Consolidated Financial Statements of

# NATIONAL BANK OF DOMINICA LTD.

June 30, 2021 (Expressed in Eastern Caribbean dollars)

# NATIONAL BANK OF DOMINICA LTD.

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Shareholders of National Bank of Dominica Ltd.

#### Report on the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements

#### Opinion

We have audited the consolidated financial statements of National Bank of Dominica Ltd. (the Bank) and its subsidiary (the Group), which comprise the consolidated statement of financial position as at June 30, 2021, and the consolidated statements of income, comprehensive income, changes in equity and cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the consolidated financial statements including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of the Group as at June 30, 2021, and its consolidated financial performance and its consolidated cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs).

#### **Basis for Opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISAs). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements* section of our report. We are independent of the Group in accordance with the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants including International Independence Standards (IESBA Code) together with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the consolidated financial statements in the Eastern Caribbean, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and the IESBA Code. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

#### To the Shareholders of National Bank of Dominica Ltd.

#### Other Information

Management is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the Annual Report for 2021 but does not include the consolidated financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The Annual Report is expected to be made available to us after the date of this auditor's report.

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

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

When we read the Annual Report for 2021, if we conclude that there is a material misstatement therein, we are required to communicate the matter to those charged with governance.

# Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Consolidated Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the consolidated financial statements in accordance with IFRSs, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of consolidated financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

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



# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

#### To the Shareholders of National Bank of Dominica Ltd.

#### Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements

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

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

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Group's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Group's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the consolidated financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Group to cease to continue as a going concern.



# **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)**

#### To the Shareholders of National Bank of Dominica Ltd.

# Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements (continued)

- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the consolidated financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the consolidated financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- Obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business activities within the Group to express an opinion on the consolidated financial statements. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the group audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion

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

We also provide those charged with governance with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence and communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

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Chartered Accountants Castries, Saint Lucia September 1, 2022.

Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

As at June 30, 2021

(Expressed in Eastern Caribbean Dollars)

Assets	Notes	2021 \$	2020 \$
Cash and balances with Central Bank	7(a)	191,230,712	107,472,227
Treasury bills	8	30,268,891	28,181,240
Due from other banks	9	275,243,884	244,010,266
Deposits with non-bank financial institutions	10	17,796,467	26,900,409
Loans and advances to customers	11	758,207,864	695,525,032
Investment securities	12	265,652,086	245,291,726
Other assets	13	27,379,061	11,754,758
Property and equipment	14	14,744,418	11,567,008
Right-of-use assets	34	1,117,708	44,708
Intangible assets	15	4,729,994	518,688
Total Assets		1,586,371,085	1,371,266,062
Liabilities			
Deposits from customers	16	1,405,523,924	1,202,389,712
Other liabilities	17	23,497,581	27,268,033
Lease liability	34	1,136,890	47,213
Commercial paper	18	28,069,223	30,369,802
Provision		236,186	232,262
Total Liabilities		1,458,463,804	1,260,307,022
Equity			
Share capital	19	20,000,000	20,000,000
Statutory reserve	20	20,000,000	18,633,672
Loan loss reserve	21	-	1,109,521
Fair value through OCI reserve	22	575,400	867,734
Retained earnings		87,331,881	70,348,113
Total Equity		127,907,281	110,959,040
Total Liabilities and Equity		1,586,371,085	1,371,266,062

The consolidated financial statements were approved on September 01, 2022 by the Board of Directors for issue and signed on its behalf by:

Gibbs Stephenson Audit Committee Chairperson

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Linda Toussaint Peter Deputy Managing Director

Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity

For the year ended June 30, 2021

# (Expressed in Eastern Caribbean Dollars)

	Notes	Share capital \$	Statutory reserve \$	Fair value through OCI reserve \$	Loan loss reserve \$	Retained earnings \$	Total Equity \$
<b>Balance at July 1, 2019</b> Impact of initial application of IFRS 16	3(u)	20,000,000	13,968,918	861,768	5,831,164	46,988,571 (21,116)	87,650,421 (21,116)
Restated balance at July 1, 2019	_	20,000,000	13,968,918	861,768	5,831,164	46,967,455	87,629,305
Net income for the year		-	-	-		23,323,769	23,323,769
Transfer to retained earnings	21	-	-	-	(4,721,643)	4,721,643	-
Allocation to statutory reserve	20	-	4,664,754	-	-	(4,664,754)	-
Change in fair value of FVOCI							
investment securities	22	-	-	5,966	-	-	5,966
Balance at June 30, 2020	=	20,000,000	18,633,672	867,734	1,109,521	70,348,113	110,959,040
<b>Balance at July 1, 2020</b> Net income for the year		20,000,000	18,633,672	867,734	1,109,521	70,348,113 18,440,575	110,959,040 18,440,575
Transfer to retained earnings	21	-	-	-	(1,109,521)	1,109,521	-
Allocation to statutory reserve	20	-	1,366,328	-	-	(1,366,328)	-
Change in fair value of FVOCI							
investment securities	22	-	-	(292,334)	-	-	(292,334)
Dividends Paid	-					(1,200,000)	(1,200,000)
Balance at June 30, 2021	=	20,000,000	20,000,000	575,400		87,331,881	127,907,281

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

Consolidated Statement of Income

For the year ended June 30, 2021

(Expressed in Eastern Caribbean Dollars)

	Notes	2021 \$	2020 \$
Interest income	23	52,555,765	57,691,237
Interest expense	23	(22,398,442)	(21,661,130)
Net interest income		30,157,323	36,030,107
Net foreign exchange trading income		7,712,371	6,689,367
Net commission and other income	24	7,577,665	9,515,171
Net interest, commission and other income		45,447,359	52,234,645
Net unrealized gain from investment securities at fair value through profit or loss Net impairment (loss) recovery on loans and advances	12	13,595,509	1,478,596
to customers	11	(14,098,760)	2,098,273
Impairment loss on investment securities	12	(12,800)	(1,649,394)
Impairment recovery on investment securities ECL adjustment on treasury bills, due from other	12, 25	888,636	10,114
banks, non-bank financial institutions and other assets	8, 9, 10, 13	1,256,491	(7,219,371)
Operating expenses	26	(28,635,860)	(23,629,094)
<b>Net income before taxation</b> Income tax expense	29	18,440,575	23,323,769
Net income for the year after taxation		18,440,575	23,323,769
Earnings per share attributable to equity holders of Group	the		
Basic and diluted		0.77	0.97

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

Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income

For the year ended June 30, 2021

(Expressed in Eastern Caribbean Dollars)

	Notes	2021 \$	2020 \$
Net income for the year		18,440,575	23,323,769
Other comprehensive income:			
<i>Items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss:</i> Net fair value (loss) gain on investments at FVOCI	12, 22	(292,334)	5,966
Total comprehensive income for the year		18,148,241	23,329,735

Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows

For the year ended June 30, 2021

(Expressed in Eastern Caribbean Dollars)

	Notes	2021 \$	2020 \$
Cash flows from operating activities	110105	Ψ	Ψ
Net income for the year		18,440,575	23,323,769
Adjustments for:		, ,	, ,
Depreciation and amortization	14, 15	1,820,828	1,463,663
Depreciation on right-of-use assets	34	536,500	536,501
Interest income		(7,802,879)	(11,057,332)
Interest expense		567,495	743,053
Interest on lease liability		48,509	13,220
Gain on disposal of property and equipment		(43,830)	-
Tax (recoverable) expense		-	(111,609)
Unrealized gain on investment securities at FVTPL	12	(13,595,509)	(1,478,596)
Impairment recovery on investment securities	12, 25	(886,636)	(10,114)
Net impairment loss on investment securities	12	12,800	1,649,394
ECL adjustment on treasury bills, other assets	8	(178,625)	6,195,898
Net impairment loss (recovery) on loans and advances	11(i)	14,098,760	(2,098,273)
Cash flows before changes in operating assets and			
liabilities		13,017,988	19,169,574
Change in mandatory deposits with Central Bank		(12,121,828)	3,926,681
Change in loans and advances		(76,781,592)	(21,477,614)
Change in other assets		(15,624,303)	(950,567)
Change in accrued interest		-	(1,828,983)
Change in deposits from customers and commercial paper		200,833,633	(73,467,004)
Change in other liabilities		(3,770,452)	(449,249)
Change in provisions		3,924	(147,364)
Cash from (used in) operations		105,557,370	(75,224,526)
Interest received		7,798,856	10,141,765
Interest paid		(569,497)	(760,826)
Income tax paid			(109,445)
Net cash from (used in) operating activities		112,786,729	(65,953,032)
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b> Net (Purchase) disposal of treasury bills		(10,620,364)	445,900
Purchase of investment securities	12	(10,020,504) (27,672,969)	(12,729,106)
Proceeds from disposal of investment securities	12	21,491,620	26,478,556
Purchase of property and equipment	12	(4,642,127)	(1,263,977)
Proceeds from disposal of property and equipment	14	44,146	(1,203,777)
Purchase of intangible assets	15	(4,567,733)	(324,049)
Net cash (used in) from investing activities		(25,967,426)	12,607,324
Cash flows from financing activities			
Dividends paid		(1,200,000)	-
Payment of lease liabilities	34	(568,332)	(568,332)
Net cash used in financing activities		(1,768,332)	(568,332)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		85,050,971	(53,914,040)
Cash and cash equivalents – beginning of year		321,749,611	375,663,651
Cash and cash equivalents – end of year	7(b)	406,800,582	321,749,611

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

#### 1. Reporting entity

The National Bank of Dominica Ltd. (the Bank) and its subsidiary (the Group) are domiciled in the Commonwealth of Dominica. The Group's registered office and principal place of business are both located at 64 Hillsborough Street, Roseau, Commonwealth of Dominica. These consolidated financial statements comprise the financial statements of the Group.

The Group was established by Act of Parliament No. 27 of 1976 and commenced operations on March 15, 1978. The Group is subject to the provisions of the Banking Act No. 4 of 2015 and the Companies Act of 1994 of the Commonwealth of Dominica.

The Eastern Caribbean Securities Exchange acts as a registrar and the transfer agent for the Group's shares.

The Group provides retail, corporate and investment banking services in the Commonwealth of Dominica and the rest of the Eastern Caribbean region.

The National Investment Corporation Ltd. (NIC) is a wholly owned subsidiary of the Group, and was incorporated in the Commonwealth of Dominica under the Companies Act 1994. In August 2012, NIC was amalgamated with the National Mortgage & Finance Corporation, then another wholly owned subsidiary of the Group. NIC is in the process of reviewing its mandate and is currently non-operational. However, it is proposed that it engages in capital market services, focusing initially on brokerage and trade execution services to institutions and individual clients wishing to invest funds in various securities offered in the regional capital market.

#### 2. Basis of preparation

#### (a) Statement of compliance

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs) as issued by the International Accounting Standard Board (IASB) as at June 30, 2021 (the reporting date).

#### (b) Basis of measurement

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, except for the following material items in the consolidated statement of financial position that are measured at fair value:

- financial instruments designated and measured at fair value through profit or loss,
- equity investments designated at fair value through other comprehensive income

#### (c) Functional and presentation currency

These consolidated financial statements are presented in Eastern Caribbean dollars, which is the Group's functional currency, except otherwise indicated. All amounts have been rounded to the nearest dollar.

#### 2. Basis of preparation (cont'd)

#### (d) Estimates critical to reported amounts, and judgements in applying accounting policies

The preparation of the consolidated financial statements in conformity with IFRS requires management to make estimates, based on assumptions and judgements. Management also makes judgements, other than those involving estimations, in the process of applying the accounting policies. The estimates and judgements affect (1) the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, contingent assets and contingent liabilities at the reporting date and the income and expenses for the year then ended, and (2) the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities in the next financial year.

The estimates, and the assumptions underlying them, as well as the judgements are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

Judgements made in the application of IFRS that have a significant effect on the amounts recognised in the consolidated financial statements, and estimates that can cause a significant adjustment in the next financial year to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities at the reporting date are outlined below:

#### Classification of financial assets - Notes 3(h), 3(h)(iii) and 12

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

#### Expected Credit Losses - Notes 3(h)(vi), 11 and 12

Establishing the criteria for determining whether credit risk on the financial assets has increased significantly since initial recognition, determining methodology for incorporating forward looking information into measurement of the ECL and selection and approval of models used to measure ECL.

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#### 2. Basis of preparation (cont'd)

- (d) Estimates critical to reported amounts, and judgements in applying accounting policies (cont'd)
  - (i) Key sources of estimation uncertainty
    - 1. <u>Allowance for impairment losses on financial assets</u>

In determining amounts, if any, to be recorded for impairment of financial assets, management makes assumptions in assessing whether certain facts and circumstances, such as repayment default and adverse economic conditions, are indicators that there may be a measurable decrease in the estimated future cash flows from outstanding balances. Management also makes estimates of the amount of future cash flows from balances determined to be impaired, as well as the timing of such cash flows. If the balances are individually significant, the amount and timing of cash flows are estimated for each receivable individually. Where indicators of impairment are not observable on individually significant receivables, or on a group or portfolio of receivables that are not individually significant, management estimates the impairment by classifying each receivable or group of receivables according to their characteristics, such as credit risks, and applying appropriate factors, such as historical loss experience, to each class with similar characteristics. The use of assumptions makes uncertainty inherent in such estimates.

2. Residual values and useful lives of property and equipment

The residual value and the useful life of each asset are reviewed at least at each financial year-end, and, if expectations differ from previous estimates, the change is accounted for as a change in accounting estimate. The useful life of an asset is defined in terms of the asset's expected utility to the Group.

3. Income taxes

In the ordinary course of the Group's business, it undertakes transactions, and is subject to events, the tax effects of which are uncertain. In the face of such uncertainty, the Group makes estimates and judgements in determining the provision for income taxes.

The final tax outcome attributable to matters subject to such estimates and judgements may be materially different from that which was initially recognised. Any such difference will impact the current and deferred income tax provision in the period in which such determination is made.

#### 2. Basis of preparation (cont'd)

- (d) Estimates critical to reported amounts, and judgements in applying accounting policies (cont'd)
  - (i) Key sources of estimation uncertainty (cont'd)
    - 4. Fair value of financial instruments

There are no quoted market prices for a significant portion of the Group's financial assets and liabilities. Accordingly, fair values of several financial assets are estimated using a variety of means, including quotes published by broker/dealers and the book value of the entity, approaches in which there is inherent significant uncertainty that has resulted in these instruments being categorized as Level 2 and Level 3 in the fair value hierarchy. The estimates of fair value arrived at from these sources may be significantly different from the actual price of the instruments in an actual arm's length transaction.

(ii) Critical accounting judgements in applying the Group's accounting policies

For the purpose of these consolidated financial statements, prepared in accordance with IFRS, judgement refers to the informed identification and analysis of reasonable alternatives, considering all relevant facts and circumstances, and the well-reasoned, objective and unbiased choice of the alternative that is most consistent with the agreed principles set out in IFRS.

The Group's accounting policies provide scope for financial assets and liabilities to be designated on inception into different accounting categories in certain circumstances, and the Group exercises judgement in carrying out such designation.

The following are relevant to these consolidated financial statements:

IFRS 9 classifies all financial assets within the scope of IAS 39 into just two main classifications namely, those measured at amortised cost and those measured at fair value. Fair value measurements can either be fair value through other comprehensive income (FVOCI), or fair value through profit and loss (FVTPL). The decision on classification is taken at initial recognition and restatement of any previously recognised gains, losses, or interest is not required.

- For a debt instrument to be recognised at amortised cost, it must satisfy the requirements of the cash flow test and be managed such that it is held to maturity. A debt instrument can be measured at FVOCI only if it passes the cash flow test and if the assets are managed to achieve the business model objectives of both the collection of contractual cash flows and selling. There is also the option to designate a debt instrument as FVTPL with some conditions.
- All equity investments are measured at fair value, with changes recognized in profit or loss (i.e. FVTPL). However, if an equity investment is not held for trading, at initial recognition an entity may choose to measure the investment at FVOCI, but when the instrument is sold the gain or loss on sale will not be "recycled" from other comprehensive income to profit and loss as in the case of debt instruments classified as FVOCI. Instead, the cumulative gain or loss is transferred to a separate retained earnings bucket (Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (AOCI)).

#### 3. Significant accounting policies

#### (a) Basis of consolidation

The financial statements of the subsidiaries used to prepare the consolidated financial statements were prepared as of the Parent Company's reporting date. The consolidation principles are unchanged as against the previous year.

The consolidated financial statements of the Group comprise the financial statements of the parent entity and its subsidiary as of June 30, 2021.

#### (b) Subsidiaries

Subsidiaries are entities controlled by 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 profit or loss 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.

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## 3. Significant accounting policies (cont'd)

## (c) Loss of control

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 and liabilities of the subsidiary;
- Derecognises the carrying amount of any non-controlling interest;
- 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 other comprehensive income to profit or loss or retained earnings, as appropriate.

The Group uses the acquisition method of accounting to account for business combinations. The consideration transferred for the acquisition of a subsidiary is the fair values of the assets transferred, the liabilities incurred and the equity interests issued by the group. The consideration transferred includes the fair value of any asset or liability resulting from a contingent consideration arrangement. Acquisition-related costs are expensed as incurred. Identifiable assets acquired and liabilities and contingent liabilities assumed in a business combination are measured initially at their fair values at the acquisition date. On an acquisition-by-acquisition basis, the group recognises any non-controlling interest in the acquiree either at fair value or at the non-controlling interest's proportionate share of the acquiree's net assets.

The excess of the consideration transferred, the amount of any non-controlling interest in the acquiree and the acquisition-date fair value of any previous equity interest in the acquiree over the fair value of the Group's share of the identifiable net assets acquired is recorded as goodwill. If this is less than the fair value of the net assets of the subsidiary acquired in the case of a bargain purchase, the difference is recognised directly in profit or loss.

#### (d) Transactions eliminated on consolidation

Inter-company transactions, balances and unrealised gains on transactions between group companies have been eliminated. Unrealised losses are also eliminated unless the transaction provides evidence of impairment of the asset transferred.

The integration of the subsidiaries into the consolidated financial statements is based on consistent accounting methods.

#### 3. Significant accounting policies (cont'd)

(e) Adoption of new standards, and interpretations of and amendments to existing standards that became effective during the year

The Group applied for the first-time certain standards and amendments, which are effective for annual reporting periods beginning on or after July 1, 2020. The Group has not early adopted any other standard, interpretation or amendment that has been issued but is not yet effective. The nature and the impact of each new standard or amendment is described below:

#### • IFRS 16 Leases

In January 2016, the IASB issued IFRS 16 Leases, the standard that replaced IAS 17 for annual reporting periods beginning on or after January 1, 2019, with early adoption permitted. The Group did not early adopt IFRS 16. IFRS 16 specifies how leases will be recognised, measured, presented and disclosed. IFRS 16 does not significantly change the accounting for leases for Lessors. However; the standard does require lessees to recognise most leases on their consolidated statement of financial position as lease liabilities with the corresponding right-of-use assets. Lessees must apply a single model for all recognised leases but will have the option not to recognise "short-term" leases and leases of "low-value" assets. Generally, the profit or loss recognition pattern for recognised leases will be similar to finance lease accounting under the predecessor standard IAS 17, with interest and depreciation expense recognised separately in the consolidated statement of income. The impact of IFRS 16 is disclosed in note 3(u).

#### • Amendments to IAS 12 Income Taxes – Annual Improvements to IFRS Standards 2015-2017

The IASB issued an amendment to IAS 12 in December 2017. The amendment clarified the recognition and measurement of current and deferred taxes on dividends. The amendment clarified the recognition of income tax consequences of dividends where the transactions or events that generated distributable profits are recognised, apply to all income tax consequences of dividends. This amendment is effective for annual reporting periods beginning on or after January 1, 2019 and did not have a significant impact on the consolidated financial statements of the Group.

#### 3. Significant accounting policies (cont'd)

- (e) Adoption of new standards, and interpretations of and amendments to existing standards that became effective during the year (cont'd)
  - New and amended standards and interpretations that became effective during the year:

Certain new and amended standards came into effect during the current financial year. The Company has assessed them and has adopted those which are relevant to its financial statements:

• Amendments to IFRS 16 Leases is effective for annual periods beginning on or after June 1, 2020, with early application permitted. It provides guidance for COVID-19 related rent concessions.

The amendments introduce an optional practical expedient that simplifies how a lessee accounts for rent concessions that are a direct consequence of COVID-19. A lessee that applies the practical expedient is not required to assess whether eligible rent concessions are lease modifications, and accounts for them in accordance with other applicable guidance. The resulting accounting will depend on the details of the rent concession. For example, if the concession is in the form of a one-off reduction in rent, it will be accounted for as a variable lease payment and be recognised in profit or loss.

The practical expedient will only apply if:

- the revised consideration is substantially the same or less than the original consideration
- the reduction in lease payments relates to payments due on or before 30 June 2021; and
- no other substantive changes have been made to the terms of the lease.

Lessees applying the practical expedient are required to disclose:

- that fact, if they have applied the practical expedient to all eligible rent concessions and, if not, the nature of the contracts to which they have applied the practical expedient; and
- the amount recognised in profit or loss for the reporting period arising from application of the practical expedient.

No practical expedient is provided for lessors. Lessors are required to continue to assess if the rent concessions are lease modifications and account for them accordingly.

#### 3. Significant accounting policies (cont'd)

- (e) Adoption of new standards, and interpretations of and amendments to existing standards that became effective during the year (cont'd)
  - New and amended standards and interpretations that became effective during the year (cont'd):
    - Amendments to IFRS 9 Financial Instruments, IAS 39 Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement, IFRS 7 Financial Instruments: Disclosures, IFRS 4 Insurance contracts and IFRS 16 Leases, is effective for annual accounting periods beginning on or after January 1, 2021 and address issues affecting financial reporting in the period leading up to interbank offered rates (IBOR) reform. The second phase amendments apply to all hedging relationships directly affected by IBOR reform. The amendments principally address practical expedient for modifications. A practical expedient has been introduced where changes will be accounted for by updating the effective interest rate if the change results directly from IBOR reform and occurs on an 'economically equivalent' basis. A similar practical expedient will apply under IFRS 16 Leases for lessees when accounting for lease modifications required by IBOR reform. In these instances, a revise discount rate that reflects the change in interest rate will be used in remeasuring the lease liability.

The amendments also address specific relief from discontinuing hedging relationships as well as new disclosure requirements.

The Company does not expect the amendment to have a significant impact on its financial statements.

At the date of authorisation of these financial statements, certain new and amended standards and interpretations have been issued which were not effective for the current year and which the Company has not early adopted. The Company has assessed them with respect to its operations and has determined that the following are relevant:

• Amendments to IAS 37 Provision, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets is effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2022 and clarifies those costs that comprise the costs of fulfilling the contract.

The amendments clarify that the 'costs of fulfilling a contract' comprise both the incremental costs - e.g. direct labour and materials; and an allocation of other direct costs - e.g. an allocation of the depreciation charge for an item of property, plant and equipment used in fulfilling the contract. This clarification will require entities that apply the 'incremental cost' approach to recognise bigger and potentially more provisions. At the date of initial application, the cumulative effect of applying the amendments is recognised as an opening balance adjustment to retained earnings or other component of equity, as appropriate. The comparatives are not restated.

#### 3. Significant accounting policies (cont'd)

- (e) Adoption of new standards, and interpretations of and amendments to existing standards that became effective during the year (cont'd)
  - New and amended standards and interpretations that became effective during the year (cont'd):
    - Amendments to IAS 16 Property, Plant and Equipment, effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2022, will mainly affect extractive and petrochemical industries and include the following guidance.

In the process of making an item of property, plant and equipment (PPE) available for its intended use, a company may produce and sell items – e.g. minerals extracted in the process of constructing an underground mine or oil and gas from testing wells before starting production. It provides guidance on the accounting for such sale proceeds and the related production costs.

Under the amendments, proceeds from selling items before the related item of PPE is available for use should be recognised in profit or loss, together with the costs of producing those items. IAS 2 *Inventories* should be applied in identifying and measuring these production costs.

Companies will therefore need to distinguish between, costs associated with producing and selling items before the item of PPE is available for use, and costs associated with making the item of PPE available for its intended use. Making this allocation of costs may require significant estimation and judgement. Companies in the extractive industry may need to monitor costs at a more granular level.

The amendments also clarify that testing whether an item of PPE is functioning properly means assessing its technical and physical performance rather than assessing its financial performance – e.g. assessing whether the PPE has achieved a certain level of operating margin. For the sale of items that are not part of a company's ordinary activities, the amendments require the company to; disclose separately the sales proceeds and related production cost recognised in profit or loss and specify the line items in which such proceeds and costs are included in the statement of comprehensive income. This disclosure is not required if such proceeds and cost are presented separately in the statement of comprehensive income.

#### 3. Significant accounting policies (cont'd)

- (e) Adoption of new standards, and interpretations of and amendments to existing standards that became effective during the year (cont'd)
  - New and amended standards and interpretations that became effective during the year (cont'd):
    - Annual Improvements to IFRS Standards 2018-2020 cycle contain amendments to IFRS 1 First-time Adoption of International Financial Reporting Standards, IFRS 9 Financial Instruments, IFRS 16 Leases, IAS 41 Agriculture, and are effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2022.
      - (i) IFRS 9 *Financial Instruments* amendment clarifies that for the purpose of performing the '10 per cent test' for derecognition of financial liabilities in determining those fees paid net of fees received, a borrower includes only fees paid or received between the borrower and the lender, including fees paid or received by either the borrower or lender on the other's behalf.
      - (ii) IFRS 16 *Leases* amendment removes the illustration of payments from the lessor relating to leasehold improvements.
      - (iii) The amendments to IAS 41 *Agriculture* removes the requirement to exclude cash flows for taxation when measuring fair value, thereby aligning the fair value measurement requirements in IAS 41 with those in IFRS 13 *Fair Value Measurement*.

#### 3. Significant accounting policies (cont'd)

- (e) Adoption of new standards, and interpretations of and amendments to existing standards that became effective during the year (cont'd)
  - New and amended standards and interpretations that became effective during the year (cont'd):
    - IFRS 17 Insurance Contracts, effective for annual reporting periods beginning on or after January 1, 2023 replaces IFRS 4 Insurance Contracts and provides three models to apply to all insurance contracts: the general model, the variable fee approach and the premium allocation approach.

The key principles in IFRS 17 are that an entity:

- Identifies insurance contract as those contracts under which the entity accepts significant insurance risk from another party (the policyholder) by agreeing to compensate the policyholder if a specified uncertain future (the insured event) adversely affects the policyholder.
- Separates specified embedded derivatives, distinct investment components and distinct performance obligations from the insurance contracts.
- Recognises and measures groups of insurance contracts at:
  - a) a risk adjusted present value of the future cash flows (the fulfilment cash flows) that incorporates all of the available information about the fulfilment cash flows in a way that is consistent with observable market information; plus (if this value is a liability) or minus (if this value is an asset); and
  - b) an amount representing the unearned profit in the group of contracts (the contractual service margin)
- Recognises the profit from a group of insurance contracts over the period the entity provides insurance cover, and as the entity is released from risk. If a group contract is or becomes loss making, an entity recognizes the loss immediately.
- Presents separately insurance revenue (that excludes the receipt of repayment of any investment components) and insurance finance income or expenses;
- Includes an optional simplified measurement approach, or premium allocation approach, for simpler insurance contracts where the coverage period is less than a year or where there are no significant expected changes in estimates before the claims are incurred.

Many of the disclosures of IFRS 4 are kept in IFRS 17. The general model requires disclosure and reconciliation of the expected present value of future cash flows, risk adjustment and contractual service margin. No reconciliation is required under the variable fee approach.

The Company is assessing the impact that the standard will have on its financial statements.

#### 3. Significant accounting policies (cont'd)

- (e) Adoption of new standards, and interpretations of and amendments to existing standards that became effective during the year (cont'd)
  - New and amended standards and interpretations that became effective during the year (cont'd):
    - Amendments to IFRS 17 Insurance Contracts, effective for annual reporting periods beginning on or after January 1, 2023 and provides for the following amendments to the standard:
      - Most companies that issue credit cards and similar products that provide insurance coverage will be able to continue with their existing accounting, unless the insurance coverage is a contractual feature, easing implementation for non-insurers.
      - For loan contracts that meet the definition of insurance but limit the compensation for insured events to the amount otherwise required to settle the policyholder's obligation created by the contract, companies that issue such loans have an option to apply IFRS 9 or IFRS 17, reducing the impact of IFRS 17 for non-insurers.
      - In measuring the contractual service margin; companies will choose to apply either a 'period-to-period' or 'year-to-date' approach, allowing greater opportunity for consistency with current practice and for subsidiaries to align reporting with their parent, revenue and profit emergence will better reflect performance of the wide range of insurance products and the services they provide to customers' allocating insurance acquisition cash flows to future renewal groups reduces the risk of groups becoming onerous solely from acquisition expenses paid relating to future renewals, the allocation is revised at each reporting period to reflect any changes in assumptions that determine the inputs to the method of allocation used, until all contracts have been added to the group and companies now need to assess each period the recoverability of insurance acquisition cash flow assets usually on a more granular level than applied today.
      - Upon transition, companies may be able to account for acquired contracts before the transition date as liabilities for incurred claims. In many cases, companies will be required to identify and recognise an asset for insurance acquisition cash flows incurred prior to transition. Companies are not required to perform a recoverability assessment for periods prior to transition.
      - In accounting for direct participating contracts risk mitigation option expanded to nonderivative assets at FVTPL and reinsurance contracts held and extended to provide relief prospectively from the transition date. If a company meets the risk mitigation option criteria before transition, it can now apply the fair value approach to the related contracts at transition. Companies applying both OCI and risk mitigation options together will be able to achieve better matching in the income statement.
      - For reinsurance contracts, companies will be able to offset losses on initial recognition of direct insurance contracts based on a prescribed formula if they are covered by reinsurance contracts held, reducing accounting mismatches.

#### 3. Significant accounting policies (cont'd)

- (e) Adoption of new standards, and interpretations of and amendments to existing standards that became effective during the year (cont'd)
  - New and amended standards and interpretations that became effective during the year (cont'd):
    - Amendments to IFRS 17 Insurance Contracts, effective for annual reporting periods beginning on or after January 1, 2023 and provides for the following amendments to the standard:
      - There is relief for companies to present (re)insurance contract assets and liabilities at a portfolio level, instead of group level in the statement of financial position and income taxes specifically charged to policyholders may now be included in fulfilment cash flows, better reflecting local practice in certain jurisdictions.

The Company is assessing the impact that the amendment will have on its financial statements.

• Amendments to IAS 1 Presentation of Financial Statements, will apply retrospectively for annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2023. The amendments promote consistency in application and clarify the requirements on determining if a liability is current or non-current.

Under existing IAS 1 requirements, companies classify a liability as current when they do not have an unconditional right to defer settlement of the liability for at least twelve months after the end of the reporting period. As part of its amendments, the requirement for a right to be unconditional has been removed and instead, now requires that a right to defer settlement must have substance and exist at the end of the reporting period. A company classifies a liability as non-current if it has a right to defer settlement for at least twelve months after the reporting period. It has now been clarified that a right to defer exists only if the company complies with conditions specified in the loan agreement at the end of the reporting period, even if the lender does not test compliance until a later date.

With the amendments, convertible instruments may become current. In light of this, the amendments clarify how a company classifies a liability that includes a counterparty conversion option, which could be recognised as either equity or a liability separately from the liability component under IAS 32. Generally, if a liability has any conversion options that involve a transfer of the company's own equity instruments, these would affect its classification as current or non-current. It has now been clarified that a company can ignore only those conversion options that are recognised as equity when classifying liabilities as current or non-current.

#### 3. Significant accounting policies (cont'd)

- (e) Adoption of new standards, and interpretations of and amendments to existing standards that became effective during the year (cont'd)
  - New and amended standards and interpretations that became effective during the year (cont'd):
    - Amendments to IFRS 16 Leases are effective for annual periods beginning on or after April 1, 2021, early adoption is permitted. The amendments extend the practical expedient by 12 months – i.e. allowing lessees to apply it to rent concessions for which any reduction in lease payments affects only payments originally due on or before 30 June 2022.

The 2021 amendments are applied retrospectively with the cumulative effect of initially applying it being recognised in opening retained earnings. The disclosure requirements of Paragraph 28(f) of IAS 8 Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors do not apply on initial application.

The Company is assessing the impact that the amendment will have on its financial statements.

• Amendments to IAS 1 Presentation of Financial Statements are effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2023 and may be applied earlier. The amendments help companies provide useful accounting policy disclosures.

The key amendments to IAS 1 include:

- requiring companies to disclose their material accounting policies rather than their significant accounting policies;
- clarifying that accounting policies related to immaterial transactions, other events or conditions are themselves immaterial and as such need not be disclosed; and
- clarifying that not all accounting policies that relate to material transactions, other events or conditions are themselves material to a company's financial statements.

The amendments are consistent with the refined definition of material:

"Accounting policy information is material if, when considered together with other information included in an entity's financial statements, it can reasonably be expected to influence decisions that the primary users of general purpose financial statements make on the basis of those financial statements".

The Company is assessing the impact that the amendment will have on its financial statements.

#### 3. Significant accounting policies (cont'd)

- (e) Adoption of new standards, and interpretations of and amendments to existing standards that became effective during the year (cont'd)
  - New and amended standards and interpretations that became effective during the year (cont'd):
    - Amendments to IAS 8 Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors are effective for periods beginning on or after January 1, 2023, with early adoption permitted. The amendments introduce a new definition for accounting estimates: clarifying that they are monetary amounts in the financial statements that are subject to measurement uncertainty.

The amendments also clarify the relationship between accounting policies and accounting estimates by specifying that a company develops an accounting estimate to achieve the objective set out by an accounting policy.

Developing an accounting estimate includes both:

- selecting a measurement technique (estimation or valuation technique) e.g. an estimation technique used to measure a loss allowance for expected credit losses when applying IFRS 9 Financial Instruments; and
- choosing the inputs to be used when applying the chosen measurement technique e.g. the expected cash outflows for determining a provision for warranty obligations when applying IAS 37 Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets.
- The effects of changes in such inputs or measurement techniques are changes in accounting estimates.

The Company is assessing the impact that the amendment will have on its financial statements.

#### 3. Significant accounting policies (cont'd)

- (e) Adoption of new standards, and interpretations of and amendments to existing standards that became effective during the year (cont'd)
  - New and amended standards and interpretations that became effective during the year (cont'd):
    - Amendments to IAS 12 Income Taxes are effective for annual reporting periods beginning on or after January 1, 2023, with early adoption permitted. The amendments clarify how companies should account for deferred tax on certain transactions e.g. leases and decommissioning provisions.

The amendments narrow the scope of the initial recognition exemption (IRE) so that it does not apply to transactions that give rise to equal and offsetting temporary differences. As a result, companies will need to recognise a deferred tax asset and a deferred tax liability for temporary differences arising on initial recognition of a lease and a decommissioning provision.

For leases and decommissioning liabilities, the associated deferred tax asset and liabilities will need to be recognised from the beginning of the earliest comparative period presented, with any cumulative effect recognised as an adjustment to retained earnings or other components of equity at that date. If a company previously accounted for deferred tax on leases and decommissioning liabilities under the net approach, then the impact on transition is likely to be limited to the separate presentation of the deferred tax asset and the deferred tax liability.

For all other transactions, the amendments apply to transactions that occur after the beginning of the earliest period presented.

The Company is assessing the impact that the amendment will have on its financial statements.

#### 3. Significant accounting policies (cont'd)

#### (f) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash comprises cash on hand and demand deposits at banks and includes unrestricted balances with the Eastern Caribbean Central Bank (ECCB). Cash equivalents comprise short term, highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash, are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value, and held for short-term operating, rather than investment, purposes. They comprise treasury bills with less than three months maturity from the date of acquisition, term deposits with other banks, term deposits with non-bank financial institutions, and other highly liquid short-term securities.

#### (g) Financial instruments

#### *(i) Recognition and initial measurement*

The Group initially recognizes loans and advances, deposits and debt securities on the date that they are originated. The Group uses trade date accounting for regular way contracts when recording financial asset transactions. All other financial assets and liabilities (including assets and liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss) are recognised initially on the trade date, which is the date that the Group becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

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

#### (ii) Derecognition

#### Financial assets

The Group derecognizes a financial asset when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the financial assets expire, or it transfers the rights to receive the contractual cash flows in a transaction in which substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of the financial assets are transferred or in which the Group neither transfers nor retains substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership and it does not retain ownership 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 transferred), and the sum of (i) the consideration received (including any new asset obtained less any new liability assumed) and (ii) any cumulative gain or loss that had been recognized in other comprehensive income is recognized in profit or loss.

Any cumulative gain/loss recognized in OCI in respect of equity investment securities designated as at FVOCI is not recognized in profit or loss on derecognition of such securities.

#### Financial liabilities

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

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## 3. Significant accounting policies (cont'd)

- (g) Financial instruments (cont'd)
  - (iii) Classification

IFRS 9 contains three principal classification categories for financial assets: measured at amortised cost, fair value through other comprehensive income (FVOCI) and fair value through profit or loss (FVTPL). For classification purposes, IFRS 9 requires all financial assets, except equity instruments and derivatives to be assessed on the basis of the entity's business model for managing the assets and the contractual cash flow characteristics of the instruments. The standard eliminates the previous categories under IAS 39 of held for trading, available-for-sale, held-to-maturity and loans and receivables. The Group will generally therefore classify its financial assets as follows:

- Debt instruments at amortised cost;
- Debt instruments at fair value through other comprehensive income (FVOCI);
- Equity instruments designated at fair value through other comprehensive income (FVOCI); and
- Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss (FVTPL).

On initial recognition, a financial asset is classified as measured at amortised cost, FVOCI or FVTPL. For financial assets held at initial application, the business model assessment is based on facts and circumstances at that date. Also, IFRS 9 permits net elective designations at FVTPL or FVOCI to be made on the date of initial application and permits or requires revocation of previous FVTPL elections at the date of initial application depending on the facts and circumstances at that date.

Financial assets are measured at initial recognition at amortised cost and are classified and subsequently measured at amortised cost if they meet both of the following conditions (the SPPI test) and is not designated as 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.

In order for debt instruments to be recognised at amortised cost, they must satisfy the requirements of the cash flow test and be managed such that they are held to maturity. An asset will be measured at FVOCI only if it passes the cash flow test and if the assets are managed to achieve the business model objectives of both the collection of contractual cash flows and selling. The Group also has the option to designate a debt instrument as FVTPL with some conditions.

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## 3. Significant accounting policies (cont'd)

(g) Financial instruments (cont'd)

## (iii) Classification (cont'd)

A debt instrument is measured at initial recognition at fair value and is classified and subsequently 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.

All equity investments held for trading are measured at fair value, with changes recognized in profit or loss (i.e. FVTPL). However, if an equity investment is not held for trading, at initial recognition the Group may choose to measure the investment at FVOCI, but when the instrument is sold the gain or loss on sale cannot be "recycled" from other comprehensive income to profit and loss as in the case of debt instruments classified as FVOCI. Instead, the cumulative gain or loss is transferred to a separate retained earnings bucket (Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (AOCI)).

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 to collect contractual cash flow.

For the financial year 2019, the Group elected to classify some of its equity instruments at FVOCI with subsequent changes to be presented in FVOCI. In addition, on initial recognition, the Group may irrevocably designate a financial asset that otherwise meets the requirements to be measured at amortized cost or at FVOCI as FVTPL if doing so eliminates or significantly reduces an accounting mismatch that would otherwise arise.

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.

IFRS 9 largely retains the existing requirements in IAS 39 for the classification of financial liabilities and therefore, there have been no significant changes to the accounting for the Group's financial liabilities under IFRS 9.

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## 3. Significant accounting policies (cont'd)

- (g) Financial instruments (cont'd)
  - (iii) Classification (cont'd)

## Business Model Assessment

IFRS 9 requires that financial assets are classified on the basis of the Group's business model for managing such assets unless it makes an irrevocable election to designate the asset at fair value through profit or loss. The business model assessment includes determining how financial assets are managed in order to generate cash flows. The Group is guided by its strategic objective and uses judgement in determining its business models. This is supported by relevant, objective evidence including:

- The stated policies and objectives for the portfolio and the operation of those policies in practice;
- How performance of the business model and the financial assets held within the model are evaluated and reported to key management personnel; and
- The significant risks affecting the performance of the business model to include, market risk and credit risk and the activities undertaken to manage those risks.

The business model assessment is forward looking in that if cash flows are realized in a manner that is different from expectations the classification of the remaining assets in the business model is not changed but instead that information is used to assess new instruments acquired.

The business model for the Group's loans and receivables remains the same as under IAS 39 being to hold to collect contractual cash flows to the maturity of the instrument. As a result, the Group intends to classify loans and advances at amortised cost. There is no change in classification from the previous standard (IAS 39).

The outcome of the SPPI and Business Model tests determines whether the financial instrument is accounted for:

- at fair value through profit or loss (FVTPL);
- at fair value through other comprehensive income (FVOCI); or
- at amortized cost.

IFRS 9 has a single impairment model for all financial assets, but only for those classified as amortized cost or FVOCI. Financial assets classified as FVTPL do not need to be impaired as the others as they are already marked to market and are, therefore, outside of the IFRS 9's scope.

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## 3. Significant accounting policies (cont'd)

- (g) Financial instruments (cont'd)
  - (iii) Classification (cont'd)

Business Model Assessment (cont'd)

The Group's business model assessment falls into two main categories:

- 1. Hold to collect contractual cash flows Under this model, loans and investments securities are held to collect contractual cash flows and they satisfy the SPPI test of the cash flows consisting solely of principal and interest payments.
- 2. Hold to collect contractual cash flows and selling of the financial asset Under this model, which comprises solely investment securities, the objective is to collect cash flow, but the security can be sold to meet liquidity requirements as required.

#### Reclassifications

#### Due from banks, treasury bills, loans and advances

The Group maintained its classification for treasury bills, due from banks, loans and advances previously carried at amortised cost. These securities were therefore measured at amortised cost on the basis that they satisfied the required conditions under IFRS 9 as follows:

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

#### Investment securities

The Group has classified its investment instruments as amortised cost, fair value through profit and loss (FVTPL) and fair value through other comprehensive income (FVOCI). The business model for these instruments vary where some are held to collect contractual cash flows and others are held to collect contractual cash flows but also to sell. Debt securities held to collect contractual cash flows are recognized at amortised cost while debt securities for which the intention is to sell are measured at fair value with changes recognized in profit or loss. Impairment on debt instruments measured at amortised cost is calculated using the expected credit loss approach. Unrealized gain or loss from changes in fair value on debt securities carried at FVTPL are recognised in profit or loss.

All equity securities are measured at fair value. If an equity instrument is not held for trading, at initial recognition, the investment is measured at fair value through profit and loss (FVTPL) with changes recognized in profit or loss or an election is made to designate that equity instrument at fair value through other comprehensive income (FVOCI) but when the instrument is sold/ derecognized the gain or loss on sale cannot be recycled from other comprehensive income to profit or loss. Dividends received are reported in the consolidated statement of income.

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#### 3. Significant accounting policies (cont'd)

(g) Financial instruments (cont'd)

#### (iv) Offsetting

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amount presented in the consolidated statement of financial position when, and only when, the Group has a legal right to set off the amounts and it intends either to settle them on a net basis or to realize the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Income and expenses are presented on a net basis only when permitted under IFRS, or for gains and losses arising from a group of similar transactions, similar to Group's trading activities.

#### (v) Fair value measurement

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 in the principal or, in its absence, the most advantageous market to which the Group has access at that date. The fair value of a liability reflects its non-performance risk.

When available, the Group measures the fair value of a financial instrument using the quoted price in an active market for that instrument. A market is regarded as active if transactions for the asset or liability take place with sufficient frequency and volume to provide pricing information on an ongoing basis.

If there is no quoted price in an active market, then the Group uses valuation techniques that maximise the use of relevant observable inputs and minimise the use of unobservable inputs. The chosen valuation technique incorporates all of the factors that market participants would take into account in pricing a transaction.

The best evidence of the fair value of a financial instrument at initial recognition is normally the transaction price - i.e. the fair value of the consideration given or received. If the Group determines that the fair value at initial recognition differs from the transaction price and the fair value is evidenced neither by a quoted price in an active market for an identical asset or liability nor based on a valuation technique that uses only data from observable markets, then the financial instrument is initially measured at fair value, adjusted to defer the difference between the fair value at initial recognition and the transaction price. Subsequently, that difference is recognised in profit or loss on an appropriate basis over the life of the instrument but no later than when the valuation is wholly supported by observable market data or the transaction is closed out.

The fair value of a demand deposit is not less than the amount payable on demand, discounted from the first date on which the amount could be required to be paid.

The Group evaluates the leveling at each reporting period on an instrument basis and reclassifies instruments when necessary based on the facts at the end of the reporting period. The Group recognises transfers between levels of the fair value hierarchy (see note 6) as of the end of the reporting period during which the change has occurred.

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## 3. Significant accounting policies (cont'd)

(g) Financial instruments (cont'd)

#### (vi) Impairment

The Group recorded the allowance for expected credit losses for the following categories of financial instruments that are not measured at FVTPL:

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

No impairment loss is recognised on equity investments. The Group had no debt instruments measured at fair value through other comprehensive income.

The recognition of ECL could be either 12-months (12mECLs) or lifetime (LTECL) for each financial asset, depending on the impairment stage of the asset.

The impairment model under IFRS 9 makes use of a three-stage approach in determining credit losses:

**Stage 1** - at origination or purchase, 12-month expected credit losses are recognized in profit or loss and a loss allowance is established. 12 Months ECL are done for exposures where there has not been a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition and that are not credit impaired upon origination. The portion of the lifetime ECL associated with the probability of default events occurring within the next 12 months is recognised. For these financial assets, interest revenue is calculated on the gross carrying amount (i.e. without adjustment for expected credit losses).

Stage 2 - If the credit risk increases significantly and the resulting credit quality is no longer considered to be low credit risk, full lifetime expected credit losses are recognised.

Lifetime expected credit losses are only recognised if the credit risk increases significantly from when the entity originates or purchases the financial instrument. The calculation of interest revenue on financial assets remains the same as for stage 1.

Facilities restructured, due to the financial impediment of the borrower will also initially be recognised at stage 2 impairment. These facilities will be monitored for a period of time (12 months) until which a formal review will be conducted to see whether it is performing as normal. Subsequently, once the Group is satisfied, these facilities can return to the stage 1 bucket.

**Stage 3** - If the credit risk of a financial asset increases to the point that it is considered creditimpaired, interest revenue is calculated based on the amortised cost (i.e. the gross carrying amount adjusted for the loss allowance). Lifetime expected credit losses are still recognised on these financial assets.

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## 3. Significant accounting policies (cont'd)

- (g) Financial instruments (cont'd)
  - (vi) Impairment (cont'd)

The Group utilises qualitative and quantitative criteria in its assessment.

**Stage 1** includes financial instruments that have not had a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition or that have low credit risk at the reporting date. For these assets, 12-month expected credit losses ('ECL') are recognized and interest revenue is calculated on the gross carrying amount of the asset (that is, without deduction for credit allowance).

Twelve (12) month ECLs are the expected credit losses that result from default events that are possible within 12 months after the reporting date. It is not the expected cash shortfalls over the 12-month period but the entire credit loss on an asset weighted by the probability that the loss will occur in the next 12 months

Currently, such facilities identified as:

- Those with a credit risk rating of between 1 to 3 inclusive;
- Loan repayments current or not more than 30 days past due;
- Loans rescheduled and up to date for more than 12 months; and
- Deposits on overdraft facilities over the last 30 days equal to, or in excess of the interest accrued on the facility.

Stage 2 includes financial instruments that have had a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition based on the defined criteria set out below, but that do not have objective evidence of impairment. This however excludes (non-restructured) loans assessed as having a low credit risk at the reporting date. Low credit risk refers to specific situations based on the Group's knowledge of the customer which indicates credit risk has not increased significantly. The standard states that a financial instrument is considered to have low credit risk if:

- 1. The financial instrument has a low risk of default.
- 2. The borrower has a strong capacity to meet its contractual cash flow obligations in the near term.
- 3. Adverse changes in economic and business conditions in the longer term may, but will not necessarily, reduce the ability of the borrower to fulfil its contractual cash flow obligations

A financial instrument is not considered to have low credit risk simply because it has a low risk of loss (e.g., for a collateralised loan), if the value of the collateral is more than the amount lent or it has lower risk of default compared with the entity's other financial instruments or relative to the credit risk of the jurisdiction within which the entity operates. According to Basel credit risk is defined as the potential that a borrower or counterparty will fail to meet its obligations in accordance with agreed terms.

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### 3. Significant accounting policies (cont'd)

(g) Financial instruments (cont'd)

### (vi) Impairment (cont'd)

For Stage 2 assets assessed as having low credit risk, lifetime ECLs are recognized, but interest, revenue is still calculated on the gross carrying amount of the asset. At this stage, the expected credit losses are calculated over the lifetime of the loan.

Currently, such loans are identified as those displaying any one or more of the following:

- Loan repayments in arrears between 30 89 days;
- Credit facilities with a risk rating of 4;
- Rescheduled or restructured loans which have been guaranteed by the Government of Dominica
- Rescheduled or restructured loans due to deterioration which are up to date and adequately secured, for less than 1 year after rescheduling; and
- Deposits on overdraft facilities over the last 30 to 90 days equal to, or in excess of the interest accrued on the facility.

**Stage 3** - Financial assets that have objective evidence of impairment at the reporting date. For these assets, lifetime ECLs are recognized and interest revenue is calculated on the net carrying amount (that is, net of credit allowance). The standard requires management, when determining whether the credit risk on a financial instrument has increased significantly, to consider reasonable and supportable information available, in order to compare the risk of a default occurring at the reporting date with the risk of a default occurring at initial recognition of the financial instrument. The Group intends to utilise qualitative and quantitative criteria in its assessment of default of financial assets. The determination is based on whether the borrower is unable or unlikely to pay his/her obligations.

These criteria include any one or more of the following:

- Loans at least 90 days and more in arrears (non-performing loans);
- Credit facilities with a risk rating 5 or higher;
- Delinquent restructured loans;
- Credit cards 90 days past due converted to a loan; and
- Deposits on overdraft facilities over the last 90 days insufficient to cover the interest accrued thereon.

The calculation for all Stage 3 facilities mirrors the IAS 39 calculation for specific provisioning performed by management prior to IFRS 9. After a preliminary analysis, management has opted to perform the calculation for Stage 3 using this approach since the calculation of expected credit losses (ECL) using the 5-year LGD average results in a much lower ECL across all portfolios and does not reasonably represent the best estimate for losses in Stage 3. Management has deemed this approach as appropriate given that the calculation factors the net exposure for those facilities which have defaulted rather than using the estimated portfolio LGD which is based on historical losses over 5 years.

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### 3. Significant accounting policies (cont'd)

(g) Financial instruments (cont'd)

#### (vi) Impairment (cont'd)

Under IFRS 9, the Group recognise expected credit losses (ECL) based on the financial instruments' stage allocation.

- For instruments allocated to Stage 1, a 12-month ECL is required which is the portion of lifetime ECLs resulting from default events that are possible within 12 months after the reporting date 12 Months Probability of Default (PD).
- For instruments allocated to Stage 2, a lifetime ECL is required which is the ECL that results from all possible default events over the expected life of the financial instruments Lifetime Probability of Default (PD).

ECL is estimated based on the calculation of PD\*LGD\*EAD\*Discount rate over the life of the instrument.

- For instruments allocated to Stage 3, which include loans which have defaulted and are over 90 days past due and loans considered to be credit impaired based its Credit Risk Rating, lifetime ECLs are estimated based on the present value of all cash shortfalls over the remaining expected life of the financial asset, that is, the difference between:
  - The cash flows that are <u>contractually</u> due to the Group under the contract and,
  - The cash flows that are <u>expected</u> to be received by the Group which is expected to equate the present value of the discounted collateral value.

The application of Stage 3 ECL remains mostly unchanged from what existed under the previous IAS 39.

The expected credit loss model applies to debt instruments recorded at amortised cost, such as loans, debt securities and loan commitments and financial guarantee contracts.

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### 3. Significant accounting policies (cont'd)

- (g) Financial instruments (cont'd)
  - (vi) Impairment (cont'd)

#### Measurement of expected credit loss (ECL)

In calculating ECL, the Group considered the unbiased and probability-weighted estimates of expected loss which was determined by evaluating a range of possible outcomes to include the amount and timing of the cash flows for particular outcome and the estimated probability of these outcomes. The calculation of ECL also took into account time value of money and reasonable and supportable information that is available without undue cost or effort at the reporting date about past events, current conditions, and forecasts of future economic conditions. Expected credit losses are measured as follows:

- Financial assets that are not credit impaired at the reporting date: as the present value of all cash shortfalls over the expected life of the financial asset discounted by the effective interest rate. The cash shortfall is the difference between the cash flows due to the Group 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 flow discounted by the effective interest rate.
- Undrawn loan commitment: as the expected portion of the loan commitment that will be drawn down over the next twelve months (Stage 1) since the Group has the right to withdraw the commitment that has not yet been disbursed based on any perceived or material changes in the customer's risk profile and calculates the ECL 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.
- Financial guarantee contracts: as the expected payments to reimburse the holder less any amounts the Group expects to recover.
- Revolving facilities including credit cards and overdraft facilities.

The inputs used to estimate the expected credit losses are as follows:

The Group selected the following general model for measurement of ECLs:

 $ECL = PD \times LGD \times EAD \times DR$ , discounted to the financial reporting date where,

• PD - Probability of Default – Estimate of the likelihood of default over a given time horizon. The Group uses the borrower's probability of default as the naturally fitting metrics for estimating the risk of default occurring.

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### 3. Significant accounting policies (cont'd)

- (g) Financial instruments (cont'd)
  - (vi) Impairment (cont'd)

### Measurement of expected credit loss (ECL) (cont'd)

- LGD Loss Given Default Estimate of the loss arising in case a default occurs at a given time.
- EAD The estimated pay off balance at the time of future default, this being the sum of the current balance and interest accrued or the higher of the assigned limits or absolute value of the drawn balance for revolving facilities.

#### 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. The Group carries no debt instruments at FVOCI as at reporting date. 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 reorganization; or
- The disappearance of an active market for a security because of financial difficulties.

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

#### Presentation of allowance for expected credit losses

- Financial assets measured at amortised cost: as a deduction from the gross carrying amount of the assets;
- Debt instruments measured at FVOCI: no loss allowance is recognized in the consolidated statement of profit or loss since their carrying amount is considered their fair value. The loss allowance is disclosed and recognized in the fair value reserve.
- Loan commitments and financial guarantee contracts: as a provision.

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#### 3. Significant accounting policies (cont'd)

- (g) Financial instruments (cont'd)
  - (vi) Impairment (cont'd)

#### Assessment of significant increase in credit risk

At each reporting date, the Group assesses whether there has been a significant increase in credit risk for exposures since initial recognition by comparing the risk of default occurring over the expected life between the reporting date and the date of initial recognition. The Group considers reasonable and supportable information that is relevant and available without undue cost or effort for this purpose. This includes quantitative and qualitative information and forward-looking analysis.

An exposure will migrate through the ECL stages and 12 month expected credit loss to lifetime credit losses as asset quality deteriorates. If, in a subsequent period, asset quality improves and reverses any previously assessed significant increase in credit risk since origination, then the provision for doubtful debts reverts from lifetime ECL to 12-months ECL. Exposures that have not deteriorated significantly since origination, or where the deterioration remains within the Group's best credit rating criteria, or which are less than 30 days past due, are considered to have a low credit risk. The provision for doubtful debts for these financial assets is based on a 12-months ECL.

When an asset is uncollectible, it is written off against the related provision. Such assets are written off after all the necessary procedures have been completed and the amount of the loss has been determined. Subsequent recoveries of amounts previously written off reduce the amount of the expense in profit or loss.

The Group assesses whether the credit risk on an exposure has increased significantly on an individual or collective basis. For the purposes of a collective evaluation of impairment, financial instruments are grouped on the basis of shared credit risk characteristics, taking into account instrument type, credit risk ratings, date of initial recognition, remaining term to maturity, industry, geographical location of the borrower and other relevant factors. The determination of whether there has been a significant increase in credit risk is the key contributing factor in the staging process.

The key factors the Group considers are:

- Changes in market or general economic conditions
- Expectation of potential breaches
- Expected delays in payment
- Deterioration of credit ratings
- Significant changes in operating results or financial position of the borrower

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### 3. Significant accounting policies (cont'd)

- (g) Financial instruments (cont'd)
  - (vi) Impairment (cont'd)

### Renegotiated loans

The Group frequently renegotiates or otherwise modifies the terms and conditions of loans to its customers. The treatment of these would have been covered under IAS 39. Similarly, under IFRS 9, the Group will need to assess whether the modified terms are "substantially" different from the original terms. Based on discussions with Management, assessment considerations may include:

- Any introduction of significant new terms
- Significant change in loan's interest rate
- Significant extension in loan's term
- Significant change in credit risk from inclusion of collateral or other credit enhancements

When terms are substantially different, the Group will derecognise the original loan and recognises a 'new' loan at fair value, recalculating the new EIR. For the calculation of ECL, the new origination date is used.

#### Write offs

Loans and debt securities are written off (either partially or in full) when there is no reasonable expectation of recovering a financial asset in its entirety or a portion thereof. 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. This assessment is carried out at the individual asset level.

Recoveries of amounts previously written off are included in 'impairment losses on financial instruments' in the statement of profit or loss and OCI.

#### Forward Looking Information

Based on certain guidance on IFRS 9, the Group has decided on the following:

- The Group will not be required to incorporate detailed forecasts of future conditions over the entire expected life of a financial instrument.
- The Group will not perform or attempt to gather detailed economic estimates for periods that are far in the future, that is, longer than three years. When necessary, the Group will assume that those economic metrics selected as having stronger correlations with the Group's performance will revert to long-term averages beyond three years.
- The Group may choose to extrapolate projections from available, more detailed information, such as information provided by the Statistical Division of the Central Bank, the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank, or other credible sources. The Group will make every attempt to consistently utilise the information researched.

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### 3. Significant accounting policies (cont'd)

- (g) Financial instruments (cont'd)
  - (vi) Impairment (cont'd)

# Forward Looking Information (cont'd)

• The degree of judgement utilised by the Group will depend on the availability of detailed information and the factors other than macro-economic factors that have affected and may have a future effect on the performance of the Group's financial assets.

Researching estimates of future economic performance is only the first step in the process of incorporating forward looking information. The Group will then analyse and determine which macroeconomic factors, again such unemployment and GDP growth, have affected defaults in the past.

The Group will use its historical information and that of credible sources as identified above as the starting point of its analysis. Adjustments to historical information/results will be based on reasonable and supportable information that incorporates both current and forward-looking information:

The Group continues to research and evaluate its options to incorporate adjustments to its historical metrics to reflect current conditions and forecasts of future economic conditions. To date, the Group is aware of the follow options:-

- 1. Econometric/Statistical modelling current and future expectations are used as direct inputs into a forecasting model that relies on historical relationships between loss and macroeconomic factors such as unemployment and GDP growth.
- 2. Management Overlays Using a base-case scenario based on historical information and, subsequently, adding a management estimate overlay to adjust the historical data to reflect current expectations.

In the absence of information to support, the Group selected four macro-economic variables as likely having a direct impact on the quality of the credit portfolio; being GDP, Inflation and Fiscal Deficit. The chosen strategy was to assess the relationship between these variables and the NPL ratios. The preferred option was to compute a 'multiplier' for each macro variable based on the macroeconomic expectation or 'outlook'. In deriving an appropriate multiplier, it would have been necessary to observe the trends in the NPL over three different economic periods of positive, negative and stable.

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### 3. Significant accounting policies (cont'd)

- (g) Financial instruments (cont'd)
  - (vi) Impairment (cont'd)

### Forward Looking Information (cont'd)

However, this assessment, was impeded by the lack of sufficient years of NPL information against which the macro-economic variables would be compared so as to obtain a meaningful correlation/relationship. Specifically, the six (6) years of NPL information available did not allow for the assessment of the three economic periods needed to continue with the strategy for incorporating the FLIs into the computation of PD.

A simplified approach of computing this correlation of the macro-economic variables and the NPL information over the entire period available. However, whilst the correlation to model was constructed for the other three economic variables, 'unemployment' information is not available for Dominica. Additionally, the absence of NPL information for both Sovereign and NBFIs over the limited period available also served to diminish the effectiveness of the approach.

Given the challenges faced with incorporating the FLI into the computation of PD, the Group has used management estimate overlay as the primary driver of the FLIs, leaving the use of macroeconomic information as a future refinement that may be revisited when the available information allows for that high level approach.

### Management Overlay Option (Scalar Approach):

It is the Group's intention to utilize the 'Management Overlay' option for estimating FLI until the statistical information for a more statistically comprehensive alternative is available. The Scalar approach is used as a simplified method to incorporate forward looking information in the ECL calculation for compliance with IFRS 9. The approach is generally used when there is a challenge in correlating Macroeconomic data with the company's performance of the company's portfolio. The output of the approach is a multiple which is applied to the ECL calculation. The multiple is determined as follows:

- 1. Select Management determines and select the external economic factors that will potentially affect its portfolio in the future.
- 2. Weighting Management weights the factors based on their significance and impact on NBD's portfolio.
- **3. Outlook** For each Macroeconomic variable an outlook, either negative, stable or positive, needs to be determined. The economic outlook of each variable was determined based on data from multiple sources (IMF, ECCB etc.).

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#### 3. Significant accounting policies (cont'd)

- (g) Financial instruments (cont'd)
  - (vi) Impairment (cont'd)

#### Management Overlay Option (Scalar Approach) (cont'd)

- **4. Multiplier** The multiplier effect of each variable is determined based on management's assessment. For e.g. management can determine that the multiplier is a consistent twenty five percent (25%) decrease (1 less 25% = 0.75) or 25% increase (1 plus 25% = 1.25). depending on whether the outlook for the macroeconomic variable was determined to be positive or negative respectively. If the outlook was determined to be stable the multiplier would be 1.
- **5.** Scenario Weighting: A percentage weighting is determined based on management's judgement. These percentage scenario weightings (probability weighted scenarios) represent the likelihood of each scenario occurring when evaluating the current and future macroeconomic conditions at a high level. The sum product of each scenario weight and macroeconomic multiple is then considered in the calculation of the ECLs.
- **6.** Score The product of the weighting and multiplier determines the score for each macroeconomic variable. The sum of the all the probability weighted scores determine the factor that will be applied to the portfolio.

In addition, a COVID-19 overlay utilizing historical portfolio performance during periods of weak economic indicators was applied to the tourism portfolio since it was projected that the tourism sector will be the most impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

- (h) Property and equipment
  - a) Recognition and measurement

Items of property and equipment are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. Cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to the acquisition of the assets. The cost of self-constructed assets includes:

- the cost of materials and direct labour;
- any other costs directly attributable to bringing the asset to a working condition for its intended use;
- when the Group has an obligation to remove the asset or restore the site, an estimate of the costs of dismantling and removing the items and restoring the site on which they are located; and
- capitalised borrowing costs.

#### 3. Significant accounting policies (cont'd)

- (h) Property and equipment (cont'd)
  - a) Recognition and measurement (cont'd)

Purchased software that is integral to the functionality of the related equipment is capitalised as part of that equipment.

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

Gains and losses on disposal of an item of property and equipment are determined by comparing the proceeds from disposal with the carrying amount of property and equipment and are recognized net within other income in profit or loss

b) Subsequent costs

Subsequent expenditures are included in the asset's carrying amount or are recognized as a separate asset, as appropriate, only when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to the Group and the cost of the item can be reliably measured. The carrying amount of the replaced part is derecognized. All other repairs and maintenance are charged to profit or loss during the financial period in which they are incurred.

*c)* Depreciation

Land is not depreciated. Depreciation on other assets is calculated on the straight-line method to allocate their cost to their residual values over their estimated useful lives as follows:

Building	3%
Leasehold improvements	20%
Computer equipment	14% - 33%
Furniture and equipment	14% - 20%
Motor vehicles	20%

Depreciation methods, residual values and useful lives are reviewed at each reporting date, and adjusted if appropriate. Assets that are subject to depreciation are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. An asset's carrying amount is then written down immediately to its recoverable amount. The recoverable amount is the higher of the asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use. Gains and losses on disposal are determined by comparing proceeds with carrying amount and are included in profit or loss.

#### 3. Significant accounting policies (cont'd)

#### (i) Business combination and goodwill

In accordance with IFRS 3, business combinations are accounted for using acquisition method which requires acquired assets and liabilities, including identifiable assets that satisfy the recognition criteria within IFRS 3, as appropriate, to be included in the Group consolidated balance sheet at fair value as at the acquisition date. The cost of the acquisition is measured as the aggregate of the consideration transferred, measured at acquisition date fair value. Acquisition costs are expenses as incurred.

Goodwill is initially measured as being the excess of the aggregate of the value of consideration transferred and the net of the acquisition date amounts of the identifiable assets acquired and liabilities assumed and is reported in the consolidated statement of financial position as an intangible asset. Goodwill is reviewed for impairment, annually or more frequently if events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value may be impaired. After initial recognition, goodwill is measured at cost less any accumulated impairment losses. Impairment losses are recognized in profit and loss,

*(j) Intangible assets* 

Intangible assets comprise separately identifiable intangible items arising from computer software licenses and other intangible assets such as core deposits intangibles and goodwill. Intangible assets are recognized at cost less accumulated amortisation and any accumulated impairment losses. Intangible assets with a definite useful life are amortized using the straight-line method over their estimated useful economic life, generally not exceeding 20 years. Intangible assets with an indefinite useful life are not amortized. Generally, the identified intangible assets of the Group have a definite useful life.

At each reporting date, intangible assets are reviewed for indications of impairment or changes in estimated future economic benefits. If such indications exist, the intangible assets are analyzed to assess whether their carrying amount is fully recoverable. An impairment loss is recognized if the carrying amount exceeds the recoverable amount. The Group chooses to use the cost model for measurement after recognition.

#### Computer software licenses

Acquired computer software licenses are capitalized on the basis of the costs incurred to acquire and bring to use the specific software. Subsequent expenditure on software assets is capitalized only when it increases the future economic benefits of the relevant asset. Software costs are amortized on the straight-line basis in profit or loss from the date it is available for use. The estimated useful lives of software range from three (3) to five (5) years. Amortization methods, useful lives and residual values are reviewed annually and adjusted if necessary. Costs associated with maintaining computer software programs are recognized as an expense when incurred.

#### 3. Significant accounting policies (cont'd)

#### (k) Impairment of other non-financial assets

The carrying amounts of the Group's non-financial assets are reviewed at each reporting date to determine whether there is any indication of impairment. If such indication exists for any asset, then that asset's recoverable amount is estimated. Assets that have an indefinite useful life are not subject to amortization and are tested annually for impairment. Assets that are subject to amortization are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. An impairment loss is recognized for the amount by which the carrying amount of the asset or cash generating unit (CGU) exceeds its recoverable amount.

The recoverable amount of an asset or CGU is the higher of its fair value less costs to sell and value in use. In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present vale using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset or CGU. For the purposes of assessing impairment, assets are grouped at the lowest levels for which there are separately identifiable cash flows.

Impairment losses are recognised in profit or loss.

*(l) Income tax* 

Income tax expense comprises current and deferred tax. It is recognized in profit or loss except to the extent that it relates to a business combination, or items recognized directly in equity or in other comprehensive income, in which case they are recognised in equity or other comprehensive income.

(i) <u>Current tax</u>

Current tax is the expected tax payable or recoverable on the taxable income or loss for the year, using tax rates enacted or substantively enacted at the reporting date, and any tax adjustment to tax payable in respect of previous years. Income tax payable is calculated on the basis of the applicable tax laws in the Commonwealth of Dominica and is recognized as an expense (income) for the period, except to the extent that current tax relates to items that are charged or credited in other comprehensive income; in these circumstances, current tax is charged or credited to other comprehensive income. Where tax losses can be relieved only by carry-forward against taxable profits of future periods, a deductible temporary difference arises. Those losses carried forward are set off against deferred tax liabilities carried in the consolidated statement of financial position.

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#### 3. Significant accounting policies (cont'd)

- (*l*) Income taxes (cont'd)
  - (ii) <u>Deferred tax</u>

Deferred income tax is provided on temporary differences arising between the tax base of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts in the consolidated financial statements. The principal temporary differences arise from the difference between the carrying amounts of property and equipment and intangible assets and their tax bases and unutilized tax losses.

Deferred income tax is determined using tax rates that have been enacted or substantially enacted by the reporting date and are expected to apply when the related deferred tax asset is realised or the deferred income tax liability is settled.

However, deferred tax is not recognised for:

- Temporary differences on the initial recognition of assets or liabilities in a transaction that is not a business combination and that affects neither accounting or taxable profit or loss;
- Temporary differences related to investments in subsidiaries to the extent that it is probable that they will not reverse in the foreseeable future; and
- Taxable temporary differences arising on the initial recognition of goodwill.

The measurement of deferred tax assets reflects the tax consequences that would follow the manner in which the Group expects, at the end of the reporting period, to recover or settle the carrying amount of its assets and liabilities.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset if there is a legally enforceable right to offset current tax liabilities and assets, and they relate to taxes levied by the same tax authority on the same taxable entity, or on different tax entities, but they intend to settle current tax liabilities and assets on a net basis or their tax assets and liabilities will be realised simultaneously.

Deferred tax assets are recognised for unused tax losses, tax credits, and deductible temporary differences to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profits will be available against which it can be utilised. Deferred tax assets are reviewed at each reporting date and are reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that the related tax benefit will be realised.

#### (m) Borrowings

Borrowings are recognized initially at fair value, being their issue proceeds (fair value of consideration received) net of transaction costs incurred and measured at amortized cost; any difference between proceeds net of transaction costs and the redemption value is recognized in profit or loss over the period of the borrowings using the effective interest method.

#### 3. Significant accounting policies (cont'd)

#### (n) Guarantees and letters of credit

Guarantees and letters of credit comprise undertakings by the Group to pay bills of exchange drawn on customers. The Group expects most guarantees and letters of credit to be settled simultaneously with the reimbursement from the customers. Such financial guarantees are given to banks, financial institutions and other bodies on behalf of customers.

Subsequent to initial recognition, the Group's liabilities under such guarantees are measured at the higher of the amount of the loss allowance and the amount initially recognized less cumulative amortization where appropriate. The amount of the loss allowance at each subsequent period equals the 12-month expected credit losses. However, where there has been a significant increase in the risk that the specified debtor will default on the contract, the calculation is for lifetime expected credit losses. The fee income earned is recognized on a straight-line basis over the life of the guarantee.

Any increase in the liability relating to guarantees is reported in the profit or loss within other operating expenses.

*(o) Equity and reserves* 

Stated capital represents the issue price multiplied by the number of shares that have been issued. Any transaction costs associated with the issuing of shares are shown in equity as a deduction, net of any related income tax benefits.

Other components of equity include the following:

- Other reserves comprises statutory and regulatory reserves as stipulated by the Banking Act and the Eastern Caribbean Central Bank (see note 20 and 21); and
- Retained earnings, which includes all current and prior period retained profits.

#### Dividends on ordinary shares

Dividends on ordinary shares are recognized in equity in the period in which they are declared. Dividends for the year that are declared after the reporting date are, however, disclosed in the notes to the consolidated financial statements.

### 3. Significant accounting policies (cont'd)

#### (p) Interest income and expense

Interest income and expense are recognized in profit or loss for all financial instruments using the effective interest method. The effective interest method is a method of calculating the amortized cost of a financial assets or a financial liability and of allocating the interest income or interest expense over the relevant period. The effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash payments and receipts through the expected life of the financial instrument or, when appropriate, a shorter period to the net carrying amount of the financial asset or liability. When calculating the effective interest rate, the Group estimates cash flows considering all contractual terms of the financial instrument but does not consider future credit losses. The calculation of the effective interest rate includes all transaction costs and fees paid or received between parties to the contract that are an integral part of the effective interest rate, transaction costs and all other premiums or discounts.

Once a financial asset or a group of similar financial assets has been written down as a result of an impairment loss, interest income is recognized using the rate of interest used to discount the future cash flows for the purpose of measuring the impairment loss.

(q) Fee and commission income

Fee and commission income is generally recognized on the accrual basis when the service has been provided. Commitment fees for loans that are likely to be drawn down are deferred (together with related direct costs) and recognized as an adjustment to the effective interest rate on the loan. Commission and fees arising from negotiating, or participating in the negotiation of a transaction for a third party, such as the arrangement of the acquisition of shares or other securities or the purchase or sale of a business, are recognized on completion of the underlying transaction. For financial planning and custody services that are continuously provided over an extended period of time, fees are recognized based on the applicable service contracts, usually on a time apportioned basis.

(r) Dividend income

Dividend income is recognized in profit or loss when the Group's right to receive payment is established. Dividends are presented in net interest, commission and other income in the consolidated statement of income.

(s) Employee benefits

#### (i) <u>Short-term employee benefits:</u>

Short-term employee benefits are expensed as the related service is provided. A liability is recognised for the amount expected to be paid if the Group has a present legal or constructive obligation to pay this amount as a result of past service provided by the employee and the obligation can be estimated reliably.

#### (ii) <u>Defined contribution plans:</u>

Obligations for contributions to defined contribution plans are expensed as the related service is provided and recognised as personnel expenses in profit or loss. Prepaid contributions are recognised as an asset to the extent that a cash refund or a reduction in future payments is available.

#### 3. Significant accounting policies (cont'd)

(t) Foreign currency

Foreign currency transactions that are denominated, or that require settlement, in a foreign currency are translated into the Group's functional currency using the exchange rates prevailing at the dates of the transactions. Monetary items denominated in foreign currency are translated with the closing rates as at the reporting date. Non-monetary items measured at historical cost denominated in a foreign currency are translated with the exchange rate as at the date of initial recognition. Foreign exchange gains and losses resulting from the settlement of such transactions and from the translation at year-end exchange rates of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are recognized in profit or loss.

Foreign currency differences arising on translation are generally recognized in profit or loss. However, foreign currency differences arising from the translation of available-for-sale equity instruments are recognised in other comprehensive income.

(u) Leases

The Group assesses at contract inception whether a contract is, or contains, a lease. That is, if the contract conveys the right to control the use of an identified asset for a period of time in exchange for consideration.

#### • <u>The Group is the lessee</u>

The Group applies a single recognition and measurement approach for all leases, except for shortterm leases and leases of low-value assets. The Group recognises lease liabilities to make lease payments and right-of-use assets representing the right to use the underlying assets.

(i) Right-of-use assets

The Group recognises right-of-use assets at the commencement date of the lease (i.e., the date the underlying asset is available for use). Right-of-use assets are measured at cost, less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses, and adjusted for any remeasurement of lease liabilities. The cost of right-of-use assets includes the amount of lease liabilities recognised, initial direct costs incurred, and lease payments made at or before the commencement date less any lease incentives received. The right of use asset has been depreciated on a straight-line basis over the remaining lease term for each lease.

(ii) Lease liabilities

At the commencement date of the lease, the Group recognises lease liabilities measured at the present value of lease payments to be made over the lease term. The lease payments include fixed payments less any lease incentives receivable, variable lease payments that depend on an index or a rate, and amounts expected to be paid under residual value guarantees.

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### 3. Significant accounting policies (cont'd)

- (u) Leases (cont'd)
  - <u>The Group is the lessee (cont'd)</u>
    - *(iii)* Short-term leases and leases of low-value assets

The Group applies the short-term lease recognition exemption to its short-term leases of office floor lease (i.e., those leases that have a lease term of 12 months or less from the commencement date and do not contain a purchase option). It also applies the lease of low-value assets recognition exemption to leases of office equipment that are considered of low value). Lease payments on short-term leases and leases of low-value assets are recognised as expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

# • <u>The Group is the lessor</u>

When assets are leased out under an operating lease, the assets are included in the consolidated statement of financial position based on the nature of the assets. Lease income is recognized over the term of the lease on the straight-line basis

# 4. Segment analysis

Segment reporting by the Group is done in accordance with IFRS 8, 'Operating segments'.

Following the management approach of IFRS 8, operating segments are reported in accordance with the internal reporting provided to the Group's Board of Directors (the chief operating decision-maker), which is responsible for allocating resources to its two reportable segments and assessing their performance.

The Group's segment operations are all financial with a majority of revenues being derived from interest income. The Group's Board of Directors relies primarily on net interest income to assess the performance of the segment, therefore the total interest income and expense for all reportable segments is presented on a net basis.

The revenue from external parties reported to the Group's Board of Directors is measured in a manner consistent with that in consolidated statement of income.

Revenue from external customers is recorded as such and can be directly traced to each business segment.

The Group's management reporting is based on a measure of operating profit comprising net interest income, net fee and commission income, other income and non-interest expenses. This measurement basis excludes the effects of non-recurring expenditure from the operating segments such as legal expenses and audit fees.

The information provided about each segment is based on the internal reports about segment profit or loss, assets and other information, which are regularly reviewed by the Group's Board of Directors.

Segment assets and liabilities comprise operating assets and liabilities, being the majority of the consolidated statement of financial position. Transactions between business segments are on an arms- length basis and are eliminated on consolidation and reflected in the consolidation entries. There were no revenues derived from transactions with a single external customer that amount to 10% or more of the Group's revenue.

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# 4. Segment analysis (cont'd)

Segment analysis ( <i>cont u</i> )	NBD	NIC	T. ( )
	\$	\$	Total \$
At June 30, 2021 Net interest income	30,017,323	140,000	30,157,323
Net commission and other income Fair value gain on investment securities Impairment recovery on investment	15,205,398 13,595,509	84,638	15,290,036 13,595,509
securities Net impairment loss on loans and	2,140,244	(7,917)	2,132,327
advances Operating expenses	(14,098,760) (28,630,760)	(5,100)	(14,098,760) (28,635,860)
Profit before taxation	18,228,954	211,621	18,440,575
Total assets	1,575,453,781	10,917,304	1,586,371,085
Total liabilities	1,457,071,706	1,392,098	1,458,463,804
	NBD \$	NIC \$	Total \$
At June 30, 2020		120.050	26 020 107
Net interest income Net commission and other income	35,890,148 16,119,900	139,959 84,638	36,030,107 16,204,538
Fair value gain on investment securities	1,478,596		1,478,596
Impairment loss on investment securities Net impairment recovery on loans and	(8,854,872)	(3,779)	(8,858,651)
advances	2,098,273	-	2,098,273
Operating expenses	(23,624,070)	(5,024)	(23,629,094)
Profit before taxation Income tax expenses	23,107,975	215,794	23,323,769
Income lax expenses	-	-	-
Profit for the year	23,107,975	215,794	23,323,769
	23,107,975 1,360,340,433	215,794 10,925,629	23,323,769 1,371,266,062

#### 5. Financial risk management

#### (a) Risk management framework

This note presents information about the Group's objectives, policies, and processes for measuring and managing risk. The Group's activities expose it to a variety of financial risks and those activities involve the analysis, evaluation, acceptance and management of some degree of risk or combination of risks. Taking risk is core to retail banking, and operational risks are an inevitable consequence of being in business. The Group's aim is therefore to achieve an appropriate balance between risk and return and minimize potential adverse effects on the Group's performance.

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

Risk management is carried out mainly by the Finance Department under policies approved by the Board of Directors. Management identifies and evaluates financial risks in close co-operation with the Group's operating units. The Board provides oversight for overall risk management, as well as written policies covering specific areas, such as foreign exchange risk, interest rate risk and credit risk. In addition, internal audit is responsible for the independent review of risk management and the control environment.

The risks that arise from the use of financial instruments are:

- Credit risk
- Liquidity risk
- Market risk (includes currency risk, interest rate risk, and equity price risk)
- Operational risk

#### (b) Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk of the Group suffering financial loss should a customer or a counterparty to a financial instrument fail to meet its contractual obligations to the Group, and arises principally from loans and advances, which includes commercial and customer loans, credit cards, loan commitments arising from such lending activities. It can also arise from credit enhancement provided, such as credit financial guarantees, letters of credit, endorsements and acceptances.

The Group is also exposed to other credit risks arising from balances with central bank, deposits with non-financial institutions, other assets, investments in debt securities and other exposures arising from its trading activities ("trading exposures"), including non-equity trading portfolio assets. For risk management purposes, the Group considers and consolidates all elements of credit risk exposure - e.g. individual obligor default risk, country and sector risk.

#### Loans and advances

The Group takes on exposure to credit risk which is the risk that a counterparty will be unable to pay amounts in full when due. Impairment provisions are made for losses that have been incurred at the reporting date. Significant changes in the economy, or in the health of a particular industry segment that represents a concentration in the Group's portfolio, could result in losses that are different from those provided for at the reporting date. Management therefore carefully manages its exposure to credit risk. For the year ended June 30, 2021

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#### 5. Financial risk management (cont'd)

#### (b) Credit risk (cont'd)

#### Probability of default

The Group assesses the probability of default of individual counterparties using an internal rating tool tailored to the various categories of counterparty. They have been developed based on the Eastern Caribbean Central Bank prudential guidelines. Borrowing customers of the Group are segmented into five rating classes as follows:

(i) Pass

- (ii) Special mention
- (iii) Sub-standard
- (iv) Doubtful
- $(v) \ Loss$

This rating scale reflects the range of default probabilities defined for each rating class. This means that, in principle, exposures migrate between classes as the assessment of their probability of default changes.

The rating tool is kept under review and upgraded as necessary.

#### Debt securities and other bills

For debt securities and other bills, external rating agencies such as Standard & Poor's, Moody's and CariCRIS or their equivalents are used by the Asset and Liability Committee (ALCO) for the management of the credit risk exposures. The investments in those securities and bills are viewed as a way to gain a better credit quality mapping and maintain a readily available source to meet the funding requirements at the same time.

#### Risk limit control and mitigation policies

The Group manages limits and controls concentrations of credit risk wherever they are identified, in particular, to individual counterparties and groups, and to industries and countries.

The Group structures the levels of credit risk it undertakes by placing limits on the amount of risk accepted in relation to one borrower, or groups of related borrowers, and to the industry segments. Such risks are monitored on a revolving basis and subject to an annual or, when considered necessary by the Board of Directors, more frequent review. Exposure to credit risk is also managed through regular analysis of the ability of borrowers and potential borrowers to meet interest and capital repayment obligations and by changing these lending limits where appropriate.

Some other specific control and mitigation measures are outlined below.

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#### 5. Financial risk management (cont'd)

#### (b) Credit risk (cont'd)

#### (i) <u>Collateral</u>

The Group employs a range of policies and practices to mitigate credit risk. The most traditional of these is the taking of security for funds advanced, which is common practice. The Group implements guidelines on the acceptability of specific classes of collateral or credit risk mitigation. The principal collateral types for loans and advances are:

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

Longer-term finance and lending to corporate entities are generally secured, while revolving individual credit facilities are generally unsecured.

Collateral held as security for financial assets other than loans and advances is determined by the nature of the instrument. Government-issued debt securities, treasury and other eligible bills are generally unsecured.

#### (ii) <u>Credit-related commitments</u>

The primary purpose of these instruments is to ensure that funds are available to a customer as required. Guarantees and standby letters of credit carry the same credit risk as loans. Documentary and commercial letters of credit (which are written undertakings by the Group on behalf of a customer authorizing a third party to draw drafts on the Group up to a stipulated amount under specific terms and conditions) are collaterised by the underlying shipments of goods to which they relate and therefore carry less risk than a direct loan.

Commitments to extend credit represent unused portions of authorizations to extend credit in the form of loans, guarantees or letters of credit. With respect to credit risk on commitments to extend credit, the Group is potentially exposed to loss in an amount equal to the total unused commitments. However, the likely amount of loss is less than the total unused commitments, as most commitments to extend credit are contingent upon customers maintaining specific credit standards. The Group monitors the term to maturity of credit commitments because longer term commitments generally have a greater degree of credit risk than shorter-term commitments.

#### (iii) Impairment and provisioning policies

The Group's internal rating system focuses more on credit-quality mapping from the inception of the lending and investment activities. In contrast, impairment provisions are recognized for financial reporting purposes only for losses that have been incurred at the reporting date based on objective evidence of impairment. Due to the different methodologies applied, the amount of incurred credit losses provided for in the financial statements is usually lower than the amount determined from the expected loss model that is used for internal operational management and banking regulation purposes. The impairment provision shown in the consolidated statement of financial position at year-end is derived from each of the five internal rating grades. However, the majority of the impairment provision comes from the bottom three grades.

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### 5. Financial risk management (cont'd)

(b) Credit risk (cont'd)

#### (iii) Impairment and provisioning policies (cont'd)

The table below shows the percentage of the Group's loans and advances and the associated impairment provision for each of the Group's internal rating categories:

	Loans to Customers		Impairment Provision		Net Total
	\$	%	\$	%	\$
At June 30, 2021					
Pass	392,549,332	48			392,549,332
Special mention	229,163,367	28	-		229,163,367
Substandard	102,121,345	13	10,212,134	27	91,909,211
Doubtful	32,094,157	4	16,047,078	43	16,047,079
Loss	11,315,454	1	11,315,454	30	-
Inherent risk provision	149,184	-	1,492	-	147,692
Gross loans to customers	767,392,839	94	37,576,158	100	729,816,681
Interest receivable	45,226,110	6	-	_	45,226,110
Total	812,618,949	100	37,576,158	100	775,042,791

	Loans to Customers		Impairment Provision		Net Total
	\$	%	\$	%	\$
At June 30, 2020					
Pass	303,175,538	41	-	-	303,175,538
Special mention	289,199,079	40	-	-	289,199,079
Substandard	54,164,412	7	5,416,441	15	48,747,971
Doubtful	29,244,120	4	14,622,060	40	14,622,060
Loss	16,098,022	2	16,098,022	45	-
Inherent risk provision	374,781	-	3,748		371,033
Gross loans to Customers	692,255,952	95	36,140,271	100	656,115,681
Interest receivable	38,340,002	5		-	38,340,002
Total	730,595,954	100	36,140,271	100	694,455,683

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# 5. Financial risk management (cont'd)

(b) Credit risk (cont'd)

# (iii) Impairment and provisioning policies (cont'd)

The internal rating tool assists management to determine whether objective evidence of impairment exists under IFRS 9 based on the following criteria set out by the Group:

- Delinquency in contractual payments of principal or interest;
- Cash flow difficulties experienced by the borrower (e.g. equity ratio, net income percentage of sales);
- Breach of loan covenants or conditions;
- Initiation of bankruptcy proceedings;
- Deterioration of the borrower's competitive position; and
- Deterioration in the value of collateral.

The Group's policy requires the review of individual financial assets that are above materiality thresholds at least annually or more regularly when individual circumstances require. Impairment allowances on individually assessed accounts are determined by an evaluation of the incurred loss at the reporting date on a case-by-case basis, and are applied to all individually significant accounts.

The assessment normally encompasses collateral held (including re-confirmation of its enforceability) and the anticipated receipts for that individual account.

The table below represents a worst-case scenario of credit risk exposure to the Group at June 30, 2021 and 2020 without taking account of any collateral held or other credit enhancements attached. For on-balance sheet assets, the exposures set out above are based on net carrying amounts as reported in the consolidated statement of financial position.

As shown below 56% (2020 - 56%) of the total maximum exposure is derived from loans and receivables whilst 20% (2020 - 20%) represents investment securities.

- Management is confident in its ability to continue to control and sustain minimal exposure to credit risk to the Group resulting from its loans and advances portfolio based on the following:
- 51% (2020 36%) of the loans and advances portfolio is categorized in the top two grades of the internal rating system;
- Large corporate customer loans, which represent the biggest group in the portfolio, are backed by collateral;
- 78% (2020 75%) of the loans and advances portfolio are considered to be neither past due nor impaired;

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# 5. Financial risk management (cont'd)

(b) Credit risk (cont'd)

# (iii) Impairment and provisioning policies (cont'd)

# Maximum exposure to credit risk is as follows:

		2021	2020
	Notes	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Cash and balances with central bank		167,897,398	89,757,529
Treasury bills		30,268,891	28,181,240
Due from other banks		275,243,884	244,010,266
Deposits with non-bank financial institutions		17,796,467	26,900,409
Loans and advances to customers		758,207,864	695,525,032
Investments:			
- Amortised cost		118,032,298	121,518,778
- FVTPL		96,473,294	85,613,059
Other assets		22,810,884	9,228,149
		1,486,730,980	1,362,219,241
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Loan commitments	33	61,396,737	60,634,798
Financial guarantees and other financial facilities	33	16,520,174	1,808,288
		77,916,911	62,443,086
		1,564,647,891	1,424,662,327

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- (b) Credit risk (cont'd)
  - (iv) Concentration of risk by location

Loans and advances to customers	2021 \$	2020 \$
Domestic	697,432,392	641,413,073
ECCU area	35,644,801	34,575,654
Non-ECCU area	25,130,671	19,536,305
Total loans and advances	758,207,864	695,525,032
<b>Investment and debts securities</b> Domestic- primarily in Dominica ECCU area Non-ECCU area	2021 \$ 96,281,576 21,750,722 96,473,294 214,505,592	<b>2020</b> <b>\$</b> 95,894,734 25,624,044 73,548,919 195,067,697
Lending commitments and financial guarantees		2020 \$
Domestic- primarily in Dominica	77,916,911	62,443,086

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#### 5. Financial risk management (cont'd)

### (b) Credit risk (cont'd)

#### (iv) Concentration of risk by location (cont'd)

#### Concentration of risks of financial assets with credit exposure

2021	Financial institutions	Construction & Land Development	Real Estate Activities	Public Administration	Utilities	Transport & Storage	Wholesale & Retail	Information & Communication	Private Household	Other Industries	Total
	\$		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Cash and balances with central bank	167,897,398	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	167.897.398
Treasury bills		-	-	30,268,891	-	-	-	-	-	-	30,268,891
Due from banks Deposits with non-bank	275,243,884	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	275,243,884
financial institution	17,796,467	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17,796,467
Loans and advances	47,948,826	94,024,778	200,346,552	201,996,818	50,060,453	29,224,248	46,960,775	20,355,881	21,633,058	45,656,475	758,207,864
Investment securities	104,557,746	-	-	109,947,846	-	-	-	-	-	-	214,505,592
Other assets	22,810,884	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	22,810,884
Total	636,255,205	94,024,778	200,346,552	342,213,555	50,060,453	29,224,248	46,960,775	20,355,881	21,633,058	45,656,475	1,486,730,980
Loan commitments	-	41,917,337	1,882,397	5,988,160	5,906,936	204,350	2,275,936	299,390	1,079,674	1,842,557	61,396,737
Financial guarantees	-	16,236,852	-	-	-	-	283,322	-	-	-	16,520,174
Total	-	58,154,189	1,882,397	5,988,160	5,906,936	204,350	2,559,258	299,390	1,079,674	1,842,557	77,916,911

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# 5. Financial risk management (cont'd)

- (b) Credit risk (cont'd)
  - (iv) Concentration of risk by location (cont'd)

Concentration of risks of financial assets with credit exposure

2020	Financial institutions	Construction & Land Development	Real Estate Activities	Public Administration	Utilities	Transport & Storage	Wholesale & Retail	Information & Communication	Private Household	Other Industries	Total
	\$		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Cash and balances with central bank Treasury bills	89,757,529	-	-	28,181,240	-	-	-	-	-	-	89,757,529 28,181,240
Due from banks Deposits with non-bank	244,010,266	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	244,010,266
financial institution	26,900,409	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	26,900,409
Loans and advances	51,962,482	77,937,586	182,437,913	206,183,539	57,607,305	27,926,225	27,785,441	20,512,398	14,948,974	28,223,169	695,525,032
Investment securities	81,633,371	-	-	113,434,327	-	-	-	-	-	-	195,067,698
Other assets	9,228,149	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9,228,149
Total	503,492,206	77,937,586	182,437,913	347,799,106	57,607,305	27,926,225	27,785,441	20,512,398	14,948,974	28,223,169	1,288,670,323
Loan commitments	91,188	37,998,164	2,706,896	-	2,529,468	-	7,720,455	266,090	830,517	8,492,020	60,634,798
Financial guarantees		1,808,288	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,808,288
Total	91,188	39,806,452	2,706,896	-	2,529,468	-	7,720,455	266,090	830,517	8,492,010	62,443,086

Other industries include professional services, education, accommodation and food services

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# 5. Financial risk management (cont'd)

(b) Credit risk (cont'd)

### (v) Loans and advances to customers

Loans and advances to customers are summarized as follows:

	2021 \$	2020 \$
Loans and advances to customers		
Neither past due nor impaired	636,497,446	548,817,137
Past due but not impaired	85,035,454	110,084,616
Impaired	91,086,049	71,694,201
	812,618,949	730,595,954
Less: unearned interest	(40,172)	(40,172)
Gross	812,578,777	730,555,782
Less: impairment provision	(54,370,913)	(35,030,750)
Net	758,207,864	695,525,032

The total impairment provision for losses on loans and advances is \$54,370,913 (2020 - \$35,030,750) of which \$41,086,447 (2020 - \$30,279,032) relates to the individually impaired loans and the remaining amount of \$13,284,466 (2020 - \$4,751,718) is the portfolio provision. Further information on impairment is included in note 11.

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### 5. Financial risk management (cont'd)

# (b) Credit risk (cont'd)

# (vi) Loans and advances neither past due nor impaired

The credit quality of the portfolio of loans and advances that were neither past due nor impaired can be assessed by reference to the internal rating system adopted by the Group as follows:

June 30, 2021 Loans and advances to customers - Pass	Overdrafts \$	Term loans \$	Credit card \$	Mortgages \$	Large Corporate customers \$	Total loans and advances \$
	66,497,170	45,245,680	3,819,251	179,633,108	341,302,237	636,497,446
<b>June 30, 2020</b> Loans and advances to customers - Pass						
	66,555,490	37,666,581	2,587,019	153,662,910	288,345,137	548,817,137

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#### 5. Financial risk management (cont'd)

#### (b) Credit risk (cont'd)

#### (vii) Loans and advances past due but not impaired

Loans and advances past due but not impaired are those for which contractual interest or principal payments are past due but the Group believes that impairment is not appropriate on the basis of the level of security or collateral available and/or the stage of collection of amounts owed to the Group. The gross amount of loans and advances by class to customers that were past due but not impaired, net of unearned interest, were as follows:

	Overdrafts	Term loans	Credit Cards	Mortgages	Large Corporate customers	Total loans and advances to customers
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
June 30, 2021						
Past due up to 30 days	4,359,464	2,124,807	460,206	9,356,519	1,102,020	17,403,016
Past due 30 – 60 days		512,906	488,797	1,218,618	24,995,125	27,215,446
Past due 60 – 90 days	260,469	-	-	-		260,469
Over 90 days	194,899	10,061,161	-	10,639,299	19,261,164	40,156,523
Gross	4,814,832	12,698,874	949,003	21,214,436	45,358,309	85,035,454
Less unearned interest in discount loans	-	(40,172)	-	-	-	(40,172)
Net	4,814,832	12,658,702	949,003	21,214,436	45,358,309	84,995,282
June 30, 2020						
Past due up to 30 days	2,247,063	49,591	329,725	1,462,069	50,523,864	54,612,312
Past due 30 – 60 days	110,700	43,885	67,476	294,365	-	516,426
Past due 60 – 90 days	2,362,436	-	33,854	-	-	2,396,290
Over 90 days	1,371,760	5,467,822	-	13,094,690	32,625,316	52,559,588
Gross	6,091,959	5,561,298	431,055	14,851,124	83,149,180	110,084,616
Less unearned interest in discount loans	-	(40,172)	-	-	-	(40,172)
Net	6,091,959	5,521,126	431,055	14,851,124	83,149,180	110,044,444

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### 5. Financial risk management (cont'd)

### (b) Credit risk (cont'd)

(viii) Loans and advances individually impaired

The individually impaired loans and advances to customers, before taking into consideration the cash flows from collateral held and unearned interest on discount loans is \$91,086,048 (2020 - \$71,694,201). The breakdown of the gross amount of individually impaired loans and advances by class is as follows:

	Overdrafts \$	Term loans \$	Credit Card \$	Mortgages \$	Large Corporate customers \$	Total loans and advances to customers \$
<b>June 30, 2020</b> Individually impaired loans	5,742,989	5,424,622	321,559	41,852,278	37,744,601	91,086,049
<b>June 30, 2019</b> Individually impaired loans	2,558,993	4,136,102	105,320	39,039,759	25,854,027	71,694,201

(ix) Loans and advances renegotiated

Restructuring activities include extended payment arrangements, approved external management plans, modification and deferral of payments. Following restructuring, a previously overdue customer account is reset to a normal status and managed together with other similar accounts. Restructuring policies and practices are based on indicators or criteria which, in the judgment of management, indicate that payment will most likely continue. These accounts are kept under continual review. Restructuring is most commonly applied to term loans, in particular customer finance loans. Renegotiated loans that would otherwise be past due or impaired at June 30, 2021 amounted to \$29,381,400 (2020 - \$31,626,488).

(x) <u>Debt securities, treasury bills and other eligible bills</u>

The table below presents an analysis of debt securities, treasury bills and other eligible bills by rating agency designation at June 30, 2021, based on Standard & Poor's ratings or their equivalent.

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### 5. Financial risk management (cont'd)

- (b) Credit risk (cont'd)
  - (x) <u>Debt securities, treasury bills and other eligible bills (cont'd)</u>

_	Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss \$	Treasury bills \$	Investment securities \$	Total §
June 30, 2021 BB- to AA+ Un-rated	96,473,293 -	- 30,268,891	- 118,032,298	96,473,293 148,301,189
	96,473,293	30,268,891	118,032,298	244,774,482
June 30, 2020				
BB- to AA+ Un-rated	73,548,919	- 28,181,240	- 121,518,778	73,548,919 149,700,018
_	73,548,919	28,181,240	121,518,778	223,248,937
			2021 \$	2020 \$
Treasury bills Investment securit	ies		30,268,891 214,505,591	28,181,240 195,067,698

#### (c) Market risk

The Group takes on exposure to market risks, which is the risk that changes in market prices – e.g. interest rates, equity prices, foreign exchange rates and credit spreads (not relating to changes in the obligor's/issuer's credit standing) – will affect the Group's income or the value of its holdings of financial instruments. The objective of the Group's market risk management is to control and manage market risk exposures within acceptable parameters to ensure the Group's solvency while optimising the return on risk.

244,774,482

223,248,938

The Group's exposure to market risks arises from its non-trading portfolios. Non-trading portfolios primarily arise from the interest rate management of the Group's retail and commercial banking assets and liabilities. Non-trading portfolios also consist of equity risks arising from the Group's fair value investments.

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# 5. Financial risk management (cont'd)

# (c) Market risk (cont'd)

# Management of market risk

The Group's policies, processes and controls for trading activities are designed to achieve a balance between pursuing profitable trading opportunities and managing earnings volatility within a framework of sound and prudent practices. Trading activities are primarily customer focused, but also include a proprietary component.

Market risk arising from the Group's trading activities is managed in accordance with Board-approved policies and limits.

(i) <u>Currency risk</u>

The Group takes on exposure to the effects of fluctuations in the prevailing foreign currency exchange rates on its financial position and cash flows. The Board of Directors sets limits on the level of exposure by currency and in total for both overnight and intra-day positions, which are monitored daily. The Group's exposure to currency risk is minimal since most of its assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are held in United States dollars. The exchange rate of the Eastern Caribbean dollar (EC\$) to the United States dollar (US\$) has been formally pegged at EC\$2.70 = US\$1.00 since 1974. The Group's exposure to various currencies at June 30, 2020 is depicted in the following table. Included in the table are the Group's financial instruments at carrying amounts, categorized by currency.

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- (c) Market risk (cont'd)
  - (i) <u>Currency risk (cont'd)</u>

	XCD \$	USD \$	BDS \$	EURO \$	GBP \$	CAN \$	Other \$	Total \$
As at June 30, 2021 Assets	Ų	Ψ	ψ	ψ	Φ	ψ	φ	ψ
Cash and balances with ECCB	188,593,639	1,035,666	120,263	1,154,785	186,217	140,142	-	191,230,712
Treasury bills	30,268,891	-	-	-	-	-	-	30,268,891
Due from other banks	46,092,277	209,946,275	120,263	2,386,136	569,266	2,283,080	13,846,587	275,243,884
Deposits with non-bank financial institutions Loans and advances to	617,921	15,476,056		-	-	-	1,702,490	17,796,467
customers	755,264,850	2,943,014	-	-	-	-	-	758,207,864
Investment securities:			-	-	-	-	-	
Amortised cost	114,449,060	3,583,238	-	-	-	-	-	118,032,298
FVOCI	15,747,024	-	-	-	-	-	-	15,747,024
FVTPL	-	130,255,508	-	-	-	-	1,617,256	131,872,764
Other assets	27,379,061	-	-	-	-	-	-	27,379,061
Total financial assets	1,178,412,723	363,239,757	240,526	3,540,921	755,483	2,423,222	17,166,333	1,565,778,965

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- (c) Market risk (cont'd)
  - (i) <u>Currency risk (cont'd)</u>

	XCD \$	USD \$	BDS \$	EURO \$	GBP \$	CAN \$	Other \$	Total \$
As at June 30, 2021 (cont'd)			•			*	-	<u>*</u> _
Liabilities								
Deposits from customers	1,330,214,274	71,905,632	-	3,176,996	114,008	113,014	-	1,405,523,924
Commercial paper	28,069,223	-	-	-	-	-	-	28,069,223
Other liabilities	23,497,581	-	-	-	-	-	-	23,497,581
Total financial liabilities	1,381,781,078	71,905,632	-	3,176,996	114,008	113,014	-	1,457,090,728
Net currency exposure	(203,368,355)	291,334,125	240,526	363,925	641,475	2,310,208	17,166,333	108,688,237
Loan commitments and financial guarantees	77,916,911	_		_		_		77,916,911

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- (c) Market risk (cont'd)
  - (i) <u>Currency risk (cont'd)</u>

	XCD \$	USD \$	BDS \$	EURO \$	GBP \$	CAN \$	Other \$	Total \$
As at June 30, 2020 Assets	Ŷ	Ŷ	Ψ	Ŷ	Ŷ		Ŷ	Ψ.
Cash and balances with ECCB	105,079,465	754,961	122,965	1,102,210	246,600	166,026	-	107,472,227
Treasury bills	28,181,240	-	-	-	-	-	-	28,181,240
Due from other banks Deposits with non-bank financial	21,178,534	204,516,281	122,965	1,970,010	2,031,969	749,935	13,440,572	244,010,266
institutions	613,799	24,584,119	-	-	-	-	1,702,491	26,900,409
Loans and advances to customers Investment securities:	692,549,073	2,975,959	-	-	-	-	-	695,525,032
Amortised cost	117,916,757	3,602,021	-	-	-	-	-	121,518,778
FVOCI	15,880,269		-	-	-	-	-	15,880,269
FVTPL	-	106,389,654	-	-	-	-	1,503,025	107,892,679
Other assets	11,754,758	-	-	-		-	-	11,754,758
Total financial assets	993,153,895	342,822,995	245,930	3,072,220	2,278,569	915,961	16,646,088	1,359,135,658

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## 5. Financial risk management (cont'd)

- (b) Market risk (cont'd)
  - (i) <u>Currency risk (cont'd)</u>

	XCD \$	USD \$	BDS \$	EURO \$	GBP \$	CAN \$	Other \$	Total \$
As at June 30, 2020 (cont'd)			~					
Liabilities								
Deposits from customers	1,112,191,597	84,448,831	-	5,429,167	900	319,217	-	1,202,389,712
Commercial paper	30,369,802	-	-	-	-	-	-	30,369,802
Other liabilities	17,527,875	9,740,158	-	-	-	-	-	27,268,033
Total financial liabilities	1,160,089,274	94,188,989		5,429,167	900	319,217		1,260,027,547
Net currency exposure	(166,935,379)	248,634,006	245,930	(2,356,947)	2,277,669	596,744	16,646,088	99,108,111
Loan commitments and financial guarantees	62,443,086		_			-		62,443,086

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#### 5. Financial risk management (cont'd)

- (b) Market risk (cont'd)
  - (ii) Interest rate risk

Cash flow interest rate risk is the risk that the future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. Fair value interest rate risk is the risk that the value of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. The Group takes on exposure to the effects of fluctuations in the prevailing levels of market interest rates on both its fair value and cash flows risks. Interest margins may increase as a result of such changes but may reduce or create losses in the event that unexpected movements arise. The Board of Directors sets limits on the level of mismatch of interest rate re-pricing that may be undertaken. The table below summarizes the Group's exposure to interest rate risks. Included in the table are the Group's interest- bearing financial assets and financial liabilities at carrying amounts, categorized by the earlier of contractual re-pricing and maturity dates

	Up to 1 year \$	1 to 5 years \$	Over 5 years \$	Non-interest bearing \$	Total \$
As at June 30, 2021					
Assets					
Cash and balances with ECCB	-	-	-	191,230,712	191,230,712
Treasury bills	30,268,891	-	-		30,268,891
Due from other banks Deposits with non-bank	152,494,004	-	-	122,749,880	275,243,884
financial institutions Loans and advances to	617,921	-	-	17,178,546	17,796,467
customers	123,476,156	216,947,097	417,784,611	-	758,207,864
Investment securities: - Amortised cost - FVOCI - FVTPL Other assets	11,211,736 - 84,262,521 -	21,466,156 - 6,046,877 -	85,354,406 - 6,163,896 -	15,747,024 35,399,470 27,379,061	118,032,298 15,747,024 131,872,764 27,379,061
Total financial assets	402,331,229	244,460,130	509,302,913	409,684,693	1,565,778,965
Liabilities					
Deposits from customers	964,712,368	163,537,187	900,831	276,373,538	1,405,523,924
Other liabilities				23,497,581	23,497,581
Commercial paper	18,005,319	10,063,904	-	-	28,069,223
Total financial liabilities	982,717,687	173,601,091	900,831	299,871,119	1,457,090,728
Interest sensitivity gap	(580,386,458)	70,859,039	508,402,082	109,813,574	108,688,237

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## 5. Financial risk management (cont'd)

- (b) Market risk (cont'd)
  - (ii) Interest rate risk (cont'd)

				Non-interest	
	Up to 1 year	1 to 5 years	Over 5 years	bearing	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
As at June 30, 2020					
Assets					
Cash and balances with ECCB	-	-	-	107,472,227	107,472,227
Treasury bills	28,181,240	-	-		28,181,240
Due from other banks Deposits with non-bank	145,350,605	-	-	98,659,661	244,010,266
financial institutions Loans and advances to	613,799	-	-	26,286,610	26,900,409
customers Investment securities:	98,717,421	244,780,299	352,027,312	-	695,525,032
- Amortised cost	17,465,225	17,472,537	86,581,016	-	121,518,778
- FVOCI	-	-	-	15,880,269	15,880,269
- FVTPL	61,314,279	6,153,229	6,081,410	34,343,761	107,892,679
Other assets		-	-	11,754,758	11,754,758
Total financial assets	351,642,569	268,406,065	444,689,738	294,397,286	1,359,135,658
Liabilities					
Deposits from customers	760,797,407	187,825,691	648,755	253,117,859	1,202,389,712
Other liabilities	-	-	-	27,268,033	27,268,033
Commercial paper	28,351,926	2,017,876	-	-	30,369,802
Total financial liabilities	789,149,333	189,843,567	648,755	280,385,892	1,260,027,547
Interest sensitivity gap	(437,506,764)	78,562,498	444,040,983	14,011,394	99,108,111

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### 5. Financial risk management (cont'd)

(b) Market risk (cont'd)

### (iii) Equity price risk

Equity price risk is the possibility that equity prices will fluctuate, affecting the fair value of equity investments and other instruments that derive their value from a particular equity investment or index of equity prices. The Group is exposed to equity security price risk because of investments held by the Group that are classified on the consolidated statement of financial position as fair value through other comprehensive income and at fair value through profit or loss. The primary exposure to equity prices arises from trading activities. The Group manages its non-trading equity investments in response to changing market conditions and limits the risk by maintaining a diversified portfolio.

#### Sensitivity analysis – Equity price risk

If market rates at June 30, 2021 had been 1% higher, with all other variables held constant, consolidated comprehensive income for the year would have been \$2,923 (2020 - \$60) higher as a result of the increase in the fair value equity securities. An equivalent decrease would have resulted in an equivalent amount stated above but with opposite impact. For such investments classified as fair value through profit or loss, the impact on consolidated profit or loss and equity would have been an increase or decrease of \$135,955 (2020 - \$14,786).

#### (c) Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Group will encounter difficulty in meeting its payment obligations associated with its financial liabilities when they fall due or upon demand. The Group is exposed to daily cash calls on its available cash resources from overnight deposits, current accounts, maturing deposits, loan drawdowns, and guarantees. The Group does not maintain cash resources to meet all of these needs, as experience shows that a minimum level of reinvestment of maturing funds can be predicted with a high level of certainty. The Board of Directors sets limits on the minimum proportion of maturing funds available to meet such calls and on the minimum level of inter-bank and other borrowing facilities that should be in place to cover withdrawals at unexpected levels of demand.

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## 5. Financial risk management (cont'd)

(c) Liquidity risk (cont'd)

Management of liquidity risk

The matching and controlled mismatching of the contractual maturities and interest rates of assets and liabilities is fundamental to the management of the Group. It is unusual for banks to be completely matched as transacted business is often of uncertain term and of different types. An unmatched position potentially enhances profitability, but also increases the risk of losses. The contractual maturities of assets and liabilities and the ability to replace, at an acceptable cost, interest-bearing liabilities as they mature, are important factors in assessing the liquidity of the Group and its exposure to changes in interest rates and exchange rates. Liquidity requirements to support calls under guarantees and standby letters of credit are considerably less than the amount of the commitment because the Group does not generally expect the third party to draw funds under the agreement. The total outstanding contractual amount of commitments to extend credit does not necessarily represent future cash requirements, since many of these commitments will expire or terminate without being funded. The key elements of the liquidity management process are as follows:

Daily and weekly monitoring to ensure that requirements are met. This includes the replenishment of funds as they mature or as borrowed by customers. The Group ensures that sufficient funds are held in the one-to-thirty-day maturity bucket to satisfy liquidity requirements.

- Maintaining a portfolio of marketable assets that can easily be liquidated as protection against any unforeseen liquidity problems. Additionally, the investment portfolio is fairly diversified by currency, geography, issuer, product and term.
- Weekly monitoring of the balance sheet liquidity ratios against internal and regulatory requirements.
- Managing the concentration and profile of debt maturities.
- Sources of liquidity are regularly reviewed to maintain a wide diversification by currency, geography, provider, product and term.

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### 5. Financial risk management (cont'd)

(c) Liquidity risk (cont'd)

Management of liquidity risk (cont'd) Maturities of financial liabilities

The tables below disclose the contractual undiscounted cashflows of the Group's financial liabilities whereas the Group manages liquidity risk based on expected discounted cashflows.

June 30, 2021	Up to 1 year \$	1 to 5 years \$	Over 5 years \$	Total \$
Liabilities		*	~	<u> </u>
Deposits from customers	1,247,029,634	194,917,088	1,115,700	1,443,062,422
Other liabilities	23,497,581	-	-	23,497,581
Commercial paper	18,351,250	10,355,000	-	28,706,250
Total financial liabilities	1,288,878,465	205,272,088	1,115,700	1,495,266,253
June 30, 2020				
<u>Liabilities</u>				
Deposits from customers	1,036,157,572	205,095,172	667,505	1,241,920,249
Other liabilities	27,268,033	-	-	27,268,033
Commercial paper	29,027,720	2,075,000	-	31,102,720
Total financial liabilities	1,092,453,325	207,170,172	667,505	1,300,291,002

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### 5. Financial risk management (cont'd)

### (c) Liquidity risk (cont'd)

Residual contractual maturities relating to off-balance sheet items

#### Loan commitments

The dates of the contractual amounts of the Group's off-balance sheet instruments that commit it to extend credit to customers and other facilities (note 33) are summarized in the table below:

#### Financial guarantees and other financial facilities

Financial guarantee facilities, which are included in other liabilities (note 17) are also included in the table below, based on the earliest contractual maturity date.

	1 year	1 – 5 years	Total
	\$	\$	\$
30-Jun-21			
Loan commitments	25,046,508	36,350,229	61,396,737
Financial guarantees and other financial facilities	16,520,174	-	16,520,174
	41,566,682	36,350,229	77,916,911
30-Jun-20			
Loan commitments	21,321,657	39,313,141	60,634,798
Financial guarantees and other financial facilities	1,808,288	-	1,808,288
-	23,129,945	39,313,141	62,443,086

#### (d) Operational risk

Operational risk is the risk of direct or indirect loss arising from a wide variety of causes associated with the Group's processes, personnel, technology and infrastructure and from external factors other than credit, market and liquidity risks such as those arising from legal and regulatory requirements and generally accepted standards of corporate behavior. Operational risks arise from all of the Group's operations and are faced by all business entities.

The Group's objective is to manage operational risk so as to balance the avoidance of financial losses and damage to the Group's reputation with overall cost effectiveness and innovation. In all cases, Group policy requires compliance with all applicable legal and regulatory requirements.

The primary responsibility for the development and implementation of controls to address operational risk is assigned to the Board of Directors.

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### 5. Financial risk management (cont'd)

### (d) Operational risk (cont'd)

This responsibility is supported by the development of overall Group standards for the management of operational risk in the following areas. These standards address the following requirements:

- appropriate segregation of duties, including the independent authorization of transactions;
- the reconciliation and monitoring of transactions;
- compliance with regulatory and other legal requirements;
- documentation of controls and procedures;
- the periodic assessment of operational risk faced and the adequacy of controls and procedures to address the risks identified;
- the reporting of operational losses and proposed remedial action;
- development of contingency plans;
- training and professional development;
- ethical and business standards; and
- risk mitigation, including insurance when this is effective.

Compliance with the Group's standards is supported by a programme of periodic reviews undertaken by Internal Audit. The results of Internal Audit reviews are discussed with the management of the business unit to which they relate, with summaries submitted to the Audit Committee and the Board of Directors.

#### (e) Capital management

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

- to comply with the capital requirements set by the Eastern Caribbean Central Bank ("ECCB");
- to safeguard the Group's ability to continue as a going concern so that it can continue to provide returns for shareholders and benefits for other stakeholders; and
- to maintain a strong capital base to support the development of its business.

Capital adequacy and the use of regulatory capital are monitored daily by the Group's management, employing techniques based on the guidelines developed by the ECCB for supervisory purposes. The required information is filed with the ECCB on a quarterly basis.

A new Banking Act, No. 4 of 2015, was assented to on June 12, 2015 and commenced on November 12, 2015. Under this new Act, the ECCB requires each bank or banking group to:

- (a) hold the minimum level paid up share capital of EC\$20,000,000; this is an increase from the previous level of EC\$5,000,000 and;
- (b) maintain a ratio of total regulatory capital to the risk weighted assets ("the Basel ratio") at or above the minimum 8% indicated in the ECCB Prudential Guidelines. There has been no change in this regard under the new Act.

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### 5. Financial risk management (cont'd)

#### (e) Capital management (cont'd)

The Group is in compliance with the minimum capital requirement as per the new Banking Act. No. 4 of 2015 by way of a transfer from retained earnings done in the financial year 2017. The Group will also be seeking injections of new capital in the medium term.

The Group's regulatory capital, which is managed by its Treasury, is divided into two tiers:

- <u>Tier 1 capital</u>: share capital (net of any book values of the treasury shares), retained earnings and reserves created by appropriations of retained earnings; and
- <u>Tier 2 capital</u>: qualifying subordinated loan capital, collective impairment losses, and unrealized gains arising on the fair valuation of equity instruments held as available-for-sale (limited to 20% of Tier 1 capital).

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

The table below summarizes the composition of regulatory capital and the ratios of the Group for the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020. During those two years, the Group complied with all of the externally imposed capital requirements to which it was subject.

	Notes	2021 \$	2020 \$
Tier 1 capital Share capital Statutory reserve	19 20	20,000,000 20,000,000	20,000,000 18,633,672
Retained earnings		87,331,881	70,348,113
Total tier 1 capital		127,331,881	108,981,785
Tier 2 capital			
Loan loss reserve	21	-	1,109,521
Unrealised gain on FVOCI investments	22	575,400	867,734
Total qualifying tier 2 capital		575,400	1,977,255
Total regulatory capital		127,907,281	110,959,040
Risk weighed assets		736,904,190	614,727,288
Capital adequacy ratio - Required - Actual		10% 17.4%	8% 18.1%

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## 6. Fair values of financial instruments

Fair value is defined in note 3(h)(v). The following methods and assumptions were used to estimate the fair value of financial instruments.

The fair values of cash and cash equivalents, other assets and other liabilities and due to other banks are assumed to approximate their carrying values due to their short-term nature. The fair value of off-balance sheet commitments is also assumed to approximate the amounts disclosed in note 33 due to their short-term nature.

The fair values of listed securities are assumed to be equal to their quoted market values. The fair values of unlisted securities are estimated at book value.

The estimated fair values of loans reflect changes in interest rates that have occurred since the loans originated and are determined by discounting contractual future cash flows, over the remaining term to maturity, at market interest rates prevailing at the reporting date. The estimated fair values of loans are not significantly different from their carrying values.

The estimated fair value of deposits with no stated maturity, which includes non-interest-bearing deposits, is the amount repayable on demand. Deposits payable on a fixed date are at rates which reflect market conditions and are considered to have fair values which approximate carrying values.

#### Fair value hierarchy

IFRS 7 specifies a hierarchy of valuation techniques based on whether the inputs to those valuation techniques are observable or unobservable. Observable inputs reflect market data obtained from independent sources; unobservable inputs reflect the Group's market assumptions. These two types of inputs have created the following fair value hierarchy:

- Level 1 Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities. This level includes listed equity securities and debt instruments on exchanges such as Luxembourg, New York and Trinidad and Tobago.
- Level 2 Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (that is, as prices) or indirectly (that is, derived from prices).
- Level 3 inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs). This level includes equity investments and debt instruments with significant unobservable components.

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

## Financial instruments not measured at fair value:

## Accounting classifications and fair values

The following table shows the carrying amounts and fair values of financial assets and financial liabilities including their levels in the fair value hierarchy. It does not include fair value information for financial assets and financial liabilities not measured at fair value if the carrying amount is a reasonable approximation of fair value.

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### 6. Fair values of financial instruments (cont'd)

Fair value hierarchy (cont'd)

#### Financial instruments not measured at fair value (cont'd):

As at June 30, 2021	Notes	FVTPL	Amortised cost	FVOCI	Other financial liabilities	Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Financial assets measured		TVIIL	cost	Troci	naointics	Total			Levers	Total
at amortised cost										
Cash and cash equivalent	7	-	406,800,582	-	-	406,800,582	-	-	-	-
Treasury bills	8	-	24,001,436	-	-	24,001,436	-	24,001,436	-	24,001,436
Loans and advances to										
customers	11	-	758,207,864	-	-	758,207,864	-	-	758,207,864	758,207,864
Investment securities:										
Unquoted securities	12	-	118,032,298	-	-	118,032,298	-	118,032,298	-	118,032,298
Financial assets measured										
at FVOCI Quoted securities	.12		_	5,460,350	-	5,460,350	-	5,460,350		5,460,350
		-		· · ·	-		-	, ,		
Unquoted	.12	-	-	10,286,674	-	10,286,674	-	10,286,674	-	10,286,674
Financial assets measured										
at fair value	10	00 101 005				00 101 005	00 101 005			00 101 005
Corporate bonds	12	92,101,205	-	-	-	92,101,205	92,101,205	-	-	92,101,205
Quoted equity securities Debt securities	12 12	35,399,470	-	-	-	35,399,470 4,372,089	35,399,470	-	-	35,399,470
Debt securities	12	4,372,089	-	-	-	4,572,089	4,372,089	-	-	4,372,089
Total assets		131,872,764	1,307,042,180	15,747,024		1,454,661,968	131,872,764	157,780,758	758,207,864	1,047,861,386
Deposit from customers	16	-	1,405,523,924	-	-	1,405,523,924	-	-	-	-
Trading liabilities	17	-	-	-	23,497,581	23,497,581	-	-	-	-
Commercial paper	18	-	28,069,223	-	- , , , , , , , , , ,	28,069,223	-	-	-	-
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Total liabilities	-	-	1,433,593,147	-	23,497,581	1,457,090,728			-	-

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### 6. Fair values of financial instruments (cont'd)

*Fair value hierarchy (cont'd)* 

Financial instruments not measured at fair value (cont'd)

As at June 30, 2020	Notes	FVTPL	Amortised cost	FVOCI	Other financial liabilities	Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Financial assets measured	-	IVIL	COSC	1,001	naointites	Total			Leverb	Total
at amortised cost										
Cash and cash equivalent	7	-	321,749,611	-	-	321,749,611	-	-	-	-
Treasury bills		-	13,198,423	-	-	13,198,423	-	13,198,423	-	13,198,423
Loans and advances to										
customers	11	-	695,525,032	-	-	695,525,032	-	- (	695,525,032	595,525,032
Investment securities:	10		101 510 550			101 510 550				
Unquoted securities	12	-	121,518,778	-	-	121,518,778	-	121,518,778	- ,	121,518,778
Financial assets measured at FVOCI										
Quoted securities		_		5,752,683	_	5,752,683	_	5,752,683	_	5,752,683
~		-	-		-		-		-	
Unquoted		-	-	10,127,586	-	10,127,586	-	10,127,586	-	10,127,586
Financial assets measured										
at fair value		04 104 405				24124405	<b>2</b> 4 1 <b>2</b> 4 40 <b>5</b>			<b>0</b> 4 1 0 4 40 <del>7</del>
Corporate bonds		24,134,497	-	-	-	24,134,497	24,134,497	-	-	24,134,497
Quoted equity securities Debt securities		22,279,620	-	-	-	22,279,620	22,279,620	-	-	22,279,620
Asset-backed securities		61,478,562	-	-	-	61,478,562	61,478,562	-	-	61,478,562
	-		-	-	-			-		
Total assets	=	107,892,679	1,151,991,844	15,880,269	_	1,275,764,792	107,892,679	150,597,470	695,525,032	954,015,181
Deposit from customers	16	-	1,202,389,712	-	-	1,202,000,712	-	-	-	-
Trading liabilities	17	-	-	-	27,268,033	27,268,033	-	-	-	-
Commercial paper	18	-	30,369,802	-	-	30,369,802		-	-	
Total liabilities	=		1,232,759,514	-	27,268,033	1,260,027,547			-	<u> </u>

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#### 7. Cash and balances with Central Bank

#### (a) Cash and balances with Central Bank

		2021	2020
	Note	\$	\$
Cash in hand		23,333,314	17,714,698
Cash at ECCB other than mandatory deposits	s	84,159,462	18,141,421
Included in cash and cash equivalents	7(b)	107,492,776	35,856,119
Mandatory deposits		83,737,936	71,616,108
		191,230,712	107,472,227

The weighted average effective interest rate on deposits with ECCB at June 30, 2021 was 0% (2020 - 0%). Deposits with the ECCB are non-interest bearing.

#### Mandatory deposits

Section 45 of the Dominica Banking Act No. 4 of 2015, and the Eastern Caribbean Central Bank Agreement Act of 1983, prescribes the maintenance of a reserve, including marginal required reserves, against deposits and other similar liabilities specified for that purpose. Such reserves shall be maintained either by way of notes and coins, cash holdings with other financial institutions or by way of deposits with the ECCB. Such mandatory deposits are not available to finance the Group's day-to-day operations.

#### (b) Cash and cash equivalents

For the purpose of the statement of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents comprise the following balances:

		2021	2020
	Notes	\$	\$
Cash and balances with ECCB	7(a)	107,492,776	35,856,119
Treasury bills	8	6,267,455	14,982,817
Due from other banks	9	275,243,884	244,010,266
Deposits with non-bank financial institutions	10	17,796,467	26,900,409
		406,800,582	321,749,611

Treasury bills of \$6,267,455 (2020 - \$14,982,817) comprise bills with less than three months' maturity from the date of acquisition and forms part of the total of \$30,268,891 (2020 - \$28,181,240) in note 8.

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#### 8. Treasury bills

	Notes	2021 \$	2020 \$
Treasury bills issued by domestic and regional governments	7(b)	30,268,891	28,181,240

The weighted average effective interest rate in respect of treasury bills for the year was 4.33% (2020 – 4.36%).

During the year, the Group recognized a reduction in ECL on treasury bills of \$178,625 (2020 increase - \$447,215) for a total ECL allowance of \$448,486 (2020 - \$627,111) at year end.

#### 9. Due from other banks

	Notes	2021 \$	2020 \$
Items in the course of collection		101,666	38,738
Placements with other banks		123,849,571	99,652,595
Interest bearing deposits	_	151,292,647	144,318,933
	7(b)	275,243,884	244,010,266

The weighted average effective interest rate in respect of interest-bearing deposits for the year was 0.35% (2020 – 0.62%). Placements with other banks include the amount of \$1,172,408 (2020 - \$8,842,824) received on behalf of customers that was in the process of clearing at end of year. These funds are not available for the Bank's use in its normal operations until processed. Interest-bearing deposits have been adjusted for a reduction in ECL of \$109,617 (2020 increase – \$570,072) for a total ECL on due from banks of \$922,056 (2020 – \$1,031,672).

#### 10. Deposits with non-bank financial institutions

	Notes	2021 \$	2020 \$
Interest bearing deposits Held by broker	_	617,921 17,178,546	613,799 26,286,610
	7(b)	17,796,467	26,900,409

The weighted average effective interest rate in respect of interest-bearing deposits for the year was 2% (2020 - 2%). During the year, the Group recognized a reduction in ECL on deposits with non-bank financial institutions of \$3,064 (2020 increase - \$6,186) for a total ECL allowance of \$6,833 (2020 - \$9,897) at year end.

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#### 11. Loans and advances to customers

	Notes	2021	2020
		\$	\$
Mortgage loans		242,699,822	207,553,793
Large corporate customers		424,405,147	397,348,344
Overdrafts		77,054,991	75,206,442
Credit Cards		5,089,813	3,123,394
Term loans		63,369,176	47,363,981
Gross balance		812,618,949	730,595,954
Unearned interest on discount loans		(40,172)	(40,172)
Provision for loan impairment		(54,370,913)	(35,030,750)
Net balance	=	758,207,864	695,525,032
Current		123,409,274	98,744,020
Non-current	_	634,798,590	596,781,012
	=	758,207,864	695,525,032

The weighted average effective interest rate on productive loans and overdraft stated at amortized cost at June 30, 2021 was 5.7% (2020 - 6.01%) and productive overdrafts stated at amortized cost was 5.9% (2020 - 7.01%).

The Group, as part of its strategic initiatives has entered into syndicated arrangements for the funding of loan facilities domestically where the exposure exceeds the Tier I requirement. These loans are backed by commercial paper. The Group's exposure net of syndicated arrangements is therefore \$28,435,467 (2020: \$29,620,442).

The weighted average effective interest rate for the year in respect of these syndicated loans at amortized cost was 5.3% (2020 - 5.2%).

#### (i) Charges against profits

	2021 \$	2020 \$	
Increase in provision for impairment Impairment recoveries on loans and advances	(19,049,731) 4,950,971	(2,553,850) 4,652,123	
Net impairment charged in profit or loss	(14,098,760)	2,098,273	

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### 11. Loans and advances to customers (cont'd)

#### (ii) Provision for impairment of loans and advances to customers

Reconciliation of the allowance account for losses on loans and advances to customers by class is as follows:

		Term			
	Large	Loans &	Mortgage		
	corporate	<b>Credit Cards</b>	loans	Overdraft	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Balance at July 1, 2020	14,961,870	2,211,393	16,494,871	1,362,616	35,030,750
On purchase of loans	4,331,514	5,220,878	3,968,989	-	13,521,381
Provision for expected credit loss	7,267,059	5,040,171	3,530,898	3,211,603	19,049,731
Loans written off during the year		(8,606,533)	(4,346,234)	(278,182)	(13,230,949)
Balance at June 30, 2021	26,560,443	3,865,909	19,648,524	4,296,037	54,370,913
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Balance at July 1, 2019	13,554,642	2,031,186	15,979,460	1,066,720	32,632,008
Provision for expected credit loss	1,407,228	184,680	666,046	295,896	2,553,850
Loans written off during the year		(4,473)	(150,635)	-	(155,108)
Balance at June 30, 2020	14,961,870	2,211,393	16,494,871	1,362,616	35,030,750

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### 11. Loans and advances to customers (cont'd)

#### (ii) Provision for impairment of loans and advances to customers(cont'd)

A breakdown of the staging of advances and the related ECLs for loans and advances to customers is illustrated below:

	Large corporate	Term Loans & Credit Cards	Mortgage loans	Overdrafts	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Gross Loans and advances to customers	424,405,147	68,458,989	242,699,822	77,054,991	812,618,949
Stage 1: 12 months ECL	(2,658,282)	(845,210)	(1,736,415)	(281,182)	(5,521,089)
Stage 2: Lifetime ECL	(7,288,041)	(136,123)	(270,313)	(68,901)	(7,763,378)
Stage 3: Credit impaired	(16,614,120)	(2,884,576)	(17,641,796)	(3,945,954)	(41,086,446)
Financial Assets - Lifetime ECL	397,844,704	64,593,080	223,051,298	72,758,954	758,248,036

	Large corporate	Term loans & credit cards	Mortgage loans	Overdraft	Total
July 1, 2020	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Gross Loans and advances to customers	424,405,147	68,458,989	242,699,822	77,054,991	812,618,949
Provision for expected credit loss	(26,560,443)	(3,865,909)	(19,648,524)	(4,296,037)	(54,370,913)
Net loans and advances to customers	397,844,704	64,593,080	223,051,298	72,758,954	758,248,036

		Term			
	0	oans & credit	Mortgage	06	T - 4 - 1
	corporate	cards	loans	Overdraft	Total
July 1, 2020	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Gross Loans and advances to customers	397,348,344	50,487,375	207,553,793	75,206,442	730,595,954
Provision for expected credit loss	(14,961,870)	(2,211,393)	(16,494,871)	(1,362,616)	(35,030,750)
Net loans and advances to customers	382,386,474	48,275,982	191,058,922	73,843,826	695,565,204

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### 11. Loans and advances to customers (cont'd)

## *(ii) Provision for impairment of loans and advances to customers(cont'd)*

A breakdown of the staging of advances to customers and the related ECLs for loans and advances is illustrated below:

	_	Term			
	Large	Loans & credit	Mortgage	Overdraft	Total
-	<u>corporate</u> \$	<u>cards</u>	loans	<u>S</u>	<u> </u>
Gross loans at July 1, 2020	<b>3</b> 97,348,344	<b>5</b> 0,487,375	207,553,793	ۍ 75,206,442	چ 730,595,954
Stage 1: 12 months ECL	(1,668,747)	(309,342)	(558,815)	(5,465)	(2,542,369)
Stage 2: Lifetime ECL	(1,982,381)	(52,123)	(173,197)	(1,647)	(2,209,348)
Stage 3: Credit impaired	(11,310,742)	(1,849,928)	(15,762,859)	(1,355,504)	(30,279,033)
Financial Assets - Lifetime ECL	382,386,474	48,275,982	191,058,922	73,843,826	695,565,204
Stage 1: 12 months ECL					
ECL allowance at July 1, 2020	1,668,747	309,342	558,815	5,465	2,542,369
Credit loss movement (new loans, repayment etc.)	989,535	535,868	1,177,600	275,717	2,978,720
As at June 30, 2021	2,658,282	845,210	1,736,415	281,182	5,521,089
Stage 2: Life ECL					
ECL allowance at July 1, 2020	1,982,381	52,123	173,197	1,647	2,209,348
Credit loss movement (new loans, repayment etc.)	5,305,660	84,000	97,116	67,254	5,554,030
As at June 30, 2021	7,288,041	136,123	270,313	68,901	7,763,378
Stage 3: Credit impaired					
ECL allowance at July1, 2020	11,310,742	1,849,928	15,762,859	1,355,504	30,279,033
Credit loss experience -	5,303,378	9,641,181	6,225,171	2,590,450	23,760,180
Write - offs	-	(8,606,533)	(4,346,234)	-	(12,952,767)
As at June 30, 2021	16,614,120	2,884,576	17,641,796	3,945,954	41,086,446
Total	26,560,443	3,865,909	19,648,524	4,296,037	54,370,913

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### 11. Loans and advances to customers (cont'd)

#### (ii) Provision for impairment of loans and advances to customers(cont'd)

A breakdown of the staging of advances to customers and the related ECLs for loans and advances is illustrated below:

#### June 30, 2020

Stage 1: 12 months ECL ECL allowance at July 1, 2019 Credit loss movement (new loans, repayment etc.)	1,880,799 (212,052)	274,290 35,052	572,119 (13,304)	45,072 (39,607)	2,772,280 (229,911)
As at June 30, 2020	1,668,747	309,342	558,815	5,465	2,542,369
<b>Stage 2: Life ECL</b> ECL allowance at July 1, 2019 Credit loss movement (new loans, repayment etc.)	325,882 1,656,499	82,436 (30,313)	180,751 (7,554)	12,422 (10,775)	601,491 1,607,857
As at June 30, 2020	1,982,381	52,123	173,197	1,647	2,209,348
Stage 3: Credit impaired					
ECL allowance at July1, 2019 Credit loss experience -	11,347,962 (37,220)	1,674,459 179,942	15,226,590 686,904	1,009,226 346,278	29,258,237 1,175,904
Write - offs	-	(4,473)	(150,635)	-	(155,108)
As at June 30, 2020	11,310,742	1,849,928	15,762,859	1,355,504	30,279,033
Total	14,961,870	2,211,393	16,494,871	1,362,616	35,030,750

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### 12. Investment securities

	\$	2020 \$
Amortized cost	118,032,298	121,518,778
FVOCI	15,747,024	15,880,269
FVTPL	131,872,764	107,892,679
	265,652,086	245,291,726
A. Amortized cost		
	2021	2020
	<u> </u>	\$
Government bonds	111,178,070	111,164,906
Corporate bonds	20,590,556	20,600,224
Asset-backed securities	3,863,518	7,340,716
	135,632,144	139,105,846
Less allowance for impairment	(17,599,846)	(17,587,068)
Debt securities	118,032,298	121,518,778
B. FVOIC	2021	2020
	\$	\$
Equity securities	5,619,440	5,752,683
Unquoted equity securities	23,882,465	23,882,465
Less: impairment	(13,754,881)	(13,754,881)
L	15,747,024	15,880,267

# C. Investment securities measured at fair value through profit or loss

	2021 \$	2020 \$
Corporate bonds	92,101,205	24,134,497
Debt securities	4,372,089	61,478,562
Equities	35,399,470	22,279,620
	131,872,764	107,892,679

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## 12. Investment securities (cont'd)

	Stage1 12 Month ECL	Lifetime ECL Not Credit- Impaired	Credit Impaired Financial Assets Lifetime ECL	Total
Debt investment securities at amortised cost	\$	\$	\$	\$
Balance as at July 1, 2019 Net remeasurement of loss allowance Recoveries	1,741,068 542,491 -	300,585 (22,374)	13,896,021 1,129,277	15,937,674 1,649,394
Balance as at July 1, 2020 Net remeasurement of loss allowance Recoveries	<b>2,283,559</b> 25,617	<b>278,211</b> (12,817)	<b>15,025,298</b> (22)	<b>17,587,068</b> 12,800 (22)
Balance as at June 30, 2021	2,309,176	265,394	15,025,276	17,599,846

_	Stage 1 12 Month ECL \$	Stage 2 Lifetime ECL Not Credit- Impaired \$	Stage 3 Credit Impaired Financial Assets Lifetime ECL \$	<u> </u>
Investment securities at FVOCI	Ŷ	Ŷ	Ŷ	Ŷ
<b>Balance as at July 1, 2019</b> Net remeasurement of loss allowance	-	-	13,764,995	13,764,995
Recoveries Reclassifications	-	-	(10,114)	(10,114)
Write-offs	-	-	-	-
Balance as at July 1, 2020	-	-	13,754,881	13,754,881
Net remeasurement of loss allowance Recoveries	-	-	-	-
Reclassifications Write-offs	-	-	-	-
Balance as at June 30, 2021	-	_	13,754,881	13,754,881

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#### 12. Investment securities (cont'd)

	FVOCI Listed	FVOCI Unlisted	FVOCI Total	Amortised Cost	FVTPL	TOTAL
-	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Restated balance at July 1, 2019	6,605,997	9,272,475	15,878,472	121,771,034	121,546,388	259,195,894
Additions	-	-	-	2,899,864	9,829,242	12,729,106
Disposals	-	(14,283)	(14,283)	(1,502,726)	(24,961,547)	(26,478,556)
Unrealised gain from changes in fair value	5,966	-	5,966	-	1,478,596	1,484,562
Allowance for expected credit losses	-	-	-	(1,649,394)	-	(1,649,394)
Impairment recovery on investment	-	10,114	10,114	-	-	10,114
Balance at July 30, 2020	6,611,963	9,268,306	15,880,269	121,518,778	107,892,679	245,291,726
Additions	-	159,089	159,089	1,337,800	26,176,080	27,672,969
Disposals	-	-		(5,700,116)	(15,791,504)	(21,491,620)
Unrealised gain from changes in fair value	(292,334)	-	(292,334)	-	13,595,509	13,303,175
Allowance for expected credit losses	-	-	-	(12,800)	-	(12,800)
Impairment recovery on investment	-	-	-	888,636	-	888,636
Balance at June 30, 2021	6,319,629	9,427,395	15,747,024	118,032,298	131,872,764	265,652,086

The weighted average effective interest rate for the year in respect of fair value through other comprehensive income was 0% (2020 - 0%). The weighted average effective interest rate for the year in respect of securities at amortized cost was 4.17% (2020 - 4.07%).

Impairment loss on investment securities at amortized cost comprises of expected credit loss of \$2,574,570 (2020: \$2,561,770) and provisioning on fully impaired assets \$15,025,278 (2020: \$15,025,298).

#### 13. Other assets

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
Prepayments and advances	3,791,084	1,552,137
Clearings	7,879,111	1,241,933
Stationery	777,093	974,472
Merchant settlements	14,820,164	7,874,607
Income tax recoverable	111,609	111,609
	27,379,061	11,754,758

During the year, the Bank recovered \$965,185 on amounts due from other financial institutions for which 100% provisioning was made over the prior two years 2021 and 2020.

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# 14. Property and equipment

	Land \$	Building \$	Leasehold improvement \$	Computer equipment \$	Furniture & equipment \$	Motor vehicles \$	Total \$
COST							
Balance at July 1, 2019	4,256,683	8,998,948	613,994	9,104,872	16,407,913	1,129,650	40,512,060
Additions	-	25,272	-	586,811	651,894	-	1,263,977
Transfer from held for sale	-	-	-	72,008	(72,008)	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	(27,400)	(7,224)	-	(34,624)
Balance at June 30, 2020	4,256,683	9,024,220	613,994	9,736,291	16,980,575	1,129,650	41,741,413
Additions	1,613,400	1,584,876	-	911,832	532,019	-	4,642,127
Disposals	-	-	-		(313,676)	-	(313,676)
Balance at June 30, 2021	5,870,083	10,609,096	613,994	10,648,123	17,198,918	1,129,650	46,069,864
ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION							
Balance at July 1, 2019	-	(4,816,431)	(613,994)	(7,936,926)	(14,596,387)	(909,491)	(28,873,229)
Charge for the period	-	(229,323)	-	(478,392)	(523,635)	(104,450)	(1,335,800)
Transfers	-	-	-	(6,401)	6,401	-	-
Depreciation eliminated on disposals		-	-	27,400	7,224		34,624
Balance at June 30, 2020	-	(5,045,754)	(613,994)	(8,394,319)	(15,106,397)	(1,013,941)	(30,174,405)
Change for the period	-	(221,021)	-	(607,467)	(588,379)	(47,534)	(1,464,401)
Depreciation eliminated on disposals					313,360		313,360
Balance at June 30, 2021		(5,266,775)	(613,994)	(9,001,786)	(15,381,416)	(1,061,475)	(31,325,446)
CARRYING VALUES							
Balance as at June 30, 2021	5,870,083	5,342,321	-	1,646,337	1,817,502	68,175	14,744,418
Balance as at June 30, 2020	4,256,683	3,978,466	-	1,341,972	1,874,178	115,709	11,567,008

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### 15. Intangible assets

	2020	2021
	\$	\$
Software	417,060	518,688
Core Deposits	3,838,185	-
Goodwill	474,749	-
	4,729,994	518,688
Software		
		Tota

### **COST**

<b>Balance at July 1, 2019</b> Additions Disposal	8,080,714 324,049
<b>Balance at June 30, 2020</b> Additions Disposal	8,404,763 156,384
Balance at June 30, 2021	8,561,147

## **ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION**

Balance at July 1, 2019 Charge for the year	7,758,212 127,863
Balance at June 30, 2020 Charge for the year	7,886,075 258,012
Balance at June 30, 2021	8, 144,087
CARRYING VALUES	
Balance at June 30, 2021	417,060

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Balance as at June 30, 2020	518,688

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#### 15. Intangible assets (cont'd)

#### **Core deposits**

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
Cost at acquisition	3,936,600	-
Amortization	98,415	-
Net book value	3,838,185	-

Core deposit intangibles acquired through the acquisition of the assets and assumed liabilities of Royal Bank of Canada (Roseau) Branch in 2021 have been determined to have a life of 10 years from acquisition date.

#### Goodwill

	2021	2020
	<u> </u>	\$
Goodwill on acquisition	474,749	-
Goodwill impairment expense	-	-
	474,749	

Goodwill arising from the April 1, 2021 acquisition of the assumed assets and liabilities of Royal Bank of Canada Roseau Branch was determined based on independent valuation of the fair value of the net assets completed, December 2021.

Goodwill is allocated to the Group's cash-generating units (CGUs) identified. The carrying amount of goodwill will be reviewed annually for impairment and whenever there are events or changes in circumstances, which indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. The goodwill impairment test will be performed by comparing the recoverable amount of the CGU to which goodwill has been allocated, with the carrying amount of the CGU including goodwill, with any deficiency recognised as impairment to goodwill. The recoverable amount for each CGU will be determined using value-in-use calculations that are estimated using five-year cash flow projections along with an estimate of capital required to support ongoing operations.

Note 3(i) provides guidance on the basis for accounting for business combination and measurement of goodwill. See note 37 for further details. As at June 30, 2021, Goodwill was deemed not to be impaired.

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#### 16. Deposits from customers

	2021 \$	2020 \$
Demand deposits	341,619,015	270,226,126
Savings accounts Term deposits	782,964,672 280,940,237	659,029,103 273,134,483
-	1,405,523,924	1,202,389,712
Current	1,241,085,894	1,019,405,898
Non-current	164,438,030	182,983,814
	1,405,523,924	1,202,389,712

The weighted average effective interest rate for the year in respect of customers' deposits was 1.55% (2020 - 1.69%).

#### 17. Other liabilities

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
Manager's cheques	2,310,524	2,287,820
Bankers' payments	2,457,645	1,975,415
Provision for staff gratuities	3,602,308	3,733,017
Unclaimed dividends	353,960	309,884
Uncleared funds	783,000	8,842,824
Other accounts payable and accrued liabilities	13,990,144	10,119,073
	23,497,581	27,268,033

The provision for staff gratuities is pursuant to a union agreement to provide employees with a gratuity upon termination. The gratuity is provided by the Group to staff with a minimum of 10 years of service. The funds are being held by the Group. Uncleared funds represent amounts received on behalf of customers which were in the process of clearing at year end. These funds are not available for the Group's use in its normal operations until processed.

#### 18. Commercial paper

The Group entered into syndicated loan arrangements for which funding exceeded the statutory Tier 1 requirement. To comply with this requirement, the Group issued commercial paper in order to fund these facilities. The commercial paper is issued for a maximum period of three years with the option of renewal. As at the reporting date, the Group had commercial paper of \$28,069,223 (2020 - \$30,369,802).

The effective interest rates are 2.89% (2020 - 3.74%).

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### 19. Share capital

	Number of shares	2021 \$	2020 \$
Authorized			
40,000,000 ordinary shares of no par value			
<b>Issued and fully paid</b> Ordinary shares at the beginning and end of			
year	24,000,000	20,000,000	20,000,000

The holders of ordinary shares are entitled to receive dividends as declared from time to time and are entitled to one vote per share at meetings of the Group.

In 2018, to meet the requirements of the Banking Act No. 4 of 2015, which requires that the Bank hold a minimum level of paid-up capital of \$20,000,000, the shareholders approved an 11 for 1 bonus issue, which resulted in the issue of 2,000,000 ordinary shares to qualifying shareholders. Issued share capital subsequently increased by \$9,000,000. Over the period May 17 to June 18, 2021, the Bank offered, to existing shareholders under a Rights Issue, one share for every four shares held (1:4). In accordance with the Prospectus, Rights not exercised was offered to the public under an Additional Public Offering over the period June 21 to July 16, 2021. A total of 4,245,725 shares were sold at a value of \$12,723,961. Allocation of shares began July 23, 2021 for both issues.

#### 20. Statutory reserve

Pursuant to Section 45 of the Banking Act No. 4 of 2015, the Group shall, out of its net profits of each year, transfer to a reserve "not less than 20% of the annual net earnings of the Group to a reserve fund whenever the fund is less than one hundred percent of the issued and paid-up capital of the Group". At the reporting date, the Group's reserve \$20,000,000 (2020: \$18,633,672) which is equal to paid-up capital. Therefore, 7.5% or \$1,366,328 (2020: 20% or \$4,664,754) of net earnings was transferred to statutory reserve.

#### 21. Loan loss reserve

In 2021, regulatory reserve was lower than the expected credit loss provision. Therefore, at the reporting date, the Group's loan loss reserve was \$0 (2020: \$1,109,521).

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## 22. Fair Value through OCI Reserve

Unrealized gains or losses on investment securities reflect the difference between the fair value through OCI at cost and their fair value.

		2021	2020
	_	\$	\$
	Balance at beginning of year	867,734	861,768
	(Loss) gain on changes in fair values	(292,334)	5,966
	Balance at end of year	575,400	867,734
23.	Net interest income	2021	2020
		2021 \$	2020 \$
	Interest income	<b>D</b>	Ð
	Loans and overdrafts	44,752,886	46,633,905
	Treasury bills, investment securities and bonds	7,158,605	7,254,145
	Deposits with banks	644,274	3,803,187
	Total Interest Income	52,555,765	57,691,237
	Interest expense		
	Time deposits, commercial paper and syndicated arrangements	8,800,268	9,201,998
	Saving deposits	13,369,654	12,260,122
	Demand deposits	179,210	172,189
	Correspondent banks Lease interest	800 48,510	13,601 13,220
	Total Interest Expense	22,398,442	21,661,130
	Net interest income	30,157,323	36,030,107
24.	Commission and other income		
		2021	2020

	\$	\$
Dividend income	1,236,676	1,359,585
Foreign currency account commission	824,296	780,544
Loan fees	1,403,970	1,238,873
Net credit card revenue	-	827,056
Others	2,620,562	3,881,399
Services charges	1,492,161	1,427,714
Total	7,577,665	9,515,171

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#### 25. Impairment (recovery of) loss on investment securities

	2021 \$	2020 \$
Impairment on investments at amortised cost	-	1,129,277
Expected credit loss on amortised cost investment securities	12,800	520,117
Impairment loss on investment securities	12,800	1,649,394
Investment recovered during the year on amortised cost	(888,636)	(10,114)

Impairment losses are reflected in the consolidated statement of income for the year ended June 30, 2021 and represents expected credit loss for investment securities classified at amortised cost under IFRS 9.

See Note 12 for the effect of the impairment on the consolidated statement of financial position.

# 26. Operating expenses

		2021	2020
	Notes	\$	\$
Audit fees and expenses		378,600	229,172
Depreciation and amortization		2,357,328	2,000,163
Directors' expenses		47,046	68,730
Directors' fees	28	313,245	255,069
Directors' training and development		99,688	118,367
Employee benefit expenses	28	13,692,070	11,552,287
Insurance		510,400	447,025
Legal and other professional fees		1,747,941	660,124
Office expenses		871,838	896,565
Other expenses	27	3,383,980	2,716,714
Rental of premises and equipment		110,147	147,897
Repairs and maintenance:			
Building		1,533,333	1,025,223
Computer		1,689,437	1,920,322
Other		472,757	317,725
Utilities			
Electricity and water		835,694	715,208
Telephone	-	592,356	558,503
	=	28,635,860	23,629,094

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### 27. Other expenses

		2021	2020
	Notes	\$	\$
Advertising and promotions		872,688	571,083
Agency fees		1,146,118	1,098,112
Collateral revaluation		94,084	6,181
Meetings and conferences		-	104,917
Miscellaneous		749,719	519,497
Scholarships expenses		23,947	6,377
Security – cash in transit		124,952	99,072
Subscription and levies		337,104	193,585
Sundry losses	_	35,368	117,890
	26	3,383,980	2,716,714

## 28. Compensation

	Notes	2021 \$	2020 \$
Employees			<u>`</u>
Wages and salaries		10,378,192	9,228,909
Other staff costs		461,035	345,701
Training		170,306	260,508
Social security cost		644,107	577,506
Retirement benefit and gratuity		1,452,864	739,778
Group insurance		349,464	339,522
Staff uniform		236,102	60,363
	26	13,692,070	11,552,287
Key management compensation			
Salaries and other short-term benefits		1,396,903	1,159,110
Post-employment benefits		215,265	249,265
		1,612,168	1,408,375
Directors' fees	26	313,245	255,069

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#### **29.** Income tax expense

	2021 \$	2020 \$
Current tax		-
Deferred tax	<u> </u>	
	-	-

The tax on the operating profit differs from the theoretical amount that would arise by applying the basic tax rate of 25% to the consolidated loss, as follows:

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
Profit Before Tax	18,440,575	23,323,769
Tax credit calculated at the applicable rate	4,610,144	5,830,942
Tax impact of non-deductible expenses	5,402,861	1,569,009
Tax impact of exempt income	(7,340,077)	(5,934,645)
Deferred taxes not recognized	2,672,928	614,262
Tax impact of current year tax losses	-	(2,079,568)

#### **30.** Income tax losses

At the end of the year, the Group had income tax losses of 379,773 (2020 – 11,071,485) to carry forward against future tax liabilities. These losses, which have not been confirmed or agreed by the Inland Revenue Department, will expire as follows if not utilised:

Income Year	Expiry year	(Profit)/ Losses arising \$	Losses expired/utilised \$	Losses b/f \$	Accumulated losses c/f \$
2016	2021	10,645,186	(141,266)	10,362,914	20,866,834
2017	2022	(9,291,404)	1,988,644	20,866,834	13,564,074
2018	2023	(11,839,473)	9,869,318	-	-
2019	2024	19,389,758	-	-	19,389,758
2020	2025	(8,318,273)	-	19,389,758	11,071,485
2021	2026	(10,691,712)	10,691,712	11,071,485	379,773

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### 31. Basic and diluted profit/(loss) per share

The calculation of earnings per share is based on the net income attributable to ordinary shareholders for the year ended June 30, 2021 of 18,440,575 (2020 - 23,323,769) divided by 24,000,000 (2020 - 24,000,000), being the weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue during the year.

#### **32.** Related party transactions and balances

A related party is a person or entity that is related to the Group.

A party is related to the Group, if:

- (a) A person or a close member of that person's family is related to the Group if that person:
  - (i) has control or joint control over the Group;
  - (ii) has significant influence over the Group; or
  - (iii) is a member of the key management personnel of the Group.
- (b) An entity is related to the Group if any of the following conditions applies:
  - (i) The entity and the Group are members of the same group (which means that each parent, subsidiary and fellow subsidiary is related to the others).
  - (ii) One entity is an associate or joint venture of the other entity (or an associate or joint venture of a member of a group of which the other entity is a member).
  - (iii) Both entities are joint ventures of the same third party.
  - (iv) One entity is a joint venture of a third entity and the other entity is an associate of the third entity.
  - (v) The entity is a post-employment benefit plan for the benefit of employees of either the Group or an entity related to the Group.
  - (vi) The entity is controlled, or jointly controlled by a person identified in (a).
  - (vii) A person identified in (a)(i) has significant influence over the entity or is a member of the key management personnel of the entity (or of a parent of the entity).
  - (viii)The entity, or any member of a group of which it is a part, provides key management personnel services to the Group or to the parent of the Group.

A related party transaction is a transfer of resources, services or obligations between the Group and a related party, regardless of whether a price is charged.

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### 32. Related party transactions and balances (cont'd)

Interest income and interest expense with related parties were as follows:

	2021		2020	
	Income S	Expense \$	Income \$	Expense \$
Government of Dominica	9,207,501	932,987	11,843,945	670,371
Statutory bodies	789,880	2,235,502	731,655	3,365,475
Directors and related entities	57,198	14,377	526,744	230,721
Key management	79,140	20,801	85,996	24,133

At June 30, 2021, related parties had the following balances with the Group:

	2021		2020	
	Loans \$			Deposits \$
Government of Dominica	209,233,806	133,198,213	207,649,296	143,856,248
Statutory bodies	13,366,836	85,880,262	13,851,681	81,336,783
Directors and related entities	879,587	761,363	12,737,727	16,349,482
Key management	2,496,600	968,075	1,630,469	1,181,365

As at the reporting date, the Group's single largest shareholder was the Government of the Commonwealth of Dominica holding directly 48.89% (2020 - 48.89%) of the issued share capital, and 55.05% (2020 - 55.05%) when considered in concert with other shareholding entities owned and controlled by the Government. In addition, the loan balances of the Government of Dominica at \$209,233,806 (2020 - \$207,649,296) constituted 26% (2020 - 29%) of the loans and advances outstanding from customers at June 30, 2021.

Directors' shareholdings as at the end of the financial year are as follows: 8,427 shares or 0.03% (2020 – 16,608 shares or 0.07%).

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#### **33.** Commitments and contingencies

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
Loan commitments	61,396,737	60,634,798
Financial guarantees and other financial facilities	16,520,174	1,808,288
	77,916,911	62,443,086

Loan commitments for the year disclosed above amounted to 61,517,897 (2020 - 60,853,823) net of expected credit losses on loan commitments totalled 121,160 (2020 - 219,025) for a net amount of 61,396,737 (2020 - 60,634,798).

Acceptances, guarantees and letters of credit that remain open at the year-end amounted to \$16,635,201 (2020 - \$1,821,526) net of expected Credit Loss on guarantees totaled \$115,027 (2020 - \$13,238) for an amount of \$16,520,174 (2020 - \$1,808,288)

#### 34. Future lease

The Group leases Office Buildings and Land for operating use. These leases typically run for a period of 3 years and lease payments are renegotiated every 3 years to reflect market rates. The Group is also restricted from entering into any sub-letting arrangements without the permission of the landlord. Such permission is not to be unreasonably withheld.

During the financial year 2021, the leased agreements matured and was renegotiated at the prevailing rate. The new lease is set to mature on July 31, 2023

The Group also has other short term and/or leases of low-value payments for which the Group has elected not to recognise right-of-use assets given the underlying assets are of low value.

Information about leases for which the Group is a lessee is presented below:

Lease Liability Balance as at July 1, 2020 Additions Lease Payments Interest Expense Balance as at June 30, 2021	\$ 47,213 1,609,500 (568,332) 48,509 1,136,890
Land & Buildings	
Right of Use Assets (ROU)	
Balance as at July 1st, 2020 Additions Amortization Charge <b>Balance as at June 30, 2021</b>	44,708 1,609,500 (536,500) <b>1,117,708</b>

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#### 34. Future lease (cont'd)

The following table sets out a maturity analysis of lease liability after the reporting date.

	2021 \$	2020 \$
Within one year	602,329	1,136,890
Over one year	47,212	649,541

## 35. Human capital management

The following data serves as a selection of the Group's performance measurement indicators for the last two years:

	2021	2020
Number of employees	153	138
Staff costs/total revenue	15.1%	14.59%
Interest revenue per employee	\$342,588	\$418,052
Assets per employee	\$10,368,438	\$9,936,711

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### 36. Impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the financial statements

From January 2020, the novel corona virus ("COVID-19") began impacting the world economies. On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a pandemic.

Estimates indicate the virus reduced global economic growth in 2020 by approximately -3.2% with a recovery of 5.9% expected for 2021. On the supply side, shortages reflect server disruptions to labor markets, production and supply chain bottlenecks, as well as shipping and transportation constraints that are adding to inflationary pressures. Global markets have reacted negatively to the significantly inflation levels amidst fears that Central Banks will rapidly raise interest rates as part of their fiscal policy measures meant to combat the skyrocketing inflation, thus lowering the forecasted performance on the Bank's Externally Managed Portfolio. Global trade was estimated to have fallen by 5.3% in 2020 but is also projected to have grown by 8% in 2021. However, in Dominica the impact of the pandemic was more acutely felt which, according to the World Bank led to a 16.6% reduction in GDP in 2020<sup>1</sup>.

The Caribbean Development Bank is however projecting GDP growth for service-exporting economics by approximately 4.8% in 2022. Recent easements of the pandemic related restrictions which included new protocols for festivities, the recommencement of sporting activities as well as the resumption of face-to-face learning indicates a transition to the "Living with Covid" approach which supports the positive economic forecast for the country.

The ECCB and the ECCU Bankers Association have agreed that banks can further extend moratorium to customers up to March 31, 2021 without an increase in the number of days past due on that facility. As such, the ECCB has issued regulatory guidance to its ECCU banks which includes guidance on the temporary waiver for specified regulatory requirements specific to the Prudential Credit Guidelines. The International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) on March 27, 2020 published guidance notes on the impact of COVID-19 on the application of IFRS 9.

Some of our customers have been extended moratoria on repayment in line with the agreement between the ECCB and the ECCU Bankers Association. The impact on customers' earnings and businesses and the Bank's revenue streams will be continuously assessed. As at reporting date, at least one year four months into the pandemic, the Bank continues to prudently manage delinquency and several customers have resumed scheduled payments. However, the Group has included a management overlay in the calculation of the ECL for the year ended June 30, 2021 to cushion some of the future potential impact, if any, this pandemic will have on its financial statements. The gravity of the impact will depend on the duration of the pandemic and the timeframe economies will take to rebound / recover.

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#### **37. Business combinations**

Acquisition of Royal Bank of Canada Roseau Branch assets in Dominica

The fair value of the identifiable assets and liabilities of the RBC operations in Roseau, Dominica as at the date of acquisition were:

Assets	Fair value recognized on acquisition Opening Balance April 1, 2021
Cash and balances with central bank	116,471,273
Loans and advances to customers	56,366,167
Investment securities	1,977,027
Premises & equipment	3,097,824
Other assets	1,424,319
	179,336,610
Liabilities	
Deposits from customers	174,174,521
Post-retirement benefit obligations	179,549
Other liabilities	3,053,371
	177,407,441
Fair Value of Net Assets	1,929,169
Total identifiable net assets at fair value	3,936,600
Goodwill arising on acquisition	474,749
Purchase consideration transferred	6,340,518
Purchase consideration	
Amount settled in cash	6,340,518
Analysis of cash flows on acquisition	
Net cash acquired	116,471,273
Consideration transferred	<u>(6,340,518</u> )
Net cash inflow	<u>110,130,755</u>

The net assets recognized as at April 1, 2021, were based on an independent valuation of the fair value completed in November 2020. Acquisition date fair value of core deposit intangibles of \$3,936,600 was determined. Fair value of the land and building was \$3,033,400 an increase of \$1,735,887 over the carrying value of \$1,297,513.

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### **38.** Events after the reporting period

On October 12, 2021, the Bank as part of consortium of four (4) indigenous banks in the Eastern Caribbean Currency Union (ECCU), entered into a definitive agreement with FirstCaribbean (Barbados) Limited to acquire certain assets and assume certain liabilities of FirstCaribbean International Bank (Barbados) Limited's (FCIB) operations in the jurisdictions of Dominica, Grenada, St. Kitts and Nevis and St Vincent and the Grenadines. However, the Bank took the decision to withdraw its application as a result of a change in strategic direction.