



FIDELITY BANK PLC

CONDENSED UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

FIDELITY BANK PLC

Statement Of Directors' Responsibilities In Relation To The Preparation Of The Financial Statements For the year ended 31 December 2023

In accordance with the provisions of Sections 377 and 378 of the Companies and Allied Matters Act (CAMA) 2020, Banks and Other Financial Institutions Act (BOFIA) 2020, and the Financial Reporting Council Act No. 6, 2011, the Directors are responsible for the preparation of financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Bank, and of the financial performance for the period. The responsibilities include ensuring that:

- (a) Appropriate internal controls are established both to safeguard the assets of the Bank and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.
- (b) The Bank keeps accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the Bank and which ensure that the financial statements comply with requirements of International Financial Reporting Standards and the Companies and Allied Matters Act (CAMA) 2020, Banks and Other Financial Institutions Act (BOFIA) 2020, the Financial Reporting Council Act No. 6, 2011, Revised Prudential Guidelines and relevant circulars issued by the Central Bank of Nigeria.
- (c) The Bank has used appropriate accounting policies, consistently applied and supported by reasonable and prudent judgments and estimates, and that all applicable accounting standards have been followed; and
- (d) It is appropriate for the financial statements to be prepared on a going concern basis unless it is presumed that the Bank will not continue in business.

The Directors accept responsibility for the financial statements, which have been prepared using appropriate accounting policies supported by reasonable and prudent judgments and estimates in conformity with International Financial Reporting Standards, the requirements of the Companies and Allied Matters Act, CAP C20 (CAMA) 2020, Banks and Other Financial Institutions Act (BOFIA) 2020, the Financial Reporting Council Act No. 6, 2011, Revised Prudential Guidelines, and relevant circulars issued by the Central Bank of Nigeria.

The Directors are of the opinion that the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the financial affairs of the Bank and its financial performance for the year under review

The Directors further accept responsibility for the maintenance of accounting records that may be relied upon in the preparation of the financial statements, as well as adequate systems of financial control.

Nothing has come to the attention of the Directors to indicate that the Bank will not remain a going concern from the date of this statement.

Signed on behalf of the Directors by:

Date: January 30 2024



Kevin Ugwuoke
Executive Director
FRC/2020/003/00000022290



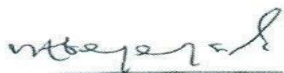
Nneka Onyeali-Ikpe
Managing Director/ Chief Executive Officer
FRC/2013/NBA/00000016998

Statement Of Corporate Responsibility For The Preparation Of The Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 December 2023

In line with the provision of Section 405 of CAMA 2020, the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial officer of Fidelity Bank Plc have reviewed the Financial Statement of the bank for the year ended **December 31 2023** and accept responsibility for the financial and other information within the report based on the following:

- i The financial statements do not contain any untrue statement of material fact or omit to state a material fact, which would make the statement misleading.
- ii The financial statements and all other financial information included in the statements fairly present, in all material respects, the financial condition and result of operation of the bank as of and for the period ended June 30 , 2023
- iii The bank's internal controls were evaluated within 90 days of the financial reporting date and are effective as of 31 December 2023
- iv The bank's internal Controls has been designed to ensure that all material information relating to the bank has been provided.
- v That we have disclosed to the bank's Auditors and the Audit Committee that there are no significant deficiencies in the design or operation of the bank's internal controls which could adversely affect the bank's ability to record, process, summarise and report financial data, and have discussed with the auditors any weaknesses in internal controls observed in the cause of the Audit; And that there is no fraud involving management or other employees which could have any significant role in the bank's internal control
- vi There is no significant changes in internal controls or in other factors that could significantly affect internal controls subsequent to the date of this audit, including any corrective actions with regard to any observed deficiencies and material weaknesses

Signed on behalf of the Directors by:
Date: 30 Januray 2024



Victor Abejegah
Chief Financial Officer
FRC/2013/ICAN/00000001733



Nneka Onyeali-Ikpe
Managing Director/Chief Executive Officer
FRC/2013/NBA/00000016998

FIDELITY BANK PLC
**Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income
for the year ended 31 December 2023**

	Notes	Group		Bank		Bank	
		31 December	31 December	31 December	31 December	Q4 ' 2023	Q4 ' 2022
		2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022
		N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million
Gross Earnings		553,896	337,050	552,765	337,050	163,971	94,004
Interest and similar income calculated using effective interest rate method	6	432,004	278,406	431,397	278,406	124,813	78,959
Other interest and similar income	12.1	25,522	17,172	25,522	17,172	7,286	5,125
Interest and similar expense calculated using effective interest rate method	7	(179,773)	(142,883)	(182,063)	(142,883)	(52,201)	(43,121)
Net interest income		277,753	152,695	274,856	152,695	79,899	40,963
Credit loss expense	8	(66,083)	(5,443)	(66,371)	(5,443)	(34,189)	(2,723)
Net interest income after credit loss expense		211,670	147,252	208,485	147,252	45,710	38,240
Fee and commission income	9	49,670	34,418	49,146	34,418	12,713	9,376
Fee and commission expense	9	(11,812)	(12,695)	(11,812)	(12,695)	-2,165	-3,248
Net loss on derecognition on financial assets measured at amortised cost	10	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other operating income	11	46,700	7,054	46,700	7,054	19,158	543
Net Gains from financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	12	20,021	(1,568)	19,910	(1,568)	713	(128)
Personnel expenses	13	(52,893)	(29,731)	(50,835)	(29,731)	(20,528)	(7,578)
Depreciation and amortisation	14	(7,101)	(6,616)	(6,926)	(6,616)	(1,896)	(1,631)
Other operating expenses	15	(134,194)	(84,437)	(132,516)	(84,437)	(42,545)	(21,304)
Profit before income tax		122,062	53,677	122,152	53,677	11,160	14,271
Income tax expense	16	20,766	(6,953)	(20,766)	(6,953)	(1,527)	(2,066)
Profit for the year		142,828	46,724	101,386	46,724	9,633	12,205
Other comprehensive income:							
Items that will not be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss							
Fair value gains on equity instruments at fair value through other comprehensive income**	24.3	9,791	444	9,791	444		
Total items that will not be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss		9,791	444	9,791	444	0	0
Items that will be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss							
Debt instruments at fair value through other comprehensive income**:							
- Net change in fair value during the year		3,364	(4,403)	3,364	(4,403)	2,925	-4,238
- Changes in allowance for expected credit losses		326	24	326	24	96	-68
- Exchange differences on translation of foreign operations		5,059	-	-	-	0	0
- Reclassification adjustments to profit or loss	17	5,895	(693)	5,895	(693)	4,868	415
Net losses on debt instruments at fair value through other comprehensive income		14,644	(5,072)	9,585	(5,072)	7,889	(3,891)
Total items that will be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss		14,644	(5,072)	9,585	(5,072)	7,889	(3,891)
Other comprehensive (loss)/income for the year, net of tax		24,435	(4,628)	19,376	(4,628)	7,889	(3,891)
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR, NET OF TAX		167,263	42,096	120,762	42,096	17,522	8,314
Earnings per share							
Basic and diluted (in kobo)	18	446.34	161.32	316.83	161.32	30.10	42

** Income from these instruments is exempted from withholding tax

The accompanying notes to the financial statements are an integral part of these financial statements.

FIDELITY BANK PLC
**Statement Of Financial Position
as at 31 December 2023**

		Group		Bank	
		31 December 2023	31 December 2023	31 December 2023	31 December 2022
		N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million
ASSETS	Note				
Cash and Cash equivalents	19	383,441	300,345	376,659	300,345
Restricted balances with central bank	20	1,174,398	863,090	1,174,398	863,090
Loans and advances to customers	22	3,093,541	2,116,212	2,963,530	2,116,212
Derivative financial assets	23	5,947	4,778	5,947	4,778
Investment securities:		-			
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	24.1	7,684	2,036	7,684	2,036
Debt instruments at fair value through other comprehensive income	24.2	227,557	28,696	187,561	28,696
Equity instruments at fair value through other comprehensive income	24.3	37,360	27,560	100,763	27,560
Debt instrument at amortised cost	24.4	818,756	479,592	818,756	479,592
Deferred tax Assets	28.1	5,306	5,306	5,306	5,306
Other assets	29	404,006	112,915	402,428	112,915
Property, plant and equipment	25	47,382	42,657	47,329	42,657
Right of Use Assets	26	3,460	1,799	1,868	1,799
Goodwill		13,741	-	-	-
Intangible assets	27	5,564	4,023	5,123	4,023
TOTAL ASSETS		6,228,144	3,989,009	6,097,353	3,989,009
LIABILITIES					
Deposits from customers	30	4,049,853	2,580,597	3,926,842	2,580,597
Derivative financial liabilities	23	-	1,208	-	1,208
Current income tax payable	16	15,291	8,446	22,823	8,446
Deferred tax liabilities	28.2	5,629	5,629	5,629	5,629
Other liabilities	31	1,136,795	815,407	1,134,073	815,407
Provision	32	2,684	1,896	2,684	1,896
Debts issued and other borrowed funds	33	577,028	261,466	577,028	261,466
TOTAL LIABILITIES		5,787,280	3,674,649	5,669,079	3,674,649
EQUITY					
Share capital	34	16,000	14,481	16,000	14,481
Share premium	35	113,705	101,272	113,705	101,272
Retained earnings	35	119,497	44,883	119,497	44,883
Other equity reserves:					
Statutory reserve	35	66,560	51,352	66,560	51,352
Small scale investment reserve (SSI)	35	764	764	764	764
Non-distributable regulatory reserve (NDR)	35	47,839	62,144	47,839	62,144
Translation reserve	35	5,059			
Fair value reserve	35	49,395	30,019	49,395	30,019
AGSMEIS reserve	35	14,514	9,445	14,514	9,445
Total equity		433,333	314,360	428,274	314,360
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		6,220,612	3,989,009	6,097,353	3,989,009

The accompanying notes to the financial statements are an integral part of these financial statements.

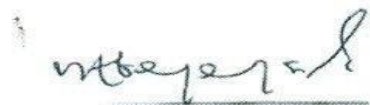
The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 30 Januray 2024 and



Mustafa Chike-Obi
Chairman
FRC/2013/IODN/00000004048



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Managing Director/ Chief Executive Officer
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FIDELITY BANK PLC
**Statement of Changes In Equity
for the year ended 31 December 2023**

Group	Non-									
	Share capital	Share premium	Retained earnings	Statutory reserve	Small scale investment reserve	distributable regulatory reserve	Translation reserve	Fair value reserve	AGSMEIS reserve	Total equity
	N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million
Balance at 1 January 2023	14,481	101,272	44,883	51,352	764	62,144	-	30,019	9,445	314,360
Profit for the period	-	-	101,386	-	-	-	-	-	-	101,386
Other comprehensive income										
- Net change in fair value during the year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,364	-	3,364
Fair value gains on equity instruments at fair value through other comprehensive income**	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9,791	-	9,791
- Changes in allowance for expected credit losses	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	326	-	326
- Exchange differences on translation of foreign operations	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,059	-	-	5,059
- Reclassification adjustments to profit or loss	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,895	-	5,895
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	-	101,386	-	-	-	5,059	19,376	-	125,821
Proceed from Issue of Shares	1,519	12,433	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13,952
Dividends paid	-	-	(20,800)	-	-	-	-	-	-	(20,800)
Transfers between reserves (Note 35) & (Note 43)	-	-	(5,971)	15,208	-	14,306	-	-	5,069	-
At 31 December 2023	16,000	113,705	119,497	66,560	764	47,839	5,059	49,395	14,514	433,333

Statement of changes in equity for the year ended 31 December 2022	Share capital	Share premium	Retained earnings	Statutory reserve	Small scale investment reserve	Non-distributable regulatory reserve	Translation reserve	Fair value reserve	AGSMEIS reserve	Total equity
	N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million
Balance at 1 January 2022	14,481	101,272	55,241	44,343	764	27,440	-	34,647	7,109	285,297
Profit for the year	-	-	46,724	-	-	-	-	-	-	46,724
Other comprehensive income										
Net change in fair value of debt instruments at FVOCI	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(4,403)	-	(4,403)
Net change in fair value of equity instruments at FVOCI	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	444	-	444
Changes in allowance for expected credit losses	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24	-	24
Reclassification adjustment for realised net gains	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(693)	-	(693)
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	-	46,724	-	-	-	-	(4,628)	-	42,096
Dividends paid	-	-	(13,033)	-	-	-	-	-	-	(13,033)
Transfers between reserves (Note 35) & (Note 43)	-	-	(44,049)	7,009	-	34,704	-	-	2,336	-
At 31 December 2022	14,481	101,272	44,883	51,352	764	62,144	-	30,019	9,445	314,360

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FIDELITY BANK PLC
**Statement of Changes In Equity
for the year ended 31 December 2023**

Bank	Share capital N'million	Share premium N'million	Retained earnings N'million	Statutory reserve N'million	Small scale investment reserve N'million	Non- distributable regulatory reserve N'million	Fair value reserve N'million	AGSMEIS reserve N'million	Total equity N'million
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- Net change in fair value during the year	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,364	-	3,364
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- Reclassification adjustments to profit or loss	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,895	-	5,895
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Profit for the year	-	-	46,724	-	-	-	-	-	46,724
Other comprehensive income									
Net change in fair value of debt instruments at FVOCI	-	-	-	-	-	-	(4,403)	-	(4,403)
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Changes in allowance for expected credit losses	-	-	-	-	-	-	24	-	24
Reclassification adjustment for realised net gains	-	-	-	-	-	-	(693)	-	(693)
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	-	46,724	-	-	-	(4,628)	-	42,096
Dividends paid	-	-	(13,033)	-	-	-	-		(13,033)
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The accompanying notes to the financial statements are an integral part of these financial statements.

FIDELITY BANK PLC
**Statement Of Cash Flows
for the year ended 31 December**

		Group		Bank	
		31 December 2023	31 December 2022	31 December 2023	31 December 2022
	Note	N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million
Operating Activities					
Cash flows from operations	36	408,729	178,614	408,729	178,614
Interest received		324,261	250,701	324,261	250,701
Interest paid		-179,444	(130,016)	(179,444)	(130,016)
Income tax paid	16c	-6,277	(1,707)	(6,277)	(1,707)
Net cash flows from operating activities		547,269	297,592	547,269	297,592
Investing activities					
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	25	-9,488	(7,124)	(9,488)	(7,124)
Proceeds from sale of property plant and equipment		85	118	85	118
Purchase of intangible assets	27	-2,745	(2,246)	(2,745)	(2,246)
Purchase of debt instruments at FVOCI	24.6.1	-188,076	(27,028)	(235,617)	(27,028)
Redemption of debt instrument at FVOCI	24.6.1	16,825	(245,918)	16,825	(245,918)
Purchase of debt instruments at amortised cost		-637,684	241,715	(637,684)	241,715
Redemption of debt instrument at amortised cost	24.6.2	260,952	77,817	260,952	77,817
Purchase of equity instruments at FVOCI		0	(909)	-	(909)
Acquisition of a subsidiary		-40,759			
Dividend received	11	2,018	397	2,018	397
Net cash flows used in investing activities		(598,872)	36,822	(605,654)	36,822
Financing activities					
Dividends paid		-20,800	(13,033)	(20,800)	(13,033)
Unclaimed dividend payment		1,960	(429)	1,960	(429)
Lease Payment on Right of Use (ROU) Assets	26	-599	(535)	(599)	(535)
Proceeds of debts issued and other borrowed funds	33	129,906	-	129,906	-
Payment of interest portion of debts issued and other borrowed funds	33	-4,804	(28,625)	(4,804)	(28,625)
Repayment of principal portion of debts issued and other borrowed fun	33	-15,051	-213,379	(15,051)	-213,379
Net cash flows used in financing activities		90,612	(256,001)	90,612	(256,001)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		39,009	78,413	32,227	78,413
Net foreign exchange difference on cash and cash equivalents	11	44,087	2,680	44,087	2,680
Cash and cash equivalents as at 1 January	19	300,345	219,252	300,345	219,252
Cash and cash equivalents as at 31 December	19	383,441	300,345	376,659	300,345

The accompanying notes to the financial statements are an integral part of these financial statements.

Notes To The Financial Statements:

1. Corporate Information

These financial statements are for Fidelity Bank Plc (the "Bank"), a company incorporated in Nigeria on 19 November 1987. The registered office address of the Bank is at Fidelity Place, 1 Fidelity Bank Close Off Kofo Abayomi Street, Victoria Island, Lagos, Nigeria.

The principal activity of the Bank is the provision of banking and other financial services to corporate and individual customers. Fidelity Bank Plc provides a full range of financial services including investment,

2. Summary of accounting policies**2.1 Introduction to summary of accounting policies**

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

2.1.1 Basis of Preparation

The Bank's financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRSs") as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB") and in the manner required by the Companies and Allied Matters Act of Nigeria, the Financial Reporting Council Act of Nigeria, Banks and Other Financial Institutions Act of Nigeria and relevant Central Bank of Nigeria Circulars, Additional information required by national regulations is

The financial statements comprise the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, the statement of financial position, the statement of changes in equity, statement of cashflows, significant accounting policies and the notes to the financial statements.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the going concern principle under the historical cost convention, except for financial assets and financial liabilities measured at fair value.

The financial statements are presented in Naira, which is the Bank's presentation currency. The figures shown in the financial statements are stated in Naira millions.

2.1.2 Changes in accounting policies and disclosures**New standards, amendments and interpretations adopted.**

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs) as issued by the International Accounting Standard Board (IASB) and in the manner required by the Companies and Allied Matters Act of Nigeria, the Financial Reporting Council of Nigeria Act, the Banks and other Financial Institutions Act of Nigeria, and relevant Central Bank of Nigeria circulars. The same accounting policies and methods of computation are followed in the financial statements as compared with the most recent annual financial statements.

The Bank has not early adopted any other standard, interpretation or amendment that has been issued but is not yet effective.

Notes To The Financial Statements:**a IFRS 1 First-time Adoption of International Financial Reporting Standards**

The amendment provides additional relief to a subsidiary which becomes a first-time adopter later than its parent in respect of accounting for cumulative translation differences. As a result of the amendment, a subsidiary that uses the exemption in IFRS 1:D16(a) can now also elect to measure cumulative translation differences for all foreign operations at the carrying amount that would be included in the parent's consolidated financial statements, based on the parent's date of transition to IFRS Accounting Standards, if no adjustments were made for consolidation procedures and for the effects of the business combination in which the parent acquired the subsidiary. A similar election is available to an associate or joint venture that

b IFRS 9 Financial Instruments

The amendment clarifies that in applying the '10 per cent' test to assess whether to derecognise a financial liability, an entity includes only fees paid or received between the entity (the borrower) and the lender, including fees paid or received by either the entity or the lender on the other's behalf.

c IFRS 16 - Leases

The amendment removes the illustration of the reimbursement of leasehold improvements.

d IFRS 17 Insurance Contracts

IFRS 17 (Amendment): Initial Application of IFRS 17 and IFRS 9 – Comparative Information (effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2023). The amendment is a transition option relating to comparative information about financial assets presented on initial application of IFRS 17. The amendment is aimed at helping entities to avoid temporary accounting mismatches between financial assets and insurance contract liabilities, and therefore improve the usefulness of comparative information for the users of financial statements. The core of IFRS 17 is the general model, supplemented by:

- A specific adaptation for contracts with direct participation features (the variable fee approach)
- A simplified approach (the premium allocation approach) mainly for short-duration contracts

The main features of the accounting model for insurance contracts are as follows:

- The effect of changes in discount rates will be reported in either profit or loss or other comprehensive income, determined by an accounting policy choice.
- The presentation of insurance revenue and insurance service expenses in the statement of comprehensive income based on the concept of services provided during the year under review.
- Amounts that are paid to a policyholder in all circumstances, regardless of whether an insured event happens (non-distinct investment components) are not presented in the income statement, but are recognised directly on the balance sheet.
- Insurance services results (earned revenue less incurred claims) are presented separately from the insurance finance income or expense
- Extensive disclosures to provide information on the recognised amounts from insurance contracts and the nature and extent of risks arising from these contracts

There was no impact on the Financial Statements regarding this amendment.

e IAS 1 and IFRS Practice Statement 2 (Amendments):

Disclosure of Accounting Policies (effective for annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2023). The amendments require that an entity discloses its material accounting policies, instead of its significant accounting policies. Further amendments explain how an entity can identify a material accounting policy. Examples of when an accounting policy is likely to be material are added. To support the amendment, the Board has also developed guidance and examples to explain and demonstrate the application of the 'Four-Step Materiality Process'.

The Bank are currently assessing the impact of this amendment but considering the fact that the significant accounting policies disclosed in Summary of significant accounting policies" in the Annual Financial Report as at and for the period ended 31 December 2022 include all material accounting policies, The Bank assess and applied this amendment (where applicable) and expect to disclose fewer accounting policies in the

Notes To The Financial Statements:

Disclosure of Accounting Policies – Amendments to IAS 1 and IFRS Practice Statement 2

f IAS 8 (Amendment): Definition of Accounting Estimates

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g IAS 41 Agriculture

The amendment removes the requirement in IAS 41 for entities to exclude cash flows for taxation when measuring fair value. This aligns the fair value measurement in IAS 41 with the requirements of IFRS 13 Fair Value Measurement to use internally consistent cash flows and discount rates and enables preparers to determine whether to use pre-tax or post-tax cash flows and discount rates for the most appropriate fair

2.1.3 Basis of consolidation

i Business Combination

The accounting policies set out below have been consistently applied to all periods presented in these consolidated and separate financial statements. Business combinations are accounted for using the acquisition method as at the acquisition date, that is, when control is transferred to the Group. Consideration transferred in the acquisition is generally measured at fair value, as are the identifiable net assets acquired. Any goodwill that arises is tested annually for impairment. Any gain on a bargain purchase is recognized in profit or loss immediately. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

The Consideration transferred does not include amounts related to the settlement of any relationships or transaction. Such amounts are generally recognized in profit or loss. Any contingent consideration is measured at fair value at the date of acquisition. If an obligation to pay contingent consideration that meets the definition of a financial instrument is classified as equity, then it is not remeasured, and settlement is accounted for within equity. Other contingent consideration is measured at fair value at each reporting date and subsequent changes in fair value of the contingent consideration are recognized in

ii Non-controlling interest

Non-controlling interests (NCI) are measured at their proportionate share of the acquiree's identifiable net assets at the acquisition date. Changes in the Group's interest in a subsidiary that do not result in a loss of control are accounted for as equity transactions. The Bank acquired 100% Of the United Kingdom Subsidiary.

iii Subsidiaries

Deferred income tax is recognised, using the liability method, on temporary differences arising between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts in the financial statements. Deferred income tax is determined using tax rates (and laws) that have been enacted or substantially enacted by the reporting date and are expected to apply when the related deferred income tax asset is realised or the

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

Deferred income tax is provided on temporary differences arising from investments in subsidiaries and associates, except where the timing of the reversal of the temporary difference is controlled by the Bank and it is probable that the difference will not reverse in the foreseeable future.

Subsidiaries are entities controlled by the Group. The Group controls an entity if it is exposed to, or has rights to, variable returns from its involvement with the investee entity and has the ability to affect those returns through its power over the entity. The Group reassesses whether it has control and if there are changes to one or more of the elements of control. This includes circumstances in which protective rights held (e.g. those resulting from a lending relationship) become substantive and lead to the Group having The financial statements of subsidiaries are included in the consolidated financial statements from the date on which control commences until the date when control ceases

iv Fund management

The entities within the group manage and administer assets held in unit trusts and other investment vehicles on behalf of investors. The financial statements of these entities are not included in these consolidated financial statements except when the Group controls the entity.

v Loss of control

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The Group assesses whether there is loss of control in a variety of ways which includes:

- sale of all or part of its ownership interest in its subsidiary.
- expiry of a contractual agreement that gave control of the subsidiary to the Group;
- issue of shares to third parties by the subsidiary, thereby reducing the Group's ownership interest in the subsidiary so that it no longer has control of the subsidiary.
- distribution of its ownership interest in the subsidiary by the Group;
- when the subsidiary becomes subject to the control of a government, court, administrator or regulator.

When the Group loses control over a subsidiary, it derecognises the assets and liabilities of the subsidiary, and any related non-controlling interests and the other components of equity. Any resulting gain or loss is recognised in profit or loss. Any interest retained in the former subsidiary is measured at fair value when control is lost.

The amount recognised in profit or loss on the loss of control of a subsidiary is measured as the difference between:

- (i) The sum of: - the fair value of the consideration received, if any;
- the recognized amount of the distribution of shares, if applicable;
- the fair value of any retained non-controlling investment (NCI); and
- the carrying amount of the NCI in the former subsidiary, including the accumulated balance of each class of other comprehensive income (OCI) attributable to the NCI.

The exercise amount of the former subsidiary's net assets, together with any profit or loss realisations. From the Group's perspective, any loss of control of a subsidiary results in derecognition of the individual assets and liabilities of the subsidiary. On disposal, components of OCI related to the subsidiary's assets and liabilities are accounted for on the same basis as would be required if the individual assets and liabilities had been disposed of directly. As a result, amounts from the exercise are reclassified to profit or loss: - exchange differences that were recognised in OCI; - changes in the fair value of financial assets at Fair value through other comprehensive income previously recognised in OCI; and - the effective portion of

vi Foreign currency transactions

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into the respective functional currency of Group entities at the spot exchange rates at the date of the transactions. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies at the reporting date are translated using the functional currency at the spot exchange rate at that date. The foreign currency gain or loss on monetary items is the difference between the amortized cost in the functional currency at the beginning of the year, adjusted for effective interest and payments during the year, and the amortized cost in the foreign currency translated at the spot exchange

Non-monetary assets and liabilities that are measured at fair value in a foreign currency are translated into the functional currency at the spot exchange rate at the date on which the fair value is determined. Non-monetary items that are measured based on historical cost in a foreign currency are translated using the spot exchange rate at the date of the transaction.

Foreign currency differences arising on translation of monetary items are generally recognised in profit or loss. However, foreign currency differences arising from the translation of FVTOCI financial assets and monetary assets are recognised in profit or loss

vii Foreign operations

The assets and liabilities of foreign operations, including goodwill and fair value adjustments arising on acquisition, are translated into naira at spot exchange rates at the reporting date. The income and expenses and other comprehensive income of foreign operations are translated at average exchange rates (unless this average is not a reasonable approximation of the cumulative effect of the rates prevailing on the transaction dates, in which case, income and expenses are translated at spot exchange rates on the

Foreign exchange differences on translation of foreign operations are recognized in other comprehensive income and presented in the foreign currency translation reserve (translation reserve) in equity. However, if the foreign operation is a non-wholly owned subsidiary, then the relevant proportion of the translation

differences is allocated to non-controlling interests. When a foreign operation is disposed of such that control is lost, the cumulative amount in the translation reserve related to that foreign operation is reclassified to profit or loss as part of the gain or loss on disposal. When the Group disposes of only part of its interest in a subsidiary that includes a foreign operation while retaining control, the relevant proportion of the cumulative amount is reattributed to non-controlling interests. When the settlement of a monetary item receivable from or payable to a foreign operation is neither planned nor likely in the foreseeable future, foreign currency gains and losses arising from such items are considered to form part of a net investment in the foreign operation and are

2.2 Income Taxation

The tax expense for the period comprises current and deferred tax. Tax is recognised in arriving at profit or loss, except to the extent that it relates to items recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity. In this case, the tax is also recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity,

i Current Income Tax

The current income tax charge is calculated on the basis of the applicable tax laws enacted or substantively enacted at the reporting date in the respective jurisdiction.

ii Deferred Income Tax

Deferred income tax is recognised, using the liability method, on temporary differences arising between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts in the financial statements. Deferred income tax is determined using tax rates (and laws) that have been enacted or substantially enacted by the reporting date and are expected to apply when the related deferred income tax asset is realised or the

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

Deferred income tax is provided on temporary differences arising from investments in subsidiaries and associates, except where the timing of the reversal of the temporary difference is controlled by the Bank and it is probable that the difference will not reverse in the foreseeable future.

Deferred income tax assets and liabilities are offset when there is a legally enforceable right to offset current tax assets against current tax liabilities and when the deferred income tax assets and liabilities relate to income taxes levied by the same taxation authority on either the same taxable entity or different taxable entities where there is an intention to settle the balance on a net basis.

Deferred tax assets are recognised only to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profits will be available against which the asset can be utilised and reviewed at each reporting date, reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that the related tax benefit will be realised. The Bank has applied caution by not recognising additional deferred tax assets which is not considered capable of recovery.

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• **IAS 12 - Deferred Tax related to Assets and Liabilities arising from a Single Transaction**

IAS 12 (Amendments): Deferred Tax related to Assets and Liabilities arising from a Single Transaction (effective for annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2023). These amendments clarify and narrow the scope of the exemption provided by the IAS 12 "Income Taxes" standard allowing institutions to not recognise any deferred tax during the initial recognition of an asset and a liability. All leases and decommissioning obligations are excluded from the exemption scope for which companies recognise both an asset and a liability and will now have to recognise deferred taxes. From the date of first application of IFRS 16 "Leases", the Bank have considered the right of use assets and the lease-related liabilities as a single transaction. Consequently, on the initial recognition date, the amount of deferred tax asset offsets the amount of deferred tax liability. The net temporary differences resulting from later variations in the right of use assets and lease liabilities subsequently result in a deferred tax asset as of 1 January 2023 which is subject to the recoverability criteria of IAS 12 "Income Taxes".

2.3 Accounting judgements, estimates and assumptions

The preparation of the Bank's financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amount of revenues, expenses, assets and liabilities and the accompanying disclosures, as well as the disclosure of contingent liability about these assumptions and estimates that could result in outcome that requires a material adjustment to the carrying amount of assets and liabilities affected in future periods.

Management discusses with the Audit Committee the development, selection and disclosure of the Bank's critical accounting policies and estimates, and the application of these policies and estimates.

Estimates and Assumptions:

The key assumptions concerning the future and other key sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date, that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial period are described below. The Bank based its assumptions and estimates on parameters available when the financial statements were prepared. Existing circumstances and assumptions about future developments, however, may change due to market changes or circumstances beyond the control of the Bank. Such changes are reflected in the assumptions when they occur.

Going Concern

Business continues to function well and largely uninterrupted. The Bank continues to provide access to vital materials for modern life which it has proven to be doing responsibly and efficiently in challenging circumstances.

Uncertainties remains with doubts about the status of Covid -19 , Russian- Ukrain War. However, the financial situation of the Bank remains healthy and it does not believe that the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic or Russian-Ukrain War will have any material adverse effect on our financial condition or liquidity. Therefore, based on the Bank's liquidity and expected yearly cash outflow, the Bank expects that it will be able to meet its financial obligations and therefore continues to adopt a going concern assumption as the basis for preparing its financial statements.

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2.3 Accounting Judgements, Estimates and Assumptions - continued

Allowances for credit losses**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 the use of complex models and significant assumptions about future economic conditions and credit behaviour (e.g. the likelihood of customers defaulting and the resulting losses). Explanation of the inputs, assumptions and estimation techniques used in measuring ECL is further detailed in Note 3, which also sets out key sensitivities of the ECL to changes in these elements.

A number of Significant judgements are also required in applying the accounting requirements for

- Determining criteria for significant increase in credit risk;
- Choosing appropriate models and assumptions for the measurement of ECL;
- Establishing the number and relative weightings of forward-looking scenarios for each type of product/market and the associated ECL;
- Establishing groups of similar financial assets for the purposes of measuring ECL.

The uncertainties caused by Covid-19, and the volatility in macro economic variables required the Bank to update the inputs and assumptions used for the determination of expected credit losses ("ECLs") as at 31 December 2022. No further update was done in the current year.

Determination of Collateral Value

Management monitors market value of collateral on a regular basis. Management uses its experienced judgement on independent opinion to adjust the fair value to reflect the current circumstances. The amount and collateral required depend on the assessment of credit risk of the counterpart.

In determining the collateral value, the Bank has considered potential impacts of the continued economic volatility as a result of Covid-19 variations and the impact of Russian/Ukraine war.

The Directors believe that the underlying assumptions are appropriate and that the Bank's financial statements therefore present the financial position and results fairly. 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 the notes.

Fair Value Measurement of Financial Instruments

When the fair values of financial assets and financial liabilities recorded in the statement of financial position cannot be measured based on quoted prices in active markets, their fair values are measured using valuation techniques including the discounted cash flow (DCF) model. The inputs to these models are taken from observable markets where possible, but where this is not feasible, a degree of judgement is required in establishing fair values. Judgements include considerations of inputs such as liquidity risk, credit risk and volatility changes in assumptions about these factors could affect the reported fair value of financial instruments.

The Bank has considered potential impacts of the current economic volatility in determination of the reported fair value of the financial instruments and these are considered to represent management's best assessment based on observable information. Markets, however, remain volatile and the recorded

2.3.1 Standards Issued, Amendments But Not Yet Effective

The new and amended standards and interpretations that are issued, but not yet effective, up to the date of issuance of the Bank's financial statements are disclosed below. The Bank intends to adopt these new and amended standards and interpretations, if applicable, when they become effective.

•IAS 1 (Amendments): Classification of liabilities as current or non-current

The amendments clarify that the classification of liabilities as current or non-current should be based on rights that are in existence at the end of the reporting period. The amendments also clarify that the classification is unaffected by expectations about whether an entity will exercise its right to defer settlement of a liability and make clear that settlement refers to the transfer to the counterparty of cash, equity instruments, other assets or services. The amendments are expected to be effective for annual

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•IAS 7 and IFRS 7 (Amendments) - Disclosures: Supplier Finance Arrangements

Disclosures: Supplier Finance Arrangements (effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2024). The amendments require companies to disclose information about their Supplier Finance Arrangements such as terms and conditions, carrying amount of financial liabilities that are part of such arrangements, ranges of payment due dates and liquidity risk information. The Bank is examining the

2.3.2 IBOR Transition

Interbank Offered Rates (IBORs) are average rates at which certain banks (Contributor Panel bank) could borrow in the interbank market. The rate range in tenors from overnight to 12 months and includes a spread reflecting the credit risk involved in lending money to banks. These rates have been a major benchmark for financial transactions since the 1980s. As at 2018, USD LIBOR and EURIBOR (types of IBOR) together represent 80% of IBOR referenced transactions (Bloomberg, 2018) worth approximately \$400 trillion (The World Bank, 2021). Examples of such transactions using LIBOR as reference rates are Loans, Deposits, Bonds, Adjustable-rate Mortgages, Over-the-counter Derivatives, Securitised products, Credit Cards, and more.

There are three major administrators of these interest reference rates- Euro Interbank Offered Rate (EURIBOR), London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR), and Tokyo Interbank Offered Rate (TIBOR). IBORs are published in different currencies/pairs namely, GBP LIBOR, USD LIBOR, EURIBOR/EURO LIBOR, CHF LIBOR, JPY LIBOR, JPY TIBOR, EUROYENTIBOR, and for overnight (O/N), 1week, 1month, 2months, 3months, 6months, and 12months tenors. Globally, Transactions referencing IBOR are now being transitioned to alternative reference rates (ARR), likewise, new contracts and the alternative reference rates per currency

IBORs	GBP LIBOR	USD LIBOR	EURIBOR, Euro LIBOR	CHF LIBOR
ARRs	Reformed Sterling Overnight Index Average (SONIA)	Secured Overnight Financing Rate (SOFR)	Euro Short-term Rate (ESTER)	Swiss Average Rate Overnight (SARON)

Key Timelines

In March 2021, the ICE Benchmark Administration (IBA), the administrator of LIBOR, announced the following cessation dates for USD, GBP, JPY, CHF, and EUR LIBOR.

- All tenors across CHF, and EUR LIBOR, as well as 1week and 2 months USD LIBOR ceased from December 31, 2021.
- Overnight, 1 week, 2 months, 12 months GBP, and JPY LIBOR have ceased to be published from December 31, 2021.

The effect:

All new contracts entered either utilize a reference rate other than IBOR or have robust fallback language that includes a clearly defined ARR (Alternative Reference Rates) after IBOR's discontinuation at the end of June 2023 (for USD LIBOR Tenors other than 1 week and 2 months).

For existing contracts that are indexed to an IBOR and mature after the expected cessation of the IBOR rate, the fidelity team has established policies and transitioned the affected contracts .

Amendments to IFRS 9, IAS 39, IFRS 7, IFRS 4 and IFRS 16 - Interest Rate Benchmark Reform – Phase 2

On 27 August 2020, the IASB published Interest Rate Benchmark Reform – Phase 2, Amendments to IFRS 9, IAS 39, IFRS 7, IFRS 4 and IFRS 16. With publication of the phase two amendments, the IASB has completed its work in response to IBOR reform.

Practical Expedient for changes in the basis for determining the contractual cash flows as a result of IBOR r

The amendments include a practical expedient to require contractual changes, or changes to cash flows that are directly required by the reform, to be treated as changes to a floating interest rate, equivalent to a movement in a market rate of interest. Inherent in allowing the use of this practical expedient is the requirement that the transition from an IBOR benchmark rate to a RFR takes place on an economically equivalent basis with no value transfer having occurred.

Any other changes made at the same time, such as a change in the credit spread or maturity date, are assessed. If they are substantial, the instrument is derecognised. If they are not substantial, the updated effective interest rate (EIR) is used to recalculate the carrying amount of the financial instrument, with any modification gain or loss recognised in profit or loss.

The practical expedient is permitted for entities applying IFRS 4 that are using the exemption from IFRS 9.

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Relief from discontinuing hedging relationships

The amendments permit changes required by IBOR reform to be made to hedge designations and hedge documentation without the hedging relationship being discontinued. Permitted changes include redefining the hedged risk to reference an RFR and redefining the description of the hedging instruments and/or the hedged items to reflect the RFR. Entities are allowed until the end of the reporting period, during which a modification required by IBOR reform is made, to complete the changes.

Any gain or loss that could arise on transition is dealt with through the normal requirements of IFRS 9 and IAS 39 to measure and recognise hedge ineffectiveness. Amounts accumulated in the cash flow hedge reserve are deemed to be based on the RFR. The cash flow hedge reserve is released to profit or loss in the same period or periods in which the hedged cash flows based on the RFR affect profit or loss.

Relief from discontinuing hedging relationships continued

For the IAS 39 assessment of retrospective hedge effectiveness, on transition to an RFR, entities may elect on a hedge-by-hedge basis, to reset the cumulative fair value changes to zero. This relief applies when the exception to the retrospective assessment ends.

The amendments provide relief for items within a designated group of items (such as those forming part of a macro cash flow hedging strategy) that are amended for modifications directly required by IBOR reform. The reliefs allow the hedging strategy to remain and not be discontinued. As items within the hedged group transition at different times from IBORs to RFRs, they will be transferred to sub-groups of instruments that reference RFRs as the hedged risk. As instruments transition to RFRs, a hedging relationship may need to be modified more than once. The phase two reliefs apply each time a hedging relationship is modified as a direct result of IBOR reform. The phase two reliefs cease to apply once all changes have been made to financial instruments and hedging relationships.

Separately Identifiable Risk Components

The amendments provide temporary relief to entities from having to meet the separately identifiable requirement when an RFR instrument is designated as a hedge of a risk component. The relief allows entities upon designation of the hedge, to assume that the separately identifiable requirement is met, provided the entity reasonably expects the RFR risk component to become separately identifiable within three years.

Additional Disclosures :- Fidelity IBOR transition.

IFRS 7 'lingering impact of the Disclosures include the following:

- How the entity is managing the transition to RFRs, its progress and the risks to which it is exposed arising from financial instruments due to IBOR reform.
- Disaggregated by each significant IBOR benchmark, quantitative information about financial instruments that have yet to transition to RFRs.
- If IBOR reform has given rise to changes in the entity's risk management strategy,

Fidelity Bank worked with leading experts to assess the impact of IBOR transition on products and financial instruments based on exposure, maturity profile, and product features, as well as the impact on legal contracts to determine the potential need for base rate and fallback language amendment, re-pricing, re-papering, and client outreach.

Fidelity Bank also worked with various stakeholders and improving processes, policies, and systems that may be affected by the transition. This is done to ensure that the transition's impact is fully addressed. The Bank also developed a robust communication plan to engage with customers and ensure they understand this transition and its significance to them. Client relationship managers are also prepared to further support customers as transition proceeds to the IBOR transition.

Amendments to IFRS 10 and IAS 28: Sale or Contribution of Assets between an Investor and its Associate o

The amendments address the conflict between IFRS 10 and IAS 28 in dealing with the loss of control of a subsidiary that is sold or contributed to an associate or joint venture. The amendments clarify that the gain or loss resulting from the sale or contribution of assets that constitute a business, as defined in IFRS 3, between an investor and its associate or joint venture, is recognised in full. Any gain or loss resulting from the sale or contribution of assets that do not constitute a business, however, is recognised only to the extent of unrelated investors' interests in the associate or joint venture. The IASB has deferred the effective date of these amendments indefinitely, but an entity that early adopts the amendments must apply them prospectively. These amendments will currently have no impact on the financial statements of the Bank.

Notes To The Financial Statements:**Amendments to IAS 1 - Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current**

In January 2020, the Board issued amendments to paragraphs 69 to 76 of IAS 1 to specify the requirements for classifying liabilities as current or non-current. The amendments clarify:

- What is meant by a right to defer settlement
- That a right to defer must exist at the end of the reporting period
- That classification is unaffected by the likelihood that an entity will exercise its deferral right
- That only if an embedded derivative in a convertible liability is in itself an equity instrument, would the terms of a liability not impact its classification

Right to Defer Settlement

The Board decided that if an entity's right to defer settlement of a liability is subject to the entity complying with specified conditions, the entity has a right to defer settlement of the liability at the end of the reporting period if it complies with those conditions at that date.

Existence at the end of the reporting period

The amendments also clarify that the requirement for the right to exist at the end of the reporting period applies regardless of whether the lender tests for compliance at that date or at a later date.

Management Expectations

IAS 1.75A has been added to clarify that the 'classification of a liability is unaffected by the likelihood that the entity will exercise its right to defer settlement of the liability for at least twelve months after the reporting period'. That is, management's intention to settle in the short run does not impact the classification. This applies even if settlement has occurred when the financial statements are authorised for

Amendments to IFRS 3 - Reference to the Conceptual Framework

In May 2020, the IASB issued Amendments to IFRS 3 Business Combinations - Reference to the Conceptual Framework. The amendments are intended to replace a reference to a previous version of the IASB's Conceptual Framework (the 1989 Framework) with a reference to the current version issued in March 2018 (the Conceptual Framework) without significantly changing its requirements.

The amendments add an exception to the recognition principle of IFRS 3 to avoid the issue of potential 'day 2' gains or losses arising for liabilities and contingent liabilities that would be within the scope of IAS 37 Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets or IFRIC 21 Levies, if incurred separately. The exception requires entities to apply the criteria in IAS 37 or IFRIC 21, respectively, instead of the Conceptual Framework, to determine whether a present obligation exists at the acquisition date.

At the same time, the amendments add a new paragraph to IFRS 3 to clarify that contingent assets do not qualify for recognition at the acquisition date.

These amendments did not have any impact on the financial statements of the Bank in the period,

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Amendments to IAS 16 - Property, Plant and Equipment: Proceeds before Intended Use

The amendment prohibits entities from deducting from the cost of an item of property, plant and equipment (PP&E), any proceed of the sale of items produced while bringing that asset to the location and condition necessary for it to be capable of operating in the manner intended by management. Instead, an entity recognises the proceeds from selling such items, and the costs of producing those items, in profit or loss.

These amendments did not have any impact on the financial statements of the Bank in the period.

Amendments to IAS 37 - Onerous Contracts – Costs of Fulfilling a Contract

In May 2020, the IASB issued amendments to IAS 37 Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets to specify which costs an entity needs to include when assessing whether a contract is onerous or

The amendments apply a 'directly related cost approach'. The costs that relate directly to a contract to provide goods or services include both incremental costs (e.g., the costs of direct labour and materials) and an allocation of costs directly related to contract activities (e.g., depreciation of equipment used to fulfil the contract as well as costs of contract management and supervision). General and administrative costs do not relate directly to a contract and are excluded unless they are explicitly chargeable to the contract. These amendments have no impact on the financial statements of the Bank, and it became effective in the reporting period beginning on 1 January 2022.

IFRS 9 Financial Instruments - Fees in the '10 per cent' test for derecognition of financial liabilities

- The amendment clarifies the fees that an entity includes when assessing whether the terms of a new or modified financial liability are substantially different from the terms of the original financial liability. These fees include only those paid or received between the borrower and the lender, including fees paid or received by either the borrower or lender on the other's behalf. There is no similar amendment proposed for IAS 39.
 - An entity applies the amendment to financial liabilities that are modified or exchanged on or after the beginning of the annual reporting period in which the entity first applies the amendment.
 - An entity applies the amendment for annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2022.
- These amendments currently have no impact on the financial statements of the Bank.

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IFRS 16 Leases Illustrative Example accompanying - Lease incentives

The amendment removes the illustration of payments from the lessor relating to leasehold improvements in Illustrative Example 13 accompanying IFRS 16. This removes potential confusion regarding the treatment of lease incentives when applying IFRS 16.

• IAS 23 Borrowing Costs

The amendments clarify that an entity treats as part of general borrowings any borrowing originally made to develop a qualifying asset when substantially all of the activities necessary to prepare that asset for its intended use or sale are complete. An entity applies those amendments to borrowing costs incurred on or after the beginning of the annual reporting period in which the entity first applies those amendments. An entity applies those amendments for annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2019, with early application permitted. Since the Bank's current practice is in line with these amendments, the Bank does not expect any effect on its financial statements.

2.3.3 Foreign currency translation and transaction**(a) Functional and presentation currency**

Items included in the financial statements of the Bank are measured using the currency of the primary economic environment in which the entity operates ("the functional currency").

The financial statements are presented in Naira, which is the Bank's presentation currency.

(b) Transactions and balances

Foreign currency transactions (i.e. transactions denominated, or that require settlement, in a currency other than the functional currency) are translated into the functional currency using the exchange rates prevailing at the dates of the transactions or valuation where items are re-measured.

Monetary items denominated in foreign currency are translated with the closing rate as at the reporting date. Non-monetary items measured at historical cost denominated in a foreign currency are translated with the exchange rate as at the date of initial recognition; non-monetary items in a foreign currency that are measured at fair value are translated using the exchange rates at the date when the fair value was determined. Foreign exchange gains and losses resulting from the settlement of foreign currency transactions and from the translation at period-end exchange rates of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are recognised in the profit or loss.

In the case of changes in the fair value of monetary assets denominated in foreign currency classified as fair value through other comprehensive income (FVOCI), a distinction is made between translation differences resulting from changes in amortised cost of the security and other changes in the carrying amount of the security. Translation differences related to changes in the amortised cost are recognised in profit or loss, and other changes in the carrying amount, except impairment, are recognised in other

Translation differences on non-monetary financial instruments, such as equities held at fair value through profit or loss, are reported as part of the fair value gain or loss. Translation differences on non-monetary financial instruments, such as equities classified as FVOCI financial assets, are included in other

Notes To The Financial Statements:

2.4 Financial assets and liabilities (Policy applicable for financial instruments)**2.4.1 Initial recognition**

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

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

Day 1 profit or loss

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

Amortised cost and gross carrying amount

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

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

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Effective interest method

The effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash payments or receipts through the expected life of the financial asset or financial liability to the gross carrying amount of a

Interest income

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

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

When calculating the effective interest rate for financial instruments other than credit-impaired financial assets, the Bank estimates future cash flows considering all contractual terms of the financial instrument, but not expected credit losses. For originated credit-impaired financial assets, a credit-adjusted effective interest rate is calculated using estimated future cash flows including expected credit losses.

The calculation of the effective interest rate includes transaction costs and fees and points paid or received that are an integral part of the effective interest rate. Transaction costs include incremental costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition or issue of a financial asset or financial liability.

2.4.2 Financial Assets - Subsequent Measurement**a) Debt Instruments**

The classification and subsequent measurement of debt instruments depend on the Bank's business model for managing the financial assets and the contractual terms of the cash flows. Based on these factors, the Bank classifies its debt instruments into one of the following measurement categories:

Amortised Cost: Financial assets that are held within a business model whose objective is collection of contractual cash flows and where such cash flows represent solely payments of principal and interest are measured at amortised cost. A gain or loss due to impairment or upon derecognition of a debt investment that is subsequently measured at amortised cost is recognised in profit or loss. Interest income from these financial assets is included in "Interest and similar income" using the effective interest rate method.

Fair value through other comprehensive income (FVOCI): Financial assets that are held within a business model whose objective is achieved both by collection of contractual cash flows and by selling the assets, where those cash flows represent solely payments of principal and interest, and are not designated at fair value through profit or loss, are measured at fair value through other comprehensive income. Movements in the carrying amount are taken through OCI, except for recognition of impairment gains and losses, interest revenue and foreign exchange gains and losses on the instrument's amortised cost 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 "Other operating income". Interest income from

Fair value through profit or loss (FVTPL): Assets that do not meet the criteria for amortised cost or FVOCI are measured at fair value through profit or loss. A gain or loss on a debt investment that is subsequently measured at fair value through profit or loss is recognised in profit or loss and presented in the profit or loss statement within "Net gains/(losses) from financial instruments classified as held for trading" in the period in which it arises. Interest income from these financial assets is included in "Interest and similar

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Business Model Assessment

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

- the stated policies and objectives for the portfolio and the operation of those policies in practice. In particular, whether management's strategy focuses on earning contractual interest revenue, maintaining a particular interest rate profile, matching the duration of the financial assets to the duration of the liabilities that are funding those assets or realising cash flows through the sale of the assets;
- how the performance of the portfolio is evaluated and reported to the Bank's management;

Business Model Assessment - continued

- the risks that affect the performance of the business model (and the financial assets held within that business model) and how those risks are managed;
- how managers of the business are compensated - e.g. whether compensation is based on the fair value of the assets managed or the contractual cash flows collected.
- the frequency, volume and timing of sales in prior periods, the reasons for such sales and its expectations about future sales activity. However, information about sales activity is not considered in isolation, but as part of an overall assessment of how the Bank's stated objective for managing financial assets is achieved

Solely Payments of Principal and Interest (SPPI) Assessment

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

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

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

Financial assets with embedded derivatives are considered in their entirety when determining whether their cash flows are solely payments of principal and interest.

Notes To The Financial Statements:**Reclassifications**

The Bank reclassifies debt investments when and only when its business model for managing those assets

Modifications

If the terms of a financial asset are modified, the Bank evaluates whether the cash flows of the modified asset are substantially different. If the cash flows are substantially different, then the contractual rights to cash flows from the original financial asset are deemed to have expired. In this case, the original financial asset is derecognised and a new financial asset is recognised at fair value.

If the cash flows of the modified asset carried at amortised cost are not substantially different, then the modification does not result in derecognition of the financial asset. In this case, the Bank recalculates the gross carrying amount of the financial asset and recognises the amount arising from adjusting the gross carrying amount as a modification gain or loss in profit or loss.

If such a modification is carried out because of financial difficulties of the borrower, then the gain or loss is presented together with impairment losses.

b) Equity Instruments

The Bank subsequently measures all Quoted and Unquoted equity investments at fair value through other comprehensive income. Where the Bank has elected to present fair value gains and losses on equity investments in other comprehensive income, there is no subsequent reclassification of fair value gains and losses to profit or loss. Dividends from such investments continue to be recognised in profit or loss as other income when the right to receive payments is established. These investments are held for strategic purposes rather than for trading purposes.

c) Derivative Financial Instruments

Derivatives are initially recognised at fair value on the date on which a derivative contract is entered into and are subsequently remeasured at their fair value.

The Bank uses widely recognised valuation models for determining the fair value of common and simple financial instruments, such as interest rate and currency swaps that use only observable market data and require little management judgement and estimation. Observable prices or model inputs are usually available in the market for listed debt and equity securities, exchange-traded derivatives and simple OTC derivatives such as interest rate swaps. Availability of observable market prices and model inputs reduces the need for management judgement and estimation and also reduces the uncertainty associated with determining fair values. Availability of observable markets prices and inputs varies depending on the products and markets and is prone to changes based on specific events and general conditions in the

d) Non-derivative financial assets

The Bank has revised its internal treasury and risk management systems to support the transition to SOFR. During the course of this transition, the Bank's IBOR Transition team established policies for amending the interbank offered rates on existing floating-rate loan portfolio indexed to IBORs. Loan products are amended in a uniform way, while syndicated products, are amended in bilateral negotiations with syndicated loan partners.

The IBOR transition working group is monitoring the progress of transition from IBORs to SOFR by reviewing the total amounts of impacted contracts. The Bank also considers that a contract is not yet transitioned to an alternative benchmark rate when interest under the contract is indexed to a benchmark

e) Non-derivative financial Liabilities

The Bank has floating-rate liabilities indexed to USD LIBOR. The IBOR Transition team and the Bank's treasury team is in discussions with the counterparties of our financial liabilities to amend the contractual

terms in respect to IBOR reform

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2.4.3 Impairment of Financial Assets**Overview of the ECL principles**

The Bank assesses on a forward looking basis the expected credit losses (ECL) associated with its loans and other debt financial assets not held at FVPL, together with loan commitments and financial guarantee contracts, in this section all referred to as 'financial instruments'. The impairment methodology applied depends on whether there has been a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition.

The measurement of ECL reflects an unbiased and probability-weighted amount that is determined by evaluating a range of possible outcomes, time value of money and reasonable and supportable information that is available without undue cost or effort at the reporting date about past events, current conditions and forecasts of future economic conditions. Equity instruments are not subject to impairment under IFRS 9.

The ECL allowance is based on the credit losses expected to arise over the life of the asset (the lifetime expected credit loss or LTECL), unless there has been no significant increase in credit risk since origination, in which case, the allowance is based on the 12 months' expected credit loss (12mECL). The 12 months ECL is the portion of LTECLs that represent the ECLs that result from default events on a financial instrument. Both LTECLs and 12m ECLs are calculated on either an individual basis or a collective basis, depending on the nature of the underlying portfolio of financial instruments.

The Bank has established a policy to perform an assessment, at the end of each reporting period, of whether a financial instrument's credit risk has increased significantly since initial recognition, by considering if it is 30 days past due. Based on the above process, the Bank groups its loans into Stage 1, Stage 2 and Stage 3, as described below:

- Stage 1: When loans are first recognised, the Bank recognises an allowance based on 12 months expected credit losses (12m ECLs). Stage 1 loans also include facilities where the credit risk has improved and the loan has been reclassified from Stage 2.
- Stage 2: When a loan has shown a significant increase in credit risk since origination, the Bank records an allowance for the lifetime expected credit losses (LTECLs). Stage 2 loans also include facilities, where the credit risk has improved and the loan has been reclassified from Stage 3.
- Stage 3: These are loans considered as credit-impaired. The bank records an allowance for the LTECLs.

POCI: Purchased or originated credit impaired (POCI) assets are financial assets that are credit impaired on initial recognition. POCI assets are recorded at fair value at original recognition and interest income is subsequently recognised based on a credit-adjusted EIR. ECLs are only recognised or released to the extent that there is a subsequent change in the expected credit losses

The calculation of ECLs

The Bank calculates ECLs based on a multiple scenario to measure the expected cash shortfalls, discounted at an approximation to the EIR. A cash shortfall is the difference between the cash flows that are due to an entity in accordance with the contract and the cash flows that the entity expects to receive.

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

PD: The Probability of Default is an estimate of the likelihood of default over a given time horizon. A default may only happen at a certain time over the assessed period, if the facility has not been previously derecognised and is still in the portfolio. The concept of PDs is further explained in Note 3.2.4.

EAD: The Exposure at Default is an estimate of the exposure at a future default date, taking into account expected changes in the exposure after the reporting date, including repayments of principal and interest, whether scheduled by contract or otherwise, expected drawdowns on committed facilities, and accrued interest from missed payments. The EAD is further explained in Note 3.2.4 (c).

LGD: The Loss Given Default is an estimate of the loss arising in the case where a default occurs at a given time. It is based on the difference between the contractual cash flows due and those that the lender would expect to receive, including from the realisation of any collateral. It is usually expressed as a percentage of the EAD. The LGD is further explained in Note 3.2.4 (c).

When estimating the ECLs, the Bank considers multiple scenario to measure the expected cash shortfalls, discounted at an approximation to the EIR. When relevant, the assessment also incorporates how defaulted loans are expected to be recovered, including the probability that the loans will cure and the value of collateral or the amount that might be received for selling the asset.

The maximum period for which the credit losses are determined is the contractual life of a financial instrument unless the Bank has the legal right to call it earlier, with the exception of revolving facilities which could extend beyond the contractual life.

Provisions for ECLs for undrawn loan commitments are assessed as set out in Note 2.20. The calculation of ECLs (including the ECLs related to the undrawn element) for revolving facilities is explained in Note 3.2.4.

The mechanics of the ECL method are summarised below:

Stage 1

- The 12m ECL is calculated as the portion of LTECLs that represent the ECLs that result from default events on a financial instrument that are possible within the 12 months after the reporting date. The Bank calculates the 12mECL allowance based on the expectation of a default occurring in the 12 months following the reporting date.
- These expected 12-month default probabilities are applied to a forecast EAD and multiplied by the

Stage 2

- When a financial instruments has shown a significant increase in credit risk since origination, the Bank records an allowance for the LTECLs. The mechanics are similar to those explained above but PDs and LGDs are estimated over the lifetime of the instrument. The expected cash shortfalls are discounted by an

Stage 3

- For financial instruments considered credit-impaired (as defined in Note 3), the Bank recognises the lifetime expected credit losses for these loans. The method is similar to that for Stage 2 assets, with the PD

POCI

- POCI assets are financial assets that are credit impaired on initial recognition. The Bank only recognises the cumulative changes in lifetime ECLs since initial recognition, discounted by the credit-adjusted EIR.

Notes To The Financial Statements:**Loan Commitments and Letters of Credit**

- When estimating LTECLs for undrawn loan commitments, the Bank estimates the expected portion of the loan commitment that will be drawn down over its expected life. The ECL is then based on the present value of the expected shortfalls in cash flows if the loan is drawn down. The expected cash shortfalls are discounted at an approximation to the expected EIR on the loan.

- For revolving facilities that include both a loan and an undrawn commitment, ECLs are calculated and presented together with the loan. For loan commitments and letters of credit, the ECL is recognised within

Financial Guarantee Contracts

- The Bank's liability under each guarantee is measured at the higher of the amount initially recognised less cumulative amortisation recognised in the profit or loss, and the ECL provision. For this purpose, the Bank estimates ECLs based on the present value of the expected payments to reimburse the holder for a credit loss that it incurs. The shortfalls are discounted by the risk-adjusted interest rate relevant to the exposure. The ECLs related to financial guarantee contracts are recognised within Provisions.

Bank Overdraft and Other Revolving Facilities

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

Restructured Financial Assets

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

- if the expected restructuring will not result in derecognition of the existing asset, then the expected cash flows arising from the modified financial asset are included in calculating cash shortfalls from the existing asset.

- if the expected restructuring will result in derecognition of the existing asset, then the expected fair value of the new asset is treated as the final cash flow from the existing financial asset at the time of its derecognition. This amount is included in calculating the cash shortfalls from the existing financial asset

Notes To The Financial Statements:**Credit-Impaired Financial Assets**

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

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

- there is significant financial difficulty of a customer/issuer/obligor (potential bad debt indicator);
- there is a breach of contract, such as a default or delinquency in interest or principal payments;
- the Bank, for economic or legal reasons relating to the borrower's financial difficulty, granting to the borrower a concession that the Bank would not otherwise consider.
- it becomes probable that a counterparty/borrower may enter bankruptcy or other financial reorganisation;
- there is the disappearance of an active market for a financial asset because of financial difficulties; or
- observable data indicates that there is a measurable decrease in the estimated future cash flows from a financial asset.

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

Collateral Valuation

To mitigate its credit risks on financial assets, the Bank seeks to use collateral, where possible. The collateral comes in various forms, such as cash, securities, letters of credit/guarantees, real estate, receivables, inventories, other non-financial assets and credit enhancements such as netting agreements. The Bank's accounting policy for collateral assigned to it through its lending arrangements under IFRS 9 is the same as it was under IAS 39. Collateral, unless repossessed, is not recorded on the Bank's statement of financial position. However, the fair value of collateral affects the calculation of ECLs. It is generally assessed, at a minimum, at inception and re-assessed on a quarterly basis. However, some collateral, for example, cash or securities relating to margining requirements, is valued daily. Details of the impact of the To the extent possible, the Bank uses active market data for valuing financial assets held as collateral. Other financial assets which do not have readily determinable market values are valued using models. Non-financial collateral, such as real estate, is valued based on data provided by third parties such as mortgage

Notes To The Financial Statements:**Collateral Repossessed**

The Bank's accounting policy under IFRS 9 remains the same as it was under IAS 39. The Bank's policy is to determine whether a repossessed asset can be best used for its internal operations or should be sold. Assets determined to be useful for the internal operations are transferred to their relevant asset category at the lower of their repossessed value or the carrying value of the original secured asset. Assets for which selling is determined to be a better option are transferred to assets held for sale at their fair value (if financial assets) and fair value less cost to sell for non-financial assets at the repossession date in, line with In its normal course of business, the Bank does not physically repossess properties or other assets in its retail portfolio, but engages external agents to recover funds, generally at auction, to settle outstanding debt. Any surplus funds are returned to the customers/obligors. As a result of this practice, the residential properties under legal repossession processes are not recorded on the statement of financial position.

2.4.4 Presentation of Allowance for ECL

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

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

Write-Off

The Bank writes off financial assets, in whole or part, when it 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.

2.4.5 Financial Liabilities**Initial and Subsequent Measurement**

Financial liabilities are initially measured at their fair value, except in the case of financial liabilities recorded at FVPL, transaction costs are added to, or subtracted from, this amount. Financial liabilities, other than loan commitments and financial guarantees, are measured at amortised cost or at FVPL when they are held for trading and derivative instruments or the fair value designation is applied.

After initial measurement, debt issued and other borrowed funds are subsequently measured at amortised cost. Amortised cost is calculated by taking into account any discount or premium on issue funds, and costs that are an integral part of the EIR. The Bank classifies financial liabilities as held for trading when they have been purchased or issued primarily for short-term profit making through trading activities or form part of a portfolio of financial instruments that are managed together, for which there is evidence of a recent pattern of short-term profit taking. Held-for-trading liabilities are recorded and measured in the statement of financial position at fair value.

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In both the current and prior period, all financial liabilities are classified and subsequently measured at

Derecognition

Financial liabilities are derecognised when they are extinguished (i.e. when the obligation specified in the contract is discharged, cancelled or expires).

The exchange between the Bank and its original lenders of debt instruments with substantially different terms, as well as substantial modifications of the terms of existing financial liabilities, is accounted for as an extinguishment of the original financial liability and the recognition of a new financial liability. The terms are substantially different if the discounted present value of the cash flows under the new terms, including any fees paid net of any fees received and discounted using the original effective interest rate, is at least 10% different from the discounted present value of the remaining cash flows of the original financial liability. In addition, other qualitative factors, such as the currency that the instrument is denominated in, changes in the type of interest rate, new conversion features attached to the instrument and change in

If an exchange of debt instruments or modification of terms is accounted for as an extinguishment, any costs or fees incurred are recognised as part of the gain or loss on the extinguishment. If the exchange or modification is not accounted for as an extinguishment, any costs or fees incurred adjust the carrying amount of the liability and are amortised over the remaining term of the modified liability.

Financial Guarantee Contracts and Loan Commitments

Financial guarantee contracts are contracts that require the Bank to make specified payments to reimburse the holder for a loss that it incurs because a specified debtor fails to make payment when it is due in accordance with the terms of the debt instrument. Such financial guarantees are given to banks, financial institutions and others on behalf of customers to secure loans, overdrafts and other banking facilities. Loan commitments are firm commitments to provide credit under pre-specified terms and conditions.

Financial guarantees issued or commitments to provide a loan at below-market interest rate are initially measured at fair value and the initial fair value is amortised over the life of the guarantee or the commitment. Subsequently, they are measured at the higher of the amount of loss allowance and the premium received on initial recognition less income recognised in accordance with the principles of IFRS

For loan commitments and financial guarantee contracts, the loss allowance is recognised as a provision. However, for contracts that include both a loan and an undrawn commitment and the Bank cannot separately identify the expected credit losses on the undrawn commitment component from those on the

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2.5 Revenue Recognition

Interest income and expense

Interest income and expense for all interest-bearing financial instruments are recognised within 'Interest income' and 'Interest expense' in the Statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income using the

Fees and Commission Income

Fees and commissions are generally recognised on an accrual basis when the service has been provided in line with the requirement of IFRS 15 - Revenue from Contracts with Customers. Loan commitment fees for loans that are likely to be drawn down are deferred (together with related direct costs) and recognised as an adjustment to the effective interest rate on the loan. Loan syndication fees are recognised as revenue when the syndication has been completed and the Bank has retained no part of the loan package for itself or has retained a part at the same effective interest rate as the other participants. Commission and fees arising from negotiating, or participating in the negotiation of, a transaction for a third party, are

Income From Bonds or Guarantees and Letters of Credit

Income from bonds or guarantees and letters of credit are recognised on a straight line basis over the life of the bond or guarantee in accordance with the requirement of IFRS 15.

Dividend Income

Dividends are recognised in profit or loss when the entity's right to receive payment is established.

2.6 Impairment of Non-Financial Assets

Assets are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. Additionally, intangible assets that have an indefinite useful life and are not subject to amortisation are tested annually for impairment. An impairment loss is recognised for the amount by which the asset's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount. The recoverable amount is the higher of an asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use. For the purpose of assessing impairment, assets are grouped at the lowest levels for which there are separately identifiable cash inflows (cash-generating units). The impairment test may also be performed on a single asset when the fair value less cost to sell or the value in use can be determined reliably. Non-financial assets other than goodwill that Impairment losses recognised in prior periods are assessed at each reporting date for any indication that the loss has decreased or no longer exists. An impairment loss is reversed if there has been a change in the estimates used to determine the recoverable amount. An impairment loss is reversed only to the extent that the asset's carrying amount does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined, net of depreciation or amortisation, if no impairment loss had been recognised. An impairment loss in respect of goodwill is not reversed.

The Bank assessed the potential accounting implications of decreased economic activity as a result of Covid-19 pandemic. The uncertainty in the economic environment may decrease the reliability of long-term forecasts used in the impairment testing models. Based on the current estimates of expected performance, no impairment needs were identified at the end of the period.

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2.7 Statement of Cash Flows

The Statement of cash flows shows the changes in cash and cash equivalents arising during the period from operating activities, investing activities and financing activities. Cash and cash equivalents include highly

The cash flows from operating activities are determined by using the indirect method. Net income is therefore adjusted by non-cash items, such as measurement gains or losses, changes in provisions, as well as changes from receivables and liabilities. In addition, all income and expenses from cash transactions that are attributable to investing or financing activities are eliminated.

The Bank's assignment of the cash flows to operating, investing and financing category depends on the Bank's business model (management approach). Interest received and interest paid are classified as operating cash flows, while dividends received and dividends paid are included in investing and financing

2.8 Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise balances with less than three months' maturity from the date of acquisition, including cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks and other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less.

For the purposes of the statement of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents include cash, due from banks and non-restricted balances with central bank.

2.9 Leases**a The Bank is the lessee****i Right-of-use assets**

The Bank recognises right-of-use assets at the commencement date of the lease (i.e., the date the underlying asset is available for use). Right-of-use assets are measured at cost, less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses, and adjusted for any remeasurement of lease liabilities (if any). The cost of right-of-use assets includes the amount of lease liabilities recognised, initial direct costs incurred, and lease payments made at or before the commencement date less any lease incentive received. Unless the Bank is reasonably certain to obtain ownership of the leased asset at the end of the lease term, the recognised right-of-use assets are depreciated on a straight-line basis over the shorter of its estimated

ii Short-term leases and leases of low-value assets

The Bank applies the short-term lease recognition exemption to its **short-term leases** (i.e., those leases that have a lease term of 12 months or less from the commencement date and do not contain a purchase option). It also applies the lease of **low-value assets recognition exemption to leases** (i.e., below N1,532,500). Lease payments on short term leases and leases of low-value assets are recognised as

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B The Bank is the lessor**i Operating Lease**

When assets are subject to an operating lease, the assets continue to be recognised as property and equipment based on the nature of the asset. Lease income is recognised on a straight line basis over the lease term. Lease incentives are recognised as a reduction of rental income on a straight-line basis over the

ii Finance Lease

When assets are held subject to a finance lease, the related asset is derecognised and the present value of the lease payments (discounted at the interest rate implicit in the lease) is recognised as a receivable. The difference between the gross receivable and the present value of the receivable is recognised as unearned finance income. Lease income is recognised over the term of the lease using the net investment method (before tax), which reflects a constant periodic rate of return.

2.10 Property, Plant and Equipment

Land and buildings comprise mainly branches and offices. All property and equipment used by the Bank is stated at historical cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses, if any. Historical cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to the acquisition of the items.

Property, Plant and Equipment - continued

Subsequent expenditures are included in the asset's carrying amount or are recognised as a separate asset, as appropriate, only when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to the Bank and the cost of the item can be measured reliably. The carrying amount of the replaced part is derecognised. All other repair and maintenance costs are charged to 'Other operating expenses' during the

Land included in leasehold land and buildings is not depreciated. Depreciation of other assets is calculated using the straight-line method to allocate their cost to their residual values over their estimated useful lives, as follows:

- Building: 50 years
- Leasehold Improvements: the lower of useful life and lease period.
- Motor vehicles: 4 years
- Furniture and fittings: 5 years
- Computer equipment: 5 years

The assets' residual values, depreciation method and useful lives are reviewed annually, and adjusted if appropriate. Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing the proceeds with the carrying amount. These are included in 'Other operating expenses' in profit or loss.

Construction cost and improvements in respect of offices is carried at cost as capital work in progress. On completion of construction or improvements, the related amounts are transferred to the appropriate category of property and equipment. Payments in advance for items of property and equipment are included as Prepayments in "Other Assets" and upon delivery are reclassified as additions in the

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Derecognition

An item of property, plant and equipment is derecognised upon disposal or when no future economic benefits are expected to arise from the continued use of the asset. The gain or loss arising on the disposal or retirement of an asset is determined as the difference between the sales proceeds and the carrying

2.11 Intangible Assets

Costs associated with maintaining computer software programmes are recognised as an expense as incurred. Development costs that are directly attributable to the design and testing of identifiable and unique software products controlled by the Bank, are recognised as intangible assets when the following

- it is technically feasible to complete the software product so that it will be available for use;
- management intends to complete the software product and use or sell it;
- there is an ability to use or sell the software product;
- it can be demonstrated how the software product will generate probable future economic benefits;
- adequate technical, financial and other resources to complete the development and to use or sell the software product are available; and
- the expenditure attributable to the software product during its development can be reliably measured.

Subsequent expenditure on computer software is capitalised only when it increases the future economic benefits embodied in the specific asset to which it relates.

Direct computer software costs recognised as intangible assets are amortised on the straight-line basis over the life of the intangible asset and are carried at cost less any accumulated amortisation and any

Derecognition

An intangible asset is derecognised on disposal, or when no future economic benefits are expected from use or disposal. Gains or losses arising from derecognition of an intangible asset, measured as the difference between the net disposal proceeds and the carrying amount of the asset, are recognised in profit or loss when the asset is derecognised.

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2.12 Provisions

Provisions for restructuring costs and legal claims are recognised when: the Bank has a present legal or constructive obligation as a result of past events; it is more likely than not that an outflow of resources will be required to settle the obligation; and the amount has been reliably estimated. The Bank recognises no If the effect of the time value of money is material, provisions are discounted using a current pre-tax rate that reflects, when appropriate, the risks specific to the liability. When discounting is used, the increase in the provision due to the passage of time is recognised as a finance cost.

2.13 Retirement Obligations and Employee Benefits

The Bank operates the following contribution and benefit schemes for its employees:

2.13.1 Defined Contribution Pension Scheme

The Bank operates a defined contributory pension scheme for eligible employees. Bank contributes 10% of the employees' Basic, Housing and Transport allowances in line with the provisions of the Pension Reform Act 2014 while employee contributes 8% summing to 18% annual contribution . The Bank pays the contributions to a pension fund administrator. The Bank has no further payment obligations once the contributions have been paid. The contributions are recognised as employee benefits expense when they are due. Prepaid contributions are recognised as an asset to the extent that a cash refund or a reduction in the future payments is available. The Bank has no further obligation beyond the its 10% contribution at the

2.13.2 Short-Term Benefits

Wages, salaries, annual leave, bonuses and non-monetary benefits are recognised as employee benefit expenses in the statement of profit or loss and paid in arrears when the associated services are rendered

2.14 Termination Benefits

Termination benefits are recognized as an expense when the Company is demonstrably committed , without realistic possibility of withdrawal , to a formal detailed plan to either terminate employment before the normal retirement date , or to provide termination benefits as a result of an offer made to encourage voluntary redundancy . Termination benefits for voluntary redundancies are recognized in the statement of other comprehensive income if the company has made an offer for voluntary redundancy ,it is probable that the offer will be accepted , and the number of acceptances can be estimated reliably.

2.15 Share Capital**(a) Share Issue Costs**

Incremental costs directly attributable to the issue of new shares or options or to the acquisition of a business are shown in equity as a deduction, net of tax, from the proceeds.

(b) Dividends on Ordinary Shares

Dividends on ordinary shares are recognised in equity in the period in which they are approved by the Dividends for the period that are declared after the reporting date are dealt with in the subsequent events Dividends proposed by the Directors but not yet approved by members are disclosed in the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Company and Allied Matters Act.

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2.16 Fair Value Measurement

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

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

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

The fair value of an asset or a liability is measured using the assumptions that market participants would use when pricing the asset or liability, assuming that market participants act in their economic best interest. A fair value measurement of a non-financial asset takes into account a market participant's ability to generate economic benefits by using the asset in its highest and best use or by selling it to another market participant that would use the asset in its highest and best use.

The Bank uses valuation techniques that are appropriate in the circumstances and for which sufficient data are available to measure fair value, maximising the use of relevant observable inputs and minimising the use of unobservable inputs. All assets and liabilities for which fair value is measured or disclosed in the financial statements are categorised within the fair value hierarchy, described as follows, based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement as a whole:

Level 1 - Quoted (unadjusted) market prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities

Level 2 - Valuation techniques for which the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement is directly or indirectly observable

Level 3 - Valuation techniques for which the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement is unobservable. Unobservable inputs are those not readily available in an active market due to market illiquidity or complexity of the product. These inputs are generally determined based on inputs of a similar nature, historic observations on the level of the input or analytical techniques.

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

2.17 Comparatives

Except when a standard or an interpretation permits or requires otherwise, all amounts are reported or disclosed with comparative information.

2.18 Segment Reporting

IFRS 8 requires an entity to report financial and descriptive information about its reportable segments, which are operating segments or aggregations of operating segments that meet specified criteria. Operating segments are components of an entity about which separate financial information is available that is evaluated regularly by the chief operating decision-maker in deciding how to allocate resources and in assessing performance. The bank has determined the (Executive Committee) as its chief operating

An entity shall disclose information to enable users of its financial statements to evaluate the nature and financial effects of the types of business activities in which it engages and the economic environments in which it operates. Following the management approach, operating segments are reported in accordance with the internal reports provided to the Bank's Managing Director (the chief operating decision maker). The following summary describes each of the bank's reportable segments.

Retail Banking

The retail banking segment offers a comprehensive range of retail, personal and commercial services to individuals, small and medium business customers including a variety of E-Business products to serve the

Corporate Banking

The corporate banking segment offers a comprehensive range of commercial and corporate banking services to the corporate business customers including other medium and large business customers. The segment covers Power and infrastructure, Oil and Gas Upstream and Downstream, Real Estate, Agro-Allied

Investment Banking

The bank's investment banking segment is involved in the funding and management of the bank's securities, trading and investment decisions on asset management with a view of maximising the bank's

3. Financial risk management and fair value measurement and disclosure

3.1 Introduction and overview

IFRS 7 : An entity shall disclose information that enables users of its financial statements to evaluate the nature and extent of risks arising from financial instruments to which the entity is exposed at the end of the reporting period. Set out below is the information about the nature and extent of risks arising from the financial instruments to which the group is exposed at the end of the reporting period.

Enterprise Risk Management

Fidelity Bank Group (The Bank) runs an Enterprise-wide Risk Management system which is governed by the following key principles:

- i) Comprehensive and well defined policies and procedures designed to identify, assess, measure, monitor and report significant risk exposures of the entity. These policies are clearly communicated throughout the Bank and are reviewed annually.
- ii) Clearly defined governance structure.
- iii) Clear segregation of duties within the Risk Management Division and also between them and the business groups.
- iv) Management of all classes of banking risk broadly categorized into credit, market, liquidity, operational risk independently but in a co-ordinated manner at all relevant levels within the Bank.
- v) Incorporate the volatility in macro economic variables caused by Covid-19 in the inputs and assumptions used for the determination of expected credit losses (“ECLs”)

Risk Management Governance Structure

Enterprise-wide risk management roles and responsibilities are assigned to stakeholders in the Bank at three levels as follows:

Level 1 - Board/Executive Management oversight is performed by the Board of Directors, Board Audit Committee, Board Risk Committee, Board Credit Committee (BCC), Board Finance & General Purpose Committee, Board Information Technology Committee and Executive Management Committee (EXCO).

Level 2 - Senior Management function is performed by the Management Credit Committee (MCC), Criticised Assets Committee (CAC), Asset and Liability Management Committee (ALCO), Operational Risk & Service Measurements Committee (ORSMC), Management Performance Reporting Committee (MPR), The Chief Risk Officer (CRO) and Heads of Enterprise Risk Strategy, Loan Monitoring and Portfolio Reporting, Credit Appraisal, Credit Administration, Remedial Assets Management, Market Risk Management and IT & Operational Risk Management.

Level 3 - This is performed by all enterprise-wide Business and Support Units. Business and Support Units are required to comply with all risk policies and procedures and to manage risk exposures that arise from daily operations.

The Bank's Corporate Audit Division assists the Board Risk Committee by providing independent appraisal of the Bank's risk framework for internal risk assurance. The Division assesses compliance with established controls and enterprise-wide risk management methodologies. Significant risk related infractions and recommendations for improvement in processes are escalated to relevant Management and Board committees.



Enterprise Risk Philosophy
Fidelity Enterprise Risk Mission

Risk Culture
The Bank's risk culture proactively anticipates and curtails losses that may arise from its banking risk underwriting. This culture evolved out of the understanding that the Bank is in a growth phase which requires strong risk management. By design therefore, the Bank operates a managed risk culture, which places emphasis on a mixture of growth and risk control to achieve corporate goals without compromising asset or service quality.

Risk Appetite
The risk appetite describes the quantum of risk that we would assume in pursuit of the Bank's business objectives at any point in time. For the Bank, it is the core instrument used in aligning the Bank's overall corporate strategy, the Bank's capital allocation and risks.

The Bank define the Bank's Risk Appetite quantitatively at two levels: Enterprise level and Business/Support Unit level.
To give effect to the above, the Board of Directors of the Bank sets target Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) at both enterprise and business/support unit levels based on recommendations from the Executive Management Committee (EXCO).

At the Business and Support unit level, the enterprise KPIs are cascaded to the extent that the contribution of each Business/Support Unit to risk losses serves as input for assessing the performance of the Business/Support Unit.

3.2 Credit Risk

3.2.1 Management of credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that the Bank will incur a loss because its customers or counterparties fail to discharge their contractual obligations. The Bank manages and controls credit risk by setting limits on the amount of risk it is willing to accept for individual counterparties and for geographical and industry concentrations, and by monitoring exposures in relation to such limits.

Credit risk is the single largest risk for the Bank's business; management therefore carefully manages its exposure to credit risk. The credit risk management and control are centralised in a credit risk management team which reports regularly to the Board of Directors and head of each business unit.

The Bank measures and manage credit risk following the principles below:

- Consistent standards as documented in the Bank's credit policies and procedures manual are applied to all credit applications and credit approval decisions.
- Credit facilities are approved for counter-parties only if underlying requests meet the Bank's standard risk acceptance criteria.
- Every extension of credit or material change to a credit facility (such as its tenor, collateral structure or major covenants) to any counter-party requires approval at the appropriate authority level. The approval limits are as follows:

Approval Authority	Approval limits
Executive Directors	N50 million and below
Managing Director/CEO	Above N50 million but below N100 million
Management Credit and Investment Committee	Above N100 million but below N500 million
Board Credit Committee	Above N500 million but below N1 billion
Full Board	N1 billion and above

- The Bank assigns credit approval authorities to individuals according to their qualifications, experience, training and quality of previous credit decisions. These are also reviewed by the Bank periodically.
- The Bank measures and consolidates all the Bank's credit exposures to each obligor on a global basis. The Bank's definition of an "obligor" include a group of individual borrowers that are linked to one another by any of a number of criteria the Bank have established, including capital ownership, voting rights, demonstrable control, other indication of group affiliation; or are jointly and severally liable for all or significant portions of the credit the Bank have extended.
- The Bank's respective business units are required to implement credit policies and procedures while processing credit approvals including those granted by Management and Board Committees.
- Each business unit is responsible for the quality, performance and collection of its credit portfolio including those approved by the Management and Board Committees.
- The Bank's Credit Control and Loan Portfolio Monitoring & Reporting departments regularly undertake independent audit and credit quality reviews of credit portfolios held by business units.

3.2.2 Credit Risk Ratings

A primary element of the Bank's credit approval process is a detailed risk assessment of every credit associated with a counter-party. The Bank's risk assessment procedures consider both the credit worthiness of the counter-party and the risks related to the specific type of credit facility or exposure. This risk assessment not only affects the structuring of the transaction and the outcome of the credit decision, but also influences the level of decision-making authority required to extend or materially change the credit and the monitoring procedures we apply to the on-going exposure.

The Bank has its own in-house assessment methodologies and rating scale for evaluating the creditworthiness of it's counter-parties. The Bank's programmed 9-grade rating model was developed in collaboration with Agosto & Company, a foremost rating agency in Nigeria, to enable comparism between the Bank's internal ratings and the common market practice, which ensures comparability between different portfolios of the Bank.

3.2.2 Credit risk ratings - continued

Bank rating	Applicable score band	Agusto & Co. I	Description of the grade
			<i>Investment grade</i>
AAA	90% - 100%	AAA	Exceptionally strong business fundamentals and overwhelming capacity to meet obligations in a timely manner.
			<i>Standard Monitoring</i>
AA	80% - 89%	AA	Very good business fundamentals and very strong capacity to meet obligations
A	70% - 79%	A	Good business fundamentals and strong capacity to meet obligations
BBB	60% - 69%	BBB	Satisfactory business fundamentals and adequate capacity to meet obligations
BB	50% - 59%	BB	Satisfactory business fundamentals but ability to repay may be contingent upon refinancing.
B	40% - 49%	B	Weak business fundamentals and capacity to repay is contingent upon refinancing.
CCC	30% - 39%	CCC	Very weak business fundamentals and capacity to repay is contingent upon refinancing.
CC	20% - 29%	CC	Very weak business fundamentals and capacity to repay in a timely manner may be in doubt.
			<i>Default</i>
C	0% - 19%	C	Imminent Solvency

We generally rate all the Bank's credit exposures individually. The rating scale and its mapping to the Standard and Poors agency rating scale is as follows:

Internal Rating Categories	Interpretation	Mapping to External Rating (S&P)
AAA	Impeccable financial condition and overwhelming capacity to meet obligations in a timely manner	AAA
AA	Very good financial condition and very low likelihood of default	AA
A	Good financial condition and low likelihood of default	A
BBB to BB	Satisfactory financial condition and adequate capacity to meet obligations	BBB to BB
B to CCC	Weak financial condition and capacity to repay is in doubt and may be contingent upon refinancing	B to D

3.2.3 Credit Limits

Portfolio concentration limits are set by the Bank to specify maximum credit exposures we are willing to assume over given periods. The limits reflect the Bank's credit risk appetite. The parameters on which portfolio limits are based include limits per obligor, products, sector, industry, rating grade, geographical location, type of collateral, facility structure and conditions of the exposure.

Monitoring Default Risk

The Bank's credit exposures are monitored on a continuing basis using the risk management tools described above. The Bank has also put procedures in place to identify at an early stage credit exposures for which there may be an increased risk of loss. Counter-parties that on the basis of the application of the Bank's risk management tools, demonstrate the likelihood of problems, are identified well in advance so that the Bank can effectively manage the credit exposure and maximize the recovery. The objective of this early warning system is to address potential problems while adequate alternatives for action are still available. This early risk detection is a tenet of the Bank's credit culture and is intended to ensure that greater attention is paid to such exposures. In instances where the Bank has identified counter-parties where problems might arise, the respective exposure is placed on a watch-list.

3.2.4 Expected Credit Loss Measurement

The table below summarises the impairment requirements under IFRS 9 (other than purchased or originated credit-impaired financial assets):

Change in credit quality since initial recognition		
Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3
Initial recognition	Significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition	Credit-impaired assets
12 month expected credit losses	Lifetime expected credit losses	Lifetime expected credit losses

(a) Significant Increase In Credit Risk

At initial recognition, the Bank allocates each exposure to a credit risk grade based on available information about the borrower that is determined to be predictive of the risk of default and applying experienced credit judgement. Credit risk grades are defined and calibrated such that the risk of default occurring increases as the credit risk deteriorates.

The Bank monitors its loans and debt portfolios to determine when there is a significant increase in credit risk in order to transition from stage 1 to stage 2. In assessing significant increase in credit risk, management considers credit rating, prudential classification and backstop (30 days past due presumption) indicators. Financial assets that have been granted forbearance could be considered to have significantly increased in credit risk.

Backstop Indicators

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

For assessing increase in credit risk, the Bank sets the origination date of revolving and non-revolving facilities as the last reprice date i.e. the last time the lending was re-priced at a market rate.

(b) Definition of Default

The Bank considers a financial asset to be in default, which is fully aligned with the credit-impaired, when it meet the following criteria:

Quantitative criteria

- Internal credit rating - Downgrade from Performing to Non-performing (rating grids CC and below)
- Days past due (Dpd) observation – DPDs of 90 days and above
- Prudential classification of sub-standard, doubtful or lost

(c) Measuring ECL – Explanation of inputs, assumptions and estimation techniques

The Expected Credit Loss (ECL) is measured on either a 12-month (12M) or lifetime basis depending on whether a significant increase in credit risk has occurred since initial recognition or whether an asset is considered to be credit-impaired. Expected credit losses are the discounted product of the Probability of Default (PD), Exposure at Default (EAD), and Loss Given Default (LGD), defined as follows:

- The PD represents the likelihood of a borrower defaulting on its financial obligation (as per “Definition of default and credit-impaired” above), either over the next 12 months (12M PD), or over the remaining lifetime (Lifetime PD) of the obligation.
- EAD is based on the amounts the Bank expects to be owed at the time of default, over the next 12 months (12M EAD) or over the remaining lifetime (Lifetime EAD). For a revolving commitment, the Bank includes the current drawn balance plus any further amount that is expected to be drawn up to the current contractual limit by the time of default, should it occur.
- Loss Given Default (LGD) represents the Bank’s expectation of the extent of loss on a defaulted exposure. LGD varies by type of counterparty, type and seniority of claim and availability of collateral or other credit support. LGD is expressed as a percentage loss per unit of exposure at the time of default (EAD). LGD is calculated on a 12-month or lifetime basis, where 12-month LGD is the percentage of loss expected to be made if the default occurs in the next 12 months and Lifetime LGD is the percentage of loss expected to be made if the default occurs over the remaining expected lifetime of the loan.

The ECL is determined by projecting the PD, LGD and EAD for each future month and for each individual exposure or collective segment. These three components are multiplied together and adjusted for the likelihood of survival (i.e. the exposure has not prepaid or defaulted in an earlier month). This effectively calculates an ECL for each future month, which is then discounted back to the reporting date and summed. The discount rate used in the ECL calculation is the original effective interest rate or an approximation thereof.

The Lifetime PD is derived by using historical data to develop specific lifetime PD models for all asset classes. The long term span of historical data is then used to directly model the PD across the life of a exposure. For debt instruments that are not internally rated, the Bank obtains the issuer ratings of such instruments and matches them to its internal rating framework to determine the equivalent rating. The lifetime PD curves developed for that rating band will then be used.

The 12-month and lifetime EADs are determined based on the expected payment profile, which varies by product type.

The assumptions underlying the ECL calculation – such as how the maturity profile of the PDs and how collateral values change etc. – are monitored and reviewed on a regular basis.

There have been no significant changes in estimation techniques or significant assumptions made during the reporting period.

(d) Forward-Looking information incorporated in the ECL models

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

These economic variables and their associated impact on the PD, EAD and LGD vary by financial instrument. Expert judgment has also been applied in this process. Forecasts of these economic variables (the “base economic scenario”) are provided by the Bank’s strategy team on a quarterly basis. The specific macro-economic model applied is a Markov multi-state model of transitions in continuous time with macroeconomic co-variates. The impact of these economic variables on the PD, EAD and LGD has been determined by performing statistical regression analysis. This helps to understand the impact these variables have had historically on default rates and on the components of LGD and EAD.

In addition to the base economic scenario, the Bank’s strategy team also provides other possible scenarios along with scenario weightings. The number of other scenarios used is based on the analysis of each major product type to ensure non-linearities are captured. The number of scenarios and their attributes are reassessed at each reporting date. At 1 January 2023 and 31 December 2023, the Bank concluded that the scenarios appropriately captured non-linearities for all its portfolios.

As with any economic forecasts, 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.

Economic Variable Assumptions
The most significant period-end assumptions used for the ECL estimate as at 31 December 2023 are set out below. The scenarios “base”, “upside” and “downside” were used for all portfolios.

Table with 5 columns: Variable, 6M, 2022, 2023, 2024. Rows include Foreign exchange rate (N), Inflation rate, Crude Oil (\$), Foreign Reserves (\$ Bn), USD Index, and Unemployment rate, each with Base Case, Best Case, and Worse Case scenarios.

(e) Grouping Financial Instruments For Collective Assessment
For expected credit loss provisions modelled on a collective basis, a grouping of exposures is performed on the basis of shared risk characteristics, such that risk exposures within a group are homogeneous.
In performing this grouping, there must be sufficient information for the group to be statistically credible. Where sufficient information is not available internally, the Bank has considered benchmarking internal/external supplementary data to use for modelling purposes. The characteristics used to determine groupings include instrument type, credit risk ratings and industry.
The aggregation of financial instruments may change over time as new information becomes available.
3.2.5 Maximum Exposure to credit risk before collateral held or other credit enhancements
The Bank's maximum exposure to credit risk as at 31 December, 2023 and 31 December 2022 is represented by the gross carrying amounts of the financial assets set out below:

Table for 31 December 2023 showing Maximum exposure, Fair value of Collateral held, Surplus collateral, and Net exposure for various Financial Assets and Financial Guarantee contracts.

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*Excluding equity instruments

3.2.6 Credit Concentrations

The Bank monitors concentrations of credit risk by sector and by geographical location. An analysis of concentrations of credit risk at 31 December 2023, is set out below:

31 December 2023					
Financial assets with credit risk:	Cash and balances with Central bank	Due from banks	Loans and advances to customers	Investment securities	Other assets
	N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million
Carrying amount	1,289,974	239,643	2,963,530	1,014,001	391,340
Concentration by sector					
Agriculture	-	-	137,161	-	-
Oil and gas	-	-	1,111,294	-	-
Consumer credit	-	-	76,051	-	-
Manufacturing	-	-	357,545	-	-
Mining and Quarrying	-	-	5,631	-	-
Mortgage	-	-	-	-	-
Real estate	-	-	44,793	-	-
Construction	-	-	108,803	-	-
Finance and insurance	-	239,804	4,728	6,847	-
Government	-	-	240,183	989,859	-
Power	-	-	241,954	-	-
Other public utilities	-	-	-	-	-
Transportation	-	-	328,058	-	-
Communication	-	-	66,576	10,199	-
Education	-	-	13,691	-	-
Central Bank balance (restricted)	1,174,398	-	-	-	-
Other	137,016	-	369,856	9,354	394,699
Total Gross Amount	1,311,414	239,804	3,106,324	1,016,259	394,699
Concentration by location	N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million
Abroad	-	207,448	-	13,874	-
Nigeria:					
North East	-	-	58,371	-	-
North Central	1,289,974	-	102,225	-	-
North West	-	-	106,837	-	-
South East	-	-	84,225	-	-
South South	-	-	281,663	-	-
South West	21,440	32,356	2,473,003	1,002,385	394,699
Total gross amount	1,311,414	239,804	3,106,324	1,016,259	394,699

3.2.6 Credit Concentrations - continued

31 December 2022					
Financial assets with credit risk:	Cash and balances with Central bank	Due from banks	Loans and advances to customers	Investment securities	Other assets
	N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million
Carrying amount	984,306	145,829	2,116,212	510,324	106,152
Concentration by sector					
Agriculture	-	-	109,006	-	-
Oil and gas	-	-	565,913	-	-
Consumer credit	-	-	66,986	-	-
Manufacturing	-	-	341,943	-	-
Mining and Quarrying	-	-	6,229	-	-
Mortgage	-	-	-	-	-
Real estate	-	-	48,181	-	-
Construction	-	-	98,793	-	-
Finance and insurance	-	146,101	8,842	-	-
Government	-	-	202,183	490,374	-
Power	-	-	188,961	-	-
Other public utilities	-	-	-	-	-
Transportation	-	-	227,728	-	-
Communication	-	-	37,878	-	-
Education	-	-	12,901	-	-
Central Bank balance (restricted)	863,090	-	-	-	-
Other	121,216	-	281,217	20,780	107,505
Total Gross Amount	984,306	146,101	2,196,759	511,154	107,505
Concentration by location	N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million
Abroad	-	132,499	-	6,587	-
Nigeria:					
North East	-	-	33,574	-	-
North Central	951,007	-	91,082	-	-
North West	-	-	70,376	-	-
South East	-	-	73,055	-	-
South South	-	-	152,678	-	-
South West	33,300	13,602	1,775,995	504,567	107,505
Total gross amount	984,307	146,101	2,196,759	511,154	107,505

3.2.7 Credit Quality

A Maximum Exposure to Credit Risk – Financial instruments subject to impairment

The credit risk model is applied as per homogeneous group of risk assets which can be a portfolio or a rating model (e. g. Master Rating). The bank set up 6 portfolios, three of which are a mix of Corporate and Commercial Accounts segregated on the basis of related economic sectors. The other three portfolios are made up of retails accounts segregated on the basis of similarity of risk characteristics. Details of the portfolios are shown below:

Code	Description
Portfolio 1	Agriculture, Energy, Manufacturing, Construction & Real Estate
Portfolio 2	Government, Public Sector & NBFIs
Portfolio 3	Transport, Communication, Commerce & General
Portfolio 4	Automobile, Equipment & Mortgage Loans
Portfolio 5	Medium and Small Scale Enterprises
Portfolio 6	Personal & Employee Loans

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

a) Agriculture, Energy, Manufacturing, Construction & Real Estate Portfolio

31 December 2023			
Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Total
N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million
Credit grade			
Investment grade	153,404	-	153,404
Standard monitoring	1,124,475	695,478	1,819,953
Default	-	-	33,078
Gross carrying amount	1,277,879	695,478	33,078
Loss allowance	(12,353)	(64,909)	(13,471)
Carrying amount	1,265,526	630,569	19,606
			1,915,701
31 December 2022			
Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Total
N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million
Credit grade			
Investment grade	120,626	-	120,626
Standard monitoring	856,314	358,713	-
Default	-	-	17,726
Gross carrying amount	976,941	358,713	17,726
Loss allowance	(10,441)	(25,753)	(7,322)
Carrying amount	966,500	332,960	10,404
			1,309,863

b) Government, Public Sector & NBFIs portfolio

31 December 2023			
Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Total
12-month			
ECL	Lifetime ECL	Lifetime ECL	
N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million
Credit grade			
Investment grade	20,998	-	20,998
Standard monitoring	179,688	43,583	-
Default	-	-	10,480
Gross carrying amount	200,686	43,583	10,480
Loss allowance	(4)	(1)	(10,205)
Carrying amount	200,682	43,581	275
			244,539
31 December 2022			
Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Total
12-month			
ECL	Lifetime ECL	Lifetime ECL	
N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million
Credit grade			
Investment grade	16,497	-	16,497
Standard monitoring	193,781	728	-
Default	-	-	9,698
Gross carrying amount	210,278	728	9,698
Loss allowance	(1,128)	(0)	(8,355)
Carrying amount	209,149	728	1,342
			211,220

c) Transport, Communication, Commerce & General portfolio

31 December 2023			
Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Total
N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million
Credit			
Investment grade	-	-	-
Standard monitoring	403,487	229,071	-
Default	-	-	16,741
Gross carrying amount	403,487	229,071	16,741
Loss allowance	(808)	(5,855)	(13,676)
Carrying amount	402,679	223,216	3,065
			628,960
31 December 2022			
Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Total
N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million
Credit			
Investment grade	54,187	-	54,187
Standard monitoring	358,457	57,027	-
Default	-	-	21,300
Gross carrying amount	412,644	57,027	21,300
Loss allowance	(7,077)	(2,815)	(10,028)
Carrying amount	405,567	54,212	11,272
			471,051

d) Automobile, Equipment & Mortgage Loans portfolio

31 December 2023			
Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Total
N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million
Credit grade			
Investment grade	-	-	-
Standard monitoring	67,443	8,307	-
Default	-	-	2
Gross carrying amount	67,443	8,307	2
Loss allowance	(36)	(4)	(2)
Carrying amount	67,407	8,303	0
			75,710
31 December 2022			
Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Total
N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million
Credit grade			
Investment grade	-	-	-
Standard monitoring	31,369	3,705	-
Default	-	-	11
Gross carrying amount	31,369	3,705	11
Loss allowance	(127)	(34)	(6)
Carrying amount	31,241	3,671	4
			34,917

e) Medium and Small Scale Enterprises portfolio

31 December 2023			
Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Total
N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million
Credit			
Investment grade	-	-	-
Standard monitoring	37,501	15	37,516
Default	-	6,523	6,523
Gross carrying amount	37,501	15	44,039
Loss allowance	(8)	(3,885)	(3,893)
Carrying amount	37,493	15	40,145
31 December 2022			
Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Total
N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million
Credit			
Investment grade	61	-	61
Standard monitoring	24,999	1,854	26,853
Default	-	2,721	2,721
Gross carrying amount	25,060	1,854	29,635
Loss allowance	(93)	(2,013)	(2,116)
Carrying amount	24,967	1,844	27,519

f) Personal & Employee Loans portfolio

31 December 2023			
Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Total
N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million
Credit			
Investment grade	-	-	-
Standard monitoring	48,232	882	49,114
Default	-	26,936	26,936
Gross carrying amount	48,232	882	76,051
Loss allowance	(390)	(17,180)	(17,576)
Carrying amount	47,842	876	58,475
31 December 2022			
Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Total
N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million
Credit			
Investment grade	-	-	-
Standard monitoring	52,634	1,163	53,797
Default	-	13,189	13,189
Gross carrying amount	52,634	1,163	66,986
Loss allowance	(511)	(4,753)	(5,345)
Carrying amount	52,123	1,082	61,641

3.2.7 Credit Quality
B Reconciliation of Allowance for Impairment by portfolio

31 December 2023			
Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Total
N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million
At 1 January			
Agric, Energy, Manufactur'g, Const'n & Real Estate Portfo	(19,377)	(28,693)	(80,548)
Government, Public Sector & NBFIs portfolio	(1,912)	(39,155)	(47,217)
Transport, Comm, Commerce & General portfolio	1,124	(1)	(727)
Automobile, Equipment & Mortgage Loans portfolio	6,269	-3,040	(419)
Medium and Small Scale Enterprises portfolio	91	30	126
Personal & Employee Loans portfolio	85	10	(1,777)
At 31 December	121	75	(12,231)
(13,599)	(70,775)	(58,419)	(142,793)
31 December 2022			
Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Total
N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million
At 1 January			
Agric, Energy, Manufactur'g, Const'n & Real Estate Portfo	-18,460	-26,981	-74,130
Government, Public Sector & NBFIs portfolio	(4,230)	(1,163)	-6,312
Transport, Comm, Commerce & General portfolio	57	(0)	-2,700
Automobile, Equipment & Mortgage Loans portfolio	1,903	-775	2,063
Medium and Small Scale Enterprises portfolio	98	0	102
Personal & Employee Loans portfolio	26	-10	-147
At 31 December	1,229	236	575
(19,377)	(28,693)	(32,478)	(80,548)

A Maximum Exposure To Credit Risk – Financial instruments subject to impairment - continued

31 December 2023				
Cash and balance with Central bank	Due from banks	Loans and advances to customers	Debt securities	Other assets
N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million
Not Due & Not impaired	1,311,414	1,971,100	1,016,259	394,699
Past due and not impaired (0-30 days)	-	64,128	-	-
Past due and not impaired (31-90 days)	-	977,336	-	-
Past due and impaired (aged above 90 days)	-	93,761	-	-
Gross	1,311,414	3,106,324	1,016,259	394,699
Impairment allowance	-	(142,794)	(2,775)	(3,359)
Net	1,311,414	2,963,531	1,013,484	391,340
31 December 2022				
Cash and balance with Central bank	Due from banks	Loans and advances to customers	Debt securities	Other assets
N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million
Not Due & Not impaired	984,306	1,695,361	511,154	107,505
Past due and not impaired (0-30 days)	-	13,564	-	-
Past due and not impaired (31-90 days)	-	423,190	-	-
Past due and impaired (aged above 90 days)	-	64,644	-	-
Gross	984,306	2,196,759	511,154	107,505
Impairment allowance	-	(80,548)	(830)	(1,351)
Net	984,306	2,116,211	510,324	106,154

(a) Financial assets collectively impaired (Stage 1 and Stage 2)

The credit rating of the portfolio of financial assets that were collectively impaired can be assessed by reference to the internal rating system adopted by the Bank.

	Due from Banks	Overdrafts	Term loans	Finance lease	Total Loan	Other assets
	N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million
31 December 2023						
Grades:						
1. AAA to AA	165,044	3,967	274,568	-	278,535	-
2. A+ to A-	30,688	7,292	201,435	-	208,727	-
3. BBB+ to BB-	40,930	153,741	1,391,466	7,003	1,552,210	394,699
4. Below BB-	3,141	62,335	907,857	2,154	972,347	-
5. Unrated	-	676	68	-	745	-
	239,804	228,011	2,775,395	9,157	3,012,564	394,699
Collective Impairment	(161)	(5,045)	(79,326)	(3)	(84,374)	(3,359)
Net amount	239,643	222,966	2,696,069	9,155	2,928,189	391,340
31 December 2022						
Grades:						
1. AAA to AA	110,052	10,508	256,655	3,312	270,476	-
2. A+ to A-	11,674	1,184	66,484	179	67,847	-
3. BBB+ to BB-	9,640	152,616	949,354	8,717	1,110,686	107,505
4. Below BB-	14,735	60,298	618,811	2,926	682,035	-
5. Unrated	-	1,072	-	-	1,072	-
	146,101	225,678	1,891,303	15,134	2,132,116	107,505
Collective Impairment	(271)	(5,301)	(42,611)	(158)	(48,070)	(1,351)
Net amount	145,829	220,377	1,848,692	14,976	2,084,045	106,154

B Maximum Exposure To Credit Risk – Financial instruments not subject to impairment

The following table contains an analysis of the maximum credit risk exposure from financial assets not subject to impairment i.e. fair value through profit or loss (FVTPL):

	Maximum exposure to credit risk	
	2023	2022
	N'million	N'million
Financial assets designated at fair value through profit or loss		
• Debt securities		
Federal Government bonds	1,023	351
Treasury bills	6,661	1,685
Placements	-	-
	7,684	2,036
Derivative financial assets	5,947	4,778

The credit rating of cash and cash equivalents, short-term investments and investments in government and corporate securities that were neither past due nor impaired can be assessed by reference to the bank's internal ratings as at 31 December 2023 and 31 December 2022:

	Investments in Government Securities					
	Cash & cash equivalents	Treasury bills	Federal Govt bonds	State bonds	Corporate bonds	Total
	N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million
31 December 2023						
AAA to AA	302,060	565,226	413,616	-	-	1,280,902
A+ to A-	30,688	-	-	11,017	26,400	68,105
BBB+ to BB-	40,930	-	-	-	-	40,930
Below BB-	3,141	-	-	-	-	3,141
Unrated	-	-	-	-	-	-
	376,820	565,226	413,616	11,017	26,400	1,393,078
31 December 2022						
AAA to AA	110,052	280,277	207,841	-	-	598,170
A+ to A-	11,674	-	-	2,256	20,780	34,710
BBB+ to BB-	9,640	-	-	-	-	9,640
Below BB-	14,735	-	-	-	-	14,735
Unrated	-	-	-	-	-	-
	146,101	280,277	207,841	2,256	20,780	657,256

Loss allowance

The loss allowance recognised in the period is impacted by a variety of factors, as described below:

- Additional allowances for new financial instruments recognised during the year, as well as releases for financial instruments derecognised in the year;
- Impact on the measurement of ECL due to changes in PDs, EADs and LGDs in the period, arising from regular refreshing of inputs to models;
- Discount unwind within ECL due to the passage of time, as ECL is measured on a present value basis; and
- Foreign exchange retranslations for assets denominated in foreign currencies and other movements.

3.2.8 Description of Collateral Held

Potential credit losses from any given exposure are mitigated using a range of tools including collateral securities, insurance bonds and policies as well as different forms of guarantees. The Bank assesses the degree of reliance that can be placed on these credit risk mitigants carefully in the light of issues such as legal enforceability, market valuation, correlation with exposure and the counterparty risk of the guarantor.

(a) Key Collateral Management Policies

The Bank's risk mitigation policies determine the eligibility of collateral types. Eligible collateral types for credit risk mitigation include: cash; residential, commercial and industrial property in acceptable locations; fixed assets such as motor vehicles, plant and machinery; marketable securities; bank guarantees; confirmed domiciliation of payments; credit and insurance bonds, warehouse warrants, lien on shipping documents; back-to-back letters of credit; etc. The Bank also enters into collateralised reverse repurchase agreements where appropriate. For certain types of lending, typically mortgages and asset financing, the right to take charge over physical assets is a significant consideration in determining appropriate pricing and recoverability in the event of default.

The Bank reports collateral values in accordance with the Bank's risk mitigation policy, which prescribes the frequency of valuation for different collateral types, based on the level of price volatility of each type of collateral and the nature of the underlying product or risk exposure. Depending on the nature of the collateral, frequent or periodic evaluations are carried out to determine the adequacy of collateral margins. Services of independent professional appraisers are used where the Bank lacks adequate internal valuation capability or where dictated by industry practice or legal requirements. Where appropriate, collateral values are adjusted to reflect current market conditions, the probability of recovery and the period of time to realise the collateral in the event of repossession.

The Bank will only grant unsecured loans where clean lending is a market feature and insistence on security would compromise Bank's market share. In such an instance, the Bank ensures that the borrower has proven record of sound financial condition and ability to repay the loan from internal sources in the ordinary course of business. In addition, we ensure that total outstanding borrowings of the obligor do not exceed 70% of estimated asset value.

The Bank believes that the requirement for collateral is not a substitute for the ability to pay, which is a primary consideration in the Bank's lending decisions. Although the Bank will usually collateralise its credit exposure to a customer, such an obligor is expected to repay the loan in the ordinary course of business without forcing the Bank to look to the collateral for ultimate repayment. Therefore, if while reviewing a loan request, there is the possibility that the collateral will need to be relied upon to repay the loan, the Bank will not grant the facility.

Where guarantees are used for credit risk mitigation, the creditworthiness of the guarantor is assessed and established using the credit approval process in addition to that of the obligor or main counterparty.

Management of secured credits requires periodic inspections of the collateral to ensure its existence and adequacy for the bank's exposure. These inspections include examination of security agreements to determine enforceability of liens, verification of adequate insurance protection, proper legal registration and adequacy of overall safeguards.

When obligations are secured by marketable securities, predetermined maintenance margins are established and the securities are liquidated if the value falls to this limit except if additional and satisfactory security is provided. In all cases, only valuations done at the instance of the Bank can be considered acceptable for the purposes of credit risk mitigation. The Bank ensures that all properties and chattels pledged as collateral are properly and adequately insured with the Bank's interest duly noted as first loss beneficiary. Only insurance policies obtained from an insurance firm in the Bank's pre-approved list of Insurance Companies are acceptable as eligible collateral.

The Bank's policies regarding obtaining collateral have not significantly changed during the reporting year and there has been no significant change in the overall quality of the collateral held by the Bank since the prior year.

The following table indicates the Bank's credit exposures by class and value of collaterals:

	31 December 2023		31 December 2022	
	Exposure	Collateral Value	Exposure	Collateral Value
	N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million
Secured against real estate	262,135	995,106	502,967	1,594,056
Secured by shares of quoted companies	-	-	-	-
Secured by others	2,843,447	16,399,742	1,683,724	10,968,566
Unsecured	742	-	10,069	-
Gross Loans and Advances to Customers	3,106,324	17,394,847	2,196,760	12,562,622

The Bank closely monitors collateral held for financial assets considered to be credit-impaired, as it becomes more likely that the Bank will take possession of collateral to mitigate potential credit losses.

3.3 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 and to replace funds when they are withdrawn. The consequence may be the failure to meet obligations to repay depositors and fulfil commitments to lenders.

3.3.1 Management of Liquidity Risk

The Bank's principal liquidity objective is to ensure that the Bank holds sufficient liquid reserve to enable it meet all probable cashflow obligations, without incurring undue transaction costs under normal conditions. Liquidity management safeguards the ability of the bank to meet all payment obligations as they fall due. The Bank's liquidity risk management framework has been an important factor in maintaining adequate liquidity and a healthy funding profile during the year and is structured to identify, measure and manage the Bank's liquidity risk at all times. The Board approved liquidity policy guides the management of liquidity risk strategically through the Board Risk Committee (BRC) as well as Asset and Liability Committee (ALCO) and daily by the Market Risk Division. The liquidity management framework is designed to identify measure and manage The Bank's liquidity risk position at all times. Underlying Assets and Liabilities Management policies and procedures are reviewed and approved regularly by the Assets and Liability Management Committee (ALCO).

The Bank has established liquidity and concentration limits and ratios, tolerance levels as well as triggers, through which it identifies liquidity risk. It also uses gap analysis to identify short, medium and long term mismatches, deploying gapping strategies to appropriately manage them. Periodic monitoring is carried out to trigger immediate reaction to deviations from set limits.

Short-Term Liquidity

The Bank's reporting system tracks cash flows on a daily basis. This system allows management to assess the Bank's short-term liquidity position in each location by currency and products. The system captures all of the Bank's cash flows from transactions on the Bank's Statement of financial position, as well as liquidity risks resulting from off-balance sheet transactions. We take account of products that have no specific contractual maturities by extrapolating from their historical behaviour of cash flows.

Asset Liquidity

The asset liquidity component tracks the volume and booking location of the Bank's inventory of unencumbered liquid assets, which we can use to raise liquidity in times of need. The liquidity of these assets is an important element in protecting us against short-term liquidity squeezes. We keep a portfolio of highly liquid securities in major currencies to supply collateral for cash needs associated with clearing activities.

Management of Liquidity Risk - continued

Funding Diversification

Diversification of the Bank's funding profile in terms of investor types, regions, products and instruments is also an important element of the Bank's liquidity risk management practices. In addition, the bank invests in liquid assets to facilitate quick conversion to cash, should the need arise.

Stress Testing

As a result of volatilities which take place in the Bank's operating environment, the Bank conducts stress tests to evaluate the size of potential losses related to rate movements under extreme market conditions. These are conducted on elements of its trading portfolio and the balance sheet in response to the economic and market outlook. Consideration is given to historical events, prospective events and regulatory guidelines. The Bank, after ALCO's authorization, responds to the result of this activity, by modifying the portfolio and taking other specific steps to reduce the expected impact in the event that these risks materialize.

3.3.2 Maturity Analysis

The table below analyses financial assets and liabilities of the Bank into relevant maturity bands based on the remaining period at reporting date to the contractual maturity date. The table includes both principal and interest cash flows.

	Up to 1 month	1-3 months	3-12 months	1-5 years	Over 5 years	Total
	N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million
31 December 2023						
Non-derivative assets						
Restricted balances with central bank	-	-	-	1,174,398	-	1,174,398
Cash and Cash equivalents	362,530	14,390	-	-	-	376,920
Loans and advances to customers	235,975	515,799	867,353	1,001,318	2,013,800	4,634,245
Derivative financial assets	-	-	-	-	-	-
Investment securities	-	-	-	-	-	-
- Financial instrument at FVTPL	77	317	6,931	1,001	4,215	12,540
- Debt instruments at amortised	951	44,292	417,381	339,063	1,017,731	1,819,418
- Debt instruments at FVOCI	23,622	21,402	121,127	40,236	35,132	241,520
Other Assets	39,589	197,946	166,432	-	-	403,968
Total financial assets	662,744	794,146	1,579,225	2,556,016	3,070,877	8,663,008
Derivative assets						
Trading :						
Gross settled		5,947		-	-	5,947
Net settled						
	-	5,947	-	-	-	5,947
Total financial assets	662,744	800,093	1,579,225	2,556,016	3,070,877	8,668,955
Financial liabilities						
Non-derivative liabilities						
Customer deposits	337,757	373,604	657,113	1,328,011	1,389,284	4,085,770
Other liabilities	122,415	170,073	248,943	360,566	281,890	1,183,887
Debt issued and other borrowed funds	85	61,998	53,379	520,491	49,049	685,002
	460,257	605,676	959,434	2,209,068	1,720,223	5,954,658
Derivative Liabilities						
Trading :						
Gross settled	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net settled						
	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total financial liabilities	460,257	605,676	959,434	2,209,068	1,720,223	5,954,658
Gap (assets-liabilities)	202,487	194,417	619,791	346,948	1,350,654	
Cumulative liquidity gap	202,487	396,904	1,016,695	1,363,643	2,714,297	
Financial Guarantee Contracts:						
Performance bonds and guarantees	38,303	132,311	284,455	169,511	106,200	730,779
Letters of credit	91,580	127,638	177,868	16,276	-	413,362
	129,883	259,949	462,323	185,786	106,200	1,144,141

3.3.2 Maturity Analysis - continued

	Up to 1 month	1-3 months	3-12 months	1-5 years	Over 5 years	Total
	N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million
31 December 2022						
Restricted balances with central bank	248,556	-	-	614,535	-	863,091
Cash and Cash equivalents	287,015	13,646	-	-	-	300,661
Loans and advances to customers	119,771	303,382	518,204	887,120	1,364,320	3,192,797
Derivative financial assets	-	-	-	-	-	-
Investment securities	-	-	-	-	-	-
- Held for trading	228	380	1,076	293	816	2,793
- Available for sale	17,804	22,854	248,445	133,634	353,254	775,991
- Held to maturity	1,094	1,472	16,782	15,733	9,386	44,467
Other Assets	10,034	50,172	40,138	-	7,159	107,503
Total financial assets	684,502	391,906	824,645	1,651,315	1,734,935	5,287,303
Derivative assets						
Trading :						
Gross settled		4,778		-	-	4,778
Net settled						
	-	4,778	-	-	-	4,778
Total financial assets	684,502	396,684	824,645	1,651,315	1,734,935	5,292,081
Financial liabilities						
Non-derivative liabilities						
Customer deposits	307,166	373,276	445,359	838,959	973,495	2,938,255
Other liabilities	114,904	51,075	88,571	238,776	367,464	860,790
Debt issued and other borrowed funds	67	25,942	29,418	240,383	53,431	349,241
	422,137	450,293	563,348	1,318,118	1,394,390	4,148,286
Derivative Liabilities						
Trading :						
Gross settled	-	1,208	-	-	-	1,208
Net settled						
	-	1,208	-	-	-	1,208
Total financial liabilities	422,137	451,501	563,348	1,318,118	1,394,390	4,149,494
Gap (assets-liabilities)	262,365	(54,817)	261,297	333,197	340,545	
Cumulative liquidity gap	262,365	207,548	468,845	802,042	1,142,587	
Financial Guarantee Contracts:						
Performance bonds and guarantees	8,293	75,908	248,141	157,276	-	489,618
Letters of credit	32,840	56,001	126,856	-	-	215,697
Total	41,133	131,909	374,997	157,276	-	705,315

3.4 Market Risk

The Bank takes on exposure to market risks, which is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will be adversely affected by changes in market prices such as interest rates, foreign exchange rates, equity prices and commodity prices.

3.4.1 Management of Market Risk

Essentially, the banking business is subject to the risk that financial market prices and rates will move and result in profits or losses for us. Market risk arises from the probability of adverse movements in financial market prices and rates. The Bank's definition of financial market prices in this regard refer to interest rates, equity prices, foreign exchange rates, commodity prices, the correlations among them and their levels of volatility. Interest rate and equity price risks consist of two components each: general risk, which describes value changes due to general market movements, and specific risk which has issuer-related causes.

The Bank assumes market risk in both the Bank's trading and non-trading activities. The Bank underwrite market risks by making markets and taking proprietary positions in the inter-bank, bonds, foreign exchange and other security markets. The Bank separates its market risk exposures between the trading and the banking books. Overall authority and management of market risk in the Bank is invested on the Assets and Liability Management Committee (ALCO).

The Board approves the Bank's Market Risk Management policy and performs its oversight management role through the Board Risk Committee (BRC). The Bank's trading strategy evolves from its business strategy, and is in line with its risk appetite. The Bank's Market Risk division manages the Bank's market risk in line with established risk limits, which are measured, monitored and reported periodically. Established risk limits, which are monitored on a daily basis by the Bank's Market Risk group, include intraday, daily devaluation for currency positions, net open position, dealers', deposit placement, stop loss, duration and management action trigger limits. Daily positions of the Bank's trading books are marked-to-market to enable the Bank obtain an accurate view of its trading portfolio exposures. Financial market prices used in the mark-to-market exercise are independently verified by the Market Risk division with regular reports prepared at different levels to reflect volatility of the Bank's earnings

3.4.2 Foreign Exchange Risk

The Bank takes on exposure to the effects of fluctuations in the prevailing foreign currency exchange rates on its financial position and cash flows. The Board sets limits on the level of exposure by currency and its aggregate for both overnight and intra-day positions, which are monitored daily.

The table below summarises the Bank's exposure to foreign currency exchange risk at 31 December 2023.

31 December 2023					
	USD	GBP	Euro	Naira	Total
	N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million
Financial assets					
Restricted balances with central bank	-	-	-	1,174,398	1,174,398
Cash and Cash equivalents	199,832	8,017	20,850	147,960	376,659
Loans and advances to customers	1,494,524	4,676	11,018	1,453,311	2,963,531
Derivative assets	5,947	-	-	-	5,947
Investment securities:	-	-	-	-	-
- Financial assets at FVTPL	-	-	-	7,684	7,684
- Debt instruments at FVOCI	18,495	-	-	169,066	187,561
- Equity instruments at FVOCI	8,930	-	-	91,833	100,763
- Debt instruments at amortised cost	-	-	-	818,756	818,756
Other financial assets	291,262	11,442	86	99,638	402,428
	2,018,991	24,135	31,954	3,962,647	6,037,727
Financial liabilities					
Customer deposits	1,243,428	24,752	20,523	2,638,139	3,926,842
Derivative liabilities	-	-	-	-	-
Other liabilities	247,342	2,138	2,138	882,497	1,134,115
Debt issued and other borrowed funds	511,458	-	-	65,570	577,028
	2,002,228	26,890	22,660	3,586,207	5,637,985
Net on balance sheet position	16,763	(2,755)	9,293	376,440	399,742
Net exposure	16,763	(2,755)	9,293	376,440	399,742

Sensitivity Analysis of Foreign Currency Statement of Financial Position Currency

	USD	GBP	Euro
	N'million	N'million	N'million
Net effect on Statement of Financial Position	16,763	(2,755)	9,293
Closing Exchange Rate (Naira/ Currency)	952	1,140	991
1% Currency Depreciation (+)	961	1,152	1,001
Net effect of depreciation on Profit or loss (pre-tax)	168	(28)	93
1% Currency Appreciation (-)	942	1,129	981
Net effect of appreciation on Profit or loss (pre-tax)	(168)	28	(93)

The table below summarises the Bank's exposure to foreign currency exchange risk at 31 December 2022.

31 December 2022					
	USD	GBP	Euro	Naira	Total
	N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million
Financial assets					
Restricted balances with central bank	-	-	-	863,090	863,090
Cash and Cash equivalents	142,925	2,821	4,208	150,391	300,345
Loans and advances to customers	708,659	535	2,970	1,404,048	2,116,212
Derivative financial assets	4,778	-	-	-	4,778
Investment securities:	-	-	-	-	-
- Financial assets at FVTPL	-	-	-	2,036	2,036
- Debt instruments at FVOCI	6,587	-	-	22,109	28,696
- Equity instruments at FVOCI	5,379	-	-	22,180	27,559
- Debt instruments at amortised cost	-	-	-	479,591	479,591
Other financial assets	204,439	191	302	(98,778)	106,154
	1,072,767	3,547	7,480	2,844,666	3,928,461
Financial liabilities					
Customer deposits	699,084	5,305	4,780	1,871,431	2,580,600
Derivative financial liabilities	1,208	-	-	-	1,208
Other liabilities	120,979	239	1,821	691,843	814,882
Debt issued and other borrowed funds	204,773	-	-	56,693	261,466
	1,026,044	5,544	6,601	2,619,967	3,658,156
Net exposure	46,723	(1,997)	879	224,699	270,305

Sensitivity Analysis of Foreign Currency Statement of Financial Position Currency

	USD	GBP	Euro
	N'million	N'million	N'million
Net effect on Statement of Financial Position	46,723	(1,997)	879
Closing Exchange Rate (Naira/ Currency)	461	555	492
1% Currency Depreciation (+)	466	561	497
Net effect of depreciation on Profit or loss	467	(20)	9
1% Currency Appreciation (-)	456	549	487
Net effect of appreciation on Profit or loss	(467)	20	(9)

The Bank's exposure to foreign exchange risk is largely concentrated in USD. Movement in the exchange rate between the foreign currencies and the Nigerian naira affects reported earnings through revaluation gain or loss and the statement of financial position through an increase or decrease in the revalued amounts of financial assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies.

3.4.3 Interest Rate Risk

The table below summarises the Bank's interest rate gap position on non-trading portfolios:

31 December 2023	Carrying amount	Variable interest	Fixed interest	Non interest- bearing
	N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million
Financial assets				
Restricted balances with central bank	1,174,398	-	-	1,174,398
Cash and Cash equivalents	376,659	-	32,353	344,306
Loans and advances to customers	2,963,531	647,617	2,315,914	-
Derivative assets	5,947	-	-	5,947
Investment securities	-	-	-	-
- Financial assets at FVTPL	7,684	-	7,684	-
- Debt instruments at FVOCI	187,561	-	187,561	-
- Debt instruments at amortised cost	818,756	-	818,756	-
Other financial assets	402,428	-	-	402,428
	5,936,964	647,617	3,362,268	1,927,079
Financial liabilities				
Customer deposits	3,926,842	-	1,574,066	2,352,776
Derivative liabilities	-	-	-	-
Other liabilities	1,134,115	-	443,736	690,379
Debts issued and other borrowed funds	577,028	83,185	493,843	-
	5,637,985	83,185	2,511,645	3,043,155

31 December 2022	Carrying amount	Variable interest	Fixed interest	Non interest- bearing
	N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million
Financial assets				
Restricted balances with central bank	863,090	-	-	863,090
Cash and Cash equivalents	300,345	-	13,412	286,933
Loans and advances to customers	2,116,212	308,884	1,807,328	-
Derivative assets	4,778	-	-	4,778
Investment securities	-	-	-	-
- Financial assets at FVTPL	2,036	-	2,036	-
- Debt instruments at FVOCI	28,696	-	28,696	-
- Debt instruments at amortised cost	479,591	-	479,591	-
Other financial assets	106,154	-	-	106,154
	3,900,902	308,884	2,331,063	1,260,955
Financial liabilities				
Customer deposits	2,580,600	-	1,009,317	1,571,283
Derivative financial liabilities	1,208	-	-	1,208
Other liabilities	814,882	-	473,604	341,278
Debts issued and other borrowed funds	261,466	26,648	234,699	119
	3,658,156	26,648	1,717,620	1,913,888

(a) Interest Rate Sensitivity

Total interest repricing gap

The repricing gap details each time the interest rates are expected to change.

31 December 2023	Less than 3 months	3-6 months	6-12 months	1-5 years	More than 5 years	Total rate sensitive
	N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million
Financial assets						
Restricted balances with central bank	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cash and Cash equivalents	32,356	-	-	-	-	32,356
Loans and advances to customers	731,685	192,738	567,164	669,822	802,120	2,963,531
Derivative financial assets	-	-	-	-	-	-
Investment securities	-	-	-	-	-	-
- Financial assets at FVTPL	5,627	28	758	863	407	7,684
- Debt instruments at FVOCI	83,160	10,048	27,161	17,249	49,943	187,561
- Debt instruments at amortised cost	532,148	-	61,227	17,836	209,803	821,014
Total assets	1,384,977	202,814	656,310	705,771	1,062,273	4,012,145
Financial liabilities						
Customer deposits	276,822	117,231	102,541	538,960	538,512	1,574,066
Derivative Financial Liabilities	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other liabilities	7,529	15,661	23,492	161,931	235,123	443,736
Debts issued and other borrowed funds	61,683	28,594	-	444,271	42,480	577,028
Total liabilities	346,034	161,485	126,033	1,145,162	816,115	2,594,830
Net financial assets/(liabilities)	1,038,943	41,329	530,277	(439,391)	246,158	1,417,315

31 December 2022	Less than 3 months	3-6 months	6-12 months	1-5 years	More than 5 years	Total rate sensitive
	N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million
Financial assets						
Restricted balances with central bank	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cash and Cash equivalents	13,412	-	-	-	-	13,412
Loans and advances to customers	382,974	236,814	213,122	609,339	673,963	2,116,212
Derivative financial assets	-	-	-	-	-	-
Investment securities	-	-	-	-	-	-
- Financial assets at FVTPL	602	748	258	78	351	2,037
- Debt instruments at FVOCI	2,394	102	14,416	6,265	5,519	28,696
- Debt instruments at amortised cost	38,308	144,490	78,084	48,756	169,954	479,592
Total assets	437,690	382,154	305,880	664,438	849,787	2,639,949
Financial liabilities						
Customer deposits	267,345	92,043	78,175	285,899	285,855	1,009,317
Derivative Financial Liabilities	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other liabilities	11,080	1,562	13,870	130,312	316,780	473,604
Debts issued and other borrowed funds	26,170	15,746	-	178,125	41,425	261,466
Total liabilities	304,595	109,351	92,045	594,336	644,060	1,744,387
Net financial assets and liabilities	133,095	272,803	213,835	70,102	205,727	895,562

(b) INTEREST RATE SENSITIVITY ANALYSIS ON VARIABLE RATES INSTRUMENTS ON PROFIT AND EQUITY

31 December 2023	Increase/Decr ease in bp	Amount	Effect of increase by 200bp on Profit	Effect of decrease by 200bp on Profit	Effect of increase by 200bp on Equity	Effect of decrease by 200bp on Equity
			N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million
Asset with variable interest rate						
Loans and advances to customers	+200bp/-200bp	647,617	12,952	(12,952)	12,952	(12,952)
Debts issued and other borrowed funds	+200bp/-200bp	83,185	(1,664)	1,664	(1,664)	1,664

(b)

INTEREST RATE SENSITIVITY ANALYSIS ON VARIABLE RATES INSTRUMENTS ON PROFIT AND EQUITY - continued
31 December 2022

Asset with variable interest rate	Increase/Decrease in bp	Amount N'million	Effect of increase by 200bp on Profit N'million	Effect of decrease by 200bp on Profit N'million	Effect of increase by 200bp on Equity N'million	Effect of decrease by 200bp on Equity N'million
Loans and advances to customers	+/-200bp	308,884	6,178	(6,178)	6,178	(6,178)
Debts issued and other borrowed funds	+/-200bp	26,648	(533)	533	(533)	533

(c) **INTEREST RATE SENSITIVITY ANALYSIS ON FIXED RATE INSTRUMENTS ON PROFIT AND EQUITY**
31 December 2023

Asset with variable interest rate	Increase/Decrease in bp	Amount N'million	Effect of increase by 200bp on Equity N'million	Effect of decrease by 200bp on Equity N'million	Effect of increase by 200bp on Equity N'million	Effect of decrease by 200bp on Equity N'million
Investments:						
-Financial assets measured at FVTPL	+/-200bp	7,684	154	(154)	154	(154)
-Debt instruments at FVOCI*	+/-200bp	187,561	-	-	3,751	(3,751)

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Asset with variable interest rate	Increase/Decrease in bp	Amount N'million	Effect of increase by 200bp on Profit N'million	Effect of decrease by 200bp on Profit N'million	Effect of increase by 200bp on Equity N'million	Effect of decrease by 200bp on Equity N'million
Investments:						
-Financial assets held for trading	+/-200bp	2,036	41	(41)	41	(41)
-Debt instruments at FVOCI*	+/-200bp	29,229	-	-	585	(585)

*Changes in the value of debt instruments at FVOCI will impact other comprehensive income (OCI) rather than profit.

3.4.4 Equity Price Risk

Equity price risk is the risk that the fair value of equities decreases as a result of changes in the level of equity indices and individual stocks. A 72.6 percent increase in the value of the Bank's equity investment at FVOCI at 31 December 2023 would have increased equity by N72.2billion (December 2022: N1.53 billion). An equivalent decrease would have resulted in an equivalent but opposite impact.

3.5 Fair Value of Financial Assets and Liabilities

	31 December 2023		31 December 2022	
	Carrying value N'million	Fair value N'million	Carrying value N'million	Fair value N'million
Financial assets				
Cash and balances with Central bank of Nigeria	1,311,414	1,311,414	1,017,606	1,017,606
Cash	21,440	21,440	33,300	33,300
Balances with central bank other than mandatory reserve deposits	115,576	115,576	121,216	121,216
Mandatory reserve deposits with central banks	1,174,398	1,174,398	863,090	863,090
Due from banks	239,643	239,804	145,829	146,101
- Current balances with foreign banks	207,289	207,448	132,417	132,499
- Placements with other banks and discount houses	32,353	32,356	13,412	13,601
Loans and advances to customers	2,963,531	3,106,324	2,116,212	2,196,760
- Term loans	2,708,156	2,797,245	1,866,402	1,908,096
- Advances under finance lease	9,380	9,406	15,120	18,202
- Other loans	245,994	299,673	234,690	270,462
Derivative financial assets	5,947	5,947	4,778	4,778
Fair Value Through Profit and Loss	7,684	7,684	2,036	2,036
- Treasury bills	6,661	6,661	1,685	1,685
- Federal Government bonds	1,023	1,023	351	351
- Placement	-	-	-	-
Debt instruments at FVOCI	187,561	187,561	28,696	28,696
- Treasury bills	153,028	153,028	16,677	16,677
- Federal Government bonds	17,714	17,714	4,825	4,825
- State Government bonds	5,897	5,897	2,256	2,256
- Corporate bonds	10,922	10,922	4,938	4,938
Equity instruments measured at FVOCI	100,763	100,763	27,560	27,560
Debt instruments at amortised	818,756	821,014	479,591	480,422
- Treasury bills	404,848	405,537	261,847	261,914
- Federal Government bonds	393,635	394,879	202,481	202,665
- State Government bonds	5,079	5,120	-	-
- Corporate Bonds	15,195	15,478	15,263	15,843

	31 December 2023		31 December 2022	
	Carrying value N'million	Fair value N'million	Carrying value N'million	Fair value N'million
Financial liabilities				
Deposits from customers	1,364,702	1,364,702	398,793	398,793
Term	75,999	75,999	696,745	696,745
Domiciliary	1,288,703	1,288,703	-	-
Derivative financial liabilities	-	-	1,208	1,208
Debts issued and other borrowed funds	577,028	577,028	261,466	261,466

(a) Financial Instruments Measured at Fair Value

IFRS 13 specifies a hierarchy of valuation techniques based on whether the inputs to those valuation techniques are observable or unobservable. Observable input reflect market data obtained from independent sources; unobservable inputs reflect the Bank's market assumptions. These two types of inputs have created the following fair value hierarchy:

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

This hierarchy requires the use of observable market data when available. The Bank considers relevant and observable market prices in its valuations where possible.

31 December 2023	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Financial assets	N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million
Assets measured at fair value				
Financial assets at FVTPL				
- Federal Government bonds	-		-	-
- State Government bonds	-	1,023	-	1,023
- Treasury bills	-	6,661	-	6,661
- Placement	-	-		-
			-	-
Debt instruments measured at FVOCI				
- Treasury bills	-	153,028	-	153,028
- Federal Government bonds	-	17,714	-	17,714
- State Government bonds	-	5,897	-	5,897
- Corporate bonds	-	10,922		10,922
Equity instruments measured at FVOCI	72,333	28,430	-	100,763
Assets for which fair values are disclosed				-
Loans and Advances				-
- Term loans	-	-	2,797,245	2,797,245
- Advances under finance lease	-	-	9,406	9,406
- Other loans	-	-	299,673	299,673
Derivative financial assets	-	5,947	-	5,947
				-
Debt instruments at amortised cost				-
- Treasury bills	-	405,537	-	405,537
- Federal Government bonds	-	394,879	-	394,879
- State Government bonds	-	5,120	-	5,120
- Corporate Bonds	-	15,478	-	15,478
Financial liabilities at FVTPL	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
	N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million
Derivative financial liabilities	-	24,225	-	24,225
Financial liabilities for which fair values are disclosed				-
Financial liabilities carried at amortised cost				-
Debt issued and other borrowed funds	-	-	577,028	577,028
Deposits from customers			1,364,702	1,364,702

(a) Financial Instruments Measured at Fair Value - continued

31 December 2022	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Financial assets	N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million
Assets measured at fair value				
Held for trading				
- Federal Government bonds			-	-
- State Government bonds		351	-	351
- Treasury bills			-	-
- Placement		1,685		1,685
				-
Debt instruments measured at FVOCI				
- Treasury bills	-	16,677	-	16,677
- Federal Government bonds	-	4,825	-	4,825
- State Government bonds	-	2,256	-	2,256
- Corporate bonds	-	4,937		4,937
Equity instruments measured at FVOCI	2,395	26,000	-	28,395
Assets for which fair values are disclosed	-	-	-	-
Loans and Advances				-
- Term loans	-	-	1,908,096	1,908,096
- Advances under finance lease	-	-	18,202	18,202
- Other loans	-	-	270,462	270,462
Derivative financial assets	-	4,778	-	4,778
				-
Debt instruments at amortised cost				-
- Treasury bills	-	261,914	-	261,914
- Federal Government bonds	-	202,665	-	202,665
- State Government bonds	-	-	-	-
- Corporate bonds	-	15,843	-	15,843
Financial liabilities at FVTPL	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
	N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million
Derivative financial liabilities	-	1,208	-	1,208
Financial liabilities for which fair values are disclosed				-
Financial liabilities carried at amortised cost				-
Debt issued and other borrowed funds	-	-	261,466	261,466
Deposits from customers			1,095,539	1,095,539

(c) Fair Valuation Methods and Assumptions

- (i) Cash and balances with central banks
- Cash and balances with central bank represent cash held with central banks of the various jurisdictions in which the Bank operates. The fair value of these balances approximates their carrying amounts.
- (ii) Due from other banks
- Due from other banks represents balances with local and correspondence banks, inter-bank placements and items in the course of collection. The fair value of the current account balances, floating placements and overnight deposits approximates their carrying amounts.
- (iii) Derivatives
- The Bank uses widely recognized valuation models for determining the fair value of common and simple financial instruments, such as interest rate and currency swaps that use only observable market data and require little judgement and estimation. Observable prices or model inputs are usually available in the market for listed debt and equity securities, exchange-traded derivatives and simple OTC derivatives such as interest rate swaps. Availability of observable market prices and model inputs reduces the need for management judgement and estimation and also reduces the uncertainty associated with determining fair values. Availability of observable markets prices and inputs varies depending on the products and markets and is prone to changes based on specific events and general conditions in the financial markets.
- (iv) Treasury Bills and Bonds
- Treasury bills represent short term instruments issued by the Central banks of the jurisdiction where the Bank operates. The fair value of treasury bills are derived from the quoted yields, while the fair value of bonds are determined with reference to quoted prices in active markets for identical assets. For certain securities market prices cannot be readily obtained especially for illiquid Federal Government Bonds, State Government and Corporate Bonds. The positions was marked-to-model at 31 December 2023 and 31 December 2022 based on yields for identical assets. Fair value is determined using discounted cash flow model.

(v) Equity Securities

The fair value of unquoted equity securities are determined based on the level of information available. The investment in unquoted entities is carried at fair value. They are measured at fair value using price multiples.

(vi) Loans and Advances to customers

Loans and advances are carried at amortised cost net of allowance for impairment. The estimated fair value of loans and advances represents the discounted amount of estimated future cash flows expected to be received. Expected cash flows are discounted at current market rates to determine fair value.

(c) Fair valuation methods and assumptions - continued

(vii) Overdraft

The management assessed that the fair value of Overdrafts approximate their carrying amounts largely due to the short-term maturities of these instruments.

(viii) Other Assets

Other assets represent monetary assets which usually has a short recycle period and as such the fair values of these balances approximate their carrying amount.

(ix) Deposits from banks and due to customers

The estimated fair value of deposits with no stated maturity, which includes non-interest bearing deposits, is the amount repayable on demand. The estimated fair values of fixed interest-bearing deposits and borrowings are determined using a discounted cash flow model based on a current yield curve appropriate for the remaining term to maturity.

(x) Other Liabilities

Other liabilities represent monetary assets which usually has a short recycle period and as such the fair values of these balances approximate their carrying amount.

(xi) Debt Issued And Other Borrowed Funds

The fair of the Bank's Eurobond issued is derived from quoted market prices in active markets. The fair values of the Bank's interest-bearing borrowings and loans are determined by using the DCF method using discount rate that reflects the issuer's borrowing rate as at the end of the reporting period. The fair value is determined by using discounted cashflow method.

3.6 Operational Risk Management

Operational risk is the potential for loss arising from inadequate or failed internal processes, people and systems or from external events. This definition includes legal and regulatory risk, but excludes strategic and reputational risk.

The scope of operational risk management in the Bank covers risk exposures that may lead to unavailability of service, information deficiency, financial loss, increased costs, loss of professional reputation, failure to keep or increase market share, risks which result in the imposition of sanctions on the Bank by regulators or legal proceedings against the Bank by third parties.

• The event of Covid-19 situation made the Bank put additional focus on several operational risk aspects, such as:

- Business continuity plans to support our employees, customers and overall businesses.
- Potential increase of cyber risk due to new conditions in business management and remote working. Our cyber security programme continued to be improved by strengthening detection, response and protection mechanisms.
- Increase in technological support in order to ensure adequate customer service and correct performance of our services, especially in online banking and call centres.

Organizational Set-up

Operational Risk Management is an independent risk management function within Fidelity Bank. The Operational Risk & Service Measurements Committee is the main decision-making committee for all operational risk management matters and approves the Bank's standards for identification, measurement, assessment, reporting and monitoring of operational risk. Operational Risk Management is responsible for defining the operational risk framework and related policies while the responsibility for implementing the framework day-to-day operational risk management lies with the Bank's business and support units. Based on this business partnership model the Bank ensures close monitoring and high awareness of operational risk.

Operational Risk Framework

As is common with all businesses, operational risk is inherent in all operations and activities of the Bank. We therefore carefully manage operational risk based on a consistent framework that enables us to determine the Bank's operational risk profile in comparison to the Bank's risk appetite and to define risk mitigating measures and priorities. We apply a number of techniques to efficiently manage operational risk in the Bank's business, for example: as part of the Bank's strategy for making enterprise risk management the Bank's discriminating competence, the Bank has redefined business requirements across all networks and branches using the following tools:

Loss Data Collection

The Bank implements an event driven Loss Data Collection (LDC) system designed to facilitate collection of internal loss data triggered at the occurrence of a loss event anywhere within the divisions of the Bank. The LDC system captures data elements, which discriminate between boundary events related to credit, market and operational risk. The system facilitates collection of loss data arising from actual losses, potential losses and near misses. Work-flow capabilities built within the Bank's predefined Event Escalation Matrix enable risk incidents to be reported to designated Event Identifiers, Event Managers, Event Approvers and Action Owners that manage each risk incident from point of occurrence to closure.

Risk and Control Self Assessments (RCSA)

The Bank implement a quantitative methodology for the Bank's Risk and Control Self Assessments, which supports collection of quantitative frequency and severity estimates. Facilitated top-down RCSA workshops are used by the bank to identify key risks and related controls at business unit levels. During these workshops business experts and senior management identify and discuss key risks, controls and required remedial actions for each respective business unit and the results captured within the operational risk database for action tracking.

3.6 Operational Risk Management - continued

Key Risk Indicators (KRIs)

The Bank measures quantifiable risk statistics or metrics that provide warning signals of risk hotspots in the Bank's entity. The Bank has established key risk indicators with tolerance limits for core operational groups of the Bank. The Bank's KPI database integrates with the Loss Data Collection and Risk & Control Self Assessment models and systems to provide red flags that typically inform initiatives for risk response actions in the Bank.

Business Continuity Management (BCM)

The Bank recognises that adverse incidences such as technology failure, natural and man-made disasters could occur and may affect the Bank's critical resources leading to significant business disruption. To manage this risk, our BCM plans assist in building resilience for effective response to catastrophic events. In broad categories, the plans which are tested periodically, cover disaster recovery, business resumption, contingency planning and crisis management.

4. Capital Management

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

- a. To comply with the capital requirements set by the regulators of the banking markets where the entities within the Bank operate;
- b. 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
- c. 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 the Bank's management, employing techniques based on the guidelines developed by the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN), for supervisory purposes. The required information is filed with the CBN on a monthly basis.

The CBN requires each bank to: (a) hold the minimum level of the regulatory capital of N25 billion and (b) maintain a ratio of total regulatory capital to the risk-weighted asset at or above the minimum of 15% for an international licensed Bank.

In 2016, the Central Bank of Nigeria issued circular BSD/DIR/CIR/GEN/LAB/06/03 to all Bank's and discount houses on the implementation of Basel II/III issued 10 December 2013 and guidance notes to the regulatory capital measurement and management for the Nigerian Banking System for the implementation of Basel II/III in Nigeria. The capital adequacy ratio for the year ended 31 December 2023 and the comparative period 31 December 2022 is in line with the new circular. The computations are consistent with the requirements of Pillar I of Basel II ACord (Internal Convergence of capital measurement and Capital Standards. Although the guidelines comply with the requirement of the Basel II accord certain sections were adjusted to reflect the peculiarities of the Nigerian environment.

The Bank's regulatory capital as managed by its Financial Control and Treasury Units is made up of Tier 1 and Tier 2 capital as follows:

Tier 1 capital: This includes only permanent shareholders' equity (issued and fully paid ordinary shares/common stock and perpetual non-cumulative preference shares) and disclosed reserves (created or increased by appropriations of retained earnings or other surpluses). There is no limit on the inclusion of Tier 1 capital for the purpose of calculating regulatory capital.

Tier 2 capital: This includes revaluation reserves, general provisions/general loan loss reserves, Hybrid (debt/equity), capital instruments and subordinated debt. Tier 2 capital is limited to a maximum of 33.3% of the total of Tier 1 capital.

The CBN excluded the following reserves in the computation of total qualifying capital:

- 1 The Regulatory Risk Reserve created pursuant to Section 12.4 (a) of the Prudential Guidelines which was effective on 1 July 2010 is excluded from regulatory capital for the purposes of capital adequacy assessment;
- 2 Collective impairment on loans and receivables and other financial assets no longer forms part of Tier 2 capital; and
- 3 Other Comprehensive Income (OCI) Reserves is recognized as part of Tier 2 capital subject to the limits on the Calculation of Regulatory Capital.

6 Interest and similar income using effective interest rate method

	Group 31 December 2023	Group 31 December 2022	Bank 31 December 2023	Bank 31 December 2022	Bank Q4 2023	Bank Q4 2022
	N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million
Loans and advances to customers	363,749	230,951	360,914	230,951	100,402	66,601
Advances under finance lease	2,487	4,857	2,487	4,857	523	1,051
Treasury bills and other investment securities:					0	0
-Fair value through other comprehensive income	11,233	7,734	10,564	7,734	4,485	1,444
-Amortised cost	56,039	34,330	56,039	34,330	19,031	9,715
Placements and short term funds	1,393	534	1,393	534	373	148
	434,901	278,406	431,397	278,406	124,813	78,959

Interest and similar income represents interest income on financial assets measured at amortised cost and Fair value through other comprehensive income.

Interest income accrued on impaired financial assets amount to N1,262.40 million (31 December 2022: N2,214 million) in the financial Statement .

7 Interest expense calculated using the effective interest rate method

	Group 31 December 2023	Group 31 December 2022	Bank 31 December 2023	Bank 31 December 2022	Bank Q4 2023	Bank Q4 2022
	N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million
Term deposits	107,610	84,529	107,610	84,529	29,698	29632
Debts issued and other borrowed funds	36,588	40,282	36,549	40,282	11,509	7052
Savings deposits	21,799	8,800	21,799	8,800	6,247	3989
Current accounts	7,190	4,251	7,035	4,251	2,696	1140
Inter-bank takings	518	33	105	33	38	0
Intervention loan	8,965	4,988	8,965	4,988	2,013	1308
	182,670	142,883	182,063	142,883	52,201	43121

Total interest expense is calculated using the effective interest rate method as reported above and does not include interest expense on financial liabilities carried at fair value through profit or loss.

8 Credit loss expense

The table below shows the ECL charges on financial instruments for the period ended 31 December 2023 recorded in profit or loss:

Note	Group						
	Stage 1 Individual	Stage 1 Collective	Stage 2 Individual	Stage 2 Collective	Stage 3	POCI	Total
	N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million
Due from banks (Note 21)	-	(111)	-	-	-	-	(111)
Loans and advances to customers (Note 22)	-	(6,066)	-	42,083	25,942	-	61,959
Debt instruments measured at FVOCI (24.6.1)	-	326	-	-	-	-	326
Debt instruments measured at amortised costs (24.4)	-	1,428	-	-	-	-	1,428
Financial guarantees (Note 31.3.1)	-	121	-	-	-	-	121
Letters of credit (Note 32.3.2)	-	352	-	-	-	-	352
	-	(3,950)	-	42,083	25,942	-	64,075
Other assets (Note 29)	2,008	-	-	-	-	-	2,008
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2,008	(3,950)	-	42,083	25,942	-	66,083

The table below shows the ECL charges on financial instruments for the period ended 31 December 2022 recorded in profit or loss:

Note	Group						
	Stage 1 Individual	Stage 1 Collective	Stage 2 Individual	Stage 2 Collective	Stage 3	POCI	Total
	N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million
Due from banks (Note 21)	-	(252)	-	-	-	-	(252)
Loans and advances to customers (Note 22)	-	918	-	1,712	3,785	-	6,415
Debt instruments measured at FVOCI (24.6.1)	-	24	-	-	-	-	24
Debt instruments measured at amortised costs (24.4)	-	6	-	-	-	-	6
Financial guarantees (Note 31.3.1)	-	(29)	-	-	-	-	(29)
Letters of credit (Note 32.3.2)	-	(733)	-	-	-	-	(733)
	-	(66)	-	1,712	3,785	-	5,431
Other assets (Note 29)	12	-	-	-	-	-	12
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	12	(66)	-	1,712	3,785	-	5,443

The table below shows the ECL charges on financial instruments for the period ended 31 December 2023 recorded in profit or loss:

Note	Bank						
	Stage 1 Individual	Stage 1 Collective	Stage 2 Individual	Stage 2 Collective	Stage 3	POCI	Total
	N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million
Due from banks (Note 21)	-	(111)	-	-	-	-	(111)
Loans and advances to customers (Note 22)	-	(5,778)	-	42,083	25,942	-	62,247
Debt instruments measured at FVOCI (24.6.1)	-	326	-	-	-	-	326
Debt instruments measured at amortised costs (24.4)	-	1,428	-	-	-	-	1,428
Financial guarantees (Note 31.3.1)	-	121	-	-	-	-	121
Letters of credit (Note 32.3.2)	-	352	-	-	-	-	352
	-	(3,662)	-	42,083	25,942	-	64,363
Other assets (Note 29)	2,008	-	-	-	-	-	2,008
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2,008	(3,662)	-	42,083	25,942	-	66,371

The table below shows the ECL charges on financial instruments for the period ended 31 December 2022 recorded in profit or loss:

Note	Bank						
	Stage 1 Individual	Stage 1 Collective	Stage 2 Individual	Stage 2 Collective	Stage 3	POCI	Total
	N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million
Due from banks (Note 21)	-	(252)	-	-	-	-	(252)
Loans and advances to customers (Note 22)	-	918	-	1,712	3,785	-	6,415
Debt instruments measured at FVOCI (24.6.1)	-	24	-	-	-	-	24
Debt instruments measured at amortised costs (24.4)	-	6	-	-	-	-	6
Financial guarantees (Note 31.3.1)	-	(29)	-	-	-	-	(29)
Letters of credit (Note 32.3.2)	-	(733)	-	-	-	-	(733)
	-	(66)	-	1,712	3,785	-	5,431
Other assets (Note 29)	12	-	-	-	-	-	12
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	12	(66)	-	1,712	3,785	-	5,443

9 Net fee and commission income

Fee and commission income is disaggregated below and includes a total fees in scope of IFRS 15, Revenues from Contracts with Customers:

Segments	Group					
	31 December 2023					
	Group		Group		Bank	
	31 December	2023	1 December	2022	December	2022
	N'million		N'million		N'million	
Fee and comission type:						
ATM charges	10,388		8,833		10,388	
Accounts maintenance charge	8,513		5,042		8,483	
Commission on E-banking activities	3,644		2,831		3,577	
Commission on travellers cheque and foreign bills	5,677		3,212		5,677	
Commission on fidelity connect	3,335		2,136		3,335	
Letters of credit commissions and fees	5,407		2,931		4,985	
Commissions on off balance sheet transactions	3,931		71		3,931	
Other fees and commissions	813		2,347		807	
Commision and fees on banking services	789		701		789	
Commision and fees on NXP	446		555		446	
Collection fees	337		867		337	
Telex fees	1,466		315		1,466	
Cheque issue fees	67		1,182		67	
Remittance fees	92		124		92	
Total revenue from contracts with customers	44,905		31,147		44,380	
Other non-contract fee income:						
Credit related fees	4,766		3,271		4,766	
Total fees and commission income	49,670		34,418		49,146	
Fee and commission expense	(11,812)		(12,695)		(11,812)	
Net fee and commission income	37,858		21,723		37,334	

The fees and commission income reported above excludes amount included in determining effective interest rates on financial assets that are not carried at fair value through profit or loss.

10 Derecognition loss on financial asset

The table below shows the modification charge on financial instruments recorded in profit or loss :

	Group 31 December 2023 N'million	Group 31 December 2022 N'million	Bank 31 December 2023 N'million	Bank 31 December 2022 N'million	Bank Q4 2023 N'million	Bank Q4 2022 N'million
Modified Loan Assets (Carrying Amount)			-			-
Specific allowances for impairment			-			-
	-		-		-	-
Derecognition loss	-		-		-	-
	-		-		-	-

In line with IFRSs, derecognition is carried out when the cash flows of the modified assets are substantially different from the contractual cash flows of the original financial assets. Based on this, A modification was carried out on affected customers' loans, the cash flows of the original financial assets were deemed to have expired and therefore modified to reflect a new financial assets at fair value . The gross carrying amount of the loan before modification was Nill billion (December 2023 is Nil). The financial assets is not deemed to be credit impaired.

11 Other operating income

	Group 31 December 2023 N'million	Group 31 December 2022 N'million	Bank 31 December 2023 N'million	Bank 31 December 2022 N'million	Bank Q4 2023 N'million	Bank Q4 2022 N'million
Net foreign exchange gains	44,087	2,680	44,087	2,680	19,094	325
Dividend income	2,018	397	2,018	397	0	17
Profit on disposal of property, plant and equipment	49	(56)	49	(56)	1	19
Profit on disposal of unquoted securities	0	-	-	-	0	0
Loan Recoveries	470	3,967	470	3,967	52	171
Other income	76	66	76	66	10	12
	46,700	7,054	46,700	7,054	19,158	543

11a Net foreign exchange gain represent unrealised gains from the revaluation of foreign currency-denominated assets and liabilities held in the non-trading books.

11b Dividend income represent dividend received from the Bank's investment in equity instruments held for strategic purposes and for which the Bank has elected to present the fair value and loss in other comprehensive income. See note 2.4.2.b

11c Loan recoveries represents amount recovered for previously written-off facilities. The amount is recognised on a cash basis only.

11d Other income relates to other miscelanoue income made during the financial year

12 Net gains from financial instruments classified as fair value through profit or loss

	Group 31 December 2023 N'million	Group 31 December 2022 N'million	Bank 31 December 2023 N'million	Bank 31 December 2022 N'million	Bank Q4 2023 N'million	Bank Q4 2022 N'million
Net losses from financial instruments classified as held for trading						
Net gains/(losses) arising from:						
- Bonds	918	(481)	918	(481)	82	20
- Treasury bills	-18	3	(18)	3	631	-187
- Placements/Foreign exchange	111	-	-	-	0	0
- Derivatives	19,010	(1,090)	19,010	(1,090)	0	39
	20,021	(1,568)	19,910	(1,568)	713	(128)

Net gains on debt instruments financial assets reclassified from other comprehensive income amount to N1,023 million (31 December 2022: N693 million) in the financial Statements.

12.1 Other interest and similar income measured at FVTPL

	25,522	17,172	25,522	17,172	7,286	5,125
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Other interest and similar income on financial assets measured at FVTPL have been presented separately in the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income.

13 Personnel expenses

	Group 31 December 2023	Group 31 December 2022	Bank 31 December 2023	Bank 31 December 2022	Bank Q4 2023	Bank Q4 2022
	N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million
Wages and salaries	50,531	26,077	48,473	26,077	18,578	6,798
End of the year bonus (see note 32)	1,807	3,164	1,807	3,164	1,807	652
Pension contribution	555	490	555	490	144	128
	52,893	29,731	50,835	29,731	20,528	7,578

14 Depreciation and Amortisation

	Group 31 December 2023	Group 31 December 2022	Bank 31 December 2023	Bank 31 December 2022	Bank Q4 2023	Bank Q4 2022
	N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million
Property, plant and equipment (Note 25)	4,602	3,732	4,602	3,732	782	991
Computer software (Note 27)	1,766	2,191	1,645	2,191	435	450
Depreciation of ROU asset (Note 26)	732	693	679	693	679	190
	7,101	6,616	6,926	6,616	1,896	1,631

15 Other operating expenses

	Group 31 December 2023	Group 31 December 2022	Bank 31 December 2023	Bank 31 December 2022	Bank Q4 2023	Bank Q4 2022
	N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million
Marketing, communication & entertainment	23,428	21,883	23,428	21,883	6,561	8,475
Banking sector resolution cost	23,071	18,276	23,071	18,276	0	0
Outsourced cost	7,426	5,613	7,352	5,613	2,088	1,484
Deposit insurance premium	11,129	8,238	11,129	8,238	2,828	2,151
Repairs and maintenance	8,315	5,395	8,315	5,395	2,684	1,589
Other expenses	10,323	2,621	8,720	2,621	5,347	31
Computer expenses	16,571	4,422	16,571	4,422	7,759	1,592
Lease expense (Finance Cost)	39	45	39	45	39	
Security expenses	1,842	1,484	1,842	1,484	586	400
Rent and rates	399	389	399	389	139	94
Cash movement expenses	976	817	976	817	216	200
Training expenses	1,606	568	1,606	568	1,241	225
Travelling and accommodation	2,663	1,363	2,663	1,363	1,207	424
Consultancy expenses	2,466	4,818	2,466	4,818	960	2,537
Corporate finance expenses	15,992	2,675	15,992	2,675	8,468	564
Legal expenses	590	657	590	657	199	87
Electricity	756	565	756	565	197	164
Office expenses	393	313	393	313	99	95
Directors' emoluments	1,044	982	1,044	982	263	355
Insurance expenses	564	411	564	411	194	117
Stationery expenses	1,092	658	1,092	658	336	210
Bank charges	2,438	1,674	2,438	1,674	811	392
Auditors' remuneration	515	185	515	185	108	16
Donation	210	108	210	108	113	33
Telephone expenses	145	124	145	124	40	31
Postage and courier expenses	200	153	200	153	63	38
Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment	0	0	-	-	-	-
	134,194	84,437	132,516	84,437	42,545	21,304

15a Banking sector resolution cost represents AMCON a statutory levy chargeable annually on every Bank's total assets in Nigeria. This is applicable on total balance sheet size of the Bank. The current applicable rate in Nigeria based on AMCON Act of 2021 is 0.5% of total assets (inclusive of off-balance sheet)

15b The Bank paid external auditors' professional fees for the provision of non-audit services. The total amount of non-audit services provided to the external auditors during the period was N9.06 million. These non-audit services were for Common Reporting Standard (CRS) Reporting (N1 million), Corporate Tax Reporting (N8.06 million). These services in the Bank's opinion, did not impair the independence and objectivity of the external auditors as adequate safeguards were put in place .

15c The bank paid a total of N298.88 million as contribution to the Industrial Training Fund.

16 Taxation

	Group 31 December 2023 N'million	Group 31 December 2022 N'million	Bank 31 December 2023 N'million	Bank 31 December 2022 N'million
a Income tax expense				
Current taxes on income for the period (Minimum tax)	15,967	4,679	15,967	4,679
Tertiary education tax (note 16g)	2,271	1,277	2,271	1,277
Police Trust Fund (note 16e)	5	3	5	3
National Agency for science and engineering infrastructure 0.25%	191	134	191	134
Capital gains tax	5	-	5	-
Information Technology levy (note 16f)	1,222	537	1,222	537
Current income tax expense	19,661	6,630	19,661	6,630
Deferred tax expense	1,105	323	1,105	323
	20,766	6,953	20,766	6,953

	2023 N'million	2022 N'million	2023 N'million	2022 N'million
b Total income tax expense in profit or loss				
Profit before income tax	122,062	53,677	122,152	53,677
Income tax using the domestic corporation tax rate of 32.5% (Dec 2021 : 32.5%)	39,670	17,445	39,699	17,445
Non-deductible expenses	2,989	11,854	2,989	11,854
Tax exempt income	(12,393)	(7,653)	(12,393)	(7,653)
Utilization of previously unrecognised tax losses	(4,627)	(23,851)	(4,627)	(23,851)
Unrecognised deferred tax assets	-	-	-	-
Income Tax expense based on Minimum tax (note 16d)	15,967	4,679	15,967	4,679
Effect of concessions (research and development and other allowances)	-	-	-	-
Tertiary education tax (note 16g)	2,271	1,277	2,271	1,277
Capital gain tax	5	-	5	-
Police Trust Fund (note 16e)	5	3	5	3
National Agency for science and engineering infrastructure 0.25%	191	134	191	134
Information Technology levy (note 16f)	1,222	537	1,222	537
Deferred Tax expense	1,105	-	1,105	-
	20,766	6,630	20,766	6,630

Effective tax rate

The effective income tax rate is 17% (31 December 2022: 12.95%).

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	2023 N'million	2022 N'million	2023 N'million	2022 N'million
c The movement in the current income tax payable is as follows:				
At 1 January	8,446	3,523	8,446	3,523
Income tax paid	(6,277)	(1,707)	(6,277)	(1,707)
WHT recovered	(112)	-	(112)	-
Current income tax expense	19,661	6,630	20,766	6,630
At 31 December	21,718	8,446	22,823	8,446

d The income tax is based on minimum tax assessment in line with the Finance Act 2021 at 0.5% of Gross Earning Income as there is no taxable profit to charge tax. (2020: The basis of income tax is minimum tax assessment at 0.25% of Gross Earning Income in accordance with Finance Act 2020).

e The Nigerian Police Trust Fund Act (PTFA) 2019, stipulates that operating business in Nigeria to contribute 0.005% of their net profit to Police Trust Fund. In line with the Act, the Bank has provided for Police Trust Fund at the specified rate and recognised it as part of income tax for the period

f The National Information Technology Agency Act (NITDA) 2007, stipulates that specified companies contribute 1% of their profit before tax to National Information Development Agency. In line with the Act, the Bank has provided for Information technology levy at the specified rate and recognised it as part of income tax for the period.

g Tertiary Education Tax (TET) as amended by Finance Act 2021, stipulates that 2.5% of assessable profit of bank shall be contributed to funding of tertiary educational institutions in Nigeria. A specified rate has been provided as Tertiary Education Tax and recognised it as part of income tax for the period by the Bank.

h National Agency for Science and Engineering Infrastructure Act (NASENI) stipulates that 0.25% of bank profit before tax should be contributed to funding the agency. The Bank has provided a specified rate for NASENI fund and recognised it as part of the income tax for the period.

17 Net reclassification adjustments for realised net gains

The net reclassification adjustments for realised net gains from other comprehensive income to profit or loss are in respect of debt instruments measured at fair value through other comprehensive income which matured during the period. See Other Comprehensive Income.

18 Earnings per share (EPS)

Basic earnings per share is calculated by dividing the net profit attributable to equity holders of the Bank by the weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue during the year. The diluted earnings per share is the same as basic EPS because there are no potential ordinary shares outstanding during the reporting period.

	Group 31 December 2023	Group 31 December 2022	Bank 31 December 2023	Bank 31 December 2022	Bank Q4 2023	Bank Q4 2022
Profit attributable to equity holders of the Bank (N'million)	142,828	46,724	101,386	46,724	46,724	12,205
Weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue (N'million)	32,000	28,963	32,000	28,963	32,000	28,963
Basic & diluted earnings per share (expressed in kobo per share)	446.34	161.32	316.83	161.32	146.01	42.14

a Basic and diluted earnings per share are the same, as the Bank has no potentially dilutive ordinary shares.

b In compliance with the provisions of Section 124 of CAMA 2020, the bank issued 3,037,414,308 units of unissued shares by way of Private Placement prior to the end of the 2022 financial year to bring the issued shares to 32,000,000,000 units of 50k shares ..

19 Cash and Cash equivalents

	31 December 2023 N'million	31 December 2022 N'million	31 December 2023 N'million	31 December 2022 N'million
Cash	21,440	33,300	21,440	33,300
Balances with central bank other than mandatory reserve deposits	115,576	121,216	115,576	121,216
Due from banks	246,425	145,829	239,643	145,829
Total cash and cash equivalents	383,441	300,345	376,659	300,345

19.1 Due from Banks

	31 December 2023 N'million	31 December 2022 N'million	31 December 2023 N'million	31 December 2022 N'million
Current accounts with foreign banks	207,448	132,500	207,448	132,500
Placements with other banks and discount houses	32,356	13,601	32,356	13,601
Sub-total	239,804	146,101	239,804	146,101
Less: Allowance for impairment losses	-161	(272)	(161)	(272)
	271,999	145,829	239,643	145,829

19.2 Movement in allowance for impairment losses

At 1 Jan	272	524	272	524
Profit or Loss	(111)	(252)	(111)	(252)
At 31 December	161	272	161	272

Cash and cash equivalents comprise balances with less than three months' maturity from the date of acquisition, including cash on hand, deposits held at call with other banks and other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of less than three months. See Note 44

20 Restricted balances with central bank

	31 December 2023 N'million	31 December 2022 N'million	31 December 2023 N'million	31 December 2022 N'million
Mandatory reserve deposits with central bank (see note 20.1 below)	945,037	614,534	945,037	614,534
Special cash reserve (see note 20.2 below)	229,361	248,556	229,361	248,556
Carrying amount	1,174,398	863,090	1,174,398	863,090

20.1 Mandatory reserve deposits are not available for use in the Bank's day-to-day operations. It represents a percentage of the Customers' deposits and are non interest-bearing. The amount, which is based on qualified assets, is determined by the Central Bank of Nigeria from time to time. For the purpose of statement of cash flows, these balances are excluded from the cash and cash equivalents.

20.2 Special cash reserve represents special Intervention funds held with Central Bank of Nigeria as a regulatory requirement.

20.3 Cash and Bank Balances was separated into Cash and Cash Equivalent ,and Balances with Central Bank to reflect best practice . See Note 44

21 Impairment Allowance for Due from Banks

The table below shows the credit quality and the maximum exposure to credit risk based on the external credit rating system and year-end stage classification. The amounts presented are gross of impairment allowances. Details of the external rating system are explained in Note 3.2.2 and policies about whether ECL allowances are calculated on an individual or collective basis are set out in Note 3.2.1.

31 December 2023				
	Stage 1 individual N'million	Stage 2 Individual N'million	Stage 3 N'million	Total N'million
External rating grade				
Performing				
High grade	195,733	-	-	195,733
Standard grade	40,930	-	-	40,930
Sub-standard grade	3,141	-	-	3,141
Past due but not impaired	-	-	-	-
Non- performing				
Individually impaired	-	-	-	-
Total	239,804	-	-	239,804
31 December 2022				
	Stage 1 individual N'million	Stage 2 Individual N'million	Stage 3 N'million	Total N'million
External rating grade				
Performing				
High grade	121,725	-	-	121,725
Standard grade	19,007	-	-	19,007
Sub-standard grade	5,368	-	-	5,368
Past due but not impaired	-	-	-	-
Non- performing				
Individually impaired	-	-	-	-
Total	146,100	-	-	146,100

An analysis of changes in the gross carrying amount and the corresponding ECL allowances is, as follows:

31 December 2023				
	Stage 1 individual N'million	Stage 2 Individual N'million	Stage 3 N'million	Total N'million
Gross carrying amount as at 1 January 2023	146,101	-	-	146,101
New assets originated or purchased	22,786	-	-	22,786
Assets derecognised or repaid (excluding write offs)	(4,389)	-	-	(4,389)
Transfers to Stage 1	-	-	-	-
Transfers to Stage 2	-	-	-	-
Transfers to Stage 3	-	-	-	-
Changes to contractual cash flows due to modifications not resulting in derecognition	-	-	-	-
Amounts written off	-	-	-	-
Changes in PD/LGD/EAD and Accrued Interest	-	-	-	-
Foreign exchange adjustments	75,305	-	-	75,305
At 31 December 2023	239,804	-	-	239,804
31 December 2022				
	Stage 1 individual N'million	Stage 2 Individual N'million	Stage 3 N'million	Total N'million
Gross carrying amount as at 1 January 2022	134,302	-	-	134,302
New assets originated or purchased	14,161	-	-	14,161
Assets derecognised or repaid (excluding write offs)	(12,155)	-	-	(12,155)
Transfers to Stage 1	-	-	-	-
Transfers to Stage 2	-	-	-	-
Transfers to Stage 3	-	-	-	-
Changes to contractual cash flows due to modifications not resulting in derecognition	-	-	-	-
Amounts written off	-	-	-	-
Accrued Interest	(1,715)	-	-	(1,715)
Foreign exchange adjustments	11,507	-	-	11,507
At 31 December 2022	146,100	-	-	146,100

31 December 2023				
	Stage 1 individual N'million	Stage 2 Individual N'million	Stage 3 N'million	Total N'million
ECL allowance as at 1 January 2023	272	-	-	272
New assets originated or purchased	2	-	-	2
Assets derecognised or repaid (excluding write offs)	(189)	-	-	(189)
Transfers to Stage 1	-	-	-	-
Transfers to Stage 2	-	-	-	-
Transfers to Stage 3	-	-	-	-
Impact on period end ECL of exposures transferred between stages during the period	-	-	-	-
Unwind of discount	-	-	-	-
Changes to contractual cash flows due to modifications not resulting in derecognition	-	-	-	-
Changes to models and inputs used for ECL calculations	-	-	-	-
Changes in PD/LGD/EAD and Accrued Interest	-	-	-	-
Amounts written off	-	-	-	-
Foreign exchange adjustments	76	-	-	76
At 31 December 2023	161	-	-	161

31 December 2022				
	Stage 1 individual N'million	Stage 2 Individual N'million	Stage 3 N'million	Total N'million
ECL allowance as at 1 January 2022	524	-	-	524
New assets originated or purchased	190	-	-	190
Assets derecognised or repaid (excluding write offs)	(440)	-	-	(440)
Transfers to Stage 1	-	-	-	-
Transfers to Stage 2	-	-	-	-
Transfers to Stage 3	-	-	-	-
Impact on Year end ECL of exposures transferred between stages during the year	-	-	-	-
Unwind of discount	-	-	-	-
Changes to contractual cash flows due to modifications not resulting in derecognition	-	-	-	-
Changes to models and inputs used for ECL calculations	-	-	-	-
Recoveries	(9)	-	-	(9)
Amounts written off	-	-	-	-
Foreign exchange adjustments	7	-	-	7
At 31 December 2022	272	-	-	272

Contractual amounts outstanding in relation to Due from banks that were still subject to enforcement activity, but otherwise had already been written off, were nil both at 31 December 2023 and at 31 December 2022.

22 Loans and Advances to Customers

	Group 31 December 2023 N'million	Group 31 December 2022 N'million	Bank 31 December 2023 N'million	Bank 31 December 2022 N'million
Loans to corporate and other organisations	3,160,285	2,129,774	3,030,274	2,129,774
Loans to individuals	76,051	66,986	76,051	66,986
	3,236,335	2,196,760	3,106,324	2,196,760
Less: Allowance for ECL/impairment losses	(142,794)	(80,548)	(142,794)	(80,548)
	3,093,541	2,116,212	2,963,530	2,116,212
	31 December 2023 N'million	31 December 2023 N'million	31 December 2023 N'million	31 December 2022 N'million
Loans to corporate entities and other organisations				
Overdrafts	281,837	256,424	281,837	256,424
Term loans	2,870,090	1,856,537	2,740,080	1,856,537
Advance under finance lease	8,357	16,813	8,357	16,813
	3,160,284	2,129,774	3,030,274	2,129,774
Less: Allowance for ECL/impairment losses	(125,218)	(75,203)	(125,218)	(75,203)
	3,035,066	2,054,571	2,905,056	2,054,571
Loans to individuals				
Overdrafts	17,837	14,038	17,837	14,038
Term loans	57,165	51,559	57,165	51,559
Advance under finance lease	1,049	1,389	1,049	1,389
	76,051	66,986	76,051	66,986
Less: Allowance for ECL/impairment losses	(17,576)	(5,345)	(17,576)	(5,345)
	58,475	61,641	58,475	61,641
Movement in Allowance for ECL/impairment losses for loans to corporate entities and other organization				
Net loans and advances include	3,093,541	2,116,212	2,963,531	2,116,212

22.1 Impairment allowance for loans and advances to customers

22.1.1 Corporate and Other Organisations

The table below shows the credit rating of corporate obligors and the maximum exposure to credit risk based on the Bank's internal credit rating system and year-end stage classification. The amounts presented are gross of impairment allowances. Details of the Bank's internal grading system are explained in Note 3.2.2 and policies on whether ECL allowances are calculated on an individual or collective basis are set out in Note 3.2.1.

	31 December 2023				
	Stage 1 Individual N'million	Stage 2 Individual N'million	Stage 3 N'million	POCI N'million	Total N'million
Internal rating grade					
Performing					
High grade (AAA - A)	293,551	193,711	-	-	487,262
Standard grade (BBB - B)	1,513,818	778,734	-	-	2,292,552
Sub-standard grade (CCC - CC)	179,627	4,009	-	-	183,636
Past due but not impaired (C)	-	-	-	-	-
Non- performing:					
Individually impaired	-	-	66,824	-	66,824
Total	1,986,996	976,453	66,824	-	3,030,274
	31 December 2022				
	Stage 1 Individual N'million	Stage 2 Individual N'million	Stage 3 N'million	POCI N'million	Total N'million
Internal rating grade					
Performing					
High grade (AAA - A)	283,833	54,489	-	-	338,322
Standard grade (BBB - B)	1,224,621	250,631	-	-	1,475,252
Sub-standard grade (CCC - CC)	147,837	116,907	-	-	264,745
Past due but not impaired (C)	-	-	-	-	-
Non- performing:					
Individually impaired	-	-	51,455	-	51,455
Total	1,656,291	422,027	51,455	-	2,129,774

An analysis of changes in the gross carrying amount and the corresponding ECL allowances in relation to Corporate lending is, as follows:

	31 December 2023				
	Stage 1 Individual N'million	Stage 2 Individual N'million	Stage 3 N'million	POCI N'million	Total N'million
Gross carrying amount as at					
1 January 2023	1,656,291	422,027	51,455	-	2,129,774
New assets originated or purchased	385,016	-	-	-	385,016
Assets derecognised or repaid (excluding write offs)	(167,077)	(1,961)	(54,219)	-	(223,257)
Transfers to Stage 1	97,613	(96,019)	(1,594)	-	0
Transfers to Stage 2	(282,930)	283,378	(447)	-	0
Transfers to Stage 3	(24,130)	(16,780)	40,910	-	-
Changes to contractual cash flows due to modifications not resulting in derecognition	-	-	-	-	-
Unwind of discount	14,418	5,347	654	-	20,419
Amounts written off			(3,610)	-	(3,610)
Changes in PD/LGD/EAD Including Accrued Interest	22,633	22,838	26,490	-	71,961
Foreign exchange adjustments	285,163	357,624	7,186	-	649,972
At 31 December 2023	1,986,996	976,453	66,824	-	3,030,274

	31 December 2022				
	Stage 1 Individual N'million	Stage 2 Individual N'million	Stage 3 N'million	POCI N'million	Total N'million
Gross carrying amount as at					
1 January 2022	1,303,827	318,410	43,648	-	1,665,885
New assets originated or purchased	963,441	-	-	-	963,441
Assets derecognised or repaid (excluding write offs)	(551,915)	(15,038)	(28,644)	-	(595,597)
Transfers to Stage 1	(113,979)	106,543	7,436	-	-
Transfers to Stage 2	18,319	(18,290)	(29)	-	-
Transfers to Stage 3	(2,163)	41	2,122	-	-
Changes to contractual cash flows due to modifications not resulting in derecognition	-	-	-	-	-
Unwind of discount	12,412	8,217	401	-	21,030
Amounts written off	(50)	(86)	(490)	-	(626)
Changes in PD/LGD/EAD	22,934	20,386	25,835	-	69,155
Foreign exchange adjustments	3,465	1,845	1,176	-	6,486
At 31 December 2022	1,656,291	422,027	51,455	-	2,129,774

22 Loans and Advances to Customers - continued

	31 December 2023				
	Stage 1 Collectively	Stage 2 Collectively N'million	Stage 3 N'million	POCI N'million	Total N'million
ECL allowance as at 1 January 2023 under IFRS 9	18,866	28,612	27,725	-	75,203
New assets originated or purchased	21,141	-	-	-	21,141
Assets derecognised or repaid (excluding write offs)	(28,165)	(10)	(8,805)	-	(36,981)
Transfers to Stage 1	3,156	(2,779)	(377)	-	(0)
Transfers to Stage 2	(5,344)	5,748	(403)	-	0.00
Transfers to Stage 3	(8,507)	7,760	747	-	0.00
Impact on year end ECL of exposures transferred between stages during the year				-	-
Unwind of discount	421	3,481	1,352	-	5,254
Changes to contractual cash flows due to modifications not resulting in derecognition	-	-	-	-	-
Changes in PD/LGD/EAD Including Accrued Interest	7,321	2,955	13,834	-	24,110
Changes to models and inputs used for ECL calculations	-	-	(3,610)	-	(3,610)
Amounts written off			-	-	-
Foreign exchange adjustments	4,321	25,002	10,778	-	40,101
At 31 December 2023	13,209	70,770	41,240	-	125,218

	31 December 2022				
	Stage 1 Collectively N'million	Stage 2 Collectively N'million	Stage 3 N'million	POCI N'million	Total N'million
ECL allowance as at 1 January 2022 under IFRS 9	16,720	26,663	24,829	-	68,213
New assets originated or purchased	11,279	-	-	-	11,279
Assets derecognised or repaid (excluding write offs)	(2,491)	(6,417)	(3,743)	-	(12,651)
Transfers to Stage 1	(11,693)	6,166	5,527	-	-
Transfers to Stage 2	386	(376)	(10)	-	-
Transfers to Stage 3	(405)	402	3	-	-
Impact on year end ECL of exposures transferred between stages during the year				-	-
Unwind of discount	392	244	31	-	667
Changes to contractual cash flows due to modifications not resulting in derecognition	-	-	-	-	-
Changes in PD/LGD/EAD Including Accrued Interest	4,629	1,990	1,577	-	8,197
Changes to models and inputs used for ECL calculations	-	-	-	-	-
Amounts written off	(50)	(86)	(490)	-	(626)
Foreign exchange adjustments	98	26	-	-	124
At 31 December 2022	18,866	28,612	27,725	0	75,203

The contractual amount outstanding on loans that have been written off, but were still subject to enforcement activity was nil at 31 December 2023 (31 December 2022: nil).

The increase in ECLs of the portfolio was driven by an increase in the gross size of the portfolio and movements between stages as a result of increase in credit risk and changes in economic conditions. Further analysis of economic factors is outlined in Note 3.

22.1.2 Loans to individuals

The table below shows the credit rating of loans to individuals and the maximum exposure to credit risk based on the Bank's internal credit rating system and year-end stage classification. The amounts presented are gross of impairment allowances. Details of the Bank's internal grading system are explained in Note 3.2.2 and policies on whether ECL allowances are calculated on an individual or collective basis are set out in Note 3.2.1.

31 December 2023					
	Stage 1 Collectively N'million	Stage 2 Collectively N'million	Stage 3 N'million	POCI N'million	Total N'million
Internal rating grade					
Performing					
High grade (AAA - A)	-	-	-	-	-
Standard grade (BBB - B)	47,487	882	-	-	48,370
Sub-standard grade (CCC - CC)	745	-	-	-	745
Past due but not impaired (C)	-	-	-	-	-
Non- performing	-	-	-	-	-
Individually impaired	-	-	26,936	-	26,936
Total	48,232	882	26,936	-	76,051

31 December 2022					
	Stage 1 Collectively N'million	Stage 2 Collectively N'million	Stage 3 N'million	POCI N'million	Total N'million
Internal rating grade					
Performing					
High grade (AAA - A)	-	-	-	-	-
Standard grade (BBB - B)	51,504	1,163	-	-	52,667
Sub-standard grade (CCC - CC)	1,130	-	-	-	1,130
Past due but not impaired (C)	-	-	-	-	-
Non- performing	-	-	-	-	-
Individually impaired	-	-	13,189	-	13,189
Total	52,634	1,163	13,189	-	66,986

An analysis of changes in the gross carrying amount and the corresponding ECL allowances in relation to individual lending is, as follows:

31 December 2023						
	Stage 1 Collectively N'million	Stage 2 Collectively N'million	Stage 3 N'million		POCI N'million	Total N'million
Gross carrying amount as at						
1 January 2023	52,634	1,163	13,189	-	-	66,986
New assets originated or purchased	19,363	-	-	-	-	19,363
Assets derecognised or repaid (excluding write offs)	(17,688)	(67)	(568)	-	-	(18,324)
Transfers to Stage 1	559	(166)	(393)	-	-	-
Transfers to Stage 2	(459)	468	(9)	-	-	0
Transfers to Stage 3	(12,344)	(769)	13,113	-	-	(0)
Changes to contractual cash flows due to modifications not resulting in derecognition	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unwind of discount	312	204	358	-	-	874
Changes in PD/LGD/EAD Including Accrued Interest	4,312	46	1,237	-	-	5,595
Amounts written off	-	-	-	-	-	-
Foreign exchange adjustments	1,543	3	10	-	-	1,556
At 31 December 2023	48,232	882	26,936		-	76,051

	31 December 2023				
	Stage 1 Collectively N'million	Stage 2 Collectively N'million	Stage 3 N'million	POCI N'million	Total N'million
ECL allowance as at 1 January 2023	511	81	4,753	-	5,345
New assets originated or purchased	1,428	-	-	-	1,428
Assets derecognised or repaid (excluding write offs)	(2,175)	(336)	(438)	-	(2,948)
Transfers to Stage 1	89	(7)	(82)	-	-
Transfers to Stage 2	(2)	7	(5)	-	(0)
Transfers to Stage 3	(31)	(46)	77	-	(0)
Impact on year end ECL of exposures transferred between stages during the period	-	-	-	-	-
Unwind of discount	423	168	8,432	-	9,023
Changes in PD/LGD/EAD Including Accrued Interest	141	136	4,329	-	4,606
Amounts written off	-	-	-	-	-
Foreign exchange adjustments	6	2	115	-	123
At 31 December 2023	390	6	17,180	-	17,576

	31 December 2022				
	Stage 1 Collectively N'million	Stage 2 Collectively N'million	Stage 3 N'million	POCI N'million	Total N'million
Gross carrying amount as at 1 January 2022	58,743	1,390	6,525	-	66,658
New assets originated or purchased	25,883	-	-	-	25,883
Assets derecognised or repaid (excluding write offs)	(19,954)	(407)	(840)	-	(21,201)
Transfers to Stage 1	293	(91)	(203)	-	-
Transfers to Stage 2	(439)	446	(8)	-	-
Transfers to Stage 3	(5,660)	(244)	5,905	-	-
Changes to contractual cash flows due to modifications not resulting in derecognition	-	-	-	-	-
Unwind of discount	351	122	89	-	562
Changes in PD/LGD/EAD Including Accrued Interest	(6,417)	(43)	1,776	-	(4,684)
Amounts written off	(166)	(10)	(133)	-	(308)
Foreign exchange adjustments	-	-	76	-	76
At 31 December 2022	52,634	1,163	13,189	-	66,986

	31 December 2022				
	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	POCI	Total
	Collectively	Collectively			
	N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million
Gross Carrying amount as at 1 January 2022	1,740	318	3,863	-	5,921
New assets originated or purchased	1,250	-	-	-	1,250
Assets derecognised or repaid (excluding write offs)	(441)	(195)	(639)	-	(1,275)
Transfers to Stage 1	186	(4)	(182)	-	-
Transfers to Stage 2	(65)	65	(0)	-	-
Transfers to Stage 3	(1,486)	(102)	1,588	-	-
Impact on year end ECL of exposures transferred between stages during the year				-	-
Unwind of discount	21	10	3	-	34
Changes in PD/LGD/EAD Including Accrued Interest	(528)	(1)	251	-	(277)
Amounts written off	(166)	(10)	(133)	-	(308)
Foreign exchange adjustments	-	-	-	-	-
At 31 December 2022	511	81	4,753	-	5,345

The increase in ECLs of the portfolio was driven by an increase in the gross size of the portfolio and movements between stages as a result of increases in credit risk and a deterioration in economic conditions. Further analysis of economic factors is outlined in Note 3.

22.1 Advances under finance lease may be analysed as follows:

	Group 31 December 2023 N'million	Group 31 December 2022 N'million	Bank 31 December 2023 N'million	Bank 31 December 2022 N'million
Gross investment				
- No later than 1 year	878	6,621	878	6,621
- Later than 1 year and no later than 5 years	10,147	11,448	10,147	11,448
- Later than 5 years	-	133	-	133
Less:	11,026	18,202	11,026	18,202
Allowance for ECL/impairment losses	(23)	-	(23)	-
Unearned future finance income on finance leases	(53)	(70)	(53)	(70)
Net investment	10,950	18,132	10,950	18,132
The net investment may be analysed as follows:				
- No later than 1 year	878	6,616	878	6,616
- Later than 1 year and no later than 5 years	10,125	11,382	10,125	11,382
- Later than 5 years	-	134	-	134
	11,003	18,132	11,003	18,132

22.2 Nature of security in respect of loans and advances:

	Group 31 December 2023 N'million	Group 31 December 2022 N'million	Bank 31 December 2023 N'million	Bank 31 December 2022 N'million
Secured against real estate	549,781	502,967	549,781	502,967
Secured by shares of quoted companies	-	-	-	-
Secured others	2,058,895	1,640,770	2,058,895	1,640,770
Advances under finance lease	37,523	42,954	37,523	42,954
Unsecured	100,434	10,069	100,434	10,069
Gross loans and advances to customers	2,746,633	2,196,760	2,746,633	2,196,760

23 Derivative Financial Instruments

The Bank entered into derivative contracts with counter parties; Total Return Swap with Standard Chartered Bank (“SCB”) , Meshraq (December 2022) and Non-deliverable Forwards with the Central Bank of Nigeria (“CBN”). The table below shows the fair values of derivative financial instruments recorded as assets or liabilities together with their notional amounts. The notional amount, recorded gross, is the quantity of the derivative contracts’ underlying instrument (being foreign currency and treasury bills). The notional amounts indicate the volume of transactions outstanding at the year end and are not indicative of either the market or credit risk.

	Group 31 December 2023 N'million	Group 31 December 2022 N'million	Bank 31 December 2023 N'million	Bank 31 December 2022 N'million
23a Derivative financial Assets				
Total return swap contracts	5,947	4,363	5,947	4,363
Non-deliverable forwards -	-	415.00	-	415.00
Futures Contracts	-	-	-	-
Total derivative financial Assets	5,947	4,778	5,947	4,778
Notional Amount				
Forward contracts	23,924	27,399	23,924	27,399
Futures Contracts	-	-	-	-
Total	23,924	27,399	23,924	27,399

	Group 31 December 2023 N'million	Group 31 December 2022 N'million	Bank 31 December 2023 N'million	Bank 31 December 2022 N'million
23b Derivative financial liabilities				
Total return swap contracts	-	1,208	-	1,208
Non-deliverable forwards	-	-	-	-
Futures Contracts	-	-	-	-
Total derivative financial Liabilities	-	1,208	-	1,208
Notional Amount				
Forward Contract	-	15,370	-	15,370
Futures Contracts	-	-	-	-
Total	-	15,370	-	15,370

i The Bank enters into currency forward contracts with counter parties. On initial recognition, the Bank estimates the fair value of derivatives transacted with the counter parties in line with IFRS 13. In many cases, all significant inputs into the valuation techniques are wholly observable (e.g with reference to similar transactions in the dealer market.) See note 2.4.2 c

ii During the period, various derivative contracts entered into by the Bank generated a net loss which was recognized in the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income , while additional liability was recognized for the liabilities .

iii All derivative contracts are current .

24 Investment Securities

	Group 31 December 2023 N'million	Group 31 December 2022 N'million	Bank 31 December 2023 N'million	Bank 31 December 2022 N'million
24.1 Financial assets at fair value through profit and loss (FVTPL)				
Federal Government bonds	1,023	351	1,023	351
Treasury bills	6,661	1,685	6,661	1,685
Placements	-	-	-	-
Total financial assets measured at FVTPL	7,684	2,036	7,684	2,036

	Group 31 December 2023 N'million	Group 31 December 2022 N'million	Bank 31 December 2023 N'million	Bank 31 December 2022 N'million
24.2 Debt instruments at fair value through other comprehensive income (FVOCI)				
Treasury bills	193,024	16,677	153,028	16,677
Federal Government bonds	17,714	4,825	17,714	4,825
State bonds	5,897	2,256	5,897	2,256
Corporate bonds	10,922	4,938	10,922	4,938
Total debt instruments measured at FVOCI	227,557	28,696	187,561	28,696

	Group 31 December 2023 N'million	Group 31 December 2022 N'million	Bank 31 December 2023 N'million	Bank 31 December 2022 N'million
24.3 Equity instruments at fair value through other comprehensive income (FVOCI)				
Unquoted equity investments:				
- Pay Attitude Global	13	20	13	20
- African Finance Corporation (AFC)	8,224	4,928	8,224	4,928
- Unified Payment Solution (UPSL)	16,799	12,791	16,799	12,791
- Nigerian Inter Bank Settlement System (NIBBS)	6,030	4,618	6,030	4,618
- African Export–Import Bank (AFREXIM BANK)	706	452	706	452
- The Central Securities Clearing System (CSCS)	3,371	2,334	3,371	2,334
- Investment in FMDQ	2,145	2,356	2,145	2,356
Quoted equity investments:				
- Fidelity Bank -UK	-	-	63,403	-
- Nigerian Exchange Group (NGX)	72	61	72	61
Total equity instruments at FVOCI	37,360	27,560	100,763	27,560

24.3.1 The Bank has designated its equity investments as equity investments at fair value through other comprehensive income (FVOCI) on the basis that these are not held for trading , see note **2.4.2.b**. During the year ended 31 December 2022 , the Bank recognised dividends of N387 million (December 2021 - N817 million) from its FVOCI equities which was recorded in the profit or loss as other operating income.

	Group 31 December 2023 N'million	Group 31 December 2022 N'million	Bank 31 December 2023 N'million	Bank 31 December 2022 N'million
24.4 Debt instruments at amortised cost				
Treasury bills	405,536	261,914	405,537	261,914
Federal Government bonds	394,879	202,665	394,879	202,665
State Government bonds	5,120	-	5,120	-
Corporate bonds	15,478	15,843	15,478	15,843
Sub-total	821,013	480,422	821,014	480,422
Allowance for impairment	-2,258	-830	-2,258	-830
Total debt instruments measured at amortised cost	818,756	479,592	818,756	479,592
Reconciliation of allowance for impairment				
At beginning of period	(830)	(824)	(830)	(824)
Additional allowance for impairment	(1,428)	(6)	(1,428)	(6)
At end of period	(2,258)	(830)	(2,258)	(830)
Total investments	1,091,357	537,884	1,114,764	537,884

24.5 Pledged Assets

The assets pledged as collateral were given to the counter parties without transferring the ownership to them. These are held by the counter party for the term of the transaction being collateralized.

Treasury Bills and Bonds are pledged to the Nigerian Inter Bank Settlement System Company Plc (NIBSS) in respect of the Bank's ongoing participation in the Nigerian settlement system. The Bank pledged Treasury bills and Bonds in its capacity as collection bank for government taxes and Interswitch electronic card transactions. The Bank also pledged Federal Government bonds in foreign currency to Standard Chartered Bank ("SCB") in respect of its short term borrowings.

The nature and carrying amounts of the assets pledged as collaterals are as follows:

	Group 31 December 2023 N'million	Group 31 December 2022 N'million	Bank 31 December 2023 N'million	Bank 31 December 2022 N'million
Treasury bills - Amortised cost	35,993	40,411	35,993	40,411
Federal Government bonds - Amortised cost	90,055	107,889	90,055	107,889

24.6 Impairment losses on financial investments subject to impairment assessment

24.6.1 Debt Instruments Measured at FVOCI

The table below shows the fair value of the Bank's debt instruments measured at FVOCI by credit risk, based on the Bank's internal credit rating system and Period-end stage classification. Details of the Bank's internal grading system are explained in Note 3.2.2 and policies on whether ECL allowances are calculated on an individual or collective basis are set out in Note 3.2.4:

31 December 2023				
	Stage 1 Collectively	Stage 2 Collectively	Stage 3	Total
	N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million
Internal rating grade				
Performing				
High grade	170,742	-	-	170,742
Standard grade	16,818	-	-	16,818
Sub-standard grade	-	-	-	-
Past due but not impaired	-	-	-	-
Non- performing				
Individually impaired	-	-	-	-
Total	187,561	-	-	187,561

31 December 2022				
	Stage 1 Collectively	Stage 2 Collectively	Stage 3	Total
	N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million
Internal rating grade				
Performing				
High grade	21,503	-	-	21,503
Standard grade	7,194	-	-	7,194
Sub-standard grade	-	-	-	-
Past due but not impaired	-	-	-	-
Non- performing				
Individually impaired	-	-	-	-
Total	28,696	-	-	28,696

An analysis of changes in the fair value and the corresponding ECLs is, as follows:

31 December 2023				
	Stage 1 Collectively	Stage 2 Collectively	Stage 3	Total
	N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million
Gross carrying amount as at 1 January 2023	28,696	-	-	28,696
New assets originated or purchased	159,091	-	-	159,091
Assets derecognised or matured (excluding write-offs)	(16,825)	-	-	(16,825)
Change in fair value	8,682	-	-	8,682
Transfers to Stage 1	-	-	-	-
Transfers to Stage 2	-	-	-	-
Transfers to Stage 3	-	-	-	-
Changes due to modifications not derecognised	-	-	-	-
Unwind of discount	765	-	-	765
Amounts written off	-	-	-	-
Foreign exchange adjustments	7,153	-	-	7,153
At 31 December 2023	187,561	-	-	187,561

	31 December 2023			
	Stage 1 Collectively	Stage 2 Collectively	Stage 3	Total
	N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million
ECL allowance as at 1 January 2023	192	-	-	192
New assets originated or purchased	338	-	-	338
Assets derecognised or matured (excluding write offs)	(83)	-	-	(83)
Impact on year end ECL of exposures transferred between stages during the period	-	-	-	-
Unwind of discount (recognised in interest income)	12	-	-	12
Changes due to modifications not resulting in derecognition	-	-	-	-
Changes to models and inputs used for ECL calculations	-	-	-	-
Recoveries	-	-	-	-
Amounts written off	-	-	-	-
Foreign exchange adjustments	59	-	-	59
At 31 December 2023	518	-	-	518

	31 December 2022			
	Stage 1 Collectively	Stage 2 Collectively	Stage 3	Total
	N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million
Gross carrying amount as at 1 January 2022	100,009	-	-	100,009
New assets originated or purchased	20,138	-	-	20,138
Assets derecognised or matured (excluding write-offs)	(77,817)	-	-	(77,817)
Change in fair value	(15,097)	-	-	(15,097)
Transfers to Stage 1	-	-	-	-
Transfers to Stage 2	-	-	-	-
Transfers to Stage 3	-	-	-	-
Changes due to modifications not derecognised	-	-	-	-
Unwind of discount	1,214	-	-	1,214
Amounts written off	-	-	-	-
Foreign exchange adjustments	249	-	-	249
At December 2022	28,696	-	-	28,696

	31 December 2022			
	Stage 1 Collectively	Stage 2 Collectively	Stage 3	Total
	N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million
ECL allowance as at 1 January 2022	168	-	-	168
New assets originated or purchased	35	-	-	35
Assets derecognised or matured (excluding write offs)	(85)	-	-	(85)
Impact on year end ECL of exposures transferred between stages during the year	-	-	-	-
Unwind of discount (recognised in interest income)	64	-	-	64
Changes due to modifications not resulting in derecognition	-	-	-	-
Changes to models and inputs used for ECL calculations	-	-	-	-
Recoveries	-	-	-	-
Amounts written off	-	-	-	-
Foreign exchange adjustments	10	-	-	10
At 31 December 2022	192	-	-	192

24.6.2 Debt Instruments Measured at Amortised Cost

The table below shows the credit quality and the maximum exposure to credit risk based on the Bank's internal credit rating system and period-end stage classification. The amounts presented are gross of impairment allowances. Details of the Bank's internal grading system are explained in Note 3.2.2 and policies on whether ECL allowances are calculated on an individual or collective basis are set out in Note 3.2.4:

	31 December 2023			
	Stage 1 Collectively	Stage 2 Collectively	Stage 3	Total
	N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million
Internal rating grade				
Performing				
High grade	800,416	-	-	800,416
Standard grade	20,598	-	-	20,598
Sub-standard grade	-	-	-	-
Past due but not impaired	-	-	-	-
Non- performing				
Individually impaired	-	-	-	-
Total	821,014	-	-	821,014

	31 December 2022			
	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Total
	Collectively	Collectively		
	N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million
Internal rating grade				
Performing				
High grade	464,578	-	-	464,578
Standard grade	15,843	-	-	15,843
Sub-standard grade	-	-	-	-
Past due but not impaired	-	-	-	-
Non- performing				-
Individually impaired	-	-	-	-
Total	480,421	-	-	480,421

Debt Instruments Measured at Amortised Cost- continued

An analysis of changes in the gross carrying amount and the corresponding ECLs is, as follows:

	31 December 2023			
	Stage 1 Collectively	Stage 2 Collectively	Stage 3	Total
	N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million
Gross carrying amount as at 1 January 2023	480,422	-	-	480,422
New assets originated or purchased	592,111	-	-	592,111
Assets derecognised or matured (excluding write-offs)	(260,952)	-	-	(260,952)
Transfers to Stage 1	-	-	-	-
Transfers to Stage 2	-	-	-	-
Transfers to Stage 3	-	-	-	-
Changes due to modifications not derecognised	-	-	-	-
Unwind of Discount	9,433	-	-	9,433
Amounts written off	-	-	-	-
Foreign exchange adjustments	-	-	-	-
At 31 December 2023	821,014	-	-	821,014

	31 December 2023			
	Stage 1 Collectively	Stage 2 Collectively	Stage 3	Total
	N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million
ECL allowance as at 1 January 2023	830	-	-	830
New assets purchased	1,321	-	-	1,321
Assets derecognised or matured (excluding write offs)	(64)	-	-	(64)
Transfers to Stage 1	-	-	-	-
Transfers to Stage 2	-	-	-	-
Transfers to Stage 3	-	-	-	-
Impact on year end ECL of exposures transferred between stages during the period	-	-	-	-
Unwind of discount (recognised in interest income)	170	-	-	170
Changes due to modifications not resulting in derecognition	-	-	-	-
Changes to models and inputs used for ECL calculations	-	-	-	-
Recoveries	-	-	-	-
Amounts written off	-	-	-	-
Foreign exchange adjustments	-	-	-	-
At 31 December 2023	2,258	-	-	2,258

	31 December 2022			
	Stage 1 Collectively	Stage 2 Collectively	Stage 3	Total
	N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million
Gross carrying amount as at 1 January 2022	442,277	-	-	442,277
New assets originated or purchased	277,011	-	-	277,011
Assets derecognised or matured (excluding write-offs)	(241,715)	-	-	(241,715)
Transfers to Stage 1	-	-	-	-
Transfers to Stage 2	-	-	-	-
Transfers to Stage 3	-	-	-	-
Changes due to modifications not derecognised	-	-	-	-
Unwind of Discount	2,849	-	-	2,849
Amounts written off	-	-	-	-
Foreign exchange adjustments	-	-	-	-
At 31 December 2022	480,422	-	-	480,422

Debt Instruments Measured at Amortised Cost- continued

	31 December 2022			
	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Total
	Collectively	Collectively		
	N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million
ECL allowance as at 1 January 2022	824	-	-	824
New assets purchased	282	-	-	282
Assets derecognised or matured (excluding write offs)	(359)	-	-	(359)
Transfers to Stage 1	-	-	-	-
Transfers to Stage 2	-	-	-	-
Transfers to Stage 3	-	-	-	-
Impact on year end ECL of exposures transferred between stages during the year		-	-	-
Unwind of discount (recognised in interest income)	83	-	-	83
Changes Other than modifications not derecognised	-	-	-	-
Changes to models and inputs used for ECL calculations	-	-	-	-
Recoveries	-	-	-	-
Amounts written off	-	-	-	-
Foreign exchange adjustments	-	-	-	-
At 31 December 2022	830	-	-	830

25 Property, Plant and Equipment

	Land N'million	Buildings N'million	Leasehold improvements N'million	Office equipment N'million	Furniture, fittings N'million	Computer equipment N'million	Motor vehicles N'million	Work in progress N'million	Total N'million
Cost									
At 1 January 2023	15,679	18,312	3,929	7,388	1,896	15,842	5,466	3,264	71,776
Additions	63	304	281	1,480	205	1,337	2,022	3,796	9,488
Reclassifications	(7)	269	10	133	67	1,720	-	(2,360)	(168)
Disposals	(22)	-	-	(15)	(1)	(9)	(22)	-	(69)
At 31 December 2023	15,713	18,885	4,220	8,986	2,167	18,890	7,466	4,700	81,027
Accumulated depreciation									
At 1 January 2023	-	(4,144)	(3,069)	(5,758)	(1,588)	(10,782)	(3,779)	-	(29,120)
Charge for the period	-	(372)	(207)	(874)	(119)	(2,096)	(943)	-	(4,611)
Reclassifications	-	-	-	12	(12)	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	17	1	6	9	-	33
At 31 December 2023	-	(4,516)	(3,276)	(6,603)	(1,718)	(12,872)	(4,713)	-	(33,698)
Carrying amount at 31 December 2023	15,713	14,369	944	2,383	449	6,018	2,753	4,700	47,329
Cost									
At 1 January 2022	15,669	17,379	3,852	6,638	1,744	13,706	4,936	1,402	65,326
Additions	355	573	77	625	167	1,913	907	2,507	7,124
Reclassifications	(345)	366	17	259	-	348	-	(645)	-
Disposals	-	(6)	(17)	(134)	(15)	(125)	(377)	-	(674)
At 31 December 2022	15,679	18,312	3,929	7,388	1,896	15,842	5,466	3,264	71,776
Accumulated depreciation									
At 1 January 2022	-	(3,785)	(2,877)	(5,258)	(1,507)	(9,083)	(3,377)	-	(25,887)
Charge for the period	-	(353)	(204)	(639)	(95)	(1,793)	(648)	-	(3,732)
Reclassifications	-	(8)	(1)	8	-	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	2	13	131	14	94	246	-	500
At 31 December 2022	-	(4,144)	(3,069)	(5,758)	(1,588)	(10,782)	(3,779)	-	(29,119)
Carrying amount at 31 December 2022	15,679	14,168	860	1,630	308	5,060	1,687	3,264	42,657

- a** Work in progress relates to capital cost incurred in setting up new branches. When completed and available for use, they are transferred to the respective property, plant and equipment classes and depreciation commences.
- b** All property and equipment are non-current. None of the Bank's assets were financed from borrowings, consequently no borrowing cost has been capitalized as part of asset cost.
- c** There were no impairment losses on any class of property, plant and equipment during the year (31 December 2022: Nil)
- d** There were no pledged assets in any class of property, plant and equipment during the year (31 December 2022: Nil)
- d** There were no property, plant and equipment from the overseas office during the year (December 2022: Nil)

26 Right-of-Use Asset

	Group 31 December 2023 N'million	Group 31 December 2022 N'million	Bank 31 December 2023 N'million	Bank 31 December 2022 N'million
Cost				
Balance at beginning of year	6,434	3,466	4,481	3,466
Additions	599	535	599	535
Lease addition	167	480	167	480
Disposal during the year	-1,703	-	(1,703)	-
Balance	5,497	4,481	3,544	4,481
Accumulated amortization				
Balance at beginning of year	-2,682	(1,989)	(2,682)	(1,989)
Amortisation for the year	-1,039	(693)	(679)	(693)
Disposal during the year	1,685	-	1,685	-
Balance	(2,036)	(2,682)	(1,676)	(2,682)
Carrying amount	3,460	1,799	1,868	1,799

Expense of Low value Item :

The expense for low value items and short term leases is N161.88million (31 December 2022: N389.30 million) .

27 Intangible Assets - Computer Software

	Group 31 December 2023 N'million	Group 31 December 2022 N'million	Bank 31 December 2023 N'million	Bank 31 December 2022 N'million
Cost				
Balance at 1 January	12,964	7,410	9,361	7,410
Additions	2,851	2,246	2,745	2,246
Write offs during the year	-3,126	(295)	(3,126)	(295)
Balance as at 31 December	12,689	9,361	8,980	9,361
Accumulated amortization				
Balance at 1 January	-8,458	(3,442)	(5,338)	(3,442)
Amortisation for the year	-1,793	(2,191)	(1,645)	(2,191)
Write offs during the year	3,126	295	3,126	295
Balance as at 31 December	(7,125)	(5,338)	(3,857)	(5,338)
Carrying amount	5,564	4,023	5,123	4,023

These relate to purchased softwares.

All intangible assets are non-current with finite useful life and are amortised over the period . The amortisation of intangible asset recognised in depreciation and amortisation in profit or loss was N1,645 bn for the year ended 31 December 2023 (31 December 2022: N2,191 bn).

28 Deferred Taxation

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset when there is a legally enforceable right to offset current tax assets against current tax liabilities and when the deferred income taxes relate to the same fiscal authority.

Deferred taxes are calculated on all temporary differences under the liability method using a statutory tax rate of 30% or 32.5% as applicable (31 December 2022: 30% or 32.5%).

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are attributable to the following items:

28.1 Deferred Tax Assets

	Group 31 December 2023 N'million	Group 31 December 2022 N'million	Bank 31 December 2023 N'million	Bank 31 December 2022 N'million
Deferred tax assets				
Property,plant and equipment	15,753	15,753	15,753	15,753
Allowances for loan losses	-	-	-	-
Tax loss carried forward	6,793	6,793	6,793	6,793
Unutilised tax credits (capital allowances)	22,546	22,546	22,546	22,546
Unrecognised deferred tax assets	(17,240)	(17,240)	(17,240)	(17,240)
Net	5,306	5,306	5,306	5,306

28.2 Deferred tax Liabilities

Property, plant and equipment	6,308	5,585	6,308	5,585
Fair value adjustments	-679	44	(679)	44
	<u>5,629</u>	<u>5,629</u>	<u>5,629</u>	<u>5,629</u>

28.3 Movements in temporary differences during the year:

	1 Jan 2023	Recognised in P&L	Recognised in OCI	31 Dec 2023
	N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million
Accelerated tax depreciation	(5,585)	- 723.00	-	-6,308
Unutilised capitalised allowance	6,793	-	-	6,793
Allowances for loan losses	15,754	-	-	15,754
Tax loss carry forward	-	-	-	-
Fair value adjustments	(44)	(382)	-	-426
	<u>16,918</u>	<u>(1,105)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,813</u>

Movements in temporary differences during the year:

	1 Jan 2022	Recognised in P&L	Recognised in OCI	31 Dec 2022
	N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million
Accelerated tax depreciation	(5,376)	(209)	-	(5,585)
Unutilised capitalised allowance	14,599	-	-	6,793
Allowances for loan losses	9,240	-	-	15,754
Tax loss carry forward	440	-	-	-
	<u>18,903</u>	<u>- 209.00</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>16,918</u>

29 Other Assets

	Group	Group	Bank	Bank
	31 December	31 December	31 December	31 December
	2023	2022	2023	2022
	N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million
Financial assets				
Sundry receivables	141,461	24,921	141,461	24,921
Electronic payment receivables	244,159	75,423	243,743	75,423
Investments in SMESIS	9,445	7,109	9,445	7,109
Shared Agent Network Expansion Facility (SANEF)	50	50	50	50
	<u>395,115</u>	<u>107,503</u>	<u>394,699</u>	<u>107,503</u>
Less:				
Specific allowances for impairment	(3,359)	(1,351)	(3,359)	(1,351)
	<u>391,756</u>	<u>106,152</u>	<u>391,340</u>	<u>106,152</u>
Non financial assets				
Prepayments	9,138	5,259	8,660	5,259
Others	184	414	184	414
Other non financial assets	2,928	1,090	2,244	1,090
	<u>12,249</u>	<u>6,763</u>	<u>11,088</u>	<u>6,763</u>
Total	<u>404,006</u>	<u>112,915</u>	<u>402,428</u>	<u>112,915</u>

Reconciliation of Allowance for Impairment

	31 December	31 December	31 December	31 December
	2023	2022	2023	2022
	N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million
At 1 January	1,351	1,648	1,351	1,648
Charge for the year	2,008	12	2,008	12
Reversal of provision	0	-	-	-
Write-off during the year	0	(309)	-	(309)
At 31 December	<u>3,359</u>	<u>1,351</u>	<u>3,359</u>	<u>1,351</u>

- a The Bank's investments under the Small and Medium Enterprises Equity Investment Scheme ("SMEEIS") is in compliance with the Policy Guidelines for 2001 Fiscal Year (Monetary Policy Circular No. 35). There is no existence of either Control or Joint control in SMESIS.
- b Prepayment relates to payments made by the bank on items whose benefits covers specified future period of time beyond the reporting period e.g. Insurance premiums, Adverts and publicity, Computer expenses and Subscriptions. They are short tenured and are quickly settled.
- c Other non-financial assets comprises of balances on settlement accounts such as: Stock of ATM cards, stock electronic cards, and stock cheque books and stationeries and sundry receivables. These assets are short tenured and are quickly settled.
- d The Shared Agent Network Facility (SANEF) is an intervention fund under the MSME Development Fund to provide ten (10) year loans to CBN Licensed and pre-qualified Mobile Money and Super- Agent operators for the purposes of rolling out of a Shared Agent Network. The objective of the Shared Agent Network is to deepen financial inclusion in the country with the offering of basic financial services such as Cash-in, Cash-out, Funds, Bills Payments, Airtime Purchase, Government disbursements as well as remote enrollment on BMS infrastructure (BVN).

30 Deposits from Customers

	Group 31 December 2023 N'million	Group 31 December 2022 N'million	Bank 31 December 2023 N'million	Bank 31 December 2022 N'million
Demand	1,652,267	862,425	1,652,267	862,425
Savings	880,905	599,331	880,905	599,331
Term	75,999	398,793	75,999	398,793
Domicilliary	1,411,714	696,745	1,288,703	696,745
Others	28,968	23,303	28,968	23,303
	4,049,853	2,580,597	3,926,842	2,580,597
Current	1,368,474	1,125,801	1,368,474	1,125,801
Non-current	2,681,378	1,454,796	2,558,368	1,454,796
	4,049,853	2,580,597	3,926,842	2,580,597

30a Others relate to accrued interest payable of deposit liabilities which are considered to be component of deposits.

31 Other Liabilities

	Group 31 December 2023 N'million	Group 31 December 2022 N'million	Bank 31 December 2023 N'million	Bank 31 December 2022 N'million
Customer deposits for letters of credit (see note 31.1)	46,856	57,221	46,856	57,221
Accounts payable (see note 31.2)	375,844	202,980	375,708	202,980
FGN Intervention fund (see note 31.3)	443,736	473,604	443,736	473,604
Manager's cheque	4,827	4,256	4,827	4,256
Payable on E-banking transactions (see note 31.4)	246,453	74,981	246,453	74,981
Other liabilities/credit balances (see note 31.5)	4,555	(1,324)	3,873	(1,324)
Accruals for year end bonus (see note 31.6)	12,055	3,164	12,055	3,164
Lease liability (see note 31.8)	2,469	525	565	525
	1,136,795	815,407	1,134,073	815,407

31.1 Customer deposits for letters of credit relates to liabilities generated from loans granted to customers for trade finance transactions, it mirrors the value of the confirmation line enjoyed by the customer with the offshore bank for the purpose of facilitating the letters of Credit.

31.2 Account payable represents balances in internal accounts drawn for the purpose of settlement of obligations which are due against the bank either from bank expense or customer transaction settlement e.g. accrual/provision for expenses that has or will fall due, Ebanking settlement values drawn from customers account, customers deposit drawn for FX bid with CBN for letters of credit etc.

31.3 FGN Intervention Fund (On Lending facilities)

	2023 N'million	2022 N'million	2023 N'million	2022 N'million
CBN state bailout fund	79,824	82,065	79,824	82,065
Real Sector Support Facility - Differentiated Cash Reserves Requirement - (DCRR)	188,204	211,001	188,204	211,001
Real Sector Support Facility - (RSSF)	4,954	10,941	4,954	10,941
Commercial Agriculture Ccredit Scheme - (CACS)	6,503	8,089	6,503	8,089
Bank of Industry BG backed	105,324	80,981	105,324	80,981
Bank of Industry - Restructured and Refinance scheme	192	297	192	297
Bank of Industry on lending	1	67	1	67
Development Bank of Nigeria - (DBN)	32,661	40,015	32,661	40,015
Nigeria Export Import Bank - (NEXIM)	18,483	19,613	18,483	19,613
Power Airline Intervention Fund - (PAIF)	1,628	3,871	1,628	3,871
CBN Paddy Aegate Scheme (PAS) Funds	0	5,000	-	5,000
Accelerated Agiculture Credit Scheme - (AADS)	0	-	-	-
CBN 100 for 100 PPP - (Policy on Production and Productivity)	5,945	11,644	5,945	11,644
Nigerian Incentive-based Risk Sharing system for Agricultural Lending - (NIRSAL)	17	19	17	19
	443,736	473,603	443,736	473,603

- a** FGN Intervention fund is CBN Bailout Fund of N79.82billion (31 Dec 2023: N82.07 billion). This represents funds for states in the Federation that are having challenges in meeting up with their domestic obligation including payment of salaries. The loan was routed through the Bank for on-lending to the states. The Bailout fund is for a tenor of 20 years at 9% per annum. See Note 31.3 k
- b** The Real Sector Support Facility (RSSF): The Central Bank of Nigeria, as part of the efforts to unlock the potential of the real sector to engender output growth, productivity and job creation has established a N300 billion Real Sector Support Facility (RSSF). The facility is disbursed to large enterprises and startups with financing needs of N500 million up to a maximum of N10.0 billion. The activities targeted by the Facility are manufacturing, agricultural value chain and selected service sub-sectors. The funds are received from the CBN at 2% per annum, and disbursed at 9% per annum to the beneficiary .
- c** The fund received under the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) Commercial Agriculture Credit Scheme represents a credit line granted to the Bank for the purpose of providing concessionary funding to the agricultural sector. The facility attracts an interest rate of 2% per annum and the Bank is under obligation to on-lend to customers at an all-in interest rate of not more than 9% per annum. Based on the structure of the facility, the Bank assumes the default risk of all amounts lent to the Bank's customers. This facility is not secured.
- d** The Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) / Bank of Industry (BOI) - SME / Manufacturing Intervention Fund represents an intervention credit granted to the Bank for the purpose of refinancing / restructuring existing loans to Small and Medium Scale Enterprises (SMEs) and Manufacturing Companies. The total facility is secured by Nigerian Government Securities. A management fee of 1% per annum is deductible at source and the Bank is under obligation to on-lend to customers at an all-In interest rate of 7% per annum. The Bank is the primary obligor to CBN / BOI and assumes the risk of default.
- e** Federal Government through CBN, BOI and DBN to enable DMOs avail loans at single digit rates or rates lower than the normal commercial rate to qualifying institutions in line with the guidelines provided by CBN, BOI and DBN.
- f** Non-oil Export Stimulation Facility (NESF): This Facility was established by the Central Bank of Nigeria to diversify the economy away from the oil sector, after the fall in crude prices. The Central Bank invested N500billion debenture, issued by Nigerian Export-Import Bank (NEXIM). The facility disbursed per customer shall not exceed 70% of total cost of project, or subject to a maximum of N5 billion. Funds disbursed to the Bank from CBN are at a cost of 2% which are then disbursed to qualifying customers at the rate of 9% per annum.
- g** The purpose of granting new loans and refinancing / restructuring existing loans to companies in the power and aviation industries is to support Federal Government's focus on the sectors. The facility is secured by Irrevocable Standing Payment Order (ISPO). The maximum tenor for term loans under the programme is 15 years while the tenor for working capital is one year, with option to renew the facility annually subject to a maximum tenor of five years. The facility attracts an interest rate of 2% per annum payable quarterly in arrears and the Bank is under obligation to on-lend to customers at an all-in interest rate of 9% per annum. This facility is not secured.
- h** Accelerated Agricultural Development Scheme (AADS) was established by the Central Bank of Nigeria to help states develop at least 2 crops/agricultural commodities in which they have comparative advantage. The fund is disbursed to the Bank at 2% per annum. Each state is availed the facility at 9% per annum and repayments are made via ISPO deductions.
- i** CBN PAS FUND - The Paddy Aggregation Scheme (PAS) is for Integrated Rice Millers and Large-Scale Aggregators to enable them to purchase home-grown rice paddy at a single digit interest rate to promote the Federal Government of Nigeria's National Food Security Programme (NFSP). It is to provide credit facilities to Integrated Rice Millers and Large-scale rice paddy aggregators at single digit interest rate to increase local production of rice towards effecting lower prices and enhancing national food security.. The fund is disbursed to the Bank at 6% per annum. Each enterprise is availed the facility at 9% per annum and repayments are made via ISPO deductions.
- j** CBN 100 for 100 PPP - (Policy on Production and Productivity) was established by the Central Bank of Nigeria to stimulate investments in Nigeria's manufacturing sector with the core objective of boosting production and productivity necessary to transform and catalyse the productive base of the economy. The fund is disbursed to the Bank at 2% per annum. Each enterprise is availed the facility at 9% per annum and repayments are made via ISPO deductions.
- k** The Bailout fund is for a tenor of 20 years at 7% per annum and availed for the same tenor at 9% per annum until March 2020 , the rate was reduced to 5% for 1 year period due to Covid 19 pandemic to March 2021 after which it was extended to February 2023 . CBN on August 17 2022 further reviewed the rates in response to economic outlook and approved the following order; All intervention facilities granted effective July 20, 2022 shall be at 9% per annum while all existing intervention facilities granted prior to July 20, 2022 shall be at 9% per annum effective September 1, 2022.
- l** The bank carries out modification test on all Intervention funds / loans . The modification test was performed and there was no material impact on the financial statement from the assessment.

31.4 Payable on E-banking transactions are settlement balances for RTGS/NIBSS transaction and Etransact transactions .

31.5 Other liabilities/credit balances are credit balances for other liabilities, other than the ones relating to customers deposit.

31.6 A provision has been recognised in respect of staff year end bonus, the provision has been recognised based on the fact that there is a constructive and legal obligation on the part of the Bank to pay bonus to staff where profit has been declared. The provision has been calculated as a percentage of the profit after tax.

	31 December 2023	31 December 2022	31 December 2023	31 December 2022
Movement in provision for year end bonus				
At 1 January	3,164	1,014	3,164	1,014
Arising during the year	19,709	3,164	19,709	3,164
Utilised	-10,818	(1,014)	(10,818)	(1,014)
At 31 December	12,055	3,164	12,055	3,164

31.7 Maturity Analysis is presented in Note 44.

31.8 This relates to lease rental for properties used by the Bank. The net carrying amount of leased assets, included within Right of Use Assets is N481 million . (31 December 2022: N480 million) for Bank.
The future minimum lease payments on the lease liabilities extend over a number of years. This is analysed as follows:

Not more than 1 year	-	-
Over one year but less than five years	481	525
More than five years	-	-
At end of the year	481	525

32 Provision

	Group 31 December 2023 N'million	Group 31 December 2022 N'million	Bank 31 December 2023 N'million	Bank 31 December 2022 N'million
Provisions for litigations and claims	1,199	883	1,199	883
Provision for guarantees and letters of credit (Note 32.3.1 - 32.3.2)	1,485	1,013	1,485	1,013
	<u>2,684</u>	<u>1,896</u>	<u>2,684</u>	<u>1,896</u>

32.1 Movement in provision for litigations and claims

At 1 January	883	623	883	623
Arising during the period	316	260	316	260
Utilised	-	-	-	-
At 30 June / 31 December	<u>1,199</u>	<u>883</u>	<u>1,199</u>	<u>883</u>

32.2 Current Provision

Non-current provisions

	2,684	1,896	2,684	1,896
	-	-	-	-
	<u>2,684</u>	<u>1,896</u>	<u>2,684</u>	<u>1,896</u>

32.3 Impairment losses on guarantees and letters of credit

An analysis of changes in the gross carrying amount and the corresponding allowances for impairment losses in relation to guarantees and letters of credit is as follows:

32.3.1 Performance bonds and guarantees

The table below shows the credit quality and the maximum exposure to credit risk based on the Bank's internal credit rating system and year-end stage classification. Details of Bank's internal grading system are explained in Note 3.2.2 and policies on whether ECLs are calculated on an individual or collective basis are set out in Note 3.2.4.

	31 December 2023			
	Stage 1 Individual N'million	Stage 2 Individual N'million	Stage 3 N'million	Total N'million
Internal rating grade				
Performing				
High grade	9,583	-	-	9,583
Standard grade	675,626	-	-	675,626
Sub-standard grade	45,569	-	-	45,569
Past due but not impaired	-	-	-	-
Non- performing	-	-	-	-
Individually impaired	-	-	-	-
Total	<u>730,779</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>730,779</u>

	31 December 2022			
	Stage 1 Individual N'million	Stage 2 Individual N'million	Stage 3 N'million	Total N'million
Internal rating grade				
Performing				
High grade	10,042	-	-	10,042
Standard grade	474,101	-	-	474,101
Sub-standard grade	5,475	-	-	5,475
Past due but not impaired	-	-	-	-
Non- performing	-	-	-	-
Individually impaired	-	-	-	-
Total	<u>489,618</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>489,618</u>

32.3.1 Financial guarantees - continued

An analysis of changes in the outstanding exposures and the corresponding ECLs is, as follows:

	31 December 2023			
	Stage 1 Individual	Stage 2 Individual	Stage 3	Total
	N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million
Gross carrying amount as at 1 January 2023	489,617	-	-	489,617
New exposures	552,551	-	-	552,551
Exposure derecognised or matured/lapsed (excluding write-offs)	(371,381)	-	-	(371,381)
Changes due to modifications not resulting in derecognition	-	-	-	-
Amounts written off	-	-	-	-
Foreign exchange adjustments	59,992	-	-	59,992
At 31 December 2023	730,779	-	-	730,779

	31 December 2023			
	Stage 1 Individual	Stage 2 Individual	Stage 3	Total
	N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million
ECL allowance as at 1 January 2023	329	-	-	329
New exposures	224	-	-	224
Exposure derecognised or matured/lapsed (excluding write-offs)	(141)	-	-	(141)
Impact on year end ECL of exposures transferred between stages during the period	-	-	-	-
Unwind of discount	-	-	-	-
Changes due to modifications not resulting in derecognition	-	-	-	-
Changes to models and inputs used for ECL calculations	-	-	-	-
Recoveries	-	-	-	-
Amounts written off	-	-	-	-
Foreign exchange adjustments	37	-	-	37
At 31 December 2023	450	-	-	450

	31 December 2022			
	Stage 1 Individual	Stage 2 Individual	Stage 3	Total
	N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million
Gross carrying amount as at 1 January 2022	287,993	-	-	287,993
New exposures	387,908	-	-	387,908
Exposure derecognised or matured/lapsed (excluding write-offs)	(188,042)	-	-	(188,042)
Changes due to modifications not resulting in derecognition	-	-	-	-
Amounts written off	-	-	-	-
Foreign exchange adjustments	1,758	-	-	1,758
At 31 December 2022	489,617	-	-	489,617

	31 December 2022			
	Stage 1 Individual	Stage 2 Individual	Stage 3	Total
	N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million
ECL allowance as at 1 January 2022	359	-	-	359
New exposures	245	-	-	245
Exposure derecognised or matured/lapsed (excluding write-offs)	(343)	-	-	(343)
Impact on year end ECL of exposures transferred between stages during the year	-	-	-	-
Unwind of discount	-	-	-	-
Changes due to modifications not resulting in derecognition	-	-	-	-
Changes to models and inputs used for ECL calculations	-	-	-	-
Recoveries	-	-	-	-
Amounts written off	-	-	-	-
Foreign exchange adjustments	69	-	-	69
At 31 December 2022	329	-	-	329

32.3.2 Letters of Credit

The table below shows the credit quality and the maximum exposure to credit risk based on the Bank's internal credit rating system and period-end stage classification. Details of Bank's internal grading system are explained in Note 3.2.2 and policies on whether ECLs are calculated on an individual or collective basis are set out in Note 3.2.4.

31 December 2023				
	Stage 1 Individual	Stage 2 Individual	Stage 3	Total
	N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million
Internal rating grade				
Performing				
High grade	22,868	-	-	22,868
Standard grade	329,595	-	-	329,595
Sub-standard grade	60,898	-	-	60,898
Past due but not impaired	-	-	-	-
Non- performing	-	-	-	-
Individually impaired	-	-	-	-
Total	413,362	-	-	413,362

31 December 2022				
	Stage 1 Individual	Stage 2 Individual	Stage 3	Total
	N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million
Internal rating grade				
Performing				
High grade	63,940	-	-	63,940
Standard grade	150,254	-	-	150,254
Sub-standard grade	1,503	-	-	1,503
Past due but not impaired	-	-	-	-
Non- performing	-	-	-	-
Individually impaired	-	-	-	-
Total	215,696	-	-	215,696

An analysis of changes in the outstanding exposures and the corresponding ECLs is, as follows:

31 December 2023				
	Stage 1 Individual	Stage 2 Individual	Stage 3	Total
	N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million
Gross carrying amount as at 1 January 2023	215,696	-	-	215,696
New exposures	331,454	-	-	139,547
Exposure derecognised or matured/lapsed (excluding write-offs)	(166,214)	-	-	(84,205)
Changes due to modifications not resulting in derecognition	-	-	-	-
Amounts written off	-	-	-	-
Foreign exchange adjustments	32,426	-	-	161,388
At 31 December 2023	413,362	-	-	432,426

32.3.2 Letters of Credit - continued

31 December 2023				
	Stage 1 Individual	Stage 2 Individual	Stage 3	Total
	N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million
ECL allowance as at 1 January 2023	684	-	-	684
New exposures	769	-	-	769
Exposure derecognised or matured/lapsed (excluding write-offs)	(495)	-	-	(495)
Impact on year end ECL of exposures transferred between stages during the year	-	-	-	-
Unwind of discount	-	-	-	-
Changes due to modifications not resulting in derecognition	-	-	-	-
Changes to models and inputs used for ECL calculations	-	-	-	-
Recoveries	-	-	-	-
Amounts written off	-	-	-	-
Foreign exchange adjustments	78	-	-	78
At 31 December 2023	1,035	-	-	1,035

31 December 2022				
	Stage 1 Individual	Stage 2 Individual	Stage 3	Total
	N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million
Gross carrying amount as at 1 January 2022	153,725	-	-	153,725
New exposures	177,400	-	-	177,400
Exposure derecognised or matured/lapsed (excluding write-offs)	(122,896)	-	-	(122,896)
Changes due to modifications not resulting in derecognition	-	-	-	-
Amounts written off	-	-	-	-
Foreign exchange adjustments	7,467	-	-	7,467
At 31 December 2022	215,696	-	-	215,696

31 December 2022				
	Stage 1 Individual	Stage 2 Individual	Stage 3	Total
	N'million	N'million	N'million	N'million
ECL allowance as at 1 January 2022	1,417	-	-	1,417
New exposures	614	-	-	614
Exposure derecognised or matured/lapsed (excluding write-offs)	(1,564)	-	-	(1,564)
Impact on year end ECL of exposures transferred between stages during the year	-	-	-	-
Unwind of discount	-	-	-	-
Changes due to modifications not resulting in derecognition	-	-	-	-
Changes to models and inputs used for ECL calculations	-	-	-	-
Recoveries	-	-	-	-
Amounts written off	-	-	-	-
Foreign exchange adjustments	217	-	-	217
At 31 December 2022	684	-	-	684

33 Debts Issued and Other Borrowed Funds

	Group 31 December 2023 N'million	Group 31 December 2022 N'million	Bank 31 December 2023 N'million	Bank 31 December 2022 N'million
Long term loan from African Development Bank (ADB) (see note 33.1)	24,791	16,671	24,791	16,671
European Investment Bank Luxembourg (see note 33.2)	0	640	-	640
\$400 Million Euro Bond issued (see note 33.4)	382,422	178,242	382,422	178,242
Local Bond issued (see note 33.5)	42,174	41,307	42,174	41,307
Bank One (see note 33.8)	22,389	-	22,389	-
Rand Merchant Bank (see note 33.6)	48,810	-	48,810	-
Development Bank of Nigeria (see note 33.7))	20,285	15,268	20,285	15,268
Afrexim (see note 33.3)	36,157	9,338	36,157	9,338
	577,028	261,466	577,028	261,466
	31 December 2023 N'million	31 December 2022 N'million	31 December 2023 N'million	31 December 2022 N'million
Reconciliation of Borrowings during the period:				
At 1 January	261,466	468,415	261,466	468,415
Additions during the year	129,906	-	129,906	-
Accrued interest	10,747	25,796	10,747	25,796
Payment of interest	-4,804	(28,625)	(4,804)	(28,625)
Repayment of principal during the year	-15,051	(213,379)	(15,051)	(213,379)
Foreign exchange difference	194,764	9,259	194,764	9,259
At 31 December	577,028	261,466	577,028	261,466

- 33.1** The amount of N24,791.26 billion (31 Dec 2022: N16,670.68 billion) represents the amortized cost balance in the on-lending facility of \$50million granted to the Bank by ADB. The first tranche of \$40 million was disbursed July 27, 2019 while the second tranche of \$10 million was disbursed June 3, 2020 with both to mature February 1, 2026 and October 1, 2026 respectively at an interest rate of Libor plus 4.5% per annum. Interest and principal is repaid semi-annually. The borrowing is an unsecured borrowing.
- 33.2** The amount of N639.72 billion - 31 Dec 2022: represents the amortised cost balance in the on-lending facility of \$21.946 million granted to the Bank by European Investment Bank on 13 April 2015 to mature 2 March, 2023 at an interest rate of Libor plus 3.99% per annum. Interest is repaid quarterly, with principal repayment at maturity. The borrowing has been fully repaid .
- 33.3** The amount of N36,157.76 billion, (31 Dec 2022: N9,337.63 billion) represents amortised cost balance of \$150 million borrowing from AFREXIM (under the repurchase agreement), with Fidelity Bank pledging its USD denominated Eurobond and FGN, which the Bank has the right to buy at a later date.
- 33.4** On 28 October , 2021, \$400 million 5-year 2026 Senior Notes at a 7.625 percent coupon was issued. The proceed from the new issue is for general corporate purposes including supporting the Bank's trade finance business.. The amount of N382,422.31 billion represents the amortised cost of the Issued Notes as at 31 December 2023; N178,124.86 billion represents the amortised cost at the end of the financial year 2022 (December 31 , 2022) .
- 33.5** “The amount of N42,174.32 billion (31 Dec 2022 : N41,306.78billion) represents the amortized cost of 10-Year N41.2 billion Subordinated Unsecured Series I Bonds issued at 8.5% p.a. in January 2021. The coupon is paid semi-annually. The proceeds from the Series I Bonds will support the Bank’s SME and Retail Banking Businesses as well as its Information and Technology Infrastructure”
- 33.6** The amount of N48,810.52 billion of represent the Amortised cost the short term liability with Rand Merchant Bank. (\$50m) as at 31 December 2023.
- 33.7** The amount of N20,285.62 billion (31 Dec 2022: N15,267.71 billion) represents the amortised cost of a N20 billion of wholesale borrowing from Development Bank of Nigeria, to mature 27th April, 2024 at an interest rate of 10% per annum. Interest is paid semi-annually, with principal repayment after 1 year moratorium period, effective 27th October 2022 to maturity. The borrowing is an unsecured borrowing.
- 33.8** The amount of N22,388.83 billion represents the amortised cost of a \$23 million wholesale borrowing from Bank One Mauritius, to mature 27 March 2024 at an interest rate of 10.97% (\$15m) and 10.98% (\$8m) per annum respectively. Interest is paid semi-annually, with principal repayment at maturity. The borrowing is an unsecured borrowing.
- 33.9** Maturity Analysis is presented in Note 44.

34 Share Capital

	Group 31 December 2023	Group 31 December 2022	Bank 31 December 2023 N'million	Bank 31 December 2022 N'million
Authorised				
32 billion ordinary shares of 50k each (2022: 32 billion ordinary shares)	16,000	16,000	16,000	16,000
Issued and fully paid				
32,000 million ordinary shares of 50k each (31 December 2022: 32,000 million ordinary shares)	16,000	16,000	16,000	16,000

- 34a** In compliance with the provisions of Section 124 of CAMA 2020, the bank issued 3,037,414,308 units of unissued shares by way of Private Placement after the end of the 2022 financial year to bring the issued shares to 32,000,000,000 units of 50k shares .. .

35 Other Equity Accounts

The nature and purpose of the other equity accounts are as follows:

Share Premium

Premiums from the issue of shares are reported in share premium.

Retained Earnings

Retained earnings comprise the undistributed profits from previous years and current period, which have not been reclassified to the other reserves noted below.

35 Other Equity Accounts - Continued

a Dividends

The following dividends were declared and paid by the Bank during the year

	31 December 2023 N'million	31 December 2022 N'million
Balance, beginning of year	-	-
Final dividend declared	12,800	10,137
Interim dividend declared	8,000.00	2,896
Payment during the year	-20,800	-13,033
Balance, end of year	-	-

b Statutory Reserve

Nigerian banking regulations require the Bank to make an annual appropriation to a statutory reserve. As stipulated by S.15(1) of the Banks and Other Financial Institution Act of Nigeria, an appropriation of 30% of profit after tax is made if the statutory reserve is less than paid-up share capital and 15% of profit after tax if the statutory reserve is greater than the paid-up share capital. The Bank made a transfer of N16,338 million to statutory reserves during the period ended 31 December 2023 (31 December 2022: N7,009 million)

c Small Scale Investment Reserve

The SMEEIS reserve is maintained to comply with the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) requirement that all licensed banks set aside a portion of the profit after tax in a fund to be used to finance equity investment in qualifying small and medium scale enterprises. Under the terms of the guideline (amended by CBN letter dated 11 July 2006), the contribution was 10% of profit after tax for the first 5 (five) periods, and thereafter reduced to 5% of profit after tax.

d Non-Distributable Regulatory Reserve

The amount at which the loan loss provision under IFRS is less than the loan loss provision under prudential guideline is booked to a non-distributable regulatory risk reserve.

e Fair Value Reserves

The fair value reserve includes the net cumulative change in the fair value of financial assets measured at fair value through other comprehensive income until the investment is derecognised or impaired.

f AGSMEIS Reserve

Agri-Business/Small and Medium Enterprises Investment Scheme (AGSMEIS); AGSMEIS fund is maintained to support the Federal Government's effort at promoting Agricultural businesses and Small and Medium Enterprises. Effective 2017 all Deposit Money Banks (DMBs) are required to set aside 5% of their Profit After Tax for equity investment in permissible activities as stipulated in the scheme guidelines. The fund is domiciled with CBN.

Though there is no longer mandatory transfers to this reserve under the earlier directives, all Nigerian banks are now required to set aside an amount equal to 5% of their annual Profit After Tax (PAT) towards the funding of equity investments, which qualify under the AGSMEIS Scheme. This is done after the statutory external audit and Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) approval.

g Translation Reserves

The translation reserve comprises all foreign currency difference arising from the translation of the financial statements of foreign operations. There were no effective portion of any foreign currency differences arising from hedges of a net investment in a foreign operation.

h Non-controlling Interest

Fidelity Bank acquired 100% holding of the United Kingdom component

36 Cash Flows Generated from Operations

		Group 31 December 2023 N'million	Group 31 December 2022 N'million	Bank 31 December 2023 N'million	Bank 31 December 2022 N'million
	Notes				
Profit before income tax		122,062	53,677	122,152	53,677
Adjustments for:					
– Depreciation and amortisation	14	7,101	6,616	6,926	6,616
– Profit/(Loss) on disposal of property, plant and equipment	11	-49	56	(49)	56
– Net foreign exchange difference		150,677	6,579	150,677	6,579
– Foreign exchange (gains)/losses on deposits from customers		0	0	-	-
– Net gains from financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	12	-19,910	1,568	(19,910)	1,568
– Increase in Provisions	32	788	-503	788	(503)
– Credit loss expense	8	66,083	5,443	66,371	5,443
– Impairment on other debt instrument		0	0	-	-
– Impairment charge / reversal on other assets	8	0	-309	-	(309)
		0			
– Dividend income	11	-2,018	-397	(2,018)	(397)
– Gain on debt instruments measured at FVOCI reclassified from equity	17	5,895	-693	5,895	(693)
– Write off of loans and advances		0			
– Net interest income		-277,753	-152,695	(274,856)	(152,695)
		<u>52,876</u>	<u>-80,658</u>	<u>55,976</u>	<u>(80,658)</u>
Changes in operating assets					
– Net changes in Cash and balances with the Central Bank (restricted cash)	20	-311,308	-176,993	(311,308)	(176,993)
– Loans and advances to customers	22	-847,568	-412,924	(717,557)	(412,924)
– Fair value adjustments on financial assets through profit or loss		23,564	47,182	11,885	47,182
– Other assets	29	-291,091	-63,558	-289,513	(63,558)
Changes in operating liabilities					
– Deposits from customers	30	1,463,591	545,755	1,340,580	545,755
– Other liabilities	31	318,666	319,810	318,666	319,810
Cash flows from/(used in) operations		408,729	178,614	408,729	178,614

37 Contingent Liabilities and Commitments

37.1 Capital Commitments

At the reporting date, the Bank had capital commitments amounting to N2.87 billion (31 Dec 2022: N5.24billion). The capital commitments relate to property plant and Equipment.

37.2 Confirmed credits and other obligations on behalf of customers

In the normal course of business the Bank is a party to financial instruments with off-statement of financial position risk. These instruments are issued to meet the credit and other financial requirements of customers. The contractual amounts of the off-balance sheet financial instruments are:

	Group 31 December 2023 N'million	Group 31 December 2022 N'million	Bank 31 December 2023 N'million	Bank 31 December 2022 N'million
Performance bonds and guarantees (Note 31.3.1)	730,779	489,618	730,779	489,618
Letters of credit (Note 31.3.2)	413,362	215,697	413,362	215,697
AGSMEIS Disbursement		1	-	1
	1,144,141	705,316	1,144,141	705,316

Included in Performance bonds and guarantees is N104.46 bn (31 December 2022: N80.19billion) Bank of industry backed guarantee. Unsettled transactions are transaction that the Bank has entered into, but is either yet to make payment or receive payment in respect of these transactions.

37.3 Claims and Litigation

The Bank is a party to legal actions arising out of its normal business operations.The Directors believe that, based on currently available information and advice of counsel , none of the outcomes that result from the proceedings will have a material adverse effect on the financial position of the bank either individually or collectively

As at reporting date, the Bank is currently involved in 65 cases as defendant (31 December 2022 - 58) and 7 cases as Plaintiff (31 December 2022 - 15). The total amount claimed against the Bank is estimated at N11.74 billion as at December 31, 2023 (31 Dec 2022: N12.06 billion) while the amount in the 7 cases instituted by the Bank is N3.95 billion as at 31 December 2023 (31 Dec 2022: N5.19 billion, 15 Cases). Based on the advice of the Bank's legal team and the case facts, the management of the Bank estimates a potential loss of N1.199 billion (31 Dec 2022: N883 million) upon conclusion of the cases. A provision for the potential loss of N1.199 billion is shown in32.