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Independent auditor's report

To the members of First Global Bank Limited

Report on the audit of the financial statements

Our opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of First Global Bank Limited (the Bank) as at 31 December 2019, and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards and with the requirements of the Jamaican Companies Act.

What we have audited

The Bank's financial statements comprise:

- the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2019;
- the statement of comprehensive income for the year then ended;
- the statement of changes in 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 a summary of significant accounting policies.

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 Bank in accordance with the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (IESBA Code). We have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the IESBA Code.

Responsibilities of management for the financial statements

Management is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards and with the requirements of the Jamaican Companies Act, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

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 judgment 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 Bank's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Bank'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 Bank 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.

Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

As required by the Jamaican Companies Act, we have obtained all the information and explanations which, to the best of our knowledge and belief, were necessary for the purposes of our audit.

In our opinion, proper accounting records have been kept, so far as appears from our examination of those records, and the accompanying financial statements are in agreement therewith and give the information required by the Jamaican Companies Act, in the manner so required.

PricewaterhouseCoopers

Chartered Accountants
Kingston, Jamaica
30 March 2020

First Global Bank Limited
Statement of Financial Position
31 December 2019
(expressed in Jamaican dollars unless otherwise indicated)

	Note	2019 $'000	2018 $'000
ASSETS			
Cash and bank balances	5	6,744,308	7,423,264
Items in the course of collection from other banks		136,181	124,050
Securities purchased under resale agreements	6	65,592	-
Loans and advances, net of provision for credit losses	7	29,577,352	25,456,005
Investment securities	8	12,180,001	10,462,537
Pledged assets	8	9,227,048	9,931,362
Property, plant and equipment	9	1,193,077	663,516
Intangible assets	10	293,721	169,368
Deferred income tax assets	11	290,659	606,875
Taxation recoverable		72,556	72,556
Other assets	12	449,714	416,750
Guarantees, letters of credit and letters of undertaking, net of provision for credit losses	3(a)	360,214	218,120
Total Assets		60,590,423	55,544,403

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Statement of Financial Position (Continued)

31 December 2019

(expressed in Jamaican dollars unless otherwise indicated)

	Note	2019 $'000	2018 $'000
LIABILITIES			
Customer deposits	13	40,625,304	37,656,711
Items in the course of payment		98,930	111,416
Due to other banks		61,831	499,902
Securities sold under repurchase agreements		7,892,207	7,208,337
Other borrowed funds	14	1,083,205	1,449,086
Lease liabilities	15	565,355	-
Post-employment benefit obligations	16	389,182	383,054
Other liabilities	17	1,335,422	647,054
Guarantees, letters of credit and letters of undertaking		371,953	230,628
Total Liabilities		52,423,389	48,186,188
EQUITY			
Share capital	18	3,564,181	3,564,181
Statutory reserve fund	19	1,326,081	1,226,081
Fair value reserve	20	441,315	(78,593)
Loan loss reserve	21	235,033	556,032
Retained earnings reserve	22	1,894,630	1,894,630
Stock option reserve		17,577	14,871
Retained earnings		688,217	181,013
Total Equity		8,167,034	7,358,215
Total Liabilities and Equity		60,590,423	55,544,403

Approved for issue by the Board of Directors on 27 March 2020 and signed on its behalf by:

Joseph Taffe	Director	Peter Moses	Director
Mariame McIntosh Robinson	Director	Kerry-Ann Heavens	Secretary

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Statement of Comprehensive Income

Year ended 31 December 2019

(expressed in Jamaican dollars unless otherwise indicated)

	Note	2019 $'000	2018 $'000
Interest Income –			
Loans		2,861,099	2,796,941
Securities	23	1,056,098	952,341
Other		52,513	80,287
		3,969,710	3,829,569
Interest Expense –			
Customer deposits		(496,792)	(527,875)
Securities sold under repurchase agreements		(217,013)	(179,348)
Lease liabilities	24	(36,198)	-
Other	24	(65,184)	(74,776)
		(815,187)	(781,999)
Net Interest Income		3,154,523	3,047,570
Credit Impairment Losses, Net	3(a)	(152,413)	(156,957)
		3,002,110	2,890,613
Other Income –			
Fees and commissions, net	25	997,718	888,431
Gains on foreign exchange translation and trading		703,262	438,481
(Losses)/gains on investing activities, net	26	(6,160)	122,904
Other		39,930	17,000
		1,734,750	1,466,816
Net Interest and Other Income		4,736,860	4,357,429
Operating Expenses –			
Staff costs	27	(1,746,399)	(1,720,133)
Amortisation and depreciation		(289,050)	(308,381)
Administration and other expenses	28	(2,035,347)	(1,796,415)
		(4,070,796)	(3,824,929)
Profit before Taxation		666,064	532,500
Taxation	29	(173,761)	(21,833)
Net Profit		492,303	510,667

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Statement of Comprehensive Income (Continued)

Year ended 31 December 2019

(expressed in Jamaican dollars unless otherwise indicated)

	2019 $'000	2018 $'000
Net Profit (brought forward from page 3)	492,303	510,667
Other Comprehensive Income –		
Items that may be subsequently reclassified to profit or loss:		
Realised losses/(gains) on investments measured at fair value through other comprehensive income, net of taxes	93,289	(97,408)
Unrealised gains/(losses) on investments measured at fair value through other comprehensive income, net of taxes	426,619	(182,166)
Item that will not be reclassified to profit or loss:		
Re-measurements of post- employment benefit obligations, net of taxes	49,878	(51,205)
Other comprehensive income, net of taxes	569,786	(330,779)
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME	1,062,089	179,888

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Statement of Changes in Equity

Year ended 31 December 2019

(expressed in Jamaican dollars unless otherwise indicated)

	Share Capital $'000	Statutory Reserve Fund $'000	Fair Value Reserve $'000	Loan Loss Reserve $'000	Retained Earnings Reserve $'000	Stock Option Reserve $'000	Retained Earnings $'000	Total $'000
Balance at 1 January 2018	3,564,181	1,149,481	200,981	240,812	1,894,630	10,353	285,953	7,346,391
Total comprehensive income	-	-	(279,574)	-	-	-	459,462	179,888
Total transactions with equity holders - Ordinary and Preference dividends paid	-	-	-	-	-	-	(172,582)	(172,582)
Transfer to loan loss reserve	-	-	-	315,220	-	-	(315,220)	-
Employee share option scheme - value of services received	-	-	-	-	-	4,518	-	4,518
Transfer to statutory reserve fund (Note 19)	-	76,600	-	-	-	-	(76,600)	-
Balance at 31 December 2018	3,564,181	1,226,081	(78,593)	556,032	1,894,630	14,871	181,013	7,358,215
Total comprehensive income	-	-	519,908	-	-	-	542,181	1,062,089
Total transactions with equity holders - Ordinary and Preference dividends paid	-	-	-	-	-	-	(255,976)	(255,976)
Transfer from loan loss reserve	-	-	-	(320,999)	-	-	320,999	-
Employee share option scheme - net value of services received	-	-	-	-	-	2,706	-	2,706
Transfer to statutory reserve fund (Note 19)	-	100,000	-	-	-	-	(100,000)	-
Balance at 31 December 2019	3,564,181	1,326,081	441,315	235,033	1,894,630	17,577	688,217	8,167,034

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Statement of Cash Flows

Year ended 31 December 2019

(expressed in Jamaican dollars unless otherwise indicated)

	Note	2019 $'000	2018 $'000
Cash Flows from Operating Activities			
Net profit for the year		492,303	510,667
Adjustments to reconcile profit for the year to net cash used in operating activities –			
Depreciation	9	243,022	159,092
Amortisation	10	46,029	149,289
Foreign exchange losses/(gains)		34,947	(122,543)
Losses/(gains) on investment activities	26	6,160	(122,904)
Employee stock option		2,706	4,518
Provision for credit losses, net	3(a)	152,413	156,957
Interest income		(3,969,710)	(3,829,569)
Interest expense		815,187	781,999
Taxation	29	173,761	21,833
		(2,003,182)	(2,290,661)
Changes in other operating assets and liabilities –			
Customer deposits		2,932,370	975,287
Loans		(4,251,075)	389,129
Securities sold under repurchase agreements		671,709	3,410,264
Restricted cash and bank accounts		707,952	242,097
Post-employment benefits		80,942	7
Other assets		(32,964)	415,006
Other liabilities		703,223	(108,920)
Cash (used in)/ generated from operations		(1,191,025)	3,032,209
Interest received		3,995,754	3,900,431
Interest paid		(766,956)	(811,101)
Taxation paid		(156,057)	(50,061)
Net cash provided by operating activities (carried forward to page 7)		1,881,716	6,071,478

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Statement of Cash Flows (Continued)

Year ended 31 December 2019

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	Note	2019 $'000	2018 $'000
Cash Flows from Operating Activities (brought forward from page 6)		1,881,716	6,071,478
Cash Flows from Investing Activities			
Purchase of investment securities		(2,957,150)	(7,966,365)
Disposal of investment securities		2,664,503	5,128,749
Proceeds on disposal of property, plant and equipment		5,236	-
Acquisition of property, plant and equipment	9	(147,264)	(80,689)
Acquisition of intangible assets	10	(170,382)	(37,312)
Net cash used in investing activities		(605,057)	(2,955,617)
Cash Flows from Financing Activities			
Repayment of other borrowed funds		(341,422)	(607,540)
Proceeds from other borrowed funds		206,965	672,669
Payment of principal on leases		(98,466)	-
Ordinary and preference dividends paid		(255,976)	(172,582)
Net cash used in financing activities		(488,899)	(107,452)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		787,760	3,008,408
Effect of foreign exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents		23,144	(28,046)
Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Year		1,346,380	(1,633,982)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF YEAR		2,157,284	1,346,380
Comprising:			
Cash and bank balances	5	2,116,272	2,087,276
Items in the course of collection from other banks		136,181	124,050
Securities purchased under resale agreements		65,592	-
Items in the course of payment		(98,930)	(111,416)
Other borrowed funds	14	-	(253,628)
Due to other banks		(61,831)	(499,902)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF YEAR		2,157,284	1,346,380

1. Identification and Activities

(a) First Global Bank Limited (the Bank) is a limited liability company incorporated and domiciled in Jamaica and is licensed under the Banking Services Act, 2018 (formerly Banking Act, 1992). The Bank is a subsidiary of First Global Holdings Limited and its ultimate parent company is GraceKennedy Limited. Both companies are incorporated and domiciled in Jamaica. The Bank's registered office is located at 28 - 48 Barbados Avenue, Kingston 5.

(b) The Bank's principal activities are the provision of commercial banking and related financial services.

2. Significant Accounting Policies

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

(a) Basis of preparation

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) and IFRS Interpretations Committee (IFRS IC) interpretations applicable to companies reporting under IFRS. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for certain financial assets measured at fair value.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with IFRS requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise its judgement in the process of applying the Bank's accounting policies. Although these estimates are based on management's best knowledge of current events and actions, actual results could differ from those estimates. The areas involving a higher degree of judgement or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the financial statements, are disclosed in Note 4.

Standards, interpretations and amendments to published standards effective in the current year

The Bank has applied the following standards and amendments for the first time for their annual reporting period commencing 1 January 2019:

- *IFRS 16, 'Leases'*
- *Amendments to IAS 19, 'Employee benefits' on plan amendment, curtailment or settlement*
- *IFRIC 23, 'Uncertainty over income tax treatments'*
- *Annual improvements 2015-2017*

The Bank has changed its accounting policies following the adoption of IFRS 16 which is disclosed in Note 2(l). The other amendments and interpretation listed above did not have any impact on the amounts recognised in the prior period and did not significantly affect the current or future periods.

2. Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

(a) Basis of preparation (continued)

Standards, interpretations and amendments to existing standards effective during the current year (continued)

IFRS 16, 'Leases'
The standard sets out the principles for the recognition, measurement, presentation and disclosure of leases and requires lessees to recognise most leases on the statement of financial position.

The Bank has adopted IFRS 16 *Leases* retrospectively from 1 January 2019 but has not restated comparatives for the 2018 reporting period, as permitted under the specific transition provisions in the standard. The reclassifications and the adjustments arising from the new leasing rules are therefore recognised in the opening statement of financial position on 1 January 2019. The Bank applied the simplified transition approach that allows the measurement of the right-of-use assets at the amount equal to the lease liability on adoption. The new accounting policies are disclosed further in Note 2(l).

On adoption of IFRS 16, the Bank recognised lease liabilities in relation to leases which had previously been classified as 'operating leases' under the principles of IAS 17 *Leases.* These liabilities were measured at the present value of the remaining lease payments, discounted using the lessee's incremental borrowing rate as of 1 January 2019. The weighted average lessee's incremental borrowing rate applied to the lease liabilities on 1 January 2019 was 5.93%.

In applying IFRS 16 for the first time, the Bank has used the following practical expedients permitted by the standard:

- applying a single discount rate to a portfolio of leases with reasonably similar characteristics;
- relying on previous assessments on whether leases are onerous as an alternative to performing an impairment review – there were no onerous contracts as at 1 January 2019;
- accounting for operating leases with a remaining lease term of less than 12 months as at 1 January 2019 as short-term leases;
- excluding initial direct costs for the measurement of the right-of-use asset at the date of initial application; and
- using hindsight in determining the lease term where the contract contains options to extend or terminate the lease.

The Bank has also elected not to reassess whether a contract is or contains a lease at the date of initial application. Instead, for contracts entered into before the transition date the Bank relied on its assessment made in applying IAS 17 and IFRIC 4, Determining whether an Arrangement contains a Lease.

2. Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

(a) Basis of preparation (continued)

Standards, interpretations and amendments to existing standards effective during the current year (continued)

IFRS 16 'Leases' (continued)

The following line items were affected as a result of adoption of this new accounting standard at the date of initial application, 1 January 2019:

	IAS 17 31 December 2018 $'000	IFRS 16 adjustments $'000	IFRS 16 1 January 2019 $'000
Statement of Financial Position (extract)			
Assets			
Property, plant and equipment	-	627,623	627,623
Liabilities			
Lease liabilities	-	627,623	627,623
Equity			
Retained earnings	-	-	-

The lease liabilities as at 1 January 2019 can be reconciled to the operating lease commitments as of 31 December 2018, as follows:

	$'000
Operating lease commitments as at 31 December 2018 under IAS 17	387,126
Weighted average incremental borrowing rate as at 1 January 2019	5.93%
Discounted operating lease commitments as at 1 January 2019	274,172
Less:	
Lease payments relating to renewal periods not included in operating lease commitments as at 31 December 2018	353,451
Lease liabilities as at 1 January 2019	627,623

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2. Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

(a) Basis of preparation (continued)

Standards, interpretations and amendments to existing standards effective during the current year (continued)

Amendments to IAS 19, 'Employee benefits' on plan amendment, curtailment or settlement' (effective for annual period beginning on or after 1 January 2019). These amendments require an entity to: use updated assumptions to determine current service cost and net interest for the reminder of the period after a plan amendment, curtailment or settlement; and recognise in profit or loss as part of past service cost, or a gain or loss on settlement, any reduction in a surplus, even if that surplus was not previously recognised because of the impact of the asset ceiling. There was no significant impact from the adoption of these amendments during the year.

IFRIC 23, 'Uncertainty over income tax treatments' (effective for annual period beginning on or after 1 January 2019). This IFRIC clarifies how the recognition and measurement requirements of IAS 12 'Income taxes', are applied where there is uncertainty over income tax treatments. The IFRS IC had clarified previously that IAS 12, not IAS 37 'Provisions, contingent liabilities and contingent assets', applies to accounting for uncertain income tax treatments. IFRIC 23 explains how to recognise and measure deferred and current income tax assets and liabilities where there is uncertainty over a tax treatment. There was no significant impact from the adoption of this interpretation during the year.

Annual improvements 2015-2017 (effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2019). These amendments include changes to IAS 12 'Income taxes' which was amended to clarify that a company accounts for all income tax consequences of dividend payments in the same way. There was no significant impact from the adoption of this amendment during the year.

There are no other IFRS or IFRIC interpretations that are not yet effective that would be expected to have a material impact on the Bank.

2. Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

(a) Basis of preparation (continued)

Standards, *interpretations and amendments to published standards not yet effective and have not been early adopted by the Bank*

At the date of authorisation of these financial statements, certain new standards, amendments and interpretations to existing standards have been issued which are not effective at the date of the statement of financial position, and which the Bank has not early adopted. The Bank has assessed the relevance of all such new standards, interpretations and amendments, has determined that the following may be relevant to its operations, and has concluded as follows:

Amendment to IAS 1 and IAS 8, 'Definition of Material' (effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2020). These amendments to IAS 1, 'Presentation of financial statements', and IAS 8, 'Accounting policies, changes in accounting estimates and errors', and consequential amendments to other IFRSs highlights the following: i) use of a consistent definition of materiality throughout IFRS and the Conceptual Framework for Financial Reporting; ii) clarify the explanation of the definition of material; and iii) incorporate some of the guidance in IAS 1 about immaterial information. The Bank is currently assessing the impact of future adoption of these amendments on its financial statements.

Conceptual Framework for Financial Reporting, (effective for annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2020), with earlier application permitted. Included in the framework are revised definitions of an asset and a liability as well as new guidance on measurement and derecognition, presentation and disclosure. The new Conceptual Framework does not constitute a substantial revision of the document as was originally intended. Instead the IASB focused on topics that were not yet covered or that showed obvious shortcomings that needed to be dealt with.

There are no other IFRS or IFRIC interpretations that are not yet effective that would be expected to have a material impact on the Bank.

2. Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

(b) Foreign currency translation

Functional and presentation currency

Items included in the financial statements are measured using the currency of the primary economic environment in which the entity operates ('the functional currency'). The financial statements are presented in Jamaican dollars which is the Bank's functional and presentation currency.

Transactions and balances

Foreign currency transactions are translated into the functional currency using the exchange rates prevailing at the dates of the transactions. Foreign exchange gains and losses resulting from the settlement of such transactions and from the translation at year-end exchange rates of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are recognised in arriving at net profit or loss. Changes in the fair value of monetary assets denominated in foreign currencies and classified as fair value through other comprehensive income are analysed between translation differences resulting from changes in the amortised cost of the asset and other changes. Translation differences resulting from the changes in amortised cost are recognised in arriving at net profit or loss and other changes are recognised in other comprehensive income.

(c) Cash and cash equivalents

For the purpose of presentation in the statement of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents includes cash on hand, deposits held at call with financial institutions, items in the course of collections/payments, short-term loans, other short-term, highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value, and bank overdrafts.

(d) Derivative financial instruments

Derivatives are financial instruments that derive their value from the price of underlying items such as bonds, equities, interest rates, foreign exchange or other indices. These contracts are initially recognised at fair value on the date that they are entered into and are subsequently re-measured at their fair value at the date of each statement of financial position. Fair values are obtained from quoted market prices, discounted cash flow models and option pricing models, as appropriate. Derivatives are carried as assets when fair value is positive and as liabilities when fair value is negative. Assets and liabilities are set off where the contracts are with the same counterparty, a legal right of set off exists and the cash flows are intended to be settled on a net basis.

Derivatives are only used for economic hedging purposes and not as speculative investment. However, where derivatives do not meet the hedge accounting criteria under IFRS 9, Financial Instruments, they are accounted for at fair value through profit or loss.

(e) Securities purchased/sold under resale/repurchase agreements

Securities purchased/sold under resale/repurchase agreements are treated as collateralised financing transactions. The difference between the sale/purchase and repurchase/resale price is treated as interest and is accrued over the life of the agreements using the effective yield method.

2. Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

(f) Financial assets

Initial recognition and measurement

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the Bank becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. Regular way purchases and sales of financial assets are recognised on the trade date- the date on which the Bank commits to purchase or sell the asset. At initial recognition, the Bank measures a financial asset or liability at its fair value plus or minus transaction costs for all instruments not carried at fair value through profit or loss. All other financial instruments (including instruments designated at fair value through profit or loss) are measured at fair value, and transaction costs are expensed in the statement of comprehensive income. Immediately after initial recognition, an expected credit loss (ECL) is recognised for financial assets measured at amortised cost and investments in debt instruments measured at fair value through other comprehensive income (FVOCI), as described in Note 3(a), which results in an accounting loss being recognised in profit or loss when an asset is newly originated.

When the fair value of financial assets and liabilities differs from the transaction price on initial recognition, the Bank recognises the differences as follows:

(a) When the fair value is evidenced by a quoted price in an active market for an identical asset or liability or based on a valuation technique that uses only data from observable markets, the difference is recognised as a gain or loss.
(b) In all other cases, the difference is deferred and the timing of recognition of deferred day one profit or loss is determined individually. It is either amortised over the life of the instruments, deferred until the instrument's fair value can be determined using market observable inputs, or realised through settlement.

Classification and subsequent measurement

The Bank classifies its financial assets in the following measurement categories in accordance with the requirements under IFRS 9:

(a) Fair value through profit of loss (FVTPL)
(b) Fair value through other comprehensive income (FVOCI)
(c) Amortised cost

Debt Instruments

Debt instruments include cash and bank balances, items in the course of collection from other banks, loans and advances, investments securities, guarantees and other assets.

Classification and subsequent measurement of debt instruments depend on the Bank's business model for managing the asset and the cash flow characteristics of the asset.

Business model assessment

IFRS 9 requires an assessment of the nature of the Bank's business model at a level that best reflects how it manages portfolios of financial assets. The Bank's business models fall into two categories:

(i) Hold-to-Collect ("HTC"): where the objective of the business model is to solely collect the contractual cash flows from the assets.

(ii) Hold-to-Collect-and-Sell ("HTC&S"): where both collecting contractual cash flows and cash flows arising from the sale of assets are the objective of the business model.

2. Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

(f) Financial assets (continued)

Debt Instruments (continued)

Solely payments of principal and interest ("SPPI") assessment

Instruments held within HTC or HTC&S business model are assessed to evaluate if their contractual cash flows are SPPI. SPPI payments are those which would typically be expected from basic lending arrangements. Principal amounts include par repayments from lending and financing arrangements, and interest primarily relates to basic lending returns, including compensation for credit risk and the time value of money associated with the principal amount outstanding over a period of time. Interest can also include other basic lending risks and costs (for example, liquidity risk, servicing or administrative costs) associated with holding the financial asset for a period of time, and a profit margin.

Debt instruments are measured at amortised cost if they are held for collection of contractual cash flows where those cash flows represent solely payments of principal and interest. Interest income from these financial assets is included in interest income using the effective interest rate method. Any gain or loss arising on de-recognition is recognised directly in profit or loss together with foreign exchange gains or losses. Impairment losses are presented as a separate line item in the statement of comprehensive income.

Debt instruments are measured at FVOCI if they are held for collection of contractual cash flows and for selling the financial assets, where the financial assets' cash flows represent payments of principal and interest. Movements in the carrying amount are taken through OCI, except for the recognition of impairment gains and losses, interest income and foreign exchange gains and losses which are recognised in profit or loss. When the financial asset is derecognised, the cumulative gain or loss previously recognised in OCI is reclassified from equity to profit or loss and recognised in net (losses) / gains on investment securities. Interest income from these financial assets is recognised in interest income using the effective interest rate method. Foreign exchange gains or losses are presented in gains in foreign exchange translation and trading and impairment losses are presented as a separate line item in the statement of comprehensive income.

All other debt instruments are measured at FVTPL.

The Bank reclassifies debt instruments when and only when its business model for managing those assets changes. The reclassification takes place from the start of the first reporting period following the change. Such changes are expected to be very infrequent and none occurred during the period.

Equity Instruments

Equity instruments are measured at FVTPL, unless the asset is not held for trading purposes and the Bank makes an irrevocable election to designate the asset as FVOCI. This election is made on an instrument-by-instrument basis. When this election is used, fair value gains and losses are recognised in OCI and are not subsequently reclassified to profit or loss, including on disposal. Impairment losses (and reversal of impairment losses) are not reported separately from other changes in fair value. Dividends, when representing a return on such investments, continue to be recognised in profit or loss as other income when the Bank's right to receive payments is established.

The Bank has elected to irrevocably designate at FVOCI its existing non-trading equity portfolio.

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2. Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

(f) Financial assets (continued)

Impairment

Under IFRS 9, credit loss allowances are measured on each reporting date according to a three-stage expected credit loss impairment model. Changes in the required credit loss allowance are recorded in profit or loss for the period at each reporting date.

Expected credit losses ('ECL') is established for all financial assets, except for financial assets classified or designated as FVTPL and equity securities designated as FVOCI, which are not subject to impairment assessment. Financial assets subject to impairment assessment include loans and advances, debt securities, and other assets. Loans and debt securities carried at amortised cost are presented net of ECL on the statement of financial position. ECL on debt securities measured at FVOCI is presented in other comprehensive income.

The Bank assesses, on a forward looking basis, the ECL associated with its debt instrument carried at amortised cost and FVOCI and with exposure arising from loan commitments and guarantees.

The estimation of credit exposure for risk management purposes requires the use of complex models, as the exposure varies with changes in market conditions, expected cash flows and the passage of time. The assessment of credit risk of a portfolio of assets entails further estimations as to the likelihood of defaults occurring, of the associated loss ratios and of defaults correlations between counterparties. The Bank measures credit risk using Probability of Default (PD), Exposure at Default (EAD) and Loss Given Default (LGD).

Write-offs are made when all or part of a loan is deemed uncollectible or is forgiven. Write-offs are charged against previously established provisions for credit losses and reduce the principal amount of a loan or directly through the profit or loss (credit cards).

Recoveries in part or in full of amounts previously written-off are credited to provision for credit losses in arriving at net profit or loss.

2. Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

(f) Financial assets (continued)

Impairment (continued)

Statutory and other regulatory loan loss reserve requirements that exceed the amounts required under IFRS are dealt with in a non-distributable loan loss reserve as an appropriation of retained earnings.

De-recognition

The Bank derecognises a financial asset when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the financial asset have expired, or when it transfers the financial asset in a transaction in which substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of the financial asset are transferred, or in which the Bank neither transfers nor retains substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership and it does not retain control of the financial asset. Any interest in transferred financial assets that qualify for de-recognition that is created or retained by the Bank is recognised as a separate asset or liability in the statement of financial position. On de-recognition of a financial asset, the difference between the carrying amount of the asset (or the carrying amount allocated to the portion of the asset transferred), and the sum of (i) the consideration received (including any new asset obtained less any new liability assumed) and (ii) any cumulative gain or loss that had been recognised in other comprehensive income ("OCI") is recognised in profit or loss. Any cumulative gain/loss recognised in OCI in respect of equity investment securities designated as FVOCI is not recognised in profit or loss on de-recognition of such securities but transferred from OCI to retained earnings on disposal.

(g) Financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are initially measured at fair value net of any transaction costs directly attributable to the issue of the instrument. Such liabilities are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method, which ensures that any interest expense over the period to repayment is a constant rate on the balance of the liability carried in the statement of financial position. Trade payables and other short-term monetary liabilities are initially recognised at fair value and subsequently carried at amortised cost.

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

(h) Property, plant and equipment

All property, plant and equipment are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation.

Depreciation is calculated on the straight-line basis at such rates as will write off the carrying value of the assets over the shorter of their expected useful lives or the lease period. The expected useful lives are as follows:

Leasehold improvements	5 - 10 years
Office equipment, furniture and fixtures	10 years
Computer equipment	3- 5 years
Motor vehicles	5 years
Right-of-use asset	5- 20 years

Gains or losses on disposal of property, plant and equipment are determined by reference to their carrying amount and are taken into account in determining operating profit.

Repairs and maintenance expenses are charged in arriving at net profit or loss during the financial period in which they are incurred. The cost of major renovations is included in the carrying amount of the asset when it is probable that future economic benefits in excess of the assessed standard of performance of the existing asset will flow to the Bank. Major renovations are depreciated over the remaining useful life of the related asset.

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2. Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

(i) Intangible assets
Acquired computer software licenses are capitalised on the basis of the costs incurred to acquire and bring to use the specific software. These costs are amortised over their estimated useful lives of three years.

(j) Employee benefits
Pension obligations
The Bank participates in a defined benefit plan operated by the ultimate parent. The defined benefit plan is generally funded through payments to a trustee-administered fund as determined by periodic actuarial calculations. A defined benefit plan is a pension plan that defines an amount of pension benefit to be provided, usually as a function of one or more factors such as age, years of service or compensation.

In the 2014 financial year, the ultimate parent company assumed the defined benefit pension obligations of all companies within the GraceKennedy Group participating in this scheme. As a result the ultimate parent company recognises the total pension assets and obligations in respect of this plan. Under this arrangement, the obligation of the Bank is limited to the regular monthly pension contributions. Contributions are recognised by the period in which they are incurred.

The Bank also participates in a defined contribution plan operated by the ultimate parent. A defined contribution plan is a pension plan under which the Bank pays fixed contributions into a separate entity. The Bank has no legal or constructive obligations to pay further contributions if the fund does not hold sufficient assets to pay all employees the benefits due.

Other post-employment benefit obligations
The entitlement to these benefits is usually based on the employee remaining in service up to post-employment age and the completion of a minimum service period. The expected costs of these benefits are accrued over the period of employment, using accounting methodology similar to that for defined benefit pension plans. Actuarial gains and losses arising from experience adjustments and changes in actuarial assumptions are charged or credited to equity in other comprehensive income in the period which they arise. These obligations are valued annually by independent qualified actuaries.

Equity compensation benefits
The ultimate parent company operates an equity-settled, share-based compensation plan, in which the Bank participates. Stock options in the ultimate parent company are granted to management and key employees of the Bank. The fair value of the employee's services received in exchange for the grant of the options is recognised as an expense. The total amount to be expensed over the vesting period is determined by reference to the fair value of the options granted, excluding the impact of non-market vesting conditions. Options are granted at the market price of the shares on the date of the grant and are exercisable at that price. Options are exercisable beginning one year from the date of the grant and have a contractual option term of up to six years. When options are exercised, the proceeds received, net of any transaction costs are passed on to the ultimate parent company and credited to Stock option reserve in equity.

Termination benefits
Termination benefits are payable whenever an employee's employment is terminated before the normal post-employment date or whenever an employee accepts voluntary redundancy in exchange for these benefits. The Bank recognises termination benefits when it is demonstrably committed to either terminate the employment of the current employees according to a detailed formal plan without possibility of withdrawal or to provide termination benefits as a result of an offer made to encourage voluntary redundancy. Benefits falling due more than 12 months after the date of the statement of financial position are discounted to present value.

2. Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

(j) Employee benefits (continued)

Incentive plans

The Bank recognises a liability and an expense for bonuses based on a formula that takes into consideration return on equity for the year after certain adjustments. The Bank recognises a provision where contractually obliged or where there is a past practice that has created a constructive obligation.

(k) Income taxes

Taxation expense in the statement of comprehensive income comprises current and deferred tax charges.

Current tax charges are based on taxable profits for the year, which differ from the profit before tax reported because it excludes items that are taxable or deductible in other years, and items that are never taxable or deductible. The Bank's liability for current tax is calculated at tax rates that have been enacted at the date of the statement of financial position.

Deferred tax is the tax that is expected to be paid or recovered on differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities and the corresponding tax bases. Deferred income tax is provided in full, using the liability method on temporary differences arising between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts in the financial statements. Currently enacted tax rates are used in the determination of deferred income tax.

Deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent it is probable that future taxable profits will be available against which the temporary differences can be utilised.

Current and deferred taxes are recognised as income tax expense or benefit in arriving at net profit or loss, except where they relate to items recorded in other comprehensive income.

(l) Leases

As a lessee

Accounting policies applied from 1 January 2019

Leases are recognised as right-of-use assets and corresponding liabilities at the date at which the leased assets are available for use by the Bank.

The right-of-use assets is presented within property, plant and equipment. At the commencement date, lease liabilities are measured at an amount equal to the present value of the following lease payments for the underlying right-of-use assets during the lease term:

- fixed payments (including in-substance fixed payments), less any lease incentives receivable;
- variable lease payments that are based on an index or a rate;
- amounts expected to be payable by the Bank under residual value guarantees;
- the exercise price of a purchase option if the Bank is reasonably certain to exercise that option; and
- payments of penalties for terminating the lease, if the lease term reflects the Bank exercising that option.

The lease payments are discounted using the interest rate implicit in the lease. If that rate cannot be determined, the lessee's incremental borrowing rate is used, being the rate that the lessee would have to pay to borrow the funds necessary to obtain an asset of similar value in a similar economic environment with similar terms and conditions. To determine the incremental borrowing rate, the Group uses recent third-party financing received by the individual lessee as a starting point.

Each lease payment is allocated between the liability and finance cost. Lease liabilities are subsequently measured using the effective interest method. The carrying amount of liability is remeasured to reflect any reassessment, lease modification or revised in-substance fixed payments.

2. Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

(l) Leases (continued)

As a lessee (continued)

The lease term is a non-cancellable period of a lease; periods covered by options to extend and terminate the lease are only included in the lease term if it is reasonably certain that the lease will be extended or not terminated.

Right-of-use assets are measured initially at cost comprising the following:

- the amount of the initial measurement of the lease liability;
- any lease payments made at or before the commencement date less any lease incentives received;
- any initial direct costs; and
- restoration costs.

Subsequently, the right-of-use assets, are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses and adjusted for remeasurement of the lease liability due to reassessment or lease modifications.

The right-of-use assets are depreciated over the shorter of the asset's useful life and the lease term on a straight-line basis. The amortisation period for the right-of-use assets is 5 to 20 years for office building.

Payments associated with all short-term leases and certain leases of all low-value assets are recognised on a straight-line basis as an expense in profit or loss. The Bank applies the exemption for low-value assets on a lease-by-lease basis i.e. for the leases where the asset is sub-leased, a right-of-use asset is recognised with corresponding lease liability; for all other leases of low value asset, the lease payments associated with those leases will be recognised as an expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

Short-term leases are leases with a lease term of 12 months or less.

Low-value assets comprise computers, tablets, mobile phones and small items of office furniture.

There were no short term leases or low-value assets at 1 January 2019.

Accounting policies applied until 31 December 2018

Leases in which substantially all risks and rewards of ownership is not transferred to the Bank as a lessee are classified as operating leases. Payments made under operating leases (net of any incentives received from the lessor) are charged to profit or loss on a straight-line basis over the period of the lease.

(m) Guarantees, letters of credit, letters of undertaking and loan commitments

Guarantees, letters of credit and undertaking represent the Bank's potential liability, for which there are equal and offsetting claims against its customers in the event of a call on these commitments. Guarantees, letters of credit and letters of undertaking are measured at fair value.

Loan commitments are firm commitments to provide credit under pre-specified terms and conditions.

The Bank recognises expected credit losses on guarantees, letters of credit and undertaking and loan commitments.

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2. Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

(n) Income and expense recognition

Interest income and expense

Interest income and expense are recognised in arriving at net profit or loss for all interest-bearing instruments on an accrual basis using the effective interest method based on the actual purchase price. Interest income includes coupons earned on fixed income investments and accrued discounts or premiums on treasury bills and other instruments.

The effective interest method is a method of calculating the amortised cost of a financial asset or a financial liability and of allocating the interest income or interest expenses over the relevant period. The effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts the estimated future cash payments or receipts through the expected life of the financial instrument or, when appropriate, a shorter period to the net carrying amount of the financial asset or financial liability.

When calculating the effective interest rate, the Bank estimates cash flows considering the contractual terms of the financial instrument but does not consider future credit losses. The calculation includes all fees and points paid or received between parties to the contract that are an integral part of the effective interest rate, transaction costs and all other premiums or discounts.

Interest income is calculated by applying the effective interest rate to the gross carrying amount of a financial asset except for financial assets that subsequently become credit-impaired. For credit-impaired financial assets the effective interest rate is applied to the net carrying amount of the financial asset (after deduction of the loss allowance).

Fee and commission income

Revenue is recognised as performance obligations are satisfied, that is, over time or at a point in time. Where a customer contract contains multiple performance obligations, the transaction price is allocated to each distinct performance obligation based on the relative stand-alone selling prices of the goods or services being provided to the customer. A contract liability, representing amounts payable to customers, is recognised for advance consideration for which the related performance obligation has not yet been satisfied.

Fee and commission income is generally recognised on an accrual basis when the service has been provided.

Loan origination fees for loans which are likely to be drawn down are deferred, together with related direct costs, and recognised as an adjustment to the effective interest on the loan.

Credit card fee income is recognised as the performance obligations are satisfied. A contract liability is recognised for advance consideration.

Fees and commissions arising from negotiating or participating in the negotiation of a transaction for a third party are recognised on completion of the underlying transaction.

<u>Income earned over time</u>

The Bank recognises contract liabilities in respect of contracts with customers for consideration received before the Bank transfers the service to the customer.

2. Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

(o) Customer loyalty programme

The Bank operates a rewards-based credit card program whereby customers earn reward points for purchases made using their credit card. The points can be redeemed for value at selected merchants who participate in the programme, once certain conditions are met.

The consideration received from credit card purchases is allocated to the loyalty points using the relative fair values. In its capacity as an agent, the Bank recognises commission income, being the net of the consideration allocated to the loyalty points and the amounts payable to third parties with primary responsibility for satisfying the performance obligations in respect of awards. A financial liability is recognised in respect of amounts payable to third parties and no breakage is considered. The financial liability is included in 'other liabilities' in the statement of financial position and is recognised until the points are redeemed or expired.

(p) Offsetting financial instruments

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amount reported in the statement of financial position when there is a legally enforceable right to offset the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis, or realise the assets and settle the liabilities simultaneously.

3. Financial Risk Management

The Bank's activities expose it to a variety of financial risks and those activities involve the analysis, evaluation, acceptance and management of some degree of risk or combination of risks. Taking risk is core to the business, and the operational risks are an inevitable consequence of being in business. The Bank's aim is therefore to achieve an appropriate balance between risk and return and minimise potential adverse effects on the Bank's financial performance.

The Bank's risk management policies are designed to identify and analyse these risks, to set appropriate risk limits and controls, and to monitor the risks and adherence to limits by means of reliable and up-to-date information systems. The Bank regularly reviews its risk management policies and systems to reflect changes in markets, products and emerging best practice.

The Board of Directors is ultimately responsible for the establishment and oversight of the Bank's risk management framework. The following committees were established for managing and monitoring risks:

Asset and Liability Committee
The Asset and Liability Committee (ALCO) is a management committee responsible for monitoring and formulating investment portfolios and investment strategies for the Bank. ALCO is also responsible for monitoring adherence to trading limits. Other responsibilities of ALCO include:

- Monitoring management's adherence to policies and procedures that are established to ensure that the Bank has adequate liquidity at all times;
- Monitoring and measuring capital adequacy for regulatory and business requirements;
- Establishing asset and liability pricing policies to protect the liquidity structure as well as assess the probability of various liquidity shocks and interest rate scenarios;
- Monitoring the statement of financial position and ensuring business strategies are consistent with liquidity requirements;
- Establishing and monitoring relevant liquidity ratios and statement of financial position targets; and
- Ensuring full compliance with the Bank's Asset and Liability Manual as it relates to the management of liquidity risk, interest rate risk and foreign exchange risk.

The minutes of the ALCO meetings are submitted to the Board of Directors.

3. Financial Risk Management (Continued)

Audit Committee
The Audit Committee oversees how management monitors compliance with the Bank's risk management policies and procedures, reviews the adequacy of the risk management framework in relation to the risks faced by the Bank and monitors regulatory compliance. The Audit Committee is assisted in its oversight role by the Internal Audit department of the ultimate parent company. Internal Audit undertakes both regular and ad hoc reviews of risk management controls and procedures, the results of which are reported to the Audit Committee.

Credit Committee
The Credit Committee manages the Bank's credit portfolio. The Chairman and the members of the committee are charged with the responsibility to approve credit within their designated limits and make recommendations to the Board of Directors.

The most important types of risks are credit risk, liquidity risk, market risk and operational risk. Market risk includes currency risk, interest rate and other price risk.

(a) Credit risk

The Bank takes on exposure to credit risk, which is the risk that its customers, clients or counterparties will cause a financial loss for the Bank by failing to discharge their contractual obligations. Credit risk is the most important risk for the Bank's business; management therefore carefully manages its exposure to credit risk. Credit exposures arise principally in investment and lending activities.

For its investment activities, the Bank structures the levels of credit risk it undertakes by placing limits on the amount of risk accepted in relation to a single counterparty or groups of related counterparties and to geographical and industry segments. For its lending activities, consideration is given to sectoral exposure, as well as to counterparty and group risk. Sectoral exposure as well as counterparty and group exposures are monitored by the Credit Risk team. Additionally, much emphasis is placed on determining the adequacy of cash flow being generated by the counterparty to meet repayment terms, the availability of tangible security that may be realised as a secondary source of payment in the event that cash flow is impaired, and the timeliness and quality of financial information available on/from the counterparty/customer to assist in predicting its future performance.

Credit-related commitment risks also arise from guarantees/bonds issued by the Bank which may require payment on behalf of customers. Such guarantees/bonds are issued after analysis of the customers making the request to ensure that they have a good record of performance in the activity for which the bond or guarantee is being sought, as well as the taking of security as a secondary source of recovery in case of need. Generally, guarantees/bonds expose the Bank to similar risks as loans, and these are mitigated by the same control policies and processes.

Credit review process
The Bank has established a credit quality review process involving regular analysis of the ability of borrowers and other counterparties to meet interest and principal repayment obligations. The two main areas for the Bank are loans and advances and investment activities.

Loans and advances
The Bank assesses the probability of default of individual counterparties using internal ratings. The Bank's clients are segmented into four rating classes. The Bank's rating scale, which is shown below, reflects the range of default probabilities defined for each rating class.

3. Financial Risk Management (Continued)

(a) Credit risk (continued)

The Bank's internal classification is as follows:

Rating	Description	
1	Low risk	– excellent credit history
2	Standard risk	– generally abides by credit terms
3	Past due but not impaired	– late paying with increased credit risk
4	Credit impaired	– default

Exposure to credit risk is managed in part by obtaining collateral and corporate and personal guarantees. Counterparty limits are established by the use of a credit classification system, which assigns each counterparty a risk rating. Risk ratings are subject to regular revision. The credit quality review process allows the Bank to assess the potential loss as a result of the risk to which it is exposed and take corrective action.

Investments
External rating agency credit grades are used to assess credit quality. These published grades are monitored and updated. Default probabilities and recovery rates are assigned as published by the rating agency.

The Bank limits its exposure to credit risk arising from investments by adhering to the investment counterparty limits as approved by the ALCO. Counterparty limits are reviewed and updated periodically.

Impairment of Financial Assets

Loss allowance recognised in profit or loss during the year is summarised below:

	2019	2018
	$'000	$'000
Loans and advances	144,998	123,456
Investment securities - at amortised cost	4,947	17,543
Investment securities - at FVOCI	2,468	15,958
	152,413	156,957

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3. Financial Risk Management (Continued)

(a) Credit risk (continued)

The carrying values of and ECL on the Bank's financial assets that are subject to the expected credit loss model for the current period are included in the table below:

	Carrying Value $'000 2019	ECL $'000 2019	Carrying Value $'000 2018	ECL $'000 2018
Loans				
Loans and advances	29,577,352	1,019,260	25,456,005	925,204
Loan commitments (off balance sheet)	1,177,259	21,597	539,114	9,439
	30,754,611	1,040,857	25,995,119	934,643
Guarantees, letters of credit and letters of undertaking (on- balance sheet)	360,214	6,492	218,120	6,102
Guarantees and letters of credit (off-balance sheet)	291,049	5,246	242,112	6,406
	31,405,874	1,052,595	26,455,351	947,151
Investment securities, including pledged assets	21,407,049	115,035	20,393,899	110,088
	52,812,923	1,167,630	46,849,250	1,057,239

Cash and bank balances, items in the course of collection from other banks and due from fellow subsidiaries (included in other assets) are subjected to the credit loss model. However, the identified impairment losses are deemed immaterial.

Loans and advances
The Bank applies the 'three stage' model under IFRS 9 in measuring the expected credit losses on loans and advances, and makes estimations about likelihood of defaults occurring, associated loss ratios, changes in market conditions, and expected future cash flows. This is measured using the Probability of Default (PD), Exposure at Default (EAD) and Loss Given Default (LGD) for a portfolio of assets.

- Probability of Default - This represents the likelihood of a borrower defaulting on its financial obligation either over the next 12 months (12-month PD), or over the remaining lifetime (Lifetime PD) of the obligation.

- Exposure at Default - This represents the expected balance at default, taking into account the repayment of principal and interest from the statement of financial position date to the default event together with any expected drawdowns of committed facilities.

- Loss Given Default – The LGD represents expected losses on the EAD given the event of default, taking into account the mitigating effect of collateral value at the time it is expected to be realised and also the time value of money.

3. Financial Risk Management (Continued)

(a) Credit risk (continued)
Loans and advances (continued)

The 'three stage' model is used to categorise financial assets according to credit quality as follows:

- Stage 1 – financial assets that are not credit impaired on initial recognition or are deemed to have low credit risk. These assets generally abide by the contractual credit terms. The ECL is measured using a 12-month PD, which represents the probability that the financial asset will default within the next 12 months.

- Stage 2 – financial assets with a significant increase in credit risk (SICR) since initial recognition but are not credit impaired. The ECL is measured using a lifetime PD.

- Stage 3 – credit impaired financial assets. The ECL is measured using a lifetime PD.

Transfer between stages
Financial assets can be transferred between the different categories depending on their relative increase in credit risk since initial recognition. Financial instruments are transferred out of stage 2 if their credit risk is no longer considered to be significantly increased since initial recognition. Financial instruments are transferred out of stage 3 when they no longer exhibit any evidence of credit impairment. This assessment is done on a case-by-case basis.

Significant Increase in Credit Risk (SICR)
The Bank considers a financial asset to have experienced a significant increase in credit risk when one or more of the following qualitative or backstop criteria have been met:

Qualitative Criteria
- Deterioration in the Borrower's Risk Rating (BRR) below established threshold
- Material misrepresentation or inaccurate warranty
- Failure to comply with provisions of any statute under which the borrower conducts business
- Borrower enters into a scheme of arrangement
- Actual or expected restructuring
- Previous arrears within the last six months
- Early signs of cash flow/liquidity problems
- Expected significant adverse change in operating results of the borrower

However, the assessment of significant increase in credit risk and the above criteria will differ for different types of lending arrangements.

Loan commitments are assessed along with the category of loan the Bank is committed to provide.

The assessment of SICR is performed for individual loans, taking into consideration the sector grouping of the individual exposures, and incorporates forward looking information. This assessment is performed on a quarterly basis.

3. Financial Risk Management (Continued)

(a) Credit risk (continued)
Impairment of Financial Assets (continued)

Loans and advances (continued)

Backstop
Irrespective of the above qualitative assessment, the Bank presumes that the credit risk on a financial asset has increased significantly since initial recognition when contractual payments are more than 30 days past due. The Bank has monitoring procedures in place to assess whether the criteria used to identify SICR continues to be appropriate.

The Bank utilised the low credit risk exemption for financial assets at the reporting date.

Credit Impaired Assets
The Bank defines a financial instrument as credit impaired, when it meets one or more of the following criteria:

Quantitative criterion
The borrower is more than 90 days past due on its contractual payments.

Qualitative criteria
The borrower meets unlikeliness to pay criteria as outlined below, which indicates the borrower is in significant financial difficulty:
- Cash flow difficulties experienced by the borrower (e.g. equity ratio, net income percentage of sales);
- Breach of loan covenants or conditions;
- Initiation of bankruptcy proceedings;
- Deterioration of the borrower's competitive position; and
- Concessions have been made by the lender relating to the borrower's financial difficulty.

The criteria above have been applied to all financial assets held by the Bank and are consistent with the definition of default used for internal credit risk management purposes.

Measuring the ECL – Inputs, Assumptions and Estimation Techniques
The assessment of credit risk and the estimation of ECL are unbiased and probability-weighted and incorporate all available information that is relevant to the assessment including information about past events, current conditions and reasonable and supportable forecasts of future events and economic conditions at the reporting date.

The ECL is determined by projecting the PD, LGD, and EAD, which are multiplied together and discounted back to the reporting date. The discount rate used in the ECL calculation is the original effective interest rate or an approximation thereof.

The 12-month PD is calculated by observing the rate of historical default within the first year of a portfolio of loans, and adjusted for the expected impact of forward looking economic information.

The lifetime PD is calculated by observing the rate of historical default over the life of a portfolio of loans and adjusted for the impact of forward looking economic information.

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3. Financial Risk Management (Continued)

(a) Credit risk (continued)
Impairment of Financial Assets (continued)

Loans and advances (continued)

Measuring the ECL – Inputs, Assumptions and Estimation Techniques (continued)

The EAD for amortising and bullet repayment loans represents the expected balance at default, taking into account the repayment of principal and interest from the statement of position date to the default event together with any expected drawdowns of committed facilities.

The EAD for revolving products, such as credit cards, revolving loans and overdrafts is estimated by taking the current drawn balance and the expected drawdown of the remaining limit by the time of default. These assumptions vary by product type and current limit utilisation band, based on analysis of the Bank's recent default data.

The 12-month and lifetime LGDs are determined based on the factors which impact the recoveries made post default. These vary by product type. For secured products, this is primarily based on collateral type and projected collateral values, historical discounts to market/book values due to forced sales, time to repossession and recovery costs observed.

Forward Looking Information
The assessment of SICR and the calculation of ECL both incorporate forward looking information that is available without undue cost or effort. The Bank uses external information including economic data and forecasts published by governmental bodies and the central bank. The information published however does not cover the Bank's credit risk exposure period and judgement was applied when incorporating these forecasts into our models. The Bank started with historical data of approximately 3 years in which a relationship between macro-economic indicators and default rates was developed. Judgement was applied in cases where a strong relationship between these key economic variables and expected credit losses was not identified based on the historical data used.

These economic variables and their associated impact on the PD, EAD and LGD vary by financial asset. Forecasts of these economic variables are reviewed on a quarterly basis. The impact of these economic variables on the PD, EAD and LGD has been determined by performing statistical regression analysis to understand the impact changes in these variables have had historically on default rates and on the components of LGD and EAD.

The Bank used three forward looking economic scenarios for each portfolio of loans (base, upside, downside). The base case is the single most-likely expected outcome. The scenario weightings are determined using judgment.

As with any economic forecast, the projections and likelihoods of occurrence are subject to a high degree of inherent uncertainty and therefore the actual outcomes may be significantly different to those projected. The Bank considers these forecasts to represent its best estimate of the possible outcomes and has analysed the non-linearities and asymmetries within the Bank's different portfolios to establish that the chosen scenarios are appropriately representative of the range of possible scenarios.

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3. Financial Risk Management (Continued)

(a) Credit risk (continued)
Impairment of Financial Assets (continued)

Loans and advances (continued)

The most significant year end assumptions used in determining the ECL as at the reporting date are set out below.

Economic factor	Scenarios	Range
Gross Domestic Product (GDP)	Base	0.5% - 1.5%
	Upside	1.5% - 2.5%
	Downside	0.0%
Unemployment Rate	Base	7% - 14%
	Upside	6% - 13%
	Downside	8% - 15%

The underlying models and their calibration, including how they react to forward looking economic conditions was based on how the relationship of the Bank's existing portfolio responds to these variables and remains subject to review and refinement as the Bank builds data.

Other forward-looking considerations not otherwise incorporated within the above scenarios, such as the impact of any regulatory, legislative or political changes, have also been considered, but are not deemed to have a material impact and therefore no adjustment has been made to the ECL for such factors. This is reviewed and monitored for appropriateness on a quarterly basis.

Sensitivity Analysis
Forward looking indicators having the most significant impact on the ECL are GDP growth and unemployment rate. Set out below are the changes to the ECL as at 31 December 2019 that would result from reasonably possible changes in these parameters from the actual assumptions used in the Bank's economic variable assumptions:

Forward Looking Indicator	Change in basis points:	Effect on ECL $'000	Forward Looking Indicator	Change in basis points:	Effect on ECL $'000
GDP growth	+ 100bp	11,025	Unemployment rate	+ 100bp	(5,923)
GDP growth	- 100bp	(11,025)	Unemployment rate	- 100bp	5,923

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3. Financial Risk Management (Continued)

(a) Credit risk (continued)
Impairment of Financial Assets (continued)

Loans and advances (continued)

Portfolio Segmentation
For stages 1 and 2, the expected credit loss provisions are modelled on a collective basis, by grouping exposures on the basis of shared risk characteristics, such that risk exposures within a group are homogeneous.

Exposures are grouped according to product type (term loans, overdrafts, credit cards, revolvers, guarantees and loan commitments) and industry (for example, manufacturing and distribution, tourism, personal loans).

The appropriateness of groupings is monitored and reviewed on a periodic basis by the Credit Risk team.

Stage 3 loans are assessed on an individual basis for impairment.

Maximum Exposure to Credit Risk
The Bank measures ECL considering the risk of default over the maximum contractual period (including extension options) over which it is exposed to credit risk and not a longer period, even if contract extension or renewal is common business practice. However, for financial assets such as credit cards, revolving credit facilities and overdraft facilities that include both a loan and an undrawn commitment component, the Bank's contractual ability to demand repayment and cancel the undrawn commitment does not limit the Bank's exposure to credit losses to the contractual notice period. For such financial assets the Bank measures ECL over the period that it is exposed to the credit risk and ECL would not be mitigated by credit risk management actions, even if that period extends beyond the maximum contractual period. These financial assets do not have a fixed term or repayment structure and have a short contractual cancellation period. However, the Bank does not enforce in the normal day-to-day management the contractual right to cancel these financial assets. This is because these financial assets are managed on a collective basis and are canceled only when the Bank becomes aware of an increase in credit risk at the facility level. This longer period is estimated taking into account the credit risk management actions that the Bank expects to take to mitigate ECL.

The gross carrying amount of loans and advances below represents the Bank's maximum exposure to credit risk on these assets. The following table contains an analysis of the credit risk exposure of loans and advances for which an ECL allowance is recognised.

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3. Financial Risk Management (Continued)

(a) Credit risk (continued)
Impairment of Financial Assets (continued)

Loans and advances (continued)

The expected credit loss is summarised as follows:

	2019 $'000	2018 $'000
On-balance sheet credit exposures		
Loans and advances	1,019,260	925,204
Guarantees, letters of credit and letters of undertaking	6,585	6,102
	1,025,845	931,306
Off-balance sheet credit exposures		
Loan commitments	21,595	9,439
Guarantees, letters of credit and letters of undertaking	5,153	6,406
	26,748	15,845
	1,052,593	947,151

	2019			
	Stage 1 12-month ECL $'000	Stage 2 Lifetime ECL $'000	Stage 3 Lifetime ECL $'000	Total $'000
On-balance sheet credit exposures				
Standard risk	22,798,802	3,023,300	-	25,822,102
Past due	2,206,928	1,489,964	-	3,696,892
Credit impaired	-	-	1,099,21	1,099,215
	25,005,730	4,513,264	1,099,21	30,618,209
Guarantees, letters of credit and letters of undertaking	-	371,953	-	371,953
Gross carrying amount	25,005,730	4,885,217	1,099,21	30,990,162
Loss allowance	(268,990)	(247,670)	(509,185)	(1,025,845)
Carrying amount	24,736,740	4,637,547	590,030	29,964,317
Off-balance sheet credit exposures				
Guarantees, letters of credit and letters of undertaking	-	291,049	-	291,049
Loan commitments	-	1,177,259	-	1,177,259
Gross carrying amount	-	1,468,308	-	1,468,308
Loss allowance	-	(26,748)	-	(26,748)
Carrying amount	-	1,441,465	-	1,441,560

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3. Financial Risk Management (Continued)

(a) Credit risk (continued)
Impairment of Financial Assets (continued)

Loans and advances (continued)

	2018			
	Stage 1 12-month ECL $'000	Stage 2 Lifetime ECL $'000	Stage 3 Lifetime ECL $'000	Total $'000
On-balance sheet credit exposures				
Standard risk	18,804,119	2,811,067	-	21,615,186
Past due	1,242,739	2,238,044	-	3,480,783
Credit impaired	-	-	1,294,678	1,294,678
	20,046,858	5,049,111	1,294,678	26,390,647
Guarantees, letters of credit and letters of undertaking	-	230,628	-	230,628
Gross carrying amount	20,046,858	5,279,739	1,294,678	26,621,275
Loss allowance	(227,951)	(260,794)	(442,561)	(931,306)
Carrying amount	19,818,907	5,018,945	852,117	25,689,969
Off-balance sheet credit exposures				
Guarantees, letters of credit and letters of undertaking	-	242,112	-	242,112
Loan commitments	-	539,114	-	539,114
Gross carrying amount	-	781,226	-	781,226
Loss allowance	-	(15,845)	-	(15,845)
Carrying amount	-	765,381	-	765,381

Gross carrying amount includes interest receivable of $153,472,000 (2018 - $130,018,000). Additional information on the carrying value is included in Note 7.

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3. Financial Risk Management (Continued)

(a) Credit risk (continued)

Impairment of Financial Assets (continued)

Loans and advances (continued)

Concentration of credit risk

The majority of loans are extended to customers in Jamaica. The following table summarises the Bank's credit exposure for loans at their carrying amounts, as categorised by industry sector:

	Number of loan accounts		Credit exposure	
	2019	2018	2019 $'000	2018 $'000
Public sector	1	2	262	371
Financial institutions	27	22	363,884	27,344
Agriculture	37	35	703,373	583,905
Mining and quarrying	1	3	5,903	24,827
Manufacturing	70	60	1,622,313	1,611,978
Construction and land development	35	33	497,597	569,511
Transportation, storage and communication	32	119	2,230,954	2,820,517
Electricity, gas and water	14	13	2,646,094	1,556,176
Distribution	107	100	2,458,630	2,698,536
Tourism	23	21	1,899,769	1,608,853
Entertainment	3	2	8,635	7,035
Professional and other services	302	275	4,656,780	3,867,390
Individuals	14,754	14,847	12,483,158	10,079,562
	15,406	15,532	29,577,352	25,456,005

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3. Financial Risk Management (Continued)

(a) Credit risk (continued)
Impairment of Financial Assets (continued)

Loans and advances (continued)

Collateral and other credit enhancements
The Bank employs a range of policies and practices to mitigate credit risk. The most common of these is accepting collateral for funds advanced. The Bank has internal policies on the acceptability of specific classes of collateral or credit risk mitigation.

The Bank utilises valuation of the collateral obtained as part of the loan origination process in the ECL model. An assessment of these valuations is done periodically. The principal collateral types for loans and advances are:

- Mortgages over residential and commercial properties;
- Charges over business assets such as premises, inventory and accounts receivable; and,
- Charges and hypothecations over deposit balances and financial instruments such as debt securities and equities.

Collateral held as security for financial assets other than loans and advances depends on the nature of the instrument. Debt securities, treasury and other eligible bills are generally unsecured, with the exception of reverse repurchase agreements which are secured by portfolios of debt securities.

The Bank's policies regarding obtaining collateral have not significantly changed during the reporting period and there has been no significant change in the overall quality of the collateral held by the Bank since the prior period. Management monitors the market value of collateral, requests additional collateral in accordance with the underlying agreement, and monitors the market value of collateral held during its annual reviews of individual credit facilities as well as during its review of the adequacy of the provision for credit losses.

Loans and advances that are credit impaired and the related collateral held in order to mitigate potential losses are shown below:

	2019			
	Gross Carrying Amount $'000	Loss Allowance $'000	Net Carrying Amount $'000	Fair Value of Collateral Held $'000
Retail loans and advances -				
Term loans and revolvers	439,547	(285,294)	154,253	503,925
Overdrafts	92,434	(78,832)	13,602	-
Corporate loans and advances -				
Term loans and revolvers	567,234	(145,059)	422,175	1,230,168
	1,099,215	(509,185)	590,030	1,734,093

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3. Financial Risk Management (Continued)

(a) Credit risk (continued)
Impairment of Financial Assets (continued)

Loans and advances (continued)

	2018			
	Gross Carrying Amount	**Loss Allowance**	**Net Carrying Amount**	**Fair Value of Collateral Held**
	$'000	**$'000**	**$'000**	**$'000**
Retail loans and advances -				
Term loans and revolvers	532,627	(244,104)	288,523	511,740
Overdrafts	85,933	(58,142)	27,791	13,601
Corporate loans and advances -				
Term loans and revolvers	676,118	(140,315)	535,803	1,422,149
	1,294,678	(442,561)	852,117	1,947,490

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(a) Credit risk (continued)
Impairment of Financial Assets (continued)

Loans and advances (continued)

Movement in expected credit loss
The loss allowance recognised in the year is impacted by a variety of factors. The following tables explain the changes in the loss allowance between the beginning and the end of the annual period due to these factors:

	Stage 1 12-month ECL	Stage 2 Lifetime ECL	Stage 3 Lifetime ECL	Total
	$'000	$'000	$'000	$'000
At 1 January 2019	228,593	334,025	384,533	947,151
Movements with profit or loss impact:				
Transfers:				
Transfer from Stage 1 to Stage 2	(11,369)	23,356	-	11,987
Transfer from Stage 1 to Stage 3	(2,053)	-	12,325	10,272
Transfer from Stage 2 to Stage 1	871	(1,034)	-	(163)
Transfer from Stage 2 to Stage 3	-	(457)	8,807	8,350
New financial assets originated	126,351	4,111	-	130,462
Changes in PDs/LGDs/EADs	(18,900)	(18,892)	46,291	8,499
Financial assets derecognised during the period	(54,503)	(8,547)	(913)	(63,963)
Direct write-offs	-	-	86,758	86,758
Recoveries	-	-	(47,204)	(47,204)
Loss allowance recognised in profit or loss	40,397	(1,463)	106,064	144,998
Other movements:				
Net write-offs against provision	-	-	(39,554)	(39,554)
At 31 December 2019	268,990	332,562	451,043	1,052,595

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3. Financial Risk Management (Continued)

(b) Credit risk (continued)
Impairment of Financial Assets (continued)

Loans and advances (continued)

Movement in expected credit loss (continued)

	Stage 1 12-month ECL	Stage 2 Lifetime ECL	Stage 3 Lifetime ECL	Total
	$'000	$'000	$'000	$'000
At 1 January 2018	240,654	306,141	509,131	1,055,926
Movements with profit or loss impact:				
Transfers:				
Transfer from Stage 1 to Stage 2	(13,470)	32,286	-	18,816
Transfer from Stage 1 to Stage 3	(1,685)	-	22,437	20,752
Transfer from Stage 2 to Stage 1	-	(330)	-	(330)
Transfer from Stage 2 to Stage 3	-	(2,398)	12,618	10,220
New financial assets originated	92,229	-	-	92,229
Changes in PDs/LGDs/EADs	(27,204)	4,302	96,889	73,987
Financial assets derecognised during the period	(61,931)	(5,976)	(44,034)	(111,941)
Direct write offs	-	-	79,864	79,864
Recoveries	-	-	(60,141)	(60,141)
Loss allowance recognised in profit or loss	(12,061)	27,884	107,633	123,456
Other movements:				
Write-offs against provision	-	-	(232,231)	(232,231)
At 31 December 2018	228,593	334,025	384,533	947,151

Loans and leases are written off, in whole or in part, when the Bank has exhausted all practical recovery efforts and has concluded there is no reasonable expectation of recovery. Indicators that there is no reasonable expectation of recovery include ceasing enforcement activity, and where the Bank's recovery method is foreclosing on collateral, and the value of the collateral is such that there is no reasonable expectation of recovering in full.

The Bank may write off account balances that are still subject to enforcement activity, based on a reasonable expectation of amounts recoverable. The outstanding contractual amounts of such assets written off during the year ended 31 December 2019 was $86,758,000, (2018 - $292,373,000).

3. Financial Risk Management (Continued)

(a) Credit risk (continued)

Impairment of Financial Assets (continued)

Debt securities

The Bank uses external credit ratings as published by established rating agencies in its assessment of the probability of default on debt securities. The PDs and LGDs for government and corporate bonds have been developed by the rating agencies based on statistics on the default, loss and rating transition experience of government and corporate bond issuers. The loss allowance on debt securities carried at amortised cost and FVOCI is measured using lifetime PDs.

Credit ratings and associated PDs are updated when external information becomes available or when our internal monitoring processes identifies a reasonable basis for an adjustment. Monitoring of these is performed on a quarterly basis.

Based on available credit ratings for sovereign and corporate debts, the debt securities were classified in stage 2 as they were below investment grade as defined by reputable rating agencies.

Concentration of credit risk

The following table summarises the credit exposure for debt securities at their carrying amounts as categorised by issuer:

	2019 $'000	2018 $'000
Government of Jamaica	8,181,180	7,608,729
Bank of Jamaica	4,431,791	4,061,957
Corporates	7,958,008	8,287,838
Other regional governments	836,070	430,355
	21,407,049	20,388,879

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(a) Credit risk (continued)
Impairment of Financial Assets (continued)

Debt securities (continued)

Debt securities at amortised cost
The loss allowance for debt securities at amortised cost reconciles from the opening loss allowance on 1 January to the closing loss allowance as at 31 December as follows:

	2019 $'000	2018 $'000
At 1 January	110,088	92,545
Loss allowance recognised in profit or loss	4,947	17,543
At 31 December	115,035	110,088

Debt securities at FVOCI
The loss allowance for debt securities at FVOCI is recognised in profit or loss and reduces the fair value loss otherwise recognised in OCI.

The loss allowance for debt securities at FVOCI reconciles from opening loss allowance on 1 January to the closing loss allowance as at 31 December as follows:

	2019 $'000	2018 $'000
At 1 January	81,717	85,233
Loss allowance recognised in profit or loss	2,468	15,958
Unused amounts reversed on global bonds sold during the year	-	(19,474)
At 31 December	84,185	81,717

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3. Financial Risk Management (Continued)

(a) Credit risk (continued)

Maximum Exposure to Credit Risk – Other Exposures
The table below shows the Bank's maximum exposure to credit risk for other financial assets carried on the statement of financial position, without taking account of any collateral held of credit enhancement:

	2019 $'000	2018 $'000
Cash and bank	6,307,581	6,805,280
Items in the course of collection from other banks	136,181	124,050
Securities purchased under agreements to resell	65,592	-
Other assets	203,157	236,214
	6,712,511	7,165,544

(b) Liquidity risk
Liquidity risk is the risk that the Bank is unable to meet its payment obligations associated with its financial liabilities when they fall due.

Liquidity risk management process
The Bank's liquidity management process, as carried out within the Bank and monitored by the Treasury Department, includes:

(i) Monitoring future cash flows and liquidity on a daily basis. This incorporates an assessment of expected cash flows and the availability of high grade collateral which could be used to secure funding if required;

(ii) Maintaining a portfolio of highly marketable and diverse assets that can easily be liquidated as protection against any unforeseen interruption to cash flow;

(iii) Maintaining committed lines of credit;

(iv) Optimising cash returns on investments;

(v) Monitoring statement of financial position liquidity ratios against internal and regulatory requirements. The most important of these is to maintain limits on the ratio of net liquid assets to customer liabilities; and,

(vi) Managing the concentration, profile and maturities of debt securities.

Monitoring and reporting take the form of cash flow measurement and projections for the next day, week and month, respectively, as these are key periods for liquidity management. The starting point for those projections is an analysis of the contractual maturity of the financial liabilities and the expected collection date of the financial assets.

The matching and controlled mismatching of the maturities and interest rates of assets and liabilities are fundamental to the management of the Bank. It is unusual for companies ever to be completely matched since business transacted is often of uncertain term and of different types. An unmatched position potentially enhances profitability but can also increase the risk of loss.

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(b) Liquidity risk (continued)

The maturities of assets and liabilities and the ability to replace, at an acceptable cost, interest-bearing liabilities as they mature, are important factors in assessing the liquidity of the Bank and its exposure to changes in interest rates and exchange rates.

Cash flows of financial instruments

The tables below present the undiscounted cash flows (both interest and principal cash flows) of the Bank's financial assets and liabilities based on contractual repayment obligations. The Bank expects that, based on estimates made by management as determined by retention history, many customers will not request repayment on the earliest date the Bank could be required to pay. The Bank is also able to meet unexpected net cash outflows by selling securities and accessing additional funding sources from its ultimate parent company and other financing institutions.

	2019					
	Within 3 Months $'000	3 to 12 Months $'000	1 to 5 Years $'000	Over 5 Years $'000	No specific Maturity $'000	Total $'000
Total financial assets	7,396,037	4,031,798	21,420,595	41,127,155	5,370,085	79,345,670
Financial liabilities						
Customer deposits	35,212,525	5,490,986	10,318	-	-	40,713,829
Items in the course of payment	98,930	-	-	-	-	98,930
Due to other banks	61,831	-	-	-	-	61,831
Securities sold under repurchase agreements	4,100,378	2,875,109	1,046,619	-	-	8,022,106
Lease liabilities	20,799	86,369	412,335	212,351	-	731,854
Other borrowed funds	83,143	250,844	721,208	128,884	-	1,184,079
Other liabilities	1,142,113	-	-	-	-	1,142,113
Guarantees, letters of credit and letters of undertaking	370,953	-	1,000	-	-	371,953
Total financial liabilities	41,090,672	8,703,308	2,191,480	341,235	-	52,326,695

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(b) Liquidity risk (continued)
Cash flows of financial instruments (continued)

	2018					
	Within 3 Months $'000	**3 to 12 Months $'000**	**1 to 5 Years $'000**	**Over 5 Years $'000**	**No specific Maturity $'000**	**Total $'000**
Total financial assets	6,855,830	3,836,532	20,595,111	33,827,783	5,754,352	70,869,608
Financial liabilities						
Customer deposits	32,745,352	4,968,970	22,680	-	-	37,737,002
Items in the course of payment	111,416	-	-	-	-	111,416
Due to other banks	499,902	-	-	-	-	499,902
Securities sold under repurchase agreements	2,793,150	2,859,119	1,098,752	843,803	-	7,594,824
Other borrowed funds	333,951	254,165	894,284	139,699	-	1,622,099
Other liabilities	630,410	-	-	-	-	630,410
Guarantees, letters of credit and letters of undertaking	180,962	21,666	1,000	27,000	-	230,628
Total financial liabilities	37,295,143	8,103,920	2,016,716	1,010,502	-	48,426,281

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3. Financial Risk Management (Continued)

(c) Market risk

The Bank takes on exposure to market risk, which is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market prices. Market risks mainly arise from changes in foreign currency exchange rates and interest rates. Market risk is monitored by the Risk and Compliance department which carries out extensive research and monitors the price movement of financial assets on the local and international markets. Market risk exposures are measured using sensitivity analysis. There has been no change to the Bank's exposure to market risk or the manner in which it manages and measures the risk.

Currency risk

Currency risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in foreign exchange rates.

The Bank manages its foreign exchange risk by ensuring that the net exposure in foreign assets and liabilities is kept at an acceptable level by monitoring currency positions. The Bank further manages this risk by maximising foreign currency earnings, holding foreign currency balances and by entering into foreign currency forward contracts. The net currency exposure of financial assets and liabilities at 31 December was as follows:

			2019			
	Jamaican$ J$'000	US$ J$'000	GBP J$'000	CAN$ J$'000	Euro J$'000	Total J$'000
Financial assets						
Cash and bank balances	2,350,945	3,942,408	259,385	114,265	77,305	6,744,308
Items in the course of collection from other banks	103,031	33,150	-	-	-	136,181
Securities sold under repurchase agreements	-	65,592	-	-	-	65,592
Loans and advances, net of provision for credit losses	22,978,105	6,599,247	-	-	-	29,577,352
Investment securities and pledged assets	6,957,898	14,449,151	-	-	-	21,407,049
Other assets	85,239	117,918	-	-	-	203,157
Guarantees, letters of credit and letters of undertaking	230,720	129,494	-	-	-	360,214
Total financial assets	32,705,938	25,336,960	259,385	114,265	77,305	58,493,853
Financial liabilities						
Customer deposits	21,006,342	19,168,162	243,697	129,190	77,913	40,625,304
Items in the course of payment	98,930	-	-	-	-	98,930
Due to other banks	-	61,831	-	-	-	61,831
Securities sold under repurchase agreements	3,006,343	4,885,864	-	-	-	7,892,207
Lease liabilities	475,960	89,395	-	-	-	565,355
Other borrowed funds	685,729	397,476	-	-	-	1,083,205
Other liabilities	627,279	513,407	-	1,101	326	1,142,113
Guarantees, letters of credit and letters of undertaking	242,459	129,494	-	-	-	371,953
Total financial liabilities	26,143,042	25,245,629	243,697	130,291	78,239	51,840,898
Net financial position	6,562,896	91,331	15,688	(16,026)	(934)	6,652,955

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3. Financial Risk Management (Continued)

(c) Market risk (continued)
Currency risk (continued)

	2018					
	Jamaican$	**US$**	**GBP**	**CAN$**	**Euro**	**Total**
	J$'000	**J$'000**	**J$'000**	**J$'000**	**J$'000**	**J$'000**
Financial assets						
Cash and bank balances	3,370,397	3,644,404	265,898	96,965	45,600	7,423,264
Items in the course of collection from other banks	73,655	50,395	-	-	-	124,050
Loans and advances, net of provision for credit losses	19,270,533	6,185,456	-	16	-	25,456,005
Investment securities and pledged assets	6,031,561	14,362,338	-	-	-	20,393,899
Other assets	173,437	62,777	-	-	-	236,214
Guarantees, letters of credit and letters of undertaking	218,120	-	-	-	-	218,120
Total financial assets	29,137,703	24,305,370	265,898	96,981	45,600	53,851,552
Financial liabilities						
Customer deposits	18,914,766	18,331,924	282,095	86,536	41,390	37,656,711
Items in the course of payment	111,416	-	-	-	-	111,416
Due to other banks	-	499,902	-	-	-	499,902
Securities sold under repurchase agreements	2,406,976	4,801,361	-	-	-	7,208,337
Other borrowed funds	797,095	651,991	-	-	-	1,449,086
Other liabilities	331,654	296,281	-	1,774	701	630,410
Guarantees, letters of credit and letters of undertaking	230,628	-	-	-	-	230,628
Total financial liabilities	22,792,535	24,581,459	282,095	88,310	42,091	47,786,490
Net financial position	6,345,168	(276,089)	(16,197)	8,671	3,509	6,065,062

3. Financial Risk Management (Continued)

(c) Market risk (continued)

Currency risk (continued)

Foreign currency sensitivity

The following table indicates the currencies to which the Bank had significant exposure on its monetary assets and liabilities and its forecast cash flows. The table below represents management's assessment of the possible change in foreign exchange rates and the impact on income. There is no direct impact on other components of equity. The sensitivity analysis represents outstanding foreign currency denominated monetary items and adjusts their translation for the possible change in foreign currency rates. The correlation of variables will have a significant effect on determining the ultimate impact on market risk, but to demonstrate the impact due to changes in variables, variables had to be on an individual basis.

	2019		2018	
	% Change in Currency Rate	Effect on Income $'000	% Change in Currency Rate	Effect on Income $'000
Currency:				
US$	4% Depreciation	2,435	4% Depreciation	(11,044)
GBP	4% Depreciation	419	4% Depreciation	(648)
CAN$	4% Depreciation	(427)	4% Depreciation	347
EURO	4% Depreciation	(25)	4% Depreciation	140
US$	-2% Appreciation	(1,217)	-2% Appreciation	5,522
GBP	-2% Appreciation	(209)	-2% Appreciation	324
CAN$	-2% Appreciation	214	-2% Appreciation	(173)
EURO	-2% Appreciation	13	-2% Appreciation	(70)

Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates.

The Bank takes on exposure to the effects of fluctuations in the prevailing level of market interest rates on its financial position and cash flows. Interest margins may increase as a result of such changes but may reduce or create losses in the event that unexpected movements arise. Floating rate instruments expose the Bank to cash flow interest risk, whereas fixed interest rate instruments expose the Bank to fair value interest risk.

The Bank's interest rate risk policy requires it to manage interest rate risk by maintaining an appropriate mix of fixed and variable rate instruments. The policy also requires it to manage the maturities of interest bearing financial assets and liabilities. The Board sets limits on the level of mismatch of interest rate repricing that may be undertaken. These limits are monitored by the ALCO.

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3. Financial Risk Management (Continued)

(c) Market risk (continued)

Interest rate risk (continued)

The following tables summarise the Bank's exposure to interest rate risk. They include the Bank's financial instruments at carrying amounts, categorised by the earlier of contractual repricing or maturity dates. The tables represent those financial instruments whose interest rates change concurrently with a change in the underlying interest rate basis.

	2019				
	Within 3 months	3 to 12 months	Over 12 months	Non-rate sensitive	Total
	$'000	$'000	$'000	$'000	$'000
Financial assets					
Cash and bank balances	1,494,420	-	-	5,249,888	6,744,308
Items in the course of collection from other banks	-	-	-	136,181	136,181
Securities purchased under repurchase agreements	65,592	-	-	-	65,592
Loans and advances, net of provision for credit losses	2,570,919	1,323,435	25,682,998	-	29,577,352
Investment securities and pledged assets	1,975,466	2,588,764	16,837,799	5,020	21,407,049
Other assets	-	-	-	203,157	203,157
Guarantees, letters of credit and letters of undertaking	-	-	-	360,214	360,214
Total financial assets	6,106,397	3,912,199	42,520,797	5,954,460	58,493,853
Financial liabilities					
Customer deposits	35,061,787	5,426,284	10,162	127,071	40,625,304
Items in the course of payment	-	-	-	98,930	98,930
Due to other banks	61,831	-	-	-	61,831
Securities sold under repurchase agreements	4,081,065	2,782,455	1,002,265	26,422	7,892,207
Lease liabilities	17,146	51,917	496,292	-	565,355
Other borrowed funds	75,951	224,234	783,020	-	1,083,205
Other liabilities	-	-	-	1,142,113	1,142,113
Guarantees, letters of credit and letters of undertaking	-	-	-	371,953	371,953
Total financial liabilities	39,297,780	8,484,890	2,291,739	1,766,489	51,840,898
Total interest repricing gap	(33,191,383)	(4,572,691)	40,229,058	4,187,971	6,652,955
Cumulative gap	(33,191,383)	(37,764,074)	2,464,984	6,652,955	

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3. Financial Risk Management (Continued)

(c) Market risk (continued)
Interest rate risk (continued)

	2018				
	Within 3 months	**3 to 12 months**	**Over 12 months**	**Non-rate sensitive**	**Total**
	$'000	**$'000**	**$'000**	**$'000**	**$'000**
Financial assets					
Cash and bank balances	1,673,933	-	-	5,749,331	7,423,264
Items in the course of collection from other banks	-	-	-	124,050	124,050
Loans and advances, net of provision for credit losses	3,129,345	560,707	21,765,953	-	25,456,005
Investment securities and pledged assets	3,622,593	2,974,361	13,791,925	5,020	20,393,899
Other assets	-	-	-	236,214	236,214
Guarantees, letters of credit and letters of undertaking	-	-	-	218,120	218,120
Total financial assets	8,425,872	3,535,068	35,557,878	6,332,735	53,851,552
Financial liabilities					
Customer deposits	32,658,279	4,885,751	21,834	90,847	37,656,711
Items in the course of payment	-	-	-	111,416	111,416
Due to other banks	499,902	-	-	-	499,902
Securities sold under repurchase agreements	2,788,598	2,757,014	1,648,464	14,261	7,208,337
Other borrowed funds	318,551	212,110	917,500	907	1,449,068
Other liabilities	-	-	-	630,410	630,410
Guarantees, letters of credit and letters of undertaking	-	-	-	230,628	230,628
Total financial liabilities	36,265,330	7,854,875	2,587,798	1,078,469	47,786,472
Total interest repricing gap	(27,839,459)	(4,319,807)	32,970,080	5,254,266	6,065,080
Cumulative gap	(27,839,459)	(32,159,266)	810,815	6,065,080	

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3. Financial Risk Management (Continued)

(c) Market risk (continued)

Interest rate risk (continued)

The table below summarises the weighted average effective yields of interest rate sensitive financial instruments by currency:

	2019				
	Jamaican$	**US$**	**GBP**	**CAN$**	**Euro**
	%	**%**	**%**	**%**	**%**
Cash and bank balances	-	0.30	0.05	-	-
Loans and advances, net of provision for credit losses	11.80	8.50	-	-	-
Investment securities	4.05	5.60	-	-	-
Customer deposits	1.50	0.31	0.17	0.05	0.05
Securities sold under repurchase agreements	1.96	4.40	-	-	-
Lease liabilities	6.25	4.25			
Other borrowed funds	6.06	4.25	-	-	-

	2018				
	Jamaican$	**US$**	**GBP**	**CAN$**	**Euro**
	%	**%**	**%**	**%**	**%**
Cash and bank balances	-	0.30	-	-	-
Loans and advances, net of provision for credit losses	12.59	8.62	-	-	-
Investment securities	4.42	7.15	-	-	-
Customer deposits	1.29	0.63	0.21	0.12	0.07
Securities sold under repurchase agreements	3.58	4.09	-	-	-
Other borrowed funds	5.68	6.77	-	-	-

3. Financial Risk Management (Continued)

(c) Market risk (continued)

Interest rate risk (continued)

Interest rate sensitivity

The following table indicates the sensitivity to a reasonably possible change in interest rates, with all other variables held constant, on the Bank's income and equity.

The sensitivity of income is the effect of the assumed changes in interest rates on net income based on the floating rate non-trading financial assets and financial liabilities. The sensitivity of equity is calculated by revaluing fixed-rate fair value through other comprehensive income (FVOCI) assets for the assumed changes in interest rates. The correlations of variables will have a significant effect in determining the ultimate impact on market risk, but to demonstrate the impact due to changes in variables, variables had to be done on an individual basis. It should be noted that movements in these variables are non-linear.

2019			2018		
Change in basis points JMD/USD	Net Effect on Income $'000	Net Effect on Equity $'000	Change in basis points JMD/USD	Net Effect on Income $'000	Net Effect on Equity $'000
-100/-100	86,857	475,919	-100/-100	100,263	444,930
+100/100	(86,857)	(412,542)	+100/100	(100,263)	(387,944)

3. Financial Risk Management (Continued)

(d) Capital management

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

(i) To comply with the capital requirements set by the regulators of the markets within which the Bank operates;

(ii) To safeguard the Bank's ability to continue as a going concern so that it can continue to provide returns for shareholders and benefits for other stakeholders; and

(iii) To maintain a strong capital base to support the development of its business.

Capital adequacy and the use of regulatory capital are monitored daily by management and bi-monthly by the Board. The required information is filed with the Bank of Jamaica on a quarterly basis.

The Bank of Jamaica requires the Bank to:

(i) Hold the minimum level of the regulatory capital as a percentage of total assets of 8% (2018 – 8%); and

(ii) Maintain a ratio of total regulatory capital to the risk-weighted assets at or above 10% (2018 – 10%).

The Bank's regulatory capital is managed by the ALCO and is divided into two tiers:

(i) Tier 1 capital: share capital, statutory reserve fund, retained earnings reserve fund, accumulated losses and net loss positions arising from fair value accounting; and

(ii) Tier 2 capital: general provisions for loan losses on assets limited to 1.25% of risk-weighted assets.

The risk-weighted assets are measured by means of a hierarchy of five risk weights classified according to the nature of, and reflecting an estimate, of credit, market and other risks associated with each asset and counterparty, taking into account any eligible collateral or guarantees. A similar treatment is adopted for off-balance sheet exposure, with some adjustments to reflect the more contingent nature of the potential losses.

The Bank complied with all of the externally imposed capital requirements to which it is subject.

3. Financial Risk Management (Continued)

(e) Fair value estimation

Fair value is the amount for which an asset could be exchanged, or a liability settled, between knowledgeable, willing parties in an arm's length transaction.

The following tables provide an analysis of financial instruments held as at 31 December that, subsequent to initial recognition, are measured at fair value. The financial instruments are grouped into levels 1 to 3 based on the degree to which the fair value is observable, as follows:

- Level 1 fair value measurements are those derived from quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical instruments;
- Level 2 fair value measurements are those derived from inputs other than quoted prices included within level 1 that are observable for the instrument, either directly (i.e., as prices) or indirectly (i.e., derived from prices); and
- Level 3 fair value measurements are those derived from valuation techniques that include inputs for the instrument that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs).

	Level 2 2019 $'000	Level 2 2018 $'000
Investment securities at fair value through other comprehensive income –		
Issued by the Government of Jamaica	5,844,339	5,262,370
Issued by other governments	836,070	430,355
Corporate bonds	1,853,342	2,058,506
	8,533,751	7,751,231

There were no transfers between levels during the year.

3. Financial Risk Management (Continued)

(e) Fair value estimation (continued)

The fair value of financial instruments traded in active markets is based on quoted market prices at the date of the statement of financial position. A market is regarded as active if quoted prices are readily and regularly available from an exchange, dealer, broker, industry group, pricing service or regulatory agency, and those prices represent actual and regularly occurring market transactions on an arm's length basis. The quoted market price used for financial assets is the current bid price. These instruments are included in Level 1. The Bank did not hold any of these instruments at the date of the statement of financial position.

The fair value of financial instruments not traded in an active market is determined by using valuation techniques. These valuation techniques maximise the use of observable market data where it is available and rely as little as possible on entity specific estimates. If all significant inputs required to fair value an instrument are observable, the instrument is included in Level 2. This category includes certificates of deposit and bonds issued by the Government of Jamaica, indicative prices of which are obtained from regular, publicly available quotes by reputable dealers and brokers.

If one or more of the significant inputs is not based on observable market data, the instrument is included in Level 3. There were no level 3 financial instruments at 31 December 2019 and 31 December 2018.

The following methods and assumptions have been used in determining the fair values of financial instruments that are not remeasured at fair value after initial recognition:

- Quoted market prices or dealer quotes for similar instruments. If quoted prices are not available, then fair values are estimated on the basis of pricing models or other recognised valuation techniques, such as discounted cash flow analysis.

- The fair value of liquid assets and other assets maturing within one year is assumed to approximate their carrying amount. This assumption is applied to liquid assets and the short-term elements of all other financial assets and financial liabilities.

- The fair value of variable rate financial instruments issued at market terms is assumed to approximate their carrying amounts.

- The carrying values of non-current borrowings from non-related parties approximate their fair values, as these loans are carried at amortised cost reflecting their contractual obligations and the interest rates are reflective of current market rates for similar transactions.

4. Critical Accounting Estimates and Judgements in Applying Accounting Policies

The preparation of the financial statements requires the use of accounting estimates which, by definition, will seldom equal the actual results. Management also needs to exercise judgement in applying the Bank's accounting policies. The Bank makes estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year. This note provides an overview of the areas that involve a higher degree of judgement or complexity, and major sources of estimation uncertainty that have a significant risk of resulting in a material adjustment within the next financial year. Estimates and judgements 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. Detailed information about each of these estimates and judgements is included in the related notes together with information about the basis of calculation for each affected line item in the financial statements.

Measurement of the expected credit loss allowance
The measurement of the expected credit loss allowance for financial assets measured at amortised cost and FVOCI is an area that requires significant assumptions about future economic conditions and credit behavior (e.g. the likelihood of customers defaulting and the resulting losses). Explanation of the inputs, assumptions and estimation techniques used in measuring the ECL is further detailed in note 3(a), which also sets out key sensitivities of the ECL to changes in these elements. A number of significant judgments are also required in applying the accounting requirements for measuring ECL, such as:

- Determining criteria for significant increase in credit risk;
- Choosing appropriate assumptions for the measurement of ECL;
- Developing a range of unbiased future economic scenarios and relative weightings;
- Establishing groups of similar financial assets for the purposes of measuring ECL; and,
- Determining the relevant period of exposure to credit risk when measuring ECL for credit cards and revolving credit facilities.

Information about the judgments and estimates made by the Bank in the above areas is set out in note 3(a).

Other post-employment benefits
The cost of these benefits and the present value of the other post-employment liabilities depend on a number of factors that are to be determined on an actuarial basis using a number of assumptions. The assumptions used in determining the net periodic cost or income for other post-employment benefits include, the discount rate and, in the expected rate of increase in medical costs. Any changes in these assumptions will impact the net periodic cost or income recorded for other post-employment benefits. The Bank determines the appropriate discount rate at the end of each year, which represents the interest rate that should be used to determine the present value of estimated future cash outflows expected to be required to settle the other post-employment benefit obligations. In determining the appropriate discount rate, the Bank considered the interest rates of government securities that are denominated in the currency in which the benefits will be paid, and that have terms to maturity approximating the terms of the related pension liability. The expected rate of increase of medical costs has been determined by comparing historical relationship of the actual medical cost increases with the rate of inflation in the respective economy. Other key assumptions for the other post-employment benefits costs and credits are based in part on current market conditions.

4. Critical Accounting Estimates and Judgements in Applying Accounting Policies (Continued)

Fair value of financial instruments
In the absence of quoted market prices, the fair value of a significant proportion of the Bank's financial instruments was determined using generally accepted alternative methods. The values derived from applying these methods are significantly affected by the underlying assumptions used concerning both the amounts and timing of future cash flows and the discount rates. Considerable judgement is required in interpreting market data to arrive at estimates of fair values. Consequently, the estimates arrived at may be significantly different from the actual price of the instruments in an arm's length transaction.

Critical judgements in determining the lease term
Extension and termination options are included in the property leases (office buildings). The extension and termination options held are exercisable only by the Bank and not by the respective lessor.

In determining the lease term, management considers all facts and circumstances that create an economic incentive to exercise an extension option, or not exercise a termination option. Extension options (or periods after termination options) are only included in the lease term if the lease is reasonably certain to be extended (extension option) or not terminated (termination option). The assessment of whether the Bank is reasonably certain to exercise an extension option, or not to exercise a termination option is reviewed if a significant event or a significant change in circumstances occurs which affects this assessment and is within the control of the Bank.

The management has applied judgment that for office buildings, extension options were included as it is was reasonably certain that the Bank will continue the lease beyond the 5 year period.

Income taxes
Significant judgement is required in determining the provision for income taxes. The Bank recognises 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. The Bank also recognises deferred tax assets on tax losses carried forward as it anticipates making future taxable income to offset these losses.

5. Cash and Bank Balances

	2019 $'000	2018 $'000
Notes and coins	436,727	617,984
Accounts with other banks	1,124,475	792,645
Balances with the Bank of Jamaica, other than statutory reserves	555,070	676,647
Included in cash and cash equivalents	2,116,272	2,087,276
Statutory reserves with the Bank of Jamaica	4,373,268	5,094,940
Cash held as collateral and other restricted cash accounts	254,768	241,048
	6,744,308	7,423,264

Statutory reserves with the Bank of Jamaica are held in compliance with Section 43 of the Banking Services Act, 2018 (formerly Banking Act, 1992), which requires that every licensee maintains a cash reserve with the Bank of Jamaica. A prescribed minimum of 21% (2018 - 26%) of Jamaica dollar currency deposits liabilities and 29% (2018 - 29%) of foreign currency deposit liabilities is required to be maintained as cash reserves by the bank in liquid assets of which 7% (2018 – 12%) must be maintained as cash reserves for Jamaican dollar currency and 15% (2018 – 15%) for foreign currency cash reserves. No portion of the cash reserve is available for investment, lending or other use by the Bank.

6. Securities Purchased under Resale Agreements

The Bank enters into reverse repurchase agreement collaterised by government of Jamaica securities and Bank of Jamaica certificates of deposits. These agreements may result in credit exposure in the event that the counterparty to the transaction is unable to fulfil its contractual obligations.

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7. Loans and Advances, Net of Provision for Credit Losses

	2019 $'000	2018 $'000
Gross loans	30,464,737	26,260,630
Less: Provision for credit losses	(1,040,857)	(934,643)
	29,423,880	25,325,987
Interest receivable	153,472	130,018
	29,577,352	25,456,005

The current portion of loans amounted to $3,894,354,000 (2018 – $3,690,052,000). Provision for credit losses include loan commitments of $21,597,000 (2018 - $9,439,000).

The aggregate amount of non-performing loans on which interest was not being accrued amounted to $1,099,215,000 (2018 – $1,294,678, 000).

	2019 $'000	2018 $'000
Provision for credit losses on loans and advances - IFRS	1,019,260	925,204
Provision for credit losses on loans and advances - Bank of Jamaica		
Specific provisions	960,711	1,231,137
General provision	293,582	250,099
	1,254,293	1,481,236
Excess of regulatory provision over IFRS provision	235,033	556,032

The excess of the regulatory provision over the IFRS provision is included in a non-distributable loan loss reserve and treated as an appropriation of retained earnings (Note 21).

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8. Investment Securities and Pledged Assets

	2019 $'000	2018 $'000
At amortised cost:		
Issued by the Government of Jamaica –		
Benchmark investment notes	2,802,978	2,402,116
Bank of Jamaica Certificates of Deposits	4,378,435	4,001,713
Corporate bonds	5,703,140	6,019,365
	12,884,553	12,423,194
At fair value through other comprehensive income:		
Issued by the Government of Jamaica –		
Global bonds	5,713,397	5,134,217
Issued by other governments	811,074	411,913
Corporate bonds	1,723,491	2,100,543
Unquoted equity	5,020	5,020
	8,252,982	7,651,693
	21,137,535	20,074,887
Interest receivable	269,514	319,012
	21,407,049	20,393,899
Less: Pledged assets	(9,227,048)	(9,931,362)
	12,180,001	10,462,537

The current portion of investment securities amounted to $4,564,230,000 (2018 – $6,596,954,000).

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9. Property, Plant and Equipment

	Leasehold Improvements	Computer Equipment	Equipment, Furniture and Fixtures	Motor Vehicles	Right-of- use Asset	Work-in-Progress	Total
	$'000	$'000	$'000	$'000	$'000	$'000	$'000
Cost -							
1 January 2018	494,890	517,949	383,386	24,375	-	78,050	1,498,650
Additions	17,886	17,985	17,709	-		27,109	80,689
Transfer to intangible assets (Note 10)	-	-	-	-	-	(14,213)	(14,213)
Transfers	8,048	15,333	17,418	-	-	(40,799)	-
31 December 2018	520,824	551,267	418,513	24,375	-	50,147	1,565,126
Change in accounting policy	-	-	-	-	627,623		627,623
As restated, 1 January 2019	520,824	551,267	418,513	24,375	627,623	50,147	2,192,749
Additions	9,873	44,191	9,645	-	-	83,555	147,264
Transfers	-	8,295	143	-	-	(8,438)	-
Disposals	-	(6,082)	(829)	-	-	-	(6,911)
31 December 2019	530,697	597,671	427,472	24,375	627,623	125,264	2,333,102
Depreciation -							
1 January 2018	230,680	319,315	174,549	17,974	-	-	742,518
Charge for year	43,733	78,254	34,873	2,232	-	-	159,092
31 December 2018	274,413	397,569	209,422	20,206	-	-	901,610
Charge for year	43,843	80,650	36,153	2,232	80,144	-	243,022
Disposals	-	(4,105)	(502)	-	-	-	(4,608)
31 December 2019	318,256	474,114	245,073	22,438	80,144	-	1,140,025
Net Book Value -							
31 December 2019	212,441	123,557	182,399	1,937	547,479	125,264	1,193,077
31 December 2018	246,411	153,698	209,091	4,169	-	50,147	663,516

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10. Intangible Assets

	Total
	$'000
Cost -	
1 January 2018	1,153,933
Additions	37,312
Transfer from Property Plant and Equipment (Note 9)	14,213
31 December 2018	1,205,458
Additions	170,382
31 December 2019	1,375,840
Amortisation -	
1 January 2018	886,801
Amortisation charge for the year	149,289
31 December 2018	1,036,090
Amortisation charge for year	46,029
31 December 2019	1,082,119
Net Book Value -	
31 December 2019	293,721
31 December 2018	169,368

Included in the balance at 31 December 2019 is software with a value of $150,617,000 (2018 - $92,578,000) which is in development. These amounts are not yet available for use and have not been amortised. These projects are estimated to be completed in 2020.

11. Deferred Income Taxes

Deferred income taxes are calculated on all temporary differences under the liability method using a tax rate of 33⅓%. The movement in the deferred income tax balance was as follows:

	2019	**2018**
	$'000	**$'000**
At beginning of year	606,875	274,262
Effects of adopting new standards in 2018	-	190,754
Deferred tax charged in statement of comprehensive income (Note 29)	(31,322)	(21,772)
Deferred tax (charged)/credited to other comprehensive income	(284,894)	163,631
At end of year	290,659	606,875

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11. Deferred Income Taxes (Continued)

Deferred tax recognised in the statement of financial position was attributable to the following temporary differences:

	2019 $'000	2018 $'000
Tax losses carried forward	144,693	287,133
Post-employment benefits	129,727	127,685
Differences between IFRS and BOJ specific provisions for loan losses	19,516	(101,978)
Accelerated tax depreciation	106,831	134,995
Fair value changes of investment securities	(178,566)	80,155
Impairment on investment securities	66,406	63,935
Lease liabilities	5,959	-
Other	(3,907)	14,950
	290,659	606,875

Deferred tax assets include $143,725,000 (2018 – $20,883,000) which is expected to be recovered within 12 months.

Deferred tax assets have been recognised on tax losses carried forward as the Bank is projected to make sufficient profits to utilise these tax losses. Subject to agreement with Tax Administration Jamaica, losses available for offset against future profits amount to $434,080,000 (2018 – $861,398,000).

The deferred tax charged in profit or loss is attributable to the following temporary differences:

	2019 $'000	2018 $'000
Tax losses carried forward	(142,440)	19,179
Post-employment benefits	26,981	3
Differences between IFRS and BOJ specific provisions for loan losses	121,494	(101,976)
Accelerated tax depreciation	(28,164)	47,538
Other	(9,193)	13,484
	(31,322)	(21,772)

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11. Deferred Income Taxes (Continued)

The deferred tax (charged)/credited to other comprehensive income is attributable to the following temporary differences:

	2019 $'000	2018 $'000
Realised (losses)/gains on FVOCI	(46,645)	38,967
Unrealised (gains)/losses on FVOCI	(213,310)	99,062
Re-measurements of post-employment benefits	(24,939)	25,602
	(284,894)	163,631

12. Other Assets

	2019 $'000	2018 $'000
Withholding tax recoverable	85,115	57,439
Due from fellow subsidiaries	42,474	160,232
Prepayments and deposits	161,442	114,891
Commissions receivable	14,284	17,547
Settlement recoverable	70,901	-
Other	75,498	66,641
	449,714	416,750

Total balance falls due within 12 months of the year end.

13. Customer Deposits

The customer deposit portfolio was comprised as follows:

	Number of deposits		Value of deposits	
	2019	2018	2019 $'000	2018 $'000
Financial institutions	309	252	7,037,660	6,937,676
Commercial and business enterprises	6,937	4,267	18,807,987	12,770,856
Personal	40,720	35,614	12,008,611	11,201,388
Other	555	570	2,643,975	6,655,943
	48,521	40,703	40,498,233	37,565,863
Interest payable			127,071	90,848
			40,625,304	37,656,711

The non-current portion of customer deposits amounted to $10,162,000 (2018 – $21,834,000).

14. Other Borrowed Funds

	2019 $'000	2018 $'000
Short term loans (a)	-	253,610
Long term loans (b)	1,082,450	1,194,551
	1,082,450	1,448,161
Interest payable	755	925
	1,083,205	1,449,086

(a) Short term loans

	2019 $'000	2018 $'000
Loans with original maturities of 90 days or less – Citibank N.A.	-	253,610
	-	253,610
Interest payable	-	18
Included in cash and cash equivalents	-	253,628

The short-term loan facility matured in January 2019 and represented a United States currency facility at 2.6%.

14. Other Borrowed Funds (Continued)

(b) Long term loans

These loans are provided primarily for the purpose of on-lending to customers who meet certain requirements and are to be used for eligible enterprises and projects. The balance at year end was comprised as follows:

	2019 $'000	2018 $'000
Development Bank of Jamaica Limited	1,003,542	1,194,551
National Housing Trust	78,908	-
Interest payable	755	907
	1,083,205	1,195,458

The current portion of the long-term loans is $300,186,000 (2018 – $277,051,000).

The loans from Development Bank of Jamaica Limited are granted in both Jamaican and United States Dollars and are utilised by the Bank to finance customers with viable projects in the productive sectors of the economy. These loans have maturity dates ranging from February 2019 to March 2029 and attract interest at rates ranging from 4% – 10%.

The loans from National Housing Trust (NHT) are granted as part of the Joint Financing Mortgage Programme with borrowers of the Bank. These loans are for terms up to 25 years at rates ranging from 0% - 3%.

The carrying amounts of the Bank's other borrowed funds are denominated in the following currencies:

	2019 $'000	2018 $'000
US dollar	397,476	651,992
Jamaican dollar	685,729	797,094
	1,083,205	1,449,086

The Bank has no undrawn borrowing facilities.

15. Leases

The statement of financial position shows the following amounts relating to leases:

	2019 $'000	2018 $'000
Right-of-use assets (Note 9)		
Buildings	547,479	-
		-
Lease liabilities		
Current	69,063	-
Non-current	496,292	-
	565,355	-

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15. Leases (Continued)

Amounts recognised in the statement of comprehensive income relating to leases:

	2019 $'000	2018 $'000
Depreciation charge of right-of-use assets (Note 9)	80,144	-
Interest expense on lease liabilities (Note 24)	36,198	-
Operating lease expenses (IAS 17)	-	125,028
Total expenses related to leases	116,342	125,028

The total cash outflow for leases is $98,466,000 (2018 - $Nil).

(a) The Bank's leasing activities

The Bank leases office buildings for to conduct banking and related financial services. Leases are negotiated on an individual basis and contain a wide range of different terms and conditions (including termination and renewal rights). Extension and termination options are used to maximise operational flexibility in terms of managing the assets used in the Bank's operations. The majority of extension and termination options held are exercisable only by the Bank and not by the respective lessor.

Rental contracts are typically made for fixed periods of 1 to 5 years but may have extension options for an additional 5 to 15 years.

The lease payments are fixed and adjusted for inflation. The inflation increases are not included in the lease liability until they take effect. When adjustments to lease payments based on an index or rate take effect, the lease liability is reassessed and adjusted against the right-of-use asset. Lease payments to be made under reasonably certain extension options are also included in the measurement of the liability. Lease payments are allocated between principal and finance cost. The finance cost is charged to profit or loss over the lease period so as to produce a constant periodic rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability for each period.

The lease agreements do not impose any covenants, but leased assets may not be used as security for borrowing purposes.

To determine the incremental borrowing rate, the Bank uses a build-up approach that starts with a risk-free interest rate adjusted for credit risk for leases held by the Bank and makes adjustments specific to the lease, such as the term, country, currency and security.

16. Pensions and Post-Employment Benefit Obligations

The Bank participates in a defined contribution pension scheme started by the ultimate parent company. The scheme is open to employees hired on or after 1 April 2010. Employees contribute 5% of pensionable earnings with the option to contribute an additional 5%. The employer's contributions are currently set at 10%. The Bank's contribution for the year was $72,702,000 (2018 - $71,561,000).

The Bank also participates in a defined benefit pension plan operated by the ultimate parent company. The plan, which commenced on 1 January 1975, is funded by employees' contributions at 5% of salary with the option to contribute an additional 5%, and employer's contributions at 0.2%, as recommended by independent actuaries. Pension at normal post-employment age is based on 2% per year of pensionable service of the average of the highest three years' annual salary during the last ten years of service. This scheme was closed to new members as at 31 March 2010.

The Board of Trustees of the pension fund is comprised of representatives from both the employer and members of the plan. The Board of Trustees of the pension fund is required by law to act in the interest of the fund and all relevant stakeholders. The Board of Trustees of the pension fund is responsible for the investment policy with regard to the assets of the fund. The funds are managed by Proven Fund Managers Limited.

The Bank also participates in a number of other post-employment benefit plans, including group-life, insured and self-insured health care, gratuity and other supplementary plans. These plans are not funded.

The defined benefit plans are valued annually on 31 December by independent actuaries.

The amounts recognised in the statement of financial position in relation to other post-employment obligations were determined as follows:

	2019 $'000	2018 $'000
Present value of unfunded obligations	(389,182)	(383,054)

The amounts recognised in arriving at net profit or loss were as follows:

	2019 $'000	2018 $'000
Current service cost	56,747	58,262
Interest cost on obligation	26,745	24,429
Past service cost	(274)	(25,977)
Curtailment	(2,273)	(54,271)
Total, included in staff costs (Note 27)	80,945	2,443

The amounts recognised in other comprehensive income are as follows:

	2019 $'000	2018 $'000
Re-measurements of post-employment benefit obligations	(74,817)	76,807

16. Pensions and Post-Employment Benefit Obligations (Continued)

The movement in the present value of unfunded obligations was as follows:

	Other post-employment benefits	
	2019	**2018**
	$'000	**$'000**
Balance at start of year	383,054	306,239
Current service cost	56,747	58,262
Interest cost	26,745	24,429
Past service cost vested	(274)	(25,977)
Curtailment	(2,273)	(54,271)
Included in staff costs	80,945	2,443
Re-measurements:		
(Losses)/gains from changes in demographic assumptions	(4,683)	17,212
(Losses)/gains from changes in financial assumptions	(65,714)	56,133
Experience (losses)/gains	(4,420)	3,462
Included in other comprehensive income	(74,817)	76,807
Benefits paid	-	(2,435)
Balance at end of year	389,182	383,054

The composition of the liability recognised in relation to the other post-employment benefit obligations in the statement of financial position is as follows:

	2019	**2018**
	$'000	**$'000**
Gratuity Plan	21,264	22,013
Group Life Plan	112,263	114,711
Insured Group Health	236,440	224,791
Self-Insured Health Plan	19,215	21,539
Liability in the statement of financial position	389,182	383,054

The principal actuarial assumptions used were as follows:

	2019	**2018**
Discount rate	7.50%	7.00%
Long term inflation rate	4.00%	5.00%
Future salary increases	5.00%	6.00%
Future pension increases	4.00%	5.00%
Medical claims growth	6.00%	6.00%

16. Pensions and Post-Employment Benefit Obligations (Continued)

The average life expectancy in years of a pensioners retiring at age 60 on the statement of financial position date is as follows:

	2019	2018
Male	27.38	27.38
Female	28.25	28.25

Mortality assumptions are based on the American 1994 Group Annuitant Mortality (GAM94) table.

The above sensitivity analyses are based on a change in an assumption while holding all other assumptions constant. In practice, this is unlikely to occur, and changes in some of the assumptions may be correlated. When calculating the sensitivity of the defined benefit obligation to significant actuarial assumptions the same method (present value of the defined benefit obligation calculated with the projected unit credit method at the end of the reporting period) has been applied as when calculating the pension liability recognised within the statement of financial position.

The methods and types of assumptions used in preparing the sensitivity analysis did not change compared to the previous period.

The sensitivity of the post-employment medical benefits to changes in the principal assumptions is:

	Impact on other employee benefit obligations		
	Change in Assumption	Increase in Assumption	Decrease in Assumption
		$'000	$'000
Discount rate	1%	52,730	(72,224)
Medical inflation rate	1%	(72,619)	53,801

Risks associated with other post-employment obligations

Through its defined benefit pension plans and post-employment medical plans, the Bank is exposed to a number of risks, the most significant of which are detailed below:

Changes in bond yields
A decrease in Government of Jamaica bond yields will increase plan liabilities.

Inflation risk
Higher inflation will lead to higher liabilities if discretionary pension increases are granted.

16. Pensions and Post-Employment Benefit Obligations (Continued)

Life expectancy
The majority of the plan's obligations are to provide benefits for the life of the member, so increases in life expectancy will result in an increase in the plan's liabilities. This is particularly significant, where inflationary increases result in higher sensitivity to changes in life expectancy.

The Board of Trustees is ultimately responsible for the establishment and oversight of the plan's risk management framework. The Trustees have established an Investment Committee for managing and monitoring the overall risk management process, as well as implementing policies covering specific areas, such as foreign exchange risk, interest rate risk, credit risk and investment of excess liquidity. The Committee is responsible for the formulating and monitoring of investment portfolios and investment strategies for the plan. The Committee is also responsible for the approval and monitoring of appropriate trading limits, reports and compliance controls to ensure that the mandate is properly followed.

Funding levels are monitored on an annual basis and the current agreed contribution rate is 5% of pensionable salaries with the option to contribute an additional 5%. The next triennial valuation is due to be completed as at 31 December 2019. The Bank considers that the contribution rates set at the last valuation date to be sufficient to prevent a deficit and that regular contributions, which are based on service costs, will not increase significantly.

The average duration of the post-employment benefit obligation is as follows:

	Years	Years
Gratuity Plan	13.0	14.2
Group Life Plan	26.4	29.3
Insured Group Health Plan	25.5	27.6
Self-insured Health Plan	18.7	19.8
Superannuation Plan	N/A	N/A

17. Other Liabilities

	2019 $'000	2018 $'000
Due to fellow subsidiaries	98,104	67,632
Credit card loyalty scheme	213,726	215,871
Staff vacation and bonus accruals	153,404	116,641
Trade payables	54,875	22,918
Corporate tax payable	177,458	14,855
Withholding tax payable	15,851	15,795
Settlement payable	292,941	-
Other accruals	329,063	193,342
	1,335,422	647,054

Total balance, excluding the credit card loyalty scheme balance, falls due within 12 months of the year end.

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18. Share Capital

	2019 $'000	2018 $'000
Authorised –		
629,482,500 ordinary shares		
102,500 non-redeemable convertible preference shares		
Issued and fully paid –		
628,670,000 (2018 – 628,670,000) ordinary shares of no par value	2,377,685	2,377,685
102,500 (2018 – 102,500) non-redeemable convertible preference shares	1,186,496	1,186,496
	3,564,181	3,564,181

Convertible preference shares
In April 2009, the Bank issued 100,000 5.5% non-voting, non-redeemable, non-cumulative, convertible preference shares to International Finance Corporation (IFC) for a cash consideration of US$10 million. These shares are each convertible into 1,536.55 ordinary shares. After their third anniversary of ownership by IFC, these preference shares are convertible to ordinary shares at IFC's option under certain conditions. The shares may, however, be converted at any time if they are owned by a member of the GraceKennedy Group. If there is a change in control of the Bank as defined by the agreement, the shares will be immediately converted into ordinary shares.

On 2 July 2014, all the preference shares previously held by the IFC in the Bank were sold to First Global Holdings Limited (FGH) and all beneficial titles to the shares were transferred to FGH, free and clear of any liens or encumbrances.

Declaration of dividends on these preference shares is at the discretion of, and requires approval from, the Bank's Board of Directors. Such declarations are possible only if there are available distributable profits, as defined by the agreement. Dividends on ordinary shares are subordinate to dividends on these preference shares. Additionally, the preference shareholders are not entitled to further distributions.

In the event of liquidation, preference shareholders are entitled to the aggregate paid-up share subscription price, as defined by the agreement, plus accrued and unpaid preferred dividends after all debt obligations have been met. These preference shareholders have priority over the ordinary shareholders, subject to the availability of adequate net assets.

In November 2015, the Bank issued 2,500 5.5% non-voting, non- redeemable, non- cumulative Preference Shares to GraceKennedy (St. Lucia) Limited for a cash consideration of USD $2.5 million. The shares are convertible only into ordinary shares and the conversion of the preference shares held by GraceKennedy (St. Lucia) Limited shall be subject to the mutual agreement in writing of the Bank and holder of the shares.

19. Statutory Reserve Fund

This fund is maintained in accordance with Section 8 of the Banking Act which requires that a minimum of 15% of the net profits, as defined by the Act, of the Bank be transferred to the reserve fund until the amount of the fund is equal to 50% of the paid-up capital of the Bank and thereafter 10% of the net profits until the amount of the fund is equal to the paid-up capital of the Bank. During the year the Bank transferred $100,000,000 (2018 - $76,600,000) to this reserve.

20. Fair Value Reserve

This represents the net unrealised gains on the revaluation of investment securities amounting to $619,881,000 (2018 – losses of $158,748,000) and is shown net of attributable deferred taxation of $178,566,000 (2018 – $80,155,000).

21. Loan Loss Reserve

This is a non-distributable reserve representing the excess of the provision for credit losses determined using the Bank of Jamaica's regulatory requirements over the amount determined under IFRS (Note 7).

22. Retained Earnings Reserve

The Banking Services Act 2018 (formerly Banking Act, 1992) permits the transfer of any portion of the Bank's net profit to a retained earnings reserve. This reserve constitutes a part of the capital base for the purpose of determining the maximum level of deposit liabilities and lending to customers. The deposit liabilities of the Bank and other indebtedness for borrowed money together with all interest accrued should not exceed twenty-five times its capital base.

23. Interest Income on Securities

	2019 $'000	2018 $'000
Interest income was earned on –		
Investments classified as amortised cost	656,151	647,342
Investments classified as fair value through other comprehensive income	398,790	296,695
Securities purchased under resale agreements	1,157	8,304
	1,056,098	952,341

24. Other Interest Expense

	2019 $'000	2018 $'000
Interest expense on lease liabilities (Note 15)	36,198	-
Other	65,184	74,776
	101,382	74,776

25. Fee and Commission Income

	2019 $'000	2018 $'000
Credit related	572,420	466,076
Retail banking	197,660	201,015
Other	227,638	221,340
	997,718	888,431

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26. Gains on Investment Activities, Net

	2019 $'000	2018 $'000
(Losses)/gains on sale of investments classified as fair value through other comprehensive income	(6,160)	120,192
Losses on revaluation of put option	-	2,712
	(6,160)	122,904

27. Staff Costs

	2019 $'000	2018 $'000
Wages and salaries	1,320,846	1,361,269
Statutory contributions	111,620	117,889
Defined contribution scheme	72,702	71,561
Other post-employment benefit obligations (Note 16)	80,945	2,443
Other	160,286	166,971
	1,746,399	1,720,133

28. Administration and Other Expenses

	2019 $'000	2018 $'000
Advertising and publicity	123,480	84,275
Asset tax	122,075	119,210
Auditors' remuneration	11,962	11,280
Bank charges	38,051	49,343
Computer expenses	296,056	240,571
Credit card expenses	241,915	130,494
Directors' emoluments	8,077	8,186
Fees and charges	19,860	10,557
Royalties	125,693	120,973
Group expenses	470,286	288,391
Insurance and licensing	96,629	87,974
Irrecoverable General Consumption Tax	93,397	86,782
Postage and courier	29,925	26,535
Professional fees	34,477	49,836
Rental and maintenance	93,940	184,771
Telephone and data	55,595	55,273
Other property cost, and utilities	90,175	89,838
Stationery	16,481	16,855
Other	67,273	135,271
	2,035,347	1,796,415

Group expenses incurred relate to management and divisional fees paid to its parent and ultimate parent company

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29. Taxation

Taxation is based on profit for the year adjusted for taxation purposes and comprises:

	2019 $'000	2018 $'000
Current income tax	142,439	61
Deferred income tax (Note 11)	31,322	21,772
	173,761	21,833

The tax on the profit before tax differs from the theoretical amount that would arise using the basic statutory rate of 33⅓% as follows:

	2019 $'000	2018 $'000
Profit before taxation	666,064	532,500
Tax calculated at a tax rate of 33⅓%	222,021	177,500
Adjusted for the effects of –		
Prior year adjustments (a)	-	(52,038)
Tax free income	(109,599)	(115,171)
Preference dividends	(30,421)	(29,531)
Asset tax	40,692	39,737
Post-employment benefits	26,224	3
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	20,989	5,153
Sundry items	3,855	(3,820)
	173,761	21,833

(a) This related to the opening adjustments arising from the adoption of IFRS 15 and IFRS 9.

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29. Taxation (Continued)

The tax charged relating to components of other comprehensive income is as follows:

	2019		
	Before tax	Tax credit	After tax
	$'000	$'000	$'000
Items that may be subsequently reclassified to profit or loss:			
Realised losses on investments at fair value through other comprehensive income	139,934	(46,645)	93,289
Unrealised gains on investments at fair value through other comprehensive income	639,929	(213,310)	426,619
Item that will not be reclassified to profit or loss:			
Re-measurements of post-employment benefit obligations	74,817	(24,939)	49,878
	854,680	(284,894)	569,786

The tax credited relating to components of other comprehensive income is as follows (continued):

	2018		
	Before tax	Tax charge	After tax
	$'000	$'000	$'000
Items that may be subsequently reclassified to profit or loss:			
Realised gains on investment at fair value through other communication	(136,375)	38,967	(97,408)
Unrealised losses on investments at FVOCI	(281,228)	99,062	(182,166)
Item that will not be reclassified to profit or loss:			
Re-measurements of employment benefit obligations	(76,807)	25,602	(51,205)
	(494,410)	163,631	(330,779)

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30. Related Party Transactions and Balances

(a) The statement of financial position includes balances, in the ordinary course of business, with the ultimate parent company, fellow subsidiaries, key management personnel (directors and senior executives) and other related parties as follows:

	2019 $'000	2018 $'000
Loans and leases-		
Ultimate parent company	21,519	17,576
Fellow subsidiaries	136,072	58,723
Key management personnel	49,126	75,831
Other related entities	83,881	56,967
	290,598	209,097
Loans to key management personnel and other related entities -		
Balance as at 1 January	209,097	158,066
Loans advanced	497,092	537,405
Loan repayments received	(436,793)	(488,491)
Interest charged	13,399	9,254
Interest received	(7,803)	(7,137)
Balance as at 31 December	290,598	209,097

The loans to key management personnel attract interest rates ranging between 3% - 18% and are repayable in the years 2019 – 2034. These loans are secured and are made on terms similar to those offered to other employees.

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29. Related Party Transactions and Balances (Continued)

	2019 $'000	2018 $'000
Other assets –		
Fellow subsidiaries	42,474	160,232
Customer deposits –		
Ultimate parent company	808,885	1,203,537
Fellow subsidiaries	4,011,058	2,051,505
Key management personnel	31,196	75,831
Other related entities	1,249,287	527,816
	6,100,426	3,858,689
Other liabilities –		
Fellow subsidiaries	98,104	67,632

(b) The statement of comprehensive income includes transactions, in the ordinary course of business, with the ultimate parent company, fellow subsidiaries, key management personnel (directors and senior executives) and other related parties as follows:

	2019 $'000	2018 $'000
Interest earned on loans and leases –		
Ultimate parent company	665	596
Fellow subsidiaries	7,479	1,647
Key management personnel	2,896	3,203
Other related entities	9,838	3,808
	20,878	9,254
Interest earned on deposits and other accounts –		
Ultimate parent company	2,480	1,206
Fellow subsidiaries	25,196	25,191
Key management personnel	270	62
Other related entities	65	281
	28,011	26,740

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30. Related Party Transactions and Balances (Continued)

	2019 $'000	2018 $'000
Interest incurred on customer deposits –		
Ultimate parent company	9,569	12,934
Fellow subsidiaries	45,796	42,172
Key management personnel	330	413
Other related entities	66,647	11,221
	122,342	66,740
Staff costs – key management personnel		
Directors	52,998	47,459
Senior executives	110,620	160,570
	163,618	208,029
Administration and other expenses –		
Ultimate parent company	205,782	227,524
Fellow subsidiaries	402,819	202,448
Directors' fees	-	11,705
	608,601	441,677

Other related entities primarily represent entities which are under the control of directors of the Bank.

31. Reconciliation of Liabilities arising from Financial Activities

The table below details the movement in debt for each of periods presented. Financing activities represent bank, leases and other loans, excluding bank overdrafts and amounts included as cash and cash equivalents:

	Other Borrowed Funds $'000	Lease Liabilities $'000	Total $'000
At 1 January 2018	1,125,380	-	1,125,380
Cash movements from financing activities -			
Loans received	672,669	-	672,669
Principal repayments	(607,540)	-	(607,540)
Foreign exchange adjustments	4,042	-	4,042
At 31 December 2018	1,194,551	-	1,194,551
Adoption of IFRS 16	-	627,623	627,623
At 1 January 2019 (restated)	1,194,551	627,623	1,822,174
Cash movements from financing activities -			
Loans received	206,965	-	206,965
Principal repayments	(341,442)	(98,466)	(439,908)
Interest expense	-	36,198	36,198
Foreign exchange adjustments	23,376	-	23,376
At December 2019	1,082,450	565,355	1,647,805

32. Commitments and Contingent Liabilities

Loan commitments
Loans approved but not disbursed at year end amounted to $1,159,154,000 (2018 – $539,114,000).

Contingent liabilities
Guarantees and letters of credit for which the Bank has an indirect obligation at year end amounted to $291,049,000 (2018 - $242,112,000).

33. Litigation, Claims and Assessments

The Bank is subject to various claims, disputes and legal proceedings, as part of the normal course of business. Provision is made for such matters when, in the opinion of management and its professional advisors, it is probable that a payment will be made by the Bank, and the amount can be reasonably estimated.

In respect of claims asserted against the Bank, according to the principles outlined above, which have not been provided for, management is of the opinion that such claims are either without merit, can be successfully defended or will result in exposure to the Bank which is immaterial to both its financial position and results of operations.

34. Subsequent Event

The situation at 31 December 2019 was that a limited number of cases of an unknown virus had been reported to the World Health Organisation (WHO). There was no explicit evidence of human-to-human transmission at that date. The subsequent spread of the virus and its identification as a new coronavirus does not provide additional evidence about the situation that existed at 31 December 2019, and it is therefore a non-adjusting event.

Subsequent to the end of the financial year, the WHO has declared the coronavirus to be a global pandemic. The pandemic has resulted in a significant downturn in commercial activity which will have negative global economic consequences.

An economic downturn could lead to depressed asset values from a market risk perspective, lower fees and interest incomes as well as increased ECL's consequent on higher PD's and LGD's associated with financial assets to which the Bank has exposure.

There has not been a sufficient passage of time for management to quantify the impact of the foregoing on its financial results at the time of reporting.