the economy and commodity prices over the coming one to five years

The Branch also considers internal forecasts based on time series analysis for variables for which forecasts are not available. The macro-economic variable forecasts till remaining lifetime of the exposures post five years is obtained through time series analysis i.e. moving average/ mean reversion as applicable. The impact of these economic variables on the PD is obtained by using the merton-vasicek structural model for all the portfolio. Correlation analysis has been performed for selection of the key macro-economic variables based on the observed portfolio default rate.

In addition to the base economic scenario, the Branches' credit risk team also provide other possible scenarios along with scenario weightings. The number of other scenarios used is set based on the analysis of each major product type to ensure plausible events are captured. The number of scenarios and their attributes are reassessed at each reporting date. At 31 December 2022 and 31 December 2023, for all portfolios the Branches concluded that three scenarios that appropriately captured the uncertainties in the macro-economic forecasts i.e. Base scenario: considering the published macro-economic forecasts, improved scenario and stressed scenario: considering the long term observed volatility in macro-economic forecast. The scenario weightings are determined by a combination of statistical analysis and expert credit judgement, taking account of the range of possible outcomes each chosen scenario is representative of. The scenario weights considered for the ECL calculation as of 31 December 2023 are Base Scenario: 65%, Improved Scenario: 10% and Stressed Scenario: 25% (2022: Base Scenario: 65%, Improved Scenario: 10% and Stressed Scenario: 25%). The assessment of SICR is performed based on credit risk assessment following management assessment under each of the base, and the other scenarios, multiplied by the associated scenario weightings. This determines whether the whole financial instrument is in Stage 1, Stage 2, or Stage 3 and hence whether 12-month or lifetime ECL should be recorded. Following this assessment, the Branch measures ECL as either a 12-month ECL (Stage 1), or lifetime ECL (Stages 2).

These ECLs are determined by running each scenario through the relevant ECL model and multiplying it by the appropriate scenario weighting. As with any economic forecasts, the likelihoods of the base forecast are subject to a high degree of inherent uncertainty and therefore the actual outcomes may be significantly different to those projected.

The Branch considers these forecasts to represent its best estimate of the possible outcomes and the scenarios are considered to be capturing the uncertainties in the Base forecast.

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 (continued)

25 Risk management (continued)

Credit risk (continued)

Inputs, assumptions, and techniques used for estimating impairment (continued)

Economic variable assumptions

The most significant period-end assumptions used for the ECL estimate as at 31 December 2023 were Oil prices (2023: \$84/Barrel, 2024: \$81/ Barrel) and Private Sector Credit Concentration 64.6% (2023: 64.1%, 2024: 64.3%).

Measurement of ECL

The key inputs into the measurement of ECL are the term structure of the following variables:

- Probability of Default (PD);
- Loss Given Default (LGD);
- Exposure at Default (EAD).

These parameters are generally derived from internally developed statistical models and other historical data. They are adjusted to reflect forward-looking information as described above.

PD estimates are estimates at a certain date, which are calculated based on statistical rating models. These statistical models are primarily based on internally compiled data comprising both quantitative and qualitative factors and are supplemented by external credit assessment data where available.

LGD is the magnitude of the likely loss if there is a default. The Branches estimates LGD parameters based on the history of recovery rates of claims against defaulted counterparties. The LGD estimates consider the forecasted collateral value and recovery costs of any collateral that is integral to the financial asset.

EAD represents the expected exposure in the event of a default. The Branches derive the EAD from the current exposure to the counterparty and potential changes to the current amount allowed under the contract and arising from amortization. The EAD of a financial asset is its gross carrying amount at the time of default. For lending commitments, the EADs are potential future amounts that may be drawn under the contract, which are estimated based on historical observations and forward-looking forecasts. For financial guarantees, the EAD represents the amount of the guaranteed exposure when the financial guarantee becomes payable. EAD is determined by the exposure at reporting date.

Loss allowance

The following tables show reconciliations from the opening to the closing balance of the loss allowance by class of financial instruments.

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 (continued)

25 Risk management (continued)

Credit risk (continued)

Inputs, assumptions, and techniques used for estimating impairment (continued)

Loss allowance (continued)

	Stage 1 AED '000	Stage 2 AED '000	Stage 3 AED '000	Total AED '000
Exposures subject to ECL – as at 31 December 2023				
Loans and advances to customers	635,706	1,035,860	44,885	1,716,451
Investment securities (debt)	295,013	.	-	295,013
Loan commitments and financial guarantees Due from banks and balances with Central	46,063	190,491	71,877	308,431
Bank	1,104,202	86,957	_	1,191,159
	2,080,984	1,313,308	116,762	3,511,054
Opening balance of impairment – as at			•	
1 January 2022				
Loans and advances to customers	8	19,393	79,582	98,983
Investment securities (debt)	245	9	-	254
Loan commitments and financial guarantees Due from banks and balances with Central	72	80	51,077	51,229
Bank	_	150	_	150
Builk	325	19,632	130,659	150,616
Charge and net transfer between stages		- ,	,	,-
for the year				
(net of foreign exchange translation)				
Loans and advances to customers	1,640	(2,619)	8,537	7,558
Investment securities (debt)	(205)	(9)	-	(214)
Loan commitments and financial guarantees	62	(25)	4,942	4,979
Due from banks and balances with Central		(5)		(5)
Bank	-	(7)	(2.255)	(7)
Recoveries during the year	1,497	$\frac{-}{(2,660)}$	(2,355) 11,124	(2,355)
Other adjustments	1,497	(2,000)	11,124	9,961
Loans and advances to customers - Write				
off	_	_	(75,462)	(75,462)
Loans and advances to customers - Interest			(/0,10=)	(/0,102)
suspense	_	-	12,939	12,939
Investment securities (debt)	-	-	-	· -
Loan commitments and financial guarantees	-	-	-	-
Due from banks and balances with Central				
Bank				
	-	-	(62,523)	(62,523)
Closing balance of impairment as at				
31 December 2023 Loans and advances to customers	1,648	16,774	23,241	41,663
Investment securities (debt)	40	10,774	25,241	40
Loan commitments and financial guarantees	134	55	56,020	56,209
Due from banks and balances with Central	10.	33	20,020	20,207
Bank	_	143	-	143
	1,822	16,972	79,261	98,055
•	•	·		· ·

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 (continued)

25 Risk management (continued)

Credit risk (continued)

Inputs, assumptions and techniques used for estimating impairment (continued)

Loss allowance (continued)

	Stage 1 AED '000	Stage 2 AED '000	Stage 3 AED '000	Total AED '000
Exposures subject to ECL – as at 31 December 2022				111111
Loans and advances to customers	116,139	915,280	107,669	1,139,088
Investment securities (debt)	292,244	7,306	-	299,550
Loan commitments and financial guarantees		193,844	72,886	346,911
Due from banks and balances with Central	·	•	•	ĺ
Bank	23,854	914,040	-	937,894
	512,418	2,030,470	180,555	2,723,443
Opening balance of impairment – as at			•	,
1 January 2021				
Loans and advances to customers	64	18,544	701,330	719,938
Investment securities (debt)	479	6,223	-	6,702
Loan commitments and financial guarantees	104	83	-	187
Due from banks and balances with Central				
Bank	_			
	647	24,850	701,330	726,827
Charge and net transfer between stages				
for the year				
(net of foreign exchange translation)				
Loans and advances to customers	(56)	849	70,846	71,639
Investment securities (debt)	(234)	(6,214)	-	(6,448)
Loan commitments and financial guarantees	(32)	(3)	51,077	51,042
Due from banks and balances with Central				
Bank	-	150	<u>.</u>	150
Recoveries during the year			(6,157)	(6,157)
	(322)	(5,218)	115,766	110,226
Other adjustments	2		(=== ===)	
Loans and advances to customers - Write of	t -	-	(777,832)	(777,832)
Loans and advances to customers - Interest			01.005	0.1.00.
suspense	-	-	91,395	91,395
Investment securities (debt)	-	-	**	-
Loan commitments and financial guarantees	-	-		-
Due from banks and balances with Central Bank				
Bank	-			((0) (10=)
Chaire halance of the st	-	-	(686,437)	(686,437)
Closing balance of impairment as at				
31 December 2022	0	10.202	70.500	00.000
Loans and advances to customers	8	19,393	79,582	98,983
Investment securities (debt)	245	9	£1.077	254
Loan commitments and financial guarantees	72	80	51,077	51,229
Due from banks and balances with Central Bank		150		1.50
Dank	225	150	120 650	150
	325	19,632	130,659	150,616

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 (continued)

25 Risk management (continued)

Credit risk (continued)

Collateral and other credit enhancements

The amount and type of collateral required depends on an assessment of the credit risk of the counterparty. Guidelines are implemented regarding the acceptability of types of collateral and valuation parameters.

The main types of collateral obtained are cash, securities, and charges over real estate properties and counter-guarantees.

Management monitors the market value of collateral on an on-going basis and requests additional collateral, when necessary, in accordance with underlying loan agreements. At 31 December 2023, the Branches held collateral with a fair value of AED 2,471,523 thousand (2022: AED 1,680,220 thousand) against loans and advances.

Set out below are the collateral by impaired and non-impaired due balances:

	2023	2022
	AED '000	AED '000
Impaired	83,571	112,858
Not impaired	2,387,952	1,567,362
	2,471,523	1,680,220

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

The CBUAE has issued its IFRS 9 guidance 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, provision is not required to be transferred to impairment reserve as provision required under IFRS 9 is more than requirement under CBUAE requirement.

Liquidity risk

Liquidity is the on-going ability to accommodate maturing liabilities and deposit withdrawals; fund asset growth and business operations; and meet contractual obligations through unconstrained access to funding at reasonable market rates.

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Branches will encounter difficulty in raising funds to meet commitments associated with financial investments. Liquidity risk may also result from an inability to sell a financial asset quickly at close to its fair value. Liquidity risk can be caused by market disruptions or credit downgrades which may cause certain sources of funding to dry up immediately. To guard against this risk, the management has diversified funding sources and assets are managed with liquidity in mind and the management monitors liquidity on a daily basis. The Branches have support from Head office to meet their liquidity requirements.

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 (continued)

25 Risk management (continued)

Liquidity risk (continued)

The table below presents the maturity profile of the undiscounted, contractual cash flows of the Branches' financial liabilities.

	Within three	Three months to	One year to	
	months	one year	five years	Total
31 December 2023	AED '000	AED '000	AED '000	AED '000
Due to Head Office and overseas				
branches	306,486	-	-	306,486
Due to banks and other financial				
institutions	299,942	355,588	-	655,530
Acceptances	238,745	_	-	238,745
Customers deposits	803,008	1,444,497	-	2,247,505
Other liabilities	68,068		11,781	79,849
Total undiscounted liabilities	1,716,249	1,800,085	11,781	3,528,115
	Within	Three	One year	
	three	months to	to	
	months	one year	five years	Total
31 December 2022	AED '000	AED '000	AED '000	AED '000
Due to Head Office and overseas				
branches	58,075	383,226	-	441,301
Due to banks and other financial				
institutions	542,261	4,852	-	547,113
Customers deposits	268,077	891,165	-	1,159,242
Other liabilities	60,937	***	13,094	74,031
Total undiscounted liabilities	929,350	1,279,243	13,094	2,221,687

Substantially all letters of credit and acceptances commitments expire within a period not exceeding one year, and 2023: 72% (2022: 18%) of the guarantees expire within one year.

The table below summarises the maturity profile of the Branches' assets and liabilities. The maturities of assets and liabilities have been determined on the basis of the remaining period at the reporting date to the expected maturity date. The actual maturities may differ from the maturities shown below since the borrower may have the right to prepay obligations with or without prepayment penalties, and customers' deposits might have to be repaid on demand.

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 (continued)

25 Risk management (continued)

Liquidity risk (continued)

The maturity profile of the assets and liabilities net of ECL are as follows:

	Within	Three	One year	Over		
	three	months to	to five	Five	Ou	
	months	one year	years	years	Demand	Total
31 December 2023	AED '000	AED '000	AED '000	AED '000	AED '000	AED '000
Cash and balances with Central Bank of UAE	ŧ	•	•	1	610,301	610,301
Due from Head Office and overseas branches	3	1	1	Ē	167,293	167,293
Due from banks and other financial institutions	204,576	1	385,521	ī	1	590,097
Acceptances	238,745	ı	ı	1	1	238,745
Loans and advances	711,121	290,841	155,977	516,849	•	1,674,788
Investment securities	t	7,345	1	287,668	t	295,013
Deferred tax asset	t	ı	1	ı	857	857
Property and equipment	ı	r	1	1	11,613	11,613
Other assets	9,225	•	ı	i	1	9,225
Total assets	1,163,667	298,186	541,498	804,517	790,064	3,597,932
Due to Head Office and overseas branches	,	422,395	•	1	122,837	545,232
Due to banks and other financial institutions	56,932	348,935	t	1	1	405,867
Acceptances	238,745	1	ı	Ē	,	238,745
Customers deposits	776,737	1,263,485	1	1	ı	2,040,222
Other liabilities	120,528	1	13,094	ľ	•	133,622
Total liabilities	1,192,942	2,034,815	13,094		122,837	3,363,688

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 (continued)

25 Risk management (continued)

Liquidity risk (continued)						
	Within	Three	One year	Over		
	three	months	to five	Five	ō	
	months	to one year	years	years	Demand	Total
31 December 2022	AED '000	AED '000	AED '000	AED '000	AED '000	AED '000
Cash and balances with Central Bank of UAE	ı	1	i	1	251,560	251,560
Due from Head Office and overseas branches	t	•	•	1	4,434	4 434
Due from banks and other financial institutions	310,610	93,556	293,840		•	900,869
Loans and advances	444,022	424,026	83,747	88,311	1	1,040,106
Investment securities	1	1,828	7,306	290,415	1	299,549
Deferred tax asset	•	•	•	i	26,132	26,132
Property and equipment	1	•	•	1	13,012	13,012
Other assets	6,634	i	1	ı	F	6,634
Total assets	761,266	519,410	384,893	378,726	295,138	2,339,433
Due to Head Office and overseas branches	58,075	367,300		•		425,375
Due to banks and other financial institutions	537,480	1	•	ı	•	537,480
Customers deposits	254,281	872,821	1	Í	1	1,127,102
Other liabilities	75,814	1	13,094	ı	ı	88,908
Total liabilities	925,650	1,240,121	13,094	**************************************	***	2,178,865

Interest rate risk

The Branches are exposed to interest rate risk as a result of mismatches of interest rate repricing of assets and liabilities. The Head Office has established limits on the interest rate gaps for stipulated periods. The Branches manage this risk by matching the repricing of assets and liabilities through risk management strategies. The sensitivity of the statement of profit and loss is the effect of the assumed changes in interest rates on the net interest income for one year, based on the floating rate financial assets and financial liabilities held at 31 December 2023. The table below Interest rate risk arises from the possibility that changes in interest rates will affect future cash flows or the fair values of financial instruments. summarises the Bank's exposure to interest rate risks. It includes the Branches' financial instruments at carrying amounts net of ECL, categorised by the earlier of contractual re pricing or maturity dates.

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 (continued)

25 Risk management (continued)

Interest rate risk (continued)

31 December 2023	Within three months AED '000	Three months to one year AED '000	Above one year AED '000	Non- interest sensitive AED '000	Total AED '000
Cash and balances with Central Bank of UAE Due from Head Office and overseas branches	569,743		1 1	40,558	610,301
Due from banks and other financial institutions	204,576	ŧ I	385,521	738 745	590,097
Loans and advances	711,121	290,841	672,826	11,000	1,674,788
investment securities Deferred tax asset	I I	7,345	- 287,668	- 857	295,013 857
Property and equipment Other assets	1 1			11,613	11,613
Total assets	1,485,440	298,186	1,346,015	468,291	3,597,932
Due to Head Office and overseas branches	1 66	422,395	•	122,837	545,232
Due to banks and other financial institutions Acceptances	56,932	348,935	1 1	238,745	405,867 238,745
Customers deposits	521,796	1,263,485	i	254,941	2,040,222
Other liabilities Head Office equity	1 1			133,622 234,244	133,622 234,244
Total liabilities and Head Office equity	578,728	2,034,815	I	984,389	3,597,932
Total interest rate sensitivity gap Cumulative interest rate sensitivity gap	906,712 906,712	(1,736,629) (829,917)	1,346,015	(516,098)	

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 (continued)

25 Risk management (continued)

Interest rate risk (continued)

Non- interest Fotal Sensitive AED '000	251,560 251,560 4,434 4.434	0.1		26,132 26,132 13,012 13,012	6,634 6,634	612,382 2,339,433	425,375 425,375	- 537,480	1,127,102	88,908 88,908	160,568 160,568	808,119	(195,737)
Above Non- in one year sea AED '000 AEI	- 25	293,840 31 172.058		1 1	ı	763,619	- 42	•	- 13		1	0 8	763,619 (15 195,737
Three months to one year AED '000	1 1	93,556 424.026	1,828	1 1	ı	519,410	ı	•	872,821	ı	•	872,821	(353,411) (567,882)
Within three months AED '000	1 1	444.022	1	I I		444,022	1	537,480	121,013	•	•	658,493	(214,471) (214,471)
31 December 2022	Cash and balances with Central Bank of UAE Due from Head Office and overseas branches	Due from banks and other financial institutions Loans and advances	Investment securities	Property and equipment	Other assets	Total assets	Due to Head Office and overseas branches	Due to banks and other financial institutions	Customers deposits	Other liabilities	Head Office equity	Total liabilities and Head Office equity	Total interest rate sensitivity gap Cumulative interest rate sensitivity gap

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 (continued)

25 Risk management (continued)

Interest rate risk (continued)

The following table reflect the effect of 25 basis points change in interest rates, with all other variables held constant on the profit and loss statement.

	2023 AED '000	2022 AED '000
All currencies	410	489

Currency risk

Currency risk represents the risk of change in the value of financial instruments due to changes in foreign exchange rates. The Head Office has set limits on positions by currencies, which are monitored daily. The Branches assets are typically funded in the same currency as that of the business transacted in order to eliminate foreign exchange exposure. The Branches manages exposure to the effects of fluctuations in prevailing foreign currency exchange rates on its financial position and cash flows. At the end of the year, the Branches had the following significant net exposures denominated in foreign currencies:

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 (continued)

25 Risk management (continued)

Currency risk (continued)

				Other	
	Euro	GBP	CSD	currencies	Total
	AED '000	AED '000	AED '000	AED '000	AED '000
As at 31 December 2023					
Assets and long positions	1,800	317	2,040,711	165.176	2.208.004
Liabilities, Head Office funds and short					
positions	(1,815)	(317)	(2,038,196)	(163,705)	(2.204.033)
Net open position of the currencies	(15)	•	2,515	1,471	3,971
As at 31 December 2022			diverse distribution of the second of the se	and the state of t	
Assets and long positions	25,429	397	1,792,479	2,238	1.820.543
Liabilities, Head Office funds and short					
positions	(25,334)	(399)	(1,740,212)	(2,254)	(1,768,199)
Net open position of the currencies	95	(2)	52,267	(16)	52,344

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 (continued)

25 Risk management (continued)

Currency risk (continued)

The following table represents the Branches sensitivity to a percentage increase or decrease in the U.A.E. Dirhams against the relevant foreign currencies with the exception of US Dollars since it is pegged to the U.A.E. Dirhams. The sensitivity analysis includes only outstanding foreign currency denominated monetary items and the impact of a reasonable possible movement in the exchange rates were as follows

Currency	Percentage	2023 AED '000	2022 AED '000
Euro	<u>+</u> 3%	<u>±</u> 0	<u>+</u> 3
GBP	± 3%	<u>±</u> 0	± 0
AUD	± 3%	<u>+</u> 0	± 0
KWD	± 3%	<u>±</u> 0	± 0
USD	<u>±</u> 3%	±75	± 1,568
Other currencies	± 3%	<u>+</u> 44	± 0

Market risk

Market risk refers to the uncertainty of future earnings resulting from changes in interest rates, foreign exchange rates, market prices and volatilities. Due to the limited operations of the branches in Dubai and Abu Dhabi, U.A.E. (Retail and Corporate Banking) market risk exposure is measured by sensitivity analysis. There has been no change in Branches exposure to market risk and the manner in which these risks are managed and measured.

The centralized Investment Committee at Head Office approves all the investment decision for the branches. The performance of the portfolio is updated regularly to senior management including ALCO and investment committee by Financial Risk Management department at Head Office.

Operational risk

Operational risk is the risk of direct or indirect loss due to an event or action causing failure of technology, process infrastructure, personnel, and other risks having an operational risk impact.

The Branches seeks to minimize actual or potential losses from operational risk failures through the operations risk management department by having a framework of policies and procedures to control and manage risks. In addition, an independent internal audit function identifies, assesses, and submits reports on these risks.

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 (continued)

25 Risk management (continued)

Operational risk (continued)

Other risks to which the Branches are exposed are regulatory risk, legal risk, and reputation risk. Regulatory risk is controlled through a framework of compliance policies and procedures. Legal risk is managed through the effective use of internal and external legal advisers. Reputational risk is controlled through the regular examination of issues that are considered to have reputational repercussions for the Branches, with guidelines and policies being issued as appropriate.

26 Capital management

Regulatory capital

The Branches objectives when managing capital, which is a broader concept than the 'equity' on the face of the statement of financial position are:

- To comply with the capital requirements set by the Central Bank of U.A.E;
- To safeguard the Branches ability to continue as a going concern and increase the returns for the shareholders; and
- To maintain a strong capital base to support the development of its business.

The Central Bank of UAE ('CBUAE') supervises the Branches on a consolidated basis, and therefore receives information on the capital adequacy of, and sets capital requirements for, the Branches as a whole. Effective from 2017, the capital is computed at the Branches 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.

The Branches' regulatory capital is analysed into two tiers:

CET1 capital is the highest quality form of capital, comprising share capital, legal, statutory and other reserves, fair value reserve, retained earnings, after deductions for intangibles and other regulatory adjustments relating to items that are included in equity but are treated differently for capital adequacy purposes under 'CBUAE' guidelines.

Tier 2 capital comprises of collective provision which shall not exceed 1.25% of total credit risk weighted assets.

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. The minimum capital adequacy requirements as set out by the Central Bank are as follows:

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 (continued)

26 Capital management (continued)

Regulatory capital (continued)

Minimum common equity tier 1 (CET 1) ratio of 7% of risk weighted assets (RWAs).

- Minimum tier 1 ratio of 8.5% of RWAs.
- Total capital adequacy ratio of 10.5% of RWAs.
- Capital conservation buffer 2.5% of RWAs.
- Countercyclical buffer 0.32% of RWAs.

Capital adequacy and the use of regulatory capital are monitored on a regular basis by the Branches' management, employing techniques based on the guidelines developed by the Basel Committee and the Central Bank of United Arab Emirates. The required information is filed with the regulators on a quarterly basis.

The UAE Central Bank issued Basel III capital regulation vide its notice no. CBUAE/BSD/N/2020/66 dated January 07, 2020 which was effective as at 31 December 2019 (as per the regulation, only Pillar II is applicable in December 2019 and the rest will be applicable from June 2020.

During the years ended 31 December 2023 and 2022, the Branches have complied in full with all its externally imposed capital requirements.

The Branches' regulatory capital position at 31 December was as follows:

Tion I comital	2023 AED '000	2022 AED '000
Tier 1 capital Allocated capital Statutory reserve Accumulated loss	1,150,000 2,595 (889,865) 262,730	900,000 2,595 (717,704) 184,891
Threshold deductions Total CET1 after regulatory adjustments / Tier 1 capital	262,730	(7,643) 177,248
Tier 2 capital Collective impairment provision on loans and advances Total capital base	19,049 281,779	16,019 193,267
Risk-weighted assets Credit risk Market risk Operational risk Total risk-weighted assets	1,523,960 1,471 113,083 1,683,513	1,281,516 95 114,083 1,395,694
Capital adequacy ratio Tier 1 capital to total risk-weighted assets	17.20% 16.03%	13.85% 12.70%

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 (continued)

26 Capital management (continued)

Capital allocation

The allocation of capital between specific operations and activities is, to a large extent, driven by optimisation of the return achieved on the capital allocated. The amount of capital allocated to each operation or activity is based primarily upon the regulatory capital. The process of allocating capital to specific operations and activities is undertaken independently of those responsible for the operation, by Risk and Credit Facility Department, and is subject to review by ALCO as appropriate.

Although maximisation of the return on risk-adjusted capital is the principal basis used in determining how capital is allocated within the Branches to particular operations or activities, it is not the sole basis used for decision making. Account also is taken of synergies with other operations and activities, the availability of management and other resources, and the fit of the activity with the Branches' longer term strategic objectives. The Branches' policies in respect of capital management and allocation are reviewed regularly.

27 Loss on litigation

The Branch during the year had a legal case with one of the customers. After an unfavourable court verdict, the Branch made a payment to the customer of AED 163,019 thousand.

28 Subsequent events

The bank ceased operations for the Abu Dhabi branch on 10 January 2024, following the approvals from regulatory authorities. This decision was made in 2023 as a strategic move aimed at enhancing operational efficiency and adjusting resources to meet changing business demands. All accounts maintained at Abu Dhabi Branch were transferred to the Dubai Branch. The closure incurred a one-time AED 25 million tax expense attributed to the write-off of deferred tax assets recorded in the branch's accounts (see Note 7). Other than the above matter the management is not aware of any other matter or circumstance arising since reporting date up to the date of this report, not otherwise dealt with in this financial statement.