

Notes to the consolidated financial statements

As at 31 December 2017

1 ACTIVITIES

BBK B.S.C. (the "Bank"), a public shareholding company, was incorporated in the Kingdom of Bahrain by an Amiri Decree in March 1971 and registered with the Ministry of Industry and Commerce under Commercial Registration number 1234 dated 16 March 1971. The Bank operates in Bahrain under a commercial banking license issued by the Central Bank of Bahrain ("CBB") and its shares are listed on the Bahrain Bourse.

The Bank is engaged in commercial banking activities through its branches in the Kingdom of Bahrain, State of Kuwait and Republic of India and credit card operations and business process outsourcing services through its subsidiaries. The Bank's registered office is at 43 Government Avenue, P O Box 597, Manama, Kingdom of Bahrain.

The consolidated financial statements were authorised for issue in accordance with a resolution of the Bank's Board of Directors on 19 February 2018.

2 BASIS OF PREPARATION

Statement of compliance

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) and in conformity with the Bahrain Commercial Companies Law and the CBB and Financial Institutions Law, the CBB Rule Book (Volume 1 and applicable provisions of Volume 6) and CBB directives, regulations and associated resolutions, rules and procedures of the Bahrain Bourse or the terms of the Bank's memorandum and articles of association.

Accounting convention

The consolidated financial statements are prepared on a historical cost basis, except for derivative financial instruments, investment securities at fair value through other comprehensive income, trading investments and financial assets designated at fair value through statement of profit or loss, that have been measured at fair value. The carrying values of recognised assets and liabilities that are hedged items in fair value hedges, and are otherwise carried at cost, are adjusted to record changes in fair values attributable to risks that are being hedged.

The consolidated financial statements are prepared in Bahraini Dinars which is the functional and presentation currency of the Bank.

Basis of consolidation

The consolidated financial statements incorporate the financial statements of the Bank and its subsidiaries (the "Group"), all of which have 31 December as their year end. The Bank has the following principal subsidiaries:

Name	Ownership	Country of incorporation	Activity
CrediMax B.S.C. (c)	100%	Kingdom of Bahrain	Credit card operations
Invita Company B.S.C. (c)	100%	Kingdom of Bahrain	Business process outsourcing services

CrediMax B.S.C. (c) owns 55% (2016: 55%) of the share capital of Global Payment Services W.L.L., which is established in the Kingdom of Bahrain and engaged in processing and backup services relating to credit, debit and charge cards.

Invita Company B.S.C. (c) owns 60% (2016: 60%) of the share capital of Invita Kuwait K.S.C.C. , which is established in the State of Kuwait and engaged in business processing and outsourcing services.

Subsidiaries are fully consolidated from the date on which control is transferred to the Group. Control is achieved when the Group is exposed, or has rights, to variable returns from its involvement with the investee and has the ability to affect those returns through its power over the investee.

Specifically, the Group controls an investee if and only if the Group has:

- Power over the investee (i.e. existing rights that give it the current ability to direct the relevant activities of the investee);
- Exposure, or rights, to variable returns from its involvement with the investee; and
- The ability to use its power over the investee to affect its returns.

When the Group has less than a majority of the voting or similar rights of an investee, the Group considers all relevant facts and circumstances in assessing whether it has power over an investee, including:

- The contractual arrangement with the other vote holders of the investee;
- Rights arising from other contractual arrangements; and
- The Group's voting rights and potential voting rights.

The Group re-assesses whether or not it controls an investee if facts and circumstances indicate that there are changes to one or more of the three elements of control. Consolidation of a subsidiary begins when the Group obtains control over the subsidiary and ceases when the Group loses control of the subsidiary. Assets, liabilities, income and expenses of a subsidiary acquired or disposed of during the year are included in the statement of comprehensive income from the date the Group gains control until the date the Group ceases to control the subsidiary.

Profit or loss and each component of other comprehensive income (OCI) are attributed to the equity holders of the parent of the Group and to the non-controlling interests, even if this results in the non-controlling interests having a deficit balance. When necessary, adjustments are made to the financial statements of subsidiaries to bring their accounting policies into line with the Group's accounting policies. All intra-group assets and liabilities, equity, income, expenses and cash flows relating to transactions between members of the Group are eliminated in full on consolidation.

A change in the ownership interest of a subsidiary, without a loss of control, is accounted for as an equity transaction. If the Group loses control over a subsidiary, it:

- Derecognises the assets (including goodwill) and liabilities of the subsidiary;
- Derecognises the carrying amount of any non-controlling interests;
- Derecognises the cumulative translation differences recorded in equity;
- Recognises the fair value of the consideration received;
- Recognises the fair value of any investment retained;
- Recognises any surplus or deficit in profit or loss; and
- Reclassifies the parent's share of components previously recognised in OCI to profit or loss or retained earnings, as appropriate, as would be required if the Group had directly disposed of the related assets or liabilities.

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3 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

3.1 New Standards and Interpretations issued but not yet effective

The following new Standards and amendments have been issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) but are not yet mandatory as of 31 December 2017:

- IFRS 9 Financial Instrument (effective 1 January 2018, however Group has early adopted IFRS 9 for the year ended 31 December 2016).
- IFRS 15 – Revenue from Contracts with customers (effective 1 January 2018).
- IFRS 16 Leases (effective 1 January 2019).

The Group does not expect any significant impact on the Groups' financial position and results for the standards that are not yet adopted.

3.2 New Standards and Interpretations issued and effective

(i) The Group has adopted the following amended International Accounting Standards/International Financial Reporting Standards as of 1 January 2017:

- Amendments to IAS 7 : Statement of cashflows disclosure initiative;
- Amendments to IAS 12 Income Taxes: Recognition of Deferred Tax Assets for unrealised Losses
- Amendments to IFRS 12 Disclosure of Interests in Other Entities: Clarification of the scope of disclosure requirements in IFRS 12

The above amendments to IFRSs which are effective for annual accounting periods starting from 1 January 2017 did not have any material impact on the accounting policies, financial position or performance of the Group.

3.3 Summary of significant accounting policies

Financial assets and financial liabilities

i. Recognition and initial measurement

All "regular way" purchases and sales of financial assets are recognised on the trade date, i.e. the date that the Group commits to purchase or sell the asset. Regular way purchases or sales are purchases or sales of financial assets that require delivery of assets within the time frame generally established by regulation or convention in the market place.

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

ii. Classification

Financial assets

On initial recognition, a financial asset is classified as measured at: amortised cost, FVOCI or FVTPL. A financial asset is measured at amortised cost if it meets both of the following conditions and is not designated as at FVTPL:

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

A debt instrument is measured at FVOCI only if it meets both of the following conditions and is not designated as at FVTPL:

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

On initial recognition of an equity investment that is not held for trading, the Group may irrevocably elect to present subsequent changes in fair value in OCI. This election is made on an investment-by-investment basis.

All other financial assets are classified as measured at FVTPL.

In addition, on initial recognition, the Group may irrevocably designate a financial asset that otherwise meets the requirements to be measured at amortised cost or at FVOCI as at FVTPL if doing so eliminates or significantly reduces an accounting mismatch that would otherwise arise.

Business model assessment

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

- The stated policies and objectives for the portfolio and the operation of those policies in practice. In particular, whether management's strategy focuses on earning contractual interest revenue, realising cash flows through the sale of the assets and holding it for liquidity purposes;
- The risks that affect the performance of the business model (and the financial assets held within that business model) and how those risks are managed; and
- The frequency, volume and timing of sales in prior periods, the reasons for such sales and its expectations about future sales activity. However, information about sales activity is not considered in isolation, but as part of an overall assessment of how the Group's stated objective for managing the financial assets is achieved and how cash flows are realised.

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

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

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

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

- Contingent events that would change the amount and timing of cash flows;
- Leverage features;
- Prepayment and extension terms;
- Terms that limit the Group's claim to cash flows from specified assets (e.g. non-recourse asset arrangements); and
- Features that modify consideration of the time value of money – e.g. periodical reset of interest rates.

Reclassifications

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

Financial liabilities

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

iii. Derecognition

Financial assets

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

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

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

A financial asset (in whole or in part) is derecognised where:

- the rights to receive cash flows from the asset have expired;
- the Group has transferred its rights to receive cash flows from the asset or has assumed an obligation to pay the received cash flows in full without material delay to a third party under a 'pass-through' arrangement; and either (a) the Group has transferred substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership or (b) when it has neither transferred or retained substantially all the risks and rewards and when it no longer has control over the financial asset, but has transferred control of the asset.

Financial liabilities

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

Financial assets designation at fair value through profit or loss

The Group designated certain financial assets as at FVTPL because the assets were managed, evaluated and reported internally on a fair value basis.

Deposits and due from banks and other financial institutions

These are stated at cost, adjusted for effective fair value hedges, less any amounts written off and provision for impairment.

Loans and Advances

Loans and advances measured at amortised cost, they are initially measured at fair value plus incremental direct transaction costs, and subsequently at their amortised cost using the effective interest method, and adjusted for effective fair value hedges and net of interest suspended, provision for impairment and any amounts written off.

Investment securities

The 'investment securities' includes:

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

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

- Interest revenue using the effective interest method;
- Expected Credit Loss and reversals; and
- Foreign exchange gains and losses.

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

The Group elects to present in OCI changes in the fair value of certain investments in equity instruments. The election is made on an instrument-by-instrument basis on initial recognition and is irrevocable.

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

Fair value measurement

The Group measures financial instruments, such as, derivatives at fair value at each balance sheet date. Also, fair values of financial instruments measured at amortised cost are disclosed in Note 39.

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

- In the principal market for the asset or liability, or
- In the absence of a principal market, in the most advantageous market for the asset or liability, the principal or the most advantageous market must be accessible to by the Group.

The fair value of an asset or a liability is measured using the assumptions that market participants would use when pricing the asset or liability, assuming that market participants act in their economic best interest.

The fair value of financial instruments that are quoted in an active market is determined by reference to market bid priced respectively at the close of business on the statement of position date.

In case of unquoted investments, the Group uses valuation techniques that are appropriate in the circumstances and for which sufficient data are available to measure fair value, maximising the use of relevant observable inputs and minimising the use of unobservable inputs.

All assets and liabilities for which fair value is measured or disclosed in the consolidated financial statements are categorised within the fair value hierarchy, described as follows, based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement as a whole:

Level 1: quoted (unadjusted) prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities;

Level 2: other techniques for which all inputs which have a significant effect on the recorded fair value are observable, either directly or indirectly; and

Level 3: techniques which use inputs which have a significant effect on the recorded fair value that are not based on observable market data.

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

The Group's Risk Management determines the policies and procedures for fair value measurement. For the purpose of fair value disclosures, the Group has determined classes of assets and liabilities on the basis of the nature, characteristics and risks of the asset or liability and the level of the fair value hierarchy as explained above.

Impairment

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

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

No impairment loss is recognised on equity investments.

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

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

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3 ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

3.3 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

Measurement of ECL

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

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

Financial assets that are credit-impaired at the reporting date: as the difference between the gross carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flows;

Undrawn loan commitments and Letter of credit: as the present value of the difference between the contractual cash flows that are due to the Group if the commitment is drawn down and the cash flows that the Group expects to receive; and

Financial guarantee contracts: the expected payments to reimburse the holder less any amounts that the Group expects to recover.

The determination of the IFRS 9 provision results from a two-step approach.

As step 1, the facilities will have to be allocated to one of the three impairment stages by determining whether a significant increase in credit risk has occurred since initial recognition or whether the facility has been credit impaired.

As step 2, the expected credit loss is calculated i.e., 12-month expected loss for all facilities in stage 1 and lifetime expected credit loss for all facilities in stage 2. The facilities in stage 3 are covered by specific provisions.

Credit-impaired financial assets

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

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

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

In making an assessment of whether an investment in sovereign debt, other than that of the home country sovereign (i.e. Bahrain), is credit-impaired, the Group considers the following factors.

- The market's assessment of creditworthiness as reflected in the bond yields.
- The rating agencies' assessments of creditworthiness.

The exposure to the home country sovereign i.e. Bahrain is considered to be low risk and fully recoverable and hence no ECL is measured.

Presentation of allowance for ECL in the statement of financial position

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

- Financial assets measured at amortised cost: as a deduction from the gross carrying amount of the assets;
- Loan commitments and financial guarantee contracts: as a provision;

- Where a financial instrument includes both a drawn and an undrawn component, and the Group has identified the ECL on the loan commitment/off balance sheet component separately from those on the drawn component: the Group presents a loss allowance for drawn components. The amount is presented as a deduction from the gross carrying amount of the drawn component. Loss allowance for undrawn components is presented as a provision in other liabilities; and
- Debt instruments measured at FVOCI: no loss allowance is recognised in the statement of financial position because the carrying amount of these assets is their fair value. However, the loss allowance is disclosed and is recognised in the fair value reserve is presented as a provision.

Write-off

Loans and debt securities are written off (either partially or in full) when there is no realistic prospect of recovery. This is generally the case when the Group determines that the borrower does not have assets or sources of income that could generate sufficient cash flows to repay the amounts subject to the write-off. However, financial assets that are written off could still be subject to enforcement activities in order to comply with the Group's procedures for recovery of amounts due.

Renegotiated loans

Where possible, the Group seeks to restructure loans rather than to take possession of collateral. This may involve extending the payment arrangements and the agreement of new loan conditions. Once the terms have been renegotiated any impairment is measured using the original effective interest rate as calculated before the modification of terms and the loan is no longer considered past due. Management continuously reviews renegotiated loans to ensure that all criteria are met and that future payments are likely to occur. The loans continue to be subject to an individual or collective impairment assessment, calculated using the loan's original effective interest rate.

Term borrowings

Financial instruments or their components issued by the Group, which are not designated at fair value through consolidated statement of profit or loss, are classified as liabilities under 'term borrowings', where the substance of the contractual arrangement results in the Group having an obligation either to deliver cash or another financial asset to the holder, or to satisfy the obligation other than by the exchange of a fixed amount of cash or another financial asset for a fixed number of own equity shares.

After initial measurement, term borrowings are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate. Amortised cost is calculated by taking into account any discount or premium on the issue and costs that are an integral part of the effective interest rate.

Investment in associated companies and joint ventures

The Group's investments in its associate and joint venture are accounted for using the equity method. Under the equity method, the investment in an associate or a joint venture is initially recognised at cost.

The carrying amount of the investment is adjusted to recognise changes in the Group's share of net assets of the associate or joint venture since the acquisition date. Goodwill relating to the associate or joint venture is included in the carrying amount of the investment and is neither amortised nor individually tested for impairment.

An associate is an entity over which the Group has significant influence. Significant influence is the power to participate in the financial and operating policy decisions of the investee, but is not control or joint control over those policies.

A joint venture is a type of joint arrangement whereby the parties that have joint control of the arrangement 'have rights to the net assets of the joint venture. Joint control is the contractually agreed sharing of control of an arrangement, which exists only when decisions about the relevant activities require unanimous consent of the parties sharing control.

The considerations made in determining significant influence or joint control are similar to those necessary to determine control over subsidiaries.

The statement of profit or loss reflects the Group's share of the results of operations of the associate or joint venture. Any change in OCI of those investees is presented as part of the Group's OCI. In addition, when there has been a change recognised directly in the equity of the associate or joint venture, the Group recognises its share of any changes, when applicable, in the statement of changes in equity. Unrealised gains and losses resulting from transactions between the Group and the associate or joint venture are eliminated to the extent of the interest in the associate or joint venture.

The aggregate of the Group's share of profit or loss of an associate and a joint venture is charged to the statement of profit or loss outside operating profit and represents profit or loss after tax and non-controlling interests in the subsidiaries of the associate or joint ventures.

The financial statements of the associate or joint venture are prepared for the same reporting period as the 'Group. When necessary, adjustments are made to bring the accounting policies in line with those of the Group.

After application of the equity method, the Group determines whether it is necessary to recognise an impairment loss on its investment in its associate or joint venture. At each reporting date, the Group determines whether there is objective evidence that the investment in the associate or joint venture is impaired. If there is such evidence, the Group calculates the amount of impairment as the difference between the recoverable amount of the associate or joint venture and its carrying value, then recognises the loss as 'Share of profit of an associate and a joint venture' in the consolidated statement of profit or loss.

Upon loss of significant influence over the associate or joint control over the joint venture, the Group measures and recognises any retained investment at its fair value. Any difference between the carrying amount of the associate or joint venture upon loss of significant influence or joint control and the fair value of the retained investment and proceeds from disposal is recognised in profit or loss.

Premises and equipment

All items of premises and equipment are initially recorded at cost. Depreciation is provided on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of all premises and equipment, other than freehold land which is deemed to have an indefinite life.

Collateral pending sale

The Group occasionally acquires real estate in settlement of certain loans and advances to customers. Such real estate is stated at the lower of the carrying value of the related facility and the current fair value of the collateral acquired, assessed on an individual basis. If the current fair value for any individual asset is lower, a provision is created. Gains or losses on disposal, and unrealised losses on revaluation, are recognised in the consolidated statement of profit or loss.

Deposits

All money market and customer deposits are carried at the fair value of consideration received, adjusted for effective hedges, less amounts repaid.

Repurchase and resale agreements

Securities sold under agreements to repurchase at a specified future date are not derecognised from the consolidated statement of financial position as the Group retains substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership. The corresponding cash received is recognised in the consolidated statement of financial position as an asset with a corresponding obligation to return it, including accrued interest as a liability, reflecting the transaction's economic substance as a loan to the Group. The difference between the sale and repurchase prices is treated as interest expense and is accrued over the life of the agreement using the effective interest rate. When the counterparty has the right to sell or repledge the securities, the Group reclassifies those securities in its consolidated statement of financial position, as appropriate.

Conversely, securities purchased under agreements to resell at a specified future date are not recognised in the consolidated statement of financial position. The consideration paid, including accrued interest, is recorded in the consolidated statement of financial position, reflecting the transaction's economic substance as a loan by the Group. The difference between the purchase and resale prices is recorded in interest income and is accrued over the life of the agreement using the effective interest rate. If securities purchased under agreement to resell are subsequently sold to third parties, the obligation to return the securities is recorded as a short sale and measured at fair value with any gains or losses included in 'net interest income'.

Taxation

There is no tax on corporate income in the Kingdom of Bahrain. Taxation on foreign operations is provided in accordance with the fiscal regulations of the respective countries in which the Group operates.

Employees' end of service benefits

Costs relating to employees' end of service benefits are accrued in accordance with actuarial and other valuations as required by regulations applicable in each location.

Share-based payment transactions

For equity-settled share-based payment transactions the Group measures the services received, and the corresponding increase in equity at the fair value of the services received by reference to the fair value of the equity instruments granted. The fair value of those equity instruments is measured at grant date. The fair value so calculated at the grant date is recognised as an expense in the consolidated statement of profit or loss over the vesting period, with a corresponding credit to retained earnings. When an employee leaves the Group during the vesting period the shares granted stand forfeited and any amount recognised in respect of these forfeited shares is reversed through the consolidated statement of profit or loss.

Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the Group has a present obligation (legal or constructive) and the costs to settle the obligation are both probable and able to be reliably measured.

Treasury stock

Treasury stock is deducted from equity and is stated at cost. No gain or loss is recognised in profit or loss on the purchase, sale, issue or cancellation of own equity instruments.

Proposed dividends

Proposed dividends are included as part of equity and only recognised as liabilities when approved by the shareholders. The payment of a dividend also requires the prior approval of the CBB.

Financial guarantees

In the ordinary course of business, the Group gives financial guarantees, consisting of letters of credit, guarantees and acceptances. All such guarantees are treated as memorandum liabilities and are disclosed as part of contingent liabilities. Financial guarantees are initially recognised in the consolidated financial statements at fair value, in 'other liabilities', being the premium received. Subsequent to initial recognition, the Group's liability under each guarantee is measured at the higher of the amortised premium and the best estimate of expenditure required to settle any financial obligation arising as a result of the guarantee. Any increase in the liability relating to financial guarantees is taken to the consolidated statement of profit or loss in 'net provision for impairment'. The premium received is recognised in the consolidated statement of profit or loss in 'fee and commission income' on a straight line basis over the life of the guarantee.

Derivatives

The Group enters into derivative instruments including futures, forwards, swaps, and options in the foreign exchange and capital markets. Derivatives are stated at fair value. Derivatives with positive market values are included in 'other assets' and derivatives with negative market values are included in 'other liabilities' in the consolidated statement of financial position.

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3 ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

3.3 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

Derivatives (continued)

Certain derivatives embedded in other financial instruments are treated as separate derivatives when their economic characteristics and risks are not closely related to those of the host contract and the host contract is not carried at fair value through the consolidated statement of profit or loss. These embedded derivatives are measured at fair value with the changes in fair value recognised in the consolidated statement of profit or loss.

Hedge accounting

The Group makes use of derivative instruments to manage exposures to interest rate and foreign currency risks. In order to manage particular risks, the Group applies hedge accounting for transactions which meet the specified criteria.

At inception of the hedging relationship, the management undertake a formal designation and documentation. This includes the Group's risk management objective underlying the hedging relationship and how that fits within the overall risk management strategy. The documentation also includes an identification of the hedging instrument, the hedged item, the nature of the risk being hedged and how the entity will assess whether the hedging relationship meets the hedge effectiveness requirements. IFRS 9 also requires documentation of the hedge ratio and potential sources of ineffectiveness.

A hedging relationship qualifies for hedge accounting if it meets all of the following effectiveness requirements:

- there is 'an economic relationship' between the hedged item and the hedging instrument;
- the effect of credit risk does not 'dominate the value changes' that result from that economic relationship; and
- the hedge ratio of the hedging relationship is the same as that resulting from the quantity of hedged item that the entity actually hedges and the quantity of the hedging instrument that the entity actually uses to hedge that quantity of hedged item.

The Group performs a hedge effectiveness assessment in a similar manner as at the inception of the hedging relationship and subsequently on every reporting period.

Classification of Hedge accounting

For the purposes of hedge accounting, hedges are classified into two categories: (a) fair value hedges which hedge the exposure to changes in the fair value of a recognised asset or liability; and (b) cash flow hedges which hedge exposure to variability in cash flows that is either attributable to a particular risk associated with a recognised asset or liability or a forecasted transaction.

Fair value hedges

In relation to fair value hedges, which meet the conditions for hedge accounting, any gain or loss from remeasuring the hedging instrument to fair value is recognised immediately in the consolidated statement of profit or loss. The hedged item is adjusted for fair value changes and the difference relating to the risk being hedged is recognised in the consolidated statement of profit or loss.

Cash flow value hedges

In relation to cash flow hedges which meet the conditions for hedge accounting the portion of the gain or loss on the hedging instrument that is determined to be an effective hedge is recognised initially in equity and the ineffective portion is recognised in the consolidated statement of profit or loss. The gains or losses on effective cash flow hedges recognised initially in equity are either transferred to the consolidated statement of profit or loss in the period in which the hedged transaction impacts the consolidated statement of profit or loss or included in the initial measurement of the cost of the related asset or liability.

For hedges which do not qualify for hedge accounting, any gains or losses arising from changes in the fair value of the hedging instrument are taken directly to the consolidated statement of profit or loss for the year.

Discontinuation of hedges

A hedging relationship is discontinued in its entirety when as a whole it ceases to meet the qualifying criteria of the hedging relationship. Voluntary discontinuation when the qualifying criteria are met is prohibited. In the event of discontinuation, any subsequent changes in fair value of the hedging instrument are recognized in profit or loss. For effective fair value hedges of financial instruments with fixed maturities any adjustment arising from hedge accounting is amortised over the remaining term to maturity. For effective cash flow hedges, any cumulative gain or loss on the hedging instrument recognised in equity remains in equity until the hedged transaction occurs. If the hedged transaction is no longer expected to occur, the net cumulative gain or loss recognised in equity is transferred to the consolidated statement of profit or loss.

Fiduciary assets

Assets held in trust or in a fiduciary capacity are not treated as assets of the Group and are, accordingly, not included in the consolidated statement of financial position.

Offsetting

Financial assets and financial liabilities are only offset and the net amount reported in the consolidated statement of financial position when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and the Group intends to settle on a net basis.

Recognition of income and expenses

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

Interest income and loan commitment fees, which are considered an integral part of the effective yield of a financial asset, are recognised using the effective yield method unless collectability is in doubt. The recognition of interest income is suspended when loans become impaired, such as when overdue by more than ninety days. Notional interest is recognised on impaired loans and other financial assets based on the rate used to discount future cash flows to their net present value based on the original effective interest rate.

Interest expense is recognised using the effective yield method.

Fees earned for the provision of services over a period of time are accrued over that period. These fees include commission income and asset management, custody and other management and advisory fees.

Other fees receivable are recognised when earned. Dividend income is recognised when the right to receive payment is established.

Where the Group enters into an interest rate swap to change interest from fixed to floating (or vice versa) the amount of interest income or expense is adjusted by the net interest on the swap until the hedges are effective.

Foreign currencies

i. Transactions and balances

Transactions in foreign currencies are initially recorded at the functional currency rate of exchange ruling at the date of transaction.

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are retranslated at the functional currency rate of exchange at the statement of financial position date. All differences arising on non-trading activities are taken to 'other income' in the consolidated statement of profit and loss, with the exception of differences on foreign currency borrowings that provide an effective hedge against a net investment in a foreign entity. These differences are taken directly to equity until the disposal of the net investment, at which time they are recognised in the consolidated statement of profit or loss.

Non-monetary items that are measured in terms of historical cost in a foreign currency are translated using the exchange rates as at the dates of the initial transactions. Non-monetary items measured at fair value in a foreign currency are translated using the exchange rates at the date when the fair value was determined. Any goodwill arising on the acquisition of a foreign operation and any fair value adjustments to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities arising on the acquisition are treated as assets and liabilities of the foreign operations and translated at closing rate.

ii. Group companies

As at the reporting date, the assets and liabilities of subsidiaries and overseas branches are translated into the Group's presentation currency at the rate of exchange as at the statement of financial position date, and their statements of income are translated at the weighted average exchange rates for the year. Exchange differences arising on translation are taken directly to a separate component of equity through the consolidated statement of comprehensive income. On disposal of a foreign entity, the deferred cumulative amount recognised in equity relating to that particular foreign operation is recognised in the consolidated statement of profit or loss.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash and balances with central banks (excluding mandatory reserve deposits), treasury bills, deposits and due from banks and other financial institutions with original maturities of ninety days or less.

3.4 Significant accounting judgments and estimates

In the process of applying the Group's accounting policies, management has exercised judgment and estimates in determining the amounts recognised in the consolidated financial statements. The most significant uses of judgment and estimates are as follows:

Going concern

The Group's management has made an assessment of the Group's ability to continue as a going concern and is satisfied that the Group has the resources to continue in business for the foreseeable future. Furthermore, the management is not aware of any material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt upon the Group's ability to continue as a going concern. Therefore, the consolidated financial statements continue to be prepared on the going concern basis.

Fair value of financial instruments

Where the fair values of financial assets and financial liabilities recorded in the consolidated statement of financial position cannot be derived from active markets, they are determined using a variety of valuation techniques that include the use of mathematical models. The inputs to these models are derived from observable market data where possible, but where observable market data is not available, judgment is required to establish fair values. The judgments include considerations of liquidity and model inputs such as volatility for longer dated derivatives and discount rates, prepayment rates and default rate assumptions for asset backed securities.

Classification of financial assets

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

Impairment of financial instruments

Assessment of whether credit risk on the financial asset has increased significantly since initial recognition and incorporation of forward-looking information in the measurement of ECL. Refer to note 32 for further details.

Impairment losses on loans and advances and investments

The Group reviews its individually significant loans and advances at each statement of financial position date to assess whether an impairment loss should be recorded in the consolidated statement of profit or loss. In particular, judgment by management is required in the estimation of the amount and timing of future cash flows when determining the impairment loss. In estimating these cash flows, the Group makes judgments about the borrower's financial situation and the net realisable value of collateral. These estimates are based on assumptions about a number of factors and actual results may differ, resulting in future changes to the allowance.

4 CASH AND BALANCES WITH CENTRAL BANKS

	2017 BD '000	2016 BD '000
Cash	18,597	20,853
Current accounts and placements with central banks	370,537	216,167
Mandatory reserve deposits with central banks	80,302	77,348
	469,436	314,368

Mandatory reserve deposits are not available for use in the Group's day to day operations.

5 TREASURY BILLS

These are short term treasury bills issued by the Government of the Kingdom of Bahrain which are carried at amortized cost, and Republic of India which are carried at FVOCI. The impairment allowance on the same is BD 0.351 thousand (31 December 2016 BD 0.228 thousand).

At 31 December 2017, treasury bills issued by Government of the Kingdom of Bahrain includes short term Islamic Sukuk amounting BD 5,000 thousand (2016: BD 48,527 thousand).

6 DEPOSITS AND AMOUNTS DUE FROM BANKS AND OTHER FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

	2017 BD '000	2016 BD '000
Deposits with banks and other financial institutions	190,416	278,817
Other amounts due from banks	33,409	39,597
Less: Allowance for impairment	(1)	(7)
	223,824	318,407

7 LOANS AND ADVANCES TO CUSTOMERS

	2017 BD '000	2016 BD '000
Loans and advances to customers at amortised cost:		
Commercial loans and overdrafts	1,337,637	1,429,210
Consumer loans	515,341	464,830
	1,852,978	1,894,040
Less: Allowance for impairment	(112,327)	(126,902)
	1,740,651	1,767,138

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7 LOANS AND ADVANCES TO CUSTOMERS (continued)

Movements in allowance for impairment are as follows:

i. Commercial loans and overdrafts

	Stage 1: 12-month ECL BD '000	Stage 2: Lifetime ECL not credit- impaired BD '000	Stage 3: Lifetime ECL credit- impaired BD '000	Total ECL BD '000
2017				
Balance at 1 January	2,623	38,597	67,331	108,551
Changes due to financial assets recognised in opening balance that have:				
Transfer to 12 month ECL	1,600	(1,600)	–	–
Transfer to lifetime ECL not credit-impaired	(208)	12,099	(11,891)	–
Transfer to lifetime ECL credit-impaired	(16)	(25,062)	25,078	–
Net remeasurement of loss allowance	630	6,684	24,052	31,366
Recoveries/write-backs	–	–	(4,690)	(4,690)
Amounts written off during the year	–	–	(42,575)	(42,575)
Foreign exchange and other movements	–	215	721	936
Balance at end of year	4,629	30,933	58,026	93,588
2016				
Balance at 1 January – on adoption of IFRS 9	2,437	42,661	51,357	96,455
Changes due to financial assets recognised in opening balance that have:				
Transfer to 12 month ECL	2,181	(2,181)	–	–
Transfer to lifetime ECL not credit-impaired	(245)	249	(4)	–
Transfer to lifetime ECL credit-impaired	–	(10,407)	10,407	–
Net remeasurement of loss allowance	(1,750)	8,275	21,892	28,417
Recoveries/write-backs	–	–	(5,499)	(5,499)
Amounts written off during the year	–	–	(9,414)	(9,414)
Foreign exchange and other movements	–	–	(1,408)	(1,408)
Balance at end of year	2,623	38,597	67,331	108,551

ii. Consumer loans

	Stage 1: 12-month ECL BD '000	Stage 2: Lifetime ECL not credit- impaired BD '000	Stage 3: Lifetime ECL credit- impaired BD '000	Total ECL BD '000
2017				
Balance at 1 January	2,951	5,085	10,315	18,351
Changes due to financial assets recognised in opening balance that have:				
Transfer to 12 month ECL	440	(440)	–	–
Transfer to lifetime ECL not credit-impaired	(38)	38	–	–
Transfer to lifetime ECL credit-impaired	–	–	–	–
Net remeasurement of loss allowance	799	1,668	912	3,379
Recoveries/write-backs	–	–	(1,143)	(1,143)
Amounts written off during the year	–	–	(2,322)	(2,322)
Foreign exchange and other movements	–	–	474	474
Balance at end of year	4,152	6,351	8,236	18,739
2016				
Balance at 1 January – on adoption of IFRS 9	2,813	5,669	10,275	18,757
Changes due to financial assets recognised in opening balance that have:				
Transfer to 12 month ECL	565	(565)	–	–
Transfer to lifetime ECL not credit-impaired	(90)	90	–	–
Transfer to lifetime ECL credit-impaired	–	–	–	–
Net remeasurement of loss allowance	(337)	(109)	2,413	1,967
Recoveries/write-backs	–	–	(1,132)	(1,132)
Amounts written off during the year	–	–	(1,222)	(1,222)
Foreign exchange and other movements	–	–	(19)	(19)
Balance at end of year	2,951	5,085	10,315	18,351

At 31 December 2017, interest in suspense on past due loans that are fully impaired amounts to BD 15,049 thousand (31 December 2016: BD 21,572 thousand), are treated as a memorandum account.

The fair value of the collateral consisting of cash, securities and real estate that the Group holds relating to loans individually determined to be impaired at 31 December 2017 amounts to BD 25,712 thousand (2016: BD 54,229 thousand).

At 31 December 2017, loans and advances includes Islamic financing facilities provided by the Group to corporates amounting BD 108,525 thousand (2016: BD 109,466 thousand). These mainly consists of Murabaha and Ijarah financing facilities.

8 INVESTMENT SECURITIES

	FVTPL BD '000	FVOCI BD '000	Amortised cost BD '000	2017 Total BD '000
Quoted investments				
Government bonds	-	354,128	13,400	367,528
Other bonds	3,184	206,804	-	209,988
Equities	-	35,242	-	35,242
	3,184	596,174	13,400	612,758
Unquoted investments				
Government bonds	-	-	105,458	105,458
Other bonds	82	584	69	735
Equities	-	29,457	-	29,457
Managed funds	1,196	-	-	1,196
	1,278	30,041	105,527	136,846
	4,462	626,215	118,927	749,604
Allowance for impairment on debt investment	-	(615)	(4)	(619)
Balance at 31 December 2017	4,462	625,600	118,923	748,985

	FVTPL BD '000	FVOCI BD '000	Amortised cost BD '000	2016 Total BD '000
Quoted investments				
Government bonds	-	349,331	13,271	362,602
Other bonds	3,780	213,148	-	216,928
Equities	5,263	38,480	-	43,743
	9,043	600,959	13,271	623,273
Unquoted investments				
Government bonds	-	-	109,807	109,807
Other bonds	-	-	-	-
Equities	-	34,220	-	34,220
Managed funds	1,443	-	-	1,443
	1,443	34,220	109,807	145,470
	10,486	635,179	123,078	768,743
Allowance for impairment on debt investment	-	(604)	(5)	(609)
Balance at 31 December 2016	10,486	634,575	123,073	768,134

At 31 December 2017, investment securities include long term Islamic Sukuk amounting to BD 79,481 thousand (2016: BD 76,659 thousand).

Allowance for impairment

The movements in allowance for impairment of investment securities are as follows:

	Stage 1: 12-month ECL* BD '000	Stage 2: Lifetime ECL not credit- impaired BD '000	Stage 3: Lifetime ECL credit- impaired BD '000	Total ECL BD '000
2017				
Government and other bonds at FVOCI or Amortized Cost				
Balance at 1 January	164	445	-	609
Changes due to financial assets recognised in opening balance that have:				
Transfer to 12-month ECL	92	(92)	-	-
Transfer to lifetime ECL not credit-impaired	(44)	44	-	-
Transfer to lifetime ECL credit-impaired	-	-	-	-
Net remeasurement of loss allowance	(87)	185	-	98
Financial assets that have been derecognised	(38)	(50)	-	(88)
Write-offs	-	-	-	-
Recoveries of amounts previously written off	-	-	-	-
Balance at 31 December	87	532	-	619
2016				
Government and other bonds at FVOCI or Amortized Cost				
Balance at 1 January – on adoption of IFRS 9	162	209	22,982	23,353
Changes due to financial assets recognised in opening balance that have:				
Transfer to 12-month ECL	46	(46)	-	-
Transfer to lifetime ECL not credit-impaired	(13)	13	-	-
Transfer to lifetime ECL credit-impaired	-	-	-	-
Net remeasurement of loss allowance	(1)	292	-	291
Financial assets that have been derecognised	(30)	(23)	-	(53)
Write-offs	-	-	(21,576)	(21,576)
Recoveries of amounts previously written off	-	-	(1,406)	(1,406)
Balance at 31 December	164	445	-	609

The loss allowance of the FVOCI is not recognised in the statement of financial position because the carrying amount of debt investment securities at FVOCI is at their fair value.

* The above table includes ECL of government and other bonds measured at amortized cost of BD 4 thousand (2016: 5 thousand)

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9 INVESTMENTS IN ASSOCIATED COMPANIES AND JOINT VENTURES

The Group has a 23.03% (2016: 23.03%) shareholding in Bahrain Commercial Facilities Company B.S.C. ("BCFC"), incorporated in the Kingdom of Bahrain, which is engaged in consumer financing, insurance, dealing in real estate and automobiles.

The Group has a 50% (2016: 50%) stake in Sakana Holistic Housing Solutions B.S.C. (c) ("Sakana"), a jointly controlled company incorporated in the Kingdom of Bahrain which is engaged in Islamic real estate financing, which is under liquidation.

The Group has a 22% (2016: 22%) shareholding in The Benefit Company B.S.C. (c) incorporated in the Kingdom of Bahrain which is engaged in ancillary services to provide payment systems and other related financial services for the benefit of commercial banks and their customers in the Kingdom of Bahrain.

The Group has a 40% (2016: 40%) stake in BBK Geojit securities K.S.C., a jointly controlled company incorporated in the State of Kuwait.

The Group has a 24.27% (2016: 24.27%) stake in Bahrain Liquidity Fund, an investment vehicle established in Kingdom of Bahrain to enhance liquidity in the market and to close the valuation gap between securities listed on Bahrain Bourse and their regional peers.

The Group has a 50% (2016: 50%) stake in Aegila Capital Management Limited, a joint venture company incorporated in the United Kingdom which is engaged in capital market advisory services for alternative investments with particular focus in the real estate.

The following tables illustrate the summarised financial information of the Group's interest in its associated companies and joint ventures:

	2017 BD '000	2016 BD '000
<i>Carrying amount of investment in associated companies and joint ventures</i>		
At 1 January	43,923	35,823
Acquisitions during the year	–	10,694
Share of profit	5,519	5,467
Dividends received from associated companies	(2,394)	(2,103)
Change in unrealised fair values – associated companies (note 17)	342	6
Change in Foreign exchange translation adjustments	68	(2)
Reclassification to FVOCI	–	(4,962)
Capital distribution	(500)	(1,000)
At 31 December	46,958	43,923

	2017 BD '000	2016 BD '000
<i>Share of associated companies and joint ventures statements of financial position</i>		
Current and non-current assets	102,965	94,874
Current and non-current liabilities	(56,007)	(50,951)
Net assets	46,958	43,923
<i>Share of associated companies and joint ventures revenues</i>		
Revenue	11,650	10,987

Investment in associated companies and joint ventures includes the Group investment in BCFC which is considered to be a material associate. The following table illustrates the financial information of the Group's investment in BCFC:

	2017 BD '000	2016 BD '000
Net interest income	23,569	21,504
Gross profit on automotive sales	6,497	6,671
Other operating income	11,805	12,866
Total operating income	41,871	41,041
Operating expense	(19,081)	(17,847)
Other expense	(3,568)	(2,625)
Profit for the year	19,222	20,569
Group's share of profit for the year	4,427	4,737

	2017 BD '000	2016 BD '000
Assets		
Cash and balances with banks	2,868	5,311
Loans and advances to customers	290,606	265,318
Inventories	38,196	26,752
Other assets	47,911	47,618
Total assets	379,581	344,999
Liabilities		
Bank overdrafts	1,598	1,959
Trade and other payables	18,483	18,851
Bank term loans	184,344	161,628
Bonds issued	39,882	39,816
Total liabilities	244,307	222,254
Donation reserve	(679)	(872)
Equity	134,595	121,873
Proportion of the Group's ownership	23.03%	23.03%
	30,997	28,067

The figures reported above for BCFC are based on 30 September reviewed financial statements adjusted for expected performance in the last quarter.

The market value of the Group's investment in BCFC is BD 25,957 thousand (2016: BD 25,205 thousand) compared to the carrying value of BD 30,997 thousand (2016: BD 28,067 thousand) as at 31 December 2017.

10 INTEREST RECEIVABLE AND OTHER ASSETS

	2017 BD '000	2016 BD '000
Interest receivable	13,373	14,783
Accounts receivable	29,458	23,002
Positive fair value of derivatives (note 26)	7,714	6,938
Prepaid expenses	1,677	1,777
Deferred tax	1,631	2,216
Collateral pending sale	9,439	4,671
Other	16,388	11,382
	79,680	64,769

11 PREMISES AND EQUIPMENT

	Freehold land BD '000	Properties and buildings BD '000	Furniture and equipment BD '000	Capital work in progress BD '000	Total BD '000
Net book value at 31 December 2017	8,849	11,173	5,310	1,104	26,436
Net book value at 31 December 2016	8,241	10,603	5,123	216	24,183

The depreciation charge for the year amounted to BD 3,435 thousand (2016: BD 3,430 thousand).

12 TERM BORROWINGS

The term borrowings were obtained for general financing purposes and comprise:

Amount of facility US\$ '000	Rate of interest	Maturity Year	2017 BD '000	2016 BD '000
145,140	Libor + 1.25%	2017	-	8,509
129,860	Libor + 1.75%	2018	48,212	46,800
400,000	3.50%	2020	150,800	150,800
			199,012	206,109

13 CUSTOMERS' CURRENT, SAVINGS AND OTHER DEPOSITS

	2017 BD '000	2016 BD '000
Term deposits	1,392,623	1,362,104
Current accounts	628,389	571,324
Savings accounts	532,588	483,129
Other accounts	69,977	77,158
	2,623,577	2,493,715

14 INTEREST PAYABLE AND OTHER LIABILITIES

	2017 BD '000	2016 BD '000
Accrued expenses	38,106	36,585
Interest payable	14,828	13,405
Accounts payable	14,815	16,750
Negative fair value of derivatives (note 26)	6,639	9,775
Other	9,018	7,212
Allowance for impairment*	1,484	864
	84,890	84,591

* This represents allowance for impairment on financial contracts issued as of 31 December 2017, the sum of ECL provisions of BD 1,484 thousand (2016: 864 thousand).

15 EQUITY

	2017 BD '000	2016 BD '000
Share capital		
<i>Authorised</i>		
1,500,000,000 shares of BD 0.100 each	150,000	150,000
<i>Issued and fully paid</i>		
1,081,647,952 shares (2016: 1,081,647,952 shares) of BD 0.100 each	108,165	108,165
<i>Treasury stock*</i>	(998)	(1,206)

* Treasury stock represents the purchase by the Bank of its own shares. At the end of the year, the Bank held 2,774,562 (2016: 6,098,267) of its own shares.

Share premium

The share premium arising on issue of ordinary shares is not distributable except in such circumstances as stipulated in the Bahrain Commercial Companies Law and following the approval of the CBB.

Employee Performance Share Plan

The Group has an Employee Performance Share Plan under which shares are granted to certain eligible employees (note 40).

Unclaimed dividends

During the year, the Group transferred BD 8 thousand (2016: BD 27 thousand) to equity as unclaimed dividends by the shareholders. As per the Group policy and procedures, any unclaimed dividends in excess of 10 years are transferred to equity, however will be available to the respective shareholder for any future claims.

Perpetual tier 1 convertible capital securities

During the year 2016, the Bank completed an issue of BD 86,098 thousand Basel III compliant Additional Tier I Convertible Perpetual Capital Securities. Distribution Payment Amounts shall be payable subject to and in accordance with terms and conditions on the outstanding nominal amount of the Capital Securities at rate of 8.25 percent per annum. These securities are recognised under equity in the consolidated statement of financial position and the corresponding coupon on those securities are accounted as appropriation of profits. Expenses relating to this issuance have been included in retained earnings during 2016. Securities' holders will not have a right to claim the coupon and such event will not be considered as event of default.

16 RESERVES

Statutory reserve

The statutory reserve has been created in accordance with the Bahrain Commercial Companies Law. The Bank transfers 10% of its annual profits to its statutory reserve till such time as the reserve equals 50% of the issued share capital of the Bank. During the year, the Bank had not transferred to statutory reserve (2016: Nil) as the statutory reserve reached 50% of the issued share capital. The reserve is not available for distribution, except in circumstances as stipulated in the Bahrain Commercial Companies Law and following the approval of the Central Bank of Bahrain.

General reserve

The general reserve has been built up in accordance with the provisions of the Bank's articles of association and underlines the shareholders' commitment to enhance the strong equity base of the Bank. The general reserve is distributable subject to the approval of the Central Bank of Bahrain.

17 CUMULATIVE CHANGES IN FAIR VALUES

	2017 BD '000	2016 BD '000
<i>Fair value through other comprehensive income</i>		
At 1 January	(13,609)	(28,950)
Transfer to retained earnings on sale/write off of equity securities	(1,325)	3,738
Transfer to P&L on sale of investment securities	(5,019)	(2,095)
Transferred to P&L on impairment	98	238
Fair value changes on investment securities at FVOCI during the year	11,282	13,460
At 31 December	(8,573)	(13,609)
<i>Cash flow hedges</i>		
At 1 January	(60)	(234)
Change in unrealised fair values	(58)	168
Change in unrealised fair values – associated companies (note 9)	342	6
At 31 December	224	(60)
	(8,349)	(13,669)

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18 PROPOSED APPROPRIATIONS

	2017 BD '000	2016 BD '000
Cash dividend	37,761	32,266
Stock dividend	–	–
Transfer to general reserve	–	–
Donations	1,400	1,400
	39,161	33,666

The Board of Directors has proposed cash dividend of BD 0.035 per share (2016: BD 0.030 per share), net of treasury stock as of 31 December 2017. The Bank paid dividend of BD 0.030 per share (2016: BD 0.025 per share).

The above appropriations will be submitted for approval at the Annual General Assembly of the Shareholders to be held on 20 March 2018. The payment of dividend is also subject to the approval of the Central Bank of Bahrain.

19 INTEREST AND SIMILAR INCOME

	2017 BD '000	2016 BD '000
Loans and advances to customers	94,030	91,714
Investment securities	25,349	22,871
Deposits and amounts due from banks and other financial institutions	6,661	4,806
Treasury bills	10,943	9,165
	136,983	128,556

20 OTHER INCOME

	2017 BD '000	2016 BD '000
Fee and commission income	49,253	44,061
Dividend income	3,828	3,540
Realised gains on investment securities	3,965	2,707
Gain on foreign exchange	5,214	5,149
Others	2,533	1,539
	64,793	56,996
Fee and commission expense	(18,159)	(14,784)
	46,634	42,212

Included in fee and commission income is BD 42 thousand (2016: BD 67 thousand) relating to trust and other fiduciary activities.

21 BASIC AND DILUTED EARNINGS PER SHARE

Basic earnings per share

Basic earnings per share for the year are calculated by dividing the net profit for the year attributable to the owners of the Bank less distribution on perpetual tier 1 convertible capital securities, by the weighted average number of shares outstanding during the year.

Diluted earnings per share

Diluted earnings per share for the year are calculated by dividing the net profit for the year attributable to the owners of the Bank less distribution on perpetual tier 1 convertible capital securities, by the weighted average number of shares outstanding during the year plus the weighted average number of ordinary shares that would be issued on the conversion into ordinary shares:

	2017	2016
Profit for the year attributable to the owners of the Bank (BD '000)	58,685	56,410
(Less): Distribution on perpetual tier 1 convertible capital securities (BD '000)	(7,103)	(3,552)
Adjusted net profit for the year attributable to the owners of the Bank	51,582	52,858
Weighted average number of shares, net of treasury stock, outstanding during the year	1,077,809,434	1,070,557,685
Basic earnings per share (BD)	0.048	0.049
Weighted average number of ordinary shares adjusted for the effect of dilution	1,293,053,214	1,285,801,465
Diluted earnings per share (BD)	0.045	0.044

22 OPERATING SEGMENTS

Segment information

For management purposes the Group is organised into four major business segments:

Retail banking

Principally handling individual customers' deposits and providing consumer finance type loans, overdrafts, credit facilities and funds transfer facilities, credit cards and foreign exchange.

Corporate banking

Principally handling loans and other credit facilities, deposit and current accounts for corporate and institutional customers in Bahrain.

International banking

Principally handling loans and other credit facilities, deposit and current accounts for international corporate and institutional customers. This also covers the operations of the overseas units.

Investment, treasury and other activities

Principally providing money market, trading and treasury services as well as the management of the Group's funding operations. Investment activities involve handling investments in local and international markets, investment advisory services and funds management. Other activities also include business process outsourcing services.

These segments are the basis on which the Group reports its information to the chief operating decision maker. Transactions between segments are generally recorded at estimated market rates on an arm's length basis. Interest is charged/credited to business segments based on a transfer pricing rate which approximates the marginal cost of funds on a matched funded basis.

Segment information for the year ended 31 December 2017 was as follows:

	Retail banking BD '000	Corporate banking BD '000	International banking BD '000	Investment, treasury and other activities BD '000	Total BD '000
Interest income	29,080	37,107	32,379	38,417	136,983
Interest expense	(3,159)	(10,094)	(8,937)	(23,887)	(46,077)
Internal fund transfer price	(1,715)	(1,686)	(6,167)	9,568	-
Net Interest Income	24,206	25,327	17,275	24,098	90,906
Other Operating Income	23,246	4,399	5,619	13,370	46,634
Operating income before share of profit of associated companies and joint ventures	47,452	29,726	22,894	37,468	137,540
Net provision for impairment on loans and advances to customers	(5,082)	(18,089)	(5,741)	-	(28,912)
Net provision for impairment on investments	-	-	-	(98)	(98)
Segment result	17,093	(2,344)	1,987	36,976	53,712
Share of profit of associated companies and joint ventures	5,448	-	-	71	5,519
Profit for the year					59,231
Profit attributable to non-controlling interest					(546)
Profit for the year attributable to the owners of the Bank					58,685
Segment assets	588,906	681,463	1,250,222	1,152,594	3,673,185
Investment in associated companies and joint ventures	35,377	-	-	11,581	46,958
Common assets					42,957
Total assets					3,763,100
Segment liabilities	791,506	856,957	980,667	584,234	3,213,364
Common liabilities					48,901
Total liabilities					3,262,265

Segment information for the year ended 31 December 2016 was as follows:

	Retail banking BD '000	Corporate banking BD '000	International banking BD '000	Investment, treasury and other activities BD '000	Total BD '000
Interest income	27,160	36,519	32,702	32,175	128,556
Interest expense	(2,576)	(7,937)	(10,531)	(21,664)	(42,708)
Internal fund transfer price	(4,387)	(4,176)	(3,995)	12,558	-
Net Interest Income	20,197	24,406	18,176	23,069	85,848
Other Operating Income	21,699	3,993	5,776	10,744	42,212
Operating income before share of profit of associated companies and joint ventures	41,896	28,399	23,952	33,813	128,060
Net provision for impairment on loans and advances to customers	(1,663)	(11,688)	(10,402)	-	(23,753)
Net writeback for impairment on investments	-	-	-	1,115	1,115
Segment result	15,050	2,754	120	33,356	51,280
Share of profit of associated companies and joint ventures	5,562	-	-	(95)	5,467
Profit for the year					56,747
Loss attributable to non-controlling interest					(337)
Profit for the year attributable to the owners of the Bank					56,410
Segment assets	537,433	700,692	1,297,251	1,089,227	3,624,603
Investment in associated companies and joint ventures	31,982	-	-	11,941	43,923
Common assets					34,031
Total assets					3,702,557
Segment liabilities	734,539	792,531	885,892	765,143	3,178,105
Common liabilities					50,237
Total liabilities					3,228,342

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22 OPERATING SEGMENTS (continued)

Geographic information

The Group operates in two geographic markets: Domestic (Bahrain), Others (Middle East/Africa, Europe, North America and Asia). The following tables show the distribution of the Group's revenue and non-current assets by geographical segment, allocated based on the location in which the assets and liabilities are located, for the years ended 31 December 2017 and 31 December 2016:

	Domestic BD '000	Others BD '000	Total BD '000
31 December 2017			
Net interest income	80,040	10,866	90,906
Share of profit in associated companies and joint ventures	5,448	71	5,519
Other income	43,092	3,542	46,634
	128,580	14,479	143,059
Non-current assets	21,380	5,056	26,436

	Domestic BD '000	Others BD '000	Total BD '000
31 December 2016			
Net interest income	75,413	10,435	85,848
Share of profit in associated companies and joint ventures	5,562	(95)	5,467
Other income	38,331	3,881	42,212
	119,306	14,221	133,527
Non-current assets	20,132	4,051	24,183

Non-current assets represents premises and equipment.

23 CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Cash and cash equivalents included in the consolidated statement of cash flows includes the following as at 31 December:

	2017 BD '000	2016 BD '000
Cash (note 4)	18,597	20,853
Current accounts and placements with central banks (note 4)	370,537	216,167
Deposits and amounts due from banks and other financial institutions with original maturities of ninety days or less	223,824	300,584
	612,958	537,604

24 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Related parties represent major shareholders, associates and joint ventures, directors and key management personnel of the Group and entities controlled, jointly controlled or significantly influenced by such parties. Pricing policies and terms of these transactions are approved by the Group's management.

Amounts outstanding as of the statement of financial position date in respect of transactions entered into with related parties were as follows:

	Major shareholders BD '000	Associated companies and joint ventures BD '000	Directors and key management personnel BD '000	Total BD '000
2017				
Loans and advances to customers	-	24,812	3,132	27,944
Customers' current, savings and other deposits	216,848	3,848	8,004	228,700
2016				
Loans and advances to customers	-	15,521	3,325	18,846
Customers' current, savings and other deposits	208,871	3,286	8,885	221,042

For the years ended 31 December 2017 and 31 December 2016 the Group has not recorded any impairment provision on the amounts due from related parties.

The income and expense in respect of related parties included in the consolidated statement of profit or loss are as follows:

	Major shareholders BD '000	Associated companies and joint ventures BD '000	Directors and key management personnel BD '000	Total BD '000
2017				
Interest income	-	992	30	1,022
Interest expense	3,561	71	119	3,751
2016				
Interest income	-	567	120	687
Interest expense	3,127	106	115	3,348

Compensation of the key management personnel is as follows:

	2017 BD '000	2016 BD '000
Short term employee benefits	10,562	10,279
Others	698	(31)
	11,260	10,248

Key management interest in an employee share incentive scheme

For share-based payment scheme (refer to note 40 for details).

25 MATURITY ANALYSIS OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

The maturity profile of the assets and liabilities at 31 December 2017 and as at 31 December 2016 given below have been determined on the basis of the remaining period at the statement of financial position date to the contractual maturity date, except in the case of customer deposits. The liquidity profile of customer deposits has been determined on the basis of the effective maturities indicated by the Group's deposit retention history.

31 December 2017	Within 1 month BD '000	1 to 3 months BD '000	3 to 6 months BD '000	6 to 12 months BD '000	Subtotal BD '000	1 to 5 years BD '000	5 to 10 years BD '000	10 to 20 years BD '000	More than 20 years BD '000	Total BD '000
Assets										
Cash and balances with central banks	389,127	-	-	-	389,127	-	-	-	80,309	469,436
Treasury bills	49,929	135,727	124,197	117,277	427,130	-	-	-	-	427,130
Deposits and amounts due from banks and other financial institutions	185,205	38,619	-	-	223,824	-	-	-	-	223,824
Loans and advances to customers	247,871	158,996	121,825	160,358	689,050	729,709	237,247	45,105	39,540	1,740,651
Investment securities	29,085	29,727	12,182	7,547	78,541	305,248	226,442	26,891	111,863	748,985
Investments in associated companies and joint ventures	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	46,958	46,958
Interest receivable and other assets	70,241	-	-	-	70,241	9,439	-	-	-	79,680
Premises and equipment	-	-	-	-	-	23,163	304	1,257	1,712	26,436
Total assets	971,458	363,069	258,204	285,182	1,877,913	1,067,559	463,993	73,253	280,382	3,763,100
Liabilities										
Deposits and amounts due to banks and other financial institutions	168,761	24,711	-	-	193,472	-	-	-	-	193,472
Borrowings under repurchase agreement	-	-	-	40,803	40,803	120,511	-	-	-	161,314
Term borrowings	-	-	48,212	-	48,212	150,800	-	-	-	199,012
Customers' current, savings and other deposits	344,710	76,611	56,839	35,405	513,565	53,550	-	-	2,056,462	2,623,577
Interest payable and other liabilities	84,890	-	-	-	84,890	-	-	-	-	84,890
Total liabilities	598,361	101,322	105,051	76,208	880,942	324,861	-	-	2,056,462	3,262,265
Net	373,097	261,747	153,153	208,974	996,971	742,698	463,993	73,253	(1,776,080)	500,835
Cumulative	373,097	634,844	787,997	996,971		1,739,669	2,203,662	2,276,915	500,835	

31 December 2016	Within 1 month BD '000	1 to 3 months BD '000	3 to 6 months BD '000	6 to 12 months BD '000	Subtotal BD '000	1 to 5 years BD '000	5 to 10 years BD '000	10 to 20 years BD '000	More than 20 years BD '000	Total BD '000
Assets										
Cash and balances with central banks	237,020	-	-	-	237,020	-	-	-	77,348	314,368
Treasury bills	35,780	233,931	43,887	88,037	401,635	-	-	-	-	401,635
Deposits and amounts due from banks and other financial institutions	295,207	10,455	12,318	427	318,407	-	-	-	-	318,407
Loans and advances to customers	104,292	136,801	154,280	96,613	491,986	779,317	270,083	52,013	173,739	1,767,138
Investment securities	9,360	17,353	23,955	41,029	91,697	286,899	254,736	9,368	125,434	768,134
Investments in associated companies and joint ventures	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	43,923	43,923
Interest receivable and other assets	56,088	96	49	52	56,285	8,484	-	-	-	64,769
Premises and equipment	-	-	-	-	-	19,879	914	1,619	1,771	24,183
Total assets	737,747	398,636	234,489	226,158	1,597,030	1,094,579	525,733	63,000	422,215	3,702,557
Liabilities										
Deposits and amounts due to banks and other financial institutions	187,518	72,311	-	82	259,911	-	-	-	-	259,911
Borrowings under repurchase agreement	645	-	-	22,058	22,703	161,313	-	-	-	184,016
Term borrowings	-	-	8,509	-	8,509	197,600	-	-	-	206,109
Customers' current, savings and other deposits	406,410	241,403	61,263	28,447	737,523	66,128	-	-	1,690,064	2,493,715
Interest payable and other liabilities	57,703	3,331	1,591	1,291	63,916	20,675	-	-	-	84,591
Total liabilities	652,276	317,045	71,363	51,878	1,092,562	445,716	-	-	1,690,064	3,228,342
Net	85,471	81,591	163,126	174,280	504,468	648,863	525,733	63,000	(1,267,849)	474,215
Cumulative	85,471	167,062	330,188	504,468		1,153,331	1,679,064	1,742,064	474,215	

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26 DERIVATIVES

A derivative financial instrument is a financial contract between two parties where payments are dependent upon movements in the price of one or more underlying financial instrument, reference rate or index. In the ordinary course of business, the Group enters into various types of transactions that involve derivative financial instruments. The use of derivatives is governed by the Group's policies approved by the Board of Directors. The Group enters into derivative contracts for the purpose of reducing risks from potential movements in foreign exchange rates and interest rates inherent in the Group's non-trading assets and liabilities. The Group also enters into derivative contracts for the purpose of trading.

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

31 December 2017	Positive fair value BD '000	Negative fair value BD '000	Notional amount BD '000
<i>Derivatives held for trading</i>			
Forward foreign exchange contracts	147	647	104,161
<i>Derivatives held as fair value hedges</i>			
Interest rate swaps	7,467	5,992	535,170
<i>Derivatives held as cash flow hedges</i>			
Interest rate swaps	100	-	49,010
	7,714	6,639	688,341

31 December 2016	Positive fair value BD '000	Negative fair value BD '000	Notional amount BD '000
<i>Derivatives held for trading</i>			
Forward foreign exchange contracts	108	137	105,635
<i>Derivatives held as fair value hedges</i>			
Interest rate swaps	6,672	9,638	549,716
<i>Derivatives held as cash flow hedges</i>			
Interest rate swaps	158	-	57,519
	6,938	9,775	712,870

Derivative product types

Forwards and futures are contractual agreements to either buy or sell a specified currency, commodity or financial instrument at a specific price and date in the future. Forwards are customised contracts transacted in the over-the-counter market. Foreign currency and interest rate futures are transacted in standardised amounts on regulated exchanges and are subject to daily cash margin requirements. Forward rate agreements are effectively tailor-made interest rate futures which fix a forward rate of interest on a notional amount, for an agreed period of time starting on a specified future date.

Swaps are contractual agreements between two parties to exchange interest or foreign currency differentials based on a specific notional amount. For interest rate swaps, counterparties generally exchange fixed and floating rate interest payments based on a notional value in a single currency. For currency swaps, fixed or floating interest payments and notional amounts are exchanged in different currencies.

Options are contractual agreements that convey the right, but not the obligation, to either buy or sell a specific amount of a commodity or financial instrument at a fixed price, either at a fixed future date or at any time within a specified period. The Group does not engage in the writing of options.

Derivatives held or issued for trading purposes

Most of the Group's derivative trading activities relate to back to back customer deals. In addition, the Group takes certain foreign exchange positions with the expectation of profiting from favorable movements in prices, rates or indices. Also included under this heading are derivatives which do not meet IFRS 9 hedging requirements.

Derivatives held or issued for hedging purposes

The Group has put in place systems for the measurement and management of risk. Part of the risk management process involves managing the Group's exposure to fluctuations in foreign exchange rates (currency risk) and interest rates through asset and liability management activities. It is the Group's policy to reduce its exposure to currency and interest rate risks to acceptable levels as determined by the Board of Directors. For strategies adopted to manage interest rate and currency risk, please refer notes 35 and 36 respectively.

As part of its asset and liability management the Group uses derivatives for hedging currency and interest rate movements. This is achieved by hedging specific financial instruments, forecasted transactions as well as strategic hedging against consolidated statement of financial position exposures. In all such cases the objective of the hedging relationship, details of the hedged item and hedging instrument are documented and the transactions are accounted for as fair value or cash flow hedges, as the case may be.

Fair value hedges

Fair value hedges are used by the Group to protect it against changes in the fair value of financial assets and financial liabilities due to movements in exchange rates and interest rates. The financial instruments hedged for interest rate risk include loans, fair value through other comprehensive income debt securities, debt issued and other borrowed funds. The Group uses forward foreign exchange contracts and currency swaps to hedge against specifically identified currency risks, and interest rate swaps to hedge interest rate risk.

In these hedge relationships, the main sources of ineffectiveness is the maturity mis-matches or the hedging instruments. The hedged instruments are subject to different counterparty risks, resulting in a change to hedge effectiveness measurement elements.

At 31 December 2017, the Group held the following interest rate swaps as hedging instruments in fair value hedges of interest risk.

Risk category	Less than 1 month	1 to 3 months	3 months to 1 year	1 to 5 years	More than 5 years
Hedge of Investment Securities					
31 December 2017					
Nominal amount (BD '000)	-	471	15,080	250,387	269,232
Average fixed interest rate	-	3%	3%	5%	5%
31 December 2016					
Nominal amount (BD '000)	1,847	5,820	13,761	226,150	302,138
Average fixed interest rate	4%	6%	4%	5%	5%

The line item in the statement of financial position where the hedging instrument included is other assets.

The amounts relating to items designated as hedged items were as follows:

	2017		2016	
	Carrying amount BD '000	Accumulated fair value hedge adjustments on the hedged item included in the carrying amount BD '000	Carrying amount BD '000	Accumulated fair value hedge adjustments on the hedged item included in the carrying amount BD '000
Bonds [Investment securities]	521,316	(4,047)	549,057	2,230

For the year ended 31 December 2017, the Group recognised a net loss of BD 0.5 thousand (2016: net gain of BD 1 thousand), representing the loss on the hedging instruments. The total loss on hedged items attributable to the hedged risk amounted to BD 190 thousand (2016: loss of BD 21 thousand).

Cash Flow Hedges

At 31 December 2017, the Group held the following instruments to hedge exposures to changes in interest rates and foreign currency.

	Less than 1 month	1 to 3 months	3 months to 1 year	1 to 5 years	More than 5 years
Hedge of term borrowings					
31 December 2017					
Nominal amount (BD '000)	-	-	49,010	-	-
Average fixed interest rate	-	-	3%	-	-
31 December 2016					
Nominal amount (BD '000)	-	-	8,509	49,010	-
Average fixed interest rate	-	-	2%	3%	-

The line item in the statement of financial position where the hedging instrument is included is other liabilities.

The amounts relating to items designated as hedged items were as follows:

	2017		2016	
	Carrying amount BD '000	Cash flow reserve BD '000	Carrying amount BD '000	Cash flow reserve BD '000
Term Borrowings	49,010	100	57,519	158

27 COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

Credit-related commitments

Credit-related commitments include commitments to extend credit, standby letters of credit, guarantees and acceptances which are designed to meet the requirements of the Group's customers.

Commitments to extend credit represent the unused portions of contractual commitments to make loans and revolving credits, principally in the form of loans and advances, guarantees and letters of credit. With respect to credit risk on commitments to extend credit, the Group is potentially exposed to a loss in an amount equal to the total unused commitments. However, the likely amount of loss, which cannot readily be quantified, is expected to be considerably less than the total unused commitment as most of the commitments to extend credit are contingent upon the customer maintaining specific credit standards. Commitments generally have fixed expiration dates of less than one year or other termination clauses. Since commitments may expire without being drawn upon, the total contracted amounts do not necessarily represent future cash requirements.

Letters of credit, guarantees (including standby letters of credit) and acceptances commit the Group to make payments on behalf of customers contingent upon certain conditions. Standby letters of credit, which are included under guarantees, would have market risk if issued or extended at a fixed rate of interest. However, these contracts are primarily made at a floating rate.

The Group has the following credit related commitments:

31 December 2017	On demand BD '000	Less than 3 months BD '000	3 to 12 months BD '000	1 to 5 years BD '000	Total BD '000
Contingencies					
Letters of credit	1,307	17,481	18,467	-	37,255
Guarantees	230,620	-	-	-	230,620
					267,875
Commitments					
Undrawn loan commitments	117,670	-	-	-	117,670
					117,670
					385,545

31 December 2016	On demand BD '000	Less than 3 months BD '000	3 to 12 months BD '000	1 to 5 years BD '000	Total BD '000
Contingencies					
Letters of credit	3,336	18,538	16,644	-	38,518
Guarantees	228,287	-	-	-	228,287
					266,805
Commitments					
Undrawn loan commitments	127,186	-	-	-	127,186
					127,186
					393,991

The Group does not expect all its commitments to be drawn before the expiry of the commitment.

Lease commitments

Operating lease commitments – Group as lessee

The Group has entered into commercial leases on premises. Future minimum lease payments under non-cancelable operating leases as at 31 December are as follows:

	2017 BD '000	2016 BD '000
Within one year	815	838
After one year but not more than five years	1,939	1,872
More than five years	4,039	4,406
	6,793	7,116

28 RISK MANAGEMENT

Efficient and timely management of risks involved in the Group's activities is critical for the financial soundness and profitability of the Group. Risk management involves the identifying, measuring, monitoring and managing of risks on a regular basis. The objective of risk management is to increase shareholders' value and achieve a return on equity that is commensurate with the risks assumed. To achieve this objective, the Group employs leading risk management practices and recruits skilled and experienced people.

As with other financial institutions, the Group faces a range of risks in its business and operations including (i) credit risk; (ii) market risk (comprising of interest rate risk, currency risk and equity price risk); (iii) liquidity risk, (iv) legal risk and (v) operational risk, as detailed below.

The Board of Directors of the Bank has overall responsibility for managing risks within the Bank. Whilst the Board approves and periodically reviews risk management policies and strategies based on the recommendations of the Board Risk Committee, the management establishes procedures to implement the policies and strategies. The Risk Management Committee (RMC), the Country Risk Committee (CRC) and Asset and Liability Management Committee (ALMC), comprising Executive and Senior Management, are high level management committees responsible for the overall management of the risk profile of the Group. RMC discusses important risk related issues, policies, procedures and reviews implementation of its decisions. ALMC reviews issues relating to the statement of financial position at a micro level and also reviews issues relating to Asset Liability mismatches and liquidity. The Country Risk Committee (CRC) reviews country risk, business strategies and macro economic conditions with reference to the countries identified for doing business. The Operational Risk Management Committee (ORMC) manages the overall operational risk for the Bank by instituting CBB guidelines and Basel standards and carrying out required oversight.

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28 RISK MANAGEMENT (continued)

The Risk & Credit Management Division (RCMD) is responsible for oversight of risk management within the Bank. It is responsible for looking in to risk characteristics inherent in new and existing products, activities, countries, regions, industries and making necessary recommendations to the appropriate authorities. It is also responsible for introducing or amending risk policies, procedures and exposure limits to mitigate these risks with approval from Board Risk Committee and Board or the Risk Management Committee, as applicable. The RCMD also establishes systems and processes for monitoring market and operational risks, and is also responsible for introducing risk management tools. The RCMD processes credit applications and ensures that the provisions of credit risk policies are complied with. The RCMD generates regular reports on credit risk exposures, performs credit rating reviews and monitors credit limits. The Designated Credit Officer/Designated Investment Officer in RCMD is one of the signatories in the credit/investment approval chain and provides independent view on credit & investment proposals. The Chief Risk Officer is the head of RCMD and reports to the Board Risk Committee, thereby ensuring the independence of the risk management process. In addition to the above, RCMD, in collaboration with Financial Control & Planning Division, prepares the Risk Appetite & the ICAAP document for the Bank. The ICAAP document assesses the Pillar 2 risks at length and prescribes the required level of capital buffer for the Bank. RCMD is also responsible for ensuring adherence to regulatory and statutory requirements related to risk management such as introducing use of IFRS 9 guidelines, ICAAP etc. in the Bank.

The internal audit department assess whether the policies and procedures are complied with and, if necessary, suggest ways of further improving internal guidelines and procedures.

The various risks to which the Group is exposed to and how the Group manages them is discussed in the following paragraphs.

29 CREDIT RISK AND CONCENTRATION OF CREDIT RISK

Credit risk is the risk that one party to a financial instrument will fail to discharge an obligation and thereby cause the other party to incur a financial loss. Concentration of credit risk arises when a number of counterparties are engaged in similar business activities, or activities in the same geographical region, or have similar economic features, fail to meet contractual obligations, due to them being affected by changes in economic, political or other conditions.

Credit risk in derivative financial instruments arises from potential counterparty default on contractual obligations and it is limited to the positive fair value in favor of the Group.

The Group attempts to control credit risk by monitoring credit exposures continuously, limiting transactions with specific counterparties, assessing the creditworthiness of counterparties, diversifying lending activities to avoid undue concentrations of risks with individuals or groups of customers in specific locations or businesses, and by obtaining security wherever necessary and appropriate. In addition to monitoring credit limits, the Group manages credit exposures by entering into netting agreements and collateral arrangements with counterparties in appropriate circumstances, and limiting the duration of exposures.

The Group has well defined policies and procedures for identifying, measuring, monitoring and controlling credit risk in all of the Group's activities, at the level of individual credit and at portfolio level. Credit limits are approved after a thorough assessment of the creditworthiness of the borrower or counterparty, including the purpose and structure of the credit, and its source of repayment. Credit proposals are reviewed by the RCMD, which is independent of business units, before approval by the appropriate approving authority is obtained. The Bank has a tiered approval authority levels depending on the extent of risk, comprising individuals with proven credit & investment credentials, Management Credit Committee and Board Committees. All policies relating to credit are reviewed by the Board Risk Committee and approved by the Board of Directors. An Executive Committee, consisting of Board of Directors, reviews and approves larger credits. In addition, all larger credits in excess of the approval authority of the Executive Committee are approved by the Board of Directors.

The Group devises specific business and risk strategies relating to corporate, retail, investments and treasury areas, within the ambit of the Group's risk policies and procedures. Any additional risks associated with such strategies are discussed in the RMC meetings and necessary risk control measures are applied through amendments to policies, procedures and circulars. The Group also draws up a comprehensive Risk Management Strategy every year and monitors the progress of that strategy.

Day-to-day monitoring of individual borrower or counterparty exposure is the responsibility of the respective business unit. The Group's Credit Administration Unit, a part of the RCMD, ensures that credit facilities are released after appropriate approval and against proper documentation. It also monitors excesses over limits, past dues, expired credits and escalates exceptions if any, for corrective action.

Counterparty credit limits are established for all customers after careful assessment of their creditworthiness and approval (as per the levels of authority prescribed in the policy). These are also subject to large credit exposure limit criteria of the Central Bank of Bahrain and the local regulators in overseas locations. Standard procedures, outlined in the Group's Risk Procedures Manual, require that all credit proposals be subjected to a detailed screening by a Designated Credit Officer/ Designated Investment Officer who is part of a three signature approval process and functions independent of the business units.

The credit growth, quality and portfolio composition are monitored continuously to maximize the risk adjusted return and reduce the level of incidence of impairment and accretion of marginal credits. The Group monitors concentration risk by establishing limits for maximum exposure to individual borrower or counterparty, country, bank and industry. Such limits are also stipulated for certain products. These limits are approved after detailed analysis and are reviewed and monitored regularly.

30 MAXIMUM EXPOSURE TO CREDIT RISK WITHOUT TAKING INTO ACCOUNT ANY COLLATERAL AND OTHER CREDIT ENHANCEMENTS

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

	2017 BD '000	2016 BD '000
Balances with central banks	450,839	293,515
Treasury bills	427,130	401,635
Deposits and amounts due from banks and other financial institutions	223,824	318,407
Loans and advances to customers	1,740,651	1,767,138
Investment securities	683,090	688,730
Interest receivable and other assets	66,933	56,105
	3,592,467	3,525,530
Contingent liabilities	267,875	266,805
Commitments	117,670	127,186
	385,545	393,991
	3,978,012	3,919,521

31 CONCENTRATION OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND OFF STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION ITEMS

The distribution of assets, liabilities and credit commitments and contingencies by geographic region and industry sector is as follows:

	2017			2016		
	Assets BD '000	Liabilities BD '000	Credit commitments and contingencies BD '000	Assets BD '000	Liabilities BD '000	Credit commitments and contingencies BD '000
Gulf Co-operation Council countries	3,222,728	2,756,671	340,220	3,088,221	2,682,640	333,308
North America	37,547	6,776	11	61,650	5,965	615
European Union countries	217,202	351,458	3,428	217,846	394,225	9,799
Asia	224,268	133,420	41,550	243,086	132,243	42,588
Others	61,355	13,940	336	91,754	13,269	7,681
Total	3,763,100	3,262,265	385,545	3,702,557	3,228,342	393,991
Trading and manufacturing	619,928	226,838	180,861	629,572	94,469	176,992
Banks and other financial institutions	655,062	1,240,487	27,018	774,348	1,246,851	33,953
Construction and real estate	392,225	62,305	128,840	408,702	62,205	120,289
Government and public sector	1,368,621	498,373	3,485	1,196,815	698,443	2,890
Individuals	441,848	914,531	624	388,086	833,728	322
Others	285,416	319,731	44,717	305,034	292,646	59,545
Total	3,763,100	3,262,265	385,545	3,702,557	3,228,342	393,991

32 CREDIT QUALITY PER CLASS OF FINANCIAL ASSETS

The credit quality of financial assets is managed by the Group using internal and external credit risk ratings.

The Group follows an internal rating mechanism for grading relationships under loans and advances.

The Group utilises a scale ranging from 1 to 10 for credit relationships, with 1 to 8 denoting performing grades, 9 and 10 non-performing, in line with Basel III guidelines. Grades 1 to 3 represents high grade, 4 to 6 represents standard grade and 7 to 8 represents sub-standard grade.

All credits are assigned a rating in accordance with the defined criteria.

The Group endeavors continuously to improve upon the internal credit risk rating methodologies and credit risk management policies and practices to reflect the true underlying credit risk of the portfolio and the credit culture in the Group.

All lending relationships are reviewed at least once in a year and more frequently in the case of non-performing assets.

i. Credit quality analysis

The following table sets out information about the credit quality of financial assets measured at amortised cost and FVOCI debt investments. Unless specifically indicated, for financial assets, the amounts in the table represent gross carrying amounts. For loan commitments and financial guarantee contracts, the amounts in the table represent the amounts committed or guaranteed, respectively.

Explanation of the terms: 12-month ECL, lifetime ECL and credit-impaired are included in Note 3.3 impairment of financial assets.

	2017			
	Stage 1: 12-month ECL BD '000	Stage 2: Lifetime ECL not credit- impaired BD '000	Stage 3: Lifetime ECL credit- impaired BD '000	Total BD '000
Loans and advances to customers – Commercial loans and overdrafts at amortised cost				
High (Grade 1 to 3)	174,550	751	–	175,301
Standard (Grade 4 to 6)	725,813	202,911	–	928,724
Substandard (Grade 7 to 8)	16,464	120,795	–	137,259
Non-performing (Grade 9 to 10)	–	–	96,353	96,353
	916,827	324,457	96,353	1,337,637
Loss allowance	(4,629)	(30,933)	(58,026)	(93,588)
Net Carrying amount	912,198	293,524	38,327	1,244,049

	2016			
	Stage 1: 12-month ECL BD '000	Stage 2: Lifetime ECL not credit- impaired BD '000	Stage 3: Lifetime ECL credit- impaired BD '000	Total BD '000
Loans and advances to customers – Commercial loans and overdrafts at amortised cost				
High (Grade 1 to 3)	338,048	–	–	338,048
Standard (Grade 4 to 6)	634,153	152,974	–	787,127
Substandard (Grade 7 to 8)	8,355	195,696	–	204,051
Non-performing (Grade 9 to 10)	–	–	99,984	99,984
	980,556	348,670	99,984	1,429,210
Loss allowance	(2,623)	(38,597)	(67,331)	(108,551)
Net Carrying amount	977,933	310,073	32,653	1,320,659

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32 CREDIT QUALITY PER CLASS OF FINANCIAL ASSETS (continued)

i. Credit quality analysis (continued)

	2017			
	Stage 1: 12-month ECL BD '000	Stage 2: Lifetime ECL not credit- impaired BD '000	Stage 3: Lifetime ECL credit- impaired BD '000	Total BD '000
Loans and advances to customers – Consumer at amortised cost				
High (Grade 1 to 3)	478,888	–	–	478,888
Standard (Grade 4 to 6)	–	12,544	–	12,544
Substandard (Grade 7 to 8)	–	12,731	–	12,731
Non-performing (Grade 9 to 10)	–	–	11,178	11,178
	478,888	25,275	11,178	515,341
Loss allowance	(4,152)	(6,351)	(8,236)	(18,739)
Net Carrying amount	474,736	18,924	2,942	496,602

	2016			
	Stage 1: 12-month ECL BD '000	Stage 2: Lifetime ECL not credit- impaired BD '000	Stage 3: Lifetime ECL credit- impaired BD '000	Total BD '000
Loans and advances to customers – Consumer at amortised cost				
High (Grade 1 to 3)	432,854	–	–	432,854
Standard (Grade 4 to 6)	–	8,468	–	8,468
Substandard (Grade 7 to 8)	–	10,173	–	10,173
Non-performing (Grade 9 to 10)	–	–	13,335	13,335
	432,854	18,641	13,335	464,830
Loss allowance	(2,951)	(5,085)	(10,315)	(18,351)
Net Carrying amount	429,903	13,556	3,020	446,479

	2017			
	Stage 1: 12-month ECL BD '000	Stage 2: Lifetime ECL not credit- impaired BD '000	Stage 3: Lifetime ECL credit- impaired BD '000	Total BD '000
Debt investment securities at FVOCI				
High (AAA to A-)	169,790	–	–	169,790
Standard (BBB+ to B-)*	239,283	161,480	–	400,763
Total	409,073	161,480	–	570,553
Loss Allowance	(83)	(532)	–	(615)
Net Carrying amount	408,990	160,948	–	569,938
Debt investment securities at amortised cost				
High (AAA to A-)	64,251	–	–	64,251
Standard (BBB+ to B-)	449,049	23,720	–	472,769
Total	513,300	23,720	–	537,020
Loss allowance	(4)	–	–	(4)
Net Carrying amount	513,296	23,720	–	537,016
Loan commitments & Financial guarantee				
High (Grades 1 to 3)	112,579	–	–	112,579
Standard (Grade 4 to 6)	192,760	31,459	–	224,219
Substandard (Grade 7 to 8)	6,887	40,407	–	47,294
Non-performing (Grade 9 to 10)	–	6	1,447	1,453
Total	312,226	71,872	1,447	385,545
Loss allowance	(564)	(844)	–	(1,408)
Net Carrying amount	311,662	71,028	1,447	384,137

	2016			
	Stage 1: 12-month ECL BD '000	Stage 2: Lifetime ECL not credit- impaired BD '000	Stage 3: Lifetime ECL credit- impaired BD '000	Total BD '000
Debt investment securities at FVOCI				
High (AAA to A-)	183,857	–	–	183,857
Standard (BBB+ to B-)*	291,586	94,419	–	386,005
Total	475,443	94,419	–	569,862
Loss Allowance	(159)	(445)	–	(604)
Net Carrying amount	475,284	93,974	–	569,258
Debt investment securities at amortised cost				
High (AAA to A-)	83,290	–	–	83,290
Standard (BBB+ to B-)	434,042	–	–	434,042
Total	517,332	–	–	517,332
Loss allowance	(5)	–	–	(5)
Net Carrying amount	517,327	–	–	517,327
Loan commitments & Financial guarantee				
High (Grades 1 to 3)	144,149	–	–	144,149
Standard (Grade 4 to 6)	77,099	144,651	–	221,750
Substandard (Grade 7 to 8)	828	27,168	–	27,996
Non-performing (Grade 9 to 10)	–	8	88	96
Total	222,076	171,827	88	393,991
Loss allowance	(268)	(596)	–	(864)
Net Carrying amount	221,808	171,231	88	393,127

* Standard grade of debt investments at FVOCI includes unrated investments amounting to BD 1,469 thousand (2016: BD 1,549 thousand).

The following table sets out the credit analysis for non-trading financial assets measured at FVTPL.

	2017 BD '000	2016 BD '000
Debt investment securities		
High (AAA to A-)	3,266	3,781

The Group holds collateral and other credit enhancements against certain of its credit exposures. The following table sets out the principal types of collateral held against different types of financial assets.

	2017 BD '000	2016 BD '000
Type of credit exposure		
Derivative assets held for risk management	11,383	11,628
Loans and advances:		
Cash	116,785	60,952
Mortgage lending	819,804	1,096,412
Financial Instruments	30,530	55,466

ii. Collateral and other credit enhancements

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

The main types of collateral obtained are as follows:

- For commercial lending, charges over real estate properties and bank guarantees;
- For retail lending, mortgages over residential properties;
- Cash collaterals such as bank deposits; and
- Marketable securities.

The Group also obtains guarantees from parent companies for loans to their subsidiaries.

The Group monitors the market value of collateral, requests additional collateral in accordance with the underlying agreement, and monitors the market value of collateral obtained during its review of the adequacy of the allowance for impairment losses.

It is the Group's policy to dispose of repossessed properties in an orderly fashion. The proceeds are used to reduce or repay the outstanding claim. In general, the Group does not occupy repossessed properties for business use.

Inputs, assumptions and techniques used for estimating impairment
Refer to note 3.3 Financial assets and financial liabilities – impairment.

Significant increase in credit risk

When determining whether the risk of default on a financial instrument has increased significantly since initial recognition, the Group considers reasonable and supportable information that is relevant and available without undue cost or effort. This includes both quantitative and qualitative information and analysis, based on the Group's historical experience and expert credit assessment and including forward-looking information.

Credit risk grades

The Group allocates each exposure to a credit risk grade based on a variety of data that is determined to be predictive of the risk of default and applying experienced credit judgement. Credit risk grades are defined using qualitative and quantitative factors that are indicative of risk of default. These factors vary depending on the nature of the exposure and the type of borrower. Credit risk grades are defined and calibrated such that the risk of default occurring increases exponentially as the credit risk deteriorates. Each exposure is allocated to a credit risk grade at initial recognition based on available information about the borrower. Exposures are subject to ongoing monitoring, which may result in an exposure being moved to a different credit risk grade.

Generating the term structure of Probability of Default (PD)

Credit risk grades are a primary input into the determination of the term structure of PD for exposures. The Group collects performance and default information about its Credit risk exposures analysed by credit risk grading for Corporate and days-past-due for Retail portfolio. The Group employs statistical models to analyse the data collected and generate estimates of PD of exposures and how these are expected to change as a result of the passage of time. This analysis includes the identification and calibration of relationships between changes in default rates and changes in key macro-economic factors, across various geographies in which the Bank has taken exposures. For most exposures, the key macro-economic indicators include: GDP growth, Real interest rates, Unemployment, Domestic Credit growth, Oil prices, Central Government Revenue as percentage to GDP and Central Government Expenditure as percentage to GDP.

Determining whether credit risk has increased significantly

In determining whether credit risk has increased significantly since initial recognition, the Group uses its internal credit risk grading system, external risk ratings, delinquency status of accounts, expert credit judgement and, where possible, relevant historical experience.

The Group may also determine that an exposure has undergone a significant increase in credit risk based on particular qualitative indicators that it considers are indicative of such and whose effect may not otherwise be fully reflected in its quantitative analysis on a timely basis. As a backstop, the Group considers that a significant increase in credit risk occurs no later than when an asset is more than 30 days past due.

The Group monitors the effectiveness of the criteria used to identify significant increases in credit risk by regular reviews to confirm that:

- The criteria are capable of identifying significant increases in credit risk before an exposure is in default;
- The criteria do not align with the point in time when an asset becomes 30 days past due; and
- There is no unwarranted volatility in loss allowance from transfers between 12-month PD (stage 1) and lifetime PD (stage 2).

Renegotiated financial assets

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

The accounts which are restructured due to credit reasons in past 12 months will be classified under Stage 2. The 12 months period is sufficient to test the adequacy of the cash flows to test satisfactory performance under the revised terms of restructuring.

Definition of default

The Group considers a financial asset to be in default when:

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

In assessing whether a borrower is in default, the Group considers indicators that are:

- Quantitative – e.g. overdue status and non-payment on another obligation of the same issuer to the Group; and
- Based on data developed internally and obtained from external sources.

Inputs into the assessment of whether a financial instrument is in default and their significance may vary over time to reflect changes in circumstances.

The definition of default largely aligns with that applied by the Group for regulatory capital purposes.

Incorporation of forward-looking information

The Group employs statistical models to incorporate macro-economic factors on historical default rates. In case none of the above macro – economic parameters are statistically significant or the results of forecasted PD's are too much deviated from the present forecast of the economic conditions, qualitative PD overlay shall be used by management after analyzing the portfolio as per the diagnostic tool.

Incorporating forward looking information increases the level of judgement as to how changes in these macroeconomic factors will affect the Expected Credit Loss (ECL) applicable to the stage 1 and stage 2 exposures which are considered as performing (Stage 3 are the exposures under default category). The methodologies and assumptions involved, including any forecasts of future economic conditions, are reviewed periodically.

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32 CREDIT QUALITY PER CLASS OF FINANCIAL ASSETS (continued)

Measurement of ECL

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

- Probability of default (PD);
- Loss given default (LGD); and
- Exposure at default (EAD).

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

PD estimates are estimates at a certain date, which are calculated based on statistical rating models. These statistical models are based on internally compiled data comprising both quantitative and qualitative factors. Market data is used to derive the PD for banks and sovereign counterparties. If a counterparty or exposure migrates between rating PDs are estimated considering the residual maturities of exposures and estimated prepayment rates.

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

LGD estimation and estimation of :

1- Cure Rate: Defined as the ratio of accounts which have fallen to default and have managed to move backward to the performing accounts.

2- Recovery Rate: Defined as the ratio of liquidation value to market value of the underlying collateral at the time of default would also account for expected recovery rate from a general claim on the individual's assets for the unsecured portion of the exposure.

3- Discounting Rate: Defined as the opportunity cost of the recovery value not being realized on the day of default adjusted for time value.

EAD represents the expected exposure in the event of a default. The Group derives the EAD from the current exposure to the counterparty and potential changes to the current amount allowed under the contract including amortisation. The EAD of a financial asset is its gross carrying amount. For lending commitments and financial guarantees, the EAD includes the amount drawn, as well as potential future amounts that may be drawn under the contract, which are estimated based on historical observations and forward-looking forecasts.

The contractual life have been considered as maturity for ECL computation for the assets with fixed maturity whereas, for revolving and overdraft loans a maturity of 3 years (stage 2) and 1 year (stage 1) shall be considered based upon the stage under which asset lies.

Where modelling of a parameter is carried out on a collective basis, the financial instruments are grouped on the basis of shared risk characteristics and counterparty type that include:

- Credit risk gradings;
- Product type; and
- Geographic location of the borrower.

The groupings are subject to regular review to ensure that exposures within a particular group remain appropriately homogeneous.

For portfolios in respect of which the Group has limited historical data, external benchmark information is used to supplement the internally available data. The portfolios for which external benchmark information represents a significant input into measurement of ECL are as follows.

Banks and financial institutions
Sovereign
Investment securities (debt instruments)

33 CARRYING AMOUNT OF FINANCIAL ASSETS WHOSE TERMS HAVE BEEN RENEGOTIATED

The table below shows the carrying amount for financial assets by class, renegotiated during the year.

	2017 BD '000	2016 BD '000
Loans and advances to customers		
Commercial loans	83,884	32,486
Consumer loans	5,855	7,469
	89,739	39,955

34 MARKET RISK

Market risk is defined as the risk of potential loss that may arise from adverse changes in the value of a financial instrument or portfolio of financial instruments due to movements in interest rates, foreign exchange rates, equity, commodity prices and derivatives. This risk arises from asset – liability mismatches, changes that occur in the yield curve, foreign exchange rates and changes in volatilities/IMPLIED volatilities in the market value of derivatives.

The Group has clearly defined policies for conducting investment (including trading investments) and foreign exchange business which stipulates limits for these activities. Investments are made strictly in accordance with investment acceptance criteria. The Group does not undertake any commodity trading activities. For management of market risk arising from movement in interest rates, refer to note 35.

The Group uses an internal Value-at-Risk (VaR) model for measuring general market risk in the trading book of the Group and all foreign exchange positions. The internal model was approved by the Central Bank of Bahrain. VaR is calculated using a 99% confidence level for a 10 day holding period. This implies a 1% possibility of the loss exceeding the VaR amount calculated by the model. As at 31 December, VaR calculated based on the above parameters was as follows:

	2017 BD '000	2016 BD '000
Foreign exchange	147	172
Interest Rate	2	5
	149	177

The Bank's Risk Management Department conducts backtesting in accordance with the Market Risk Capital Adequacy Regulations issued by the Central Bank of Bahrain to ensure that the VaR model and assumptions used for computing VaR numbers are reliable. Backtesting of 1 day VaR as per actual profit and loss (comparing 1 day VaR with the average actual daily profit and loss) and also hypothetical back testing (comparing 1 day VaR with derived profit and loss of static positions) is carried out on a daily basis as stipulated in the Central Bank of Bahrain Rule book. The objective is to ensure that the assumptions used for computing VaR are reasonable and provide a VaR number that is a good indicator of possible losses in trading positions. During the year, the backtesting produced satisfactory results.

The Group also conducts stress testing to identify events or influences that could greatly impact material trading positions taken by the Group. As per the Central Bank of Bahrain requirements, validation of the internal model is conducted by the Internal Audit Department of the Bank as well as by an external consultant.

35 INTEREST RATE RISK MANAGEMENT

Interest rate risk is the exposure of the Group's financial condition to adverse movements of interest rates. The Group is exposed to interest rate risk as a result of mismatches or gaps in the amounts of assets and liabilities and off statement of financial position instruments that mature or re-price in a given period. Excessive interest rate risk can pose a significant threat to the Group's earnings and capital base. Accordingly, an effective risk management process that maintains interest rate risk within prudent levels is essential to the safety and soundness of the Group.

It is the Group's policy to keep its assets and liabilities mismatches at stable and acceptable levels to maintain a steady net interest income. The Group monitors interest rate risk based on gap/duration limits. The Group also uses 'what if' scenarios for projecting net interest income and economic value of equity of the Group. The Group uses derivative instruments such as interest rate swaps, and foreign exchange agreements to manage interest rate risk. Whilst day to day management of interest rate risk is responsibility of the Global Treasurer, ALMC also reviews the interest rate risk reports periodically.

Based on the consolidated statement of financial position as at 31 December 2017 an increase of 200 basis points in interest rates, with all variables held constant, will result in an increase in the net interest income, for the next 12 months, by approximately BD 17,738 thousand (2016: increase by BD 19,088 thousand). However, further downward movement of interest rates by 200 basis points might not be practical assumption in the current environment, given the current low levels of interest rates, and hence capping the downward movement of interest rates at 0%, the negative impact on the net interest income as at 31 December 2017 estimated at BD 16,115 thousands (2016: BD 11,528 thousands). On the other hand, the scope for interest rates increase from its current levels is most probable which the Bank shall benefit.

	Rate Shock Forecasting (+200 bps)		Rate Shock Forecasting (-200 bps)	
	2017 BD '000	2016 BD '000	2017 BD '000	2016 BD '000
Bahraini Dinar	11,557	11,331	11,557	7,499
US Dollar	5,468	6,250	4,269	2,400
Kuwaiti Dinar	1,471	(260)	1,047	167
Others	(758)	1,766	(758)	1,462
Total	17,738	19,088	16,115	11,528

An increase of 200 basis points in interest rates, with all other variables held constant, will result in a negative impact on equity of approximately 7.2% amounting to BD 37,955 thousand (2016: 2.8%, BD 14,126 thousand). Similarly, a decrease of 200 basis points in interest rates, with all other variables held constant, will result in a positive impact on equity of approximately 7.2% amounting to BD 37,955 thousand (2016: 2.8%, BD 14,126 thousand).

36 CURRENCY RISK

The functional currency of the Group is the Bahraini Dinar.

The Group had the following significant non-strategic net exposures denominated in foreign currencies as of the consolidated statement of financial position date:

	2017 BD '000 equivalent long (short)	2016 BD '000 equivalent long (short)
US dollar	63,540	83,141
Euro	147	488
GCC currencies (excluding Kuwaiti dinar)	2,886	2,582
Kuwaiti dinar	1,039	504
Others	285	1,592

As the Bahraini dinar and other GCC currencies (except the Kuwaiti dinar) are pegged to the US dollar (US\$), positions in US\$ and other GCC currencies are not considered to represent a significant currency risk. For currency sensitivity impact refer to VaR (note 34).

The Board of Directors has established levels of currency risk by setting limits on currency position exposures. Positions are monitored on a daily basis to ensure that they are maintained within established limits. The Group uses forward foreign exchange contracts and currency swaps to hedge against specifically identified currency risks.

37 EQUITY PRICE RISK

Equity price risk is the risk that the fair values of equities or managed funds decrease as a result of changes in the corresponding value of equity indices or the value of individual equity stocks. The Group manages this risk through diversification of investments in terms of geographical distribution and industry concentration.

The effect on equity (as a result of a change in the fair value of equity instruments held as fair value) due to a reasonably possible change in equity indices, with all other variables held constant, is as follows:

	% change in Index	Effect on equity	
		Total 2017 BD '000	Total 2016 BD '000
Bahrain Bourse	± 15%	1,374	1,863
Other GCC and other stock exchanges	± 15%	3,912	4,597
		5,286	6,460

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38 LIQUIDITY RISK

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Group will be unable to meet its funding requirements. Liquidity risk can be caused by market disruptions or a credit downgrade which may cause certain sources of funding to dry up immediately. To guard against this risk, the Group has diversified funding sources, assets are managed with liquidity in mind and liquidity positions are monitored, maintaining a healthy balance of cash, cash equivalents, and readily marketable securities. In addition, the Group maintains various statutory deposits with central banks and has taken lines of credit from various banks and financial institutions.

The Bank has in place a liquidity risk policy, which describes the roles and responsibilities of ALMC and Treasury, and stipulates the broad guidelines with regard to minimum liquid assets to be maintained by the Bank, gap limits under each time bucket of the maturity ladder, cumulative outflow of cash limits for each time bucket and various liquidity ratios to be maintained which are approved by the ALMC based on the Annual Liquidity Strategy.

It is the Bank's policy to keep its assets in high-quality liquid assets such as inter-bank placements, treasury bills and government bonds, to ensure that funds are available to meet maturing liabilities, undrawn facilities and deposit withdrawals as they fall due for payment. A substantial proportion of the Bank's deposits is made up of retail current, savings and fixed deposit accounts which, though payable on demand or at short notice, have traditionally formed part of a stable deposit base and a source of core funding.

The day to day management of liquidity risk is the responsibility of the Global Treasurer, who monitors the sources and maturities of assets and liabilities closely and ensures that limits stipulated by the ALMC are complied with, and that funding is not concentrated from any one source.

The Bank also draws up contingency plans to deal with extraordinary conditions of liquidity risk after comprehensive scenario analysis.

The table below summarizes the maturity profile of the Group's financial liabilities (including interest) based on contractual undiscounted repayment obligations.

31 December 2017	On Demand BD '000	Within 1 month BD '000	1 to 3 months BD '000	3 to 6 months BD '000	6 to 12 months BD '000	1 to 5 years BD '000	5 to 10 years BD '000	10 to 20 years BD '000	More than 20 years BD '000	Total BD '000
Deposits and due to banks and other financial institutions	66,154	103,880	25,108	59	46	282	–	–	–	195,529
Borrowings under repurchase agreement	–	552	492	1,230	43,155	128,652	–	–	–	174,081
Term borrowings	–	–	2,947	48,637	2,668	158,820	–	–	–	213,072
Customers' current, savings and other deposits	1,249,748	354,293	297,100	277,695	214,300	272,698	6	–	–	2,665,840
Total undiscounted financial liabilities	1,315,902	458,725	325,647	327,621	260,169	560,452	6	–	–	3,248,522
Letter of Guarantees	230,620	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	230,620
Undrawn loan commitments	117,670	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	117,670
Derivative financial instruments										
Contractual amounts payable	–	(2,789)	(4,839)	(63,630)	(20,888)	(339,168)	(239,130)	(58,546)	(69,590)	(798,580)
Contractual amounts receivable	–	2,411	4,231	63,076	19,707	331,190	233,521	52,771	66,053	772,960
	–	(378)	(608)	(554)	(1,181)	(7,978)	(5,609)	(5,775)	(3,537)	(25,620)

31 December 2016	On Demand BD '000	Within 1 month BD '000	1 to 3 months BD '000	3 to 6 months BD '000	6 to 12 months BD '000	1 to 5 years BD '000	5 to 10 years BD '000	10 to 20 years BD '000	More than 20 years BD '000	Total BD '000
Deposits and due to banks and other financial institutions	–	187,522	72,471	16	92	–	–	–	–	260,101
Borrowings under repurchase agreement	–	650	–	–	22,784	182,524	–	–	–	205,958
Term borrowings	–	–	313	8,891	3,309	211,457	–	–	–	223,970
Customers' current, savings and other deposits	1,131,845	494,365	411,937	227,023	135,748	112,706	4,471	8,944	–	2,527,039
Total undiscounted financial liabilities	1,131,845	682,537	484,721	235,930	161,933	506,687	4,471	8,944	–	3,217,068
Letter of Guarantees	228,286	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	228,286
Undrawn loan commitments	127,187	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	127,187
Derivative financial instruments										
Contractual amounts payable	–	(2,705)	(8,047)	(18,717)	(26,404)	(374,200)	(276,953)	(42,226)	(76,881)	(826,133)
Contractual amounts receivable	–	3,005	8,491	17,367	23,007	350,297	263,969	31,873	69,094	767,103
	–	300	444	(1,350)	(3,397)	(23,903)	(12,984)	(10,353)	(7,787)	(59,030)

39 FAIR VALUES OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The Group uses the following hierarchy for determining and disclosing the fair value of financial instruments by valuation technique:

Level 1: quoted (unadjusted) prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities;

Level 2: other techniques for which all inputs which have a significant effect on the recorded fair value are observable, either directly or indirectly; and

Level 3: techniques which use inputs which have a significant effect on the recorded fair value that are not based on observable market data.

The following table shows an analysis of financial instruments recorded at fair value by level of the fair value hierarchy at 31 December 2017 and 31 December 2016.

31 December 2017	Level 1 BD'000	Level 2 BD'000	Level 3 BD'000	Total BD'000
Financial assets				
Bonds	563,502	–	666	564,168
Equities	35,242	6,737	22,720	64,699
Managed funds	–	1,196	–	1,196
Derivatives held for trading	–	147	–	147
Derivatives held as fair value hedges	–	7,467	–	7,467
Derivatives held as cash flow hedges	–	100	–	100
	598,744	15,647	23,386	637,777
Financial liabilities				
Derivatives held for trading	–	647	–	647
Derivatives held as fair value hedges	–	5,992	–	5,992
	–	6,639	–	6,639

31 December 2016	Level 1 BD'000	Level 2 BD'000	Level 3 BD'000	Total BD'000
Financial assets				
Bonds	563,023	2,634	–	565,657
Equities	43,742	6,066	28,153	77,961
Managed funds	–	1,442	–	1,442
Derivatives held for trading	–	108	–	108
Derivatives held as fair value hedges	–	6,672	–	6,672
Derivatives held as cash flow hedges	–	158	–	158
	606,765	17,080	28,153	651,998
Financial liabilities				
Derivatives held for trading	–	137	–	137
Derivatives held as fair value hedges	–	9,638	–	9,638
	–	9,775	–	9,775

Transfers between level 1, level 2 and level 3

During the reporting year ended 31 December 2017, there were no transfers into and out of Level 3 fair value measurements.

The table below sets out the estimated carrying values and fair values of those on and off statement of financial position financial instruments carried at amortised cost where fair values are different from the carrying amounts shown in the consolidated financial statements:

2017	Carrying value BD '000	Fair value BD '000	Difference BD '000
Financial liabilities			
Term borrowings	199,012	193,941	(5,071)
Financial assets			
Investment securities	118,923	117,233	(1,690)

2016	Carrying value BD '000	Fair value BD '000	Difference BD '000
Financial liabilities			
Term borrowings	206,109	199,596	(6,513)
Financial assets			
Investment securities	123,073	120,937	(2,136)

The above financial liabilities and assets are level 1 fair value.

The fair value of financial assets and financial liabilities approximate their carrying values, other than those disclosed in the table above.

40 SHARE-BASED PAYMENTS

The expense recognised for employee services received during the year is shown in the following table:

	2017 BD '000	2016 BD '000
Expense arising from equity-settled share-based payment transactions	1,242	714
Shares vested during the year	(543)	(745)

During 2010, the Nomination and Remuneration Committee of the Bank modified the employees stock option plans for the previously granted stock options. The existing plan was discontinued with effect from 31 March 2010. The Bank moved to a new long-term incentive plan, which is referred to as the Employee Performance Share Plan (EPSP), which will award shares (rather than options) to executives. The details of the modifications to stock option plan and EPSP are described below:

Employee Performance Share Plan (EPSP)

Shares are granted to Senior Managers and above, with more than 12 months service at the date of grant and meeting certain performance criteria. The shares granted are subject to the satisfaction of conditions relating to the Bank's net profit over a three year period and the employee being in employment at the end of the 3 year period (vesting period).

The Bank utilises its existing treasury shares for the EPSP and may also choose to issue new shares to settle the EPSP in the future. The price of the shares granted was equal to the market price of the Bank's shares on the grant date. As at 31 December 2017, there has been a transfer of 4,636,928 shares (2016: 10,398,441 shares) from treasury stock to BBK Shares Incentives S.P.C which is in line with the Employee Performance Share Plan.

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40 SHARE-BASED PAYMENTS (continued)

Employee Performance Share Plan (EPSP) (continued)

The following table illustrates the number and cost per share of the shares granted during the year under the new scheme.

	2017		2016	
	Number of shares	Cost per share BD	Number of shares	Cost per share BD
Opening balance of shares granted but not vested	4,636,928	0.354	5,914,981	0.424
Equity shares granted during the year	2,281,932	0.394	2,851,177	0.312
Equity shares transferred to trust	1,769,816	0.394	900,000	0.312
Shares transferred to active employees	(1,256,260)	0.432	(1,798,302)	0.425

The market price of BBK B.S.C. shares at 31 December 2017 was BD 0.414 (2016: BD 0.400).

41 CAPITAL ADEQUACY

The risk asset ratio calculated in accordance with the capital adequacy guidelines approved by the Central Bank of Bahrain, for the Group is as follows:

	2017 BD '000	2016 BD '000
Capital base:		
CET1 capital	408,784	383,518
Additional Tier 1 capital	86,098	86,098
Tier 2 capital	29,578	30,865
Total capital base (a)	524,460	500,481
Credit risk weighted exposure	2,366,212	2,469,207
Operational risk weighted exposure	226,425	211,854
Market risk weighted exposure:	28,050	27,025
Total risk weighted exposure (b)	2,620,687	2,708,086
Capital adequacy (a/b * 100)	20.01%	18.48%
Minimum requirement	12.50%	12.50%

Capital management

The primary objectives of the Group's capital management policies are to ensure that the Group complies with externally imposed capital requirements and that the Group maintains strong credit ratings and healthy capital ratios in order to support its business and to maximise shareholders' value.

The Group manages its capital structure and makes adjustments to it in the light of changes in economic conditions and the risk characteristics of its activities. In order to maintain or adjust the capital structure, the Bank may adjust the amount of dividend payment to shareholders or issue capital securities. No changes were made in the objectives, policies and processes from the previous years.

Basel III and Capital management

The Bank has adopted the new Basel III Capital Adequacy Framework (Basel III) with effect from 1 January 2015 as per the guidelines issued by the Central Bank of Bahrain which is enhancing the Bank's risk management process, supervisory review, disclosure standards and capital management.

The Bank has adopted the Standardized Approach in case of Credit Risk, the Internal Model Approach for Market Risk and the Basic Indicator Approach for Operational Risk.

The Bank has established its Internal Capital Adequacy Assessment Process (ICAAP) to provide policy guidance in Capital Planning and Capital Management. The Bank also uses Risk Adjusted Return on Capital (RAROC) model in its decision making process.

42 LEGAL AND OPERATIONAL RISK

Legal risk

Legal risk is the risk relating to losses due to legal or regulatory action that invalidates or otherwise precludes performance by the end user or its counterparty under the terms of the contract or related netting agreements.

The Group has developed preventive controls and formalised procedures to identify legal risks so that potential losses arising from non-adherence to laws and regulations, negative publicity, etc. are significantly reduced. The Group also has well established legal procedures to scrutinise product offerings and manage risks arising out of its transactions.

As at 31 December 2017, there were legal cases pending against the Group aggregating BD 795 thousand (2016: BD 814 thousand). Based on the opinion of the Group's legal advisors, the management believes that no liability is likely to arise from these cases.

Operational risk

Operational risk is the exposure to loss resulting from inadequate or failed internal processes, people and systems, or from external events. The Group has clearly defined operations procedures for each of its products and services. It also has advanced computer systems that enable it to run operations with speed and accuracy.

The operational risk department operates independently from other units of the Bank and reports to the Chief Risk Officer. It conducts regular reviews of all business areas of the Bank and reports control deficiencies and exceptions to the Bank's policies and procedures. It also recommends measures to mitigate operational risk, which are implemented by management immediately.

The Bank also has a contingency plan to take care of any failure of its computer systems. Regular back-ups are made for all important datasets, and stored outside the Bank's premises. This ensures that in case of any system failure, the Bank will be able to continue its operations without losing critical data or business transactions. As part of its disaster recovery plan, the Bank has established a back-up site which would and operate during an emergency.

The Bank has a specific Business Continuity Plan ("BCP") unit. The main objective of the BCP is to ensure that in the event of full or partial disaster, the Bank should be able to continue providing essential services to customers, minimizing any adverse effects on the Bank's business, through business impact analysis, business restoration plans and procedures, for the identified critical functions.

The Bank is using an operational risk management solution for monitoring operational risk, conducting risk and control self assessments and capturing operational loss data in accordance with Basel III/Central Bank of Bahrain guidelines.

The Bank's subsidiaries have similar contingency plans for their operations.

43 DEPOSIT PROTECTION SCHEME

Deposits held with the Bahrain operations of the Bank are covered by the Deposit Protection Scheme (the Scheme) established by the Central Bank of Bahrain regulation concerning the establishment of the Deposit Protection Scheme and Deposit Protection Board.

44 STAFF SAVING SCHEME

The scheme is a contribution saving fund between the Bank and the employee of the Bank. It was introduced in January 1996 with the objective of providing the employees with a cash benefit upon resignation, retirement or death. Participation in the scheme is discretionary and the employee may contribute any amount. The Bank guarantees a corresponding contribution of an amount that is 3% higher provided that total Bank contribution is not in excess of 10% of the employees' salary. The employee becomes eligible for the full amount of the Bank contribution once the employee has completed 5 years of service, otherwise the entitlement is proportionately calculated. The scheme is managed by a committee, consisting of members from management and representatives nominated and selected by staff.

As at 31 December 2017 the total contribution fund including the earned income stands at BD 17,044 thousand (2016: BD 15,338 thousand). Out of the total fund amount, payment of the principal amount equal to BD 14,927 thousand (2016: BD 13,496 thousand) consisting of the respective staff and Bank's contribution is guaranteed by the Bank to employees participating in the scheme within the applicable law. Out of the principal amount, BD 6,069 thousand (2016: BD 4,912 thousand) is invested in Bahraini Sovereign and GCC Bonds.

45 CLASSIFICATION OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

The following table provides a reconciliation between line items in the statement of financial position and categories of financial instruments.

31 December 2017	Designated as at FVTPL BD '000	FVOCI – debt instruments BD '000	FVOCI – equity instruments BD '000	Amortised cost/others BD '000	Total BD '000
Cash and balances with central banks	–	–	–	469,436	469,436
Treasury Bills	–	9,037	–	418,093	427,130
Deposits and amounts due from banks and other financial institutions	–	–	–	223,824	223,824
Loans and advances to customers	–	–	–	1,740,651	1,740,651
Investment securities	4,462	560,901	64,699	118,923	748,985
Investments in associated companies and joint ventures	–	–	–	46,958	46,958
Interest receivable and other assets	–	–	–	79,680	79,680
Premises and equipment	–	–	–	26,436	26,436
Total assets	4,462	569,938	64,699	3,124,001	3,763,100
Deposits and amounts due to banks and other financial institutions	–	–	–	193,472	193,472
Borrowings under repurchase agreement	–	–	–	161,314	161,314
Term borrowings	–	–	–	199,012	199,012
Customers' current, savings and other deposits	–	–	–	2,623,577	2,623,577
Interest payable and other liabilities	–	–	–	84,890	84,890
Total liabilities	–	–	–	3,262,265	3,262,265

31 December 2016	Designated as at FVTPL BD '000	FVOCI – debt instruments BD '000	FVOCI – equity instruments BD '000	Amortised cost/others BD '000	Total BD '000
Cash and balances with central banks	–	–	–	314,368	314,368
Treasury Bills	–	7,381	–	394,254	401,635
Deposits and amounts due from banks and other financial institutions	–	–	–	318,407	318,407
Loans and advances to customers	–	–	–	1,767,138	1,767,138
Investment securities	10,486	561,875	72,700	123,073	768,134
Investments in associated companies and joint ventures	–	–	–	43,923	43,923
Interest receivable and other assets	–	–	–	64,769	64,769
Premises and equipment	–	–	–	24,183	24,183
Total assets	10,486	569,256	72,700	3,050,115	3,702,557
Deposits and amounts due to banks and other financial institutions	–	–	–	259,911	259,911
Borrowings under repurchase agreement	–	–	–	184,016	184,016
Term borrowings	–	–	–	206,109	206,109
Customers' current, savings and other deposits	–	–	–	2,493,715	2,493,715
Interest payable and other liabilities	–	–	–	84,591	84,591
Total liabilities	–	–	–	3,228,342	3,228,342