



ALLIANCE BANK

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**REPORT AND
FINANCIAL
STATEMENTS**
FOR THE FINANCIAL
YEAR ENDED
31 MARCH 2024



FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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STATEMENT OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES FOR PREPARATION OF THE ANNUAL AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Companies Act 2016 requires Directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the financial position as at the end of the financial year and the financial performance for the financial year of the Group and the Bank.

In preparing the financial statements, the Directors are responsible for the adoption of suitable accounting policies that comply with the provisions of the Companies Act 2016, the Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards, and International Financial Reporting Standards. The Directors are also responsible to ensure their consistent use in the financial statements, supported where necessary by reasonable and prudent judgments.

The Directors hereby confirm that suitable accounting policies have been consistently applied in the preparation of the financial statements. The Directors also confirm that the Group and the Bank maintain adequate accounting records and an effective system of internal controls to safeguard the assets of the Group and the Bank and prevent and detect fraud or any other irregularities.

DIRECTORS' REPORT

The Directors have pleasure in submitting their report together with the audited financial statements of the Group and of the Bank for the financial year ended 31 March 2024.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The Bank is principally engaged in all aspects of banking business and the provision of related financial services.

The principal activities of the subsidiaries, as set out in Note 12 to the financial statements, consist of Islamic banking, nominees services, investment advisory services and related financial services.

There have been no significant changes in the nature of these activities during the financial year except that during the financial year, AIBB Berhad ("AIBB") (formerly known as Alliance Investment Bank Berhad) had on 13 December 2023 returned its Investment Banking License to Bank Negara Malaysia and ceased its operations. In addition, Alliance Trustee Berhad has ceased to be a subsidiary of the Bank on 31 May 2023.

FINANCIAL RESULTS

	GROUP RM'000	BANK RM'000
Profit before taxation	911,322	762,484
Taxation	(220,847)	(163,541)
Net profit for the financial year	690,475	598,943

RESERVES AND PROVISIONS

There were no material transfers to or from reserves or provisions during the financial year other than as disclosed in the financial statements.

DIVIDENDS

The amounts of dividends declared and paid by the Group and the Bank since 31 March 2023 were as follows:

	RM'000
(i) A single tier second interim dividend of 10.00 sen per share, on 1,548,105,929 ordinary shares in respect of the financial year ended 31 March 2023, was paid on 28 June 2023.	154,811
(ii) A single tier first interim dividend of 10.85 sen per share, on 1,548,105,929 ordinary shares in respect of the financial year ended 31 March 2024, was paid on 28 December 2023.	167,970
	322,781

Subsequent to the financial year end, the Directors declared a single tier second interim dividend of 11.45 sen per share, on 1,548,105,929 ordinary shares amounting to approximately RM177,258,000 in respect of the current financial year. The accompanying financial statements do not reflect this dividend. The dividend will be accounted for in shareholders' equity as an appropriation of retained profits in the financial year ending 31 March 2025.

The Directors do not propose any final dividend in respect of the financial year ended 31 March 2024.

DIRECTORS' REPORT

ISSUE OF SHARES AND DEBENTURES

There was no issuance of new shares during the financial year. The Group and the Bank made various issuance and redemption of debt securities during the financial year. The details are set out in Note 24 to the financial statements.

BAD AND DOUBTFUL DEBTS

Before the financial statements of the Group and of the Bank were prepared, the Directors took reasonable steps to ascertain that proper action had been taken in relation to the writing off of bad debts and the making of allowance for doubtful debts, and satisfied themselves that all known bad debts had been written off and adequate allowances have been made for doubtful debts.

At the date of this report, the Directors are not aware of any circumstances which would render the amount written off for bad debts or the amount of the allowance for doubtful debts in the financial statements of the Group and of the Bank inadequate to any substantial extent.

CURRENT ASSETS

Before the financial statements of the Group and of the Bank were prepared, the Directors took reasonable steps to ascertain that any current assets which were unlikely to realise their value as shown in the accounting records in the ordinary course of business, had been written down to an amount which the current assets might be expected so to realise.

At the date of this report, the Directors are not aware of any circumstances which would render the values attributed to the current assets in the financial statements of the Group and of the Bank misleading.

VALUATION METHOD

At the date of this report, the Directors are not aware of any circumstances which have arisen which would render adherence to the existing method of valuation of assets or liabilities of the Group and of the Bank as misleading or inappropriate.

CONTINGENT AND OTHER LIABILITIES

At the date of this report, there does not exist:

- (i) any charge on the assets of the Group or of the Bank which has arisen since the end of the financial year which secures the liabilities of any other person; or
- (ii) any contingent liability in respect of the Group or of the Bank which has arisen since the end of the financial year other than in the ordinary course of banking business.

No contingent or other liability of the Group or of the Bank has become enforceable, or is likely to become enforceable within the period of twelve months after the end of the financial year which, in the opinion of the Directors, will or may affect the ability of the Group or of the Bank to meet their obligations as and when they fall due.

CHANGE OF CIRCUMSTANCES

At the date of this report, the Directors are not aware of any circumstances, not otherwise dealt with in this report or the financial statements of the Group and of the Bank, which would render any amount stated in the financial statements misleading.

DIRECTORS' REPORT

ITEMS OF AN UNUSUAL NATURE

In the opinion of the Directors:

- (i) the results of the operations of the Group and of the Bank during the financial year were not substantially affected by any item, transaction or event of a material and unusual nature; and
- (ii) there has not arisen in the interval between the end of the financial year and the date of this report any item, transaction or event of a material and unusual nature which is likely to affect substantially the results of the operations of the Group and of the Bank for the financial year in which this report is made.

DIRECTORS

The Directors of the Bank in office during the financial year and during the period from the end of the financial year to the date of this report are:

Tan Sri Dato' Ahmad Bin Mohd Don (Chairman)
 Wong Yuen Weng Ernest
 Tan Chian Khong
 Susan Yuen Su Min
 Lum Piew
 Cheryl Khor Hui Peng
 Mazidah Binti Abdul Malik (appointed on 30 May 2023)
 Chia Yew Hock Wilson (appointed on 3 November 2023)
 Dr John Lee Hin Hock (appointed on 1 April 2024)
 Lee Boon Huat (retired with effect from 7 April 2024)
 Datuk Wan Azhar Bin Wan Ahmad (retired with effect from 7 April 2024)
 Lee Ah Boon (resigned on 3 November 2023)

DIRECTORS' REMUNERATION

The Directors' remuneration for the Group and the Bank for the financial year amounted to RM4,584,000 and RM3,468,000 respectively. Details of Directors' Remuneration are set out in Note 39 to the financial statements.

DIRECTORS' BENEFITS

Neither at the end of the financial year, nor at any time during that year, did there subsist any arrangements to which the Bank is a party, whereby the Directors might acquire benefits by means of the acquisition of shares in, or debentures of, the Bank or any other body corporate.

Since the end of the previous financial year, no Director of the Bank has received or become entitled to receive any benefit (other than benefits shown under Directors' Remuneration in Note 39 to the financial statements) by reason of a contract made by the Bank or its subsidiary with the Director or with a firm of which the Director is a member, or with a company in which the Director has a substantial financial interest.

DIRECTORS' INTERESTS

According to the Register of Directors' Shareholdings that is required to be kept under Section 59 of the Companies Act 2016, none of the Directors in office at the end of the financial year had any interest in shares of the Bank or its subsidiaries or its related corporations during the financial year.

DIRECTORS' REPORT

BUSINESS REVIEW FOR FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED ("FYE") 31 MARCH 2024

Profitability

The Group recorded a net profit after taxation of RM690.5 million for the financial year ended on 31 March 2024, marking a year-on-year ("YoY") increase of RM12.6 million or 1.9%. This growth was primarily driven by the elevated revenue and a reduction in allowances for expected credit losses.

Net interest income saw a significant improvement, rising by RM67.5 million or 4.1% YoY, predominantly attributed to heightened loan growth and an increase in the Overnight Policy Rate ("OPR"). The net interest margin ("NIM") reached 2.48%.

Loan Growth

The implementation of the ACCELER8 strategic plan facilitated a notable expansion in the Group's loans, advances, and financing, which surged by 13.6% YoY to reach RM55.7 billion. This growth was predominantly propelled by advancements across all business lines.

Other Operating Income

The Group reported other operating income of RM300.3 million, marking an increase of RM33.2 million or 12.4% YoY. This growth primarily stemmed from higher wealth management and Banca fee income, as well as increased revenue from FX sales, processing fees, and trade fees.

Operating Expenses

Operating expenses saw a rise of RM92.4 million or 10.5% YoY, resulting in a cost-to-income ratio ("CIR") of 48.2%. The Group remains committed to prudent cost management throughout the financial year.

Asset Quality

The Group's allowance for expected credit losses on loans, advances, financing, and other financial assets posted a net charge of RM135.4 million, marking a decrease of RM16.4 million YoY. The net credit cost stood at 25.8 basis points, while the loan loss coverage, including regulatory reserves, reached 113.8%.

The Group will maintain a prudent approach by implementing the credit risk framework across all business lines. This involves stratifying customers based on the risk profiles and prioritising customer interactions accordingly. Additionally, the Group will focus on controlling credit costs through the refinement of credit policies, tightening credit underwriting standards, and intensifying collection efforts.

Healthy Funding and Liquidity Position

The Group's current/savings account ("CASA") ratio was recorded at 41.6%, with customer-based funding totaling RM59.7 billion. Our funding strategy has enabled the Group to maintain robust liquidity coverage and loans-to-funds ratios, which stood at 156.8% and 87.0%, respectively.

Proactive Capital Management

We continued to maintain a robust capital position with the Common Equity Tier I ("CET I") ratio at 12.9%, the Tier-1 Capital Ratio at 13.6%, and the Total Capital Ratio at 17.2%, all comfortably surpassing regulatory thresholds.

For the financial year ended 31 March 2024, the Group declared a second interim dividend of 11.45 sen per share.

DIRECTORS' REPORT

BUSINESS REVIEW FOR FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED (“FYE”) 31 MARCH 2024 (CONTD)

Performance by business segment and subsidiary

The Group's business segments encompass Consumer Banking, Business Banking, and Financial Markets.

In the Consumer Banking segment, profit before tax amounted to RM148.6 million, reflecting a decrease of RM7.9 million YoY. Net income saw a modest increase of RM2.3 million or 0.4% to RM655.6 million, driven primarily by a rise in other operating income of RM22.5 million, partially offset by a decrease in net interest income by RM20.2 million. Operating expenses increased by RM52.2 million or 12.1%, while the allowance for expected credit losses improved by RM41.9 million. Segment assets were recorded at RM28.8 billion.

For the Business Banking segment, comprising corporate, commercial, and SME banking, profit before tax rose to RM497.5 million, marking an increase of RM19.7 million or 4.1% YoY. Net income surged by RM98.1 million or 10.8% to RM1.0 billion, driven by higher net interest income by RM59.9 million and higher other operating income by RM38.1 million. Operating expenses increased by RM51.3 million or 15.0%, while the allowance for expected credit losses rose by RM27.1 million. Segment assets were recorded at RM29.0 billion.

In the Financial Markets segment, profit before tax reached RM289.6 million, up by RM7.4 million or 2.6% YoY. Net income increased by RM9.3 million or 2.8%, primarily due to higher net interest income by RM32.8 million, partially offset by lower other operating income by RM23.6 million. Operating expenses rose by RM1.3 million or 3.0%. Segment assets recorded at RM19.1 billion.

The Islamic Banking segment, which includes consumer banking, business banking, and financial markets, recorded a net profit after taxation of RM161.8 million, down by RM0.4 million or 0.3% YoY. Net income decreased by RM3.1 million or 0.7%. Net profit income declined by RM9.7 million, while other operating income increased by RM6.5 million. Operating expenses increased by RM23.1 million or 14.8%. The allowance for expected credit losses improved by RM30.2 million. Total assets stood at RM17.8 billion.

ECONOMIC AND BUSINESS OUTLOOK FOR NEXT FINANCIAL YEAR

For 2024, Bank Negara Malaysia (“BNM”) projects Malaysia's gross domestic product (“GDP”) growth to range between 4% and 5%, an improvement from the 3.7% growth observed in the preceding year.

We anticipate Malaysia's economic advancement will be bolstered by sustained domestic demand, propelled by ongoing enhancements in labour market conditions and renewed governmental efforts to stimulate growth. However, we are cognisant of the uneven nature of the overall recovery, with certain sectors experiencing continued strain. Furthermore, we maintain a cautious stance regarding potential downside risks to growth stemming from external uncertainties, such as escalating geopolitical tensions.

Looking ahead to FY2025, the Group anticipates maintaining its positive financial performance and remains committed to realising growth objectives under ACCELER8. In FY2025, our focus areas include:

- (i) Continuing momentum in customer acquisition through the expansion of new-to-bank acquisition channels, leveraging digital platforms, strategic partnerships, increased productivity, and branch enhancements;
- (ii) Deepening client wallet share post-customer acquisition by enhancing product and channel offerings for key target segments and sectors in both Consumer and Business Banking, with the aim of driving fee income. Additionally, we will seek to maximise cross-business unit collaboration to provide more comprehensive customer service; and
- (iii) Strengthening Islamic banking propositions to drive incremental growth, with a focus on scaling up differentiated Islamic banking solutions such as Halal in One to accelerate expansion.

With a focus on prudent loan growth above industry averages, robust credit risk management practices, enhancement of deposit/CASA propositions, and continued investments in technology, the Group aims to further expand its market share in FY2025.

DIRECTORS' REPORT

RATING BY EXTERNAL RATING AGENCY

The Bank is rated by RAM Rating Services Berhad ("RAM"). Based on RAM's rating in November 2023, the Bank's short-term and long-term ratings are reaffirmed at P1 and A1 respectively. RAM has classified these rating categories as follows:

P1 - Financial institutions in this category have superior capacities for timely payments of obligations.

A1 - Financial institutions rated in this category are adjudged to offer adequate safety for timely payments of financial obligations. This level of rating indicates financial institutions with adequate credit profiles, but possess one or more problem areas, giving rise to the possibility of future riskiness. Financial institutions rated in this category have generally performed at industry average and are considered to be more vulnerable to changes in economic conditions than those rated in the higher categories.

SUBSIDIARIES

Details of subsidiaries are set out in Note 12 to the financial statements.

AUDITORS' REMUNERATION

Total auditors' remuneration for the Group and the Bank for the financial year ended 31 March 2024 are RM2,721,000 and RM2,340,000 respectively. Details of auditors' remuneration are set out in Note 31 to the financial statements.

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS DURING THE FINANCIAL YEAR

The significant events during the financial year are disclosed in Note 48 to the financial statements.

SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The events subsequent to the end of the financial reporting period are disclosed in Note 49 to the financial statements.

AUDITORS

The auditors, PricewaterhouseCoopers PLT (LLP0014401-LCA & AF 1146), have expressed their willingness to continue in office.

Signed on behalf of the Board of Directors in accordance with a resolution of the Directors.

Ahmad Bin Mohd Don
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
30 May 2024

Tan Chian Khong

STATEMENT BY DIRECTORS

PURSUANT TO SECTION 251(2) OF THE COMPANIES ACT 2016

We, Ahmad Bin Mohd Don and Tan Chian Khong, being two of the Directors of Alliance Bank Malaysia Berhad, do hereby state that, in the opinion of the Directors, the accompanying financial statements set out on pages 213 to 364 are drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Group and of the Bank as at 31 March 2024 and the financial performance of the Group and of the Bank for the financial year ended 31 March 2024 in accordance with the Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards, International Financial Reporting Standards and the requirements of the Companies Act 2016 in Malaysia.

Signed on behalf of the Board in accordance with a resolution of the Directors.

Ahmad Bin Mohd Don
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
30 May 2024

Tan Chian Khong

STATUTORY DECLARATION

PURSUANT TO SECTION 251(1) OF THE COMPANIES ACT 2016

I, Ronnie Royston Fernandiz, being the officer primarily responsible for the financial management of Alliance Bank Malaysia Berhad, do solemnly and sincerely declare that the accompanying financial statements set out on pages 213 to 364 are in my opinion correct, and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of the Statutory Declarations Act 1960.

Subscribed and solemnly declared by the abovenamed Ronnie Royston Fernandiz at Kuala Lumpur in the Federal Territory on 30 May 2024

Ronnie Royston Fernandiz
MIA Membership No. (CA 13837)

Before me,

Mazlee Bin Ismail
Commissioner for Oaths

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
30 May 2024

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

TO THE MEMBERS OF ALLIANCE BANK MALAYSIA BERHAD
(INCORPORATED IN MALAYSIA)
(COMPANY NO: 198201008390 (88103-W))

REPORT ON THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Our opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements of Alliance Bank Malaysia Berhad (“the Bank”) and its subsidiaries (“the Group”) give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Group and of the Bank as at 31 March 2024, and of their financial performance and their cash flows for the financial year then ended in accordance with Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards, International Financial Reporting Standards and the requirements of the Companies Act 2016 in Malaysia.

What we have audited

We have audited the financial statements of the Group and of the Bank, which comprise the statements of financial position as at 31 March 2024 of the Group and of the Bank, and the statements of income, statements of comprehensive income, statements of changes in equity and statements of cash flows of the Group and of the Bank for the financial year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of material accounting policies, as set out on pages 213 to 364.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with approved standards on auditing in Malaysia and International Standards on Auditing. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the “Auditors’ responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements” section of our report.

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

Independence and other ethical responsibilities

We are independent of the Group and of the Bank in accordance with the By-Laws (on Professional Ethics, Conduct and Practice) of the Malaysian Institute of Accountants (“By-Laws”) and the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants’ International Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including International Independence Standards) (“IESBA Code”), and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the By-Laws and the IESBA Code.

Our audit approach

As part of designing our audit, we determined materiality and assessed the risks of material misstatement in the financial statements of the Group and the Bank. In particular, we considered where the Directors made subjective judgements; for example, in respect of significant accounting estimates that involved making assumptions and considering future events that are inherently uncertain. As in all of our audits, we also addressed the risk of management override of internal controls, including among other matters, consideration of whether there was evidence of bias that represented a risk of material misstatement due to fraud.

We tailored the scope of our audit in order to perform sufficient work to enable us to provide an opinion on the financial statements as a whole, taking into account the structure of the Group and of the Bank, the accounting processes and controls, and the industry in which the Group and the Bank operate.

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REPORT ON THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONT'D)

Key audit matters

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

Key audit matters	How our audit addressed the key audit matters
Allowance for impairment on loans, advances and financing	
<p>Refer to accounting policy 2(a)(ii) and 2(j)(i), Notes 9 and 32 of the Financial Statements of the Group and the Bank.</p> <p>MFRS 9 introduces an expected credit loss ("ECL") impairment model, which requires the use of complex models and significant assumptions about future economic conditions and credit behaviour. This is a complex accounting standard which has required considerable judgement and estimates in its implementation.</p> <p>In particular, the significant judgements in applying the accounting requirements for measuring ECL include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The models are inherently complex and judgement is applied in determining the appropriate construct of the model; • Identification of loans, advances and financing that have experienced a significant increase in credit risk; and • Assumptions used in the ECL models such as expected future cash flows, forward-looking macroeconomic factors and data sets to be used as inputs to the models. 	<p>We obtained an understanding and tested management's controls over identification of loans, advances and financing that have experienced significant increase in credit risk or objective evidence of impairment in accordance with the Group's policy and procedures, and the calculation of ECL provisions.</p> <p>We tested a sample of loans, advances and financing and assessed the reasonableness of management's judgement that there was no significant increase in credit risk or objective evidence of impairment for these loans.</p> <p>Where objective evidence of impairment was identified by the Group and impairment loss was individually calculated, we examined both the quantum and timing of future cash flows used by the Group in the impairment loss calculation, challenged the assumptions and compared the assumptions to external evidence where available. Calculations of the discounted cash flows were also re-performed.</p> <p>For staging and identification of exposures with significant increase in credit risk, we assessed and tested the reasonableness of the transfer criteria applied by the Group for different types of credit exposures. We evaluated if the transfer criteria are consistent with the Group's policy and credit risk management practices.</p>

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Key audit matters (cont'd)

Key audit matters	How our audit addressed the key audit matters
<p>Allowance for impairment on loans, advances and financing (cont'd)</p>	<p>To determine the appropriateness of models implemented by the Group, we have:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Assessed the methodologies inherent within the ECL models applied against the requirements of MFRS 9; 2) Tested the design and operating effectiveness of the controls relating to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Governance over ECL model and methodology; - Data used to determine the allowances for credit losses; and - Calculation, review and approval of the ECL calculation. 3) Assessed and tested the significant modelling assumptions; 4) Assessed and considered reasonableness of forward-looking forecasts assumptions. In assessing the appropriateness of management's forecast economic conditions, we have checked to independent sources to determine whether the macro-economic information is supportable and reasonable at the reporting date of the Group's financial statements. We have also checked the reasonableness of the probability weightage accorded to the economic scenarios; 5) Checked the accuracy of data and calculation of the ECL amount, on a sample basis and assessed the reasonableness of the overlay adjustment to the ECL; and 6) Assessed whether the disclosures in the financial statements appropriately reflect the Group's credit risk exposures. <p>Based on the procedures performed, we did not find any material exceptions to the Group's assessment on impairment of loans, advances and financing.</p>

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Key audit matters (cont'd)

Key audit matters	How our audit addressed the key audit matters
Impairment testing of goodwill	
<p>Refer to accounting policy 2(a)(i) and 2(j)(ii)(a) and Note 17 of the Financial Statements of the Group and the Bank.</p> <p>Management performed annual impairment assessment on goodwill.</p> <p>The recoverable amount of each cash generating units ("CGU") of which goodwill has been allocated was determined based on the value-in-use method. The value-in-use was determined using cash flow projections based on the financial budget and business plans approved by the Board of Directors, each of which is dependent on significant management judgement and can be influenced by management bias.</p>	<p>We tested management's impairment assessment of goodwill as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Compared the cash flow projection of each CGU to approved budgets and business plans for each CGU. 2) Compared historical cash flow projections to actual results of each CGU to assess the reasonableness of forecasting. 3) Assessed the reasonableness of the annual growth rates used in the cash flow projections of each CGU. 4) Assessed the reasonableness of the applied discount rates by comparing to external and industry information. The applied discount rates reflect the specific risks relating to each CGU where the risk associated to each CGU is determined based on the CGU's business and operating model. 5) Assessed the reasonableness of the multiple probability weighted scenarios applied to the cash flow assumptions. 6) Evaluated reasonableness of terminal growth rates used by comparing to Malaysia's forecasted GDP rate. 7) Independently performed sensitivity analysis to assess the potential impact of a reasonable possible change of the key assumptions on the recoverable amount of each CGUs. 8) Reviewed the adequacy of the Group's and the Bank's disclosures within the financial statements about these assumptions to which the outcome of the impairment test is most sensitive. <p>Based on the evidence obtained, we found that the assumptions used by management in the value-in-use calculation were within a reasonable range.</p>

We have determined that there are no key audit matters to report for the Bank.

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REPORT ON THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONT'D)

Information other than the financial statements and auditors' report thereon

The Directors of the Bank are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the Directors' Report, but does not include the financial statements of the Group and of the Bank and our auditors' report thereon.

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

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

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

Responsibilities of the Directors for the financial statements

The Directors of the Bank are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements of the Group and of the Bank that give a true and fair view in accordance with Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards, International Financial Reporting Standards and the requirements of the Companies Act 2016 in Malaysia. The Directors are also responsible for such internal control as the Directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements of the Group and of the Bank that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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

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Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements (cont'd)

As part of an audit in accordance with approved standards on auditing in Malaysia and International Standards on Auditing, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

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

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

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REPORT ON THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONT'D)

Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements (cont'd)

We also provide the Directors with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, actions taken to eliminate threats or safeguards applied.

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

OTHER MATTERS

This report is made solely to the members of the Bank, as a body, in accordance with Section 266 of the Companies Act 2016 in Malaysia and for no other purpose. We do not assume responsibility to any other person for the content of this report.

PRICEWATERHOUSECOOPERS PLT
(No. LLP0014401-LCA & AF 1146)
Chartered Accountants

ONG CHING CHUAN
02907/11/2025 J
Chartered Accountant

Kuala Lumpur
30 May 2024

STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

	Note	GROUP		BANK	
		2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000
ASSETS					
Cash and short-term funds	3	4,596,653	3,570,656	3,280,522	2,425,584
Deposits and placements with banks and other financial institutions	4	-	88,553	-	88,553
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	5	335,238	265,198	335,238	265,198
Financial investments at fair value through other comprehensive income	6	10,047,311	8,484,398	8,228,402	6,182,516
Financial investments at amortised cost	7	3,870,445	3,398,514	3,400,709	3,136,889
Derivative financial assets	8	183,035	221,141	183,035	223,637
Loans, advances and financing	9	54,720,750	47,926,003	41,236,476	35,790,763
Other assets	10	1,020,815	548,647	1,123,527	689,276
Tax recoverable		10,639	20,712	-	1,574
Statutory deposits	11	1,125,413	979,601	851,813	728,111
Investments in subsidiaries	12	-	-	646,656	883,013
Investment in joint venture	13	1,135	1,094	1,094	-
Right-of-use assets	14	120,970	108,980	120,970	108,980
Property, plant and equipment	15	234,093	57,653	233,908	57,344
Deferred tax assets	16	217,253	198,920	153,468	141,327
Intangible assets	17	462,372	440,438	460,219	338,321
TOTAL ASSETS		76,946,122	66,310,508	60,256,037	51,061,086
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY					
Deposits from customers	18	57,397,495	50,849,030	42,526,469	36,896,353
Deposits and placements of banks and other financial institutions	19	2,055,057	1,719,284	1,865,994	1,536,202
Financial liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss	20	1,928,111	1,785,157	1,928,111	1,785,157
Obligations on securities sold under repurchase agreements		2,022,726	675,640	2,022,726	675,640
Derivative financial liabilities	8	287,067	366,140	287,067	366,165
Recourse obligations on loans and financing sold to Cagamas	21	1,227,674	321,484	724,796	221,352
Lease liabilities	22	124,712	113,251	124,712	113,251
Other liabilities	23	3,134,385	2,161,441	2,947,355	2,011,672
Provision for taxation		20,933	-	11,567	-
Provision for zakat		916	930	-	-
Subordinated obligations	24	1,571,918	1,571,502	1,471,684	1,471,252
TOTAL LIABILITIES		69,770,994	59,563,859	53,910,481	45,077,044
Share capital	25	1,548,106	1,548,106	1,548,106	1,548,106
Reserves	26	5,627,022	5,198,543	4,797,450	4,435,936
TOTAL EQUITY		7,175,128	6,746,649	6,345,556	5,984,042
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		76,946,122	66,310,508	60,256,037	51,061,086
COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES					
	42	58,359,769	46,224,471	54,726,409	43,325,562
Net assets per share attributable to equity holders of the Bank (RM)		4.63	4.36		

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

STATEMENTS OF INCOME

FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Note	GROUP		BANK	
		2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000
Interest income	27	2,465,837	1,975,782	2,455,990	1,944,850
Interest expense	28	(1,156,265)	(745,683)	(1,157,102)	(740,581)
Net interest income		1,309,572	1,230,099	1,298,888	1,204,269
Net income from Islamic banking business	29	440,111	452,806	-	-
		1,749,683	1,682,905	1,298,888	1,204,269
Fee and commission income		276,743	215,829	276,548	209,468
Fee and commission expense		(129,446)	(104,986)	(129,446)	(102,503)
Investment income		142,398	90,403	204,375	175,710
Other (expense)/income		(18,928)	35,651	(12,869)	32,538
Other operating income	30	270,767	236,897	338,608	315,213
Net income		2,020,450	1,919,802	1,637,496	1,519,482
Other operating expenses	31	(973,729)	(881,353)	(777,934)	(696,667)
Operating profit before allowances		1,046,721	1,038,449	859,562	822,815
Allowance for expected credit losses on loans, advances and financing and other financial assets	32	(134,895)	(152,344)	(96,631)	(82,530)
(Allowance for)/write-back of expected credit losses on financial investments	33	(545)	460	(447)	(55)
Operating profit after allowances		911,281	886,565	762,484	740,230
Share of results of joint venture	13	41	46	-	-
Profit before taxation and zakat		911,322	886,611	762,484	740,230
Taxation and zakat	34	(220,847)	(208,765)	(163,541)	(152,537)
Net profit for the financial year		690,475	677,846	598,943	587,693
Net profit for the financial year attributable to: Equity holders of the Bank		690,475	677,846	598,943	587,693
Earnings per share attributable to: Equity holders of the Bank	35				
- Basic (sen)		44.6	43.8		
- Diluted (sen)		44.6	43.8		

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	GROUP		BANK	
	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000
Net profit for the financial year	690,475	677,846	598,943	587,693
Other comprehensive income/(expense):				
Items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:				
Revaluation reserve on financial investments at fair value through other comprehensive income ("FVOCI")	60,785	(4,446)	53,461	2,436
- Net gain/(loss) from change in fair values	82,696	(1,733)	71,599	5,746
- Realised gain transferred to statements of income on disposal	(3,293)	(3,690)	(2,016)	(2,324)
- Transfer (to)/from deferred tax	(19,056)	1,302	(16,487)	(821)
- Changes in expected credit losses	438	(325)	365	(165)
Net change in cash flow hedges	-	253	-	253
- Change in cash flow hedges	-	333	-	333
- Transfer to deferred tax	-	(80)	-	(80)
Other comprehensive income/(expense), net of tax	60,785	(4,193)	53,461	2,689
Total comprehensive income for the financial year	751,260	673,653	652,404	590,382
Total comprehensive income for the financial year attributable to:				
Equity holders of the Bank	751,260	673,653	652,404	590,382

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

GROUP	← Attributable to equity holders of the Bank →						Total equity RM'000
	Share capital RM'000	Regulatory reserves RM'000	Capital reserves RM'000	FVOCI reserves RM'000	Hedging reserves RM'000	Retained profits RM'000	
At 1 April 2023	1,548,106	257,241	100,150	(148,673)	-	4,989,825	6,746,649
Net profit for the financial year	-	-	-	-	-	690,475	690,475
Other comprehensive income	-	-	-	60,785	-	-	60,785
Total comprehensive income	-	-	-	60,785	-	690,475	751,260
Transfer from regulatory reserves	-	(101,756)	-	-	-	101,756	-
Effect of subsidiary's capital return	-	-	(90,132)	-	-	90,132	-
Dividends paid to shareholders (Note 36)	-	-	-	-	-	(322,781)	(322,781)
At 31 March 2024	1,548,106	155,485	10,018	(87,888)	-	5,549,407	7,175,128
At 1 April 2022	1,548,106	47,686	100,150	(144,227)	(253)	4,865,214	6,416,676
Net profit for the financial year	-	-	-	-	-	677,846	677,846
Other comprehensive (expense)/income	-	-	-	(4,446)	253	-	(4,193)
Total comprehensive (expense)/income	-	-	-	(4,446)	253	677,846	673,653
Transfer to regulatory reserves	-	209,555	-	-	-	(209,555)	-
Dividends paid to shareholders (Note 36)	-	-	-	-	-	(343,680)	(343,680)
At 31 March 2023	1,548,106	257,241	100,150	(148,673)	-	4,989,825	6,746,649

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

BANK	← Non-distributable reserves →					Distributable	Total equity RM'000
	Share capital RM'000	Regulatory reserves RM'000	Capital reserves RM'000	FVOCI reserves RM'000	Hedging reserves RM'000	Retained profits RM'000	
At 1 April 2023	1,548,106	231,857	15,515	(135,652)	-	4,324,216	5,984,042
Net profit for the financial year	-	-	-	-	-	598,943	598,943
Other comprehensive income	-	-	-	53,461	-	-	53,461
Total comprehensive income	-	-	-	53,461	-	598,943	652,404
Transfer from regulatory reserves	-	(82,417)	-	-	-	82,417	-
Effect of business transfer from subsidiary	-	6,045	-	(831)	-	26,677	31,891
Effect of subsidiary's capital return	-	-	(15,515)	-	-	15,515	-
Dividends paid to shareholders (Note 36)	-	-	-	-	-	(322,781)	(322,781)
At 31 March 2024	1,548,106	155,485	-	(83,022)	-	4,724,987	6,345,556
At 1 April 2022	1,548,106	41,641	15,515	(138,088)	(253)	4,270,419	5,737,340
Net profit for the financial year	-	-	-	-	-	587,693	587,693
Other comprehensive income	-	-	-	2,436	253	-	2,689
Total comprehensive income	-	-	-	2,436	253	587,693	590,382
Transfer to regulatory reserves	-	190,216	-	-	-	(190,216)	-
Dividends paid to shareholders (Note 36)	-	-	-	-	-	(343,680)	(343,680)
At 31 March 2023	1,548,106	231,857	15,515	(135,652)	-	4,324,216	5,984,042

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	GROUP		BANK	
	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES				
Profit before taxation and zakat	911,322	886,611	762,484	740,230
Adjustments for:				
Accretion of discount less amortisation of premium of financial investments	(41,557)	(25,112)	(41,557)	(26,393)
Allowance for expected credit losses on loans, advances and financing	122,929	164,685	93,716	94,623
Allowance for expected credit losses on commitments and contingencies	17,706	4,499	13,701	4,780
Allowance for/(write-back of) expected credit losses on financial investments	545	(460)	447	55
Allowance for expected credit losses on other receivables	1,993	4,276	1,699	3,153
Write-back of expected credit losses on deposits and placements with banks	-	(8)	-	(8)
Amortisation of computer software	47,626	47,900	47,051	46,939
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	22,386	20,138	22,199	19,848
Depreciation of right-of-use assets	27,660	25,910	27,660	25,882
Dividends from financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	(1,356)	(2,301)	(1,356)	(1,940)
Dividends from subsidiaries	-	-	(64,330)	(84,507)
Interest expense on lease liabilities	5,520	5,534	5,520	5,539
Interest expense on obligations of securities sold under repurchase agreements	48,860	7,024	48,860	7,024
Interest expense on subordinated obligations	60,436	64,004	60,551	64,184
Interest expense on recourse obligations on loans and financing sold to Cagamas	25,340	13,675	25,340	13,675
Interest income from financial investments at amortised cost	(115,334)	(85,280)	(121,135)	(91,170)
Interest income from financial investments at fair value through other comprehensive income	(290,086)	(267,572)	(290,086)	(247,885)
Computer software written-off	2	6	2	1
Gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment	-	(80)	-	(80)
Property, plant and equipment written-off	40	112	40	77
Net gain from sale of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	(8,828)	(9,580)	(8,828)	(5,977)
Cash flows from operating activities carried forward	835,204	853,981	581,978	568,050

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	GROUP		BANK	
	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES (cont'd)				
Cash flow from operating activities brought forward	835,204	853,981	581,978	568,050
Net gain from sale of financial investments at fair value through other comprehensive income	(2,016)	(2,213)	(2,016)	(2,324)
Net gain from sale of other investments	-	(1,482)	-	(1,482)
Unrealised loss arising from derivative instruments	4,886	38,583	7,239	33,930
Unrealised loss arising from hedging activities	-	333	-	333
Unrealised gain arising from financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	(25,562)	(17,889)	(25,562)	(17,889)
Unrealised loss arising from financial liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss	36,021	22,989	36,021	22,989
Share of results of joint venture	(41)	(46)	-	-
Cash flows from operating activities before working capital changes	848,492	894,256	597,660	603,607
Changes in working capital:				
Amounts due from clients and brokers	-	26,639	-	-
Deposits from customers	6,548,465	2,662,659	5,630,116	1,365,085
Deposits and placements of banks and other financial institutions	335,773	30,290	329,792	198,453
Deposits and placements with banks and other financial institutions	88,553	79,639	88,553	79,639
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	(40,403)	299,726	(40,403)	221,769
Financial liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss	106,933	736,972	106,933	736,972
Loans, advances and financing	(6,917,674)	(2,966,943)	(5,539,429)	(2,277,189)
Other assets	(474,162)	(85,387)	(435,952)	(93,095)
Other liabilities	956,099	262,509	913,413	317,411
Obligations on securities sold under repurchase agreements	1,339,468	675,242	1,339,468	675,242
Statutory deposits	(145,812)	(880,065)	(123,702)	(659,112)
Cash generated from operating activities	2,645,732	1,735,537	2,866,449	1,168,782
Taxation and zakat paid	(228,191)	(255,359)	(179,027)	(192,487)
Net cash generated from operating activities	2,417,541	1,480,178	2,687,422	976,295

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	GROUP		BANK	
	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES				
Dividends from subsidiaries	-	-	64,330	84,507
Dividends from financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	1,356	2,301	1,356	1,940
Interest received from financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	4,752	4,160	4,752	4,160
Interest received from financial investments at fair value through other comprehensive income	255,987	275,175	254,762	253,402
Interest received from financial investments at amortised cost	94,932	72,456	104,774	79,690
Interest paid for derivative instruments	(45,853)	(19,878)	(45,735)	(17,696)
Purchase of computer software	(69,562)	(56,160)	(69,224)	(55,110)
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(198,875)	(22,929)	(198,807)	(22,770)
Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment	9	539	4	427
Proceeds from disposal of computer software	-	21	-	-
Proceeds from subsidiary	-	-	226,745	150,000
Purchase of joint venture	-	-	(1,094)	-
Purchase of goodwill	-	-	(20,722)	-
Subscription of subsidiary's ordinary shares	-	-	(37,500)	-
Purchase of:				
- financial investments at fair value through other comprehensive income	(6,242,319)	(570,139)	(4,116,172)	(1,295,139)
- financial investments at amortised cost	(867,513)	(1,405,723)	(602,543)	(1,041,745)
Redemption/disposal of:				
- financial investments at fair value through other comprehensive income	4,774,851	1,180,875	2,157,133	1,840,001
- financial investments at amortised cost	477,479	190,122	425,090	200,899
Net cash (used in)/generated from investing activities	(1,814,756)	(349,180)	(1,852,851)	182,566
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES				
Dividends paid to shareholders of the company	(322,781)	(343,680)	(322,781)	(343,680)
Interest paid on obligations on securities sold under repurchase agreements	(41,242)	(6,626)	(41,242)	(6,626)
Interest paid on subordinated obligations	(60,020)	(65,287)	(60,119)	(65,386)
Interest paid on recourse obligations on loans and financing sold to Cagamas	(19,182)	(12,694)	(21,913)	(12,402)
Repayment of lease liabilities	(33,595)	(30,568)	(33,595)	(30,549)
Recourse obligations on loans and financing sold to Cagamas	900,032	(330,061)	500,017	(80,036)
Net cash generated from/(used in) financing activities	423,212	(788,916)	20,367	(538,679)
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	1,025,997	342,082	854,938	620,182
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of financial year	3,570,656	3,228,574	2,425,584	1,805,402
Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year	4,596,653	3,570,656	3,280,522	2,425,584
Cash and cash equivalents comprise the following:				
Cash and short-term funds (Note 3)	4,596,653	3,570,656	3,280,522	2,425,584

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

A reconciliation of liabilities from financing activities to the statements of financial position and statements of cash flows as follows:

	Recourse obligations on loans and financing sold to Cagamas RM'000	Lease liabilities RM'000	Subordinated obligations RM'000	Obligations on securities sold under repurchase agreements RM'000	Total RM'000
GROUP					
At 1 April 2023	321,484	113,251	1,571,502	675,640	2,681,877
Cash flow					
- Proceeds from issuance	900,032	-	-	1,339,468	2,239,500
- Redemption/repayment	-	(33,595)	-	-	(33,595)
- Interest payment	(19,182)	-	(60,020)	(41,242)	(120,444)
Non-cash changes					
- Interest accrued	25,340	5,520	60,436	48,860	140,156
- Additions, remeasurement and termination of contracts	-	39,536	-	-	39,536
At 31 March 2024	1,227,674	124,712	1,571,918	2,022,726	4,947,030

	Recourse obligations on loans and financing sold to Cagamas RM'000	Lease liabilities RM'000	Subordinated obligations RM'000	Obligations on securities sold under repurchase agreements RM'000	Total RM'000
GROUP					
At 1 April 2022	650,564	125,475	1,572,785	-	2,348,824
Cash flow					
- Proceeds from issuance	-	-	-	675,242	675,242
- Redemption/repayment	(330,061)	(30,568)	-	-	(360,629)
- Interest payment	(12,694)	-	(65,287)	(6,626)	(84,607)
Non-cash changes					
- Interest accrued	13,675	5,534	64,004	7,024	90,237
- Additions, remeasurement and termination of contracts	-	12,810	-	-	12,810
At 31 March 2023	321,484	113,251	1,571,502	675,640	2,681,877

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

A reconciliation of liabilities from financing activities to the statements of financial position and statements of cash flows as follows: (cont'd)

	Recourse obligations on loans and financing sold to Cagamas RM'000	Lease liabilities RM'000	Subordinated obligations RM'000	Obligations on securities sold under repurchase agreements RM'000	Total RM'000
BANK					
At 1 April 2023	221,352	113,251	1,471,252	675,640	2,481,495
Cash flow					
- Proceeds from issuance	500,017	-	-	1,339,468	1,839,485
- Redemption/repayment	-	(33,595)	-	-	(33,595)
- Interest payment	(21,913)	-	(60,119)	(41,242)	(123,274)
Non-cash changes					
- Interest accrued	25,340	5,520	60,551	48,860	140,271
- Additions, remeasurement and termination of contracts	-	39,536	-	-	39,536
At 31 March 2024	724,796	124,712	1,471,684	2,022,726	4,343,918

	Recourse obligations on loans and financing sold to Cagamas RM'000	Lease liabilities RM'000	Subordinated obligations RM'000	Obligations on securities sold under repurchase agreements RM'000	Total RM'000
BANK					
At 1 April 2022	300,115	125,249	1,472,454	-	1,897,818
Cash flow					
- Proceeds from issuance	-	-	-	675,242	675,242
- Redemption/repayment	(80,036)	(30,549)	-	-	(110,585)
- Interest payment	(12,402)	-	(65,386)	(6,626)	(84,414)
Non-cash changes					
- Interest accrued	13,675	5,539	64,184	7,024	90,422
- Additions, remeasurement and termination of contracts	-	13,012	-	-	13,012
At 31 March 2023	221,352	113,251	1,471,252	675,640	2,481,495

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

1. PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES AND GENERAL INFORMATION

The Bank is principally engaged in all aspects of banking business and the provision of related financial services.

The principal activities of the subsidiaries are Islamic banking, nominees services, investment advisory services and related financial services.

There have been no significant changes in the nature of these activities during the financial year except that during the financial year, AIBB had returned its Investment Banking License to Bank Negara Malaysia and ceased its operations. In addition, Alliance Trustee Berhad has ceased to be a subsidiary of the Bank.

The Bank is a public limited liability company, incorporated and domiciled in Malaysia. The registered office is located at 3rd Floor, Menara Multi-Purpose, Capital Square, No 8 Jalan Munshi Abdullah, 50100 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

The financial statements were authorised for issue by the Board of Directors in accordance with a resolution of the Directors on 30 May 2024.

2. MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) Basis of Preparation

Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards (“MFRS”) Framework

The financial statements of the Group and the Bank have been prepared in accordance with MFRS, International Financial Reporting Standards and the requirements of the Companies Act 2016 in Malaysia.

The financial statements of the Group and the Bank have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the financial investments at fair value through other comprehensive income and financial assets/liabilities (including derivative instruments) at fair value through profit or loss.

The financial statements incorporate all activities relating to the Islamic banking business which have been undertaken by the Group. Islamic banking business refers generally to the acceptance of deposits and granting of financing under the Shariah principles.

The financial statements are presented in Ringgit Malaysia (“RM”) and all numbers are rounded to the nearest thousand (RM’000), unless otherwise stated.

The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with MFRS requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reported period. It also requires the Directors to exercise their judgement in the process of applying the Group’s and the Bank’s accounting policies. Although these estimates and judgement are based on the Directors’ best knowledge of current events and actions, actual results may differ from those estimates.

The areas involving a higher degree of judgement or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the financial statements are described in the following notes:

- (i) Annual testing for impairment of goodwill (Note 17) - the measurement of the recoverable amount of cash-generating units is determined based on the value-in-use method, which requires the use of estimates for cash flow projections approved by the Board of Directors covering a 4-year period, estimated growth rates for cash flows beyond the fourth year are extrapolated in perpetuity and discount rates are applied to the cash flow projections. A sensitivity assessment has been performed by stressing the estimated growth rates and discount rates by a certain percentage.

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2. MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)

(a) Basis of Preparation (cont'd)

Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards (“MFRS”) Framework (cont'd)

The areas involving a higher degree of judgement or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the financial statements are described in the following notes: (cont'd)

- (ii) The measurement of allowance for expected credit losses (“ECL”) for financial assets measured at amortised cost and at fair value through other comprehensive income. These are the areas that require the use of significant assumptions about future economic conditions and credit behaviour.

The allowance for ECL is recognised using forward-looking information including macroeconomic factors. Using forward-looking information will increase the level of judgement as to how changes in these macroeconomic factors will affect the allowance for ECL. The methodology and assumptions including any forecasts of future economic conditions will continue to be monitored and reviewed.

The sensitivity effect on the macroeconomic factor is further disclosed in Note 40(a)(vi).

Some of the areas of significant judgements involved in the measurement of ECL are detailed as follows:

- Significant increase in credit risk and further disclosure in Note 40(a)(iv)(a);
- Development of ECL models and assumption for the measurement of ECL;
- Determining the number and relative weightings of forward-looking scenarios; and
- Establishing groups of similar financial assets for the purpose of measuring ECL on a collective basis.

The Group and the Bank have also applied overlays and post model adjustments to determine a sufficient overall level of allowance for ECL as at 31 March 2024. The basis is further disclosed in Note 40(a)(vii).

Standards, amendments to published standards and interpretations that are effective and applicable to the Group and the Bank

The new accounting standards, amendments and improvements to published standards and interpretations that are effective for the Group and the Bank for the financial year beginning on 1 April 2023 are as follows:

- Amendments to MFRS 101 and MFRS Practice Statement 2 on “Disclosure of Accounting Policies”
- Amendments to MFRS 108 “Definition of Accounting Estimates”
- Amendments to MFRS 112 “Deferred Tax related to Assets and Liabilities arising from a Single Transaction”

The adoption of the above standards, amendments to published standards and interpretations to existing standards did not have any significant impact on the financial statements of the Group and the Bank.

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2. MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)

(a) Basis of Preparation (cont'd)

Standards, amendments to published standards and interpretations to existing standards that are applicable to the Group and the Bank but not yet effective

The Group and the Bank will apply the new standards, amendments to standards and interpretations in the following period:

Financial year beginning after 1 April 2024

(i) Amendments to MFRS 16 “Lease Liability in a Sales and Leaseback”

The amendments specify the measurement of the lease liability arises in a sale and leaseback transaction that satisfies the requirements in MFRS 15 “Revenue from Contracts with Customers” to be accounted for as a sale. In accordance with the amendments, the seller-lessee shall determine the “lease payments” or “revised lease payments” in a way that it does not result in the seller-lessee recognising any amount of the gain or loss that relates to the right of use it retains.

The amendments shall be applied retrospectively to sales and leaseback transactions entered into after the date when the seller-lessee initially applied MFRS 16.

(ii) Amendments to MFRS 101 “Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current”

The amendments clarify that a liability is classified as non-current if an entity has a substantive right at the end of the reporting period to defer settlement for at least 12 months after the reporting period.

A liability is classified as current if a condition is breached at or before the reporting date and a waiver is obtained after the reporting date. A loan is classified as non-current if a covenant is breached after the reporting date.

In addition, the amendments clarify that when a liability could be settled by the transfer of an entity’s own equity instruments (e.g. a conversion option in a convertible bond), the conversion option that is not an equity instrument as defined in MFRS 132 “Financial Instruments: Presentation” is considered in the current or non-current classification of the convertible instrument.

The amendments shall be applied retrospectively.

(iii) Amendments to MFRS 101 “Non-current Liabilities with Covenants”

The amendments specify that covenants of loan arrangements which an entity must comply with only after the reporting date would not affect classification of a liability as current or non-current at the reporting date. However, those covenants that an entity is required to comply with on or before the reporting date would affect classification of a liability as current or non-current, even if the covenant is only assessed after the reporting date.

The amendments shall be applied retrospectively.

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2. MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)

(a) Basis of Preparation (cont'd)

Standards, amendments to published standards and interpretations to existing standards that are applicable to the Group and the Bank but not yet effective (cont'd)

The Group and the Bank will apply the new standards, amendments to standards and interpretations in the following period: (cont'd)

Financial year beginning after 1 April 2025

(i) Amendments to MFRS 121 “Lack of Exchangeability”

The amendments clarify that a currency is exchangeable when an entity is able to exchange it into another currency within a time frame that allows for a normal administrative delay and through a market or exchange mechanism that creates enforceable rights and obligations.

If an entity can only obtain no more than an insignificant amount of the other currency at the measurement date for a specified purpose, then the currency is not exchangeable. In such cases, the entity is required to estimate the spot exchange rate at the measurement date.

(b) Economic Entities in the Group

(i) Subsidiaries

Subsidiaries are all entities (including structured entities) over which the Group has control. The Group controls an entity when the Group is exposed to, or has rights to, variable returns from its involvement with the entity and has the ability to affect those returns through its power to direct the relevant activities of the entity. Subsidiaries are fully consolidated from the date on which control is transferred to the Group. They are deconsolidated from the date that control ceases.

The consolidated financial statements comprise the financial statements of the Bank and its subsidiaries as at the end of the reporting period. The financial statements of the subsidiaries are prepared for the same reporting date as the Bank.

Subsidiaries are consolidated using the acquisition method of accounting. The consideration transferred includes the fair value of any asset or liability resulting from a contingent consideration arrangement and fair value of any pre-existing equity interest in the subsidiary. Identifiable assets acquired and liabilities and contingent liabilities assumed in a business combination are with limited exceptions, measured initially at their fair values at the acquisition date. The Group recognises any non-controlling interest in the acquiree on an acquisition-by-acquisition basis, either at fair value or at the non-controlling interest's proportionate share of the recognised amounts of the acquiree's identifiable net assets. Acquisition-related costs are expensed as incurred.

The excess of the consideration transferred, the amount of any non-controlling interest in the acquiree and the acquisition-date fair value of any previous equity interest in the acquiree over the fair value of the identifiable net assets acquired is recognised as goodwill [Note 2(d)(i)]. If the total of consideration transferred, non-controlling interest recognised and previously held interest measured is less than the fair value of the net assets of the subsidiary acquired in the case of a bargain purchase, the difference is recognised directly in the statements of income.

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2. MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)

(b) Economic Entities in the Group (cont'd)

(i) Subsidiaries (cont'd)

If the business combination is achieved in stages, the carrying value of the acquirer's previously held equity interest in the acquiree is remeasured to fair value at the acquisition date, any gains or losses arising from such remeasurement are recognised in statements of income.

Any contingent consideration to be transferred by the Group is recognised at fair value at the acquisition date. Subsequent changes to the fair value of the contingent consideration that is deemed to be an asset or liability is recognised in accordance with MFRS 9 in statements of income. Contingent consideration that is classified as equity is not remeasured, and its subsequent settlement is accounted for within equity.

In a group reorganisation, the assets and liabilities of the acquired entity are included in the consolidated financial statements of the Group at their existing carrying amounts without fair value uplift. The difference between the consideration given and the aggregate carrying amounts of the assets and liabilities (as of the date of the transaction) is recognised in equity. No goodwill is recognised. The acquired entity's assets and liabilities are incorporated in the consolidated financial statements of the Group as if the entity had always been, prior to the group reorganisation.

Intercompany transactions, balances and unrealised gains on transactions between Group companies are eliminated. Unrealised losses are also eliminated unless the transaction provides evidence of an impairment of the transfer assets. Accounting policies of subsidiaries have been changed where necessary to ensure consistency with the policies adopted by the Group.

(ii) Changes in Ownership Interests in Subsidiaries Without Change of Control

Transactions with non-controlling interests that do not result in loss of control are accounted for as transactions with equity owners of the Group. A change in ownership interest results in an adjustment between the carrying amounts of the controlling and non-controlling interests to reflect their relative interests in the subsidiary. Any difference between the amount of the adjustment to non-controlling interests and any consideration paid or received is recognised in equity attributable to owners of the Group.

(iii) Disposal of Subsidiaries

When the Group ceases to consolidate because of a loss of control, any retained interest in the entity is remeasured to its fair value with the change in carrying amount recognised in statements of income. This fair value becomes the initial carrying amount for the purposes of subsequently accounting for the retained interest as an associate, joint venture or financial asset. In addition, any amounts previously recognised in other comprehensive income in respect of that entity are accounted for as if the Group had directly disposed of the related assets or liabilities. This may mean that amounts previously recognised in other comprehensive income are reclassified to statements of income.

Gains or losses on the disposal of subsidiaries include the carrying amount of goodwill relating to the subsidiaries sold.

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2. MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)

(b) Economic Entities in the Group (cont'd)

(iv) Associates

Associates are all entities over which the Group has significant influence, but not control or joint control, generally accompanying a shareholding of between 20% and 50% of voting rights. Significant influence is the power to participate in financial and operating policy decisions of associates but not power to exercise control over those policies.

Investments in associates are accounted for using the equity method of accounting. Under the equity method, the investment in an associate is initially recognised at cost, and adjusted thereafter to recognise the Group's share of the post-acquisition profits or losses of the associate in statements of income, and the Group's share of movements in other comprehensive income of the associate in other comprehensive income. Dividends received or receivable from an associate are recognised as a reduction in the carrying amount of the investment. When the Group's share of losses in an associate equals or exceeds its interests in the associate, including any long-term interests that, in substance, form part of the Group's net investment in the associate, the Group does not recognise further losses, unless it has incurred legal or constructive obligations or made payments on behalf of the associate. The Group's investment in associates includes goodwill identified on acquisition.

The Group determines at each reporting date whether there is any objective evidence that the investment in the associate is impaired. An impairment loss is recognised for the amount by which the carrying amount of the associate exceeds its recoverable amount.

Profits and losses resulting from upstream and downstream transactions between the Group and its associate are recognised in the Group's financial statements only to the extent of unrelated investor's interests in the associates. Unrealised gains on transactions between the Group and its associates are eliminated to the extent of the Group's interest in the associates, unrealised losses are also eliminated unless the transaction provides evidence on impairment of the asset transferred. Where necessary, in applying the equity method, adjustments are made to the financial statements of associates to ensure consistency of accounting policies with those of the Group.

When the Group ceases to equity account its associate because of a loss of significant influence, any retained interest in the entity is remeasured to its fair value with the change in carrying amount recognised in statements of income. This fair value becomes the initial carrying amount for the purposes of subsequently accounting for the retained interest as a financial asset. In addition, any amount previously recognised in other comprehensive income in respect of the entity is accounted for as if the Group had directly disposed of the related assets or liabilities. This may mean that amounts previously recognised in other comprehensive income are reclassified to statements of income.

If the ownership interest in an associate is reduced but significant influence is retained, only a proportionate share of the amounts previously recognised in other comprehensive income is reclassified to statements of income where appropriate.

Dilution gains and losses arising in investments in associates are recognised in the statements of income.

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2. MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)

(b) Economic Entities in the Group (cont'd)

(v) Joint Arrangements

A joint arrangement is an arrangement of which there is contractually agreed sharing of control by the Group with one or more parties, where decisions about the relevant activities relating to the joint arrangement require unanimous consent of the parties sharing control. The classification of a joint arrangement as a joint operation or a joint venture depends upon the rights and obligations of the parties to the arrangement. A joint venture is a joint arrangement whereby the joint venturers have rights to the net assets of the arrangement. A joint operation is a joint arrangement whereby the joint operators have rights to the assets and obligations for the liabilities, relating to the arrangement.

Interests in joint ventures are accounted for using the equity method, after initially being recognised at cost in the consolidated statements of financial position. Under the equity method, the investment in a joint venture is initially recognised at cost, and adjusted thereafter to recognise the Group's share of the post-acquisition profits or losses of the joint venture in statements of income, and the Group's share of movements in other comprehensive income of the joint venture in other comprehensive income. Dividends received or receivable from a joint venture are recognised as a reduction in the carrying amount of the investment. When the Group's share of losses in a joint venture equals or exceeds its interests in the joint venture, including any long-term interests that, in substance, form part of the Group's net investment in the joint venture, the Group does not recognise further losses, unless it has incurred legal or constructive obligations or made payments on behalf of the joint venture.

The Group determines at each reporting date whether there is any objective evidence that the investment in the joint venture is impaired. An impairment loss is recognised for the amount by which the carrying amount of the joint venture exceeds its recoverable amount.

Unrealised gains on transactions between the Group and its joint ventures are eliminated to the extent of the Group's interest in the joint ventures. Unrealised losses are also eliminated unless the transaction provides evidence of an impairment of the asset transferred. Accounting policies of the joint ventures have been changed where necessary to ensure consistency with the policies adopted by the Group.

When the Group ceases to equity account its joint venture because of a loss of joint control, any retained interest in the entity is remeasured to its fair value with the change in carrying amount recognised in statements of income. This fair value becomes the initial carrying amount for the purposes of subsequently accounting for the retained interest as an associate or financial asset. In addition, any amount previously recognised in other comprehensive income in respect of the entity is accounted for as if the Group had directly disposed of the related assets or liabilities. This may mean that amounts previously recognised in other comprehensive income are reclassified to statements of income.

If the ownership interest in a joint venture is reduced but joint control is retained, only a proportionate share of the amounts previously recognised in other comprehensive income is reclassified to statements of income where appropriate.

Dilution gains or losses arising in investments in associates are recognised in profit or loss.

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2. MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)

(c) Investments in Subsidiaries, Joint Ventures and Associates in Separate Financial Statements

In the Bank's separate financial statements, investments in subsidiaries, joint ventures and associates are carried at cost less accumulated impairment loss. The policy for the recognition and measurement of impairment is in accordance with Note 2(j)(ii)(b). On disposal of investments in subsidiaries, joint ventures and associates, the difference between disposal proceeds and the carrying amounts of the investments is recognised in the statements of income.

(d) Intangible Assets

(i) Goodwill

Goodwill arises from a business combination and represents the excess of the aggregate of fair value of consideration transferred, the amount of any non-controlling interest in the acquiree and the fair value of any previous equity interest in the acquiree over the fair value of the net identifiable assets acquired and liabilities assumed on the acquisition date. If the fair value of consideration transferred, the amount of non-controlling interest and the fair value of previously held interest in the acquiree are less than the fair value of the net identifiable assets of the acquiree, the resulting gain is recognised in statements of income.

Goodwill is not amortised but it is tested for impairment annually or more frequently if events or changes in circumstances indicate that it might be impaired, and carried at cost less accumulated impairment losses. For the purpose of impairment testing, goodwill acquired in a business combination is allocated to each of the cash-generating units ("CGUs"), or groups of CGUs, that is expected to benefit from the synergies of the combination. Each unit or group of units to which the goodwill is allocated represents the lowest level within the entity at which the goodwill is monitored for internal management purposes. Goodwill is monitored at operating segments level. The carrying value of goodwill is compared to the recoverable amount, which is the higher of value in use and the fair value less costs of disposal. Any impairment is recognised immediately as an expense and is not subsequently reversed.

(ii) Computer Software

Acquired computer software licences are capitalised on the basis of the costs incurred to acquire and bring the specific software to use. The costs are amortised over their useful lives of five years and are stated at cost less accumulated amortisation and accumulated impairment, if any. Computer software is assessed for impairment whenever there is an indication that it may be impaired. The amortisation period and amortisation method are reviewed at least at the end of each reporting period.

The policy for the recognition and measurement of impairment is in accordance with Note 2(j)(ii)(b).

Costs associated with maintaining computer software programmes are recognised as expenses as incurred. Costs that are directly associated with the production of identifiable and unique software products controlled by the Group, and that will probably generate economic benefits exceeding costs beyond one year, are recognised as intangible assets. These costs include software development employee costs and an appropriate portion of relevant overheads.

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2. MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)

(e) Property, Plant and Equipment and Depreciation

Property, plant and equipment are initially recorded at cost. The cost of an item of property, plant and equipment initially recognised includes its purchase price and any cost that is directly attributable to bringing the asset to the location and condition necessary for it to be capable of operating in the manner intended by the Management.

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

When significant parts of an item of property, plant and equipment have different useful lives, they are accounted for as separate items (major components) of property, plant and equipment.

Subsequent to initial recognition, property, plant and equipment except for freehold land are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses, if any. The policy for the recognition and measurement of impairment is in accordance with Note 2(j)(ii)(b).

Freehold land has an unlimited useful life and therefore is not depreciated. Other property, plant and equipment are depreciated on the straight-line basis to write off the cost of each asset to its residual value over the estimated useful life, summarised as follows:

Buildings	2%
Office equipment, furniture and fixtures	10% - 20%
Motor vehicles	20%
Renovations	20%
Computer equipment	20% - 33.3%

Depreciation on assets under construction commences when the assets are ready for their intended use.

The residual values, useful life and depreciation method are reviewed at each financial year-end to ensure that the amount, method and period of depreciation are consistent with previous estimates with the expected pattern of consumption of the future economic benefits embodied in the items of property, plant and equipment.

An item of property, plant and equipment is derecognised upon disposal or when no future economic benefits are expected from its use or disposal. The difference between the net disposal proceeds, if any, and the net carrying amount is recognised in the statements of income.

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2. MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)

(f) Financial Assets

(i) Classification

The Group and the Bank classify the financial assets in the following measurement categories:

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

Business model assessment

The Group and the Bank conducts assessment on the objective of a business model to align with how an asset held within a portfolio is being managed. Factors that are being considered include the key objectives of a portfolio, as to whether the business strategy is to earn contractual interest revenue, matching the duration of the financial assets to the duration of the liabilities that are funding those assets or realising a portfolio through sale of assets. Other factors considered also include the frequency and volume of sales in prior periods, how the asset’s performance is evaluated and reported to key management personnel.

Assessment whether contractual cash flows are solely payments of principal and interest (“SPPI”)

Where the business model is to hold the financial assets to collect contractual cash flows, or to collect contractual cash flows and sell, the Group and the Bank assess whether the financial assets’ contractual cash flows represent SPPI.

In applying the SPPI test, the Group and the Bank consider whether the contractual cash flows are consistent with a basic lending arrangement, i.e. interest includes only consideration for time value of money, credit risk, other basic lending risks and a profit margin that is consistent with a basic lending arrangement. Where the contractual terms introduce exposure to risk or volatility that are inconsistent with a basic lending arrangement, the related financial asset is classified and measured at fair value through profit or loss.

For financial assets measured at fair value, gains and losses will either be recorded in statements of income or statements of other comprehensive income (“OCI”). For investment in debt instruments, this will depend on the business model in which the investment is held. For investment in equity instruments, it is determined by the irrevocable election at the time of initial recognition to account for the equity investment at FVTPL by the Group and the Bank.

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2. MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)

(f) Financial Assets (cont'd)

(i) Classification (cont'd)

- (i) Financial assets at FVOCI comprise:

Debt securities where the contractual cash flows are solely principal and interest, and the objective of the Group's and the Bank's business model is achieved both by collecting contractual cash flows and selling financial assets.

- (ii) The Group and the Bank classify the following financial assets at FVTPL:

- Debt investments that do not qualify for measurement at either amortised cost or fair value through comprehensive income; and
- Equity investments for which the entity has not elected to recognise at fair value through other comprehensive income.

- (iii) The Group and the Bank classify their financial assets at amortised cost only if both of the following criteria are met:

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

The policy of the recognition of impairment is in accordance with Note 2(j)(i).

(ii) Recognition and Initial Measurement

Regular way purchases and sales of financial assets are recognised on settlement date, the date on which the Group and the Bank settle to purchase or sell the asset.

At initial recognition, the Group and the Bank measure a financial asset at its fair value plus, in the case of a financial asset not at FVTPL, transaction costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition of the financial asset. Transaction costs of financial assets carried at FVTPL are expensed in statements of income.

Financial assets with embedded derivatives are considered in their entirety when determining whether their cash flows are SPPI.

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2. MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)

(f) Financial Assets (cont'd)

(iii) Subsequent Measurement

Debt instruments

There are three measurement categories into which the Group and the Bank classify its debt instruments:

(i) Amortised cost

Assets that are held for collection of contractual cash flows where those cash flows represent SPPI are measured at amortised cost. Interest/profit income from these financial assets is included in gross interest/profit income using the effective interest/profit method. Any gain or loss arising on derecognition is recognised directly in statements of income and presented in other operating income. Impairment losses are presented as a separate line item in the statements of income.

(ii) FVOCI

Assets that are held for collection of contractual cash flows and for selling the financial assets, where the assets' cash flows represent SPPI, are measured at FVOCI. Movements in the carrying amount are taken through other comprehensive income, except for the recognition of impairment gains or losses, interest/profit income and foreign exchange gains and losses which are recognised in statements of income.

When the financial asset is derecognised, the cumulative gain or loss previously recognised in other comprehensive income is reclassified from equity to statements of income and recognised in other operating income. Interest/profit income from these financial assets is included in gross interest/profit income using the effective interest/profit method. Foreign exchange gains and losses are presented in other operating income and impairment expenses are presented as a separate line item in the statements of income and statements of comprehensive income.

(iii) FVTPL

Assets that do not meet the criteria for amortised cost or FVOCI are measured at FVTPL. The Group and the Bank may also irrevocably designate financial assets at FVTPL if doing so significantly reduces or eliminates a mismatch created by assets and liabilities being measured on different bases. Fair value changes is recognised in statements of income and presented net within other operating income in the period which it arises.

Equity instruments

The Group and the Bank subsequently measure all equity investments at fair value where the Group's and the Bank's management has elected to present fair value gains and losses on equity investments through statements of income. Changes in the fair value of financial assets at FVTPL are recognised in other operating income in the statements of income. Dividends from such investments continue to be recognised in statements of income as other operating income when the Group's and the Bank's right to receive payments is established.

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2. MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)

(f) Financial Assets (cont'd)

(iv) Derecognition

Financial assets are derecognised when the rights to receive cash flows from the investments have expired or have been transferred and the Group and the Bank have transferred substantially all risks and rewards of ownership.

Receivables that are factored out to banks and other financial institutions with recourse to the Group and the Bank are not derecognised until the recourse period has expired and the risks and rewards of the receivables have been fully transferred. The corresponding cash received from the financial institutions is recorded as amount due to Cagamas Berhad.

When financial investments at FVOCI are sold, the accumulated fair value adjustments recognised in other comprehensive income are reclassified to statements of income.

(g) Derivative Financial Instrument and Hedge Accounting

Derivatives are initially recognised at fair value on the date a derivative contract is entered into and are subsequently remeasured at their fair value at the end of each reporting period.

The accounting for subsequent changes in fair value depends on whether the derivative is designated as a hedging instrument, and if so, the nature of the item being hedged.

Derivatives that do not qualify for hedge accounting are classified as held for trading and accounted for at fair value through profit or loss. Changes in the fair value are recognised immediately in statements of income.

Derivatives that qualify for hedge accounting are designated as either:

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

The Group and the Bank document at the inception of the hedge relationship, the economic relationship between hedging instruments and hedged items including whether changes in the cash flows of the hedging instruments are expected to offset changes in the cash flows of hedged items. The Group and the Bank document its risk management objective and strategy for undertaking its hedge transactions.

The hedges for the Group and the Bank that meet the strict criteria for hedge accounting are accounted for as described below:

(i) Fair Value Hedge

Changes in the fair value of derivatives that are designated and qualify as fair value hedges are recorded in statements of income, together with any changes in the fair value of the hedged asset or liability that are attributable to the hedged risk.

The Group applies fair value hedge accounting for hedging fixed interest risk on securities. The gain or loss relating to the effective portion of interest rate swaps hedging fixed rate securities is recognised in statements of income. The gain or loss relating to the ineffective portion is recognised in statements of income within the other operating income. Changes in the fair value of the hedge fixed rate securities attributable to interest rate risk are recognised in equity.

If the hedge no longer meets the criteria for hedge accounting, the carrying amount of a hedged item is adjusted using the effective interest method to amortise to statements of income over the period to maturity.

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2. MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)

(g) Derivative Financial Instrument and Hedge Accounting (cont'd)

The hedges for the Group and the Bank that meet the strict criteria for hedge accounting are accounted for as described below: (cont'd)

(ii) Cash Flow Hedge

The effective portion of changes in the fair value of derivatives that are designated and qualify as cash flow hedges is recognised in other comprehensive income and accumulated in reserves within equity. The gain or loss relating to the ineffective portion is recognised immediately in statements of income.

Amounts accumulated in equity are reclassified to statements of income in the periods when the hedged item affect the statements of income. The gain or loss relating to the effective portion of interest rate swaps hedging variable rate borrowings is recognised in statements of income at the same time as the interest expense on the hedged borrowings.

When the forecast transaction that is hedged results in the recognition of a non-financial asset (for example property, plant and equipment), the gains or losses previously deferred in equity are reclassified from equity and included in the initial measurement of the cost of the asset. The deferred amounts are ultimately recognised in depreciation of property, plant and equipment.

When a hedging instrument expires or is sold or terminated, or when a hedge no longer meets the criteria for hedge accounting, any cumulative gain or loss existing in equity at that time remains in equity and is recognised in the periods when the hedged item affect the statements of income. When hedged future cash flows or forecast transaction is no longer expected to occur, the cumulative gain or loss and deferred cost of hedging that were reported in equity are immediately reclassified to statements of income.

Interest Rate Benchmark Reform

The London Interbank Offered Rate ("LIBOR"), a key USD-based benchmark rate used for setting interest rate for derivatives is expected to cease and to be replaced by the Secured Overnight Financing Rate ("SOFR"). Tenures of Overnight and 12-month settings have permanently ceased on 30 June 2023 and the remaining tenures will continue to be published using a synthetic methodology until September 2024.

The Group and the Bank have fully completed the transition for the LIBOR during the financial year.

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2. MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)

(h) Offsetting Financial Instruments

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amount presented in the statements of financial position when there is a legally enforceable right to offset the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis, or realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously. The legally enforceable right must not be contingent on future events and must be enforceable in the normal course of business and in the event of default, insolvency or bankruptcy.

(i) Other Assets

Other receivables, deposits, trade receivables, amount due from subsidiaries and related party included in other assets are carried at amortised cost using the effective yield method, less impairment allowance. Bad debts are written off when identified. An estimate is made for doubtful debts based on a review of all outstanding amounts as at the end of the reporting period.

(j) Impairment of Assets

(i) Impairment of Financial Assets

The Group and the Bank assess on a forward-looking basis the expected credit loss ("ECL") associated with its financial assets carried at amortised cost and FVOCI. The impairment methodology applied depends on whether there has been a significant increase in credit risk.

The Group's and the Bank's financial assets that are subjected to the ECL model include financial assets classified at amortised cost, debt instruments measured at FVOCI, loans commitments, financial guarantee contracts and other commitments.

ECL represents a probability-weighted estimate of the difference between present value of cash flows according to contract and present value of cash flows the Group expects to receive, over the remaining life of the financial instrument.

The measurement of ECL reflects:

- an unbiased and probability-weighted amount that is determined by evaluating a range of possible outcomes;
- the 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.

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2. MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)

(j) Impairment of Assets (cont'd)

(i) Impairment of Financial Assets (cont'd)

(a) General 3-stage approach

At each reporting date, the Group and the Bank measure ECL through loss allowance at an amount equal to 12-month ECL if credit risk on a financial instrument or a group of financial instruments has not increased significantly since initial recognition. For all other financial instruments, a loss allowance at an amount equal to lifetime ECL is required.

Impairment will be measured on each reporting date according to a three-stage ECL impairment model:

- (i) Stage 1 - from initial recognition of a financial asset to the date on which the credit risk of the asset has increased significantly relative to its initial recognition, a loss allowance is recognised equal to the credit losses expected to result from defaults occurring over the next 12 months (12-month ECL);
- (ii) Stage 2 - following a significant increase in credit risk relative to the initial recognition of the financial assets, a loss allowance is recognised equal to the credit losses expected over the remaining life of the asset (Lifetime ECL); and
- (iii) Stage 3 - when a financial asset is considered to be credit-impaired, a loss allowance equal to full lifetime expected credit losses is to be recognised (Lifetime ECL). This includes exposures which have triggered obligatory impairment criterion or are judgmentally impaired.

The detailed measurement of ECL is set out in Note 40.

(b) Simplified approach for other receivables

The Group and the Bank apply the MFRS 9 simplified approach to measure ECL which uses probability default ratio ("PD") and loss given default ("LGD") for the due amount.

The PD methodology is derived based on net flow rate model as a simplified approach in view of its low credit risk and non-maturity profile on due amount. LGD is deemed to be in full at any point in time as accounts comprise short term repayments and forward-looking elements will not be considered.

(c) Write-off

The Group and the Bank write-off financial assets, in whole or in part, when all practical recovery efforts have been exhausted and it is concluded that there is no reasonable expectation of recovery. The assessment of no reasonable expectation of recovery is based on unavailability of borrower's sources of income or assets to generate sufficient future cash flows to repay the amount. The Group and the Bank may write-off financial assets that are still subject to enforcement activity. Subsequent recoveries of amounts previously written-off will result in bad debts recoveries.

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2. MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)

(j) Impairment of Assets (cont'd)

(ii) Impairment of Non-Financial Assets

(a) Goodwill/Intangible assets

Goodwill and intangible assets that have an indefinite useful life are tested annually for impairment, or more frequently if events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value may be impaired. For the purpose of impairment testing, goodwill from business combinations or intangible assets is allocated to CGUs which are expected to benefit from the synergies of the business combination or the intangible asset.

The recoverable amount is determined for each CGU based on its value in use. In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset. An impairment is recognised in the statements of comprehensive income when the carrying amount of the CGU, including the goodwill or intangible asset, exceeds the recoverable amount of the CGU. The total impairment is allocated, first, to reduce the carrying amount of goodwill or intangible assets allocated to the CGU and then to the other assets of the CGU on a pro-rata basis.

An impairment on goodwill is not reversed in subsequent periods. An impairment for other intangible assets is reversed if, and only if, there has been a change in the estimates used to determine the intangible asset's recoverable amount since the last impairment was recognised and such reversal is through the statements of income to the extent that the intangible asset's carrying amount does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined, net of amortisation, if no impairment had been recognised.

(b) Other non-financial assets

Other non-financial assets such as property, plant and equipment, computer software, foreclosed properties and investments in subsidiaries and associates are reviewed for objective indications of impairment at the end of each reporting period or whenever there is any indication that these assets may be impaired. Where such indications exist, impairment is determined as the excess of the asset's carrying value over its recoverable amount (greater of value in use or fair value less costs to sell) and is recognised in the statements of income. An impairment for an asset is reversed if, and only if, there has been a change in the estimates used to determine the asset's recoverable amount since the last impairment was recognised.

The carrying amount is increased to its revised recoverable amount, provided that the amount does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined (net of amortisation or depreciation) had no impairment been recognised for the asset in prior years. A reversal of impairment for an asset is recognised in the statements of income.

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2. MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)

(k) Financial Liabilities

Financial liabilities are initially recognised at the fair value of consideration received less directly attributable transaction costs. Subsequent to initial recognition, financial liabilities are measured at amortised cost.

Certain financial liabilities are designated at initial recognition at fair value through profit or loss when one of the designation criteria is met:

- (i) Designation eliminates or significantly reduces a measurement or recognition inconsistency that would otherwise arise; or
- (ii) Its performance is evaluated on a fair value basis, in accordance with a documented management or investment strategy.

A financial liability which does not meet any of these criteria may still be designated as measured at FVTPL when it contains one or more embedded derivatives that sufficiently modify the cash flows of the liability and are not clearly closely related.

The component of fair value changes relating to the Group's and the Bank's own credit risk is recognised in other comprehensive income. Amounts recorded in other comprehensive income related to credit risk are not subject to recycling in statements of income, but are transferred to retained earnings when realised.

Interest payables are now classified into the respective class of financial liabilities.

(l) Repurchase Agreements

Financial instruments purchased under resale agreements are instruments which the Group and the Bank have purchased with a commitment to resell at future dates. The commitment to resell the instruments is reflected as an asset in the statements of financial position and measured at amortised cost.

Conversely, obligations on financial instruments sold under repurchase agreements are instruments which the Group and the Bank have sold from their portfolio, with a commitment to repurchase at future dates, are measured at amortised cost. Such financing transactions and the obligations to repurchase the instruments are reflected as a liability in the statements of financial position.

(m) Bills and Acceptances Payable

Bills and acceptances payable represent the Group's and the Bank's own bills and acceptances rediscounted and outstanding in the market. Refer to Note 2(k).

(n) Subordinated Obligations and Other Borrowings

The interest-bearing instruments are classified as liabilities in the statements of financial position as there is a contractual obligation by the Group and the Bank to make cash payments of either principal or interest or both to holders of the debt securities, and the Group and the Bank are contractually obliged to settle the financial instrument in cash or another financial instrument.

Subsequent to initial recognition, debt securities issued are recognised at amortised cost, with any difference between proceeds net of transaction costs and the redemption value being recognised in the statements of income over the period of the borrowings on an effective interest/profit method.

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2. MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)

(o) Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the Group and the Bank have a present legal or constructive obligation as a result of past events. It is probable that an outflow of resources will be required to settle the obligation and a reliable estimate of the amount can be made.

Where the Group and the Bank expect a provision to be reimbursed by another party (for example, under an insurance contract), the reimbursement is recognised as a separate asset but only when the reimbursement is virtually certain. Provisions are not recognised for future operating losses.

Where there are a number of similar obligations, the likelihood that an outflow will be required in settlement is determined by considering the class of obligations as a whole. A provision is recognised even if the likelihood of an outflow with respect to any one item included in the same class of obligations may be small.

Provisions are measured at the present value of the expenditures expected to be required to settle the obligation using a pre-tax rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the obligation. The increase in the provision due to passage of time is recognised as finance cost expense.

(p) Leases

Lease in which the Group and the Bank are a Lessee

Leases are recognised as right-of-use (“ROU”) assets and a corresponding liability at the date on which the leased asset is available for use by the Group and the Bank (i.e. the commencement date).

Contracts may contain both lease and non-lease components. The Group and the Bank allocate the consideration in the contract to the lease and non-lease components based on their relative stand-alone prices. However, for leases of properties for which the Group and the Bank are a lessee, it has elected the practical expedient provided in MFRS 16 not to separate lease and non-lease components. Both components are accounted for as a single lease component and payments for both components are included in the measurement of lease liability.

(i) Lease Term

In determining the lease term, the Group and the Bank consider all facts and circumstances that create an economic incentive to exercise an extension option, or not to exercise a termination option. Extension options (or periods after termination options) are only included in the lease term if the lease is reasonably certain to be extended (or not to be terminated).

The Group and the Bank reassess the lease term upon the occurrence of a significant event or change in circumstances that is within the control of the Group and the Bank and affects whether the Group and the Bank are reasonably certain to exercise an option not previously included in the determination of the lease term, or not to exercise an option previously included in the determination of the lease term. A revision in lease term results in remeasurement of the lease liabilities.

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2. MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)

(p) Leases (cont'd)

Lease in which the Group and the Bank are a Lessee (cont'd)

(ii) ROU Assets

ROU assets are initially measured at cost comprising the following:

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

ROU assets that are not investment properties are subsequently measured at cost, less accumulated depreciation and impairment loss, if any. ROU assets are generally depreciated over the shorter of the asset's useful life and the lease term on a straight-line basis. If the Group and the Bank are reasonably certain to exercise a purchase option, the ROU assets are depreciated on the underlying asset's useful life. In addition, ROU assets are adjusted for certain remeasurement of the lease liabilities.

ROU assets are presented as a separate line item in the statements of financial position.

(iii) Lease Liabilities

Lease liabilities are initially measured at the present value of the lease payments that are not paid at that date. The lease payments include the following:

- Fixed payments (including in-substance fixed payments), less any lease incentive receivable;
- Variable lease payments that are based on an index or a rate, initially measured using the index or rate as at the commencement date;
- Amounts expected to be payable by the Group and the Bank under residual value guarantees;
- The exercise price of a purchase and extension options if the Group and the Bank are reasonably certain to exercise that option; and
- Payments of penalties for terminating the lease, if the lease term reflects the Group and the Bank exercising that option.

Lease payments are discounted using the interest rate implicit in the lease. If that rate cannot be readily determined, which is generally the case for leases in the Group and the Bank, the lessee's incremental borrowing rate is used. This is the rate that the individual lessee would have to pay to borrow the funds necessary to obtain an asset of similar value to the ROU in a similar economic environment with similar term, security and conditions.

Lease payments are allocated between principal and finance cost. The finance cost is charged to statements of income over the lease period so as to produce a constant periodic rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability for each period.

The Group and the Bank present the lease liabilities as a separate line item in the statements of financial position. Interest expense on the lease liability is presented within the net interest income in statements of income.

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2. MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)

(p) Leases (cont'd)

Lease in which the Group and the Bank are a Lessee (cont'd)

(iv) Short-Term Leases and Leases of Low Value Assets

Short-term leases are leases with a lease term of 12 months or less. Low-value assets comprise computer equipment and small items of office equipment. Payments associated with short-term leases of equipment and all leases of low-value assets are recognised on a straight-line basis as an operating expense in statements of income.

Lease in which the Bank is a Lessor

As a lessor, the Bank determines at lease inception whether each lease is a finance lease or an operating lease. To classify each lease, the Bank makes an overall assessment of whether the lease transfers substantially all of the risks and rewards incidental to ownership of the underlying asset to the lessee. As part of this assessment, the Bank considers certain indicators such as whether the lease is for the major part of the economic life of the asset.

(i) Finance Leases

The Bank classifies a lease as a finance lease if the lease transfers substantially all the risks and rewards incidental to ownership of an underlying asset to the lessee.

The Bank derecognises the underlying asset and recognises a receivable at an amount equal to the net investment in a finance lease. Net investment in a finance lease is measured at an amount equal to the sum of the present value of lease payments from the lessee and the unguaranteed residual value of the underlying asset.

Initial direct costs are also included in the initial measurement of the net investment. The net investment is subject to MFRS 9 impairment. In addition, the Bank reviews regularly the estimated unguaranteed residual value.

Lease income is recognised over the term of the lease using the net investment method so as to reflect a constant periodic rate of return. The Bank revises the lease income allocation if there is a reduction in the estimated unguaranteed residual value.

(ii) Operating Leases

The Bank classifies a lease as an operating lease if the lease does not transfer substantially all the risks and rewards incidental to ownership of an underlying asset to the lessee. The Bank recognises lease payments received under operating lease as lease income on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

(iii) Sublease Classification

When the Bank is an intermediate lessor, it assesses the lease classification of a sublease with reference to the ROU assets arising from the head lease, not with reference to the underlying assets. If a head lease is short-term lease to which the Bank applies the exemption described above, then it classifies the sublease as an operating lease.

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2. MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)

(p) Leases (cont'd)

Lease in which the Bank is a Lessor (cont'd)

(iv) Separating Lease and Non-Lease Components

If an arrangement contains lease and non-lease components, the Bank allocates the consideration in the contract to the lease and non-lease components based on the stand-alone selling prices in accordance with the principles in MFRS 15.

(q) Share Capital and Dividends Declared

(i) Classification

Ordinary shares with discretionary dividends are classified as equity.

(ii) Share Issue Costs

Incremental costs directly attributable to the issue of new shares or options are deducted against equity.

(iii) Dividends Declared

Dividends declared on ordinary shares are deducted from equity in the period in which all relevant approvals have been obtained.

(iv) Earnings Per Share

Basic earnings per share

Basic earnings per share is calculated by dividing:

- the profit attributable to owner of the Group and the Bank, excluding any costs of servicing equity other than ordinary shares; and
- by the weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding during the financial year, adjusted for bonus elements in ordinary shares issued during the year and excluding treasury shares.

Diluted earnings per share

Diluted earnings per share adjusts the figures in the determination of basic earnings per share to take into account:

- the after income tax effect of interest and other financing costs associated with dilutive potential ordinary shares; and
- the weighted average number of additional ordinary shares that would have been outstanding assuming the conversion of all dilutive potential ordinary shares.

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2. MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)

(r) Revenue Recognition

(i) Recognition of Interest and Financing Income

Interest income and financing income are recognised using effective interest/profit rate, which is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash payments or receipts through the expected life of the loans/financing or, where appropriate, a shorter period to the net carrying amount of the loan/financing. When calculating the effective interest/profit rate, the Group and the Bank estimate cash flows considering all contractual terms of the loans/financing but do not consider future credit losses. The calculation includes significant fees paid or received between parties to the contract that are an integral part of the effective interest rate, transaction costs and all other premiums or discounts.

Interest income and financing income are recognised in the statements of income for all interest/profit-bearing assets on an accrual basis. Interest income and financing income include the amortisation of premium or accretion of discount. Income from the Islamic banking business is recognised on an accrual basis in accordance with the Shariah principles.

For impaired loans/financing where the value has been reduced as a result of impairment loss, interest/financing income continues to be accrued using the rate of interest/profit used to discount the future cash flows for the purpose of measuring the impairment.

(ii) Recognition of Fees and Other Income

Fee and commission income of the Group and the Bank is from a wide range of products and services provided to the customers. The income is recognised based on the contractual rates or amount, netted off against fee and commission expense directly attributable to the income. When the performance obligation is fulfilled, where the products and services are delivered to the customer, fee and commission income will be recognised in statements of income.

For transaction-based fee and commission income, it is recognised on the completion of the transaction. Such fees include fees related to the completion of corporate advisory fees, brokerage income, loan arrangement fees and commissions, management and participation fees, underwriting commissions, service charges on credit cards and sale of unit trust funds. These fees constitute a single performance obligation.

For services that are provided over a period of time, fee and commission income is recognised on equal proportion basis over the period during which the related service is provided. This basis of recognition will reflect the nature of these services to the customers over time. Fees for these services can be billed periodically over time. Such fees include commitment, guarantee and portfolio management fees and bancassurance agreements.

Net gain or loss from disposal of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss and financial investments at fair value through other comprehensive income are recognised in statements of income upon disposal of securities, as the difference between net disposal proceeds and carrying amount of the securities.

Dividends are recognised when the right to receive payment is established. This applies even if they are paid out of pre-acquisition profits. However, the investment may need to be tested for impairment as a consequence. Dividend that clearly represents a recovery of part of the cost of an investment is recognised in other comprehensive income if it relates to an investment in equity investment measured at financial investments at fair value through other comprehensive income.

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2. MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)

(s) Recognition of Interest and Financing Expenses

Interest expense and attributable profit (on activities relating to Islamic banking business) on deposits and borrowings of the Group and of the Bank are recognised on an accrual basis.

(t) Foreign Currencies

(i) Functional and Presentation Currency

Items included in the financial statements of each of the Group's entities are measured using the currency of the primary economic environment in which the entity operates ("functional currency"). The financial statements are presented in Ringgit Malaysia, which is the Bank's functional and presentation currency.

(ii) Transactions and Balances

Foreign currency transactions are translated into the functional currency using the exchange rates prevailing at the dates of the transactions or valuation where items are remeasured. Foreign exchange gains and losses resulting from the settlement of such transactions and from the translation at year-end exchange rates of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are recognised in statements of income.

Changes in the fair value of monetary securities denominated in foreign currency classified as debt instruments classified as FVOCI are analysed between translation differences resulting from changes in the amortised cost of the security and other changes in the carrying amount of the security. Translation differences related to changes in amortised cost are recognised in statements of income, and other changes in carrying amount are recognised in other comprehensive income.

Non-monetary items that are measured at fair value in a foreign currency are translated using the exchange rates at the date when the fair value was determined. Translation differences on assets and liabilities carried at fair value are reported as part of the fair value gain or loss. Translation differences on non-monetary financial assets and liabilities such as equities held at fair value through profit or loss are recognised in statements of income as part of the fair value gain or loss. Translation differences on non-monetary financial assets, such as equities classified as FVOCI, are included in other comprehensive income.

(u) Current and Deferred Income Tax

Income tax on the statements of income for the financial year comprises current and deferred tax. Current tax is the expected amount of income taxes payable in respect of the taxable profit for the year and is measured using the tax rates that have been enacted at the end of the reporting date. In the event of uncertain tax position, the tax is measured using the single best estimate of the most likely outcome.

Tax is recognised in the statements of income, 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, respectively.

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2. MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)

(u) Current and Deferred Income Tax (cont'd)

Deferred tax is provided in full, using the liability method, on temporary differences at the end of the reporting date between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts in the financial statements. In principle, deferred tax liabilities are recognised for all taxable temporary differences and deferred tax assets are recognised for all deductible temporary differences, unused tax losses and unused tax credits to the extent that it is probable that taxable profit will be available against which the deductible temporary differences, unused tax losses and unused tax credits can be utilised. Deferred tax is not recognised if the temporary difference arises from goodwill or negative goodwill or from the initial recognition of an asset or liability in a transaction which is not a business combination and at the time of the transaction, affects neither accounting profit nor taxable profit.

Deferred tax is measured at the tax rates that are expected to apply in the period when the asset is realised or the liability is settled, based on tax rates that have been enacted or substantively enacted at the end of the reporting period. Deferred tax is recognised as income or an expense in the statements of comprehensive income for the period, except when it arises from a transaction which is recognised directly in other comprehensive income or directly in equity, in which case the deferred tax is also charged or credited to other comprehensive income or to equity, or when it arises from a business combination that is an acquisition, in which case the deferred tax is included in the resulting goodwill.

Deferred and 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 deferred income tax assets and liabilities relate to taxes levied by the same tax authority on either the taxable entity or different taxable entities where there is an intention to settle the balances on a net basis.

(v) Foreclosed Properties

Foreclosed properties are stated at the lower of the carrying amount and fair value less costs to sell.

(w) Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents as stated in the statements of cash flows comprise cash and bank balances and short-term deposits maturity within one month that are readily convertible into cash with insignificant risk of changes in value.

(x) Employee Benefits

(i) Short-Term Employee Benefits

Wages, salaries, bonuses and social security contributions are recognised as an expense in the year in which the associated services are rendered by employees of the Group and the Bank. Short-term accumulating compensated absences such as paid annual leave are recognised when services are rendered by employees that increase their entitlement to future compensated absences, and short-term non-accumulating compensated absences such as sick leave are recognised when the absences occur.

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2. MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)

(x) Employee Benefits (cont'd)

(ii) Defined Contribution Plans

Defined contribution plans are post-employment benefit plans under which the Group and the Bank pay fixed contributions into separate entities or funds and will have no legal or constructive obligations to pay further contributions if any of the funds do not hold sufficient assets to pay all employee benefits relating to employee services in the current and preceding financial years. Such contributions are recognised as an expense in the statements of comprehensive income as incurred. As required by law, companies in Malaysia make contributions to the Employees Provident Fund (“EPF”).

(y) Contingent Assets and Contingent Liabilities

The Group and the Bank do not recognise contingent assets and liabilities other than those from business combination, but disclose its existence in the financial statements. A contingent liability is a possible obligation that arises from past events whose existence will be confirmed by the occurrence or non-occurrence of one or more uncertain future events beyond the control of the Group or the Bank or a present obligation that is not recognised because it is not probable that an outflow of resources will be required to settle the obligation. A contingent liability also arises in the extremely rare case where there is a liability that cannot be recognised because it cannot be measured reliably. However, contingent liabilities do not include financial guarantee contracts.

A contingent asset is a possible asset that arises from past events whose existence will be confirmed by the occurrence or non-occurrence of one or more uncertain future events beyond the control of the Group and the Bank. The Group and the Bank do not recognise contingent assets but disclose its existence where inflows of economic benefits are probable, but not virtually certain.

(z) Financial Guarantee Contract

Financial guarantee contracts are contracts that require the Group and the Bank to make specified payments to reimburse the holder for a loss it incurs because a specified debtor fails to make payments when due, in accordance with the terms of a debt instrument.

Financial guarantee contracts are recognised as a financial liability at the time the guarantee is issued.

The fair value of financial guarantees is determined as the present value of the difference in net cash flows between the contractual payments under the debt instrument and the payments that would be required without the guarantee, or the estimated amount that would be payable to a third party for assuming the obligations.

Financial guarantee contracts are subsequently measured at the higher of the amount determined in accordance with the expected credit loss model under MFRS 9 “Financial Instruments” and the amount initially recognised less cumulative amount of income recognised in accordance with the principles of MFRS 15 “Revenue from Contracts with Customers”, where appropriate.

(aa) Segment Reporting

Operating segments are reported in a manner consistent with the internal reporting provided to the chief operating decision-maker. The chief operating decision-maker is responsible for allocating resources and assessing the performance of the operating segments. The Management Committee of the Group is identified as the chief operating decision-maker.

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3. CASH AND SHORT-TERM FUNDS

	GROUP		BANK	
	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000
Cash and balances with banks and other financial institutions	836,021	645,996	794,592	605,955
Money at call and deposit placements maturing within one month	3,760,779	2,924,771	2,486,077	1,819,740
	4,596,800	3,570,767	3,280,669	2,425,695
Less: Allowance for expected credit losses	(147)	(111)	(147)	(111)
	4,596,653	3,570,656	3,280,522	2,425,584

Movements in allowance for expected credit losses are as follows:

GROUP/BANK	12-Month ECL (Stage 1) RM'000	Lifetime ECL not-credit impaired (Stage 2) RM'000	Lifetime ECL credit impaired (Stage 3) RM'000	Total RM'000
At 1 April 2023	111	-	-	111
New financial assets originated or purchased	1,074	-	-	1,074
Financial assets derecognised other than write-off	(1,057)	-	-	(1,057)
Changes due to change in credit risk	10	-	-	10
Other adjustments	9	-	-	9
Total charge to income statement	36	-	-	36
At 31 March 2024	147	-	-	147
At 1 April 2022	8	-	-	8
New financial assets originated or purchased	917	-	-	917
Financial assets derecognised other than write-off	(813)	-	-	(813)
Changes due to change in credit risk	(3)	-	-	(3)
Other adjustments	2	-	-	2
Total charge to income statement	103	-	-	103
At 31 March 2023	111	-	-	111

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4. DEPOSITS AND PLACEMENTS WITH BANKS AND OTHER FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

	GROUP		BANK	
	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000
Licensed banks	-	88,553	-	88,553
	-	88,553	-	88,553

5. FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS ("FVTPL")

	GROUP		BANK	
	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000
At fair value				
<u>Money market instrument:</u>				
Malaysian Government securities	50,567	-	50,567	-
Malaysian Government investment issues	5,271	5,177	5,271	5,177
	55,838	5,177	55,838	5,177
<u>Unquoted securities:</u>				
Shares	277,973	257,206	277,973	257,206
Corporate bonds and sukuk	1,427	2,815	1,427	2,815
	279,400	260,021	279,400	260,021
Total financial assets at FVTPL	335,238	265,198	335,238	265,198

6. FINANCIAL INVESTMENTS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME ("FVOCI")

	GROUP		BANK	
	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000
At fair value - debt instruments				
<u>Money market instruments:</u>				
Malaysian Government securities	3,073,753	2,229,181	3,073,753	2,076,584
Malaysian Government investment issues	2,488,031	2,037,058	1,786,955	1,400,081
Commercial papers	-	19,935	-	19,935
	5,561,784	4,286,174	4,860,708	3,496,600
<u>Quoted securities:</u>				
Shares	16	14	16	14
<u>Unquoted securities:</u>				
Corporate bonds and sukuk	4,485,511	4,198,210	3,367,678	2,685,902
Total financial investments at FVOCI	10,047,311	8,484,398	8,228,402	6,182,516

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6. FINANCIAL INVESTMENTS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (“FVOCI”) (CONT’D)

Movements in allowance for expected credit losses are as follows:

GROUP	12-Month ECL (Stage 1) RM’000	Lifetime ECL not-credit impaired (Stage 2) RM’000	Lifetime ECL credit impaired (Stage 3) RM’000	Total RM’000
At 1 April 2023	598	-	-	598
Transfer to Stage 2	(6)	65	-	59
New financial investments originated or purchased	576	-	-	576
Financial investments derecognised other than write-off	(50)	-	-	(50)
Changes due to change in credit risk	(147)	-	-	(147)
Total charge to income statement	373	65	-	438
At 31 March 2024	971	65	-	1,036
At 1 April 2022	642	281	-	923
Transfer to Stage 1	19	(261)	-	(242)
New financial investments originated or purchased	134	-	-	134
Financial investments derecognised other than write-off	(14)	-	-	(14)
Changes due to change in credit risk	(183)	(20)	-	(203)
Total write-back from income statement	(44)	(281)	-	(325)
At 31 March 2023	598	-	-	598

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6. FINANCIAL INVESTMENTS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME ("FVOCI") (CONT'D)

Movements in allowance for expected credit losses are as follows: (cont'd)

BANK	12-Month ECL (Stage 1) RM'000	Lifetime ECL not-credit impaired (Stage 2) RM'000	Lifetime ECL credit impaired (Stage 3) RM'000	Total RM'000
At 1 April 2023	407	-	-	407
Effect of business transfer	54	-	-	54
Transfer to Stage 2	(4)	61	-	57
New financial investments originated or purchased	502	-	-	502
Financial investments derecognised other than write-off	(33)	-	-	(33)
Changes due to change in credit risk	(161)	-	-	(161)
Total charge to income statement	304	61	-	365
At 31 March 2024	765	61	-	826
At 1 April 2022	451	121	-	572
Transfer to Stage 1	8	(111)	-	(103)
New financial investments originated or purchased	95	-	-	95
Financial investments derecognised other than write-off	(10)	-	-	(10)
Changes due to change in credit risk	(137)	(10)	-	(147)
Total write-back from income statement	(44)	(121)	-	(165)
At 31 March 2023	407	-	-	407

Note:

- (a) The transfers between stages are inclusive of net remeasurement of allowances.
- (b) There were no credit impaired exposure of financial investments at FVOCI.

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7. FINANCIAL INVESTMENTS AT AMORTISED COST

	GROUP		BANK	
	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000
At amortised cost				
<u>Money market instruments:</u>				
Malaysian Government securities	893,129	639,267	893,129	639,267
Malaysian Government investment issues	2,269,415	2,225,049	1,612,531	1,784,802
Negotiable instruments of deposits	-	-	211,862	203,374
Commercial papers	-	24,626	-	24,626
	3,162,544	2,888,942	2,717,522	2,652,069
<u>Unquoted securities:</u>				
Corporate bonds and sukuk	708,734	510,268	684,624	485,922
Allowance for expected credit losses	(833)	(696)	(1,437)	(1,102)
	707,901	509,572	683,187	484,820
Total financial investments at amortised cost	3,870,445	3,398,514	3,400,709	3,136,889

Included in the financial investments at amortised cost of the Group and the Bank as at 31 March 2024 is securities set aside as Deferred Net Settlement (“DNS”) collateral for Retail Payment Settlement in RENTAS amounting to RM120,000,000 (2023: RM Nil). Withdrawal and substitution of DNS Collateral is subject to approval by Bank Negara Malaysia (“BNM”) and Payments Network Malaysia Sdn Bhd (“PayNet”).

Movements in allowance for expected credit losses are as follows:

GROUP	12-Month ECL (Stage 1) RM'000	Lifetime ECL not-credit impaired (Stage 2) RM'000	Lifetime ECL credit impaired (Stage 3) RM'000	Total RM'000
	At 1 April 2023	47	-	649
New financial investments originated or purchased	143	-	-	143
Financial investments derecognised other than write-off	-	-	(39)	(39)
Changes due to change in credit risk	109	-	(76)	33
Total charge to/(write-back from) income statement	252	-	(115)	137
At 31 March 2024	299	-	534	833
At 1 April 2022	1	-	830	831
New financial investments originated or purchased	636	-	-	636
Financial investments derecognised other than write-off	(1)	-	-	(1)
Changes due to change in credit risk	(589)	-	(181)	(770)
Total charge to/(write-back from) income statement	46	-	(181)	(135)
At 31 March 2023	47	-	649	696

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7. FINANCIAL INVESTMENTS AT AMORTISED COST (CONT'D)

Movements in allowance for expected credit losses are as follows: (cont'd)

BANK	12-Month ECL (Stage 1) RM'000	Lifetime ECL not-credit impaired (Stage 2) RM'000	Lifetime ECL credit impaired (Stage 3) RM'000	Total RM'000
At 1 April 2023	676	-	426	1,102
Effect of business transfer	-	-	223	223
New financial investments originated or purchased	143	-	-	143
Financial investments derecognised other than write-off	-	-	(39)	(39)
Changes due to change in credit risk	84	-	(76)	8
Total charge to/(write-back from) income statement	227	-	(115)	112
At 31 March 2024	903	-	534	1,437
At 1 April 2022	326	-	556	882
New financial investments originated or purchased	868	-	-	868
Financial investments derecognised other than write-off	(327)	-	-	(327)
Changes due to change in credit risk	(191)	-	(130)	(321)
Total charge to/(write-back from) income statement	350	-	(130)	220
At 31 March 2023	676	-	426	1,102

Note:

The transfers between stages are inclusive of net remeasurement of allowances.

The Group's and the Bank's movement on gross exposure of financial investments at amortised cost that are credit impaired are as follows:

	GROUP		BANK	
	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000
At 1 April	649	846	426	556
Effect of business transfer	-	-	223	-
Write-back during the financial year	(115)	(197)	(115)	(130)
At 31 March	534	649	534	426

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8. DERIVATIVE FINANCIAL ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)

Derivative financial instruments are financial instruments whose values change in response to changes in prices or rates (such as foreign exchange rates, interest rates and equity prices) of the underlying instruments. These instruments allow the Group and the Bank and the banking customers to transfer, modify or reduce their foreign exchange and interest rate risk via hedge relationships. The Group and the Bank also transact in these instruments for proprietary trading purposes. The risks associated with the use of derivative financial instruments, as well as the Management's policy for controlling these risks are set out in Note 40.

The table below shows the Group's and the Bank's derivative financial instruments as at the end of the financial year. The contractual or underlying notional amounts of these derivative financial instruments and their corresponding gross positive (derivative financial asset) and gross negative (derivative financial liability) fair values as at the end of the financial year are analysed below.

GROUP	2024			2023		
	Contract/ Notional Amount RM'000	Fair Value		Contract/ Notional Amount RM'000	Fair Value	
		Assets RM'000	Liabilities RM'000		Assets RM'000	Liabilities RM'000
Trading derivatives						
Foreign exchange contracts:						
- Currency forwards	4,932,844	70,605	(11,415)	4,217,222	35,688	(28,884)
- Currency swaps	11,466,692	40,603	(117,437)	11,811,185	88,267	(130,163)
- Currency spots	291,108	320	(284)	408,652	572	(588)
- Currency options	722,091	1,397	(519)	606,114	1,022	(247)
Interest rate related contracts:						
- Interest rate swaps	18,127,653	69,121	(120,690)	8,972,895	94,962	(120,208)
Equity related contracts:						
- Options	453,389	989	(36,722)	458,916	605	(59,346)
Hedging derivatives						
Interest rate related contracts:						
- Interest rate swaps	-	-	-	2,721,000	25	(26,704)
Total derivative assets/(liabilities)	35,993,777	183,035	(287,067)	29,195,984	221,141	(366,140)

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8. DERIVATIVE FINANCIAL ASSETS/(LIABILITIES) (CONT'D)

	2024			2023		
	Contract/ Notional Amount RM'000	Fair Value		Contract/ Notional Amount RM'000	Fair Value	
		Assets RM'000	Liabilities RM'000		Assets RM'000	Liabilities RM'000
BANK						
Trading derivatives						
Foreign exchange contracts:						
- Currency forwards	4,932,844	70,605	(11,415)	4,217,222	35,688	(28,884)
- Currency swaps	11,466,692	40,603	(117,437)	11,811,185	88,267	(130,163)
- Currency spots	291,108	320	(284)	408,652	572	(588)
- Currency options	722,091	1,397	(519)	606,114	1,022	(247)
Interest rate related contracts:						
- Interest rate swaps	18,127,653	69,121	(120,690)	9,568,895	97,483	(122,729)
Equity related contracts:						
- Options	453,389	989	(36,722)	458,916	605	(59,346)
Hedging derivatives						
Interest rate related contracts:						
- Interest rate swaps	-	-	-	2,423,000	-	(24,208)
Total derivative assets/(liabilities)	35,993,777	183,035	(287,067)	29,493,984	223,637	(366,165)

(a) Fair value hedge

The Group and the Bank use interest rate swaps to hedge its exposure to changes in the fair value of bonds in respect of benchmark interest rate.

The Group's and the Bank's hedge accounting policy requires effective hedge relationships to be established. Hedge effectiveness is determined at the inception of the hedge relationship prospectively, and through periodic retrospective effectiveness assessment to ensure that an economic relationship exists between the hedged item and hedging instrument. The hedge effectiveness is assessed by comparing changes in the fair value of the hedged items attributable to interest rate change with changes in the fair value of the hedging instrument.

The Group and the Bank establish the hedge ratio based on the notional and the tenure of the hedged item and hedging instrument. Hedged ineffectiveness is recognised into income statements when the fair value change in the designated component value of the hedged item exceeds the change in value of the hedging instrument attributable to the hedged risk.

During the financial year, the Group and the Bank has fully de-designated the fair value hedge due to change in risk management objective.

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8. DERIVATIVE FINANCIAL ASSETS/(LIABILITIES) (CONT'D)

(a) Fair value hedge (cont'd)

(i) The amounts relating to items designated as hedging instruments and hedge ineffectiveness were as follows:

GROUP	31 March 2024	Nominal amount RM'000	Fair value		Liabilities RM'000	infectiveness RM'000	Changes in fair value used for calculating hedge ineffectiveness RM'000	Hedge recognised in profit or loss RM'000	Maturity	Average fixed interest rate %
			Assets RM'000	Liabilities RM'000						
Interest rate risk										
Interest rate swaps		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	31 March 2023									
Interest rate risk										
Interest rate swaps		2,721,000	25	(26,704)	(25,286)	-	-	Three years to five years	3.90%	
BANK										
31 March 2024										
Interest rate risk										
Interest rate swaps		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	31 March 2023									
Interest rate risk										
Interest rate swaps		2,423,000	-	(24,208)	(22,718)	-	-	Three years to five years	3.90%	

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8. DERIVATIVE FINANCIAL ASSETS/(LIABILITIES) (CONT'D)

(a) Fair value hedge (cont'd)

(i) The amounts relating to items designated as hedged items were as follows:

GROUP	Hedged item category in statements of financial position	Carrying amount of hedged item	Accumulated amount of fair value hedge adjustment	Changes in fair value used for calculating hedge ineffectiveness	Balance of fair value hedge adjustments remaining in the Statements of Financial Position ("SFP") for any hedged items that have ceased to be adjusted for hedging gains and losses
31 March 2024	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
Hedged items					
Debt instruments	-	-	-	-	-
31 March 2023					
Hedged items					
Debt instruments	Financial investments at fair value through other comprehensive income	2,695,050	25,286	25,286	2,539

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8. DERIVATIVE FINANCIAL ASSETS/(LIABILITIES) (CONT'D)

(a) Fair value hedge (cont'd)

(ii) The amounts relating to items designated as hedged items were as follows: (cont'd)

	Hedged item category in statements of financial position RM'000	Carrying amount of hedged item RM'000	Accumulated amount of fair value hedge adjustment RM'000	Changes in fair value used for calculating hedge ineffectiveness RM'000	Balance of fair value hedge adjustments remaining in the Statements of Financial Position ("SOPF") for any hedged items that have ceased to be adjusted for hedging gains and losses RM'000
BANK					
31 March 2024					
Hedged items					
Debt instruments	-	-	-	-	-
31 March 2023					
Hedged items					
Debt instruments	Financial investments at fair value through other comprehensive income	2,400,892	22,718	22,718	2,539

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9. LOANS, ADVANCES AND FINANCING

	GROUP		BANK	
	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000
At amortised cost				
Overdrafts	3,051,545	3,153,486	1,752,814	1,864,344
Term loans/financing				
- Housing loans/financing	16,251,542	14,609,486	12,702,773	11,173,594
- Syndicated term loans/financing	492,012	350,000	492,012	350,000
- Hire purchase receivables	372,128	443,256	321,237	367,336
- Other term loans/financing	25,996,109	22,413,373	18,689,252	16,135,251
Bills receivables	661,649	499,143	624,816	482,096
Trust receipts	241,794	260,996	198,477	207,617
Claims on customers under acceptance credits	3,758,156	3,625,667	2,692,155	2,658,268
Staff loans (Loans to Directors: RM Nil)	14,660	14,296	2,428	2,674
Credit/charge card receivables	711,270	551,399	711,270	551,399
Revolving credits	1,993,170	1,659,565	1,521,180	1,241,240
Share margin financing	2,196,038	1,486,840	2,196,038	1,486,840
Gross loans, advances and financing	55,740,073	49,067,507	41,904,452	36,520,659
Add: Sales commissions and handling fees	165,402	125,970	144,571	119,732
Less: Allowance for expected credit losses on loans, advances and financing	(1,184,725)	(1,267,474)	(812,547)	(849,628)
Total net loans, advances and financing	54,720,750	47,926,003	41,236,476	35,790,763

(i) By maturity structure:

	GROUP		BANK	
	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000
Within one year	12,929,813	11,550,557	9,972,566	8,711,167
One year to three years	2,868,806	1,839,195	2,339,720	1,478,327
Three years to five years	4,008,867	3,794,827	3,236,278	2,796,798
Over five years	35,932,587	31,882,928	26,355,888	23,534,367
Gross loans, advances and financing	55,740,073	49,067,507	41,904,452	36,520,659

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9. LOANS, ADVANCES AND FINANCING (CONTD)

(ii) By type of customer:

	GROUP		BANK	
	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000
Domestic banking institutions	31	14	31	14
Domestic non-bank financial institutions	1,204,534	803,415	917,382	684,893
Domestic business enterprises				
- Small and medium enterprises	19,227,995	17,161,865	13,863,981	12,631,805
- Others	8,214,826	6,935,303	6,828,906	5,467,748
Government and statutory bodies	39,102	57,413	39,102	57,413
Individuals	26,348,375	23,489,829	19,630,418	17,141,960
Other domestic entities	13,062	13,371	3,616	2,568
Foreign entities	692,148	606,297	621,016	534,258
Gross loans, advances and financing	55,740,073	49,067,507	41,904,452	36,520,659

(iii) By interest/profit rate sensitivity:

	GROUP		BANK	
	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000
Fixed rate				
- Housing loans/financing	17,461	19,894	3,334	3,850
- Hire purchase receivables	370,746	439,355	319,856	363,435
- Other fixed rate loans/financing	8,918,659	8,266,809	5,861,484	5,656,836
Variable rate				
- Base lending rate plus	25,660,627	24,497,037	19,447,961	18,991,124
- Base rate plus	14,624,343	11,174,509	10,992,926	7,730,271
- Cost plus	6,148,237	4,669,903	5,278,891	3,775,143
Gross loans, advances and financing	55,740,073	49,067,507	41,904,452	36,520,659

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9. LOANS, ADVANCES AND FINANCING (CONT'D)

(iv) By economic purposes:

	GROUP		BANK	
	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000
Purchase of securities	2,312,204	1,613,192	2,312,204	1,613,192
Purchase of transport vehicles	231,061	296,349	166,486	208,321
Purchase of landed property	26,834,144	23,763,899	20,800,537	18,329,293
of which: - Residential	16,866,335	15,278,815	13,258,012	11,789,395
- Non-residential	9,967,809	8,485,084	7,542,525	6,539,898
Purchase of fixed assets excluding land and buildings	379,009	357,304	322,084	292,587
Personal use	6,438,217	6,021,184	3,237,243	3,097,090
Credit card	711,270	551,399	711,270	551,399
Construction	1,503,479	1,116,977	1,280,232	950,416
Working capital	13,141,260	11,696,040	9,834,392	8,787,061
Others	4,189,429	3,651,163	3,240,004	2,691,300
Gross loans, advances and financing	55,740,073	49,067,507	41,904,452	36,520,659

(v) By economic sectors:

	GROUP		BANK	
	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000
Primary agriculture	1,158,922	1,176,855	706,104	752,668
Mining and quarrying	311,375	288,773	293,974	265,401
Manufacturing	5,312,583	4,893,124	3,791,231	3,554,490
Electricity, gas and water	145,420	91,415	128,314	78,699
Construction	2,085,754	1,890,776	1,551,404	1,411,008
Wholesale, retail trade, restaurants and hotels	10,146,645	8,869,244	7,557,328	6,655,675
Transport, storage and communication	964,128	851,868	733,402	641,696
Financing, insurance, real estate and business services	7,905,111	6,400,336	6,362,556	5,088,981
Community, social and personal services	669,049	508,307	528,142	395,140
Household	27,040,523	24,096,125	20,251,434	17,676,217
Others	563	684	563	684
Gross loans, advances and financing	55,740,073	49,067,507	41,904,452	36,520,659

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9. LOANS, ADVANCES AND FINANCING (CONTD)

(vi) By geographical distribution:

	GROUP		BANK	
	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000
Northern region	4,746,609	3,924,088	2,991,942	2,457,661
Central region	39,821,126	35,001,737	30,658,017	26,674,930
Southern region	6,128,907	5,529,522	4,755,553	4,185,073
Sabah region	3,636,286	3,344,047	2,409,822	2,251,279
Sarawak region	1,407,145	1,268,113	1,089,118	951,716
Gross loans, advances and financing	55,740,073	49,067,507	41,904,452	36,520,659

(vii) Movements in credit impaired loans, advances and financing (“impaired loans”) in Stage 3:

	GROUP		BANK	
	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000
At 1 April	1,232,773	853,266	879,717	574,757
Impaired during the financial year	1,369,715	1,289,124	894,772	875,777
Recovered during the financial year	(147,837)	(75,156)	(121,593)	(53,987)
Reclassified as unimpaired during the financial year	(844,482)	(532,102)	(515,008)	(345,465)
Financial assets derecognised other than write-off during the financial year	(134,710)	(97,179)	(85,663)	(70,122)
Amount written-off	(297,432)	(205,180)	(189,655)	(101,243)
At 31 March	1,178,027	1,232,773	862,570	879,717
Gross impaired loans ratio	2.11%	2.51%	2.06%	2.41%
Net impaired loans ratio	1.16%	1.36%	1.07%	1.22%

The Group and the Bank may write-off financial assets when relevant recovery actions have been exhausted or further recovery is not economically feasible or justifiable. The outstanding contractual amounts of such assets written off during the year amounted to RM297,432,000 and RM189,655,000 (2023: RM205,180,000 and RM101,243,000) for the Group and the Bank respectively. The Group and the Bank still seek to recover amounts that are legally owed in full, but which have been partially or fully written off and are still subject to enforcement activity.

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9. LOANS, ADVANCES AND FINANCING (CONT'D)

(viii) Credit impaired loans analysed by economic purposes:

	GROUP		BANK	
	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000
Purchase of securities	-	512	-	512
Purchase of transport vehicles	10,218	16,939	8,557	14,408
Purchase of landed property	478,773	531,033	325,158	365,362
of which: - Residential	368,533	420,074	240,593	273,577
- Non-residential	110,240	110,959	84,565	91,785
Purchase of fixed assets excluding land and buildings	8,747	7,504	8,589	6,815
Personal use	239,158	271,710	116,619	128,180
Credit card	10,202	8,343	10,202	8,343
Construction	3,438	14,617	3,438	14,617
Working capital	289,128	302,733	262,618	267,507
Others	138,363	79,382	127,389	73,973
Gross impaired loans	1,178,027	1,232,773	862,570	879,717

(ix) Credit impaired loans analysed by economic sectors:

	GROUP		BANK	
	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000
Primary agriculture	1,745	1,253	9	10
Mining and quarrying	816	1,690	816	1,690
Manufacturing	74,255	109,719	52,469	100,143
Electricity, gas and water	95	-	95	-
Construction	207,535	154,119	196,471	140,891
Wholesale, retail trade, restaurants and hotels	182,659	150,988	162,708	122,543
Transport, storage and communication	8,016	5,749	7,039	4,610
Financing, insurance, real estate and business services	53,938	79,605	52,235	78,776
Community, social and personal services	16,494	5,644	11,607	1,052
Household	632,474	724,006	379,121	430,002
Gross impaired loans	1,178,027	1,232,773	862,570	879,717

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9. LOANS, ADVANCES AND FINANCING (CONTD)

(x) Credit impaired loans by geographical distribution:

	GROUP		BANK	
	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000
Northern region	103,907	94,117	63,187	59,742
Central region	907,287	913,411	682,833	663,572
Southern region	113,765	172,504	83,492	121,736
Sabah region	43,833	45,698	25,060	28,216
Sarawak region	9,235	7,043	7,998	6,451
Gross impaired loans	1,178,027	1,232,773	862,570	879,717

(xi) Movements in the allowance for expected credit losses on loans, advances and financing are as follows:

GROUP	12-Month ECL (Stage 1) RM'000	Lifetime ECL not-credit impaired (Stage 2) RM'000	Lifetime ECL credit impaired (Stage 3) RM'000	Total RM'000
At 1 April 2023	171,832	523,852	571,790	1,267,474
Transfer to Stage 1	137,220	(331,584)	(1,926)	(196,290)
Transfer to Stage 2	(118,337)	542,981	(194,146)	230,498
Transfer to Stage 3	(933)	(275,270)	362,341	86,138
New financial assets originated or purchased	112,549	104,043	8,394	224,986
Financial assets derecognised other than write-off	(40,643)	(131,613)	(29,954)	(202,210)
Changes due to change in credit risk	(38,351)	(2,063)	20,158	(20,256)
Other adjustment	14	49	-	63
	51,519	(93,457)	164,867	122,929
Unwinding of discount	-	29	29,136	29,165
Total charge to/(write-back from) income statement	51,519	(93,428)	194,003	152,094
Write-off	-	(4,018)	(230,825)	(234,843)
At 31 March 2024	223,351	426,406	534,968	1,184,725

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9. LOANS, ADVANCES AND FINANCING (CONT'D)

(xi) Movements in the allowance for expected credit losses on loans, advances and financing are as follows: (cont'd)

GROUP	12-Month ECL (Stage 1) RM'000	Lifetime ECL not-credit impaired (Stage 2) RM'000	Lifetime ECL credit impaired (Stage 3) RM'000	Total RM'000
At 1 April 2022	270,674	557,650	331,518	1,159,842
Transfer to Stage 1	174,114	(305,106)	(19,728)	(150,720)
Transfer to Stage 2	(201,111)	498,496	(120,772)	176,613
Transfer to Stage 3	(1,896)	(366,161)	425,096	57,039
New financial assets originated or purchased	75,545	179,430	9,938	264,913
Financial assets derecognised other than write-off	(52,387)	(196,042)	(17,372)	(265,801)
Changes due to change in credit risk	(93,136)	158,320	17,373	82,557
Other adjustment	29	55	-	84
	(98,842)	(31,008)	294,535	164,685
Unwinding of discount	-	-	(4,490)	(4,490)
Total (write-back from)/charge to income statement	(98,842)	(31,008)	290,045	160,195
Other movements	-	-	100,512	100,512
Write-off	-	(2,790)	(150,285)	(153,075)
At 31 March 2023	171,832	523,852	571,790	1,267,474

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9. LOANS, ADVANCES AND FINANCING (CONTD)

(xi) Movements in the allowance for expected credit losses on loans, advances and financing are as follows: (cont'd)

BANK	12-Month ECL (Stage 1) RM'000	Lifetime ECL not-credit impaired (Stage 2) RM'000	Lifetime ECL credit impaired (Stage 3) RM'000	Total RM'000
At 1 April 2023	105,782	302,859	440,987	849,628
Effect of business transfer	5	1,373	57	1,435
Transfer to Stage 1	81,383	(202,069)	(1,905)	(122,591)
Transfer to Stage 2	(69,675)	329,596	(113,567)	146,354
Transfer to Stage 3	(104)	(155,493)	225,551	69,954
New financial assets originated or purchased	70,950	78,108	4,453	153,511
Financial assets derecognised other than write-off	(27,214)	(90,134)	(18,807)	(136,155)
Changes due to change in credit risk	(27,396)	(1,409)	11,385	(17,420)
Other adjustment	14	49	-	63
	27,958	(41,352)	107,110	93,716
Unwinding of discount	-	29	20,810	20,839
Total charge to/(write-back from) income statement	27,958	(41,323)	127,920	114,555
Write-off	-	(2,349)	(150,722)	(153,071)
At 31 March 2024	133,745	260,560	418,242	812,547
At 1 April 2022	174,486	368,542	207,412	750,440
Transfer to Stage 1	103,292	(191,727)	(19,584)	(108,019)
Transfer to Stage 2	(110,870)	286,433	(73,557)	102,006
Transfer to Stage 3	(686)	(258,945)	305,969	46,338
New financial assets originated or purchased	52,352	155,973	5,126	213,451
Financial assets derecognised other than write-off	(36,206)	(169,757)	(10,068)	(216,031)
Changes due to change in credit risk	(76,615)	113,432	19,977	56,794
Other adjustment	29	55	-	84
	(68,704)	(64,536)	227,863	94,623
Unwinding of discount	-	-	(3,106)	(3,106)
Total (write-back from)/charge to income statement	(68,704)	(64,536)	224,757	91,517
Other movements	-	-	76,997	76,997
Write-off	-	(1,147)	(68,179)	(69,326)
At 31 March 2023	105,782	302,859	440,987	849,628

Note:

The transfers between stages are inclusive of net remeasurement of allowances.

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9. LOANS, ADVANCES AND FINANCING (CONT'D)

(xi) Movements in the allowance for expected credit losses on loans, advances and financing are as follows: (cont'd)

Impact of movements in gross carrying amount on expected credit losses

GROUP 2024

Stage 1 ECL for the Group increased by RM51.5 million as a result of newly originated loans, advances and financing, and the migration to Stage 1 from Stage 2 or Stage 3 due to the improvement in credit quality, partially offset by repayment of loans, advances and financing.

Stage 2 ECL decreased by RM97.4 million as a result of loans, advances and financing repayment, combined with accounts migrated to Stage 3 due to deterioration in credit quality, and migrated to Stage 1 as a result of improved credit quality. The decrease was relatively offset by newly originated loans, advances and financing, and accounts migrated from Stage 1 and Stage 3 into Stage 2 due to changes in credit risk, mainly observed on certain segments such as personal loans/financing and mortgages.

Stage 3 ECL for the Group decreased by RM36.8 million as a result of accounts written off mainly from personal loans/financing segment, offset by loans, advances and financing migrated to Stage 3 from Stage 1 and Stage 2 due to deterioration in credit quality.

Total ECL movements in 2024 is also affected by the changes in forward-looking economic inputs and the reversal of the pre-emptive overlay provisions from the estimated impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. The overlays have been applied to determine a sufficient overall level of ECL. These overlays were taken to reflect the potential impact to delinquencies and defaults arising from escalation of credit risk.

2023

Stage 1 ECL for the Group decreased by RM98.8 million as a result of loans, advances and financing that were fully repaid, having movement in the existing account balances during the financial year, accounts closed or migrated to Stage 2 or Stage 3 due to deterioration in credit quality. The decrease was partly offset by newly originated loans, advances and financing, and the migration to Stage 1 from Stage 2 or Stage 3 due to the improvement in credit quality.

Stage 2 ECL decreased by RM33.8 million, as a result of loans, advances and financing repayment, accounts migrated to Stage 3 due to deterioration in credit quality, and migrated to Stage 1 as a result of improved credit quality. The decrease was partly offset by accounts migrated from Stage 1 into Stage 2, which were mainly due to the increase in credit risk observed on certain segments such as personal loans/financing and mortgages.

Stage 3 ECL for the Group increased by RM240.3 million, as a result of loans, advances and financing migrated to Stage 3 from Stage 1 and Stage 2 due to deterioration in credit quality. The increase was partly offset by the accounts written off mainly from personal loans/financing segment, and migration of Stage 3 to Stage 1 or Stage 2 due to improvement in credit quality or account fully repaid.

Total ECL movements in 2023 is also affected by the changes in forward-looking economic inputs and the reversal of the pre-emptive overlay provisions from the estimated impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. The overlays have been applied to determine a sufficient overall level of ECL. These overlays were taken to reflect the potential impact to delinquencies and defaults arising from escalation of credit risk.

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10. OTHER ASSETS

	GROUP		BANK	
	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000
Other receivables	85,586	96,962	98,690	126,176
Collateral pledged for derivative transactions	154,394	158,626	154,394	158,626
Settlement account	767,126	285,085	767,126	285,085
Deposits	8,633	8,519	8,400	8,231
Prepayment	50,344	42,922	44,629	35,651
Amounts due from subsidiaries [Note (a)]	-	-	91,874	114,232
Amount due from joint venture [Note (a)]	95	-	95	-
	1,066,178	592,114	1,165,208	728,001
Allowance for expected credit losses on other receivables [Note (b)]	(45,363)	(43,467)	(41,681)	(38,725)
	1,020,815	548,647	1,123,527	689,276

Note:

(a) Amounts due from subsidiaries and joint venture

	GROUP		BANK	
	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000
Non-interest bearing	95	-	91,969	114,232

The amounts due from subsidiaries and joint venture are unsecured, interest-free and repayable upon demand.

Included in amount due from subsidiaries is the dividend receivable from a subsidiary amounting to RM Nil (2023: RM76,089,000).

(b) Movements for allowance for expected credit losses on other receivables are as follows:

	GROUP		BANK	
	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000
<u>Lifetime ECL</u>				
At 1 April	43,467	41,993	38,725	38,147
Effect of business transfer	-	-	1,305	-
New financial assets originated or purchased	1,155	1,826	151	170
Financial assets derecognised other than write-off	(3,106)	(2,378)	(1,766)	(338)
Changes due to change in credit risk	3,944	4,828	3,314	3,321
Total charge to income statement	1,993	4,276	1,699	3,153
Write-off	(97)	(2,802)	(48)	(2,575)
At 31 March	45,363	43,467	41,681	38,725

As at 31 March 2024, the Group's and the Bank's gross exposure of other receivables that are under lifetime expected credit losses were at RM45,363,000 and RM41,681,000 (2023: RM43,467,000 and RM38,725,000) respectively.

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11. STATUTORY DEPOSITS

- (a) Non-interest bearing statutory deposits for the Group and the Bank of RM1,125,413,000 and RM851,813,000 (2023: RM979,501,000 and RM728,111,000) respectively are maintained with BNM in compliance with Section 26(2)(c) of the Central Bank of Malaysia Act 2009, the amounts of which are determined as a set percentage of total eligible liabilities.
- (b) Interest bearing statutory deposits of RM Nil (2023: RM100,000) relating to a subsidiary, Alliance Trustee Berhad are maintained with the Accountant-General in compliance with Section 3(f) of the Trust Companies Act 1949.

12. INVESTMENTS IN SUBSIDIARIES

	BANK	
	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000
Unquoted shares, at cost		
At 1 April	883,013	1,109,102
Subscription of ordinary shares in subsidiary [Note (a)]	37,500	-
Capital reduction of ordinary shares in subsidiaries	(211,000)	(150,000)
Disposal of subsidiary [Note (b)]	(230)	-
Effect of business transfer	(47,112)	-
Return of capital	(15,515)	(76,089)
At 31 March	646,656	883,013

The Bank's subsidiaries, all of which incorporated in Malaysia, are:

Name	Principal activities	Effective equity interest	
		2024 %	2023 %
Alliance Islamic Bank Berhad ("AISB")	Islamic banking, finance business and the provision of related financial services	100	100
Alliance Direct Marketing Sdn. Bhd.	Dealing in sales and distribution of consumer and commercial banking products	100	100
AllianceGroup Nominees (Asing) Sdn. Bhd.	Nominee services	100	100
AllianceGroup Nominees (Tempatan) Sdn. Bhd.	Nominee services	100	100
AIBB Berhad ("AIBB") (formerly known as Alliance Investment Bank Berhad) [Note (c)]	Dormant	100	100
Alliance Trustee Berhad [Note (b)]	Trustee services	-	100
Alliance Financial Group Berhad (under members' voluntary winding up) <i>Subsidiary of Alliance Financial Group Berhad</i>	Dormant	100	100
Kota Indrapura Development Bhd. (under members' voluntary winding up)	Dormant	100	100

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12. INVESTMENTS IN SUBSIDIARIES (CONT'D)

Note:

- (a) The Bank had on 28 June 2023 subscribed for 25,890,575 ordinary shares at an issue price of RM1.4484 per share amounting to RM37,500,000 via rights issue in its wholly owned subsidiary Alliance Islamic Bank Berhad.
- (b) Alliance Trustee Berhad was jointly held by the Bank and the following subsidiaries:

Name	Effective equity interest	
	2024 %	2023 %
AIBB Berhad (formerly known as Alliance Investment Bank Berhad)	-	20
Alliance Direct Marketing Sdn. Bhd.	-	20
AllianceGroup Nominees (Asing) Sdn. Bhd.	-	20
AllianceGroup Nominees (Tempatan) Sdn. Bhd.	-	20

The Bank and its wholly-owned subsidiaries namely, AIBB, Alliance Direct Marketing Sdn. Bhd., AllianceGroup Nominees (Tempatan) Sdn. Bhd. and AllianceGroup Nominees (Asing) Sdn. Bhd. had on 31 May 2023 completed the disposal of their collective 100% equity shareholding in Alliance Trustee Berhad to Areca Capital Sdn. Bhd. and its related corporations, namely Areca Capital International Limited, Areca Private Equity Sdn. Bhd., Areca Frontier Sdn. Bhd. and Areca Eco Sdn. Bhd..

- (c) AIBB commenced members' voluntary winding up pursuant to Section 439 (1)(b) of the Companies Act 2016 on 1 April 2024.

13. INVESTMENT IN JOINT VENTURE

	GROUP	
	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000
Unquoted shares		
At 1 April	1,094	1,048
Share of results	41	46
At 31 March	1,135	1,094
Represented by:		
Share of net tangible assets	1,135	1,094

Details of the joint venture, which is incorporated in Malaysia, are as follows:

Name	Principal activities	Effective equity interest	
		2024 %	2023 %
AllianceDBS Research Sdn. Bhd.	Research and stock analysis	51	51

The Bank had on 16 August 2023 acquired AIBB's entire equity stake of 51% in AllianceDBS Research Sdn. Bhd. ("ADBS").

Investment in ADBS is accounted for as an investment in joint venture in accordance with MFRS 128 "Investment in Associates and Joint Ventures" because both the Bank and the other joint venturer have joint control over the decision making of ADBS and rights to net assets of ADBS.

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13. INVESTMENTS IN JOINT VENTURE (CONTD)

The summarised financial information of the joint venture is as follows:

	GROUP	
	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000
Assets and liabilities		
Current assets		
Cash and short-term funds	2,474	2,244
Other current assets	70	82
Total current assets	2,544	2,326
Non-current assets	276	307
Total assets	2,820	2,633
Current liabilities		
Other liabilities (non-trade)	479	447
Total current liabilities	479	447
Non-current liabilities	116	41
Total liabilities	595	488
Net assets	2,225	2,145

The summarised statement of comprehensive income is as follows:

	GROUP	
	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000
Revenue	2,173	2,623
Profit before tax for the financial year	119	123
Profit after tax for the financial year	80	91
The above profit includes the following:		
Depreciation and amortisation	(2)	(1)
Taxation	(39)	(32)
Reconciliation of summarised financial information:		
Net assets		
At 1 April	2,145	2,054
Profit for the financial year	80	91
At 31 March	2,225	2,145
Carrying value at 51% share of the equity interest of a joint venture	1,135	1,094

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14. RIGHT-OF-USE ASSETS

GROUP 2024	Premises RM'000	Leasehold land RM'000	Office equipment and furniture RM'000	Computer equipment RM'000	Motor vehicles RM'000	Total RM'000
Cost						
At 1 April 2023	238,208	13,523	7,008	6,617	796	266,152
Additions	6,524	-	-	8,925	-	15,449
Remeasurement	27,068	-	(1,013)	-	116	26,171
Termination	(2,845)	-	-	-	-	(2,845)
At 31 March 2024	268,955	13,523	5,995	15,542	912	304,927
Accumulated depreciation						
At 1 April 2023	142,005	4,786	4,063	5,566	715	157,135
Charge for the financial year	24,954	136	1,038	1,387	145	27,660
Termination	(875)	-	-	-	-	(875)
At 31 March 2024	166,084	4,922	5,101	6,953	860	183,920
Accumulated impairment losses						
At 1 April 2023/31 March 2024	-	37	-	-	-	37
Net carrying amount	102,871	8,564	894	8,589	52	120,970

GROUP 2023	Premises RM'000	Leasehold land RM'000	Office equipment and furniture RM'000	Computer equipment RM'000	Motor vehicles RM'000	Total RM'000
Cost						
At 1 April 2022	232,994	13,523	2,957	6,617	796	256,887
Additions	5,359	-	-	-	-	5,359
Remeasurement	4,932	-	4,051	-	-	8,983
Termination	(5,077)	-	-	-	-	(5,077)
At 31 March 2023	238,208	13,523	7,008	6,617	796	266,152
Accumulated depreciation						
At 1 April 2022	122,306	4,649	2,957	4,485	522	134,919
Charge for the financial year	23,393	137	1,106	1,081	193	25,910
Termination	(3,694)	-	-	-	-	(3,694)
At 31 March 2023	142,005	4,786	4,063	5,566	715	157,135
Accumulated impairment losses						
At 1 April 2022/31 March 2023	-	37	-	-	-	37
Net carrying amount	96,203	8,700	2,945	1,051	81	108,980

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14. RIGHT-OF-USE ASSETS (CONT'D)

BANK 2024	Premises RM'000	Leasehold land RM'000	Office equipment and furniture RM'000	Computer equipment RM'000	Motor vehicles RM'000	Total RM'000
Cost						
At 1 April 2023	238,208	13,523	7,008	6,617	796	266,152
Additions	6,524	-	-	8,925	-	15,449
Remeasurement	27,068	-	(1,013)	-	116	26,171
Termination	(2,845)	-	-	-	-	(2,845)
At 31 March 2024	268,955	13,523	5,995	15,542	912	304,927
Accumulated depreciation						
At 1 April 2023	142,005	4,786	4,063	5,566	715	157,135
Charge for the financial year	24,954	136	1,038	1,387	145	27,660
Termination	(875)	-	-	-	-	(875)
At 31 March 2024	166,084	4,922	5,101	6,953	860	183,920
Accumulated impairment losses						
At 1 April 2023/31 March 2024	-	37	-	-	-	37
Net carrying amount	102,871	8,564	894	8,589	52	120,970

BANK 2023	Premises RM'000	Leasehold land RM'000	Office equipment and furniture RM'000	Computer equipment RM'000	Motor vehicles RM'000	Total RM'000
Cost						
At 1 April 2022	232,506	13,523	2,957	6,617	796	256,399
Additions	5,359	-	-	-	-	5,359
Remeasurement	4,932	-	4,051	-	-	8,983
Termination	(4,589)	-	-	-	-	(4,589)
At 31 March 2023	238,208	13,523	7,008	6,617	796	266,152
Accumulated depreciation						
At 1 April 2022	122,048	4,649	2,957	4,485	522	134,661
Charge for the financial year	23,365	137	1,106	1,081	193	25,882
Termination	(3,408)	-	-	-	-	(3,408)
At 31 March 2023	142,005	4,786	4,063	5,566	715	157,135
Accumulated impairment losses						
At 1 April 2022/31 March 2023	-	37	-	-	-	37
Net carrying amount	96,203	8,700	2,945	1,051	81	108,980

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15. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

GROUP 2024	Freehold land RM'000	Buildings RM'000	Renovations RM'000	Office equipment and furniture RM'000	Computer equipment RM'000	Motor vehicles RM'000	Total RM'000
Cost							
At 1 April 2023	1,953	27,826	111,427	59,647	68,136	821	269,810
Additions	-	167,061	8,134	3,649	20,031	-	198,875
Disposals	-	-	-	-	(10)	-	(10)
Written-off	-	-	(3,548)	(4,236)	(4,544)	(9)	(12,337)
At 31 March 2024	1,953	194,887	116,013	59,060	83,613	812	456,338
Accumulated depreciation							
At 1 April 2023	-	13,427	93,249	51,391	54,063	2	212,132
Charge for the financial year	-	595	5,845	3,373	12,373	200	22,386
Disposals	-	-	-	-	(1)	-	(1)
Written-off	-	-	(3,518)	(4,234)	(4,536)	(9)	(12,297)
At 31 March 2024	-	14,022	95,576	50,530	61,899	193	222,220
Accumulated impairment losses							
At 1 April 2023/31 March 2024	-	25	-	-	-	-	25
Net carrying amount	1,953	180,840	20,437	8,530	21,714	619	234,093

Note:

The addition on the buildings costs for the financial year has included the progressive payment for Menara Alliance Bank of RM167,061,000.

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15. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT (CONTD)

GROUP 2023	Freehold		Buildings		Renovations		Office equipment and furniture		Computer equipment		Motor vehicles		Total RM'000
	land RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	
Cost													
At 1 April 2022	1,953	27,826	103,768	59,500	63,116	854	257,017						
Additions	-	-	13,193	2,749	5,985	1,002	22,929						
Disposals	-	-	(826)	(356)	(411)	(1,035)	(2,628)						
Written-off	-	-	(4,708)	(2,246)	(554)	-	(7,508)						
At 31 March 2023	1,953	27,826	111,427	59,647	68,136	821	269,810						
Accumulated depreciation													
At 1 April 2022	-	12,864	94,505	49,554	44,090	546	201,559						
Charge for the financial year	-	563	4,252	4,302	10,877	144	20,138						
Disposals	-	-	(819)	(307)	(355)	(688)	(2,169)						
Written-off	-	-	(4,689)	(2,158)	(549)	-	(7,396)						
At 31 March 2023	-	13,427	93,249	51,391	54,063	2	212,132						
Accumulated impairment losses													
At 1 April 2022/31 March 2023	-	25	-	-	-	-	25						25
Net carrying amount	1,953	14,374	18,178	8,256	14,073	819	57,653						

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15. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT (CONT'D)

BANK 2024	Freehold land RM'000	Buildings RM'000	Renovations RM'000	Office equipment and furniture RM'000	Computer equipment RM'000	Motor vehicles RM'000	Total RM'000
Cost							
At 1 April 2023	1,953	27,826	111,436	63,122	74,736	900	279,973
Additions	-	167,061	8,132	3,639	19,920	-	198,752
Effect of business transfer	-	-	57	111	2,047	-	2,215
Disposals	-	-	-	-	(4)	-	(4)
Written-off	-	-	(3,485)	(4,236)	(4,526)	(9)	(12,256)
At 31 March 2024	1,953	194,887	116,140	62,636	92,173	891	468,680
Accumulated depreciation							
At 1 April 2023	-	13,427	93,367	55,080	60,688	42	222,604
Charge for the financial year	-	595	5,757	3,358	12,289	200	22,199
Effect of business transfer	-	-	31	101	2,028	-	2,160
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Written-off	-	-	(3,455)	(4,234)	(4,518)	(9)	(12,216)
At 31 March 2024	-	14,022	95,700	54,305	70,487	233	234,747
Accumulated impairment losses							
At 1 April 2023/31 March 2024	-	25	-	-	-	-	25
Net carrying amount	1,953	180,840	20,440	8,331	21,686	658	233,908

Note:

The addition on the buildings costs for the financial year has included the progressive payment for Menara Alliance Bank of RM167,061,000.

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BANK 2023	Freehold		Buildings		Renovations		Office equipment and furniture		Computer equipment		Motor vehicles		Total RM'000
	land RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	
Cost													
At 1 April 2022	1,953	27,826	101,793	60,984	933	68,884	262,373						
Additions	-	-	13,160	2,686	1,002	5,922	22,770						
Disposals	-	-	-	-	(1,035)	-	(1,035)						
Written-off	-	-	(3,517)	(548)	-	(70)	(4,135)						
At 31 March 2023	1,953	27,826	111,436	63,122	900	74,736	279,973						
Accumulated depreciation													
At 1 April 2022	-	12,864	92,767	51,278	586	50,007	207,502						
Charge for the financial year	-	563	4,110	4,284	144	10,747	19,848						
Disposals	-	-	-	-	(688)	-	(688)						
Written-off	-	-	(3,510)	(482)	-	(66)	(4,058)						
At 31 March 2023	-	13,427	93,367	55,080	42	60,688	222,604						
Accumulated impairment losses													
At 1 April 2022/31 March 2023	-	25	-	-	-	-	25						
Net carrying amount	1,953	14,374	18,069	8,042	858	14,048	57,344						

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16. DEFERRED TAX

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset when there is a legally enforceable right to set off current tax assets against current tax liabilities and when the deferred taxes relate to the same tax authority. The net deferred tax assets and liabilities shown in the statements of financial position after appropriate offsetting are as follows:

	GROUP		BANK	
	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000
Deferred tax assets, net	217,253	198,920	153,468	141,327

Movements on deferred tax:

	GROUP		BANK	
	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000
At 1 April	198,920	202,859	141,327	143,544
Recognised in statements of income	37,389	(5,161)	28,628	(1,316)
Recognised in equity	(19,056)	1,222	(16,487)	(901)
At 31 March	217,253	198,920	153,468	141,327

Deferred tax assets and liabilities prior to offsetting are summarised as follows:

	GROUP		BANK	
	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000
Deferred tax assets	233,585	213,385	169,389	155,366
Deferred tax liabilities	(16,332)	(14,465)	(15,921)	(14,039)
	217,253	198,920	153,468	141,327

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16. DEFERRED TAX (CONTD)

The components and movements of deferred tax assets and liabilities during the financial year prior to offsetting are as follow:

Deferred tax assets/(liabilities)	Unabsorbed tax losses and capital allowances		Allowance for expected credit losses		Other liabilities		Leases		Financial investments at fair value through other comprehensive income		Cash flow hedge		Property, plant and equipment		Total
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	
GROUP															
At 1 April 2023	148	90,905	71,658	3,536	47,138	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(14,465)	198,920	
Recognised in statements of income	(117)	15,353	24,186	(166)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1,867)	37,389	
Recognised in equity	-	-	-	-	(19,056)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(19,056)	
At 31 March 2024	31	106,258	95,844	3,370	28,082	-	-	-	-	(16,332)	-	-	(16,332)	217,253	
At 1 April 2022	268	93,984	74,051	3,352	45,836	80	-	-	-	(14,712)	80	-	247	202,859	
Recognised in statements of income	(120)	(3,079)	(2,393)	184	-	-	-	-	-	-	(80)	-	-	(5,161)	
Recognised in equity	-	-	-	-	1,302	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,222	
At 31 March 2023	148	90,905	71,658	3,536	47,138	-	-	-	-	(14,465)	-	-	(14,465)	198,920	
BANK															
At 1 April 2023	-	55,582	53,330	3,489	42,965	-	-	-	-	(14,039)	-	-	-	141,327	
Recognised in statements of income	-	9,005	21,637	(132)	-	-	-	-	-	(1,882)	-	-	-	28,628	
Recognised in equity	-	-	-	-	(16,487)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(16,487)	
At 31 March 2024	-	64,587	74,967	3,357	26,478	-	-	-	-	(15,921)	-	-	-	153,468	
At 1 April 2022	-	60,716	50,007	3,312	43,786	80	-	-	-	(14,357)	80	-	318	143,544	
Recognised in statements of income	-	(5,134)	3,323	177	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1,316)	
Recognised in equity	-	-	-	-	(821)	-	-	-	-	-	(80)	-	-	(901)	
At 31 March 2023	-	55,582	53,330	3,489	42,965	-	-	-	-	(14,039)	-	-	-	141,327	

Note:

Other liabilities include provisions and deferred income.

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17. INTANGIBLE ASSETS

	GROUP		BANK	
	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000
<u>Goodwill</u>				
Cost:				
At 1 April	301,997	301,997	186,272	186,272
Effect of business transfer	-	-	99,727	-
At 31 March	301,997	301,997	285,999	186,272
Impairment:				
At 1 April/31 March	16,349	16,349	351	351
Net carrying amount	285,648	285,648	285,648	185,921
<u>Computer software</u>				
Cost:				
At 1 April	472,189	418,705	463,672	408,565
Additions	69,562	56,160	68,879	55,110
Effect of business transfer	-	-	5,567	-
Disposals	-	(36)	-	-
Written-off	(22,195)	(2,640)	(22,023)	(3)
At 31 March	519,556	472,189	516,095	463,672
Accumulated amortisation:				
At 1 April	317,399	272,148	311,272	264,335
Charge for the financial year	47,626	47,900	47,051	46,939
Effect of business transfer	-	-	5,222	-
Disposals	-	(15)	-	-
Written-off	(22,193)	(2,634)	(22,021)	(2)
At 31 March	342,832	317,399	341,524	311,272
Net carrying amount	176,724	154,790	174,571	152,400
Total carrying amount	462,372	440,438	460,219	338,321

Note:

Computer software of the Group and the Bank include work in progress of RM49,415,000 and RM49,214,000 (2023: RM39,999,000 and RM39,696,000) respectively which are not amortised until ready for use.

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17. INTANGIBLE ASSETS (CONT'D)

(a) Impairment test on goodwill

Goodwill is reviewed annually for impairment, or more frequently when there are indications that impairment may have occurred. Goodwill has been allocated to the Group's cash-generating units ("CGUs") that are expected to benefit from the synergies of the acquisitions, identified according to the business segments as follows:

	GROUP		BANK	
	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000
Consumer banking	101,565	101,565	101,565	67,513
Business banking	100,822	100,822	100,822	81,448
Financial markets	83,261	83,261	83,261	36,960
	285,648	285,648	285,648	185,921

For annual impairment testing purposes, the recoverable amounts of the CGUs, which are reportable business segments, are determined based on their value-in-use. The value-in-use calculation uses pre-tax cash flow projections based on financial budget and business plans approved by the Board of Directors. The key assumptions for the computation of value-in-use include the discount rates, cash flow projection and growth rates applied are as follows:

(i) Discount rate

The discount rates used are pre-tax and reflect specific risks relating to the CGUs. The discount rates used in determining the recoverable amount are as follows:

	GROUP	
	2024 %	2023 %
Consumer banking	8.60	8.07
Business banking	8.61	8.05
Financial markets	8.62	7.22

(ii) Cash flow projections and growth rate

Cash flow projections are based on four-year financial budget and business plans approved by the Board of Directors. The cash flow projections are derived based on multiple probability weighted scenarios considering a number of key factors including past performance and the Management's expectation of market developments.

Cash flows beyond the fourth year are extrapolated in perpetuity using terminal growth rate at 4.2% (2023: 4.1%), representing the forecasted Gross Domestic Product ("GDP") growth rate of the country for the CGUs.

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17. INTANGIBLE ASSETS (CONTD)

(b) Sensitivity to changes in assumptions

The Management is of the view that any reasonable possible changes in the key assumptions would not cause the carrying amount of the goodwill to exceed the recoverable amount of the CGUs.

Sensitivity analysis was performed by stressing the terminal growth rates ranging at -4.6% to -12.1% or the discount rates ranging between 17.0% and 22.1% which resulted in a break-even point between the carrying amount and recoverable amount for the CGUs.

18. DEPOSITS FROM CUSTOMERS

	GROUP		BANK	
	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000
Demand deposits	21,935,407	19,267,883	17,343,745	14,988,337
Savings deposits	1,928,980	2,026,815	1,551,648	1,618,996
Fixed/investment deposits	30,037,326	25,161,869	21,225,496	17,604,556
Money market deposits	3,473,714	3,991,002	2,383,512	2,283,003
Negotiable instruments of deposits	22,068	401,461	22,068	401,461
	57,397,495	50,849,030	42,526,469	36,896,353

- (i) The maturity structure of fixed deposits, money market deposits and negotiable instruments of deposits are as follows:

	GROUP		BANK	
	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000
Due within six months	28,093,836	22,477,236	19,711,889	15,781,534
Six months to one year	5,152,363	6,770,360	3,891,044	4,458,201
One year to three years	283,962	303,643	25,196	46,192
Three years to five years	2,947	3,093	2,947	3,093
	33,533,108	29,554,332	23,631,076	20,289,020

- (ii) The deposits are sourced from the following types of customers:

	GROUP		BANK	
	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000
Domestic financial institutions	22,159	439,786	24,164	440,471
Domestic non-bank financial institutions	5,375,559	5,701,678	3,690,375	3,732,973
Government and statutory bodies	4,907,717	3,628,356	3,352,213	1,935,807
Business enterprises	19,876,183	17,292,460	15,078,413	12,885,486
Individuals	23,627,846	21,792,889	17,527,626	16,218,586
Foreign entities	1,020,122	795,224	873,248	693,188
Others	2,567,909	1,198,637	1,980,430	989,842
	57,397,495	50,849,030	42,526,469	36,896,353

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19. DEPOSITS AND PLACEMENTS OF BANKS AND OTHER FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

	GROUP		BANK	
	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000
Licensed banks	279,189	403,166	279,189	403,166
Licensed merchant banks	60,143	-	60,143	787
Bank Negara Malaysia	1,715,725	1,316,118	1,526,662	1,132,249
	2,055,057	1,719,284	1,865,994	1,536,202

Note:

Included in deposit and placement by BNM is the government financing scheme received by the Group and the Bank as part of the government support measures in response to the COVID-19 pandemic for the purpose of SME lending at a below market rate.

20. FINANCIAL LIABILITIES DESIGNATED AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS

Structured investments designated at fair value for the Group and the Bank include investments with embedded equity linked options, interest rate index linked options and foreign currency options.

The Group and the Bank designated certain structured investments at fair value through profit or loss. The structured investments are recorded at fair value.

The fair value changes of the structured investments that are attributable to the changes in own credit risk are not significant.

	GROUP/BANK	
	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000
Structured investments	2,011,228	1,904,295
Fair value changes arising from designation at fair value through profit or loss	(83,117)	(119,138)
	1,928,111	1,785,157

The carrying amount of financial liabilities designated at fair value of the Group and the Bank as at 31 March 2024 was lower than the contractual amount at maturity for the structured investments by RM83,117,000 (2023: RM119,138,000).

21. RECOURSE OBLIGATIONS ON LOANS AND FINANCING SOLD TO CAGAMAS

This relates to proceeds received from housing loans/financing and hire purchase loans/financing sold directly to Cagamas Berhad with recourse to the Group and the Bank. Under the agreement, the Group and the Bank undertake to administer the loans/financing on behalf of Cagamas Berhad and to buy back any loans/financing which are regarded as defective based on pre-determined and agreed upon prudential criteria set by Cagamas Berhad.

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22. LEASE LIABILITIES

	GROUP		BANK	
	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000
At 1 April	113,251	125,475	113,251	125,249
Additions	15,335	5,210	15,335	5,210
Termination of contracts	(1,970)	(1,383)	(1,970)	(1,181)
Interest expense	5,520	5,534	5,520	5,539
Lease payment	(33,595)	(30,568)	(33,595)	(30,549)
Remeasurement	26,171	8,983	26,171	8,983
At 31 March	124,712	113,251	124,712	113,251

Note:

Short-term leases expenses and low value leases expenses that are not included in lease liabilities for the Group and the Bank are as follows:

	GROUP		BANK	
	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000
Short-term leases expenses (included in establishment expense)	-	384	-	384
Income from subleasing ROU assets	86	86	1,025	1,411

The Group and the Bank lease premises, office equipment and furniture, computer equipment and motor vehicles. Rental contracts are typically made for the periods ranging from three to five years but may have extension options.

Extension and termination options are included in a number of leases across the Group and the Bank. The Group and the Bank manage the leases and, accordingly, lease terms are negotiated on an individual basis and contain a wide range of different terms and conditions.

Extension and termination options are included, when possible, to provide a greater flexibility after the end of the agreement. The individual terms and conditions used vary across the Group and the Bank. The majority of extension and termination options held are exercisable only by the Group and the Bank and not by the respective lessors.

In cases in which the Group and the Bank are not reasonably certain to exercise an optional extended lease term, payments associated with the optional period are not included within lease liabilities.

Potential future cash outflows of RM Nil (2023: RM19,595,000) has not been included in the lease liabilities because it is not reasonably certain that the leases will be extended or not terminated.

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23. OTHER LIABILITIES

	GROUP		BANK	
	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000
Other payables	1,776,754	1,226,209	1,667,901	1,137,952
Bills payable	355,840	134,968	338,981	127,692
Collateral pledged for derivative transactions	7,042	26,334	7,042	26,334
Settlement account	119,813	39,507	119,813	39,507
Clearing account	200,823	229,586	166,475	197,503
Sundry deposits	60,507	59,812	53,441	50,998
Provision and accruals	176,489	167,097	163,694	156,844
Structured investments	390,098	248,611	390,098	248,611
Amount due to joint venture	17	16	-	16
Allowance for expected credit losses on commitments and contingencies [Note (a)]	47,002	29,301	39,910	26,215
	3,134,385	2,161,441	2,947,355	2,011,672

Note:

(a) Movements for allowance for expected credit losses on commitments and contingencies are as follows:

GROUP	12-Month ECL (Stage 1) RM'000	Lifetime ECL not-credit impaired (Stage 2) RM'000	Lifetime ECL credit impaired (Stage 3) RM'000	Total RM'000
At 1 April 2023	5,005	22,447	1,849	29,301
Transfer to Stage 1	1,069	(11,421)	-	(10,352)
Transfer to Stage 2	(736)	12,654	(1,241)	10,677
Transfer to Stage 3	-	(454)	2,732	2,278
New financial assets originated or purchased	5,867	16,287	26	22,180
Financial assets derecognised other than write-off	(2,705)	(14,977)	(3,354)	(21,036)
Changes due to change in credit risk	2,207	9,760	1,980	13,947
Other adjustments	3	9	-	12
	5,705	11,858	143	17,706
Unwinding of discount	-	-	(5)	(5)
Total charge to income statement	5,705	11,858	138	17,701
At 31 March 2024	10,710	34,305	1,987	47,002

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23. OTHER LIABILITIES (CONT'D)

(a) Movements for allowance for expected credit losses on commitments and contingencies are as follows: (cont'd)

GROUP	12-Month ECL (Stage 1) RM'000	Lifetime ECL not-credit impaired (Stage 2) RM'000	Lifetime ECL credit impaired (Stage 3) RM'000	Total RM'000
At 1 April 2022	6,894	16,504	1,418	24,816
Transfer to Stage 1	613	(7,059)	(50)	(6,496)
Transfer to Stage 2	(661)	13,049	(393)	11,995
Transfer to Stage 3	-	(608)	1,509	901
New financial assets originated or purchased	4,477	5,320	16	9,813
Financial assets derecognised other than write-off	(2,433)	(8,228)	(2,342)	(13,003)
Changes due to change in credit risk	(3,893)	3,448	1,705	1,260
Other adjustments	8	21	-	29
	(1,889)	5,943	445	4,499
Unwinding of discount	-	-	(14)	(14)
Total (write-back from)/charge to income statement	(1,889)	5,943	431	4,485
At 31 March 2023	5,005	22,447	1,849	29,301
BANK				
At 1 April 2023	4,296	20,290	1,629	26,215
Transfer to Stage 1	892	(9,622)	-	(8,730)
Transfer to Stage 2	(581)	10,457	(1,134)	8,742
Transfer to Stage 3	-	(304)	1,856	1,552
New financial assets originated or purchased	4,327	15,465	26	19,818
Financial assets derecognised other than write-off	(2,118)	(10,350)	(2,881)	(15,349)
Changes due to change in credit risk	1,660	3,789	2,208	7,657
Other adjustments	2	9	-	11
	4,182	9,444	75	13,701
Unwinding of discount	-	-	(6)	(6)
Total charge to income statement	4,182	9,444	69	13,695
At 31 March 2024	8,478	29,734	1,698	39,910
At 1 April 2022	5,698	14,331	1,415	21,444
Transfer to Stage 1	553	(5,978)	(50)	(5,475)
Transfer to Stage 2	(601)	11,317	(288)	10,428
Transfer to Stage 3	-	(548)	1,081	533
New financial assets originated or purchased	3,690	4,777	16	8,483
Financial assets derecognised other than write-off	(1,900)	(7,117)	(927)	(9,944)
Changes due to change in credit risk	(3,151)	3,489	391	729
Other adjustments	7	19	-	26
	(1,402)	5,959	223	4,780
Unwinding of discount	-	-	(9)	(9)
Total (write-back from)/charge to income statement	(1,402)	5,959	214	4,771
At 31 March 2023	4,296	20,290	1,629	26,215

Note:

- (a) The transfers between stages are inclusive of net remeasurement of allowances.
- (b) As at 31 March 2024, the Group's and the Bank's gross exposure of commitments and contingencies that are credit impaired were at RM6,406,000 and RM4,983,000 (2023: RM38,680,000 and RM38,096,000) respectively.

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24. SUBORDINATED OBLIGATIONS

	Note	GROUP		BANK	
		2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000
Subordinated Medium Term Notes ("Sub-MTNs")/ Additional Tier 1 ("AT1") Capital Securities/ AT1 Sukuk Wakalah					
RM400 million Sub-MTNs	(a)	405,856	405,614	405,664	405,308
RM350 million Sub-MTNs	(b)	355,721	355,684	355,721	355,684
RM450 million Sub-MTNs	(c)	457,839	457,789	457,839	457,789
RM150 million AT1 Capital Securities	(d)	152,125	152,080	152,125	152,080
RM100 million AT1 Capital Securities	(e)	-	100,391	-	100,391
RM100 million AT1 Capital Securities	(f)	100,335	-	100,335	-
RM100 million AT1 Sukuk Wakalah	(g)	-	99,944	-	-
RM100 million AT1 Sukuk Wakalah	(h)	100,042	-	-	-
		1,571,918	1,571,502	1,471,684	1,471,252

Note:

RM2.0 billion Sub-MTN Programme

	Issuance Date	Principal	Maturity Date	Call Date	Interest Rate	Interest Payment
(a)	27 October 2020	RM400 million	25 October 2030	27 October 2025	3.60% per annum	Accrued and payable semi-annually in arrears
(b)	27 October 2020	RM350 million	27 October 2032	27 October 2037	3.80% per annum	Accrued and payable semi-annually in arrears
(c)	27 October 2020	RM450 million	26 October 2035	26 October 2030	4.05% per annum	Accrued and payable semi-annually in arrears

RM1.0 billion AT1 Capital Securities Programme ("AT1 Capital Securities Programme")

	Issuance Date	Principal	Tenure	Call Date	Interest Rate	Interest Payment
(d)	30 June 2022	RM150 million	Perpetual non-callable five (5) years	30 June 2027	5.50% per annum	Accrued and payable semi-annually in arrears
(e)	8 March 2019	RM100 million	Perpetual non-callable five (5) years	8 March 2024	5.95% per annum	Accrued and payable semi-annually in arrears
(f)	8 March 2024	RM100 million	Perpetual non-callable five (5) years	8 March 2029	5.10% per annum	Accrued and payable semi-annually in arrears

The Group had on 8 March 2024 completed the following transactions:

- (i) Fully redeemed its RM100.0 million AT1 Capital Securities which was issued on 8 March 2019 under the Bank's AT1 Capital Securities Programme; and
- (ii) Issued RM100.0 million AT1 Capital Securities in nominal value pursuant to the Bank's existing AT1 Capital Securities Programme.

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24. SUBORDINATED OBLIGATIONS (CONT'D)

Note: (cont'd)

RM2.5 billion Perpetual Sukuk Programme (“Sukuk Programme”)

	Issuance Date	Principal	Tenure	Call Date	Interest Rate	Interest Payment
(g)	29 March 2019	RM100 million	Perpetual non-callable five (5) years	29 March 2024	5.59% per annum	Accrued and payable semi-annually in arrears
(h)	29 March 2024	RM100 million	Perpetual non-callable five (5) years	29 March 2029	5.10% per annum	Accrued and payable semi-annually in arrears

AISB, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Bank had on 29 March 2024 completed the following transactions:

- (i) Fully redeemed its RM100.0 million Basel III-compliant Islamic AT1 Sukuk Wakalah (“AT1 Sukuk”) that was issued on 29 March 2019 under the AISB’s RM2.5 billion Sukuk Programme; and
- (ii) Issuance of RM100.0 million AT1 Sukuk in nominal value pursuant to AISB’s existing Sukuk Programme.

25. SHARE CAPITAL

GROUP/BANK	2024		2023	
	Number of ordinary shares '000	RM'000	Number of ordinary shares '000	RM'000
Ordinary shares issued and fully paid:				
At 1 April/31 March	1,548,106	1,548,106	1,548,106	1,548,106

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26. RESERVES

	Note	GROUP		BANK	
		2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000
<u>Non-distributable:</u>					
Regulatory reserves	(a)	155,485	257,241	155,485	231,857
Capital reserves	(b)	10,018	100,150	-	15,515
FVOCI reserves	(c)	(87,888)	(148,673)	(83,022)	(135,652)
		77,615	208,718	72,463	111,720
<u>Distributable:</u>					
Retained profits		5,549,407	4,989,825	4,724,987	4,324,216
		5,627,022	5,198,543	4,797,450	4,435,936

Note:

- (a) Regulatory reserves represent the Group's and the Bank's compliance with BNM Revised Policy Documents in Financial Reporting and Financial Reporting for Islamic Banking Institutions effective 1 April 2018 whereby the Bank and its banking subsidiaries must maintain in aggregate, loss allowance for non-credit-impaired exposures and regulatory reserves of no less than 1% of total credit exposures, net of loss allowance for credit-impaired exposures.
- (b) Capital reserves are in respect of retained profits capitalised for a bonus issue by a subsidiary.
- (c) FVOCI reserves are the cumulative gains and losses arising on the revaluation of debt instruments measured at FVOCI, net off cumulative gains and losses transferred to statements of income upon disposal and the cumulative allowance for expected credit losses on these investments.

27. INTEREST INCOME

	GROUP		BANK	
	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000
Loans, advances and financing	1,920,710	1,537,409	1,905,011	1,515,886
Money at call and deposit placements with financial institutions	91,684	55,061	91,735	58,168
Financial investments at fair value through other comprehensive income	290,086	267,572	290,086	247,885
Financial investments at amortised cost	115,334	85,280	121,135	91,170
Others	6,466	5,348	6,466	5,348
	2,424,280	1,950,670	2,414,433	1,918,457
Accretion of discount less amortisation of premium (net)	41,557	25,112	41,557	26,393
	2,465,837	1,975,782	2,455,990	1,944,850

Note:

Included in interest income on loans, advances and financing is interest/profit on impaired loans/financing of the Group and the Bank of RM5,511,000 (2023: RM4,921,000).

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28. INTEREST EXPENSE

	GROUP		BANK	
	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000
Deposits and placements of banks and other financial institutions	22,505	16,713	22,614	13,982
Deposits from customers	967,337	612,178	967,950	609,622
Recourse obligations on loans and financing sold to Cagamas	25,340	13,675	25,340	13,675
Subordinated obligations	60,436	64,004	60,551	64,184
Lease liabilities	5,520	5,534	5,520	5,539
Obligations on securities sold under repurchase agreements	48,860	7,024	48,860	7,024
Others	26,267	26,555	26,267	26,555
	1,156,265	745,683	1,157,102	740,581

29. NET INCOME FROM ISLAMIC BANKING BUSINESS

	GROUP	
	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000
Income derived from investment of depositors' funds and others	808,999	702,714
Income derived from investment of Islamic Banking funds	79,425	68,465
Income attributable to the depositors and financial institutions	(448,313)	(318,373)
	440,111	452,806

Note:

Net income from Islamic banking business comprises income generated from AISB, and Islamic banking business of AIBB. Both AISB and AIBB are wholly-owned subsidiaries of the Bank.

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30. OTHER OPERATING INCOME

	GROUP		BANK	
	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000
(a) <u>Fee and commission income:</u>				
Commissions	105,439	83,077	105,439	83,077
Service charges and fees	30,392	25,761	30,197	25,369
Brokerage fees	-	5,483	-	-
Guarantee fees	14,397	13,978	14,397	13,952
Processing fees	24,276	5,177	24,276	4,717
Commitment fees	16,994	17,478	16,994	17,478
Cards related income	63,662	58,875	63,662	58,875
Other fee income	21,583	6,000	21,583	6,000
	276,743	215,829	276,548	209,468
(b) <u>Fee and commission expense:</u>				
Commissions expense	(2,156)	(1,831)	(2,156)	(1,831)
Service charges and fees expense	(2,422)	(2,029)	(2,422)	(2,029)
Brokerage fees expense	(132)	(2,555)	(132)	(72)
Guarantee fees expense	(17,941)	(15,722)	(17,941)	(15,722)
Cards related expense	(106,795)	(82,849)	(106,795)	(82,849)
	(129,446)	(104,986)	(129,446)	(102,503)
(c) <u>Investment income:</u>				
Realised gain arising from sale/ redemption of:				
- Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	8,828	9,580	8,828	5,977
- Financial investments at fair value through other comprehensive income	2,016	2,213	2,016	2,324
- Financial investments at amortised cost	-	1,482	-	1,482
- Derivative instruments	145,543	118,843	145,543	118,843
Marked-to-market revaluation gain/(loss):				
- Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	25,562	17,889	25,562	17,889
- Derivative instruments	(4,886)	(38,583)	(7,239)	(33,930)
- Financial liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss	(36,021)	(22,989)	(36,021)	(22,989)
Net loss arising from hedging activities	-	(333)	-	(333)
Gross dividend income from:				
- Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	1,356	2,301	1,356	1,940
- Subsidiaries	-	-	64,330	84,507
	142,398	90,403	204,375	175,710
(d) <u>Other (expense)/income:</u>				
Foreign exchange (loss)/gain	(43,736)	8,715	(43,736)	8,535
Rental income	86	86	1,025	1,411
Gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment	-	80	-	80
Others	24,722	26,770	29,842	22,512
	(18,928)	35,651	(12,869)	32,538
Total other operating income	270,767	236,897	338,608	315,213

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31. OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES

	GROUP		BANK	
	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000
Personnel costs				
- Salaries, allowances and bonuses	497,534	448,206	384,683	349,524
- Contribution to EPF	80,714	71,470	62,769	55,931
- Others	51,568	52,925	40,125	44,131
	629,816	572,601	487,577	449,586
Establishment costs				
- Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	22,386	20,138	22,199	19,848
- Depreciation of right-of-use assets	27,660	25,910	27,660	25,882
- Amortisation of computer software	47,626	47,900	47,051	46,939
- Rental of premises	1,233	1,902	1,125	1,601
- Water and electricity	7,166	6,758	5,623	5,288
- Repairs and maintenance	9,713	8,944	7,861	7,401
- Information technology expenses	89,133	82,787	60,458	53,768
- Others	10,807	10,906	8,905	8,844
	215,724	205,245	180,882	169,571
Marketing expenses				
- Promotion and advertisement	27,698	18,142	26,713	15,666
- Branding and publicity	7,798	2,437	3,353	1,843
- Others	11,576	9,152	10,319	5,196
	47,072	29,731	40,385	22,705
Administration and general expenses				
- Communication expenses	11,648	11,505	9,460	9,039
- Printing and stationery	2,104	1,618	1,591	1,205
- Insurance	14,489	14,079	10,536	10,508
- Professional fees	30,437	25,876	23,304	15,750
- Others	22,439	20,698	24,199	18,303
	81,117	73,776	69,090	54,805
Total other operating expenses	973,729	881,353	777,934	696,667

Included in the other operating expenses are the following:

	GROUP		BANK	
	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000
Auditors' remuneration				
- Statutory audit fees	1,836	1,728	1,578	1,432
- Audit related fees	472	1,163	383	739
- Tax compliance fees	84	110	58	58
- Tax related services	264	28	256	12
- Non-audit related services	65	-	65	-
Hire of equipment	1,731	1,823	1,731	1,823
Property, plant and equipment written-off	40	112	40	77
Computer software written-off	2	6	2	1

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32. ALLOWANCE FOR EXPECTED CREDIT LOSSES ON LOANS, ADVANCES AND FINANCING AND OTHER FINANCIAL ASSETS

	GROUP		BANK	
	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000
Allowance for expected credit losses on:				
(a) Loans, advances and financing	122,929	164,685	93,716	94,623
(b) Commitments and contingencies on loans, advances and financing	17,706	4,499	13,701	4,780
(c) Other assets	1,993	4,276	1,699	3,153
(d) Cash and short-term funds	36	103	36	103
(e) Deposits and placements with banks and other financial institutions	-	(8)	-	(8)
	142,664	173,555	109,152	102,651
(f) Credit impaired loans, advances and financing				
- Recovered during the financial year	(75,804)	(72,120)	(52,075)	(47,678)
- Written-off during the financial year	68,035	50,909	39,554	27,557
	134,895	152,344	96,631	82,530

33. ALLOWANCE FOR/(WRITE-BACK OF) EXPECTED CREDIT LOSSES ON FINANCIAL INVESTMENTS

	GROUP		BANK	
	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000
Allowance made/(write-back of) expected credit losses:				
(a) Financial investments at fair value through other comprehensive income	438	(325)	365	(165)
(b) Financial investments at amortised cost	137	(135)	112	220
Bad debt recovered	(30)	-	(30)	-
	545	(460)	447	55

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34. TAXATION AND ZAKAT

	GROUP		BANK	
	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000
Income tax:	257,956	203,604	192,169	151,221
Current financial year	261,436	216,647	195,880	159,569
Over provision in prior years	(3,480)	(13,043)	(3,711)	(8,348)
Deferred tax (Note 16)	(37,389)	5,161	(28,628)	1,316
Current financial year	(36,686)	6,075	(28,282)	5,516
Over provision in prior years	(703)	(914)	(346)	(4,200)
Tax expense for the financial year	220,567	208,765	163,541	152,537
Zakat	280	-	-	-
	220,847	208,765	163,541	152,537

Income tax for the current financial year is calculated at the Malaysian statutory tax rate of 24% on the estimated assessable profit for the financial year. For Year of Assessment ("YA") 2024, income tax rate is at 24% (2023: 24%).

A reconciliation of income tax expense applicable to profit before taxation at the statutory income tax rate to income tax expense at the effective income tax rate of the Group and of the Bank are as follows:

	GROUP		BANK	
	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000
Profit before taxation	911,322	886,611	762,484	740,230
Taxation at Malaysian Statutory Tax Rate of 24% (2023: 24%)	218,717	212,787	182,996	177,655
Income not subject to tax	(7,424)	(6,469)	(22,151)	(24,992)
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	11,777	16,404	6,753	12,422
Over provision of tax expense in prior years	(4,183)	(13,957)	(4,057)	(12,548)
Expenses for which no deferred tax asset is recognised	1,680	-	-	-
Tax expense for the financial year	220,567	208,765	163,541	152,537

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35. EARNINGS PER SHARE

(a) Basic

Basic earnings per share is calculated by dividing profit for the year attributable to equity holders of the Bank by the weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue during the financial year.

	GROUP		BANK	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
Profit for the year attributable to equity holders of the Bank (RM'000)	690,475	677,846	598,943	587,693
Weighted average numbers of ordinary shares in issue ('000)	1,548,106	1,548,106	1,548,106	1,548,106
Basic earnings per share (sen)	44.6	43.8	38.7	38.0

(b) Diluted

For the purpose of calculating diluted earnings per share, the profit for the year attributable to equity holders of the Bank and the weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue during the financial year have been adjusted for the dilutive effects of all potential ordinary shares (non-cumulative).

There were no dilutive potential ordinary shares outstanding as at 31 March 2024 and 31 March 2023 respectively. As a result, the dilutive earnings per share was equal to basic earnings per share for the financial year ended 31 March 2024 and 31 March 2023.

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36. DIVIDENDS

	Dividend recognised during the financial year			
	GROUP		BANK	
	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000
First interim dividend				
12.00 sen per share, on 1,548,105,929 ordinary shares, declared in financial year ended 31 March 2023, was paid on 28 December 2022 to the shareholders.	-	185,773	-	185,773
10.85 sen per share, on 1,548,105,929 ordinary shares, declared in financial year ended 31 March 2024, was paid on 28 December 2023 to the shareholders.	167,970	-	167,970	-
Second interim dividend				
10.20 sen per share, on 1,548,105,929 ordinary shares, declared in financial year ended 31 March 2022, was paid on 30 June 2022 to the shareholders.	-	157,907	-	157,907
10.00 sen per share, on 1,548,105,929 ordinary shares, declared in financial year ended 31 March 2023, was paid on 28 June 2023 to the shareholders.	154,811	-	154,811	-
	322,781	343,680	322,781	343,680

Subsequent to the financial year end, the Directors declared a single tier second interim dividend of 11.45 sen per share, on 1,548,105,929 ordinary shares amounting to approximately RM177,258,000 in respect of the current financial year. The accompanying financial statements do not reflect this dividend. The dividend will be accounted for in shareholders' equity as an appropriation of retained profits in the financial year ending 31 March 2025.

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37. SIGNIFICANT RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS AND BALANCES

In addition to related party disclosures mentioned elsewhere in the financial statements, set out below are the Group's and the Bank's other significant related party transactions and balances:

The related parties of, and their relationship with, the Group and the Bank are as follows:

Relationship	Related parties
- Key management personnel	Key management personnel refer to those persons having authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the Group and the Bank, directly or indirectly, including Executive Directors and Non-Executive Directors of the Group and the Bank (including close members of their families). Other members of key management personnel of the Group and the Bank are the Business Support Heads who report directly to Group Chief Executive Officer or to the Board Committees (including close members of their families).
- Substantial shareholders	Substantial shareholders refer to those entities or persons having significant voting power in the Group and/or the Bank, directly or indirectly. It resides with certain Directors of the Group and/or the Bank.
- Subsidiaries	Subsidiaries of the Bank as disclosed in Note 12.
- Joint venture	Joint venture of the Bank as disclosed in Note 13.

Significant related party transactions and balances as follows:

	GROUP		BANK	
	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000
(a) <u>Transactions</u>				
Interest income				
- subsidiaries	-	-	5,852	9,303
- key management personnel	58	37	58	37
Dividend income				
- subsidiaries	-	-	64,330	84,507
Management fees				
- subsidiaries	-	-	195	256
Rental income				
- subsidiaries	-	-	1,057	1,483
- joint venture	86	86	86	86
Other income				
- subsidiaries	-	-	5,229	2,446
Other operating income recharged				
- subsidiaries	-	-	147,567	134,020
- joint venture	110	117	110	117

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37. SIGNIFICANT RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS AND BALANCES (CONT'D)

Significant related party transactions and balances as follows: (cont'd)

	GROUP		BANK	
	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000
(a) <u>Transactions (cont'd)</u>				
Interest expenses				
- subsidiaries	-	-	(672)	(96)
- joint venture	(56)	(49)	(56)	(31)
- key management personnel	(597)	(333)	(396)	(263)
- substantial shareholders	(4)	-	(4)	-
Other operating expenses				
- subsidiaries	-	-	(73)	(4,635)
- joint venture/other related company	(2,026)	(2,554)	(2,026)	(2,117)
Commission paid				
- subsidiaries	-	-	(41,419)	(29,210)
(b) <u>Balances</u>				
Financial investments at amortised cost				
- subsidiaries	-	-	343,699	335,154
Loans, advances and financing				
- key management personnel	3,378	1,761	1,918	755
Money at call and deposit placements with financial institutions				
- subsidiaries	-	-	-	329,859
Other assets				
- subsidiaries	-	-	91,874	114,231
- joint venture	95	-	95	-
Deposits from customers				
- subsidiaries	-	-	(18,501)	(29,515)
- joint venture	(2,473)	(2,240)	(3,655)	(2,240)
- key management personnel	(18,174)	(16,661)	(12,098)	(13,603)
- substantial shareholders	(804)	(527)	(804)	(527)
Financial liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss				
- key management personnel	(1,000)	(1,300)	(1,000)	(1,300)

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37. SIGNIFICANT RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS AND BALANCES (CONT'D)

Significant related party transactions and balances as follows: (cont'd)

	GROUP		BANK	
	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000
(b) <u>Balances (cont'd)</u>				
Other liabilities				
- joint venture	(17)	(16)	-	(16)
(c) <u>Compensation of key management personnel</u>				
Remuneration of Chief Executive Officers ("CEOs"), Non-Executive Directors and other members of key management excluding past CEO and Non-Executive Directors for the financial year are as follows:				
CEOs and other Key Management:				
- Salary and other remuneration	27,537	23,469	26,184	21,057
- Contribution to EPF	3,993	3,386	3,798	3,042
- Benefits-in-kind	48	57	48	55
	31,578	26,912	30,030	24,154
Non-Executive Directors:				
- Fees payable	3,084	3,241	2,339	2,269
- Allowances	1,036	1,534	839	1,131
- Benefits-in-kind	31	31	31	31
	4,151	4,806	3,209	3,431
Included in the total key management personnel are:				
CEOs and Non-Executive Directors' remuneration, excluding past CEO and Non-Executive Directors (Note 39)	13,159	10,983	10,669	6,848

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37. SIGNIFICANT RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS AND BALANCES (CONT'D)

Significant related party transactions and balances as follows: (cont'd)

(c) Compensation of key management personnel (cont'd)

Total value of remuneration and numbers of officers with variable remuneration for the financial year are as follows:

Group	2024				2023			
	Number	Unrestricted RM'000	Number	Deferred RM'000	Number	Unrestricted RM'000	Number	Deferred RM'000
<u>Fixed remuneration</u>								
Cash		24,086		-		23,402		-
<u>Variable remuneration</u>								
Cash	15	8,643	14	3,000	16	6,254	16	2,062
		32,729		3,000		29,656		2,062

Bank	2024				2023			
	Number	Unrestricted RM'000	Number	Deferred RM'000	Number	Unrestricted RM'000	Number	Deferred RM'000
<u>Fixed remuneration</u>								
Cash		22,071		-		20,214		-
<u>Variable remuneration</u>								
Cash	14	8,350	13	2,818	14	5,467	14	1,904
		30,421		2,818		25,681		1,904

38. CREDIT TRANSACTIONS AND EXPOSURES WITH CONNECTED PARTIES

	BANK	
	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000
Outstanding credit exposures with connected parties	386,896	308,974
of which:		
Total credit exposure which is impaired or in default	-	141
Total credit exposures	65,570,062	54,822,012
Percentage of outstanding credit exposures to connected parties		
- as a proportion of total credit exposures	0.59%	0.56%
- which is impaired or in default	0.00%	0.00%

The disclosure on Credit Transactions and Exposures with Connected Parties above is presented in accordance with paragraph 9.1 of BNM's Guidelines on Credit Transactions and Exposures with Connected Parties, which became effective on 1 January 2008.

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38. CREDIT TRANSACTIONS AND EXPOSURES WITH CONNECTED PARTIES (CONTD)

Based on these guidelines, a connected party refers to the following:

- (i) Directors of the Bank and their close relatives;
- (ii) Controlling shareholder and his or her close relatives;
- (iii) Executive officer, being a member of management having authority and responsibility for planning, directing and/or controlling the activities of the Bank, and his or her close relatives;
- (iv) Officers who are responsible for or have the authority to appraise and/or approve credit transactions or review the status of existing credit transactions, either as a member of a committee or individually, and their close relatives;
- (v) Firms, partnerships, companies or any legal entities which control, or are controlled by any person listed in (i) to (iv) above, or in which they have an interest, as a director, partner, executive officer, agent or guarantor, and their subsidiaries or entities controlled by them;
- (vi) Any person for whom the persons listed in (i) to (iv) above is a guarantor; and
- (vii) Subsidiary of or an entity controlled by the Bank and its connected parties.

Credit transactions and exposures to connected parties as disclosed above includes the extension of credit facilities and/or off-balance sheet credit exposures such as guarantees, trade-related facilities and loan commitments. It also includes holdings of equities and private debt securities issued by the connected parties.

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39. CEOs AND DIRECTORS' REMUNERATION

Remuneration in aggregate for CEOs/Directors charged to the statements of income for the year are as follows:

	GROUP		BANK	
	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000
Chief Executive Officers:				
- Salary and other remuneration	4,327	3,376	3,267	1,750
- Bonuses	3,493	1,987	3,200	1,200
- Contribution to EPF	1,152	769	957	425
- Benefits-in-kind	36	45	36	42
	9,008	6,177	7,460	3,417
Non-Executive Directors:				
- Fees payable	3,084	3,241	2,339	2,269
- Allowances	1,036	1,534	839	1,131
- Benefits-in-kind	31	31	31	31
	4,151	4,806	3,209	3,431
	13,159	10,983	10,669	6,848
Past Chief Executive Officer:				
- Salary and other remuneration	1,321	4,953	-	4,953
- Bonuses	174	2,000	-	2,000
- Contribution to EPF	118	925	-	925
- Benefits-in-kind	3	76	-	76
	1,616	7,954	-	7,954
Past Non-Executive Director:				
- Fees payable	326	36	159	-
- Allowances	107	19	100	-
	433	55	259	-
	2,049	8,009	259	7,954
	15,208	18,992	10,928	14,802
Total CEOs and Directors' remuneration excluding benefits-in-kind	15,138	18,840	10,861	14,653

Note:

- (a) Other than Directors' fees and allowances, there were no amount paid or payable for services rendered by any Directors of the Group and the Bank during the financial year.
- (b) The Directors of the Group and the Bank are covered under the Directors' & Officers' Liability Insurance in respect of liabilities arising from acts committed in their capacity as Directors of the Group and the Bank, provided that such Director has not acted negligently, fraudulently or dishonestly, or is in breach of his or her duty of trust. The total apportioned amounts of insurance effected for the Group and the Bank were at RM118,000 and RM116,000 (2023: RM117,000 and RM111,000) respectively.

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39. CEOs AND DIRECTORS' REMUNERATION (CONTD)

The total remuneration (including benefits-in-kind) of the CEOs and Directors of the Group and the Bank are as follows:

GROUP 2024	Salary and other remuneration		Bonuses		Contribution to EPF		Fees payable		Allowances		Benefits – in-kind		Total RM'000
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	
<u>Chief Executive Officers:</u>													
Kellee Kam Chee Khiong	3,267	3,200	957	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	36	7,460	
Rizal IL-Ehzan Bin Fadil Azim	1,060	293	195	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,548	
	4,327	3,493	1,152	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	36	9,008	
<u>Non-Executive Directors:</u>													
Tan Sri Dato' Ahmad Bin Mohd Don	-	-	-	355	53	31	439					439	
Wong Yuen Weng Ernest	-	-	-	235	100	-	335					335	
Tan Chian Khong	-	-	-	235	95	-	330					330	
Susan Yuen Su Min	-	-	-	250	78	-	328					328	
Lum Piew	-	-	-	226	90	-	316					316	
Cheryl Khor Hui Peng	-	-	-	255	105	-	360					360	
Mazidah Binti Abdul Malik	-	-	-	267	75	-	342					342	
Chia Yew Hock Wilson	-	-	-	114	30	-	144					144	
Lee Boon Huat	-	-	-	239	100	-	339					339	
Datuk Wan Azhar Bin Wan Ahmad	-	-	-	455	160	-	615					615	
Ibrahim Bin Hassan	-	-	-	135	65	-	200					200	
Dato' Ahmad Hisham Bin Kamaruddin	-	-	-	135	45	-	180					180	
Rustam bin Mohd Idris	-	-	-	183	40	-	223					223	
	-	-	-	3,084	1,036	31	4,151					4,151	
<u>Past Chief Executive Officer:</u>													
Ng Chow Hon	1,321	174	118	-	-	3	1,616					1,616	
	1,321	174	118	-	-	3	1,616					1,616	
<u>Past Director:</u>													
Lee Ah Boon	-	-	-	326	107	-	433					433	
	-	-	-	326	107	-	433					433	
Total CEOs and Directors' remuneration	5,648	3,667	1,270	3,410	1,143	70	15,208					15,208	

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39. CEOs AND DIRECTORS' REMUNERATION (CONT'D)

The total remuneration (including benefits-in-kind) of the CEOs and Directors of the Group and the Bank are as follows: (cont'd)

GROUP 2023	Salary and other remuneration RM'000	Bonuses RM'000	Contribution to EPF RM'000	Fees payable RM'000	Allowances RM'000	Benefits- in-kind RM'000	Total RM'000
<u>Chief Executive Officers:</u>							
Kellee Kam Chee Khiong	1,750	1,200	425	-	-	42	3,417
Ng Chow Hon	642	336	141	-	-	3	1,122
Rizal IL-Ehzan Bin Fadil Azim	984	451	203	-	-	-	1,638
	3,376	1,987	769	-	-	45	6,177
<u>Non-Executive Directors:</u>							
Tan Sri Dato' Ahmad Bin Mohd Don	-	-	-	355	96	31	482
Lee Boon Huat	-	-	-	235	142	-	377
Wong Yuen Weng Ernest	-	-	-	235	123	-	358
Lee Ah Boon	-	-	-	453	188	-	641
Datuk Wan Azhar Bin Wan Ahmad	-	-	-	455	191	-	646
Tan Chian Khong	-	-	-	235	109	-	344
Susan Yuen Su Min	-	-	-	250	109	-	359
Lum Piew	-	-	-	208	130	-	338
Cheryl Khor Hui Peng	-	-	-	243	112	-	355
Mazidah Binti Abdul Malik	-	-	-	135	100	-	235
Dato' Ahmad Hisham Bin Kamaruddin	-	-	-	135	61	-	196
Ibrahim Bin Hassan	-	-	-	135	109	-	244
Rustam bin Mohd Idris	-	-	-	167	64	-	231
	-	-	-	3,241	1,534	31	4,806
<u>Past Non-Executive Directors:</u>							
Joel Kornreich	4,953	2,000	925	-	-	76	7,954
	4,953	2,000	925	-	-	76	7,954
<u>Past Director:</u>							
Datin Ooi Swee Lian	-	-	-	36	19	-	55
	-	-	-	36	19	-	55
Total CEOs and Directors' remuneration	8,329	3,987	1,694	3,277	1,553	152	18,992

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39. CEOs AND DIRECTORS' REMUNERATION (CONT'D)

The total remuneration (including benefits-in-kind) of the CEO and Directors of the Group and the Bank are as follows: (cont'd)

BANK 2024	Salary and other remuneration		Bonuses	Contribution to EPF	Fees payable		Benefits – in-kind	Total
	RM'000	RM'000			RM'000	RM'000		
<u>Chief Executive Officer:</u>								
Kellee Kam Chee Khiong	3,267	3,200	957	-	-	36	7,460	
	3,267	3,200	957	-	-	36	7,460	
<u>Non-Executive Directors:</u>								
Tan Sri Dato' Ahmad Bin Mohd Don	-	-	-	355	53	31	439	
Wong Yuen Weng Ernest	-	-	-	235	100	-	335	
Tan Chian Khong	-	-	-	235	95	-	330	
Susan Yuen Su Min	-	-	-	250	78	-	328	
Lum Piew	-	-	-	226	90	-	316	
Cheryl Khor Hui Peng	-	-	-	255	105	-	360	
Mazidah Binti Abdul Malik	-	-	-	175	58	-	233	
Chia Yew Hock Wilson	-	-	-	114	30	-	144	
Lee Boon Huat	-	-	-	239	100	-	339	
Datuk Wan Azhar Bin Wan Ahmad	-	-	-	255	130	-	385	
	-	-	-	2,339	839	31	3,209	
<u>Past Non-Executive Director:</u>								
Lee Ah Boon	-	-	-	159	100	-	259	
	-	-	-	159	100	-	259	
Total CEO and Directors' remuneration	3,267	3,200	957	2,498	939	67	10,928	

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39. CEOs AND DIRECTORS' REMUNERATION (CONT'D)

The total remuneration (including benefits-in-kind) of the CEO and Directors of the Group and the Bank are as follows: (cont'd)

BANK 2023	Salary and other remuneration RM'000	Bonuses RM'000	Contribution to EPF RM'000	Fees payable RM'000	Allowances RM'000	Benefits- in-kind RM'000	Total RM'000
<i>Chief Executive Officer:</i>							
Kellee Kam Chee Khiong	1,750	1,200	425	-	-	42	3,417
	1,750	1,200	425	-	-	42	3,417
<i>Non-Executive Directors:</i>							
Tan Sri Dato' Ahmad Bin Mohd Don	-	-	-	355	96	31	482
Lee Boon Huat	-	-	-	235	142	-	377
Wong Yuen Weng Ernest	-	-	-	235	123	-	358
Lee Ah Boon	-	-	-	253	157	-	410
Datuk Wan Azhar Bin Wan Ahmad	-	-	-	255	153	-	408
Tan Chian Khong	-	-	-	235	109	-	344
Susan Yuen Su Min	-	-	-	250	109	-	359
Lum Piew	-	-	-	208	130	-	338
Cheryl Khor Hui Peng	-	-	-	243	112	-	355
	-	-	-	2,269	1,131	31	3,431
<i>Past Chief Executive Officer:</i>							
Joel Kornreich	4,953	2,000	925	-	-	76	7,954
	4,953	2,000	925	-	-	76	7,954
Total CEO and Directors' remuneration	6,703	3,200	1,350	2,269	1,131	149	14,802

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40. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT POLICIES

The Group engages in business activities which entail risk taking and the major types of risk involved includes credit risk, sustainability risk, liquidity risk, market risk, operational risk, technology risk and Shariah non-compliance risk.

The Group's risk management is governed by the various risk management frameworks which cover governance, appetite, strategy, policies and processes to manage risks. The objective of risk management is to ensure that the Group conducts business in a responsible manner and to achieve sustainable growth for the Group's balance sheet and capital.

The Group manages risk within clearly defined frameworks and policies that are approved by the Board of Directors. In addition, the Board of Directors of the Group provides independent oversight to ensure that risks are adequately managed through a framework of established controls and reporting processes.

The guidelines and policies adopted by the Group to manage the main risks that arise in the conduct of its business activities are as follows:

(a) Credit Risk

Credit risk is the risk of financial loss resulting from the failure of the Group's borrowers or counterparties to fulfil their contractual obligations to repay their loans or settle commitments.

This arises from loans/financing, advances, investment in securities, amongst others. The amount of credit exposure is represented by the carrying amount of loans/financing, advances and investment securities in the statements of financial position. The lending/financing activities in the Group are guided by the Group's Credit Risk Management Framework, which is aligned with regulatory guidelines and best practices.

Also, credit risk arises from financial transactions with counterparties (including interbank money market activities, derivative instruments used for hedging and debt instruments), of which the amount of credit exposure in respect of these instruments is equal to the carrying amount of these assets in the statements of financial position. This exposure is monitored on an ongoing basis against predetermined counterparty limits.

The credit exposure arising from off-balance sheet activities, i.e. commitments and contingencies is set out in Note 42 to the financial statements.

(i) Maximum exposure to credit risk

The following table presents the Group's and the Bank's maximum exposure to credit risk of on-balance sheet and off-balance sheet financial instruments, before taking into account any collateral held or other credit enhancements and after allowance for expected credit losses, where appropriate.

For on-balance sheet financial assets, the maximum exposure to credit risk equals their carrying amount. For financial guarantees and similar contracts granted, the maximum exposure to credit risk is the maximum amount that would have to be paid if the guarantees were to be called upon. For credit-related commitments and contingencies that are irrevocable over the life of the respective facilities, the maximum exposure to credit risk is the full amount of the credit facilities granted to customers.

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40. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT POLICIES (CONT'D)

(a) Credit Risk (cont'd)

(i) Maximum exposure to credit risk (cont'd)

	GROUP		BANK	
	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000
Credit risk exposure: on-balance sheet				
Cash and short-term funds (exclude cash in hand)	4,299,130	3,271,064	2,982,999	2,125,992
Deposits and placements with banks and other financial institutions	-	88,553	-	88,553
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss (exclude equity securities)	57,265	7,992	57,265	7,992
Financial investments at fair value through other comprehensive income (exclude equity securities)	10,047,295	8,484,384	8,228,386	6,182,502
Financial investments at amortised cost	3,870,445	3,398,514	3,400,709	3,136,889
Derivative financial assets	183,035	221,141	183,035	223,637
Loans, advances and financing (exclude sales commissions and handling fees)	54,555,348	47,800,033	41,091,905	35,671,031
Statutory deposits	1,125,413	979,601	851,813	728,111
Other assets (exclude prepayment)	970,471	505,725	1,078,898	653,625
	75,108,402	64,757,007	57,875,010	48,818,332
Credit risk exposure: off-balance sheet				
Financial guarantees	504,104	488,390	415,427	406,706
Credit related commitments and contingencies	21,861,888	16,540,097	18,317,205	13,424,872
	22,365,992	17,028,487	18,732,632	13,831,578
Total maximum exposure	97,474,394	81,785,494	76,607,642	62,649,910

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40. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT POLICIES (CONT'D)

(a) Credit Risk (cont'd)

(ii) Credit risk concentrations

A concentration of credit risk exists when a number of counterparties are engaged in similar activities and have similar economic characteristics that cause their ability to meet contractual obligations to be similarly affected by changes in economic and other conditions. The analysis of credit risk concentration presented below relates only to financial assets subject to credit risk and are based on the industry in which the counterparty is engaged.

GROUP 2024	Financial, Insurance, Transport, Agriculture, Government and Central Bank, Services and Communication, Storage and Manufacturing, Wholesale and Retail Trade, Services, Real Estate, Household, Construction, Others										Total RM'000		
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000		RM'000	
Cash and short-term funds (exclude cash in hand)	927,535	3,371,595	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,299,130
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss (exclude equity securities)	55,838	1,121	-	306	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	57,265
Financial investments at fair value through other comprehensive income (exclude equity securities)	5,561,784	3,241,461	909,987	212,160	121,903	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10,047,295
Financial investments at amortised cost	3,162,544	541,858	166,043	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,870,445
Derivative financial assets	15,261	165,834	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,940	-	183,035
Loans, advances and financing (exclude sales commissions and handling fees)	-	7,837,570	950,570	16,791,995	1,927,727	26,387,739	659,747	54,555,348	-	-	-	-	1,125,413
Statutory deposits	1,125,413	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,125,413
Other assets (exclude prepayment)	-	95	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	970,376	-	970,471
	10,848,375	15,159,534	2,026,600	17,004,461	2,049,630	26,387,739	1,632,063	75,108,402	-	-	-	-	1,125,413
Financial guarantees	-	86,807	16,592	324,368	63,203	3,993	9,141	504,104	-	-	-	-	504,104
Credit related commitments and contingencies	2,117,331	2,817,500	287,183	7,039,322	1,684,021	7,601,224	315,307	21,861,888	-	-	-	-	21,861,888
	2,117,331	2,904,307	303,775	7,363,690	1,747,224	7,605,217	324,448	22,365,992	-	-	-	-	22,365,992
Total credit risk	12,965,706	18,063,841	2,330,375	24,368,151	3,796,854	33,992,956	1,956,511	97,474,394	-	-	-	-	97,474,394

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40. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT POLICIES (CONT'D)

(a) Credit Risk (cont'd)

(ii) Credit risk concentrations (cont'd)

A concentration of credit risk exists when a number of counterparties are engaged in similar activities and have similar economic characteristics that cause their ability to meet contractual obligations to be similarly affected by changes in economic and other conditions. The analysis of credit risk concentration presented below relates only to financial assets subject to credit risk and are based on the industry in which the counterparty is engaged. (cont'd)

GROUP 2023	Government and Central Bank	Financial, Insurance, Business Services and Real Estate	Transport, Storage and Communication Services	Agriculture, Manufacturing, Wholesale and Retail Trade	Construction	Household	Others	Total
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
Cash and short-term funds (exclude cash in hand)	1,743,469	1,527,595	-	-	-	-	-	3,271,064
Deposits and placements with banks and other financial institutions	-	88,553	-	-	-	-	-	88,553
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss (exclude equity securities)	5,177	2,519	-	296	-	-	-	7,992
Financial investments at fair value through other comprehensive income (exclude equity securities)	4,276,893	2,834,595	1,073,681	208,484	90,731	-	-	8,484,384
Financial investments at amortised cost	2,864,315	343,471	190,728	-	-	-	-	3,398,514
Derivative financial assets	29,126	165,790	-	-	-	-	26,225	221,141
Loans, advances and financing (exclude sales commissions and handling fees)	-	6,342,193	841,308	15,070,469	1,715,425	23,330,110	500,528	47,800,033
Statutory deposits	979,601	-	-	-	-	-	-	979,601
Other assets (exclude prepayment)	-	-	-	-	-	-	505,725	505,725
	9,898,581	11,304,716	2,105,717	15,279,249	1,806,156	23,330,110	1,032,478	64,757,007
Financial guarantees	-	95,258	13,826	303,216	63,550	4,268	8,272	488,390
Credit related commitments and contingencies	-	2,321,476	274,345	6,269,658	1,818,034	5,573,712	282,872	16,540,097
	-	2,416,734	288,171	6,572,874	1,881,584	5,577,980	291,144	17,028,487
Total credit risk	9,898,581	13,721,450	2,393,888	21,852,123	3,687,740	28,908,090	1,323,622	81,785,494

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40. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT POLICIES (CONT'D)

(a) Credit Risk (cont'd)

(ii) Credit risk concentrations (cont'd)

A concentration of credit risk exists when a number of counterparties are engaged in similar activities and have similar economic characteristics that cause their ability to meet contractual obligations to be similarly affected by changes in economic and other conditions. The analysis of credit risk concentration presented below relates only to financial assets subject to credit risk and are based on the industry in which the counterparty is engaged. (cont'd)

BANK 2024	Government and Central Bank RM'000	Financial, Insurance, Business Services and Real Estate RM'000	Transport, Storage and Communication Services RM'000	Agriculture, Manufacturing, Wholesale and Retail Trade RM'000	Construction RM'000	Household RM'000	Others RM'000	Total RM'000
Cash and short-term funds (exclude cash in hand)	329,578	2,653,421	-	-	-	-	-	2,982,999
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss (exclude equity securities)	55,838	1,121	-	306	-	-	-	57,265
Financial investments at fair value through other comprehensive income (exclude equity securities)	4,860,708	2,521,059	633,513	136,688	76,418	-	-	8,228,386
Financial investments at amortised cost	2,505,660	784,198	110,851	-	-	-	-	3,400,709
Derivative financial assets	15,261	165,834	-	-	-	-	1,940	183,035
Loans, advances and financing (exclude sales commissions and handling fees)	-	6,302,643	721,500	12,243,854	1,411,922	19,889,187	522,799	41,091,905
Statutory deposits	851,813	-	-	-	-	-	-	851,813
Other assets (exclude prepayment)	-	91,969	-	-	-	-	986,929	1,078,898
Financial guarantees	8,618,858	12,520,245	1,465,864	12,380,848	1,488,340	19,889,187	1,511,668	57,875,010
Credit related commitments and contingencies	-	78,723	11,218	260,374	52,311	3,991	8,810	415,427
	2,117,331	2,315,224	208,374	4,889,435	1,392,385	7,108,769	285,687	18,317,205
	2,117,331	2,393,947	219,592	5,149,809	1,444,696	7,112,760	294,497	18,732,632
Total credit risk	10,736,189	14,914,192	1,685,456	17,530,657	2,933,036	27,001,947	1,806,165	76,607,642

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40. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT POLICIES (CONTD)

(a) Credit Risk (cont'd)

(ii) Credit risk concentrations (cont'd)

A concentration of credit risk exists when a number of counterparties are engaged in similar activities and have similar economic characteristics that cause their ability to meet contractual obligations to be similarly affected by changes in economic and other conditions. The analysis of credit risk concentration presented below relates only to financial assets subject to credit risk and are based on the industry in which the counterparty is engaged. (cont'd)

BANK 2023	Government and Central Bank RM'000	Financial, Insurance, Business Services and Real Estate RM'000				Transport, Storage and Communication Services RM'000	Agriculture, Manufacturing, Wholesale and Retail Trade RM'000	Construction RM'000	Household RM'000	Others RM'000	Total RM'000
		Financial, Insurance, Business Services and Real Estate RM'000	Transport, Storage and Communication Services RM'000	Agriculture, Manufacturing, Wholesale and Retail Trade RM'000	Construction RM'000						
Cash and short-term funds (exclude cash in hand)	268,722	1,857,270	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,125,992	
Deposits and placements with banks and other financial institutions	-	88,553	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	88,553	
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss (exclude equity securities)	5,177	2,519	-	296	-	-	-	-	-	7,992	
Financial investments at fair value through other comprehensive income (exclude equity securities)	3,487,317	1,837,253	698,360	124,378	35,194	-	-	-	-	6,182,502	
Financial investments at amortised cost	2,424,069	577,282	135,538	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,136,889	
Derivative financial assets	29,126	168,286	-	-	-	-	-	-	26,225	223,637	
Loans, advances and financing (exclude sales commissions and handling fees)	-	5,036,202	632,387	11,102,719	1,262,807	17,244,865	392,051	-	-	35,671,031	
Statutory deposits	728,111	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	728,111	
Other assets (exclude prepayment)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	653,625	653,625	
Financial guarantees	6,942,522	9,567,365	1,466,285	11,227,393	1,298,001	17,244,865	1,071,901	4,246	8,226	48,818,332	
Credit related commitments and contingencies	-	88,736	8,567	239,097	57,834	4,246	8,226	4,246	8,226	406,706	
	-	1,854,983	215,949	4,442,278	1,539,924	5,115,356	256,382	5,115,356	256,382	13,424,872	
	-	1,943,719	224,516	4,681,375	1,597,758	5,119,602	264,608	5,119,602	264,608	13,831,578	
Total credit risk	6,942,522	11,511,084	1,690,801	15,908,768	2,895,759	22,364,467	1,336,509	22,364,467	1,336,509	62,649,910	

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40. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT POLICIES (CONTD)

(a) Credit Risk (cont'd)

(iii) Collateral

The main types of collateral obtained by the Group and the Bank are as follows:

- Where property is provided as collateral, legal charged over the title;
- For hire purchase, ownership rights over the vehicles or equipment financed; and
- For other loans/financing, charges over business assets such as premises, financial/trade receivables, quoted shares, other financial instruments, or deposits.

	GROUP		BANK	
	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000
Gross loans, advances and financing	55,740,073	49,067,507	41,904,452	36,520,659
Less: Allowance for expected credit losses	(1,184,725)	(1,267,474)	(812,547)	(849,628)
Net loans, advances and financing	54,555,348	47,800,033	41,091,905	35,671,031
Percentage of collateral held for loans, advances and financing	73.5%	73.7%	75.2%	75.1%

(iv) Credit risk measurement

The Group and the Bank adopt the following judgements and assumptions on measurement of ECL:

(a) Definition of significant increase in credit risk

The Group and the Bank consider the probability of default upon initial recognition of financial asset and whether there has been a significant increase in credit risk on an ongoing basis. To assess whether there is a significant increase in credit risk, the Group and the Bank compare the risk of a default occurring on the financial asset as at the reporting date with the risk of default as at the date of initial recognition. The Group and the Bank consider reasonable and supportable forward-looking information that is available.

The following events are taken into consideration during the assessment:

- Contractual payment is in arrears for 30 days or more;
- Significant downgrade of credit rating or internal rating;
- Modified exposure placed under Agensi Kaunseling dan Pengurusan Kredit (“AKPK”) status;
- Exposure being monitored under watchlist; or
- Restructured and rescheduled exposure with increase in credit risk.

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40. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT POLICIES (CONT'D)

(a) Credit Risk (cont'd)

(iv) Credit risk measurement (cont'd)

(b) Definition of credit impaired financial assets

An exposure is classified as credit impaired when one or more events that have a detrimental impact to the estimated future cash flows of that financial asset have occurred. Evidence that a financial asset is credit impaired includes observable data about the following events:

Quantitative criteria:

A financial asset is classified as credit impaired when the counterparty fails to make a contractual payment more than 90 days when they fall due.

Qualitative criteria:

- Significant financial difficulty of the issuer or the borrower;
- Breach of contract, such as a default of past due event;
- Concessions have been made by the lender relating to the borrower's financial difficulty;
- Indications that the borrower will enter into bankruptcy/winding up or other financial restructuring;
- Disappearance of an active market for that financial asset; or
- Purchase or origination of a financial asset at a deep discount that reflects the incurred credit losses.

(c) Measurement of ECL

ECL is measured by three components, i.e. exposure at default, probability of default and loss given default.

Exposure at default ("EAD")

EAD for non-retail portfolio is calculated based upon the contractual amortisation amount up to the point prior to the default event. Repayments are then assumed to cease, with only interest accrued on the outstanding balance from this point. Since the non-retail portfolio contains a variety of products with different interest accrual methods, amortisation types and repayment methods, the approaches employed to calculate EAD vary accordingly.

EAD for retail portfolio is calculated based upon either:

- (i) Simple equation based calculation approach - where the outstanding balance follows a predictable trend across the amount and tenure;
- (ii) Utilisation curve model - these curves provide a view of percent drawn down at the point of default, expressed as a percentage of the customer credit limit at observation; or
- (iii) Mechanical equation based approach - which is utilised to forecast monthly default balances as per an amortisation profile and adjusted for different paths to default using an adjustment factor.

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40. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT POLICIES (CONTD)

(a) Credit Risk (cont'd)

(iv) Credit risk measurement (cont'd)

(c) Measurement of ECL (cont'd)

Probability at default ("PD")

A PD is assigned to each risk measure and represents a percentage of the likelihood of default.

For non-retail portfolio, the PD is measured from the internal or external rating of the borrower or issuer to determine the level of default risk.

For retail portfolio, a signature curve approach forecasted the lifetime PD and PD at any given time within the lifetime horizon. This is based upon historic default data using a chain ladder methodology to construct a lifetime default emergence curve.

Loss given default ("LGD")

This is on a time series of probability weighted loss rate relative to the monthly exposure at default where the probabilities and loss rates are estimated by key risk driver segments such as exposure migration status (e.g. loss given cure and loss given charge off), collateral type, and defaulted exposure relative to original exposure amount and months in default.

(d) Forward-looking information

Three economic scenarios using different probability weightage are applied to the ECL:

- Base Case - based upon current economic outlook or forecast;
- Positive Case - based upon a projected optimistic or positive economic outlook or forecast; and
- Negative Case - based upon a projected pessimistic or negative economic outlook or forecast.

The negative case has been assigned with a higher weightage for the ECL as compared to the positive case.

Projection of economic scenario and the probability of each scenario happening in future shall be carried out and shall contain all macroeconomic variables ("MEV") which are applied in the ECL models as they are found to have significant correlation to increase of credit risk via the modelling exercise.

For forward-looking estimates, analysis was carried out to determine how the estimates were affected by macroeconomic trends. Factors such as unemployment rate, consumer price index, house price index, consumption credit, producer price index and GDP growth rate were analysed to identify the level of correlation with the observed trends. Given the statistically strong correlation, the estimates were adjusted to reflect the macroeconomic trends.

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40. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT POLICIES (CONT'D)

(a) Credit Risk (cont'd)

(iv) Credit risk measurement (cont'd)

(d) Forward-looking information (cont'd)

The forward-looking estimates were adjusted as below:

MEV (% Year on Year)	Weighted Average Forecast		
	2026 %	2025 %	2024 %
GDP Growth Rate	4.4	4.3	4.3
Producer Price Index	1.8	2.3	2.4
Consumer Price Index	2.3	2.3	2.8
Unemployment Rate	3.4	3.3	3.3
Credit Consumption	2.6	3.6	8.6
House Price Index	2.6	2.5	1.7
Debt to GDP	130.4	130.6	131.4

(e) Grouping of exposure for ECL measured on collective basis

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.

The appropriateness of groupings is monitored and reviewed on a periodic basis.

(f) Modification of financial assets

The Group and the Bank sometimes renegotiate or otherwise modify the contractual cash flows of loans/financing to customers. When this happens, the Group and the Bank assess whether or not the new terms are substantially different to the original terms.

When the modification is not substantial and so does not result in derecognition of the original loans, the Group and the Bank recalculate the gross carrying amount based on the revised cash flow of the financial asset and recognise a modification gain or loss in the statements of income. The new gross carrying amount is recalculated by discounting the modified cash flow at the original effective interest/profit rate. The Group and the Bank monitor the subsequent performance of modified assets. The risk of default of such loans after modification is assessed and compared with the risk under the original terms at initial recognition.

The Group and the Bank may determine that the credit risk has significantly improved after restructuring, so that the assets are moved from Stage 3 or Stage 2 (Lifetime ECL) to Stage 1 (12-month ECL). This is only the case for assets which have performed in accordance with the new terms for six consecutive months or more.

If the terms are substantially different from the original terms, the Group and the Bank derecognise the original financial asset, recognise a new asset and recalculate a new effective interest/profit rate for the asset. The date of renegotiation is consequently considered to be the date of initial recognition for impairment calculation purposes, including the purpose of determining whether a significant increase in credit risk has occurred. However, the Group and the Bank also assess whether the new financial asset recognised is deemed to be credit-impaired at initial recognition, especially in circumstances where the renegotiation was driven by the debtor being unable to make the originally agreed payments. Differences in the carrying amount are recognised in statements of income as gain or loss on derecognition.

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40. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT POLICIES (CONTD)

(a) Credit Risk (cont'd)

(v) Credit quality

The Group and the Bank assess the credit quality for loans, advances and financing and credit related commitment and contingencies according to the categories below.

Credit quality	Credit grading		
	Scorecard	Customer rating	Definition
Low	Low risk score	1 - 12 (AAA to BB)	Borrower with good capacity to meet financial commitments.
Medium	Medium risk score	13 - 16 (BB- to B-)	Borrower which is in a fairly acceptable capacity to meet financial commitments.
High	High risk score	17 - 19 (CCC+ to CCC-)	Borrower which is in an uncertain capacity to meet financial commitments but has not been impaired.
Unrated	Unrated	Unrated	Borrower which is unrated.
Credit Impaired	Credit Impaired	Credit Impaired	Defaulted, or judgmentally impaired due to lack of capacity to fulfil financial commitments.

Other financial assets are categorised in the following manner:

Credit quality	Credit rating	Definition
Investment graded	AAA to BBB-	Issuer with low risk of defaulting principal or interest payment.
Non-investment graded	Lower than BBB-	Issuer with medium or high risk of defaulting principal or interest payment.
Sovereign/ Government-backed	-	Issued or guaranteed by Malaysian government.
Unrated	Unrated	Issuer where rating is unavailable.
Credit impaired	Credit impaired	Defaulted.

Other assets are classified based on days-past-due ("DPD") under the simplified model approach.

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40. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT POLICIES (CONT'D)

(a) Credit Risk (cont'd)

(v) Credit quality (cont'd)

The following table shows an analysis of the credit quality by stages and the allowance for expected credit losses of the financial assets:

GROUP 2024	Stage 1 RM'000	Stage 2 RM'000	Stage 3 RM'000	Total RM'000
<u>Cash and short-term funds</u> (exclude cash in hand)				
Investment graded	3,371,120	-	-	3,371,120
Non-investment graded	13	-	-	13
Sovereign/Government-backed	927,535	-	-	927,535
Unrated	609	-	-	609
Gross carrying amount	4,299,277	-	-	4,299,277
Expected credit losses	(147)	-	-	(147)
Net carrying amount	4,299,130	-	-	4,299,130
<u>Financial investments at fair value</u> <u>through other comprehensive</u> <u>income (exclude equity securities)</u>				
Investment graded	3,209,230	15,663	-	3,224,893
Sovereign/Government-backed	6,822,402	-	-	6,822,402
Gross carrying amount	10,031,632	15,663	-	10,047,295
Expected credit losses [Note]	(971)	(65)	-	(1,036)
<u>Financial investments at</u> <u>amortised cost</u>				
Sovereign/Government-backed	3,646,664	-	-	3,646,664
Unrated	224,080	-	-	224,080
Credit impaired	-	-	534	534
Gross carrying amount	3,870,744	-	534	3,871,278
Expected credit losses	(299)	-	(534)	(833)
Net carrying amount	3,870,445	-	-	3,870,445
<u>Loans, advances and financing</u>				
Low	35,662,132	1,033,095	-	36,695,227
Medium	11,771,555	1,527,261	-	13,298,816
High	2,396,601	997,792	-	3,394,393
Unrated	518,976	654,634	-	1,173,610
Credit impaired	-	-	1,178,027	1,178,027
Gross carrying amount	50,349,264	4,212,782	1,178,027	55,740,073
Expected credit losses	(223,351)	(426,406)	(534,968)	(1,184,725)
Net carrying amount	50,125,913	3,786,376	643,059	54,555,348

Note:

The ECL is recognised in reserves in other comprehensive income instead of in the statements of financial position as the carrying amount of debt instruments at FVOCI is equivalent to fair value.

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40. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT POLICIES (CONT'D)

(a) Credit Risk (cont'd)

(v) Credit quality (cont'd)

The following table shows an analysis of the credit quality by stages and the allowance for expected credit losses of the financial assets: (cont'd)

GROUP 2024	Stage 1 RM'000	Stage 2 RM'000	Stage 3 RM'000	Total RM'000
<u>Statutory deposits with BNM</u>				
Sovereign/Government-backed	1,125,413	-	-	1,125,413
Gross carrying amount	1,125,413	-	-	1,125,413
Expected credit losses	-	-	-	-
Net carrying amount	1,125,413	-	-	1,125,413
<u>Credit related commitments and contingencies</u>				
Low	17,000,346	365,847	-	17,366,193
Medium	3,265,458	587,528	-	3,852,986
High	371,737	35,205	-	406,942
Unrated	730,645	2,820	-	733,465
Credit impaired	-	-	6,406	6,406
Gross carrying amount	21,368,186	991,400	6,406	22,365,992
Expected credit losses	(10,710)	(34,305)	(1,987)	(47,002)
Simplified Approach		Current RM'000	More than 90 days past due RM'000	Total RM'000
<u>Other assets (exclude prepayment)</u>				
Gross carrying amount		970,471	45,363	1,015,834
Expected credit losses		-	(45,363)	(45,363)
Net carrying amount		970,471	-	970,471

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40. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT POLICIES (CONT'D)

(a) Credit Risk (cont'd)

(v) Credit quality (cont'd)

The following table shows an analysis of the credit quality by stages and the allowance for expected credit losses of the financial assets: (cont'd)

GROUP 2023	Stage 1 RM'000	Stage 2 RM'000	Stage 3 RM'000	Total RM'000
<u>Cash and short-term funds</u>				
<u>(exclude cash in hand)</u>				
Investment graded	1,347,484	-	-	1,347,484
Non-investment graded	25	-	-	25
Sovereign/Government-backed	1,923,482	-	-	1,923,482
Unrated	184	-	-	184
Gross carrying amount	3,271,175	-	-	3,271,175
Expected credit losses	(111)	-	-	(111)
Net carrying amount	3,271,064	-	-	3,271,064
<u>Deposits and placements with banks and other financial institutions</u>				
Investment graded	88,553	-	-	88,553
Gross carrying amount	88,553	-	-	88,553
Expected credit losses	-	-	-	-
Net carrying amount	88,553	-	-	88,553
<u>Financial investments at fair value through other comprehensive income (exclude equity securities)</u>				
Investment graded	2,393,421	-	-	2,393,421
Sovereign/Government-backed	6,090,963	-	-	6,090,963
Gross carrying amount	8,484,384	-	-	8,484,384
Expected credit losses [Note]	(598)	-	-	(598)
<u>Financial investments at amortised cost</u>				
Sovereign/Government-backed	3,317,387	-	-	3,317,387
Unrated	81,174	-	-	81,174
Credit impaired	-	-	649	649
Gross carrying amount	3,398,561	-	649	3,399,210
Expected credit losses	(47)	-	(649)	(696)
Net carrying amount	3,398,514	-	-	3,398,514
<u>Loans, advances and financing</u>				
Low	28,847,865	1,552,831	-	30,400,696
Medium	10,667,673	1,450,105	-	12,117,778
High	1,344,856	1,475,728	-	2,820,584
Unrated	2,015,955	479,721	-	2,495,676
Credit impaired	-	-	1,232,773	1,232,773
Gross carrying amount	42,876,349	4,958,385	1,232,773	49,067,507
Expected credit losses	(171,832)	(523,852)	(571,790)	(1,267,474)
Net carrying amount	42,704,517	4,434,533	660,983	47,800,033

Note:

The ECL is recognised in reserves in other comprehensive income instead of in the statements of financial position as the carrying amount of debt instruments at FVOCI is equivalent to fair value.

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40. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT POLICIES (CONTD)

(a) Credit Risk (cont'd)

(v) Credit quality (cont'd)

The following table shows an analysis of the credit quality by stages and the allowance for expected credit losses of the financial assets: (cont'd)

GROUP 2023	Stage 1 RM'000	Stage 2 RM'000	Stage 3 RM'000	Total RM'000
<u>Statutory deposits with BNM</u>				
Sovereign/Government-backed	979,601	-	-	979,601
Gross carrying amount	979,601	-	-	979,601
Expected credit losses	-	-	-	-
Net carrying amount	979,601	-	-	979,601
<u>Credit related commitments and contingencies</u>				
Low	11,958,679	477,741	-	12,436,420
Medium	2,610,264	521,880	-	3,132,144
High	247,989	35,802	-	283,791
Unrated	1,134,144	3,308	-	1,137,452
Credit impaired	-	-	38,680	38,680
Gross carrying amount	15,951,076	1,038,731	38,680	17,028,487
Expected credit losses	(5,005)	(22,447)	(1,849)	(29,301)
Simplified Approach				
<u>Other assets (exclude prepayment)</u>				
Gross carrying amount		505,725	43,467	549,192
Expected credit losses		-	(43,467)	(43,467)
Net carrying amount		505,725	-	505,725

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40. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT POLICIES (CONT'D)

(a) Credit Risk (cont'd)

(v) Credit quality (cont'd)

The following table shows an analysis of the credit quality by stages and the allowance for expected credit losses of the financial assets: (cont'd)

BANK 2024	Stage 1 RM'000	Stage 2 RM'000	Stage 3 RM'000	Total RM'000
<u>Cash and short-term funds</u> (exclude cash in hand)				
Investment graded	2,653,555	-	-	2,653,555
Non-investment graded	13	-	-	13
Sovereign/Government-backed	329,578	-	-	329,578
Gross carrying amount	2,983,146	-	-	2,983,146
Expected credit losses	(147)	-	-	(147)
Net carrying amount	2,982,999	-	-	2,982,999
<u>Financial investments at fair value through other comprehensive income (exclude equity securities)</u>				
Investment graded	2,431,380	10,639	-	2,442,019
Sovereign/Government-backed	5,786,367	-	-	5,786,367
Gross carrying amount	8,217,747	10,639	-	8,228,386
Expected credit losses [Note]	(765)	(61)	-	(826)
<u>Financial investments at amortised cost</u>				
Investment graded	344,303	-	-	344,303
Sovereign/Government-backed	2,833,229	-	-	2,833,229
Unrated	224,080	-	-	224,080
Credit impaired	-	-	534	534
Gross carrying amount	3,401,612	-	534	3,402,146
Expected credit losses	(903)	-	(534)	(1,437)
Net carrying amount	3,400,709	-	-	3,400,709
<u>Loans, advances and financing</u>				
Low	28,057,090	698,841	-	28,755,931
Medium	8,096,552	1,308,843	-	9,405,395
High	1,539,946	675,015	-	2,214,961
Unrated	321,452	344,143	-	665,595
Credit impaired	-	-	862,570	862,570
Gross carrying amount	38,015,040	3,026,842	862,570	41,904,452
Expected credit losses	(133,745)	(260,560)	(418,242)	(812,547)
Net carrying amount	37,881,295	2,766,282	444,328	41,091,905

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40. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT POLICIES (CONTD)

(a) Credit Risk (cont'd)

(v) Credit quality (cont'd)

The following table shows an analysis of the credit quality by stages and the allowance for expected credit losses of the financial assets: (cont'd)

BANK 2024	Stage 1 RM'000	Stage 2 RM'000	Stage 3 RM'000	Total RM'000
<u>Statutory deposit</u>				
Sovereign/Government-backed	851,813	-	-	851,813
Gross carrying amount	851,813	-	-	851,813
Expected credit losses	-	-	-	-
Net carrying amount	851,813	-	-	851,813
<u>Credit related commitments and contingencies</u>				
Low	14,518,016	352,502	-	14,870,518
Medium	2,359,726	459,120	-	2,818,846
High	295,484	26,704	-	322,188
Unrated	713,277	2,820	-	716,097
Credit impaired	-	-	4,983	4,983
Gross carrying amount	17,886,503	841,146	4,983	18,732,632
Expected credit losses	(8,478)	(29,734)	(1,698)	(39,910)
<u>Simplified Approach</u>				
More than 90 days past due				
Current				
Total				
<u>Other assets (exclude prepayment)</u>				
Gross carrying amount		1,078,898	41,681	1,120,579
Expected credit losses		-	(41,681)	(41,681)
Net carrying amount		1,078,898	-	1,078,898
<u>BANK 2023</u>				
<u>Cash and short-term funds (exclude cash in hand)</u>				
Investment graded	1,677,342	-	-	1,677,342
Non-investment graded	25	-	-	25
Sovereign/Government-backed	448,736	-	-	448,736
Gross carrying amount	2,126,103	-	-	2,126,103
Expected credit losses	(111)	-	-	(111)
Net carrying amount	2,125,992	-	-	2,125,992
<u>Deposits and placements with banks and other financial institutions</u>				
Investment graded	88,553	-	-	88,553
Gross carrying amount	88,553	-	-	88,553
Expected credit losses	-	-	-	-
Net carrying amount	88,553	-	-	88,553

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40. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT POLICIES (CONT'D)

(a) Credit Risk (cont'd)

(v) Credit quality (cont'd)

The following table shows an analysis of the credit quality by stages and the allowance for expected credit losses of the financial assets: (cont'd)

BANK 2023	Stage 1 RM'000	Stage 2 RM'000	Stage 3 RM'000	Total RM'000
<u>Financial investments at fair value through other comprehensive income (exclude equity securities)</u>				
Investment graded	1,545,098	-	-	1,545,098
Sovereign/Government-backed	4,637,404	-	-	4,637,404
Gross carrying amount	6,182,502	-	-	6,182,502
Expected credit losses [Note]	(407)	-	-	(407)
<u>Financial investments at amortised cost</u>				
Investment graded	335,783	-	-	335,783
Sovereign/Government-backed	2,720,608	-	-	2,720,608
Unrated	81,174	-	-	81,174
Credit impaired	-	-	426	426
Gross carrying amount	3,137,565	-	426	3,137,991
Expected credit losses	(676)	-	(426)	(1,102)
Net carrying amount	3,136,889	-	-	3,136,889
<u>Loans, advances and financing</u>				
Low	22,196,048	1,058,096	-	23,254,144
Medium	7,544,210	1,140,187	-	8,684,397
High	877,367	995,077	-	1,872,444
Unrated	1,586,097	243,860	-	1,829,957
Credit impaired	-	-	879,717	879,717
Gross carrying amount	32,203,722	3,437,220	879,717	36,520,659
Expected credit losses	(105,782)	(302,859)	(440,987)	(849,628)
Net carrying amount	32,097,940	3,134,361	438,730	35,671,031
<u>Statutory deposit</u>				
Sovereign/Government-backed	728,111	-	-	728,111
Gross carrying amount	728,111	-	-	728,111
Expected credit losses	-	-	-	-
Net carrying amount	728,111	-	-	728,111
<u>Credit related commitments and contingencies</u>				
Low	9,819,650	416,958	-	10,236,608
Medium	1,900,239	417,750	-	2,317,989
High	195,067	31,026	-	226,093
Unrated	1,009,484	3,308	-	1,012,792
Credit impaired	-	-	38,096	38,096
Gross carrying amount	12,924,440	869,042	38,096	13,831,578
Expected credit losses	(4,296)	(20,290)	(1,629)	(26,215)

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40. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT POLICIES (CONT'D)

(a) Credit Risk (cont'd)

(v) Credit quality (cont'd)

The following table shows an analysis of the credit quality by stages and the allowance for expected credit losses of the financial assets: (cont'd)

Simplified Approach	Current RM'000	More than 90 days past due RM'000	Total RM'000
<u>Other assets (exclude prepayment)</u>			
Gross carrying amount	653,625	38,725	692,350
Expected credit losses	-	(38,725)	(38,725)
Net carrying amount	653,625	-	653,625

(vi) Sensitivity test

The Group and the Bank have performed expected credit losses sensitivity assessment on financial assets based on the changes in key variables as below while all other variables remain unchanged. The sensitivity factors used are assumptions based on parallel shifts in the key variables to project the impact on the expected credit losses of the Group and the Bank.

The table below outlines the effect of the changes in major key variables used on expected credit losses while other variables remain constant:

2024 Measurement variables		GROUP		BANK	
		+	-	+	-
		RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
	MEV Change (%)/ Percentage Point Change (p.p)				
House price index	9.8%	(36,671)	47,131	(20,851)	26,981
Consumption credit	3.7 p.p	5,017	(5,210)	3,862	(3,996)
Unemployment rate	0.6 p.p	69,594	(78,359)	35,308	(38,810)
Debt to GDP	6.2%	56,545	(69,370)	40,133	(49,368)
Producer price index	4.1%	27,370	(29,264)	20,272	(21,476)
2023 Measurement variables		GROUP		BANK	
		+	-	+	-
		RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
	MEV Change (%)/ Percentage Point Change (p.p)				
House price index	9.6%	(32,080)	42,953	(18,729)	25,867
Consumption credit	3.7 p.p	18,616	(18,281)	13,307	(12,593)
Unemployment rate	0.6 p.p	13,490	(11,491)	8,798	(7,112)
GDP growth	6.4%	(4,117)	3,313	(2,323)	1,850
Producer price index	3.8%	3,381	(2,776)	2,917	(2,395)
Industrial production index	5.7%	(6,229)	5,933	(4,598)	4,417

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40. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT POLICIES (CONT'D)

(a) Credit Risk (cont'd)

(vii) Overlays and adjustments for ECL

The Group and the Bank continued to apply overlays and post-model adjustments to address economic uncertainties and external risks including, but not limited to, international trade trends, the prevailing effects of high policy rates and inflation, as well as the potential consequences of global geopolitical tensions for the adequacy of the overall level of ECL for the year ended 31 March 2024.

These overlays and post-model adjustments were taken to reflect the latest macroeconomic outlook not captured in the modelled outcome and the potential impact to delinquencies and defaults arising from potential risks.

The overlays and post-model adjustments involved significant level of judgement and reflect the Management's views of possible severities of the post pandemic impacts and paths of recovery in the forward-looking assessment for ECL estimation purposes.

As at 31 March 2024, the balances of these overlays and post-model adjustments amounted to RM121,431,000 and RM71,170,000 for the Group and the Bank respectively (2023: RM256,632,000 and RM147,182,000).

(b) Market Risk

Market risk is the risk of loss of earnings arising from changes in interest rates, foreign exchange rates, equity prices, and their implied volatilities.

The Group has established a framework of risk policies, measurement methodologies and risk limits as approved by the Group Risk Management Committee ("GRMC") to manage market risk. Market risk arising from the trading activities is controlled via position limits, loss limits, sensitivity limits and valuation via daily mark-to-market, where available.

The Group is also susceptible to exposure to market risk arising from changes in prices of the shares quoted on Bursa Malaysia, which will impact the Group's amount due from clients and brokers. The risk is controlled by application of credit approvals, limits and monitoring procedures.

Market Risk Factors

(i) Interest/profit rate risk

As a subset of market risk, interest/profit rate risk refers to the volatility in net interest/profit income as a result of changes in interest/profit rate of return and shifts in the composition of the assets and liabilities. Interest/profit rate of return risk is managed through interest/profit rate sensitivity analysis. The sensitivity in net interest/profit income from interest/profit rate movement is monitored and reported to the Management. In addition to pre-scheduled meetings, the Group Assets and Liabilities Management Committee ("GALCO") will also deliberate on revising the Group's and the Bank's lending/financing and deposit rates in response to changes in the benchmark rates set by the central bank.

The effects of changes in the levels of interest/profit rates of return on the market value of securities are monitored closely and mark-to-market valuations are regularly reported to the Management.

The Group and the Bank are exposed to various risks associated with the effects of fluctuations in the prevailing levels of interest/profit rates on its financial position and cash flows. The effects of changes in the levels of interest/profit rates of return on the market value of securities are monitored regularly and the outcomes of mark-to-market valuations are escalated to the Management regularly. The following table summarises the effective interest/profit rates at the end of the reporting period and the periods in which the financial instruments will re-price or mature, whichever is the earlier.

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40. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT POLICIES (CONT'D)

(b) Market Risk (cont'd)

Market Risk Factors (cont'd)

(i) Interest rate/profit rate risk (cont'd)

GROUP 2024	Non-trading book						Non- interest/ profit sensitive* RM'000	Trading book RM'000	Total RM'000
	Up to 1 month RM'000	>1-3 months RM'000	>3-6 months RM'000	>6-12 months RM'000	>1-5 years RM'000	Over 5 years RM'000			
Assets									
Cash and short-term funds	3,958,278	-	-	-	-	-	638,375	-	4,596,653
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	-	-	-	-	-	-	277,973	57,265	335,238
Financial investments at fair value through other comprehensive income	10,211	240,368	39,053	293,337	4,668,359	4,795,968	15	-	10,047,311
Financial investments at amortised cost	142,923	50,611	244,696	296,922	1,517,894	1,617,698	(299)	-	3,870,445
Derivative financial assets	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	183,035	183,035
Loans, advances and financing	46,806,632	1,842,004	771,878	96,877	2,697,800	2,369,299	136,260	-	54,720,750
Other financial assets**	19	-	-	5	17,810	3,976	2,074,074	-	2,095,884
Total financial assets	50,918,063	2,132,983	1,055,627	687,141	8,901,863	8,786,941	3,126,398	240,300	75,849,316
Liabilities									
Deposits from customers	19,794,017	8,524,314	7,650,955	5,152,363	16,275,846	-	-	-	57,397,495
Deposits and placements of banks and other financial institutions	510,682	100,949	69,548	5,886	691,225	676,767	-	-	2,055,057
Financial liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss	495,279	1,162,590	117,712	113,533	130,274	-	-	(91,277)	1,928,111
Obligation on securities sold under repurchase agreements	842,228	1,180,498	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,022,726
Derivative financial liabilities	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	287,067	287,067
Recourse obligations on loans and financing sold to Cagamas	-	-	-	422,825	604,058	200,791	-	-	1,227,674
Lease liabilities	2,438	4,481	5,825	14,931	71,054	25,983	-	-	124,712
Subordinated obligations	-	-	-	-	1,114,079	457,839	-	-	1,571,918
Other financial liabilities	390,103	34	107	-	24,172	194,222	2,349,258	-	2,957,896
Total financial liabilities	22,034,747	10,972,866	7,844,147	5,709,538	18,910,708	1,555,602	2,349,258	195,790	69,572,656
On-balance sheet interest sensitivity gap	28,883,316	(8,839,883)	(6,788,520)	(5,022,397)	(10,008,845)	7,231,339	777,140	44,510	6,276,660

Note:

* Included impaired loans/financing and ECL.

** Included statutory deposit and other assets.

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40. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT POLICIES (CONTD)

(b) Market Risk (cont'd)

Market Risk Factors (cont'd)

(i) Interest rate/profit rate risk (cont'd)

GROUP 2023	Non-trading book						Non- interest/ profit sensitive* RM'000	Trading book RM'000	Total RM'000
	Up to 1 month RM'000	>1-3 months RM'000	>3-6 months RM'000	>6-12 months RM'000	>1-5 years RM'000	Over 5 years RM'000			
Assets									
Cash and short-term funds	2,962,412	-	-	-	-	608,244	-	3,570,656	
Deposits and placements with banks and other financial institutions	-	88,553	-	-	-	-	-	88,553	
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	-	-	-	-	-	257,206	7,992	265,198	
Financial investments at fair value through other comprehensive income	96,691	182,254	222,507	223,484	3,734,582	4,024,866	-	8,484,398	
Financial investments at amortised cost	-	30,383	105,800	338,601	1,860,842	1,062,935	-	3,398,514	
Derivative financial assets	-	-	-	-	-	-	221,141	221,141	
Loans, advances and financing	40,685,476	1,761,717	699,326	109,175	2,606,481	1,993,018	-	47,926,003	
Other financial assets**	-	-	-	-	22,385	15,338	1,447,603	1,485,326	
Total financial assets	43,744,579	2,062,907	1,027,633	671,260	8,224,290	7,096,157	229,133	65,439,789	
Liabilities									
Deposits from customers	16,879,527	6,876,487	5,810,120	6,770,360	14,512,536	-	-	50,849,030	
Deposits and placements of banks and other financial institutions	305,123	104,188	5,704	11,705	598,222	694,342	-	1,719,284	
Financial liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss	527,564	1,012,804	127,867	144,169	101,276	-	(128,523)	1,785,157	
Obligation on securities sold under repurchase agreements	290,947	384,693	-	-	-	-	-	675,640	
Derivative financial liabilities	-	-	-	-	-	-	366,140	366,140	
Recourse obligations on loans and financing sold to Cagamas	-	-	-	221,351	100,133	-	-	321,484	
Lease liabilities	2,632	4,865	6,180	6,552	41,564	51,458	-	113,251	
Subordinated obligations	-	-	-	200,335	913,378	457,789	-	1,571,502	
Other financial liabilities	248,061	571	107	-	21,392	243,828	-	1,994,344	
Total financial liabilities	18,253,854	8,383,608	5,949,978	7,354,472	16,288,501	1,447,417	237,617	59,395,832	
On-balance sheet interest sensitivity gap	25,490,725	(6,320,701)	(4,922,345)	(6,683,212)	(8,064,211)	5,648,740	(8,484)	6,043,957	

Note:

- * Included impaired loans/financing and ECL.
- ** Included statutory deposit and other assets.

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40. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT POLICIES (CONT'D)

(b) Market Risk (cont'd)

Market Risk Factors (cont'd)

(i) Interest rate/profit rate risk (cont'd)

BANK 2024	Non-trading book							Non- interest/ profit sensitive* RM'000	Trading book RM'000	Total RM'000
	Up to 1 month RM'000	>1-3 months RM'000	>3-6 months RM'000	>6-12 months RM'000	>1-5 years RM'000	Over 5 years RM'000				
Assets										
Cash and short-term funds	2,683,576	-	-	-	-	-	596,946	-	3,280,522	
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	-	-	-	-	-	-	277,973	57,265	335,238	
Financial investments at fair value through other comprehensive income	5,106	230,247	28,984	207,626	3,672,317	4,084,107	15	-	8,228,402	
Financial investments at amortised cost	142,923	50,611	244,696	245,767	1,646,854	1,070,762	(904)	-	3,400,709	
Derivative financial assets	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	183,035	183,035	
Loans, advances and financing	36,040,399	1,303,435	563,087	72,614	2,011,565	1,072,043	173,333	-	41,236,476	
Other financial assets**	19	-	-	5	36,465	3,911	1,890,311	-	1,930,711	
Total financial assets	38,872,023	1,584,293	836,767	526,012	7,367,201	6,230,823	2,937,674	240,300	58,595,093	
Liabilities										
Deposits from customers	15,223,217	5,261,703	5,463,994	3,891,044	12,686,511	-	-	-	42,526,469	
Deposits and placements of banks and other financial institutions	509,628	100,949	64,158	1,827	636,666	552,766	-	-	1,865,994	
Financial liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss	495,279	1,162,590	117,712	113,533	130,274	-	-	(91,277)	1,928,111	
Obligation on securities sold under repurchase agreements	842,228	1,180,498	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,022,726	
Derivative financial liabilities	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	287,067	287,067	
Recourse obligations on loans and financing sold to Cagamas	-	-	-	221,470	302,535	200,791	-	-	724,796	
Lease liabilities	2,438	4,481	5,825	14,931	71,054	25,983	-	-	124,712	
Subordinated obligations	-	-	-	-	1,013,845	457,839	-	-	1,471,684	
Other financial liabilities	390,103	26	76	-	34,669	169,770	2,189,017	-	2,783,661	
Total financial liabilities	17,462,893	7,710,247	5,651,765	4,242,805	14,875,554	1,407,149	2,189,017	195,790	53,735,220	
On-balance sheet interest sensitivity gap	21,409,130	(6,125,954)	(4,814,998)	(3,716,793)	(7,508,353)	4,823,674	748,657	44,510	4,859,873	

Note:

- * Included impaired loans/financing and ECL.
- ** Included statutory deposit and other assets.

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40. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT POLICIES (CONT'D)

(b) Market Risk (cont'd)

Market Risk Factors (cont'd)

(i) Interest rate/profit rate risk (cont'd)

BANK 2023	Non-trading book						Non- interest/ profit sensitive* RM'000	Trading book RM'000	Total RM'000
	Up to 1 month RM'000	>1-3 months RM'000	>3-6 months RM'000	>6-12 months RM'000	>1-5 years RM'000	Over 5 years RM'000			
Assets									
Cash and short-term funds	1,857,381	-	-	-	-	-	568,203	-	2,425,584
Deposits and placements with banks and other financial institutions	-	88,553	-	-	-	-	-	-	88,553
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	-	-	-	-	-	-	257,206	7,992	265,198
Financial investments at fair value through other comprehensive income	96,691	141,566	75,515	197,959	2,430,796	3,239,975	14	-	6,182,516
Financial investments at amortised cost	-	-	105,800	318,185	2,009,624	703,956	(676)	-	3,136,889
Derivative financial assets	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	223,637	223,637
Loans, advances and financing	30,827,338	1,300,426	495,974	84,058	1,929,327	1,023,472	130,168	-	35,790,763
Other financial assets**	-	-	-	-	48,616	14,766	1,318,354	-	1,381,736
Total financial assets	32,781,410	1,530,545	677,289	600,202	6,418,363	4,982,169	2,273,269	231,629	49,494,876
Liabilities									
Deposits from customers	12,396,981	5,065,745	3,860,862	4,458,201	11,114,564	-	-	-	36,896,353
Deposits and placements of banks and other financial institutions	304,314	100,141	1,307	6,353	576,404	547,683	-	-	1,536,202
Financial liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss	527,564	1,012,805	127,867	144,169	101,276	-	-	(128,524)	1,785,157
Obligation on securities sold under repurchase agreements	290,947	384,693	-	-	-	-	-	366,165	675,640
Derivative financial liabilities	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	366,165
Recourse obligations on loans and financing sold to Cagamas	-	-	-	221,352	-	-	-	-	221,352
Lease liabilities	2,632	4,865	6,180	6,552	41,564	51,458	-	-	113,251
Subordinated obligations	-	-	-	100,391	913,072	457,789	-	-	1,471,252
Other financial liabilities	248,061	564	80	-	49,648	204,488	1,351,987	-	1,854,828
Total financial liabilities	13,770,499	6,568,813	3,996,296	4,937,018	12,796,528	1,261,418	1,351,987	237,641	44,920,200
On-balance sheet interest sensitivity gap	19,010,911	(5,038,268)	(3,319,007)	(4,336,816)	(6,378,165)	3,720,751	921,282	(6,012)	4,574,676

Note:

* Included impaired loans/financing and ECL.

** Included statutory deposit and other assets.

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40. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT POLICIES (CONT'D)

(b) Market Risk (cont'd)

Market Risk Factors (cont'd)

(ii) Foreign exchange risk

Foreign exchange risk refers to the risk that fair value or future cash flows of financial instruments will fluctuate because of the movements in the exchange rates for foreign exchange positions taken by the Group and the Bank from time to time.

Foreign currency exchange risk is managed via approved risk limits and open positions are regularly revalued against current exchange rates and reported to the Management and the Board.

The following table summarises the assets, liabilities and net open position by currency as at the end of the financial reporting date, which are mainly in US Dollars, Pound Sterling, Euro Dollars, Australian Dollars and Singapore Dollars. Other foreign exchange exposures include exposure to Japanese Yen, Chinese Yuan and New Zealand Dollars. The exposure was calculated only for monetary balances denominated in currencies other than the functional currency of the Group and the Bank.

GROUP 2024	US Dollars RM'000	Pound Sterling RM'000	Euro Dollars RM'000	Australian Dollars RM'000	Singapore Dollars RM'000	Others RM'000	Total RM'000
Assets							
Cash and short-term funds	2,625,508	2,546	1,849	3,383	14,026	6,256	2,653,568
Loans, advances and financing	396,567	-	1,188	-	306	2,601	400,662
Other financial assets	58,456	1	2	27	51	7	58,544
Total financial assets	3,080,531	2,547	3,039	3,410	14,383	8,864	3,112,774
Liabilities							
Deposits from customers	1,296,796	73,334	77,852	312,452	530,153	202,299	2,492,886
Deposits and placements of banks and other financial institutions	340,661	-	-	-	-	924	341,585
Financial liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss	15,677	-	-	2,035	-	-	17,712
Other financial liabilities	70,252	1,967	8,490	168,049	14,361	38,325	301,444
Total financial liabilities	1,723,386	75,301	86,342	482,536	544,514	241,548	3,153,627
On-balance sheet open position	1,357,145	(72,754)	(83,303)	(479,126)	(530,131)	(232,684)	(40,853)
Off-balance sheet open position	(1,387,856)	68,890	92,929	453,476	465,404	243,321	(63,836)
Net open position	(30,711)	(3,864)	9,626	(25,650)	(64,727)	10,637	(104,689)

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40. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT POLICIES (CONT'D)

(b) Market Risk (cont'd)

Market Risk Factors (cont'd)

(ii) Foreign exchange risk (cont'd)

The following table summarises the assets, liabilities and net open position by currency as at the end of the financial reporting date, which are mainly in US Dollars, Pound Sterling, Euro Dollars, Australian Dollars and Singapore Dollars. Other foreign exchange exposures include exposure to Japanese Yen, Chinese Yuan and New Zealand Dollars. The exposure was calculated only for monetary balances denominated in currencies other than the functional currency of the Group and the Bank. (cont'd)

GROUP 2023	US Dollars RM'000	Pound Sterling RM'000	Euro Dollars RM'000	Australian Dollars RM'000	Singapore Dollars RM'000	Others RM'000	Total RM'000
Assets							
Cash and short-term funds	1,325,310	2,267	2,602	-	5,540	11,790	1,347,509
Deposits and placements with banks and other financial institutions	88,553	-	-	-	-	-	88,553
Loans, advances and financing	328,837	-	1,165	527	579	1,395	332,503
Other financial assets	66,791	243	10	241	51	10	67,346
Total financial assets	1,809,491	2,510	3,777	768	6,170	13,195	1,835,911
Liabilities							
Deposits from customers	831,694	64,168	38,760	441,277	325,659	60,492	1,762,050
Deposits and placements of banks and other financial institutions	1,754	-	-	1,154	-	7	2,915
Financial liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss	4,860	-	-	-	-	-	4,860
Other financial liabilities	15,405	9,049	4,731	153,292	2,384	8,648	193,509
Total financial liabilities	853,713	73,217	43,491	595,723	328,043	69,147	1,963,334
On-balance sheet open position	955,778	(70,707)	(39,714)	(594,955)	(321,873)	(55,952)	(127,423)
Off-balance sheet open position	(950,527)	70,356	50,953	583,735	284,639	76,011	115,167
Net open position	5,251	(351)	11,239	(11,220)	(37,234)	20,059	(12,256)

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40. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT POLICIES (CONT'D)

(b) Market Risk (cont'd)

Market Risk Factors (cont'd)

(ii) Foreign exchange risk (cont'd)

The following table summarises the assets, liabilities and net open position by currency as at the end of the financial reporting date, which are mainly in US Dollars, Pound Sterling, Euro Dollars, Australian Dollars and Singapore Dollars. Other foreign exchange exposures include exposure to Japanese Yen, Chinese Yuan and New Zealand Dollars. The exposure was calculated only for monetary balances denominated in currencies other than the functional currency of the Group and the Bank. (cont'd)

BANK 2024	US Dollars RM'000	Pound Sterling RM'000	Euro Dollars RM'000	Australian Dollars RM'000	Singapore Dollars RM'000	Others RM'000	Total RM'000
Assets							
Cash and short-term funds	2,625,508	2,546	1,849	3,383	14,026	6,256	2,653,568
Loans, advances and financing	396,567	-	1,188	-	306	2,601	400,662
Other financial assets	58,456	1	2	27	51	7	58,544
Total financial assets	3,080,531	2,547	3,039	3,410	14,383	8,864	3,112,774
Liabilities							
Deposits from customers	1,296,796	73,334	77,852	312,452	530,153	202,299	2,492,886
Deposits and placements of banks and other financial institutions	340,661	-	-	-	-	924	341,585
Financial liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss	15,677	-	-	2,035	-	-	17,712
Other financial liabilities	70,078	1,899	8,490	168,049	14,361	38,325	301,202
Total financial liabilities	1,723,212	75,233	86,342	482,536	544,514	241,548	3,153,385
On-balance sheet open position	1,357,319	(72,686)	(83,303)	(479,126)	(530,131)	(232,684)	(40,611)
Off-balance sheet open position	(1,387,856)	68,890	92,929	453,476	465,404	243,321	(63,836)
Net open position	(30,537)	(3,796)	9,626	(25,650)	(64,727)	10,637	(104,447)

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40. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT POLICIES (CONT'D)

(b) Market Risk (cont'd)

Market Risk Factors (cont'd)

(ii) Foreign exchange risk (cont'd)

The following table summarises the assets, liabilities and net open position by currency as at the end of the financial reporting date, which are mainly in US Dollars, Pound Sterling, Euro Dollars, Australian Dollars and Singapore Dollars. Other foreign exchange exposures include exposure to Japanese Yen, Chinese Yuan and New Zealand Dollars. The exposure was calculated only for monetary balances denominated in currencies other than the functional currency of the Group and the Bank. (cont'd)

BANK 2023	US Dollars RM'000	Pound Sterling RM'000	Euro Dollars RM'000	Australian Dollars RM'000	Singapore Dollars RM'000	Others RM'000	Total RM'000
Assets							
Cash and short-term funds	1,325,310	2,267	2,602	-	5,540	11,790	1,347,509
Deposits and placements with banks and other financial institutions	88,553	-	-	-	-	-	88,553
Loans, advances and financing	328,837	-	1,165	527	579	1,395	332,503
Other financial assets	66,791	243	10	241	51	10	67,346
Total financial assets	1,809,491	2,510	3,777	768	6,170	13,195	1,835,911
Liabilities							
Deposits from customers	831,694	64,168	38,760	441,277	325,659	60,492	1,762,050
Deposits and placements of banks and other financial institutions	1,754	-	-	1,154	-	7	2,915
Financial liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss	4,860	-	-	-	-	-	4,860
Other financial liabilities	15,232	9,016	4,731	153,292	2,384	8,648	193,303
Total financial liabilities	853,540	73,184	43,491	595,723	328,043	69,147	1,963,128
On-balance sheet open position	955,951	(70,674)	(39,714)	(594,955)	(321,873)	(55,952)	(127,217)
Off-balance sheet open position	(950,527)	70,356	50,953	583,735	284,639	76,011	115,167
Net open position	5,424	(318)	11,239	(11,220)	(37,234)	20,059	(12,050)

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40. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT POLICIES (CONTD)

(b) Market Risk (cont'd)

Market Risk Measures

(iii) Value at risk ("VaR")

VaR reflects the maximum potential loss of value of a portfolio resulting from market movements within a specified probability of occurrence (level of confidence) for a specific period of time (holding period). For the Group and the Bank, VaR is computed based on the historical simulation approach with parameters in accordance with BNM and Basel requirements. Backtesting is performed daily to validate and reassess the accuracy of the VaR model. This involves the comparison of the daily VaR values against the hypothetical profit and loss over the corresponding period.

The table below sets out a summary of the Group's and the Bank's VaR profile by financial instrument types for the Trading Portfolio:

GROUP 2024	Balance RM'000	Average for the year RM'000	Minimum RM'000	Maximum RM'000
Foreign exchange ("FX") related derivatives	(174)	(1,061)	(174)	(2,108)
Government securities	(13,906)	(21,496)	(13,161)	(32,444)
Private debt securities	(4,080)	(6,491)	(4,080)	(8,780)
2023				
FX related derivatives	(391)	(637)	(180)	(1,710)
Government securities	(32,260)	(33,777)	(32,177)	(35,927)
Private debt securities	(7,884)	(7,109)	(6,592)	(7,884)
BANK 2024				
FX related derivatives	(174)	(1,061)	(174)	(2,108)
Government securities	(12,017)	(18,332)	(11,193)	(27,801)
Private debt securities	(3,389)	(5,304)	(3,389)	(7,209)
2023				
FX related derivatives	(391)	(637)	(180)	(1,710)
Government securities	(26,156)	(27,171)	(25,869)	(29,101)
Private debt securities	(5,190)	(4,658)	(4,321)	(5,190)

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40. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT POLICIES (CONT'D)

(b) Market Risk (cont'd)

Market Risk Measures (cont'd)

(iv) Interest/profit rate risk sensitivity

The following tables present the Group's and the Bank's sensitivity result for the impact on net profit after tax and reserves of financial assets and financial liabilities bearing fixed and floating interest/profit rates.

Impact on the net profit after tax is measured using Earning-at-Risk ("EAR") methodology. The treatments are based on a set of sensitivity rate shocks on the interest rate gap profile from the financial position of the Group and the Bank by taking into consideration the repricing or remaining maturity of the product.

Impact on equity represents the changes in fair value of financial investment at fair value through other comprehensive income portfolio arising from shifts in interest/profit rate.

	2024 GROUP		2024 BANK	
	- 200 bps	+ 200 bps	- 200 bps	+ 200 bps
	Increase/(Decrease)		Increase/(Decrease)	
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
Impact on net profit after tax	(188,288)	188,288	(148,658)	148,658
Impact on equity	772,899	(690,555)	668,417	(575,638)

	2023 GROUP		2023 BANK	
	- 200 bps	+ 200 bps	- 200 bps	+ 200 bps
	Increase/(Decrease)		Increase/(Decrease)	
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
Impact on net profit after tax	(217,376)	217,376	(173,681)	173,681
Impact on equity	497,035	(421,648)	356,429	(283,930)

(v) Other risk measures

(i) Stress test

Stress testing is normally used by banks to gauge their potential vulnerability to exceptional but plausible events. The Group performs stress testing regularly to measure and alert the Board and the Management on the effects of potential political, economic or other disruptive events on our exposures. The Group's stress testing process is governed by the Stress Testing Policy as approved by the Board. Stress testing is conducted on a bank-wide basis as well as on specific portfolios. The Group's bank-wide stress testing exercise uses a variety of broad macroeconomic indicators that are then translated into stress impacts on the various business units. The results are then consolidated to provide an overall impact on the Group's financial results and capital requirements. Stress testing results are reported to the Board and the Management to provide them with an assessment of the financial impact that such events would have on the Group's profitability and capital levels.

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40. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT POLICIES (CONTD)

(b) Market Risk (cont'd)

Market Risk Measures (cont'd)

(v) Other risk measures (cont'd)

(ii) Sensitivity analysis

Sensitivity analysis is used to measure the impact of changes in individual stress factors such as interest/profit rates or foreign exchange rates. It is normally designed to isolate and quantify exposure to the underlying risk. The Group and the Bank perform sensitivity analysis such as parallel shifts of interest/profit rates on its exposures, primarily on the banking and trading book positions.

(c) Liquidity Risk

Liquidity risk is the inability of the Group and the Bank to meet financial commitments when due.

The Group's and the Bank's liquidity risk profile is managed using liquidity risk management strategies set in the Liquidity Risk Management Policy. Liquidity Risk Measures are monitored against approved thresholds by GALCO and Group Risk Management Committee ("GRMC"). A contingency funding plan is also established by the Group and the Bank as a forward-looking measure to ensure that liquidity risk can be addressed according to the degrees of key risk indicators, and which incorporates alternative funding strategies which are ready to be implemented on a timely basis to mitigate the impact of unforeseen adverse changes in liquidity in the market place.

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40. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT POLICIES (CONTD)

(c) Liquidity Risk (cont'd)

Liquidity Risk Measures

(i) Liquidity risk for assets and liabilities based on remaining contractual maturities

The maturities of the on-balance sheet assets and liabilities are important factors in assessing the liquidity of the Group and the Bank. The table below provides an analysis of assets and liabilities into relevant maturity terms based on remaining contractual maturities:

GROUP	2024	Up to 1	>1-3	>3-6	>6-12	>1 year	No specific	Total
		month	months	months	months	RM'000	maturity	
		RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
Assets								
Cash and short-term funds		4,596,653	-	-	-	-	-	4,596,653
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss		84	-	50,573	-	6,608	277,973	335,238
Financial investments at fair value through other comprehensive income		60,751	285,075	58,950	290,970	9,351,549	16	10,047,311
Financial investments at amortised cost		34,219	54,464	90,153	405,966	3,285,643	-	3,870,445
Loans, advances and financing		8,976,057	2,652,318	941,183	180,786	41,970,406	-	54,720,750
Other financial and non-financial assets		972,469	48,729	36,953	44,835	104,701	2,168,038	3,375,725
Total assets		14,640,233	3,040,586	1,177,812	922,557	54,718,907	2,446,027	76,946,122
Liabilities								
Deposits from customers		35,782,954	8,524,314	7,650,955	5,152,363	286,909	-	57,397,495
Deposits and placements of banks and other financial institutions		510,678	101,041	69,513	5,865	1,367,960	-	2,055,057
Financial liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss		17,693	63,420	107,890	123,953	1,615,155	-	1,928,111
Obligations on securities sold under repurchase agreements		842,228	1,180,498	-	-	-	-	2,022,726
Recourse obligations on loans and financing sold to Cagamas		6,727	907	-	420,001	800,039	-	1,227,674
Lease liabilities		2,438	4,481	5,825	14,931	97,037	-	124,712
Subordinated obligations		19,754	2,125	377	-	1,549,662	-	1,571,918
Other financial and non-financial liabilities		2,421,885	199,586	118,651	99,673	603,506	-	3,443,301
Total liabilities		39,604,357	10,076,372	7,953,211	5,816,786	6,320,268	-	69,770,994
Net maturity mismatch		(24,964,124)	(7,035,786)	(6,775,399)	(4,894,229)	48,398,639	2,446,027	7,175,128

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40. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT POLICIES (CONT'D)

(c) Liquidity Risk (cont'd)

Liquidity Risk Measures (cont'd)

(i) Liquidity risk for assets and liabilities based on remaining contractual maturities (cont'd)

The maturities of the on-balance sheet assets and liabilities are important factors in assessing the liquidity of the Group and the Bank. The table below provides an analysis of assets and liabilities into relevant maturity terms based on remaining contractual maturities: (cont'd)

GROUP	Up to 1	>1-3	>3-6	>6-12	No specific	Total
2023	month	months	months	months	maturity	
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
Assets						
Cash and short-term funds	3,570,656	-	-	-	-	3,570,656
Deposits and placements with banks and other financial institutions	-	88,553	-	-	-	88,553
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	-	83	-	1,404	257,206	265,198
Financial investments at fair value through other comprehensive income	120,174	221,264	239,478	220,814	7,682,654	8,484,398
Financial investments at amortised cost	14,441	39,465	31,384	334,127	2,979,097	3,398,514
Loans, advances and financing	7,911,689	2,212,905	931,944	260,986	36,608,479	47,926,003
Other financial and non-financial assets	581,355	29,728	34,625	38,423	100,505	1,792,550
Total assets	12,198,315	2,591,998	1,237,431	855,754	47,377,240	66,310,508
Liabilities						
Deposits from customers	31,085,328	6,876,487	5,810,119	6,770,360	306,736	50,849,030
Deposits and placements of banks and other financial institutions	305,123	104,188	5,704	11,705	1,292,564	1,719,284
Financial liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss	7,206	40,366	109,073	129,365	1,499,147	1,785,157
Obligations on securities sold under repurchase agreements	290,947	384,693	-	-	-	675,640
Recourse obligations on loans and financing sold to Cagamas	-	1,476	-	220,003	100,005	321,484
Lease liabilities	2,632	4,865	6,180	6,552	93,022	113,251
Subordinated obligations	19,628	2,079	440	199,801	1,349,554	1,571,502
Other financial and non-financial liabilities	1,437,444	50,721	185,935	29,886	824,525	2,528,511
Total liabilities	33,148,308	7,464,875	6,117,451	7,367,672	5,465,553	59,563,859
Net maturity mismatch	(20,949,993)	(4,872,877)	(4,880,020)	(6,511,918)	41,911,687	6,746,649

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40. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT POLICIES (CONT'D)

(c) Liquidity Risk (cont'd)

Liquidity Risk Measures (cont'd)

(i) Liquidity risk for assets and liabilities based on remaining contractual maturities (cont'd)

The maturities of the on-balance sheet assets and liabilities are important factors in assessing the liquidity of the Group and the Bank. The table below provides an analysis of assets and liabilities into relevant maturity terms based on remaining contractual maturities: (cont'd)

BANK 2024	Up to 1 month RM'000	>1-3 months RM'000	>3-6 months RM'000	>6-12 months RM'000	>1 year RM'000	No specific maturity RM'000	Total RM'000
Assets							
Cash and short-term funds	3,280,522	-	-	-	-	-	3,280,522
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	84	-	50,573	-	6,608	277,973	335,238
Financial investments at fair value through other comprehensive income	44,338	271,108	43,620	205,630	7,663,690	16	8,228,402
Financial investments at amortised cost	30,725	53,631	86,770	355,655	2,873,928	-	3,400,709
Loans, advances and financing	6,946,511	2,019,644	714,611	151,285	31,404,425	-	41,236,476
Other financial and non-financial assets	1,060,974	47,929	35,754	32,350	121,818	2,475,865	3,774,690
Total assets	11,363,154	2,392,312	931,328	744,920	42,070,469	2,753,854	60,256,037
Liabilities							
Deposits from customers	27,881,585	5,261,703	5,463,994	3,891,044	28,143	-	42,526,469
Deposits and placements of banks and other financial institutions	509,628	100,991	64,143	1,820	1,189,412	-	1,865,994
Financial liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss	17,693	63,420	107,890	123,953	1,615,155	-	1,928,111
Obligations on securities sold under repurchase agreements	842,228	1,180,498	-	-	-	-	2,022,726
Recourse obligations on loans and financing sold to Cagamas	3,995	780	-	220,002	500,019	-	724,796
Lease liabilities	2,438	4,481	5,825	14,931	97,037	-	124,712
Subordinated obligations	19,754	2,125	335	-	1,449,470	-	1,471,684
Other financial and non-financial liabilities	2,305,436	181,854	98,479	83,039	577,181	-	3,245,989
Total liabilities	31,582,757	6,795,852	5,740,666	4,334,789	5,456,417	-	53,910,481
Net maturity mismatch	(20,219,603)	(4,403,540)	(4,809,338)	(3,589,869)	36,614,052	2,753,854	6,345,556

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40. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT POLICIES (CONT'D)

(c) Liquidity Risk (cont'd)

Liquidity Risk Measures (cont'd)

(i) Liquidity risk for assets and liabilities based on remaining contractual maturities (cont'd)

The maturities of the on-balance sheet assets and liabilities are important factors in assessing the liquidity of the Group and the Bank. The table below provides an analysis of assets and liabilities into relevant maturity terms based on remaining contractual maturities: (cont'd)

BANK 2023	Up to 1 month RM'000	>1-3 months RM'000	>3-6 months RM'000	>6-12 months RM'000	>1 year RM'000	No specific maturity RM'000	Total RM'000
Assets							
Cash and short-term funds	2,425,584	-	-	-	-	-	2,425,584
Deposits and placements with banks and other financial institutions	-	88,553	-	-	-	-	88,553
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	-	83	-	1,404	6,505	257,206	265,198
Financial investments at fair value through other comprehensive income	113,462	171,484	87,488	195,654	5,614,414	14	6,182,516
Financial investments at amortised cost	13,856	7,962	29,885	313,993	2,771,193	-	3,136,889
Loans, advances and financing	5,895,265	1,709,825	703,621	227,261	27,254,791	-	35,790,763
Other financial and non-financial assets	699,480	28,327	32,949	17,137	128,849	2,264,841	3,171,583
Total assets	9,147,647	2,006,234	853,943	755,449	35,775,752	2,522,061	51,061,086
Liabilities							
Deposits from customers	23,462,259	5,065,745	3,860,862	4,458,201	49,286	-	36,896,353
Deposits and placements of banks and other financial institutions	304,314	100,141	1,307	6,353	1,124,087	-	1,536,202
Financial liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss	7,206	40,366	109,073	129,365	1,499,147	-	1,785,157
Obligations on securities sold under repurchase agreements	290,947	384,693	-	-	-	-	675,640
Recourse obligations on loans and financing sold to Cagamas	-	1,348	-	220,004	-	-	221,352
Lease liabilities	2,632	4,865	6,181	6,552	93,021	-	113,251
Subordinated obligations	19,628	2,079	391	100,000	1,349,154	-	1,471,252
Other financial and non-financial liabilities	1,374,130	50,467	167,720	26,938	758,582	-	2,377,837
Total liabilities	25,461,116	5,649,704	4,145,534	4,947,413	4,873,277	-	45,077,044
Net maturity mismatch	(16,313,469)	(3,643,470)	(3,291,591)	(4,191,964)	30,902,475	2,522,061	5,984,042

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40. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT POLICIES (CONTD)

(c) Liquidity Risk (cont'd)

Liquidity Risk Measures (cont'd)

(ii) Contractual maturity of financial liabilities on an undiscounted basis

The table below presents the cash flows payable by the Group and the Bank under financial liabilities by remaining contractual maturities at the end of the reporting period. The amounts disclosed in the table are the contractual undiscounted cash flows of all financial liabilities.

GROUP 2024	Up to 1 month RM'000	>1-3 months RM'000	>3-6 months RM'000	>6-12 months RM'000	>1-5 years RM'000	Over 5 years RM'000	No specific maturity RM'000	Total RM'000
Non derivative financial liabilities								
Deposits from customers	35,800,759	8,582,065	7,763,553	5,282,166	268,387	-	-	57,696,930
Deposits and placements of banks and other financial institutions	510,722	101,355	70,325	5,865	752,175	870,989	-	2,311,431
Financial liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss	22,698	87,507	149,621	177,823	1,604,061	179,335	-	2,221,045
Obligations on securities sold under repurchase agreements	-	2,022,726	-	-	-	-	-	2,022,726
Recourse obligations on loans and financing sold to Cagamas	9,157	3,282	12,439	440,729	641,650	237,880	-	1,345,137
Lease liabilities	2,982	5,630	7,562	18,177	85,901	34,306	-	154,558
Subordinated obligations	23,277	4,114	5,170	32,148	1,288,000	486,500	-	1,839,209
Other financial liabilities	2,154,249	106,654	59,979	12,536	40,071	-	-	2,373,489
	38,523,844	10,913,333	8,068,649	5,969,444	4,680,245	1,809,010	-	69,964,525
Items not recognised in the statements of financial position								
Financial guarantees	23,025	108,167	98,024	178,940	95,427	521	-	504,104
Credit related commitments and contingencies	13,745,474	257,357	171,237	275,481	6,681,711	730,628	-	21,861,888
	13,768,499	365,524	269,261	454,421	6,777,138	731,149	-	22,365,992
Derivatives financial liabilities								
Derivatives settled on a net basis	1,785	3,134	12,881	22,714	11,450	9,288	-	61,252
Interest rate derivatives and equity option	1,785	3,134	12,881	22,714	11,450	9,288	-	61,252
Net outflow								
Derivatives settled on a gross basis	31,231	35,972	27,560	795	15,983	16,827	-	128,368
Outflow	(23,536)	(36,383)	(14,458)	(1,038)	(23,010)	(14,500)	-	(112,925)
Inflow	7,695	(411)	13,102	(243)	(7,027)	2,327	-	15,443

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40. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT POLICIES (CONT'D)

(c) Liquidity Risk (cont'd)

Liquidity Risk Measures (cont'd)

(ii) Contractual maturity of financial liabilities on an undiscounted basis (cont'd)

The table below presents the cash flows payable by the Group and the Bank under financial liabilities by remaining contractual maturities at the end of the reporting period. The amounts disclosed in the table are the contractual undiscounted cash flows of all financial liabilities. (cont'd)

GROUP	Up to 1 month	>1-3 months	>3-6 months	>6-12 months	>1-5 years	Over 5 years	No specific maturity	Total
2023	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
Non derivative financial liabilities								
Deposits from customers	31,100,210	6,924,043	5,894,846	6,946,189	261,025	-	-	51,126,313
Deposits and placements of banks and other financial institutions	647,700	104,606	5,683	11,662	598,150	694,343	-	2,062,144
Financial liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss	12,765	65,843	149,095	195,015	1,663,192	44,641	-	2,130,551
Obligations on securities sold under repurchase agreements	-	675,640	-	-	-	-	-	675,640
Recourse obligations on loans and financing sold to Cagamas	-	3,139	3,210	224,260	105,240	-	-	335,849
Lease liabilities	3,071	5,709	7,363	8,727	53,494	54,850	-	133,214
Subordinated obligations	22,900	4,114	5,999	232,874	1,083,088	504,775	-	1,853,750
Other financial liabilities	1,292,714	1,073	143,684	-	37,365	-	-	1,474,836
	33,079,360	7,784,167	6,209,880	7,618,727	3,801,554	1,298,609	-	59,792,297
<u>Items not recognised in the statements of financial position</u>								
Financial guarantees	25,676	89,452	98,159	178,821	95,761	521	-	488,390
Credit related commitments and contingencies	12,464,987	96,538	81,409	122,831	3,522,171	252,161	-	16,540,097
	12,490,663	185,990	179,568	301,652	3,617,932	252,682	-	17,028,487
Derivatives financial liabilities								
<u>Derivatives settled on a net basis</u>								
Interest rate derivatives and equity option	16	59	11,951	23,794	41,616	1,649	-	79,085
Net outflow	16	59	11,951	23,794	41,616	1,649	-	79,085
<u>Derivatives settled on a gross basis</u>								
Outflow	65,958	35,550	24,585	7,787	21,073	3,772	-	158,725
Inflow	(73,362)	(20,437)	(2,578)	(6,113)	(21,974)	(1,166)	-	(125,630)
	(7,404)	15,113	22,007	1,674	(901)	2,606	-	33,095

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40. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT POLICIES (CONT'D)

(c) Liquidity Risk (cont'd)

Liquidity Risk Measures (cont'd)

(ii) Contractual maturity of financial liabilities on an undiscounted basis (cont'd)

The table below presents the cash flows payable by the Group and the Bank under financial liabilities by remaining contractual maturities at the end of the reporting period. The amounts disclosed in the table are the contractual undiscounted cash flows of all financial liabilities. (cont'd)

BANK 2024	Up to 1 month RM'000	>1-3 months RM'000	>3-6 months RM'000	>6-12 months RM'000	>1-5 years RM'000	Over 5 years RM'000	No specific maturity RM'000	Total RM'000
Non derivative financial liabilities								
Deposits from customers	27,895,711	5,296,379	5,544,950	3,982,660	28,650	-	-	42,748,350
Deposits and placements of banks and other financial institutions	509,672	101,355	64,955	1,820	688,393	722,536	-	2,088,731
Financial liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss	22,698	87,507	149,621	177,823	1,604,061	179,335	-	2,221,045
Obligations on securities sold under repurchase agreements	-	2,022,726	-	-	-	-	-	2,022,726
Recourse obligations on loans and financing sold to Cagamas	5,158	2,243	7,402	232,655	338,594	237,880	-	823,932
Lease liabilities	2,982	5,630	7,562	18,177	85,901	34,306	-	154,558
Subordinated obligations	23,277	4,114	2,585	29,647	1,167,572	486,500	-	1,713,695
Other financial liabilities	2,078,891	102,684	45,446	10,556	35,358	-	-	2,272,935
	30,538,389	7,622,638	5,822,521	4,453,338	3,948,529	1,660,557	-	54,045,972
Items not recognised in the statements of financial position								
Financial guarantees	20,850	89,686	73,768	141,822	88,780	521	-	415,427
Credit related commitments and contingencies	10,996,963	250,571	154,460	257,196	5,937,185	720,830	-	18,317,205
	11,017,813	340,257	228,228	399,018	6,025,965	721,351	-	18,732,632
Derivatives financial liabilities								
Derivatives settled on a net basis								
Interest rate derivatives and equity option	1,785	3,134	12,881	22,714	11,450	9,288	-	61,252
Net outflow	1,785	3,134	12,881	22,714	11,450	9,288	-	61,252
Derivatives settled on a gross basis								
Outflow	31,231	35,972	27,560	795	15,983	16,827	-	128,368
Inflow	(23,536)	(36,383)	(14,458)	(1,038)	(23,010)	(14,500)	-	(112,925)
	7,695	(411)	13,102	(243)	(7,027)	2,327	-	15,443

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40. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT POLICIES (CONT'D)

(c) Liquidity Risk (cont'd)

Liquidity Risk Measures (cont'd)

(ii) Contractual maturity of financial liabilities on an undiscounted basis (cont'd)

The table below presents the cash flows payable by the Group and the Bank under financial liabilities by remaining contractual maturities at the end of the reporting period. The amounts disclosed in the table are the contractual undiscounted cash flows of all financial liabilities. (cont'd)

BANK 2023	Up to 1 month RM'000	>1-3 months RM'000	>3-6 months RM'000	>6-12 months RM'000	>1-5 years RM'000	Over 5 years RM'000	No specific maturity RM'000	Total RM'000
Non derivative financial liabilities								
Deposits from customers	23,472,720	5,097,547	3,916,331	4,564,462	49,997	-	-	37,101,057
Deposits and placements of banks and other financial institutions	304,537	100,573	1,303	6,330	576,375	547,683	-	1,536,801
Financial liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss	12,765	65,843	149,095	195,015	1,663,192	44,641	-	2,130,551
Obligations on securities sold under repurchase agreements	-	-	675,640	-	-	-	-	675,640
Recourse obligations on loans and financing sold to Cagamas	-	2,092	2,163	222,166	-	-	-	226,421
Lease liabilities	3,071	5,709	7,363	8,727	53,494	54,850	-	133,214
Subordinated obligations	22,900	4,114	2,999	130,106	1,083,088	504,775	-	1,747,982
Other financial liabilities	1,242,044	1,023	126,066	-	37,340	-	-	1,406,473
	25,058,037	5,276,901	4,880,960	5,126,806	3,463,486	1,151,949	-	44,958,139
Items not recognised in the statements of financial position								
Financial guarantees	19,102	75,479	84,401	145,292	81,911	521	-	406,706
Credit related commitments and contingencies	9,942,912	73,587	78,081	115,118	2,978,552	236,622	-	13,424,872
	9,962,014	149,066	162,482	260,410	3,060,463	237,143	-	13,831,578
Derivatives financial liabilities								
Derivatives settled on a net basis								
Interest rate derivatives and equity option	16	59	11,951	23,794	41,616	1,649	-	79,085
Net outflow	16	59	11,951	23,794	41,616	1,649	-	79,085
Derivatives settled on a gross basis								
Outflow	65,958	35,550	24,585	7,787	21,073	3,772	-	158,725
Inflow	(73,362)	(20,437)	(2,578)	(6,113)	(21,974)	(1,166)	-	(125,630)
	(7,404)	15,113	22,007	1,674	(901)	2,606	-	33,095

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40. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT POLICIES (CONT'D)

(d) Operational and Shariah Non-Compliance Risk

Operational risk is the risk of direct or indirect loss resulting from inadequate or failed internal processes, people and systems or from external events. The definition of operational risk includes legal risk, but excludes strategic and reputational risk. Operational risk includes Shariah non-compliance risk which arises from the Group's failure to comply with the Shariah rules and principles determined by the relevant Shariah advisory councils.

Group Operational Risk of Group Risk Management formulates and implements operational risk framework within the Group while the line of businesses in conjunction with the Risk and Compliance Officers are responsible for the management of their day-to-day operational and Shariah non-compliance risks.

Operational and Shariah non-compliance risk management is a continual cyclic process which includes risk identification, assessment, control, mitigation and monitoring. This includes analysing the risk profile of the Group, determining control gaps, assessing potential loss and enhancing controls to mitigate the risks.

The main activities undertaken by the Group and the Bank in managing operational and Shariah non-compliance risks include the identification of risks and controls, monitoring of key risk indicators, reviews of policies and procedures, operational risk and Shariah non-compliance risk awareness training, and business continuity management.

The Group and the Bank apply the Basic Indicator Approach for operational risk capital charge computation.

41. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

	GROUP		BANK	
	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000
Capital expenditure:				
Authorised and contracted for	307,576	22,499	307,239	22,032
Authorised but not contracted for	83,484	94,120	83,212	94,046
	391,060	116,619	390,451	116,078

The capital commitments mainly consist of computer software, property, plant and equipment and building cost.

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42. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

In the normal course of business, the Group and the Bank make various commitments and incur certain contingent liabilities with legal recourse to their customers. No material losses are anticipated as a result of these transactions.

The off-balance sheet notional exposures of the Group and the Bank are as follows:

	GROUP		BANK	
	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000
<u>Credit-related exposures</u>				
Direct credit substitutes [Note (a)]	504,102	488,308	415,371	406,699
Transaction-related contingent items [Note (a)]	716,707	666,236	624,324	592,687
Short-term self-liquidating trade-related contingencies	242,230	138,542	225,444	120,783
Forward assets purchase	90,285	241,988	80,783	226,988
Lending of banks' securities or the posting of securities as collateral by banks, including instances where these arise out of repo-style transactions.	2,117,331	-	2,117,331	-
Irrevocable commitments to extend credit:				
- maturity exceeding one year	5,165,112	3,162,549	4,472,982	2,665,690
- maturity not exceeding one year	11,640,352	10,812,148	8,906,524	8,300,015
Unutilised credit card lines	1,889,873	1,518,716	1,889,873	1,518,716
	22,365,992	17,028,487	18,732,632	13,831,578
<u>Derivative financial instruments [Note (b)]</u>				
Foreign exchange related contracts:				
- one year or less	16,304,813	15,710,254	16,304,813	15,710,254
- over one year to three years	987,439	951,319	987,439	951,319
- over three years	120,483	381,600	120,483	381,600
Interest rate related contracts:				
- one year or less	1,633,954	2,312,715	1,633,954	2,312,715
- over one year to three years	6,177,524	2,532,107	6,177,524	2,532,107
- over three years	10,316,175	6,849,073	10,316,175	7,147,073
Equity related contracts:				
- one year or less	311,349	340,226	311,349	340,226
- over one year to three years	142,040	118,690	142,040	118,690
	35,993,777	29,195,984	35,993,777	29,493,984
	58,359,769	46,224,471	54,726,409	43,325,562

Note:

- (a) Included in direct credit substitutes and transaction-related contingent items are financial guarantee contracts of RM504,104,000 and RM415,427,000 (2023: RM488,390,000 and RM406,706,000) for the Group and the Bank respectively, of which the fair value at the time of issuance is RM Nil.
- (b) These derivatives are valued on gross position basis and the unrealised gains or losses have been reflected in the statements of income and statements of financial position as derivatives financial assets and derivatives financial liabilities. The fair value of derivatives are disclosed under Note 8.

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43. CAPITAL ADEQUACY

BNM's Transitional Arrangements for Regulatory Capital Treatment of Accounting Provisions took effect on 9 December 2020. This allows the Group and the Bank to add back a portion of Stage 1 ("S1") and Stage 2 ("S2") provisions with an "add-back factor" to the Common Equity Tier I ("CET I") capital from Financial Year 2021 to Financial Year 2024. The Group and the Bank have sufficient capital under both conditions with or without the Transitional Arrangement.

The capital adequacy ratios with and without transitional arrangements for the Group and the Bank are as follows:

	GROUP		BANK	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
(i) With transitional arrangements				
<u>Before deducting proposed dividends</u>				
CET I capital ratio	13.268%	14.868%	13.443%	14.608%
Tier I capital ratio	13.979%	15.714%	14.111%	15.410%
Total capital ratio	17.559%	19.748%	18.100%	19.970%
<u>After deducting proposed dividends</u>				
CET I capital ratio	12.907%	14.494%	12.970%	14.111%
Tier I capital ratio	13.619%	15.340%	13.637%	14.913%
Total capital ratio	17.199%	19.374%	17.627%	19.473%
(ii) Without transitional arrangements				
<u>Before deducting proposed dividends</u>				
CET I capital ratio	12.890%	14.145%	13.152%	14.082%
Tier I capital ratio	13.602%	14.991%	13.820%	14.885%
Total capital ratio	17.182%	19.025%	17.809%	19.445%
<u>After deducting proposed dividends</u>				
CET I capital ratio	12.530%	13.771%	12.679%	13.586%
Tier I capital ratio	13.242%	14.617%	13.346%	14.388%
Total capital ratio	16.822%	18.651%	17.336%	18.948%

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43. CAPITAL ADEQUACY (CONTD)

- (a) Components of Common Equity Tier I (“CET I”), Tier I and Tier II capital under the revised Capital Adequacy Framework are as follows:

	GROUP		BANK	
	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000
CET I Capital				
Paid-up share capital	1,548,106	1,548,106	1,548,106	1,548,106
Retained profits	5,549,407	4,989,825	4,724,987	4,324,216
Regulatory reserves	155,485	257,241	155,485	231,857
FVOCI reserves	(88,924)	(149,271)	(83,848)	(136,059)
Capital reserves	10,018	100,150	-	15,515
	7,174,092	6,746,051	6,344,730	5,983,635
(Less)/add: Regulatory adjustments				
- Goodwill and other intangibles	(462,372)	(440,438)	(460,219)	(338,321)
- Deferred tax assets	(217,253)	(198,920)	(153,468)	(141,327)
- Regulatory reserves	(155,485)	(257,241)	(155,485)	(231,857)
- Investment in subsidiaries and joint venture	(1,135)	(1,094)	(647,750)	(883,013)
- Transitional arrangements	185,468	298,945	109,029	163,695
Total CET I Capital	6,523,315	6,147,303	5,036,837	4,552,812
Additional Tier I Capital Securities	350,000	349,895	250,000	250,000
Total Additional Tier I Capital	350,000	349,895	250,000	250,000
Total Tier I Capital	6,873,315	6,497,198	5,286,837	4,802,812
Tier II Capital				
Subordinated obligations	1,199,662	1,199,459	1,199,470	1,199,153
Expected credit losses and regulatory reserves	560,485	468,411	425,185	352,172
Less: Regulatory adjustments				
- Investment in Tier II capital instruments	-	-	(130,000)	(130,000)
Total Tier II Capital	1,760,147	1,667,870	1,494,655	1,421,325
Total Capital	8,633,462	8,165,068	6,781,492	6,224,137

- (b) The breakdown of risk-weighted assets (“RWA”) by exposures in each major risk category are as follows:

	GROUP		BANK	
	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000
Credit risk	44,838,827	37,472,854	34,014,770	28,173,763
Market risk	560,041	316,648	559,800	316,525
Operational risk	3,768,311	3,556,380	2,892,670	2,677,121
Total RWA and capital requirements	49,167,179	41,345,882	37,467,240	31,167,409

Detailed information on the risk exposures above is presented in the Bank’s Pillar 3 Report.

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43. CAPITAL ADEQUACY (CONT'D)

(c) The capital adequacy ratios of the banking subsidiaries are as follows:

	ALLIANCE ISLAMIC BANK BERHAD			
	With transitional arrangements		Without transitional arrangements	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
<u>Before deducting proposed dividends</u>				
CET I capital ratio	12.938%	13.717%	12.287%	12.401%
Tier I capital ratio	13.785%	14.694%	13.134%	13.377%
Total capital ratio	16.049%	17.122%	15.398%	15.806%
<u>After deducting proposed dividends</u>				
CET I capital ratio	12.930%	13.715%	12.279%	12.399%
Tier I capital ratio	13.778%	14.692%	13.127%	13.375%
Total capital ratio	16.042%	17.120%	15.391%	15.804%

44. CAPITAL

In managing its capital, the Group's objectives are:

- (a) to maintain sufficient capital resources to meet the regulatory capital requirements as set forth by BNM;
- (b) to maintain sufficient capital resources to support the Group's risk appetite and to enable future business growth; and
- (c) to meet the expectations of key stakeholders, including shareholders, investors, regulators and rating agencies.

In line with this, the Group aims to maintain capital adequacy ratios that are comfortably above the regulatory requirement, while balancing shareholders' desire for sustainable returns and high standards of prudence.

The Group carries out stress testing to estimate the potential impact of extreme, but plausible, events on the Group's earnings, balance sheet and capital. The results of the stress test are to facilitate the formation of action plan(s) in advance if the stress test reveals that the Group's capital will be adversely affected. The results of the stress test are tabled to the Group Risk Management Committee for approval.

The Group's and the Bank's regulatory capital are determined based on the criteria set out in BNM's Capital Adequacy Framework. The Group and the Bank ensure that there is sufficient regulatory capital to comply with the prescribed capital adequacy ratio requirements at all times.

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45. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

(a) Determination of fair value and the fair value hierarchy

MFRS 13 “Fair Value Measurement” requires disclosure of financial instruments measured at fair value to be categorised according to a hierarchy of valuation techniques, whether the inputs used are observable or unobservable. The following levels of hierarchy are used for determining and disclosing the fair value of the financial instruments:

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); and

Level 3 - inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs).

The Group and the Bank recognise transfers between levels of the fair value hierarchy at the end of the reporting period during which the transfer has occurred. The fair value of an asset to be transferred between levels is determined as of the date of the event or change in circumstances that caused the transfer.

(i) Financial instruments in Level 1

The fair value of financial instruments traded in active markets is based on quoted market prices at the balance sheet date. A market is regarded as active if quoted prices are readily and regularly available from an exchange and those prices represent actual and regularly occurring market transactions on an arm’s length basis. This includes listed equities and corporate debt securities which are actively traded.

(ii) Financial instruments in Level 2

Where fair value is determined using quoted prices in less active markets or quoted prices for similar assets and liabilities, such instruments are generally classified as Level 2. In cases where quoted prices are generally not available, the Group and the Bank then determine fair value based upon valuation techniques that use market parameters, including but not limited to yield curves, volatilities and foreign exchange rates, as inputs. The majority of valuation techniques employ only observable market data and so reliability of the fair value measurement is high. These would include government securities, corporate private debt securities, corporate notes and most of the Group’s and the Bank’s derivatives.

(iii) Financial instruments in Level 3

The Group and the Bank classify financial instruments as Level 3 when there is reliance on unobservable inputs to the valuation model attributing to a significant contribution to the instrument value. Valuation reserves or pricing adjustments where applicable will be used to converge to fair value.

The valuation techniques and inputs used generally depend on the contractual terms and the risks inherent in the instrument as well as the availability of pricing information in the market. Principal techniques used include net tangible assets, net asset value, discounted cash flows, and other appropriate valuation models. These include private equity investments.

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45. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (CONT'D)

(b) Financial instruments measured at fair value and the fair value hierarchy

The following tables show the Group's and the Bank's financial instruments which are measured at fair value at the reporting date analysed by the various levels within the fair value hierarchy:

GROUP 2024	Level 1 RM'000	Level 2 RM'000	Level 3 RM'000	Total RM'000
Assets				
Financial assets at FVTPL				
- Money market instruments	-	55,838	-	55,838
- Unquoted securities	-	1,427	277,973	279,400
Financial investments at FVOCI				
- Money market instruments	-	5,561,784	-	5,561,784
- Quoted securities in Malaysia	16	-	-	16
- Unquoted securities	-	4,485,511	-	4,485,511
Derivative financial assets	-	183,035	-	183,035
Liabilities				
Financial liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss	-	1,928,111	-	1,928,111
Derivative financial liabilities	-	287,067	-	287,067
GROUP 2023				
Assets				
Financial assets at FVTPL				
- Money market instruments	-	5,177	-	5,177
- Unquoted securities	-	2,815	257,206	260,021
Financial investments at FVOCI				
- Money market instruments	-	4,286,174	-	4,286,174
- Quoted securities in Malaysia	14	-	-	14
- Unquoted securities	-	4,198,210	-	4,198,210
Derivative financial assets	-	221,141	-	221,141
Liabilities				
Financial liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss	-	1,785,157	-	1,785,157
Derivative financial liabilities	-	366,140	-	366,140

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45. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (CONT'D)

(b) Financial instruments measured at fair value and the fair value hierarchy (cont'd)

The following tables show the Group's and the Bank's financial instruments which are measured at fair value at the reporting date analysed by the various levels within the fair value hierarchy: (cont'd)

BANK 2024	Level 1 RM'000	Level 2 RM'000	Level 3 RM'000	Total RM'000
Assets				
Financial assets at FVTPL				
- Money market instruments	-	55,838	-	55,838
- Unquoted securities	-	1,427	277,973	279,400
Financial investments at FVOCI				
- Money market instruments	-	4,860,708	-	4,860,708
- Quoted securities in Malaysia	16	-	-	16
- Unquoted securities	-	3,367,678	-	3,367,678
Derivative financial assets	-	183,035	-	183,035
Liabilities				
Financial liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss	-	1,928,111	-	1,928,111
Derivative financial liabilities	-	287,067	-	287,067

BANK 2023	Level 1 RM'000	Level 2 RM'000	Level 3 RM'000	Total RM'000
Assets				
Financial assets at FVTPL				
- Money market instruments	-	5,177	-	5,177
- Unquoted securities	-	2,815	257,206	260,021
Financial investments at FVOCI				
- Money market instruments	-	3,496,600	-	3,496,600
- Quoted securities in Malaysia	14	-	-	14
- Unquoted securities	-	2,685,902	-	2,685,902
Derivative financial assets	-	223,637	-	223,637
Liabilities				
Financial liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss	-	1,785,157	-	1,785,157
Derivative financial liabilities	-	366,165	-	366,165

There were no transfers between levels of the fair value hierarchy for the Group and the Bank during the financial years ended 31 March 2024 and 31 March 2023.

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45. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (CONT'D)

(b) Financial instruments measured at fair value and the fair value hierarchy (cont'd)

The table below outlines the reconciliation of movements in Level 3 financial instruments:

	GROUP		BANK	
	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000
At 1 April	257,206	245,842	257,206	171,488
Acquisition during the year	-	-	-	71,035
Disposal during the year	-	(3,319)	-	-
Total gains recognised in statements of income				
(i) Revaluation gain from financial assets at FVTPL	20,767	14,686	20,767	14,686
(ii) Write-off	-	(3)	-	(3)
At 31 March	277,973	257,206	277,973	257,206

The Group's and the Bank's exposure to financial instruments measured using unobservable inputs (Level 3) constitutes a small component of the Group's and the Bank's portfolio of financial instruments. Changing one or more of the inputs to reasonable alternative assumptions would not change the value significantly for the Level 3 financial instruments.

Qualitative information about the fair value measurements using significant unobservable inputs (Level 3):

Description	Fair value assets		Valuation techniques	Unobservable inputs	Inter-relationship between significant unobservable inputs and fair value measurement
	2024 RM'000	2023 RM'000			
GROUP					
Financial assets at FVTPL					
Unquoted securities	277,973	257,206	Net tangible assets	Net tangible assets	Higher net tangible assets results in higher fair value
BANK					
Financial assets at FVTPL					
Unquoted securities	277,973	257,206	Net tangible assets	Net tangible assets	Higher net tangible assets results in higher fair value

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45. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (CONT'D)

(c) Fair values of financial instruments not carried at fair value

The following table summarises the carrying amounts and the fair values of financial instruments of the Group and the Bank which are not carried at fair value in the statements of financial position. It does not include those short term/on demand financial assets and liabilities where the carrying amounts are approximate to their fair values.

GROUP 2024	Fair value				Carrying amount RM'000
	Level 1 RM'000	Level 2 RM'000	Level 3 RM'000	Total RM'000	
Financial assets					
Financial investments at amortised cost	-	3,931,031	-	3,931,031	3,870,445
Loans, advances and financing	-	-	54,168,178	54,168,178	54,720,750
Financial liabilities					
Deposits from customers	-	57,399,627	-	57,399,627	57,397,495
Deposits and placements of banks and other financial institutions	-	2,052,248	-	2,052,248	2,055,057
Obligations on securities sold under repurchase agreements	-	2,014,711	-	2,014,711	2,022,726
Recourse obligations on loans and financing sold to Cagamas	-	866,852	-	866,852	1,227,674
Subordinated obligations	-	1,547,221	-	1,547,221	1,571,918

GROUP 2023	Fair value				Carrying amount RM'000
	Level 1 RM'000	Level 2 RM'000	Level 3 RM'000	Total RM'000	
Financial assets					
Financial investments at amortised cost	-	3,402,261	-	3,402,261	3,398,514
Loans, advances and financing	-	-	48,404,953	48,404,953	47,926,003
Financial liabilities					
Deposits from customers	-	50,851,474	-	50,851,474	50,849,030
Deposits and placements of banks and other financial institutions	-	1,705,993	-	1,705,993	1,719,284
Obligations on securities sold under repurchase agreements	-	675,242	-	675,242	675,640
Recourse obligations on loans and financing sold to Cagamas	-	320,020	-	320,020	321,484
Subordinated obligations	-	1,546,945	-	1,546,945	1,571,502

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45. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (CONT'D)

(c) Fair values of financial instruments not carried at fair value (cont'd)

The following table summarises the carrying amounts and the fair values of financial instruments of the Group and the Bank which are not carried at fair value in the statements of financial position. It does not include those short term/on demand financial assets and liabilities where the carrying amounts are approximate to their fair values. (cont'd)

BANK 2024	Fair value				Carrying amount RM'000
	Level 1 RM'000	Level 2 RM'000	Level 3 RM'000	Total RM'000	
Financial assets					
Financial investments at amortised cost	-	3,433,231	-	3,433,231	3,400,709
Loans, advances and financing	-	-	40,716,341	40,716,341	41,236,476
Financial liabilities					
Deposits from customers	-	42,526,642	-	42,526,642	42,526,469
Deposits and placements of banks and other financial institutions	-	1,864,735	-	1,864,735	1,865,994
Obligations on securities sold under repurchase agreements	-	2,014,711	-	2,014,711	2,022,726
Recourse obligations on loans and financing sold to Cagamas	-	549,690	-	549,690	724,796
Subordinated obligations	-	1,449,470	-	1,449,470	1,471,684

BANK 2023	Fair value				Carrying amount RM'000
	Level 1 RM'000	Level 2 RM'000	Level 3 RM'000	Total RM'000	
Financial assets					
Financial investments at amortised cost	-	3,130,757	-	3,130,757	3,136,889
Loans, advances and financing	-	-	36,109,817	36,109,817	35,790,763
Financial liabilities					
Deposits from customers	-	36,896,560	-	36,896,560	36,896,353
Deposits and placements of banks and other financial institutions	-	1,534,141	-	1,534,141	1,536,202
Obligations on securities sold under repurchase agreements	-	675,242	-	675,242	675,640
Recourse obligations on loans and financing sold to Cagamas	-	220,018	-	220,018	221,352
Subordinated obligations	-	1,449,153	-	1,449,153	1,471,252

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45. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (CONT'D)

(c) Fair values of financial instruments not carried at fair value (cont'd)

The methods and assumptions used in estimating the fair values of financial instruments are as follows:

(i) Financial investments at amortised cost

The fair values are estimated based on quoted or observable market prices at the end of the reporting period. Where such quoted or observable market prices are not available, the fair values are estimated using pricing models or discounted cash flow techniques. Where discounted cash flow technique is used, the expected future cash flows are discounted using prevailing market rates for a similar instrument at the end of the reporting period.

(ii) Loans, advances and financing

The fair values of fixed rate loans with remaining maturity of less than one year and variable rate loans are estimated to approximate their carrying values. For fixed rate loans and Islamic financing with remaining maturity of more than one year, the fair values are estimated based on expected future cash flows of contractual instalment payments and discounted at applicable prevailing rates at the end of the reporting period offered to new borrowers with similar credit profiles. In respect of impaired loans, the fair values represented by their carrying values, net of impairment allowances, will be the expected recoverable amount.

(iii) Deposits from customers, deposits and placements of banks and other financial institutions

The fair values of deposit liabilities payable on demand (demand and savings deposits), or deposits with maturity of less than one year are estimated to approximate their carrying amounts. The fair values of fixed deposits with remaining maturities of more than one year are estimated based on expected future cash flows discounted at applicable prevailing rates offered for deposits of similar remaining maturities. For negotiable instruments of deposits, the fair values are estimated based on quoted or observable market prices as at the end of the reporting period. Where such quoted or observable market prices are not available, the fair values of negotiable instruments of deposits are estimated using the discounted cash flow technique.

(iv) Recourse obligations on loans and financing sold to Cagamas

The fair values of recourse obligations on loans and financing sold to Cagamas are determined based on the discounted cash flows of future instalment payments at applicable prevailing Cagamas rates as at the end of the reporting period.

(v) Other borrowings and subordinated obligations

The fair value of the other borrowings and subordinated bonds/notes is estimated based on the discounted cash flows techniques using the current yield curve appropriate for the remaining term to maturity.

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46. OFFSETTING FINANCIAL ASSETS AND FINANCIAL LIABILITIES

In accordance with MFRS 132 “Financial Instruments: Presentation”, the Group and the Bank report financial assets and financial liabilities on a net basis on the statements of financial position, only if there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is intention to settle on a net basis, or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously. The following table shows the impact of netting arrangements on:

- (i) all financial assets and liabilities that are reported net on the statements of financial position; and
- (ii) all financial assets and liabilities that are subject to enforceable master netting arrangements or similar agreements, but do not qualify for statements of financial position netting.

(a) Financial assets

	Gross amounts of recognised financial assets RM'000	Gross amounts of recognised financial liabilities set off in the statement of financial position RM'000	Net amounts of financial assets presented in the statements of financial position RM'000	Related amounts not set off in the statements of financial position		Net amount RM'000
				Financial instruments RM'000	Cash collateral received RM'000	
GROUP						
2024						
Derivative financial assets	183,035	-	183,035	(95,755)	(7,042)	80,238
GROUP						
2023						
Derivative financial assets	221,141	-	221,141	(166,688)	(26,015)	28,438
BANK						
2024						
Derivative financial assets	183,035	-	183,035	(95,755)	(7,042)	80,238
BANK						
2023						
Derivative financial assets	223,637	-	223,637	(166,688)	(26,015)	30,934

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46. OFFSETTING FINANCIAL ASSETS AND FINANCIAL LIABILITIES (CONT'D)

(b) Financial liabilities

	Gross amounts of recognised financial liabilities RM'000	Gross amounts of recognised financial assets set off in the statement of financial position RM'000	Net amounts of financial liabilities presented in the statements of financial position RM'000	Related amounts not set off in the statements of financial position		Net amount RM'000
				Financial instruments RM'000	Cash collateral pledged RM'000	
GROUP						
2024						
Derivative financial liabilities	287,067	-	287,067	(95,755)	(154,394)	36,918
GROUP						
2023						
Derivative financial liabilities	366,140	-	366,140	(166,688)	(158,626)	40,826
BANK						
2024						
Derivative financial liabilities	287,067	-	287,067	(95,755)	(154,394)	36,918
BANK						
2023						
Derivative financial liabilities	366,165	-	366,165	(166,688)	(158,626)	40,851

For the financial assets and liabilities subject to enforceable master netting arrangements or similar arrangements, each agreement between the Group and the Bank and the counterparty allows for net settlement of the relevant financial assets and liabilities when both elect to settle on a net basis. In the absence of such an election, financial assets and liabilities will be settled on a gross basis, however, each party to the master netting agreement or similar agreement will have the option to settle all such amounts on a net basis in the event of default of the other party.

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47. SEGMENT INFORMATION

The following segment information has been prepared in accordance with MFRS 8 “Operating Segments”, which defines the requirements for the disclosure of financial information of an entity’s operating segments. The operating segments results are prepared and provided to the chief operating decision-maker based on the Group’s internal management reporting reflective of the organisation’s management reporting structure.

Based on the results presented to the chief operating decision-maker, funds are allocated between segments and inter-segment funding cost transfers are reflected in net interest income. In addition to the operating segments, the segment information disclosed also includes inter-segment eliminations. Transactions between reportable segments are eliminated based on principles of consolidation as described in accounting policy. Intercompany transactions, balances and unrealised gains and losses on transactions between the Group’s companies are eliminated in inter-segment eliminations.

The Group is organised into the following key operating segments:

(i) Consumer Banking

Consumer Banking provides a wide range of personal banking solutions covering mortgages, term loans, personal loans, hire purchase facilities, credit cards and wealth management (cash management, investment services, share trading, bancassurance and will writing). Consumer Banking customers are serviced via branch network, call centre, electronic/internet banking channels, and direct sales channels.

(ii) Business Banking

Business Banking segment covers SME, and Corporate and Commercial Banking. SME Banking customers comprise the self-employed, and small and medium scale enterprises. Corporate and Commercial Banking serves the public-listed and large corporate business customers including family-owned businesses. Business Banking provides a wide range of products and services including loans, trade finance, cash management, treasury and structured solutions.

(iii) Financial Markets

Financial Markets provides foreign exchange, money market, hedging and investment (capital market instruments) solutions for banking customers. It also manages the assets and liabilities, liquidity and statutory reserve requirements of the banking entities in the Group.

(iv) Stockbroking and Corporate Advisory

Stockbroking and Corporate Advisory covers stockbroking activities and corporate advisory which includes initial public offering, equity fund raising, debt fund raising, mergers and acquisitions and corporate restructuring.

(v) Others

Others refers to mainly other business operations such as alternative distribution channels, trustee services and head office.

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47. SEGMENT INFORMATION (CONTD)

Group As at 31 March 2024	Stockbroking and Corporate Advisory						Inter- segment Elimination RM'000	Total Operations RM'000	Total RM'000
	Consumer Banking RM'000	Business Banking RM'000	Financial Markets RM'000	Others RM'000	RM'000	RM'000			
Net interest income									
- External income	464,196	546,361	290,477	82	(1,543)	9,999	1,299,573	1,309,572	
- Inter-segment	(103,986)	110,965	(6,979)	-	-	-	-	-	
Net income/(expense) from Islamic banking business	360,210	657,326	283,498	82	(1,543)	9,999	1,299,573	1,309,572	
Other operating income	169,773	165,580	91,836	9,147	(92)	3,867	436,244	440,111	
Net income	125,643	180,564	(40,441)	711	27,149	(22,859)	293,626	270,767	
Other operating expenses	655,626	1,003,470	334,893	9,940	25,514	(8,993)	2,029,443	2,020,450	
Depreciation and amortisation	(434,904)	(350,799)	(39,349)	(11,311)	(39,945)	251	(876,308)	(876,057)	
Operating profit/(loss) before allowance (Allowance for)/write-back of expected credit losses on loans, advances and financing and other financial assets	(49,071)	(42,365)	(5,551)	(392)	(1,302)	1,009	(98,681)	(97,672)	
(Allowance for)/write-back of expected credit losses on financial assets	171,651	610,306	289,993	(1,763)	(15,733)	(7,733)	1,054,454	1,046,721	
Segment results	(23,032)	(112,587)	(32)	(61)	817	-	(134,895)	(134,895)	
Share of results of joint venture	-	(252)	(400)	-	132	(25)	(520)	(545)	
Taxation	148,619	497,467	289,561	(1,824)	(14,784)	(7,758)	919,039	911,281	41
Net profit for the financial year									(220,847)
Segment assets	28,771,731	28,954,989	19,099,699	20,865	399,209	(1,225,863)	77,246,493	76,020,630	690,475
Reconciliation of segment assets to consolidated assets:									
Investment in joint venture									1,135
Property, plant and equipment									234,093
Tax recoverable and deferred tax assets									227,892
Intangible assets									462,372
Total assets									76,946,122

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47. SEGMENT INFORMATION (CONTD)

Group As at 31 March 2023	Stockbroking and Corporate					Inter- segment Elimination	Total
	Consumer Banking RM'000	Business Banking RM'000	Financial Markets RM'000	Advisory RM'000	Others RM'000		
Net interest income							
- External income	433,282	532,664	252,052	1,834	59	10,208	1,230,099
- Inter-segment	(69,122)	70,245	(178)	(945)	-	-	-
Net income/(expense) from Islamic banking business	364,160	602,909	251,874	889	59	10,208	1,230,099
Other operating income	185,761	157,338	89,643	9,699	(433)	10,798	452,806
Net income	103,389	145,170	(15,878)	9,130	22,865	(27,779)	236,897
Other operating expenses	653,310	905,417	325,639	19,718	22,491	(6,773)	1,919,802
Depreciation and amortisation	(386,217)	(301,259)	(37,204)	(18,215)	(49,385)	4,875	(787,405)
Operating profit/(loss) before allowance	(45,562)	(40,626)	(6,368)	(1,205)	(1,368)	1,181	(93,948)
Allowance for expected credit losses on loans, advances and financing and other financial assets	221,531	563,532	282,067	298	(28,262)	(717)	1,038,449
(Allowance for)/write-back of expected credit losses on financial assets	(64,976)	(85,681)	(85)	(1,272)	(329)	(1)	(152,344)
Segment results	-	(62)	219	-	-	303	460
Share of results of joint venture	156,555	477,789	282,201	(974)	(28,591)	(415)	886,565
Taxation							46
Net profit for the financial year							(208,765)
Segment assets	24,718,131	24,994,115	17,274,116	10,627	432,474	(1,837,772)	65,591,691
Reconciliation of segment assets to consolidated assets:							
Investment in joint venture							1,094
Property, plant and equipment							57,653
Tax recoverable and deferred tax assets							219,632
Intangible assets							440,438
Total assets							66,310,508

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48. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS DURING THE FINANCIAL YEAR

- (i) The Bank had entered into a Bancassurance Partnership Agreement with Manulife Insurance Berhad in Malaysia on 28 July 2023, to extend the Bank's exclusive Life bancassurance partnership for a further 15 years.
- (ii) The Bank had on 9 October 2023 entered into a conditional Sale and Purchase Agreement with Oxley Rising Sdn Bhd for the acquisition of 24 floors of office suites together with four adjoining retail lots on the 2-storey retail podium, all to be stratified and located at Tower 3 (Menara C) ("Properties"), which forms part of the ongoing mixed commercial cum residential development by ORSB located along Jalan Ampang, Kuala Lumpur City Centre, for a total purchase price of RM405,839,320.

The Properties are intended to be the new Corporate Office of ABMB Group and expected to be completed by end of November 2024.

49. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

There were no material events subsequent to the end of the financial year that require disclosure or adjustment.