

Ameriabank CJSC

Financial statements

*for the year ended 31 December 2017
together with independent auditor's report*

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Independent auditor's report

To the Shareholders and Board of Directors of
Ameriabank Closed Joint-Stock Company

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Ameriabank Closed Joint-Stock Company (the Bank) which comprise the statement of comprehensive income for the year ended 31 December 2017, the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2017, the statement of cash flows and the statement of changes in equity for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Bank as at 31 December 2017 and its financial performance and its 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 financial statements* section of our report. We are independent of the Bank in accordance with the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants ("IESBA Code"), and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the IESBA Code. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Key audit matters

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgment, were of most significance in our audit of the financial statements of the current period. These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of the financial statements as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters. For each matter below, our description of how our audit addressed the matter is provided in that context.

We have fulfilled the responsibilities described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements* section of our report, including in relation to these matters. Accordingly, our audit included the performance of procedures designed to respond to our assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements. The results of our audit procedures, including the procedures performed to address the matters below, provide the basis for our audit opinion on the accompanying financial statements.

Key audit matter	How our audit addressed it
<p><i>Loan impairment allowance</i></p> <p>Loan impairment allowance is a key area of judgement for management. The identification of impairment and the determination of the recoverable amount are an inherently uncertain process involving various assumptions and factors including the financial condition of the counterparty, expected future cash flows, expected net selling prices and expected realization period of the collateral. The use of different modelling techniques and assumptions could produce significantly different estimates of loan impairment allowance. This could have material effect on the financial results of the Bank.</p> <p>Loan impairment allowance is a key audit matter due to both the significance of loans and advances to customers (70.8% of total assets of the Bank as at 31 December 2017) and subjectivity of underlying assumptions for impairment estimation.</p>	<p>We assessed controls over collective impairment calculations. We tested the models and assumptions used to determine collective impairment and checked the formulas and inputs to the underlying models, such as net write-offs and overdue days of loans.</p> <p>For impairment losses calculated on an individual basis we tested the assumptions underlying the impairment identification and quantification, including valuation of underlying collateral and forecasts of future cash flows. We focused on significant corporate loans with impairment indicators as of the reporting date.</p> <p>We also performed procedures regarding the financial statement disclosures (Note 21) of the Bank's exposure to credit risk and key assumptions and judgments of the management for estimating the loan impairment allowance.</p>

Other information included in the Bank's 2017 Annual report

Other information consists of the information included in the Annual Report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Management is responsible for the other information. The Annual Report is expected to be made available to us after the date of this auditor's report.

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

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

Responsibilities of management and the Board of Directors for the financial statements

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

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

The Board of Directors is responsible for overseeing the Bank's financial reporting process.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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

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

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

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

We also provide the Board of Directors 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.

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

The partner in charge of the audit resulting in this independent auditor's report is Eric Hayrapetyan.

CJSC Ernst & Young
Yerevan, Armenia

On behalf of General Director A. Sarkisyan
(by power of attorney dated 1 August 2016)
Partner (Assurance)

20 March 2018



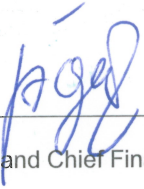
Eric Hayrapetyan



**Statement of comprehensive income
for the year ended 31 December 2017**

	Notes	2017 AMD'000	2016 AMD'000
Interest income	5	49,297,198	42,624,265
Interest expense	5	(30,932,889)	(27,749,228)
Net interest income		18,364,309	14,875,037
Fee and commission income	6	3,577,025	2,866,115
Fee and commission expense	7	(791,890)	(610,329)
Net fee and commission income		2,785,135	2,255,786
Gain from cession	8	–	1,096,824
Net (loss)/gain on financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss	9	(1,976,234)	1,055,909
Net foreign exchange gain	10	5,815,335	2,465,343
Net gain on available-for-sale financial assets		424,708	736,347
Other operating income	11	2,159,541	1,561,640
Other operating expenses	12	(1,892,480)	(1,461,489)
Operating income		25,680,314	22,585,397
Impairment losses	13	(5,811,644)	(5,434,401)
Operating income after impairment		19,868,670	17,150,996
Personnel expenses		(6,240,813)	(5,675,290)
Other general administrative expenses	14	(4,091,161)	(3,746,410)
Profit before income tax		9,536,696	7,729,296
Income tax expense	15	(1,886,709)	(1,522,610)
Profit for the year		7,649,987	6,206,686
Other comprehensive income, net of income tax			
<i>Items that are or may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss</i>			
Revaluation reserve for available-for-sale financial assets			
- Net change in fair value		462,604	1,435,355
- Net change in fair value transferred to profit or loss		(424,708)	(736,347)
- Income tax effect		(7,579)	(139,802)
Total items that are or may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss		30,317	559,206
Other comprehensive income for the year, net of income tax		30,317	559,206
Total comprehensive income for the year		7,680,304	6,765,892

The financial statements as set out on pages 1 to 60 were approved by the Management Board on 20 March 2018 and were signed on its behalf by:


Gevorg Tarumyan
Acting General Director and Chief Financial Officer


Gohar Khachatryan
Chief Accountant



Statement of financial position**as at 31 December 2017**

	<i>Notes</i>	2017 AMD'000	2016 AMD'000
Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	16	107,616,368	135,280,872
Financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss	17	3,968,064	3,130,071
Available-for-sale financial assets	18	9,888,078	12,408,292
Loans and advances to banks	19	10,842,890	4,853,302
Amounts receivable under reverse repurchase agreements	20	8,675,394	6,446,797
Loans and advances to customers	21	479,640,981	513,218,709
Held-to-maturity investments			
- Held by the Bank	22	37,337,539	36,255,642
- Pledged under sale and repurchase agreements	22	5,968,305	-
Property, equipment and intangible assets	23	7,126,916	3,651,239
Current tax asset		-	1,321,801
Other assets	24	6,657,562	2,796,698
Total assets		677,722,097	719,363,423
Liabilities			
Financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss	17	686,306	2,535,283
Deposits and balances from banks	25	40,004,001	71,834,882
Amounts payable under repurchase agreements	26	6,121,693	-
Current accounts and deposits from customers	27	375,170,779	414,608,686
Debt securities issued	28	40,932,595	18,124,500
Other borrowed funds	29	98,128,094	102,735,039
Subordinated borrowings	29	40,919,768	40,811,255
Current tax liability		990,256	-
Deferred tax liability	15	1,025,103	1,442,872
Other liabilities	30	3,841,631	2,873,138
Total liabilities		607,820,226	654,965,655
Equity			
Share capital	31	32,087,360	32,087,360
Share premium		7,755,179	7,755,179
Revaluation reserve for available-for-sale financial assets		338,214	307,897
Retained earnings		29,721,118	24,247,332
Total equity		69,901,871	64,397,768
Total liabilities and equity		677,722,097	719,363,423

The statement of financial position is to be read in conjunction with the Notes to, and forming part of, the financial statements.

Statement of cash flows
for the year ended 31 December 2017

	<i>Notes</i>	2017 AMD'000	2016 AMD'000
Cash flows from operating activities			
Interest receipts		45,679,533	40,931,425
Interest payments		(28,386,448)	(23,817,560)
Fee and commission receipts		3,577,025	2,866,115
Fee and commission payments		(791,890)	(610,329)
Net payments from financial assets at fair value through profit and loss		(1,933,348)	676,407
Net (payments)/receipts from foreign exchange transactions		3,601,374	2,724,237
Other operating expenses payments		(1,892,480)	(1,461,489)
Other operating income receipts		2,159,541	1,427,995
Salaries and other payments to employees		(5,726,848)	(5,754,347)
Other general administrative expenses payments		(3,223,321)	(2,967,916)
(Increase)/decrease in operating assets			
Financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss		(814,603)	(2,665,582)
Loans and advances to banks		(5,003,619)	2,754,468
Amounts receivable under reverse repurchase agreements		(2,223,000)	(464,617)
Loans and advances to customers		34,518,400	(193,906,455)
Other assets		(3,934,632)	(704,138)
Increase/(decrease) in operating liabilities			
Financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss		(1,894,376)	2,330,730
Deposits and balances from banks		(31,378,969)	50,005,742
Amounts payable under repurchase agreements		6,096,286	(18,999,995)
Current accounts and deposits from customers		(46,389,246)	119,077,450
Other liabilities		359,730	(239,818)
Net cash used in operating activities before income tax paid		(37,600,891)	(28,797,677)
Income tax paid		-	(930,000)
Cash flows from operations		(37,600,891)	(29,727,677)
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchases of property and equipment and intangible assets		(4,345,562)	(1,373,907)
Proceeds from sale of property and equipment and intangible assets		2,048	145,298
Purchases of available-for-sale financial assets		(17,533,115)	(15,698,772)
Proceeds from available-for-sale financial assets		20,417,703	15,036,412
Purchases of held-to-maturity investments		(79,345,696)	(38,114,289)
Proceeds from redemption of held-to-maturity investments		72,727,616	21,633,698
Purchases of bonds of Armenian banks and credit organizations		(612,754)	-
Cash flows used in investing activities		(8,689,760)	(18,371,560)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Dividends paid	31	(2,176,201)	(1,685,286)
Receipts of other borrowed funds		67,496,831	77,618,450
Repayment of other borrowed funds		(72,097,598)	(53,479,054)
Proceeds from debt securities issued		22,504,610	17,815,044
Cash flows from financing activities		15,727,642	40,269,154
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents		(30,563,009)	(7,830,083)
Effect of changes in exchange rates on cash and cash equivalents		2,898,505	397,638
Cash and cash equivalents as at the beginning of the year		135,280,872	142,713,317
Cash and cash equivalents as at the end of the year	16	107,616,368	135,280,872

The statement of cash flows is to be read in conjunction with the Notes to, and forming part of, the financial statements.

Statement of changes in equity
for the year ended 31 December 2017

<i>AMD'000</i>	<i>Notes</i>	<i>Share capital</i>	<i>Share premium</i>	<i>Revaluation reserve for available-for-sale financial assets</i>	<i>Retained earnings</i>	<i>Total equity</i>
Balance as at 1 January 2016		<u>32,087,360</u>	<u>7,755,179</u>	<u>(251,309)</u>	<u>19,725,932</u>	<u>59,317,162</u>
Total comprehensive income						
Profit for the year		-	-	-	6,206,686	6,206,686
Other comprehensive income for the year		-	-	559,206	-	559,206
Total comprehensive income for the year		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>559,206</u>	<u>6,206,686</u>	<u>6,765,892</u>
Transactions with owners, recorded directly in equity						
Dividends	31	-	-	-	(1,685,286)	(1,685,286)
Total transactions with owners		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,685,286)</u>	<u>(1,685,286)</u>
Balance as at 31 December 2016		<u>32,087,360</u>	<u>7,755,179</u>	<u>307,897</u>	<u>24,247,332</u>	<u>64,397,768</u>
Balance as at 1 January 2017		<u>32,087,360</u>	<u>7,755,179</u>	<u>307,897</u>	<u>24,247,332</u>	<u>64,397,768</u>
Total comprehensive income						
Profit for the year		-	-	-	7,649,987	7,649,987
Other comprehensive income for the year		-	-	30,317	-	30,317
Total comprehensive income for the year		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>30,317</u>	<u>7,649,987</u>	<u>7,680,304</u>
Transactions with owners, recorded directly in equity						
Dividends	31	-	-	-	(2,176,201)	(2,176,201)
Total transactions with owners		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,176,201)</u>	<u>(2,176,201)</u>
Balance as at 31 December 2017		<u>32,087,360</u>	<u>7,755,179</u>	<u>338,214</u>	<u>29,721,118</u>	<u>69,901,871</u>

The statement of changes in equity is to be read in conjunction with the Notes to, and forming part of, the financial statements.

1. Background

(a) Organization and operations

Ameriabank CJSC (formerly Armimpexbank CJSC) (the Bank) was established on 8 December 1992 under the laws of the Republic of Armenia. In 2007 the Bank was acquired by TDA Holdings Limited, which purchased a shareholding of 96.15%. TDA Holdings Limited was renamed to Ameria Group (CY) during 2011. In 2013 Ameria Group (CY) Limited increased its share in the Bank to 100%. On 23 December 2015 European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) purchased in full additionally issued 20,749 shares of the Bank.

On 21 December 2016 ESPS Holding Limited purchased 13.5% of Bank shares from Ameria Group (CY).

The shareholders of the Bank as at 31 December 2017 are Ameria Group (CY) (65.8%), EBRD (20.7%) and ESPS Holding Limited (13.5%).

The principal activities are deposit taking and customer account maintenance, lending, issuing guarantees, cash and settlement operations and operations with securities and foreign exchange. The activities of the Bank are regulated by the Central Bank of Armenia (CBA). The Bank has a general banking license, and is a member of the state deposit insurance system in the Republic of Armenia. The majority of the Bank's assets and liabilities are located in Armenia.

The Bank has 14 branches from which it conducts business throughout the Republic of Armenia. The registered address of the head office is 9 Grigor Lusavorich Street, Yerevan 0015, Republic of Armenia. The average number of the Bank's employees for 2017 was 667 (2016: 597).

Related party transactions are detailed in Note 37.

(b) Armenian business environment

2017 has been rather positive for Armenian economy. GDP growth exceeded forecasts from previous year almost twice and is expected to be under 7% for the year. Main contributors for this growth were Trade, Manufacturing and Financial intermediation. CPI was much stable throughout the year at around 1% for 2017; the same can be said about AMD/USD exchange rate. Foreign trade registered above 20% growth both for exports and imports. After some contraction in 2016, remittances also registered two-digit growth over the year. About 5% increase is observed in foreign reserves.

Given all above, management believes that it is taking appropriate measures to support the sustainability of the Bank's business under the current circumstances as well as ensuring relevant buffers to observe potential shocks in the near future.

2. Basis of preparation

(a) Statement of compliance

The accompanying financial statements are prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS).

(b) Basis of measurement

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost basis except that financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss and available-for-sale financial assets are stated at fair value.

(c) Functional and presentation currency

The financial statements are presented in Armenian Drams (AMD), which is the Bank's functional and presentation currency. Financial information presented in AMD is rounded to the nearest thousand. The official CBA exchange rates at 31 December 2017 and 31 December 2016, were 484.1 AMD and 483.94 AMD to 1 USD, and 580.1 AMD and 512.2 AMD to 1 EUR, respectively.

(d) Use of estimates and judgments

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with IFRS requires management to make judgments, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenses. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognized in the period in which the estimates are revised and in any future periods affected.

2. Basis of preparation (continued)

(d) Use of estimates and judgments (continued)

Information about significant areas of estimation uncertainty and critical judgments in applying accounting policies is described in Note 21 "Loans and advances to customers" and Note 38 "Financial assets and liabilities: fair values and accounting policies".

(e) Changes in accounting policies and presentation

Changes in accounting policies

The Bank applied for the first time certain amendments to the standards, which are effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2017. The Bank has not early adopted any standards, interpretations or amendments that have been issued but are not yet effective. The nature and the impact of each amendment is described below:

Amendments to IAS 7 Statement of Cash Flows: Disclosure Initiative

The amendments require entities to provide disclosure of changes in their liabilities arising from financing activities, including both changes arising from cash flows and non-cash changes (such as foreign exchange gains or losses). The Bank has provided the information for both the current and the comparative period in Note 39.

Amendments to IAS 12 Income Taxes: Recognition of Deferred Tax Assets for Unrealised Losses

The amendments clarify that an entity needs to consider whether tax law restricts the sources of taxable profits against which it may make deductions on the reversal of deductible temporary difference related to unrealised losses. Furthermore, the amendments provide guidance on how an entity should determine future taxable profits and explain the circumstances in which taxable profit may include the recovery of some assets for more than their carrying amount. Application of the amendments has no effect on the Bank's financial position and performance as the Bank has no deductible temporary differences or assets that are in the scope of the amendments.

3. Significant accounting policies

The accounting policies set out below are applied consistently to all periods presented in these financial statements, except as explained in Note 2(e), which addresses changes in accounting policies.

(a) Foreign currency

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated to the functional currency of the Bank at exchange rates at the dates of the transactions. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies at the reporting date are retranslated to the functional currency at the exchange rate at that date. The foreign currency gain or loss on monetary items is the difference between amortized cost in the functional currency at the beginning of the period, adjusted for effective interest and payments during the period, and the amortized cost in foreign currency translated at the exchange rate at the end of the reporting period. Non-monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies that are measured at fair value are retranslated to the functional currency at the exchange rate at the date that the fair value is determined. Non-monetary items that are measured in terms of historical cost in a foreign currency are translated using the exchange rate at the date of the transaction. Foreign currency differences arising on retranslation are recognized in profit or loss, except for differences arising on the retranslation of available-for-sale equity instruments unless the difference is due to impairment in which case foreign currency differences that have been recognized in other comprehensive income are reclassified to profit or loss; or qualifying cash flow hedges to the extent that the hedge is effective, which are recognized in other comprehensive income.

(b) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include Notes and coins on hand, balances held with the CBA, including obligatory reserves, unrestricted balances (nostro accounts) held with other banks. Cash and cash equivalents are carried at amortised cost in the statement of financial position.

3. Significant accounting policies (continued)

(c) Financial instruments

(i) Classification

Financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss are financial assets or liabilities that are:

- Acquired or incurred principally for the purpose of selling or repurchasing in the near term;
- Part of a portfolio of identified financial instruments that are managed together and for which there is evidence of a recent actual pattern of short-term profit-taking;
- Derivative financial instruments (except for derivative that is financial guarantee contract or designated and effective hedging instruments); or
- Upon initial recognition, designated as at fair value through profit or loss.

The Bank may designate financial assets and liabilities at fair value through profit or loss where either:

- The assets or liabilities are managed, evaluated and reported internally on a fair value basis;
- The designation eliminates or significantly reduces an accounting mismatch which would otherwise arise; or
- The asset or liability contains an embedded derivative that significantly modifies the cash flows that would otherwise be required under the contract.

All trading derivatives in a net receivable position (positive fair value), as well as options purchased, are reported as assets. All trading derivatives in a net payable position (negative fair value), as well as options written, are reported as liabilities.

Management determines the appropriate classification of financial instruments in this category at the time of the initial recognition. Derivative financial instruments and financial instruments designated as at fair value through profit or loss upon initial recognition are not reclassified out of at fair value through profit or loss category. Financial assets that would have met the definition of loans and receivables may be reclassified out of the fair value through profit or loss or available-for-sale category if the Bank has an intention and ability to hold them for the foreseeable future or until maturity.

Other financial instruments may be reclassified out of at fair value through profit or loss category only in rare circumstances. Rare circumstances arise from a single event that is unusual and highly unlikely to recur in the near term.

Loans and receivables are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market, other than those that the Bank:

- Intends to sell immediately or in the near term;
- Upon initial recognition designates as at fair value through profit or loss;
- Upon initial recognition designates as available-for-sale; or
- May not recover substantially all of its initial investment, other than because of credit deterioration.

Held-to-maturity investments are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments and fixed maturity that the Bank has the positive intention and ability to hold to maturity, other than those that:

- The Bank upon initial recognition designates as at fair value through profit or loss;
- The Bank designates as available-for-sale; or
- Meet the definition of loans and receivables.

Available-for-sale financial assets are those non-derivative financial assets that are designated as available-for-sale or are not classified as loans and receivables, held-to-maturity investments or financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss.

(ii) Recognition

Financial assets and liabilities are recognized in the statement of financial position when the Bank becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. All regular way purchases of financial assets are accounted for at the trade date.

3. Significant accounting policies (continued)

(c) Financial instruments (continued)

(iii) Measurement

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

Subsequent to initial recognition, financial assets, including derivatives that are assets, are measured at their fair values, without any deduction for transaction costs that may be incurred on sale or other disposal, except for:

- Loans and receivables which are measured at amortized cost using the effective interest method;
- Held-to-maturity investments that are measured at amortized cost using the effective interest method;
- Investments in equity instruments that do not have a quoted market price in an active market and whose fair value cannot be reliably measured which are measured at cost.

All financial liabilities, other than those designated at fair value through profit or loss and financial liabilities that arise when a transfer of a financial asset carried at fair value does not qualify for derecognition, are measured at amortized cost.

(iv) Amortized cost

The amortized cost of a financial asset or liability is the amount at which the financial asset or liability is measured at initial recognition, minus principal repayments, plus or minus the cumulative amortization using the effective interest method of any difference between the initial amount recognized and the maturity amount, minus any reduction for impairment. Premiums and discounts, including initial transaction costs, are included in the carrying amount of the related instrument and amortized based on the effective interest rate of the instrument.

(v) Fair value measurement principles

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 Bank has access at that date. The fair value of a liability reflects its non-performance risk.

When available, the Bank measures the fair value of an instrument using quoted prices 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.

When there is no quoted price in an active market, the Bank uses valuation techniques that maximize the use of relevant observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs. The chosen valuation technique incorporates all the factors that market participants would take into account in these circumstances.

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 Bank 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, 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 recognized in profit or loss on an appropriate basis over the life of the instrument but no later than when the valuation is supported wholly by observable market data or the transaction is closed out.

If an asset or a liability measured at fair value has a bid price and an ask price, the Bank measures assets and long positions at the bid price and liabilities and short positions at the ask price.

Portfolios of financial assets and financial liabilities that are exposed to market risk and credit risk that are managed by the Bank on the basis of the net exposure to either market or credit risk, are measured on the basis of a price that would be received to sell the net long position (or paid to transfer the net short position) for a particular risk exposure. Those portfolio-level adjustments are allocated to the individual assets and liabilities on the basis of the relative risk adjustment of each of the individual instruments in the portfolio.

3. Significant accounting policies (continued)

(c) Financial instruments (continued)

(vi) Gains and losses on subsequent measurement

A gain or loss arising from a change in the fair value of a financial asset or liability is recognized as follows:

- A gain or loss on a financial instrument classified as at fair value through profit or loss is recognized in profit or loss. Interest in relation to an debt financial asset at fair value through profit or loss is recognized in profit or loss as interest income using the effective interest method;
- A gain or loss on an available-for-sale financial asset is recognized as other comprehensive income in equity (except for impairment losses and foreign exchange gains and losses on debt financial instruments available-for-sale) until the asset is derecognized, at which time the cumulative gain or loss previously recognized in equity is recognized in profit or loss. Interest in relation to an available-for-sale financial asset is recognized in profit or loss using the effective interest method.

For financial assets and liabilities carried at amortized cost, a gain or loss is recognized in profit or loss when the financial asset or liability is derecognized or impaired, and through the amortization process.

(vii) Derecognition

The Bank derecognizes a financial asset when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the financial asset expire, or when it transfers the financial asset in a transaction in which substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of the financial asset are transferred or in which the Bank neither transfers nor retains substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership and it does not retain control of the financial asset. Any interest in transferred financial assets that qualify for derecognition that is created or retained by the Bank is recognized as a separate asset or liability in the statement of financial position. The Bank derecognizes a financial liability when its contractual obligations are discharged or cancelled or expire.

Where an existing financial liability is replaced by another from the same lender on substantially different terms, or the terms of an existing liability are substantially modified, such an exchange or modification is treated as a derecognition of the original liability and the recognition of a new liability.

The Bank enters into transactions whereby it transfers assets recognized on its statement of financial position, but retains either all risks and rewards of the transferred assets or a portion of them. If all or substantially all risks and rewards are retained, then the transferred assets are not derecognized.

In transactions where the Bank neither retains nor transfers substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of a financial asset, it derecognizes the asset if control over the asset is lost.

In transfers where control over the asset is retained, the Bank continues to recognize the asset to the extent of its continuing involvement, determined by the extent to which it is exposed to changes in the value of the transferred assets.

The Bank writes off assets deemed to be uncollectible.

(viii) Repurchase and reverse repurchase agreements

Securities sold under sale and repurchase (repo) agreements are accounted for as secured financing transactions, with the securities retained in the statement of financial position and the counterparty liability included in amounts payable under repo transactions. The difference between the sale and repurchase prices represents interest expense and is recognized in profit or loss over the term of the repo agreement using the effective interest method.

Securities purchased under agreements to resell (reverse repo) are recorded as amounts receivable under reverse repo transactions. The difference between the purchase and resale prices represents interest income and is recognized in profit or loss over the term of the repo agreement using the effective interest method.

If assets purchased under an agreement to resell are sold to third parties, the obligation to return securities is recorded as a trading liability and measured at fair value.

(ix) Derivative financial instruments

Derivative financial instruments include swaps, forwards, futures, and options in interest rates, foreign exchanges, precious metals and stock markets, and any combinations of these instruments.

Derivatives are initially recognized at fair value on the date on which a derivative contract is entered into and are subsequently remeasured at fair value. All derivatives are carried as assets when their fair value is positive and as liabilities when their fair value is negative.

3. Significant accounting policies (continued)**(c) Financial instruments (continued)**

Changes in the fair value of derivatives are recognized immediately in profit or loss.

Although the Bank trades in derivative instruments for risk hedging purposes, these instruments do not qualify for hedge accounting.

(x) Offsetting

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

(d) Property and equipment**(i) Owned assets**

Items of property and equipment are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

Where an item of property and equipment comprises major components having different useful lives, they are accounted for as separate items of property and equipment.

(ii) Depreciation

Depreciation is charged to profit or loss on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of the individual assets. Depreciation commences on the date of acquisition or, in respect of internally constructed assets, from the time an asset is completed and ready for use. The estimated useful lives are as follows:

Leasehold improvements	5-10 years
Computers and communication equipment	5 to 10 years
Fixtures and fittings	5 to 10 years
Motor vehicles	7 years

Leasehold improvements are depreciated over the shorter of the useful life of the asset and lease term.

(e) Intangible assets

Acquired intangible assets are stated at cost less accumulated amortization and impairment losses.

Acquired computer software licenses are capitalized on the basis of the costs incurred to acquire and bring to use the specific software. Amortization is charged to profit or loss on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of intangible assets. The estimated useful lives range from 1 to 10 years.

(f) Assets held for sale

Non-current assets, or disposal groups comprising assets and liabilities, that are expected to be recovered primarily through sale rather than through continuing use, are classified as held for sale. Immediately before classification as held for sale, the assets, or components of a disposal group, are remeasured in accordance with the Bank's accounting policies. Thereafter generally, the assets, or disposal group, are measured at the lower of their carrying amount and fair value less cost to sell.

(g) Impairment

The Bank assesses at the end of each reporting period whether there is any objective evidence that a financial asset or group of financial assets is impaired. If any such evidence exists, the Bank determines the amount of any impairment loss.

A financial asset or a group of financial assets is impaired and impairment losses are incurred if, and only if, there is objective evidence of impairment as a result of one or more events that occurred after the initial recognition of the financial asset (a loss event) and that event (or events) has had an impact on the estimated future cash flows of the financial asset or group of financial assets that can be reliably estimated.

Objective evidence that financial assets are impaired can include default or delinquency by a borrower, breach of loan covenants or conditions, restructuring of financial asset or group of financial assets that the Bank would not otherwise consider, indications that a borrower or issuer will enter bankruptcy, the disappearance of an active market for a security, deterioration in the value of collateral, or other observable data relating to a group of assets such as adverse changes in the payment status of borrowers in the group, or economic conditions that correlate with defaults in the group.

3. Significant accounting policies (continued)

(g) Impairment (continued)

In addition, for an investment in an equity security available-for-sale a significant or prolonged decline in its fair value below its cost is objective evidence of impairment.

(i) *Financial assets carried at amortized cost*

Financial assets carried at amortized cost consist principally of loans and other receivables (loans and receivables). The Bank reviews its loans and receivables to assess impairment on a regular basis.

The Bank first assesses whether objective evidence of impairment exists individually for loans and receivables that are individually significant, and individually or collectively for loans and receivables that are not individually significant. If the Bank determines that no objective evidence of impairment exists for an individually assessed loan or receivable, whether significant or not, it includes the loan or receivable in a group of loans and receivables with similar credit risk characteristics and collectively assesses them for impairment. Loans and receivables that are individually assessed for impairment and for which an impairment loss is or continues to be recognized are not included in a collective assessment of impairment.

If there is objective evidence that an impairment loss on a loan or receivable has been incurred, the amount of the loss is measured as the difference between the carrying amount of the loan or receivable and the present value of estimated future cash flows including amounts recoverable from guarantees and collateral discounted at the loan or receivable's original effective interest rate.

Contractual cash flows and historical loss experience adjusted on the basis of relevant observable data that reflect current economic conditions provide the basis for estimating expected cash flows.

In some cases the observable data required to estimate the amount of an impairment loss on a loan or receivable may be limited or no longer fully relevant to current circumstances. This may be the case when a borrower is in financial difficulties and there is little available historical data relating to similar borrowers. In such cases, the Bank uses its experience and judgment to estimate the amount of any impairment loss.

All impairment losses in respect of loans and receivables are recognized in profit or loss and are only reversed if a subsequent increase in recoverable amount can be related objectively to an event occurring after the impairment loss was recognized.

Renegotiated loans

Where possible, the Bank seeks to restructure loans rather than to take possession of collateral. This may involve extending the payment arrangements and the agreement of new loan conditions.

The accounting treatment of such restructuring is as follows:

- If the currency of the loan has been changed the old loan is derecognised and the new loan is recognised;
- If the loan restructuring is not caused by the financial difficulties of the borrower the Bank uses the same approach as for financial liabilities described above;
- If the loan restructuring is due to the financial difficulties of the borrower and the loan is impaired after restructuring, the Bank recognizes the difference between the present value of the new cash flows discounted using the original effective interest rate and the carrying amount before restructuring in the allowance charges for the period. In case loan is not impaired after restructuring the Bank recalculates the effective interest rate.

Once the terms have been renegotiated, the loan is no longer considered past due. Management continuously reviews renegotiated loans to ensure that all criteria are met and that future payments are likely to occur. The loans continue to be subject to an individual or collective impairment assessment, calculated using the loan's original or current effective interest rate.

When a loan is uncollectable, it is written off against the related allowance for loan impairment. The Bank writes off a loan balance (and any related allowances for loan losses) when management determines that the loans are uncollectible and when all necessary steps to collect the loan are completed.

(ii) *Financial assets carried at cost*

Financial assets carried at cost include unquoted equity instruments included in available-for-sale financial assets that are not carried at fair value because their fair value cannot be reliably measured. If there is objective evidence that such investments are impaired, the impairment loss is calculated as the difference between the carrying amount of the investment and the present value of the estimated future cash flows discounted at the current market rate of return for a similar financial asset.

3. Significant accounting policies (continued)

(g) Impairment (continued)

All impairment losses in respect of these investments are recognized in profit or loss and cannot be reversed.

(iii) Available-for-sale financial assets

Impairment losses on available-for-sale financial assets are recognized by transferring the cumulative loss that is recognized in other comprehensive income to profit or loss as a reclassification adjustment. The cumulative loss that is reclassified from other comprehensive income to profit or loss is the difference between the acquisition cost, net of any principal repayment and amortization, and the current fair value, less any impairment loss previously recognized in profit or loss. Changes in impairment provisions attributable to time value are reflected as a component of interest income.

If, in a subsequent period, the fair value of an impaired available-for-sale debt security increases and the increase can be objectively related to an event occurring after the impairment loss was recognized in profit or loss, the impairment loss is reversed, with the amount of the reversal recognized in profit or loss. However, any subsequent recovery in the fair value of an impaired available-for-sale equity security is recognized in other comprehensive income.

(iv) Non-financial assets

Other non-financial assets, other than deferred taxes, are assessed at each reporting date for any indications of impairment. The recoverable amount of non-financial assets is the greater of their 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 value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset. For an asset that does not generate cash inflows largely independent of those from other assets, the recoverable amount is determined for the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs. An impairment loss is recognized when the carrying amount of an asset or its cash-generating unit exceeds its recoverable amount.

All impairment losses in respect of non-financial assets are recognized in profit or loss and reversed only if there has been a change in the estimates used to determine the recoverable amount. Any impairment loss reversed is only reversed to the extent that the asset's carrying amount does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined, net of depreciation or amortization, if no impairment loss had been recognized. An impairment loss in respect of goodwill is not reversed.

(h) Provisions

A provision is recognized in the statement of financial position when the Bank has a legal or constructive obligation as a result of a past event, and it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation. If the effect is material, provisions are determined by discounting the expected future cash flows at a pre-tax rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and, where appropriate, the risks specific to the liability.

A provision for restructuring is recognized when the Bank has approved a detailed and formal restructuring plan, and the restructuring either has commenced or has been announced publicly. Future operating costs are not provided for.

(i) Borrowings

Issued financial instruments or their components are classified as liabilities, where the substance of the contractual arrangement results in the Bank having an obligation either to deliver cash or another financial asset to the holder, or to satisfy the obligation other than by the exchange of a fixed amount of cash or another financial asset for a fixed number of own equity instruments. Such instruments include amounts due to the Central bank, amounts due to credit institutions, amounts due to customers, debt securities issued, other borrowed funds and subordinated loans. After initial recognition, borrowings are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. Gains and losses are recognised in profit or loss when the borrowings are derecognised as well as through the amortisation process.

(j) Credit related commitments

In the normal course of business, the Bank enters into credit related commitments, comprising undrawn loan commitments, letters of credit and guarantees, and provides other forms of credit insurance.

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

3. Significant accounting policies (continued)

(j) Credit related commitments (continued)

A financial guarantee liability is recognized initially at fair value net of associated transaction costs, and is measured subsequently at the higher of the amount initially recognized less cumulative amortization or the amount of provision for losses under the guarantee. Provisions for losses under financial guarantees and other credit related commitments are recognized when losses are considered probable and can be measured reliably.

Financial guarantee liabilities and provisions for other credit related commitment are included in other liabilities.

Loan commitments are not recognized, except for the followings:

- Loan commitments that the Bank designates as financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss;
- If the Bank has a past practice of selling the assets resulting from its loan commitments shortly after origination, then the loan commitments in the same class are treated as derivative instruments;
- Loan commitments that can be settled net in cash or by delivering or issuing another financial instrument;
- Commitments to provide a loan at a below-market interest rate.

(k) Share capital

Ordinary shares are classified as equity. Incremental costs directly attributable to the issue of ordinary shares and share options are recognized as a deduction from equity, net of any tax effects.

(i) Share premium

Any amount paid in excess of par value of shares issued is recognized as a share premium.

(ii) Repurchase of share capital

When share capital recognised as equity is repurchased, the amount of the consideration paid, including directly attributable costs, is recognised as a decrease in equity.

(iii) Dividends

The ability of the Bank to declare and pay dividends is subject to the rules and regulations of the Armenian legislation.

Dividends in relation to ordinary shares are reflected as an appropriation of retained earnings in the period when they are declared and such decision is effective according to legislation of the Republic of Armenia.

(l) Segment reporting

The Bank's segmental reporting is based on the following operating segments: Retail banking, Corporate banking, Trading and Investment Banking (IB).

(m) Taxation

Income tax comprises current and deferred tax. Income tax is recognized in profit or loss except to the extent that it relates to items of other comprehensive income or transactions with shareholders recognized directly in equity, in which case it is recognized within other comprehensive income or directly within equity.

Current tax expense is the expected tax payable on the taxable income for the year, using tax rates enacted or substantially enacted at the reporting date, and any adjustment to tax payable in respect of previous years.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognized in respect of temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes and the amounts used for taxation purposes. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are not recognized for the following temporary differences: goodwill not deductible for tax purposes, the initial recognition of assets or liabilities that affect neither accounting nor taxable profit and temporary differences related to investments in subsidiaries where the parent is able to control the timing of the reversal of the temporary difference and it is probable that the temporary difference will not reverse in the foreseeable future.

The measurement of deferred tax assets and liabilities reflects the tax consequences that would follow the manner in which the Bank 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 measured at the tax rates that are expected to be applied to the temporary differences when they reverse, based on the laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the reporting date.

3. Significant accounting policies (continued)

(m) Taxation (continued)

Deferred tax assets are recognized only to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profits will be available against which the temporary differences, unused tax losses and credits can be utilized. Deferred tax assets are reduced to the extent that taxable profit will be available against which the deductible temporary differences can be utilized.

(n) Income and expense recognition

Interest income and expense are recognized in profit or loss using the effective interest method.

Loan origination fees, loan servicing fees and other fees that are considered to be integral to the overall profitability of a loan, together with the related transaction costs, are deferred and amortized to interest income over the estimated life of the financial instrument using the effective interest method.

Other fees, commissions and other income and expense items are recognized in profit or loss when the corresponding service is provided.

Dividend income is recognized in profit or loss on the date that the dividend is declared.

Payments made under operating leases are recognized in profit or loss on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease. Lease incentives received are recognized as an integral part of the total lease expense, over the term of the lease.

(o) Leases

Finance – Bank as lessee

The Bank recognizes finance leases as assets and liabilities in the statement of financial position at the date of commencement of the lease term at amounts equal to the fair value of the leased property or, if lower, at the present value of the minimum lease payments. In calculating the present value of the minimum lease payments the discount factor used is the interest rate implicit in the lease, when it is practicable to determine; otherwise, the Bank's incremental borrowing rate is used. Initial direct costs incurred are included as part of the asset. Lease payments are apportioned between the finance charge and the reduction of the outstanding liability. The finance charge is allocated to periods during the lease term so as to produce a constant periodic rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability for each period.

The costs identified as directly attributable to activities performed by the lessee for a finance lease, are included as part of the amount recognized as an asset under the lease.

Finance – Bank as lessor

The Bank recognizes lease receivables at value equal to the net investment in the lease, starting from the date of commencement of the lease term. Finance income is based on a pattern reflecting a constant periodic rate of return on the net investment outstanding. Initial direct costs are included in the initial measurement of the lease receivables.

Operating – Bank as lessee

Leases of assets under which the risks and rewards of ownership are effectively retained by the lessor are classified as operating leases. Lease payments under an operating lease are recognized as expenses on a straight-line basis over the lease term and included into other operating expenses.

Operating – Bank as lessor

The Bank presents assets subject to operating leases in the statement of financial position according to the nature of the asset. Lease income from operating leases is recognized in profit or loss on a straight-line basis over the lease term. The aggregate cost of incentives provided to lessees is recognized as a reduction of rental income over the lease term on a straight-line basis. Initial direct costs incurred specifically to earn revenues from an operating lease are added to the carrying amount of the leased asset.

(p) New standards and interpretations not yet adopted

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

3. Significant accounting policies (continued)

(p) New standards and interpretations not yet adopted (continued)

IFRS 9 Financial Instruments

In July 2014, the IASB issued IFRS 9 *Financial Instruments* that replaces IAS 39 *Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement*. IFRS 9 addresses classification and measurement, impairment and hedge accounting. IFRS 9 is effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2018. Except for hedge accounting, retrospective application is required but restating comparative information is not compulsory.

The Bank plans to adopt the new standard by recognizing the cumulative transition effect in opening retained earnings on 1 January 2018 and will not restate comparative information. The Bank is in the process of quantifying the effect of adoption of IFRS 9, however no reasonable estimate of this effect is yet available.

(a) *Classification and measurement*

Under IFRS 9, all debt financial assets that do not meet a “solely payment of principal and interest” (SPPI) criterion, are classified at initial recognition as fair value through profit or loss (FVPL). Under this criterion, debt instruments that do not correspond to a “basic lending arrangement”, such as instruments containing embedded conversion options or “non-recourse” loans, are measured at FVPL. For debt financial assets that meet the SPPI criterion, classification at initial recognition is determined based on the business model, under which these instruments are managed:

- Instruments that are managed on a “hold to collect” basis are measured at amortized cost;
- Instruments that are managed on a “hold to collect and for sale” basis are measured at fair value through other comprehensive income (FVOCI);
- Instruments that are managed on other basis, including trading financial assets, will be measured at FVPL.

Equity financial assets are required to be classified at initial recognition as FVPL unless an irrevocable designation is made to classify the instrument as FVOCI. For equity investments classified as FVOCI, all realized and unrealized gains and losses, except for dividend income, are recognized in other comprehensive income with no subsequent reclassification to profit and loss.

The classification and measurement of financial liabilities remain largely unchanged from the current IAS 39 requirements. Derivatives will continue to be measured at FVPL.

The Bank expects to continue measuring at fair value all financial assets currently held at fair value.

Trading debt securities will continue to be classified as FVPL. Debt and equity securities currently classified as available-for-sale are expected to be measured at FVOCI under IFRS 9 as the Bank expects not only to hold these assets to collect contractual cash flows, but also to sell a significant amount on a relatively frequent basis. HTM debt securities will be measured at amortized costs. All loans are expected to satisfy the SPPI criterion and will continue to be measured at amortised cost.

(b) *Impairment*

IFRS 9 requires the Bank to record an allowance for expected credit losses (ECL) on all of its debt financial assets at amortised cost or FVOCI, as well as loan commitments and financial guarantees. The allowance is based on the ECL associated with the probability of default in the next twelve months unless there has been a significant increase in credit risk since origination, in which case the allowance is based on the ECL over the life of the asset. If the financial asset meets the definition of purchased or originated credit impaired, the allowance is based on the change in the lifetime ECL. At this point Bank has finalized segmenting, according to which for ECL calculation loan portfolio will be divided into three groups: Loans to legal entities, Mortgage loans and Other retail/consumer loans. PD, EAD and LDG models are currently under finalization. Macro parameters to be used in PD model are also agreed, now final testing is underway. When estimating the ECLs, the Bank will consider three scenarios: base, upside and downside scenarios.

IFRS 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers

IFRS 15, issued in May 2014, and amended in April 2016, will supersede all current revenue recognition requirements under IFRS. Either a full retrospective application or a modified retrospective application is required for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2018. The Bank plans to adopt the new standard using the modified retrospective method by recognizing the cumulative transition effect in opening retained earnings on 1 January 2018, without restating comparative information.

3. Significant accounting policies (continued)

(p) New standards and interpretations not yet adopted (continued)

IFRS 15 establishes a five-step model to account for revenue arising from contracts with customers. Under IFRS 15, revenue is recognised at an amount that reflects the consideration to which an entity expects to be entitled in exchange for transferring goods or services to a customer. However, interest and fee income integral to financial instruments and leases will fall outside the scope of IFRS 15 and will be regulated by the other applicable standards (IFRS 9 and IFRS 16 *Leases*). As a result, the majority of the Bank's income will not be impacted by the adoption of this standard.

The Bank currently does not expect a material effect from initial application of IFRS 15.

IFRS 2 Classification and Measurement of Share-based Payment Transactions – Amendments to IFRS 2

The IASB issued amendments to IFRS 2 *Share-based Payment* that address three main areas: the effects of vesting conditions on the measurement of a cash-settled share-based payment transaction; the classification of a share-based payment transaction with net settlement features for withholding tax obligations; and accounting where a modification to the terms and conditions of a share-based payment transaction changes its classification from cash settled to equity settled. On adoption, entities are required to apply the amendments without restating prior periods, but retrospective application is permitted if elected for all three amendments and other criteria are met. The amendments are effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2018, with early application permitted. The Bank does not expect a material effect from application of these amendments.

IFRS 16 Leases

IFRS 16 was issued in January 2016 and it replaces IAS 17 *Leases*, IFRIC 4 *Determining whether an Arrangement Contains a Lease*, SIC-15 *Operating Leases – Incentives* and SIC-27 *Evaluating the Substance of Transactions Involving the Legal Form of a Lease*. IFRS 16 sets out the principles for the recognition, measurement, presentation and disclosure of leases and requires lessees to account for all leases under a single on-balance sheet model similar to the accounting for finance leases under IAS 17. The standard includes two recognition exemptions for lessees – leases of 'low-value' assets and short-term leases (i.e., leases with a lease term of 12 months or less). At the commencement date of a lease, a lessee will recognise a liability to make lease payments (i.e., the lease liability) and an asset representing the right to use the underlying asset during the lease term (i.e., the right-of-use asset). Lessees will be required to separately recognise the interest expense on the lease liability and the depreciation expense on the right-of-use asset.

Lessees will be also required to remeasure the lease liability upon the occurrence of certain events (e.g., a change in the lease term, a change in future lease payments resulting from a change in an index or rate used to determine those payments). The lessee will generally recognise the amount of the remeasurement of the lease liability as an adjustment to the right-of-use asset.

Lessor accounting under IFRS 16 is substantially unchanged from today's accounting under IAS 17. Lessors will continue to classify all leases using the same classification principle as in IAS 17 and distinguish between two types of leases: operating and finance leases.

IFRS 16 also requires lessees and lessors to make more extensive disclosures than under IAS 17.

IFRS 16 is effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2019. Early application is permitted, but not before an entity applies IFRS 15. A lessee can choose to apply the standard using either a full retrospective or a modified retrospective approach. The standard's transition provisions permit certain reliefs. In 2018, the Bank will continue to assess the potential effect of IFRS 16 on its financial statements.

Annual improvements 2014-2016 cycle (issued in December 2016)

These improvements include:

IFRIC Interpretation 22 Foreign Currency Transactions and Advance Consideration

The Interpretation clarifies that, in determining the spot exchange rate to use on initial recognition of the related asset, expense or income (or part of it) on the derecognition of a non-monetary asset or non-monetary liability relating to advance consideration, the date of the transaction is the date on which an entity initially recognises the non-monetary asset or non-monetary liability arising from the advance consideration. The Interpretation is effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2018. Since the Bank's current practice is in line with the Interpretation, the Bank does not expect any effect on its financial statements.

IFRIC Interpretation 23 Uncertainty over Income Tax Treatment

The Interpretation addresses the accounting for income taxes when tax treatments involve uncertainty that affects the application of IAS 12 and does not apply to taxes or levies outside the scope of IAS 12, nor does it specifically include requirements relating to interest and penalties associated with uncertain tax treatments.

3. Significant accounting policies (continued)

(p) New standards and interpretations not yet adopted (continued)

An entity must determine whether to consider each uncertain tax treatment separately or together with one or more other uncertain tax treatments. The approach that better predicts the resolution of the uncertainty should be followed. The Interpretation also addresses the assumptions an entity makes about the examination of tax treatments by taxation authorities, as well as how it considers changes in facts and circumstances.

The interpretation is effective for annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2019, but certain transition reliefs are available. The Bank will apply interpretation from its effective date. Since the Bank operates in a complex tax environment, applying the Interpretation may affect its financial statements and the required disclosures. In addition, the Bank may need to establish processes and procedures to obtain information that is necessary to apply the Interpretation on a timely basis.

4. Segment information

For management purposes, the Bank is organised into three operating segments based on products and services as follows:

Retail banking	Principally handling individual and small and micro legal entity customers' deposits, and providing consumer loans, overdrafts, credit cards facilities and small and micro loans.
Corporate banking	Principally handling loans and other credit facilities and deposit and current accounts for corporate and institutional customers.
Trading and Investment banking (IB)	Treasury and finance, investment banking and other central functions.

Management monitors the operating results of its business units separately for the purpose of making decisions about resource allocation and performance assessment. Income taxes is managed on a profit before income tax basis and is allocated to operating segments.

Transfer prices between operating segments are on an arm's length basis in a manner similar to transactions with third parties.

No revenue from transactions with a single external customer or counterparty amounted to 10% or more of the Bank's total revenue in 2017 or 2016.

The following tables present income and profit and certain asset and liability information regarding the Bank's operating segments.

	<i>Retail banking AMD'000</i>	<i>Corporate banking AMD'000</i>	<i>Trading and IB AMD'000</i>	<i>Total AMD'000</i>
2017				
Net interest income (expense)	(2,737,694)	16,375,403	4,726,600	18,364,309
Net non-interest income	1,482,223	2,833,507	3,000,275	7,316,005
Inter-segment revenue (expense)	12,066,784	(8,034,602)	(4,032,182)	-
Operating profit	10,811,313	11,174,308	3,694,693	25,680,314
Impairment losses	(703,438)	(5,108,206)	-	(5,811,644)
Depreciation and amortization	(647,915)	(108,856)	(111,072)	(867,843)
Personnel and other general administrative expenses	(5,941,305)	(2,356,313)	(1,166,513)	(9,464,131)
Profit before income tax	3,518,655	3,600,933	2,417,108	9,536,696
Income tax expense	(696,119)	(712,397)	(478,193)	(1,886,709)
Profit for the year	2,822,536	2,888,536	1,938,915	7,649,987
	<i>Retail banking AMD'000</i>	<i>Corporate banking AMD'000</i>	<i>Trading and IB AMD'000</i>	<i>Total AMD'000</i>
2017				
Interest earning financial assets	78,557,262	412,689,748	74,240,375	565,487,385
Interest bearing financial liabilities	248,023,707	335,400,570	17,535,534	600,959,811

4. Segment information (continued)

Interest earning assets include available-for-sale financial assets, debt instruments at fair value through profit or loss, interest bearing loans and advances to banks, amounts receivable under reverse repurchase agreements, gross loans and advances to customers and held-to-maturity investments.

Interest bearing financial liabilities include deposits and balances from banks (excluding Vostro accounts), amounts payable under repurchase agreements, current accounts and deposits from customers, debt securities issued, other borrowed funds, subordinated borrowings.

In 2017 the Bank reviewed the methodology of Internal Funds transfer pricing policy (allocation of equity among segments has been changed). This change had its effect on Intersegment revenue (expense) line in 2017. Comparative segment information for 2016 was represented accordingly to align with the updated methodology.

2016	Retail banking AMD'000	Corporate banking AMD'000	Trading and IB AMD'000	Total AMD'000
Net interest income (expense)	(2,052,253)	13,801,679	3,125,611	14,875,037
Net non-interest income	1,470,570	3,058,723	3,181,067	7,710,360
Inter-segment revenue (expense)	8,899,636	(6,742,078)	(2,157,558)	-
Operating profit	8,317,953	10,118,324	4,149,120	22,585,397
Impairment losses	(749,239)	(4,685,162)	-	(5,434,401)
Depreciation and amortization	(633,600)	(85,826)	(59,068)	(778,494)
Personnel and other general administrative expenses	(4,941,067)	(2,427,731)	(1,274,408)	(8,643,206)
Profit before income tax	1,994,047	2,919,605	2,815,644	7,729,296
Income tax expense	(100,195)	(867,756)	(554,659)	(1,522,610)
Profit for the year	1,893,852	2,051,849	2,260,985	6,206,686
	Retail banking AMD'000	Corporate banking AMD'000	Trading and IB AMD'000	Total AMD'000
2016				
Interest earning financial assets	60,254,233	461,773,974	58,613,279	580,641,486
Interest bearing financial liabilities	172,461,524	472,310,438	3,108,720	647,880,682

Interest earning assets include available-for-sale financial assets, interest bearing loans and advances to banks, amounts receivable under reverse repurchase agreements, gross loans and advances to customers, gross receivables from letters of credit, gross receivables from finance leases, gross receivables from factoring and held-to-maturity investments.

Interest bearing financial liabilities include deposits and balances from banks (excluding Vostro accounts), amounts payable under repurchase agreements, current accounts and deposits from customers, debt securities issued, other borrowed funds, subordinated borrowings.

Geographic information

The Bank's operations are primarily concentrated in Armenia. The Bank has no non-current assets other than financial instruments outside Armenia.

5. Net interest income

	2017 AMD'000	2016 AMD'000
Interest income		
Loans to legal entities and individuals	43,010,061	36,883,039
Held-to-maturity investments	3,016,721	1,853,537
Available-for-sale financial assets	1,059,197	1,228,587
Amounts receivable under reverse repurchase agreements	581,451	611,213
Receivables from factoring	538,402	768,153
Receivables from letters of credit	519,822	752,499
Loans and advances to banks	308,430	265,806
Debt instruments at fair value through profit or loss	40,496	-
Other	76,079	44,421
	49,150,659	42,407,255
Receivables from finance leases	146,539	217,010
	49,297,198	42,624,265
Interest expense		
Current accounts and deposits from customers	15,143,588	15,765,834
Other borrowed funds and subordinated borrowings	10,045,393	8,766,471
Deposits and balances from banks	3,504,848	1,672,840
Debt securities issued	1,770,695	552,984
Payables under letters of credit	408,406	445,940
Amounts payable under repurchase agreements	30,182	520,236
Other	29,777	24,923
	30,932,889	27,749,228
Net interest income	18,364,309	14,875,037

6. Fee and commission income

	2017 AMD'000	2016 AMD'000
Plastic card servicing fees	1,618,717	1,274,114
Money transfers	755,527	519,754
Cash withdrawal, account service and distance system services	687,960	465,820
Guarantee and letter of credit issuance	258,080	319,171
Brokerage services	132,355	184,142
Settlement operations	83,937	54,782
Other	40,449	48,332
	3,577,025	2,866,115

7. Fee and commission expense

	2017 AMD'000	2016 AMD'000
Plastic card maintenance	592,739	407,321
Money transfers	120,513	104,680
Guarantee and letter of credit issuance	48,203	71,176
Other	30,435	27,152
	791,890	610,329

8. Gain from cession

During 2016, the Bank entered into loan cession agreements with four counterparties and transferred to them loans and other receivables (including fully written-off balances) due from ten borrowers in total gross nominal amount of AMD 2,130,029 thousand for consideration receivable in arrears with fair value of AMD 1,801,635 thousand. The management concluded that the Bank had transferred all risks and regards from the transferred loans and receivables and recognized the difference between carrying amount of these loans and receivables (AMD 704,811 thousand) and total fair value of consideration receivable as of the cession agreement dates as gain from cession in amount of AMD 1,096,824 thousand. As of the date of issue of these financial statements AMD 1,582,855 thousand from consideration receivable has been repaid.

9. Net (loss)/gain on financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss

Net loss on financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss in amount of AMD (1,976,234) thousand (2016: net gain in amount of AMD 1,055,909 thousand) includes revaluation of currency and interest rate derivative instruments, which are used for economic hedging of open currency and interest rate positions of the Bank.

10. Net foreign exchange gain

	2017 AMD'000	2016 AMD'000
Net gain on spot transactions	3,601,374	2,724,237
Net gain/(loss) from revaluation of financial assets and liabilities	2,213,961	(258,894)
	5,815,335	2,465,343

11. Other operating income

	2017 AMD'000	2016 AMD'000
Income from fines and penalties	1,276,206	1,337,303
Income from consulting services	511,270	24,900
Other income	372,065	199,437
	2,159,541	1,561,640

12. Other operating expenses

	2017 AMD'000	2016 AMD'000
Payment system expenses	487,142	359,890
Guarantee payments to Armenian Deposit Guarantee Fund	408,010	311,351
Software maintenance	288,189	250,323
Agent fee	172,030	72,267
Fees for terminal usage	94,384	125,533
Financial system mediator	71,545	51,380
Encashment	52,318	48,134
Monitoring services	39,694	47,800
Other expenses	279,168	194,811
	1,892,480	1,461,489

13. Impairment losses

	2017 AMD'000	2016 AMD'000
Loans and advances to customers	5,688,706	5,396,448
Other assets	122,938	37,953
	5,811,644	5,434,401

14. Other general administrative expenses

	2017 AMD'000	2016 AMD'000
Operating lease expense	1,042,965	1,019,034
Depreciation and amortization	867,843	778,494
Advertising and marketing	674,755	631,039
Repairs and maintenance	316,976	258,883
Other personnel expenses	189,304	163,086
Professional services	157,877	98,849
Security	136,252	113,331
Travel expenses	117,628	87,173
Communications and information services	106,513	102,925
Electricity and utilities	94,490	87,427
Charity and sponsorship	90,384	118,550
Training and education	39,044	33,370
Office supplies	30,770	28,421
Insurance	30,106	29,501
Taxes other than on payroll and income	25,497	32,081
Representation expenses	16,902	20,532
Other	153,855	143,714
	4,091,161	3,746,410

15. Income tax expense

	2017 AMD'000	2016 AMD'000
Current tax expense		
Current tax charge	2,353,859	765,182
Adjustments in respect of current income tax of previous year	(41,802)	(66,398)
Deferred tax expense		
Deferred taxation movement due to origination and reversal of temporary differences	(425,348)	823,826
Total income tax expense	1,886,709	1,522,610

In 2017 the applicable tax rate for current and deferred tax is 20% (2016: 20%).

Reconciliation of effective tax rate

	2017 AMD'000	%	2016 AMD'000	%
Profit before tax	9,536,696		7,729,296	
Income tax at the applicable tax rate	1,907,339	20%	1,545,859	20%
Prior period income tax correction	(41,802)		(66,398)	
Net gain from revaluation of financial assets and liabilities and net loss on financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss (non-taxable part)	10,338		(17,932)	
Non-deductible expenses	10,834		61,081	
Total income tax expense	1,886,709		1,522,610	

(i) Deferred tax asset and liability

Temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes and the amounts used for taxation purposes give rise to net deferred tax liabilities as at 31 December 2017 and 2016. The deductible temporary differences do not expire under current tax legislation.

15. Income tax expense (continued)**Reconciliation of effective tax rate (continued)**

Movements in temporary differences during the years ended 31 December 2017 and 2016 are presented as follows:

2017 AMD'000	Balance 1 January 2017	Recognized in profit or loss	Recognized in other comprehensive income	Balance 31 December 2017
Financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss	(102,874)	72,593	–	(30,281)
Available-for-sale financial assets	(76,977)	–	(7,579)	(84,556)
Allowance for other receivables and other provisions	(197,664)	(91)	–	(197,755)
Loans and advances to customers	(1,336,197)	260,909	–	(1,075,288)
Property and equipment	(45,152)	(23,182)	–	(68,334)
Other assets	10,500	14,743	–	25,243
Other liabilities	362,234	86,324	–	448,558
Other borrowed funds	(56,742)	14,052	–	(42,690)
Total deferred tax liability	(1,442,872)	425,348	(7,579)	(1,025,103)

2016 AMD'000	Balance 1 January 2016	Recognized in profit or loss	Recognized in other comprehensive income	Balance 31 December 2016
Financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss	20,694	(123,568)	–	(102,874)
Available-for-sale financial assets	62,825	–	(139,802)	(76,977)
Allowance for other receivables and other provisions	65,746	(263,410)	–	(197,664)
Loans and advances to customers	(1,010,351)	(325,846)	–	(1,336,197)
Property and equipment	14,379	(59,531)	–	(45,152)
Other assets	13,104	(2,604)	–	10,500
Other liabilities	354,359	7,875	–	362,234
Other borrowed funds	–	(56,742)	–	(56,742)
Total deferred tax liability	(479,244)	(823,826)	(139,802)	(1,442,872)

16. Cash and cash equivalents

	2017 AMD'000	2016 AMD'000
Cash on hand	18,139,767	12,826,023
Nostro accounts with the CBA, including obligatory reserves	76,917,450	104,878,940
Nostro accounts with other banks		
- rated AA- to AA+	12,922	17,767
- rated A- to A+	7,406,733	10,125,848
- rated from BB- to BBB+	5,095,603	7,210,640
- not rated	43,893	221,654
Total nostro accounts with other banks	12,559,151	17,575,909
Total cash and cash equivalents	107,616,368	135,280,872

Banks are required to maintain cash deposit (obligatory reserve) with the CBA, equal to 2% of the amounts attracted in Armenian drams and 18% of the amounts attracted in foreign currency. The Bank's ability to withdraw such deposit is not restricted by the statutory legislation, however, if the Bank fails to comply with minimum average monthly amount of reserve for amounts attracted in Armenian drams, and minimum average amount of reserve for a two-week period for amounts attracted in foreign currency, the sanctions may apply.

As of 31 December 2017 included in Nostro accounts with the CBA is the amount of obligatory reserve of AMD 66,516,596 thousand (2016: AMD 48,969,250 thousand).

16. Cash and cash equivalents (continued)

The above ratings of correspondent Banks are per Fitch rating agency.

As at 31 December 2017 the Bank has placement with one bank (2016: one), whose balances exceed 10% of the Bank's equity. The gross value of these balances as at 31 December 2017 is AMD 7,406,733 thousand (2016: AMD 7,041,151 thousand).

As at 31 December 2017 and 31 December 2016 the balances with the Central Bank of Armenia exceed 10% of the Bank's equity.

17. Financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss

	<i>2017</i> <i>AMD'000</i>	<i>2016</i> <i>AMD'000</i>
Assets		
Debt and other fixed-income trading instruments		
Government securities of the Republic of Armenia	1,443,746	-
Government Eurobonds of the Republic of Armenia	521,780	-
Corporate bonds of the Armenian companies	1,049,673	-
Derivative financial instruments		
Interest rate swaps	62,835	40,590
Currency swaps	890,030	3,089,481
	3,968,064	3,130,071
Liabilities		
Derivative financial instruments		
Currency swaps	686,306	2,535,283
	686,306	2,535,283

Interest rate swaps

The table below summarizes the contractual amounts of interest rate swap contracts outstanding as at 31 December 2017 and 2016 with details of the fair values and notional amounts. Foreign currency amounts presented below are translated at rates effective at the reporting date. The resultant unrealized gains and losses on these unmatured contracts are recognized in profit or loss, as appropriate.

	<i>Fair value</i>		<i>Notional amount</i>	
	<i>2017</i> <i>AMD'000</i>	<i>2016</i> <i>AMD'000</i>	<i>2017</i> <i>AMD'000</i>	<i>2016</i> <i>AMD'000</i>
Pay fixed in USD, receive floating in USD	62,835	40,590	6,931,432	11,218,609

As at 31 December 2017, the Bank has four interest rate swap contracts. Under these contracts the Bank pays 2.1350%, 1.3125%, 0.9450% and 1.5850% fixed rates, and receives 6-month USD-LIBOR-BBA (British Bankers' Association) floating rates for each contract, respectively. The contractual maturity of outstanding interest rate swap contracts is 2018-2022.

Currency swaps

As at 31 December 2017 the Bank has 30 (2016: 19) currency swap agreements with nine (2016: eight) counterparties in AMD, USD, EUR and Russian Roubles. As at December 31 2017, AMD equivalent of total notional amount of these agreements comprises AMD 91,882,316 thousand (2016: AMD 161,717,608 thousand).

18. Available-for-sale financial assets

	2017 AMD'000	2016 AMD'000
Held by the Bank		
Debt and other fixed-income instruments		
- Government bonds		
Government securities of the Republic of Armenia	4,712,578	7,174,650
Government Eurobonds of the Republic of Armenia	1,083,830	-
Government Eurobonds of other countries	2,942,639	1,066,963
- Corporate bonds		
Corporate bonds of foreign companies	-	3,418,111
Corporate bonds of Armenian companies	1,042,573	642,110
Equity investments		
- Unquoted equity securities	106,458	106,458
	9,888,078	12,408,292

Included in available-for-sale assets are non-quoted equity securities as follows:

Name	Country of incorporation	Main activity	% Controlled		2017 AMD'000	2016 AMD'000
			2017	2016		
Artsakh bank CJSC	Republic of Armenia	Banking	1.06%	1.06%	69,250	69,250
ArCa	Republic of Armenia	Payment system	3.76%	3.76%	36,429	36,429
SWIFT	Belgium	Money transfer	0.00%	0.00%	779	779
					106,458	106,458

Investments without a determinable fair value

Available-for-sale equity investments stated at cost comprise unquoted equity securities. There is no market for these investments and there have not been any recent transactions that provide evidence of the current fair value. In addition, discounted cash flow techniques yield a wide range of fair values due to the uncertainty regarding future cash flows in this industry.

19. Loans and advances to banks

	2017 AMD'000	2016 AMD'000
Due from the CBA		
Credit card settlement deposit with the CBA	1,423,500	1,220,000
Debt instruments of Armenian banks and credit organizations		
Bonds of Armenian banks and credit organizations	628,936	-
Loans and deposits with other banks		
Armenian banks	8,726,923	2,500,839
OECD banks	63,531	1,078,322
Foreign other banks	-	54,141
Total loans and deposits with other banks	8,790,454	3,633,302
Total loans and advances to banks	10,842,890	4,853,302

No loans and advances to banks are impaired or past due.

Included in loans and deposits with OECD banks and other foreign banks AMD 62,933 thousand (2016: AMD 117,053 thousand) represents deposits pledged for letters of credit, guarantees and credit cards.

Concentration of loans and advances to banks

As at 31 December 2017 the Bank has one bank (2016: no bank), whose balances exceed 10% of equity. As at 31 December 2017 the balance amounted to AMD 8,726,923 thousand.

20. Amounts receivable under reverse repurchase agreements

	2017 AMD'000	2016 AMD'000
Amounts receivable from Armenian banks and other financial institutions	8,675,394	6,446,797
	8,675,394	6,446,797

Collateral

As at 31 December 2017 and 31 December 2016 amounts receivable under reverse repurchase agreements were collateralized by government securities with fair value of AMD 9,112,667 thousand (2016: 6,814,064 thousand).

21. Loans and advances to customers

	2017 AMD'000	2016 AMD'000
Loans to legal entities	416,715,125	461,278,112
Loans to individuals	61,889,809	46,996,782
Receivables from letter of credit	4,129,748	7,722,748
Receivables from finance lease	1,759,470	2,101,716
Receivables from factoring	6,752,241	4,191,244
Gross loans and advances to customers	491,246,393	522,290,602
Impairment allowance	(11,605,412)	(9,071,893)
Net loans and advances to customers	479,640,981	513,218,709

(a) Loans to legal entities and individuals

	2017 AMD'000	2016 AMD'000
Loans to legal entities		
Loans to large companies	333,102,167	384,267,796
Loans to small and medium size companies	83,612,958	77,010,316
Total loans to legal entities	416,715,125	461,278,112
Loans to individuals		
Mortgage loans	28,601,855	20,051,103
Credit cards	19,024,780	18,403,846
Consumer loans	11,167,704	5,454,847
Auto loans	2,040,600	2,043,068
Business loans to individuals	1,054,870	1,043,918
Total loans to individuals	61,889,809	46,996,782
Gross loans to legal entities and individuals	478,604,934	508,274,894
Impairment allowance	(11,294,203)	(8,986,372)
Net loans to legal entities and individuals	467,310,731	499,288,522

In the table below loans to legal entities of high grade are those having a minimal level of credit risk, normally very well collateralized (cash collateral or state guarantee). Other borrowers with good financial position and good debt service are included in the standard grade. Sub-standard grade comprises loans below standard grade but not individually impaired.

	Neither past due nor impaired					Total 2017 AMD'000
	High grade 2017 AMD'000	Standard grade 2017 AMD'000	Sub-standard grade 2017 AMD'000	Past due but not impaired 2017 AMD'000	Individually impaired 2017 AMD'000	
Net loans to legal entities	34,145,112	358,105,168	579,047	3,811,355	9,298,154	405,938,836

21. Loans and advances to customers (continued)**(a) Loans to legal entities and individuals (continued)**

	<i>Neither past due nor impaired</i>					<i>Total 2016 AMD'000</i>
	<i>High grade 2016 AMD'000</i>	<i>Standard grade 2016 AMD'000</i>	<i>Sub-standard grade 2016 AMD'000</i>	<i>Past due but not impaired 2016 AMD'000</i>	<i>Individually impaired 2016 AMD'000</i>	
	Net loans to legal entities	145,465,085	291,807,705	2,052,570	2,871,395	

As at 31 December 2017 the loans to legal entities include loans provided to related parties amounting to AMD 32,150,069 thousand (2016: AMD 72,955,885 thousand) which has been collateralized with deposits amounting to AMD 32,204,509 thousand (2016: AMD 73,171,153 thousand).

Movements in the loan impairment allowance by classes of loans to legal entities and individuals for the year 2017 are as follows:

	<i>Loans to legal entities AMD'000</i>	<i>Loans to individuals AMD'000</i>	<i>Total AMD'000</i>
Balance at the beginning of the year	8,490,328	496,044	8,986,372
Net charge	5,081,973	375,824	5,457,797
Recovery of loans previously written off	161,236	188,483	349,719
Write-offs	(2,957,248)	(542,437)	(3,499,685)
Balance at the end of the year	10,776,289	517,914	11,294,203

Movements in the loan impairment allowance by classes of loans to legal entities and individuals for the 2016 are as follows:

	<i>Loans to legal entities AMD'000</i>	<i>Loans to individuals AMD'000</i>	<i>Total AMD'000</i>
Balance at the beginning of the year	4,907,173	333,710	5,240,883
Net charge	4,505,096	579,397	5,084,493
Recovery of loans previously written off	188,461	179,374	367,835
Write-offs	(894,856)	(596,437)	(1,491,293)
Disposal of loans	(215,546)	-	(215,546)
Balance at the end of the year	8,490,328	496,044	8,986,372

21. Loans and advances to customers (continued)**(a) Loans to legal entities and individuals (continued)****(i) Credit quality of loans to legal entities and individuals**

The following table provides information on the credit quality of loans to legal entities and individuals as at 31 December 2017:

	Gross loans AMD'000	Impairment allowance AMD'000	Net loans AMD'000	Impairment allowance to gross loans %
Loans to corporate customers				
Loans to large corporates				
Not impaired loans				
- not overdue	321,466,902	2,951,032	318,515,870	0.92%
- overdue more than 90 days	127,085	1,296	125,789	1.02%
Total not impaired loans	321,593,987	2,952,328	318,641,659	0.92%
Impaired loans				
- not overdue	5,832,937	1,386,725	4,446,212	23.77%
- overdue more than 90 days	5,675,243	3,171,094	2,504,149	55.88%
Total impaired loans	11,508,180	4,557,819	6,950,361	39.61%
Total loans to large corporates	333,102,167	7,510,147	325,592,020	2.25%
Loans to small and medium size companies				
Not impaired loans				
- not overdue	75,594,081	1,280,622	74,313,459	1.69%
- overdue less than 30 days	1,595,583	27,764	1,567,819	1.74%
- 31-90 days overdue	616,922	10,734	606,188	1.74%
- overdue more than 90 days	1,538,325	26,767	1,511,558	1.74%
Total not impaired loans	79,344,911	1,345,887	77,999,024	1.70%
Impaired loans				
- overdue more than 90 days	4,268,047	1,920,255	2,347,792	44.99%
Total impaired loans	4,268,047	1,920,255	2,347,792	44.99%
Total loans to small and medium size companies	83,612,958	3,266,142	80,346,816	3.91%
Total loans to corporate customers	416,715,125	10,776,289	405,938,836	2.59%

21. Loans and advances to customers (continued)**(a) Loans to legal entities and individuals (continued)**

	<i>Gross loans AMD'000</i>	<i>Impairment allowance AMD'000</i>	<i>Net loans AMD'000</i>	<i>Impairment allowance to gross loans %</i>
Loans to retail customers				
Mortgage loans				
- not overdue	27,823,344	55,646	27,767,698	0.20%
- overdue less than 30 days	21,143	1,717	19,426	8.12%
- 31-90 days overdue	137,186	52,000	85,186	37.90%
- overdue more than 90 days	620,182	139,441	480,741	22.48%
Total mortgage loans	28,601,855	248,804	28,353,051	0.87%
Credit cards				
- not overdue	17,531,427	37,611	17,493,816	0.21%
- overdue less than 30 days	52,436	6,033	46,403	11.51%
- 31-90 days overdue	45,328	14,822	30,506	32.70%
- overdue more than 90 days	1,395,589	36,721	1,358,868	2.63%
Total credit cards	19,024,780	95,187	18,929,593	0.50%
Business loans				
- not overdue	957,333	15,222	942,111	1.59%
- 31-90 days overdue	97,537	1,550	95,987	1.59%
Total business loans	1,054,870	16,772	1,038,098	1.59%
Auto loans				
- not overdue	2,011,391	4,023	2,007,368	0.20%
- overdue less than 30 days	6,847	523	6,324	7.64%
- 31-90 days overdue	2,216	170	2,046	7.67%
- overdue more than 90 days	20,146	42	20,104	0.21%
Total auto loans	2,040,600	4,758	2,035,842	0.23%
Consumer loans				
- not overdue	10,839,229	21,679	10,817,550	0.20%
- overdue less than 30 days	6,009	475	5,534	7.90%
- 31-90 days overdue	71,366	11,245	60,121	15.76%
- overdue more than 90 days	251,100	118,994	132,106	47.39%
Total consumer loans	11,167,704	152,393	11,015,311	1.36%
Total loans to retail customers	61,889,809	517,914	61,371,895	0.84%
Total loans to legal entities and individuals	478,604,934	11,294,203	467,310,731	2.36%

As at 31 December 2017 not impaired loans to large companies include one loan with individual signs of impairment with gross balance in amount of AMD 127,085 thousand and impairment allowance of AMD 1,296 thousand.

As at 31 December 2017 not impaired loans to small and medium size companies include eight loans with individual signs of impairment with gross balance in amount of AMD 2,747,775 thousand and impairment allowance of AMD 47,811 thousand.

21. Loans and advances to customers (continued)**(a) Loans to legal entities and individuals (continued)**

The following table provides information on the credit quality of loans to legal entities and individuals as at 31 December 2016:

	<i>Gross loans AMD'000</i>	<i>Impairment allowance AMD'000</i>	<i>Net loans AMD'000</i>	<i>Impairment allowance to gross loans %</i>
Loans corporate customers				
Loans to large corporates				
Not impaired loans				
- not overdue	373,157,051	2,435,727	370,721,324	0.65%
- overdue more than 90 days	742,450	7,795	734,655	1.05%
Total not impaired loans	373,899,501	2,443,522	371,455,979	0.65%
Impaired loans				
- not overdue	4,162,141	277,347	3,884,794	6.66%
- overdue more than 90 days	6,206,154	2,955,182	3,250,972	47.62%
Total impaired loans	10,368,295	3,232,529	7,135,766	31.18%
Total loans to large corporates	384,267,796	5,676,051	378,591,745	1.48%
Loans to small and medium size companies				
Not impaired loans				
- not overdue	69,646,205	1,042,169	68,604,036	1.50%
- overdue less than 30 days	567,198	8,734	558,464	1.54%
- 31-90 days overdue	996,740	15,350	981,390	1.54%
- overdue more than 90 days	606,275	9,389	596,886	1.55%
Total not impaired loans	71,816,418	1,075,642	70,740,776	1.50%
Impaired loans				
- not overdue	544,082	193,350	350,732	35.54%
- 31-90 days overdue	29,384	9,253	20,131	31.49%
- overdue more than 90 days	4,620,432	1,536,032	3,084,400	33.24%
Total impaired loans	5,193,898	1,738,635	3,455,263	33.47%
Total loans to small and medium size companies	77,010,316	2,814,277	74,196,039	3.65%
Total loans to corporate customers	461,278,112	8,490,328	452,787,784	1.84%

21. Loans and advances to customers (continued)**Loans to legal entities and individuals (continued)**

	<i>Gross loans</i> <i>AMD'000</i>	<i>Impairment</i> <i>allowance</i> <i>AMD'000</i>	<i>Net loans</i> <i>AMD'000</i>	<i>Impairment</i> <i>allowance to</i> <i>gross loans</i> <i>%</i>
Loans to retail customers				
Mortgage loans				
- not overdue	19,186,161	48,445	19,137,716	0.25%
- overdue less than 30 days	83,002	7,045	75,957	8.49%
- 31-90 days overdue	80,329	15,462	64,867	19.25%
- overdue more than 90 days	701,611	105,264	596,347	15.00%
Total mortgage loans	20,051,103	176,216	19,874,887	0.88%
Credit cards				
- not overdue	16,655,030	35,703	16,619,327	0.21%
- overdue less than 30 days	59,964	9,041	50,923	15.08%
- 31-90 days overdue	102,483	26,067	76,416	25.44%
- overdue more than 90 days	1,586,369	131,825	1,454,544	8.31%
Total credit cards	18,403,846	202,636	18,201,210	1.10%
Business loans				
- not overdue	702,500	14,050	688,450	2.00%
- overdue more than 90 days	341,418	7,968	333,450	2.33%
Total business loans	1,043,918	22,018	1,021,900	2.11%
Auto loans				
- not overdue	1,975,608	3,951	1,971,657	0.20%
- overdue less than 30 days	27,600	1,370	26,230	4.96%
- 31-90 days overdue	23,413	1,162	22,251	4.96%
- overdue more than 90 days	16,447	1,422	15,025	8.65%
Total auto loans	2,043,068	7,905	2,035,163	0.39%
Consumer loans				
- not overdue	5,191,378	16,367	5,175,011	0.32%
- overdue less than 30 days	14,058	1,799	12,259	12.80%
- 31-90 days overdue	1,240	159	1,081	12.82%
- overdue more than 90 days	248,171	68,944	179,227	27.78%
Total consumer loans	5,454,847	87,269	5,367,578	1.60%
Total loans to retail customers	46,996,782	496,044	46,500,738	1.06%
Total loans to legal entities and individuals	508,274,894	8,986,372	499,288,522	1.77%

As at 31 December 2016 not impaired loans to large companies include four loans with individual signs of impairment with gross balance in amount of AMD 2,481,773 thousand and impairment allowance of AMD 26,059.

As at 31 December 2016 not impaired loans to small and medium size companies include nine loans with individual signs of impairment with gross balance in amount of AMD 1,166,677 thousand and impairment allowance of AMD 17,966 thousand.

(ii) Key assumptions and judgments for estimating the loan impairment*Loans to legal entities*

Loan impairment results from one or more events that occurred after the initial recognition of the loan and that have an impact on the estimated future cash flows associated with the loan, and that can be reliably estimated. Loans without individual signs of impairment do not have objective evidence of impairment that can be directly attributed to them.

The objective indicators of loan impairment for loans to legal entities include the following:

- Overdue payments under the loan agreement;
- Significant difficulties in the financial conditions of the borrower;
- Deterioration in business environment or negative changes in the borrower's markets.

21. Loans and advances to customers (continued)

(a) Loans to legal entities and individuals (continued)

The Bank estimates loan impairment for loans to legal entities based on an analysis of the future cash flows for loans with individual signs of impairment and based on its past loss experience for portfolios of loans for which no individual signs of impairment have been identified.

In determining the impairment allowance for loans to legal entities, management makes the following key assumptions:

- Historic annual loss rate is applied for performing loans to legal entities and small and medium size companies. Historic annual loss rate is estimated based on average loan write-off statistics and economic coefficient and is applied in respect of performing loans to legal entities.
- Recoverable amount for loans with individual signs of impairment is calculated based on following assumptions:
 - 1) A discount of between 20% and 30% to the collateral value;
 - 2) A delay of 12 months in obtaining proceeds from the foreclosure of collateral;
 - 3) Cash flows from renegotiated loans are assessed based on the rescheduled agreement terms.

Loans to individuals

The Bank estimates loan impairment for loans to individuals based on its past historical loss experience on each type of loan. The significant assumptions used by management in determining the impairment losses for loans to individuals include:

- Loss migration rates are estimated based on the historic loss migration pattern for the past 24 months. Loss migration rates are applied in respect of mortgage, credit card, auto and consumer loans;
- Historic annual loss rate is estimated based on average loan write-off statistics and economic coefficient and is applied in respect of performing business loans to individuals.

(iii) Individually impaired loans

Interest income accrued on individually impaired loans for the year ended 31 December 2017 comprised AMD 786,780 thousand (2016: AMD 740,969 thousand).

(iv) Analysis of collateral

Loans to legal entities

Loans to legal entities are subject to individual credit appraisal and impairment testing. The general creditworthiness of legal entities tends to be important indicator of credit quality of the loan extended to it. However, collateral provides additional security and the Bank generally requests legal entities to provide it.

The main types of collateral obtained are as follows:

- For securities lending and reverse repurchase transactions, cash or securities.
- For commercial lending, charges over real estate properties, inventory and trade receivables; cash collateral.
- For retail lending, mortgages over residential properties.

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

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

The fair value of collateral that the Bank holds relating to loans with individual signs of impairment at 31 December 2017 amounts to AMD 12,576,099 thousand (2016: AMD 10,835,708 thousand).

The recoverability of loans which are neither past due nor impaired is primarily dependent on the creditworthiness of the borrowers rather than the value of collateral, and the Bank does not necessarily update the valuation of collateral as at each reporting date.

21. Loans and advances to customers (continued)**(a) Loans to legal entities and individuals (continued)***Loans to individuals*

Mortgage loans are secured by the underlying housing real estate. The Bank's policy is to issue mortgage loans with a loan-to-value ratio of a maximum of 70%.

Secured credit card overdrafts are mainly secured by real estate and cars. Other credit card overdrafts are secured by salary. Business loans are secured by real estate and corporate shares. Auto loans are secured by the underlying cars. As of 31 December 2017 consumer loans are secured by real estate, movable property, salary, cash and guarantees. Other loans to individuals are mainly secured by gold.

Repossessed collateral

During the year 2017, the Bank obtained certain assets by taking possession of collateral for loans to legal entities with a net carrying amount of AMD 617,777 thousand (2016: AMD 244,754 thousand). As at 31 December 2017 the repossessed collateral comprise real estate and is classified as other assets.

The Bank's intention is to sell these assets as soon as it is practicable.

(v) Industry and geographical analysis of the loans to legal entities and individuals

Loans were issued to finance the following economic sectors:

	2017 AMD'000	2016 AMD'000
Wholesale trade	76,026,834	47,417,214
Finance and investment	74,110,288	77,261,906
Mining/metallurgy	51,048,122	28,408,361
Hotel service	32,463,343	25,468,851
Construction	30,072,853	84,189,991
Agriculture, forestry and timber	27,180,750	23,843,777
Food and beverage	21,641,394	20,163,246
Retail trade	21,081,805	17,034,146
Energy	17,184,852	25,620,351
Real estate	13,297,236	50,249,429
Communication services	13,161,817	22,310,945
Manufacturing	9,459,381	9,608,698
Transportation	7,827,878	10,171,744
Municipal authorities	-	160,379
Other	22,158,572	19,369,074
Loans to individuals	61,889,809	46,996,782
	478,604,934	508,274,894
Impairment allowance	(11,294,203)	(8,986,372)
	467,310,731	499,288,522

The geographical concentration of Bank's loans to legal entities (net loans) is set out below:

	2017 AMD'000	2016 AMD'000
Armenia	312,607,979	266,046,599
OECD and EU	46,222,319	141,973,028
Other foreign countries	47,108,538	44,768,157
	405,938,836	452,787,784

(vi) Significant credit exposures

As at 31 December 2017 the Bank has seventeen borrowers or groups of connected borrowers (2016: twelve), whose loan balances exceed 10% of the Bank's equity. The exposure on these loans (net of cash collateral received) as at 31 December 2017 is AMD 163,847,088 thousand (2016: AMD 108,667,191 thousand).

21. Loans and advances to customers (continued)**(a) Loans to legal entities and individuals (continued)****(vii) Loan maturities**

The maturity of the loan portfolio is presented in Note 32 (d), which shows the remaining period from the reporting date to the contractual maturity of the loans.

(b) Receivables from letters of credit

	2017 AMD'000	2016 AMD'000
Receivables from letters of credit, gross amount	4,129,748	7,722,748
Impairment allowance	(8,259)	(15,445)
	4,121,489	7,707,303

As at 31 December 2017 the Bank has no customers (2016: none), whose balances exceed 10% of the Bank's equity.

Movements in impairment allowance for the year 2017 and 2016 are as follows:

	2017 AMD'000	2016 AMD'000
Balance at the beginning of the year	15,445	1,246,423
Net charge	(7,186)	280,364
Write-offs	-	(1,511,342)
Balance at the end of the year	8,259	15,445

(i) Quality analysis of letters of credit

As at 31 December 2017 the Bank does not have any impaired or overdue amounts receivable from letters of credit.

(c) Receivables from finance leases

	2017 AMD'000	2016 AMD'000
Gross investment in finance leases receivable		
Less than one year	491,429	533,878
Between one and five years	947,298	1,158,994
More than five years	908,848	1,144,665
	2,347,575	2,837,537
Unearned finance income	(588,105)	(735,821)
Impairment allowance	(289,446)	(61,694)
Net investment in finance leases	1,470,024	2,040,022
The net investment in finance leases comprises		
Less than one year	423,387	482,222
Between one and five years	634,289	900,996
More than five years	412,348	656,804
	1,470,024	2,040,022

21. Loans and advances to customers (continued)**(c) Receivables from finance leases (continued)****(i) Quality analysis of finance leases**

The following table provides information on the quality analysis of finance leases as at 31 December 2017:

	Gross loans AMD'000	Impairment allowance AMD'000	Net loans AMD'000	Impairment allowance to gross loans %
Finance leases				
- not overdue	1,194,992	111,583	1,083,409	9.34%
- overdue less than 30 days	86,601	1,507	85,094	1.74%
- 31-90 days overdue	6,374	111	6,263	1.74%
- more than 90 days	471,503	176,245	295,258	37.38%
Total finance leases	1,759,470	289,446	1,470,024	16.45%

The following table provides information on the quality analysis of finance leases as at 31 December 2016:

	Gross loans AMD'000	Impairment allowance AMD'000	Net loans AMD'000	Impairment allowance to gross loans %
Finance leases				
- not overdue	2,037,211	30,128	2,007,083	1.48%
- 31-90 days overdue	24,881	409	24,472	1.64%
- more than 90 days	39,624	31,157	8,467	78.63%
Total finance leases	2,101,716	61,694	2,040,022	2.94%

Movements in impairment allowance for the year 2017 and 2016 are as follows:

	2017 AMD'000	2016 AMD'000
Balance at the beginning of the year	61,694	42,009
Net charge	232,973	30,875
Write-offs	(5,221)	(11,190)
Balance at the end of the year	289,446	61,694

(ii) Concentration of receivables from finance leases

As at 31 December 2017 the Bank has no customers whose balances exceed 10% of the Bank's equity (2016: nil).

(iii) Finance lease maturities

The maturity of the Bank's finance lease portfolio is presented in Note 32 (d), which shows the remaining period from the reporting date to the contractual maturity of the receivables from finance leases.

(iv) Geographical analysis of the finance lease portfolio

The majority of finance leases are with customers located within the Republic of Armenia.

(v) Analysis of collateral

Receivables from finance lease are secured by real estate, equipment and vehicles.

21. Loans and advances to customers (continued)**(d) Receivables from factoring**

	2017 AMD'000	2016 AMD'000
Receivables from factoring	6,752,241	4,191,244
Impairment allowance	(13,504)	(8,382)
	6,738,737	4,182,862

As at 31 December 2017 the Bank has no customers whose balances exceed 10% of the Bank's equity (2016: nil).

Movements in impairment allowance for the year 2017 and 2016 are as follows:

	2017 AMD'000	2016 AMD'000
Balance at the beginning of the year	8,382	10,918
Net charge	5,122	716
Write-offs	-	(3,252)
Balance at the end of the year	13,504	8,382

(i) Quality analysis of factoring

As at 31 December 2017 the Bank does not have any impaired or overdue amounts receivable from factoring.

(ii) Factoring maturities

The maturity of the factoring is presented in Note 32 (d), which shows the remaining period from the reporting date to the contractual maturity of the receivables from factoring.

(iii) Analysis of collateral

Receivables from factoring are secured by real estate, equipment and vehicles.

22. Held-to-maturity investments

	2017 AMD'000	2016 AMD'000
Held by the Bank		
Debt and other fixed-income instruments		
- Government bonds		
Government bonds of the Republic of Armenia	30,734,671	28,194,902
Government Eurobonds of the Republic of Armenia	2,520,028	6,967,102
Government securities of other countries	3,881,887	-
- Corporate bonds		
Corporate bonds of foreign companies	-	803,989
Corporate bonds of Armenian companies	200,953	289,649
	37,337,539	36,255,642
Pledged under sale and repurchase agreements		
- Government Eurobonds of the Republic of Armenia	5,968,305	-
	5,968,305	-

23. Property, equipment and intangible assets

<i>AMD'000</i>	<i>Leasehold improvement</i>	<i>Computers and communication equipment</i>	<i>Fixtures and fittings</i>	<i>Motor vehicles</i>	<i>Intangible assets</i>	<i>Total</i>
Cost						
Balance at 1 January 2017	1,676,965	3,300,113	609,279	256,026	2,068,706	7,911,089
Additions	1,705,434	1,252,164	978,598	39	409,327	4,345,562
Disposals/write-offs	–	(44,547)	(49,723)	(50,554)	–	(144,824)
Balance at 31 December 2017	3,382,399	4,507,730	1,538,154	205,511	2,478,033	12,111,827
Depreciation and amortization						
Balance at 1 January 2017	917,206	2,076,344	404,947	100,100	761,254	4,259,851
Depreciation and amortization for the year	217,725	319,512	40,589	24,861	265,156	867,843
Disposals/write-offs	–	(44,025)	(48,241)	(50,517)	–	(142,783)
Balance at 31 December 2017	1,134,931	2,351,831	397,295	74,444	1,026,410	4,984,911
Carrying amount At 31 December 2017	2,247,468	2,155,899	1,140,859	131,067	1,451,623	7,126,916

<i>AMD'000</i>	<i>Leasehold improvement</i>	<i>Computers and communication equipment</i>	<i>Fixtures and fittings</i>	<i>Motor vehicles</i>	<i>Intangible assets</i>	<i>Total</i>
Cost						
Balance at 1 January 2016	1,668,483	2,962,100	578,903	180,789	1,568,589	6,958,864
Additions	142,492	498,347	82,686	150,723	500,117	1,374,365
Disposals/write-offs	(134,009)	(160,334)	(52,310)	(75,486)	–	(422,139)
Balance at 31 December 2016	1,676,966	3,300,113	609,279	256,026	2,068,706	7,911,090
Depreciation and amortization						
Balance at 1 January 2016	772,770	1,920,098	382,172	160,660	527,461	3,763,161
Depreciation and amortization for the year	173,058	294,372	62,346	14,926	233,792	778,494
Disposals/write-offs	(28,622)	(138,126)	(39,570)	(75,486)	–	(281,804)
Balance at 31 December 2016	917,206	2,076,344	404,948	100,100	761,253	4,259,851
Carrying amount At 31 December 2016	759,760	1,223,769	204,331	155,926	1,307,453	3,651,239

24. Other assets

	2017 AMD'000	2016 AMD'000
Receivables from unsettled transactions	1,100,692	396,889
Restricted accounts with clearing houses	351,161	345,624
Brokerage accounts	56,458	115,385
Total other financial assets	1,508,311	857,898
Prepayments to suppliers	2,162,958	479,686
Reposessed assets	1,479,534	1,118,947
Standard bullions of precious metals	532,675	351,233
Other tax assets	448,724	–
Inventories	126,681	55,051
Other	524,894	23,045
Impairment allowance	(126,215)	(89,162)
Total other non-financial assets	5,149,251	1,938,800
Total other assets	6,657,562	2,796,698

24. Other assets (continued)

Movements in the impairment allowance for other non-financial assets for the years ended 31 December 2017 and 2016 are as follows:

	2017 AMD'000	2016 AMD'000
Balance at the beginning of the year	89,162	65,522
Net charge	122,938	37,953
Write-offs	(85,885)	(14,313)
Balance at the end of the year	126,215	89,162

25. Deposits and balances from banks

	2017 AMD'000	2016 AMD'000
Short term loans and term deposits	24,360,593	1,637,334
Loans from CBA (through international programs)	7,389,309	8,032,191
Liabilities for letters of credit	6,012,307	8,664,321
Long term loans and term deposits from commercial banks	1,924,673	53,267,356
Vostro accounts	317,119	233,680
	40,004,001	71,834,882

According to the agreement the CBA provides loans to the Bank, which in turn grants loans to qualifying borrowers. The monitoring and administration of the loans is performed by the "Directing Office of the "German Armenian Foundation" program".

As at 31 December 2017 the Bank has no banks (2016: two banks), whose balances exceed 10% of equity.

26. Amounts payable under repurchase agreements

	2017 AMD'000	2016 AMD'000
Amounts due to the banks	6,121,693	-
	6,121,693	-

The Bank has transactions to lend securities and to sell securities under agreements to repurchase and to purchase securities under agreements to resell.

The securities lent or sold under agreements to repurchase are transferred to a third party and the Bank receives cash in exchange. These financial assets may be re-pledged or resold by counterparties in the absence of default by the Bank, but the counterparty has an obligation to return the securities at the maturity of the contract. The cash received is recognized as a financial asset and a financial liability is recognized for the obligation to repay the purchase price for this collateral.

These transactions are conducted under terms that are usual and customary to standard lending, and securities borrowing and lending activities.

Transferred financial assets and assets held or pledged as collateral

Transferred financial assets that are not derecognized in their entirety

As at 31 December 2017 transferred financial assets that are not derecognized in their entirety by the Bank (there are no such assets as at 31 December 2016) are represented by Eurobonds of the Government of Republic of Armenia with fair value of AMD 6,323,772 thousands which were pledged for the payables under repurchase agreements with carrying value AMD 6,121,693 thousands. This transfer does not qualify for derecognition criteria.

27. Current accounts and deposits from customers

	2017 AMD'000	2016 AMD'000
Current accounts and demand deposits		
- Individuals	47,010,214	32,809,388
- Legal entities	113,246,453	155,773,778
Term deposits		
- Individuals	133,849,820	121,592,267
- Legal entities	81,064,292	104,433,253
	375,170,779	414,608,686

As at 31 December 2017, the Bank maintained customer current accounts and deposit balances of AMD 34,222,057 thousand (2016: AMD 145,465,084 thousand) that serve as collateral for loans and credit related commitments granted by the Bank.

As at 31 December 2017, the Bank has two customers (31 December 2016: eight customers) whose balances exceed 10% of equity. The gross value of these balances as 31 December 2017 is AMD 44,219,735 thousand (31 December 2016: AMD 127,255,616 thousand).

28. Debt securities issued

	2017 AMD'000	2016 AMD'000
Promissory Notes	9,711,295	9,703,138
Domestic bonds issued	31,221,300	8,421,362
	40,932,595	18,124,500

In 2016 Bank placed USD denominated promissory Notes with four Luxembourg-based funds via its investment manager ResponsAbility Investments AG in amount of USD 20,000,000 with maturity in 2021. As at 31 December 2017 carrying value of the promissory Notes is AMD 9,711,295 thousand.

As at December 2017 the Bank has issued and placed debt securities denominated in AMD, USD and EUR with nominal amount of AMD 2,500,000 thousand, USD 55 million and EUR 3 million respectively. As at December 2017 carrying value of the bonds is AMD 2,581,582 thousand, AMD 26,886,359 thousand and AMD 1,753,359 thousand accordingly.

Bonds issued by the Bank are listed in Nasdaq OMX Armenia stock exchange.

29. Other borrowed funds and subordinated borrowings

	2017 AMD'000	2016 AMD'000
Borrowings from international and other financial institutions	98,128,094	102,303,900
Borrowings from the Government of Armenia	–	431,139
	98,128,094	102,735,039
Subordinated borrowings	40,919,768	40,811,255

(a) Concentration of borrowings from international financial institutions

As at 31 December 2017, the Bank has loans from six financial institutions (31 December 2016: six), whose balances exceed 10% of equity. These balances as at 31 December 2017 are AMD 66,673,975 thousand (31 December 2016: AMD 91,891,017 thousand).

(b) Borrowings from the Government of Armenia

The borrowings from the Government of Armenia include amounts lent from Government of Armenia (CBA is acting as the agent of the Government of Armenia). According to the agreement the borrowings are granted to the Bank, which in turn grants loans to qualifying borrowers. The monitoring and administration of the loans is performed by the "Directing Office of the "German Armenian Foundation" program".

The borrowings were in AMD, bear interest rates of 7.3-7.8%, were granted for period of up to five years and are to be repaid at maturity.

29. Other borrowed funds and subordinated borrowings (continued)**(c) Subordinated borrowing**

As at 31 December 2017 subordinated borrowing represents:

- Borrowing received from the ultimate controlling party (AMD 5,928,587 thousand) maturing on 11 January 2021.
- Borrowing received from an international financial institution (AMD 25,079,819 thousand) maturing on 11 January 2022.
- Borrowing received from other financial institution (AMD 9,911,362 thousand) maturing on 23 September 2020.

In case of bankruptcy, the repayment of the subordinated borrowing will be made after repayment in full of all other liabilities of the Bank.

(d) Covenants

The Bank is required to meet certain covenants in connection with borrowing agreements. The Bank was in compliance with all covenants as of 31 December 2017.

30. Other liabilities

	2017 AMD'000	2016 AMD'000
Payables to staff	2,173,129	1,725,164
Other payables	682,810	505,115
Other financial liabilities	974,958	543,468
Total other financial liabilities	3,830,897	2,773,747
Deferred income	10,470	10,136
Other taxes payable	264	89,255
Total other non-financial liabilities	10,734	99,391
Total other liabilities	3,841,631	2,873,138

31. Share capital and treasury shares**(a) Issued capital and share premium**

As at 31 December 2017 the authorized, issued and outstanding share capital comprises 100,273 ordinary shares (2016: 100,273). All shares have a nominal value of AMD 320 thousand and are fully paid.

The shareholders of the Bank as at 31 December 2017 are Ameria Group (CY) (65.8%), EBRD (20.7%) and ESPS Holding Limited (13.5%).

On 14 February 2018 Asian Development Bank purchased in full additionally issued 16,291 shares of the Bank for AMD 14,426,665 thousand.

The shareholders of the Bank as at the date of issue of these financial statements are Ameria Group (CY) (56.60%), EBRD (17.80%), ESPS Holding Limited (11.62%) and ADB (13.98%).

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 annual and general meetings of the Bank.

(b) Nature and purpose of reserves

Revaluation reserve for available-for-sale financial assets

The revaluation reserve for available-for-sale financial assets comprises the cumulative net change in the fair value, until the assets are derecognized or impaired.

31. Share capital and treasury shares (continued)

(c) Dividends

Dividends payable are restricted to the maximum retained earnings of the Bank, which are determined according to legislation of the Republic of Armenia.

Dividends declared and paid by the Bank in 2017 amounted to AMD 2,176,201 thousand (2016: AMD 1,685,286 thousand). As of the date of the declaration and payment of dividends, dividends per share amounted to AMD 21,703 (2016: AMD 16,807).

32. Risk management

Management of risk is fundamental to the business of banking and is an essential element of the Bank's operations. The major risks faced by the Bank are those related to market risk, credit risk and liquidity risk.

(a) Risk management policies and procedures

The risk management policies aim to identify, analyse and manage the risks faced by the Bank, to set appropriate risk limits and controls, and to continuously monitor risk levels and adherence to limits. Risk management policies and procedures are reviewed regularly to reflect changes in market conditions, products and services offered and emerging best practice.

The Management Board has overall responsibility for the oversight of the risk management framework, overseeing the management of key risks and reviewing its risk management policies and procedures as well as approving significantly large exposures.

The Risk Management Center is responsible for monitoring and implementation of risk mitigation measures and making sure that the Bank operates within the established risk parameters. The Head of the Risk Management Center is responsible for the overall risk management, ensuring the implementation of common principles and methods for identifying, measuring, managing and reporting both financial and non-financial risks. He reports directly to the Management Board and indirectly to the Board of Directors.

Credit, market and liquidity risks both at the portfolio and transactional levels are managed and controlled through a system of Credit Committees and an Asset and Liability Management Committee (ALCO). In order to facilitate efficient and effective decision-making, the Bank has established a hierarchy of credit committees depending on the type and amount of the exposure.

Both external and internal risk factors are identified and managed throughout the organisation. Particular attention is given to identifying the full range of risk factors and determination of the level of assurance over the current risk mitigation procedures. Apart from the standard credit and market risk analysis, the Risk Management Center monitors financial and non-financial risks by holding regular meetings with operational units in order to obtain expert judgments in their areas of expertise.

(b) Market risk

Market risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market prices. Market risk comprises currency risk, interest rate risk and other price risks. Market risk arises from open positions in interest rate and equity financial instruments, which are exposed to general and specific market movements and changes in the level of volatility of market prices and foreign currency rates.

The objective of market risk management is to manage and control market risk exposures within acceptable parameters, whilst optimizing the return on risk.

Overall authority for market risk is vested in the ALCO, which is chaired by the General Director. Market risk limits are approved by the Management Board based on recommendations of the Risk Management Center.

The Bank manages its market risk by setting open position limits in relation to financial instruments, interest rate maturity and currency positions. These are monitored on a regular basis and reviewed and approved by the Management Board.

In addition, the Bank uses a wide range of stress tests to model the financial impact of a variety of exceptional market scenarios on individual trading portfolios and the Bank's overall position. Stress tests provide an indication of the potential size of losses that could arise in extreme conditions.

32. Risk management (continued)**(b) Market risk (continued)****(i) Interest rate risk**

Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. The Bank is exposed to the effects of fluctuations in the prevailing levels of market interest rates on its financial position and cash flows. Interest margins may increase as a result of such changes but may also reduce or create losses in the event that unexpected movements occur.

Interest rate gap analysis

Interest rate risk is managed principally through monitoring interest rate gaps and by having pre-approved limits for repricing bands. ALCO is the monitoring body for compliance with these limits and is assisted by Asset and Liabilities Department in its day-to-day monitoring activities. A summary of the interest gap position for major financial instruments is set out below. Floating rate instruments are grouped in accordance with their repricing dates.

AMD'000	Less than 3 months	3-6 months	6-12 months	1-5 years	More than 5 years	Non-interest bearing or overdue	Carrying amount
31 December 2017							
Assets							
Cash and cash equivalents	-	-	-	-	-	107,616,368	107,616,368
Available-for-sale financial assets	71,032	11,148	227,212	5,553,955	3,918,271	106,460	9,888,078
Loans and advances to banks	8,739,698	3,003	194,200	419,556	-	1,486,433	10,842,890
Amounts receivable under reverse repurchase agreements	8,675,394	-	-	-	-	-	8,675,394
Loans to legal entities and individuals	45,210,195	26,637,844	42,751,699	269,762,881	73,670,449	9,277,663	467,310,731
Receivables from letters of credit	538,877	2,677,960	54,827	849,825	-	-	4,121,489
Receivables from finance leases	80,569	82,547	148,088	363,572	499,991	295,257	1,470,024
Receivables from factoring	5,112,354	1,626,383	-	-	-	-	6,738,737
Held-to-maturity investments	3,976,655	6,283,038	-	30,779,169	2,266,982	-	43,305,844
	72,404,774	37,321,923	43,376,026	307,728,958	80,355,693	118,782,181	659,969,555
Liabilities							
Deposits and balances from banks	(11,315,455)	(10,279,331)	(9,743,119)	(7,566,112)	(1,099,984)	-	(40,004,001)
Amounts payable under repurchase agreements	(6,121,693)	-	-	-	-	-	(6,121,693)
Current accounts and deposits from customers	(49,540,771)	(33,847,623)	(72,872,974)	(58,579,433)	(73,308)	(160,256,670)	(375,170,779)
Debt securities issued	(10,044,318)	-	(9,768,608)	(21,119,669)	-	-	(40,932,595)
Subordinated borrowings	(34,991,181)	-	-	(5,928,587)	-	-	(40,919,768)
Other borrowed funds	(51,515,318)	(46,549,396)	(2,719)	(29,592)	(31,069)	-	(98,128,094)
	(163,528,736)	(90,676,350)	(92,387,420)	(93,223,393)	(1,204,361)	(160,256,670)	(601,276,930)
Effect of derivatives	4,565,943	-	(1,045,216)	(3,520,727)	-	-	-
Net position	(86,558,019)	(53,354,427)	(50,056,610)	210,984,838	79,151,332	(41,474,489)	58,692,625

32. Risk management (continued)**(b) Market risk (continued)**

<i>AMD'000</i>	<i>Less than 3 months</i>	<i>3-6 months</i>	<i>6-12 months</i>	<i>1-5 years</i>	<i>More than 5 years</i>	<i>Non-interest bearing or overdue</i>	<i>Carrying amount</i>
31 December 2016							
Assets							
Cash and cash equivalents	-	-	-	-	-	135,280,872	135,280,872
Available-for-sale financial assets	3,418,111	1,542,423	49,967	6,794,780	496,553	106,458	12,408,292
Loans and advances to banks	3,516,249	-	-	-	-	1,337,053	4,853,302
Amounts receivable under reverse repurchase agreements	6,446,797	-	-	-	-	-	6,446,797
Loans to legal entities and individuals	49,987,719	70,035,996	63,011,550	239,247,172	65,826,585	11,179,500	499,288,522
Receivables from letters of credit	2,591,904	749,057	1,640,657	2,725,685	-	-	7,707,303
Receivables from finance leases	123,519	118,237	240,466	900,996	656,804	-	2,040,022
Receivables from factoring	2,841,855	1,341,007	-	-	-	-	4,182,862
Held-to-maturity investments	13,258,091	8,148,865	675,060	14,031,035	142,591	-	36,255,642
	82,184,245	81,935,585	65,617,700	263,699,668	67,122,533	147,903,883	708,463,614
Liabilities							
Deposits and balances from banks	(3,724,091)	(893,022)	(4,516,288)	(60,870,822)	(1,830,659)	-	(71,834,882)
Current accounts and deposits from customers	(74,215,296)	(31,244,657)	(67,043,411)	(53,453,037)	(69,119)	(188,583,166)	(414,608,686)
Debt securities issued	(109,244)	(24,650)	-	(17,990,606)	-	-	(18,124,500)
Subordinated borrowings	(35,010,155)	-	-	(5,801,100)	-	-	(40,811,255)
Other borrowed funds	(59,734,053)	(42,510,773)	(396,597)	(47,470)	(46,146)	-	(102,735,039)
	(172,792,839)	(74,673,102)	(71,956,296)	(138,163,035)	(1,945,924)	(188,583,166)	(648,114,362)
Effect of derivatives	9,293,848	-	(2,364,707)	(6,049,248)	(879,893)	-	-
Net position	(81,314,746)	7,262,483	(8,703,303)	119,487,385	64,296,716	(40,679,283)	60,349,252

Average effective interest rates

The table below displays average interest rates for interest earning assets and interest bearing liabilities as at 31 December 2017 and 31 December 2016.

	2017			2016		
	<i>Average interest rate, %</i>			<i>Average interest rate, %</i>		
	<i>AMD</i>	<i>USD</i>	<i>Other currencies</i>	<i>AMD</i>	<i>USD</i>	<i>Other currencies</i>
Interest earning assets						
Available-for-sale financial assets	11.7%	3.8%	-	13.27%	1.86%	-
Loans and advances to banks	12.1%	2.8%	-	6.15%	-	-
Amounts receivable under reverse repurchase agreements	6.4%	2.8%	-	6.88%	3.50%	-
Loans and advances to customers	13.6%	9.0%	7.42%	12.14%	8.19%	9.95%
Receivables from finance leases	14.5%	8.1%	12.0%	14.74%	8.80%	12.00%
Receivables from factoring	14.4%	9.3%	14.0%	15.55%	10.80%	-
Held-to-maturity investments	9.6%	4.1%	-	8.63%	5.04%	-
Interest bearing liabilities						
Deposits and balances from banks	6.2%	2.4%	1.0%	9.69%	2.71%	0.89%
Amounts payable under repurchase agreements	-	1.5%	-	-	-	-
Current accounts and deposits from customers						
- Term deposits	11.3%	4.6%	3.1%	12.11%	5.80%	5.89%
Debt securities issued	10.0%	5.8%	3.3%	10.75%	5.56%	-
Subordinated borrowings	-	8.5%	-	-	8.11%	-
Other borrowed funds	8.9%	6.1%	-	9.04%	6.57%	-

32. Risk management (continued)**(b) Market risk (continued)***Interest rate risk*

Interest rate risk arises from the possibility that changes in interest rates will affect future cash flows or the fair values of financial instruments. The following table demonstrates the sensitivity to a reasonable possible change in interest rates, with all other variables held constant, of the Bank's statement of profit or loss.

The sensitivity of the statement of profit or loss is the effect of the assumed changes in interest rates on the net interest income for one year, based on the floating rate non-trading financial assets and financial liabilities held at 31 December. The sensitivity of equity is calculated by revaluing fixed rate available-for-sale financial assets at 31 December for the effects of the assumed changes in interest rates based on the assumption that there are parallel shifts in the yield curve.

Currency	Increase in basis points 2017	Sensitivity of net interest income 2017 AMD'000	Sensitivity of equity and other comprehensive income 2017 AMD'000
AMD	1.60%	(27,133)	(352,276)
USD	1.30%	(182,011)	(173,767)

Currency	Decrease in basis points 2017	Sensitivity of net interest income 2017 AMD'000	Sensitivity of equity and other comprehensive income 2017 AMD'000
AMD	3.50%	59,354	770,604
USD	0.50%	92,938	66,833

Currency	Increase in basis points 2016	Sensitivity of net interest income 2016 AMD'000	Sensitivity of equity and other comprehensive income 2016 AMD'000
AMD	3.70%	(226,335)	(517,173)
USD	1.00%	(135,074)	(34,336)

Currency	Decrease in basis points 2016	Sensitivity of net interest income 2016 AMD'000	Sensitivity of equity and other comprehensive income 2016 AMD'000
AMD	3.70%	226,335	517,173
USD	1.00%	135,074	34,336

Currency risk

The Bank has assets and liabilities denominated in several foreign currencies.

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

32. Risk management (continued)**(b) Market risk (continued)**

The following table shows the foreign currency exposure structure of financial assets and liabilities as at 31 December 2017.

	<i>USD</i> <i>AMD'000</i>	<i>EUR</i> <i>AMD'000</i>	<i>Other</i> <i>currencies</i> <i>AMD'000</i>	<i>Total</i> <i>AMD'000</i>
Assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	25,075,556	5,331,961	4,107,302	34,514,819
Financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss	1,155,334	176,446	-	1,331,780
Available-for-sale financial assets	4,525,746	-	-	4,525,746
Loans and advances to banks	9,149,220	174,030	11,240	9,334,490
Amounts receivable under reverse repurchase agreements	852,065	-	-	852,065
Loans to legal entities and individuals	350,982,331	36,265,542	3,921,191	391,169,064
Receivables from letters of credit	3,126,451	1,003,297	-	4,129,748
Receivables from finance leases	1,366,918	183,331	-	1,550,249
Receivables from factoring	5,403,801	-	707,154	6,110,955
Held-to-maturity investments	12,370,220	-	-	12,370,220
Other assets	1,530,736	198,305	588,828	2,317,869
Total assets	415,538,378	43,332,912	9,335,715	468,207,005
Liabilities				
Deposits and balances from banks	24,179,459	5,976,771	53,642	30,209,872
Amounts receivable under reverse repurchase agreements	6,121,693	-	-	6,121,693
Current accounts and deposits from customers	226,317,577	26,725,025	6,629,080	259,671,682
Debt securities issued	36,597,654	1,753,359	-	38,351,013
Subordinated borrowings	40,919,768	-	-	40,919,768
Other borrowed funds	88,171,140	-	-	88,171,140
Other liabilities	573,228	145,807	76,951	795,986
Total liabilities	422,880,519	34,600,962	6,759,673	464,241,154
Net position	(7,342,141)	8,731,950	2,576,042	3,965,851
Effect of derivatives	11,962,384	(8,701,500)	(2,043,075)	1,217,809
Net position	4,620,243	30,450	532,967	5,183,660

32. Risk management (continued)**(b) Market risk (continued)**

The following table shows the foreign currency exposure structure of financial assets and liabilities as at 31 December 2016:

	<i>USD</i> <i>AMD'000</i>	<i>EUR</i> <i>AMD'000</i>	<i>Other</i> <i>currencies</i> <i>AMD'000</i>	<i>Total</i> <i>AMD'000</i>
Assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	60,519,867	16,343,707	1,286,790	78,150,364
Available-for-sale financial assets	5,046,032	–	–	5,046,032
Loans and advances to banks	183,897	2,197,338	62,810	2,444,045
Amounts receivable under reverse repurchase agreements	1,196,793	–	–	1,196,793
Loans to legal entities and individuals	360,368,545	14,339,351	13,550	374,721,446
Receivables from letters of credit	4,995,759	2,711,546	–	7,707,305
Receivables from finance leases	1,585,355	226,224	–	1,811,579
Receivables from factoring	3,927,965	–	–	3,927,965
Held-to-maturity investments	7,771,091	–	–	7,771,091
Other assets	722,995	26,648	381,770	1,131,413
Total assets	446,318,299	35,844,814	1,744,920	483,908,033
Liabilities				
Deposits and balances from banks	9,911,600	2,725,678	174,652	12,811,930
Current accounts and deposits from customers	278,789,515	33,005,620	2,533,880	314,329,015
Debt securities issued	17,106,596	–	–	17,106,596
Subordinated borrowings	40,811,255	–	–	40,811,255
Other borrowed funds	88,947,284	–	–	88,947,284
Other liabilities	436,779	113,422	7,192	557,393
Total liabilities	436,003,029	35,844,720	2,715,724	474,563,473
Net position	10,315,270	94	(970,804)	9,344,560
Effect of derivatives	(404,937)	–	1,377,911	972,974
Net position	9,910,333	94	407,107	10,317,534

A strengthening of the AMD, as indicated below, against the following currencies at 31 December 2017 and 31 December 2016 would have increased/(decreased) equity and profit or loss by the amounts shown below (due to the fair value of currency sensitive monetary assets and liabilities). This analysis is on net of tax basis and is based on foreign currency exchange rate variances that the Bank considered to be reasonably possible at the end of the reporting period. The analysis assumes that all other variables, in particular interest rates, remain constant.

	2017		2017	
	<i>Appreciation</i>	<i>Profit or loss</i> <i>AMD'000</i>	<i>Depreciation</i>	<i>Profit or loss</i> <i>AMD'000</i>
AMD against USD	3.50%	(161,709)	3.50%	161,709
AMD against EUR	13.70%	(4,172)	6.30%	1,918
	2016		2016	
	<i>Appreciation</i>	<i>Profit or loss</i> <i>AMD'000</i>	<i>Depreciation</i>	<i>Profit or loss</i> <i>AMD'000</i>
AMD against USD	6.00%	(594,620)	6.00%	594,620
AMD against EUR	11.00%	(10)	11.00%	10

A weakening of the AMD against the above currencies at 31 December 2017 and 2016 would have had the equal but opposite effect on the above currencies to the amounts shown above, on the basis that all other variables remain constant.

32. Risk management (continued)

(c) Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk of financial loss to the Bank if a customer or counterparty to a financial instrument fails to meet its contractual obligations. The Bank has policies and procedures for the management of credit exposures (both for recognised financial assets and unrecognised contractual commitments), including guidelines to limit portfolio concentration and the establishment of a Credit Committee and Risk Management Center, which actively monitor credit risk. The credit policy is reviewed and approved by the Management Board.

The credit policy establishes:

- Procedures for review and approval of loan credit applications;
- Methodology for the credit assessment of borrowers (legal entities and individuals);
- Methodology for the evaluation of collateral;
- Credit documentation requirements;
- Procedures for the ongoing control and monitoring of loans and other credit exposures.

Legal entity loan credit applications are originated by the relevant client managers and are then passed on to the Loan Department, which is responsible for the loan portfolio of legal entities. Analysis reports are based on a structured analysis focusing on the customer's business and financial performance. The loan credit application and the report are then independently reviewed by the Risk Management Center and a second opinion is given accompanied by a verification that credit policy requirements are met. The Credit Committee reviews the loan credit application on the basis of submissions by the Loan Department. Individual transactions are also reviewed by the Legal department depending on the specific risks and pending final approval of the Credit Committee.

The Bank continuously monitors the performance of individual credit exposures and regularly reassesses the creditworthiness of its customers. The review is based on the customer's most recent financial statements and other information submitted by the borrower, or otherwise obtained by the Bank. Loans to individuals credit applications are reviewed by the Retail Lending Subdivisions.

Apart from individual customer analysis, the credit portfolio is assessed by the Risk Management Center with regard to credit concentration and market risks.

The maximum exposure to credit risk is generally reflected in the carrying amounts of financial assets on the statement of financial position and unrecognised contractual commitment amounts. The impact of possible netting of assets and liabilities to reduce potential credit exposure is not significant.

Collateral generally is not held against claims under derivative financial instruments, investments in securities, and loans and advances to banks, except when securities are held as part of reverse repurchase and securities borrowing activities.

For the analysis of collateral held against loans and advances to customers and concentration of credit risk in respect of loans and advances to customers refer to Note 21.

The maximum exposure to credit risk from unrecognised contractual commitments at the reporting date is presented in Note 34.

Offsetting financial assets and financial liabilities

The disclosures set out in the tables below include financial assets and financial liabilities that:

- Are offset in the Bank's statement of financial position; or
- Are subject to an enforceable master netting arrangement or similar agreement that covers similar financial instruments, irrespective of whether they are offset in the statement of financial position.

The similar agreements include derivative clearing agreements, global master repurchase agreements, and global master securities lending agreements. Similar financial instruments include derivatives, sales and repurchase agreements, reverse sale and repurchase agreements and securities borrowing and lending agreements. Financial instruments such as loans and deposits are not disclosed in the table below unless they are offset in the statement of financial position.

The Bank receives and accepts collateral in the form of marketable securities in respect of sale and repurchase, and reverse sale and repurchase agreements.

32. Risk management (continued)**(c) Credit risk (continued)**

Such collateral is subject to the standard industry terms. This means that securities received/given as collateral can be pledged or sold during the term of the transaction but must be returned on maturity of the transaction. The terms also give each counterparty the right to terminate the related transactions upon the counterparty's failure to post collateral.

The above arrangements do not meet the criteria for offsetting in the statement of financial position. This is because they create a right of set-off of recognized amounts that is enforceable only following an event of default, insolvency or bankruptcy of the Bank or the counterparties. In addition the Bank and its counterparties do not intend to settle on a net basis or to realize the assets and settle the liabilities simultaneously.

The table below shows financial assets and financial liabilities subject to offsetting, enforceable master netting arrangements and similar arrangements as at 31 December 2017:

<i>Types of financial assets/liabilities</i>	<i>Gross amounts of recognized financial asset/liability</i>	<i>Gross amount of recognized financial liability/asset offset in the statement of financial position</i>	<i>Net amount of financial assets/liabilities presented in the statement of financial position</i>	<i>Related amounts not offset in the statement of financial position</i>	
				<i>Financial instruments</i>	<i>Net amount</i>
AMD'000					
Amounts receivable under reverse repurchase agreements	8,675,394	-	8,675,394	(8,675,394)	-
Total financial assets	8,675,394	-	8,675,394	(8,675,394)	-
Amounts payable under repurchase agreements	(6,121,693)	-	(6,121,693)	5,968,305	(153,388)
Total financial liabilities	(6,121,693)	-	(6,121,693)	5,968,305	(153,388)

The table below shows financial assets and financial liabilities subject to offsetting, enforceable master netting arrangements and similar arrangements as at 31 December 2016:

<i>Types of financial assets/liabilities</i>	<i>Gross amounts of recognized financial asset/liability</i>	<i>Gross amount of recognized financial liability/asset offset in the statement of financial position</i>	<i>Net amount of financial assets/liabilities presented in the statement of financial position</i>	<i>Related amounts not offset in the statement of financial position</i>	
				<i>Financial instruments</i>	<i>Net amount</i>
AMD'000					
Amounts receivable under reverse repurchase agreements	6,446,797	-	6,446,797	(6,446,797)	-
Total financial assets	6,446,797	-	6,446,797	(6,446,797)	-
Amounts payable under repurchase agreements	-	-	-	-	-
Total financial liabilities	-	-	-	-	-

The gross amounts of financial assets and financial liabilities and their net amounts as presented in the statement of financial position that are disclosed in the above tables are measured in the statement of financial position on the amortized cost basis.

(d) Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Bank may encounter difficulty in meeting obligations associated with its financial liabilities that are settled by delivering cash or another financial asset. Liquidity risk exists when the maturities of assets and liabilities do not match. The matching and or controlled mismatching of the maturities and interest rates of assets and liabilities is fundamental to liquidity management. It is unusual for financial institutions ever to be completely matched since business transacted is often of an uncertain term and of different types. An unmatched position potentially enhances profitability, but can also increase the liquidity risk.

The Bank maintains liquidity management with the objective of ensuring that funds will be available at all times to honor all cash flow obligations as they become due. The liquidity policy is reviewed and approved by the Board of Directors.

32. Risk management (continued)**(d) Liquidity risk (continued)**

The Bank seeks to actively support a diversified and stable funding base comprising long-term and short-term loans from other banks and international financial organisations, core corporate and retail customer deposits, accompanied by diversified portfolios of highly liquid assets, in order to be able to respond quickly and smoothly to unforeseen liquidity requirements.

The liquidity management policy requires:

- Projecting cash flows by major currencies and considering the level of liquid assets necessary in relation thereto;
- Maintaining a diverse range of funding sources;
- Managing the concentration and profile of debts;
- Maintaining debt financing plans;
- Maintaining a portfolio of highly marketable assets that can easily be liquidated as protection against any interruption to cash flow;
- Maintaining liquidity and funding contingency plans;
- Monitoring liquidity ratios against regulatory requirements.

The Assets and Liabilities Department receives information from structural subdivisions regarding the liquidity profile of their financial assets and liabilities and details of other projected cash flows arising from projected future business. The Assets and Liabilities Department then provides for an adequate portfolio of short-term liquid assets to be maintained, largely made up of short-term liquid trading securities, loans and advances to banks and other inter-bank facilities, to ensure that sufficient liquidity is maintained.

The daily liquidity position is monitored and regular liquidity stress testing under a variety of scenarios covering both normal and more severe market conditions is performed by the Assets and Liabilities Department. Under the normal market conditions, liquidity reports covering the liquidity position are presented to senior management on a weekly basis. Decisions on liquidity management are made by ALCO and implemented by the Assets and Liabilities Department.

The tables below summarize the maturity profile of the Bank's financial liabilities at 31 December based on contractual undiscounted repayment obligations except for gross settled derivatives which are shown by contractual maturity. Repayments which are subject to notice are treated as if notice were to be given immediately, except current accounts and on demand deposits from customers which are stated at expected maturities. However, the Bank expects that many customers will not request repayment on the earliest date the Bank could be required to pay and the table does not reflect the expected cash flows indicated by the Bank's deposit retention history.

The maturity analysis for financial liabilities as at 31 December 2017 is as follows:

<i>AMD'000</i>	<i>Demand and less than 1 month</i>	<i>From 1 to 3 months</i>	<i>From 3 to 6 months</i>	<i>From 6 to 12 months</i>	<i>From 1 to 5 years</i>	<i>More than 5 years</i>	<i>Total gross amount (inflow) outflow</i>	<i>Carrying amount</i>
Non-derivative liabilities								
Deposits and balances from banks	10,905,360	677,271	10,493,349	10,083,331	9,401,436	1,515,481	43,076,228	40,004,001
Amounts payable under repurchase agreements	6,121,693	-	-	-	-	-	6,121,693	6,121,693
Current accounts and deposits from customers	76,528,416	57,389,681	69,099,404	76,715,037	109,446,144	91,239	389,269,921	375,170,779
Debt securities issued	396,789	557,928	599,124	10,660,872	32,697,239	-	44,911,952	40,932,595
Subordinated borrowings	1,341,759	955,617	839,812	1,679,624	48,369,135	-	53,185,947	40,919,768
Other borrowed funds	1,696,247	9,992,480	3,953,724	24,794,550	70,892,191	6,853,935	118,183,127	98,128,094
Other financial liabilities	967,739	111,902	2,751,256	-	-	-	3,830,897	3,830,897
Net settled derivative liabilities	74,877	-	-	-	-	-	74,877	74,877
Gross settled derivative financial instruments								
- Contractual amounts payable	-	(54,473,593)	-	-	-	-	(54,473,593)	(611,429)
- Contractual amounts receivable	-	54,480,970	-	-	-	-	54,480,970	484,540
Total financial liabilities	98,032,880	69,692,256	87,736,669	123,933,414	270,806,145	8,460,655	658,662,019	605,055,815
Credit related commitments	42,899,097	-	-	-	-	-	42,899,097	42,899,097

32. Risk management (continued)**(d) Liquidity risk (continued)**

The maturity analysis for financial liabilities as at 31 December 2016 is as follows:

<i>AMD'000</i>	<i>Demand and less than 1 month</i>	<i>From 1 to 3 months</i>	<i>From 3 to 6 months</i>	<i>From 6 to 12 months</i>	<i>From 1 to 5 years</i>	<i>More than 5 years</i>	<i>Total gross amount (inflow) outflow</i>	<i>Carrying amount</i>
Non-derivative liabilities								
Deposits and balances								
from banks	2,100,331	3,138,977	2,407,413	7,544,034	73,997,839	3,755,885	92,944,479	71,834,882
Current accounts and								
deposits from customers	177,880,935	44,547,002	80,066,279	75,153,976	73,936,195	372,751	451,957,138	414,608,686
Debt securities issued	145,337	113,980	174,723	300,146	18,698,254	-	19,432,440	18,124,500
Subordinated borrowings	1,287,282	922,310	804,708	1,609,415	27,985,181	28,181,381	60,790,277	40,811,255
Other borrowed funds	4,249,206	13,524,822	5,206,334	11,539,299	91,124,295	12,413,978	138,057,934	102,735,039
Other financial liabilities	545,421	165,393	2,062,933	-	-	-	2,773,747	2,773,747
Net settled derivative								
liabilities	2,645	-	-	-	-	-	2,645	2,645
Gross settled derivative financial instruments								
- Contractual amounts								
payable	-	-	-	(92,312,915)	(72,559,894)	-	(164,872,809)	(2,532,638)
- Contractual amounts								
receivable	-	-	-	92,683,275	72,781,457	-	165,464,732	3,056,734
Total financial liabilities	186,211,157	62,412,484	90,722,390	96,517,230	285,963,327	44,723,995	766,550,583	651,414,850
Credit related commitments	43,908,219	-	-	-	-	-	43,908,219	43,908,219

Included in due to customers in the table above and in the table below are time deposits of individuals. In accordance with Armenia's legislation, the Bank is obliged to repay time deposits of individuals upon demand of a depositor. These deposits are classified in the table above in accordance with their stated maturity dates.

32. Risk management (continued)**(d) Liquidity risk (continued)**

The table below shows an analysis, by expected maturities, of the amounts recognised in the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2017:

<i>AMD'000</i>	<i>Demand and less than 1 month</i>	<i>From 1 to 3 months</i>	<i>From 3 to 12 months</i>	<i>From 1 to 5 years</i>	<i>More than 5 years</i>	<i>No maturity</i>	<i>Overdue</i>	<i>Total</i>
Assets								
Cash and cash equivalents	107,616,368	-	-	-	-	-	-	107,616,368
Financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss	116,092	836,773	5,190	2,598,278	411,731	-	-	3,968,064
Available-for-sale financial assets	26,735	53,087	229,570	5,553,955	3,918,271	106,460	-	9,888,078
Loans and advances to banks	8,727,521	12,177	197,203	419,555	-	1,486,434	-	10,842,890
Amounts receivable under reverse repurchase agreements	8,675,394	-	-	-	-	-	-	8,675,394
Loans to legal entities and individuals	16,472,285	24,890,862	61,554,619	253,415,202	101,700,101	-	9,277,662	467,310,731
Receivables from letters of credit	63,936	474,941	2,732,786	849,826	-	-	-	4,121,489
Receivables from finance leases	33,729	46,840	230,635	363,572	499,991	-	295,257	1,470,024
Receivables from factoring	1,605,775	3,506,579	1,626,383	-	-	-	-	6,738,737
Held-to-maturity investments	250,184	3,726,470	6,283,038	30,779,169	2,266,983	-	-	43,305,844
Property, equipment and intangible assets	-	-	-	-	-	7,126,916	-	7,126,916
Other assets	1,649,866	677,400	3,442,533	-	-	887,763	-	6,657,562
Total assets	145,237,885	34,225,129	76,301,957	293,979,557	108,797,077	9,607,573	9,572,919	677,722,097
Liabilities								
Financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss	74,877	611,429	-	-	-	-	-	686,306
Amounts payable under repurchase agreements	6,121,693	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,121,693
Deposits and balances from banks	10,813,773	501,682	20,022,450	7,566,112	1,099,984	-	-	40,004,001
Current accounts and deposits from customers	75,395,507	55,390,566	139,347,562	104,963,837	73,307	-	-	375,170,779
Debt securities issued	197,081	158,512	9,768,530	30,808,472	-	-	-	40,932,595
Subordinated borrowings	1,061,822	395,743	-	39,462,203	-	-	-	40,919,768
Other borrowed funds	1,176,595	8,990,221	24,365,684	57,684,363	5,911,231	-	-	98,128,094
Current tax liability	-	-	990,256	-	-	-	-	990,256
Deferred tax liability	-	-	-	1,025,103	-	-	-	1,025,103
Other liabilities	967,739	111,902	2,761,990	-	-	-	-	3,841,631
Total liabilities	95,809,087	66,160,055	197,256,472	241,510,090	7,084,522	-	-	607,820,226
Net position	49,428,798	(31,934,926)	(120,954,515)	52,469,467	101,712,555	9,607,573	9,572,919	69,901,871
Cumulative net position	49,428,798	17,493,872	(103,460,643)	(50,991,176)	50,721,379			

32. Risk management (continued)**(d) Liquidity risk (continued)**

The maturity analysis in the table above does not reflect the historical stability of term deposits. Based on the analysis of past history, 45% of total time deposits maturing in 1 year or less, actually roll over at the maturity. Thereby, the real maturity of those deposits is more than 1 year. These balances are included in amounts due in the period less than 1 year in the table. Subsequent to the reporting date the Bank has attracted long-term borrowings from international financial organizations in the amount of USD 11,500 thousand (equivalent to AMD 5,567,150 thousand (converted by yearend USD/AMD rate)) and has received approval for credit facilities in the amount of USD 90,000 thousand (equivalent to AMD 43,569,000 thousand (converted by yearend USD/AMD rate)), which have not been used by the Bank yet at the date of these financial statements. In addition on 14 February 2018 the Bank attracted share capital in the amount of AMD 14,426,665 thousand from Asian Development Bank (see note 40).

Included in due to customers in the table above and in the table below are time deposits of individuals. In accordance with Armenia's legislation, the Bank is obliged to repay time deposits of individuals upon demand of a depositor. These deposits are classified in the table above in accordance with their stated maturity dates.

32. Risk management (continued)**(d) Liquidity risk (continued)**

The table below shows an analysis, by expected maturities, of the amounts recognised in the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2016:

<i>AMD'000</i>	<i>Demand and less than 1 month</i>	<i>From 1 to 3 months</i>	<i>From 3 to 12 months</i>	<i>From 1 to 5 years</i>	<i>More than 5 years</i>	<i>No maturity</i>	<i>Overdue</i>	<i>Total</i>
Assets								
Cash and cash equivalents	135,280,872	-	-	-	-	-	-	135,280,872
Financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss	32,747	-	1,635,132	1,462,192	-	-	-	3,130,071
Available-for-sale financial assets	235,398	3,182,714	1,592,389	6,794,780	496,553	106,458	-	12,408,292
Loans and advances to banks	3,516,249	-	-	-	-	1,337,053	-	4,853,302
Amounts receivable under reverse repurchase agreements	6,446,797	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,446,797
Loans to legal entities and individuals	16,403,038	28,527,041	125,809,682	236,921,824	80,447,437	-	11,179,500	499,288,522
Receivables from letters of credit	148,376	2,443,528	2,389,714	2,725,685	-	-	-	7,707,303
Receivables from finance leases	45,415	78,104	358,703	900,996	656,804	-	-	2,040,022
Receivables from factoring	2,244,277	597,578	1,341,007	-	-	-	-	4,182,862
Held-to-maturity investments	-	13,258,090	8,823,925	14,031,034	142,593	-	-	36,255,642
Property, equipment and intangible assets	-	-	-	-	-	3,651,239	-	3,651,239
Current tax asset	-	-	-	1,321,801	-	-	-	1,321,801
Other assets	522,684	88,859	1,484,368	-	-	700,787	-	2,796,698
Total assets	164,875,853	48,175,914	143,434,920	264,158,312	81,743,387	5,795,537	11,179,500	719,363,423
Liabilities								
Financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss	2,081	-	1,554,643	978,559	-	-	-	2,535,283
Deposits and balances from banks	1,595,259	2,128,832	5,409,310	60,870,822	1,830,659	-	-	71,834,882
Current accounts and deposits from customers	176,449,951	41,703,120	142,918,485	53,468,011	69,119	-	-	414,608,686
Debt securities issued	95,313	13,931	24,650	17,990,606	-	-	-	18,124,500
Subordinated borrowings	1,019,046	385,838	-	15,378,096	24,028,275	-	-	40,811,255
Other borrowed funds	3,619,303	12,292,150	11,198,771	69,423,677	6,201,138	-	-	102,735,039
Deferred tax liability	-	-	-	1,442,872	-	-	-	1,442,872
Other liabilities	545,421	165,393	2,162,324	-	-	-	-	2,873,138
Total liabilities	183,326,374	56,689,264	163,268,183	219,552,643	32,129,191	-	-	654,965,655
Net position	(18,450,521)	(8,513,350)	(19,833,263)	44,605,669	49,614,196	5,795,537	11,179,500	64,397,768
Cumulative net position	(18,450,521)	(26,963,871)	(46,797,134)	(2,191,465)	47,422,731			

32. Risk management (continued)**(d) Liquidity risk (continued)**

The key measure used by the Bank for managing liquidity risk is the ratio of highly liquid assets to demand liabilities. For this purpose highly liquid assets include cash, nostro accounts, debt securities issued by the Government of Armenia, CBA and other corporate debt securities for which there is an active and liquid market, which are not pledged or the use of which is not restricted in any way. Demand liabilities include current accounts and demand deposits of customers, as well as any other liability that is payable on demand. The reported ratios of highly liquid assets to demand liabilities as at 31 December and during the reporting period are as follows:

	2017 AMD'000	2016 AMD'000
At 31 December	101%	128%
Average for December	93%	133%

The above ratio is also used to measure compliance with the liquidity limit established by the CBA which is set as not less than 60%.

33. Capital management

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

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

The Central Bank of Armenia sets and monitors capital requirements for the Bank.

The Bank defines as capital those items defined by statutory regulation as capital for credit institutions. Under the current capital requirements set by the Central Bank of Armenia, which are based on Basle Accord principles, banks have to maintain a ratio of capital to risk weighted assets (statutory capital ratio) above the prescribed minimum level. As at 31 December 2017 and 31 December 2016, this minimum level was 12%. The Bank is in compliance with the statutory capital ratio as at 31 December 2017 and 31 December 2016.

The following table shows the composition of the capital position calculated in accordance with the Basel Capital Accord 1988, with subsequent amendments including the amendment to incorporate market risks, as at 31 December:

	2017 AMD'000	2016 AMD'000
Tier 1 capital	68,632,980	63,227,715
Tier 2 capital	26,738,055	31,613,858
Total capital	95,371,035	94,841,573
Total risk weighted assets	534,420,563	463,628,657
Total capital expressed as a percentage of risk-weighted assets (total capital ratio)	17.85%	20.46%

The risk-weighted assets are measured by means of a hierarchy of risk weights classified according to the nature 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 unrecognised contractual commitments, with some adjustments to reflect the more contingent nature of the potential losses.

34. Commitments

The Bank has outstanding credit related commitments to extend loans. These credit related commitments take the form of approved loans and credit card limits and overdraft facilities.

The Bank provides financial guarantees and letters of credit to guarantee the performance of customers to third parties. These agreements have fixed limits and generally extend for a period of up to five years. The Bank also provides guarantees by acting as settlement agent in securities borrowing and lending transactions.

34. Commitments (continued)

The Bank applies the same credit risk management policies and procedures when granting credit commitments, financial guarantees and letters of credit as it does for granting loans to legal entities and individuals.

The contractual amounts of credit related commitments are set out in the following table by category. The amounts reflected in the table for credit related commitments assume that amounts are fully advanced. The amounts reflected in the table for guarantees and letters of credit represent the maximum accounting loss that would be recognised at the reporting date if counterparties failed completely to perform as contracted.

	2017 AMD'000	2016 AMD'000
Contracted amount		
Loan and credit line commitments	19,807,875	21,416,078
Credit card commitments	9,245,979	7,976,314
Guarantees and letters of credit	8,183,658	9,740,164
Undrawn overdraft facilities	5,661,585	4,775,663
	42,899,097	43,908,219

The total outstanding contractual credit related commitments above do not necessarily represent future cash requirements, as these credit related commitments may expire or terminate without being funded.

35. Operating leases**(a) Bank as lessee**

Non-cancelable operating lease rentals as at 31 December are payable as follows:

	2017 AMD'000	2016 AMD'000
Less than 1 year	1,419,525	1,952,090
Between 1 and 5 years	1,285,131	9,490,860
More than 5 years	361,451	6,676,219
	3,066,107	18,119,169

The Bank leases a number of premises and equipment under operating leases. The leases typically run for an initial period of five to ten years, with an option to renew the lease after that date. Lease payments are usually increased annually to reflect market rentals. As at 31 December 2017 operating leases include non-cancellable rentals to a related party amounting to AMD 757,215 thousand (2016: AMD 15,315,888 thousand). In 2017 the Bank has revised lease terms with a related party and previously long-term non-cancellable lease period was decreased to 6 months.

36. Contingencies**(a) Insurance**

The insurance industry in the Republic of Armenia is in a developing state and many forms of insurance protection common in other parts of the world are not yet generally available. As of 31 December 2017 the Bank has up to AMD 7,021,000 thousand coverage for each type of insurance including for its premises and equipment, business interruption, third party liability in respect of accidents on the Bank's property or related to operations.

(b) Litigation

In the ordinary course of business, the Bank is subject to legal actions and complaints. Management believes that the ultimate liability, if any, arising from such actions or complaints will not have a material adverse effect on the financial condition or the results of future operations.

(c) Taxation contingencies

The taxation system in the Republic of Armenia is relatively new and is characterized by frequent changes in legislation, official pronouncements and court decisions, which are often unclear, contradictory and subject to varying interpretation by different tax authorities. Taxes are subject to review and investigation by a number of authorities, which have the authority to impose severe fines, penalties and interest charges. In the event of a breach of tax legislation, no liabilities for additional taxes, fines or penalties may be imposed by tax authorities once three years have elapsed from the date of the breach.

36. Contingencies (continued)**(c) Taxation contingencies (continued)**

These circumstances may create tax risks in the Republic of Armenia that are substantially more significant than in other countries. Management believes that it has provided adequately for tax liabilities based on its interpretations of applicable Armenian tax legislation, official pronouncements and court decisions. However, the interpretations of the relevant authorities could differ and the effect on the financial position, if the authorities were successful in enforcing their interpretations, could be significant.

37. Related party transactions**(a) Control relationships**

The Bank's parent company is Ameria Group (CY) Limited, which owns 65.8% of the share capital as at 31 December 2017.

The ultimate controller and final beneficiary owner of the Bank is Mr. Ruben Vardanyan.

No publicly available financial statements are produced by the Bank's parent company.

(b) Transactions with the members of the Board of Directors and the Management Board

Total remuneration included in personnel expenses for the year ended 31 December are as follows:

	2017 AMD'000	2016 AMD'000
Short-term employee benefits	1,972,902	2,271,649

The outstanding balances and average interest rates as at 31 December and 31 December for transactions with the members of the Board of Directors and the Management Board are as follows:

	2017 AMD'000	Average interest rate, %	2016 AMD'000	Average interest rate, %
Statement of financial position				
Loans issued	1,253,917	8.02%	956,059	6.96%
Other assets	1,893	0.00%	1,135	0.00%
Deposits received	674,074	5.70%	422,061	6.58%
Subordinated borrowings	5,928,587	6.00%	–	–
Other liabilities	1,077,633	0.00%	850,945	0.00%
Guarantees	16,944	0.00%	33,876	0.00%

The loans and guarantees are in Armenian Drams and US Dollars and repayable by 2027.

Amounts included in profit or loss in relation to transactions with the members of the Board of Directors and the Management Board for the year ended 31 December are as follows:

	2017 AMD'000	2016 AMD'000
Profit or loss		
Interest income	66,568	62,275
Interest expense	(141,954)	(43,675)

37. Related party transactions (continued)**(c) Transactions with other related parties**

The outstanding balances and the related average effective interest rates as at 31 December 2017 and related profit or loss amounts of transactions for the year ended 31 December 2017 with other related parties are as follows:

	<i>Parent company</i>		<i>Shareholder with significant influence</i>		<i>Subsidiaries of the immediate parent company</i>		<i>Other entities under common control and other related parties</i>		<i>Total AMD'000</i>
	<i>AMD'000</i>	<i>Average interest rate, %</i>	<i>AMD'000</i>	<i>Average interest rate, %</i>	<i>AMD'000</i>	<i>Average interest rate, %</i>	<i>AMD'000</i>	<i>Average interest rate, %</i>	
Statement of financial position									
Assets									
Financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss	-	-	-	-	-	-	645,001	-	645,001
Loans and advances to customers	-	-	-	-	-	-	34,916,760	13.27%	34,916,760
Other asset	-	-	-	-	795,016	-	3,596	-	798,612
Liabilities									
Financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss	-	-	-	-	-	-	611,430	-	611,430
Current accounts and deposits from customers									
- Current accounts and demand deposits	666,258	0.00%	1,172,117	0.00%	200,264	0.00%	1,980,570	0.00%	4,019,209
- Term deposits	-	-	-	-	513,431	4.66%	32,590,571	12.87%	33,104,002
Other borrowings	-	-	9,890,487	8.90%	-	-	-	-	9,890,487
Other liabilities	-	-	10,316	0.00%	-	-	-	-	10,316
Items not recognised in the statement of financial position									
Guarantees given	-	-	-	-	-	-	20,304	0.00%	20,304
Profit (loss)									
Interest income	-	-	1,371	-	-	-	4,360,124	-	4,361,495
Interest expense	-	-	(1,135,191)	-	(21,325)	-	(3,864,603)	-	(5,021,119)
Other expense	-	-	-	-	(17,055)	-	(98,978)	-	(116,033)

37. Related party transactions (continued)**(c) Transactions with other related parties (continued)**

The outstanding balances and the related average effective interest rates as at 31 December 2016 and related profit or loss amounts of transactions for the year ended 31 December 2016 with other related parties are as follows:

	<i>Parent company</i>		<i>Shareholder with significant influence</i>		<i>Subsidiaries of the immediate parent company</i>		<i>Other entities under common control and other related parties</i>		<i>Total AMD'000</i>
	<i>AMD'000</i>	<i>Average interest rate, %</i>	<i>AMD'000</i>	<i>Average interest rate, %</i>	<i>AMD'000</i>	<i>Average interest rate, %</i>	<i>AMD'000</i>	<i>Average interest rate, %</i>	
Statement of financial position									
Assets									
Financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,633,886	-	1,633,886
Loans and advances to banks	-	-	1,001,707	6.25%	-	-	-	-	1,001,707
Loans and advances customers	-	-	-	-	-	-	82,599,050	6.25%	82,599,050
Other asset	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,596	-	3,596
Liabilities									
Financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,554,397	-	1,554,397
Current accounts and deposits from customers									
- Current accounts and demand deposits	70,859	0.00%	326,386	0.00%	964,541	0.00%	32,025,131	0.00%	33,386,917
- Term deposits	-	-	-	-	1,227,222	3.20%	29,346,134	12.82%	30,573,356
Subordinated borrowings	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,920,428	6.00%	5,920,428
Other borrowings	-	-	14,103,304	9.08%	-	-	-	-	14,103,304
Other liabilities	-	-	20,765	0.00%	-	-	-	-	20,765
Items not recognised in the statement of financial position									
Guarantees given	-	-	-	-	-	-	17,927	0.00%	17,927
Profit (loss)									
Interest income	-	-	1,706	-	-	-	4,166,018	-	4,167,724
Interest expense	(28,196)	-	(1,281,883)	-	(41,595)	-	(3,924,377)	-	(5,276,051)
Other expense	-	-	(35,706)	-	-	-	-	-	(35,706)

38. Financial assets and liabilities: fair values and accounting classifications**(a) Accounting classifications and fair values**

The estimates of fair value are intended to approximate 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. However given the uncertainties and the use of subjective judgment, the fair value should not be interpreted as being realizable in an immediate sale of the assets or transfer of liabilities.

Valuation techniques include net present value and discounted cash flow models, comparison to similar instruments for which market observable prices exist and other valuation models. Assumptions and inputs used in valuation techniques include risk-free and benchmark interest rates, credit spreads and other premia used in estimating discount rates, bond and equity prices, foreign currency exchange rates, equity and equity index prices. The objective of valuation techniques is to arrive at a fair value determination that reflects the price of the financial instrument at the reporting date that would have been determined by market participants acting at arm's length.

The Bank uses widely recognised valuation models for determining the fair value of common and more simple financial instruments like interest rate and currency swaps that use only observable market data and require little management judgment and estimation. Observable prices and model inputs are usually available in the market for listed debt and equity securities, exchange traded derivatives and simple over the counter derivatives like interest rate swaps.

The estimated fair values of all financial instruments except for unquoted equity securities available-for-sale, loans and advances to customers, held-to-maturity investments and debt securities issued approximate their carrying values. As at 31 December 2017 fair value of unquoted equity securities available-for-sale with a carrying value of AMD 106,458 thousand (2016: AMD 106,458 thousand) cannot be determined.

38. Financial assets and liabilities: fair values and accounting classifications (continued)**(a) Accounting classifications and fair values (continued)**

The table below sets out the carrying amounts and fair values of loans and advances to customers, held-to-maturity investments and domestic bonds issued as at 31 December 2017:

	<i>Carrying amount AMD'000</i>	<i>Fair value AMD'000</i>
Loans and advances to customers	479,640,981	474,361,415
Held-to-maturity investments	43,305,844	44,680,299
Domestic bonds issued	31,221,300	31,493,983
Total	554,168,125	550,535,697

The table below sets out the carrying amounts and fair values of loans and advances to customers, held-to-maturity investments and domestic bonds issued as at 31 December 2016:

	<i>Carrying amount AMD'000</i>	<i>Fair value AMD'000</i>
Loans and advances to customers	513,218,709	506,319,981
Held-to-maturity investments	36,255,642	36,889,889
Domestic bonds issued	8,421,362	8,623,327
Total	557,895,713	551,833,197

The following assumptions are used by management to estimate the fair values of financial instruments:

- Discount rates of 3.5% and 11.6-16.4% are used for discounting future cash flows from loans and advances to banks and loans and advances to customers, respectively;
- Discount rates of 5.5-12% are used for discounting future cash flows for liabilities.

(b) Fair value hierarchy

The Bank measures fair values using the following fair value hierarchy that reflects the significance of the inputs used in making the measurements:

- Level 1: quoted market price (unadjusted) in an active market for an identical instrument;
- Level 2: inputs other than quotes prices included within Level 1 that are observable either directly (i.e. as prices) or indirectly (i.e. derived from prices). This category includes instruments valued using: quoted market prices in active markets for similar instruments; quoted prices for similar instruments in markets that are considered less than active; or other valuation techniques where all significant inputs are directly or indirectly observable from market data;
- Level 3: inputs that are unobservable. This category includes all instruments where the valuation technique includes inputs not based on observable data and the unobservable inputs have a significant effect on the instrument's valuation. This category includes instruments that are valued based on quoted prices for similar instruments where significant unobservable adjustments or assumptions are required to reflect differences between the instruments.

38. Financial assets and liabilities: fair values and accounting classifications (continued)**(b) Fair value hierarchy (continued)**

The table below analyses financial instruments measured at fair value and financial instruments for which fair values are disclosed as at 31 December 2017, by the level in the fair value hierarchy into which the fair value measurement is categorised. The amounts are based on the values recognized in the statement of financial position:

AMD'000	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Assets and liabilities measured at fair value				
Financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss				
- Debt and other fixed-income instruments	-	3,015,199	-	3,015,199
- Derivative assets	-	952,865	-	952,865
- Derivative liabilities	-	(686,306)	-	(686,306)
Available-for-sale financial assets				
- Debt instruments	2,942,639	6,838,981	-	9,781,620
	2,942,639	10,120,739	-	13,063,378
Assets for which fair values are disclosed				
Loans to and advances customers	-	-	474,361,415	474,361,415
Held-to-maturity investments	3,881,042	40,799,257	-	44,680,299
Domestic bonds issued	-	31,493,983	-	31,493,983
	3,881,042	72,293,240	474,361,415	550,535,697

The table below analyses financial instruments measured at fair value and financial instruments for which fair values are disclosed as at 31 December 2016, by the level in the fair value hierarchy into which the fair value measurement is categorised. The amounts are based on the values recognized in the statement of financial position:

AMD'000	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Assets and liabilities measured at fair value				
Financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss				
- Derivative assets	-	3,130,071	-	3,130,071
- Derivative liabilities	-	(2,535,283)	-	(2,535,283)
Available-for-sale financial assets				
- Debt instruments	3,418,111	8,883,723	-	12,301,834
	3,418,111	9,478,511	-	12,896,622
Assets for which fair values are disclosed				
Loans and advances to customers	-	-	506,319,981	506,319,981
Held-to-maturity investments	804,054	36,085,835	-	36,889,889
Domestic bonds issued	-	8,623,327	-	8,623,327
	804,054	44,709,162	506,319,981	551,833,197

Derivatives

Derivatives valued using a valuation technique with market observable inputs are mainly interest rate swaps, currency swaps and forward foreign exchange contracts. The most frequently applied valuation techniques include forward pricing and swap models, using present value calculations. The models incorporate various inputs including the credit quality of counterparties, foreign exchange spot and forward rates and interest rate curves.

Available-for-sale financial assets

Investment securities available-for-sale valued using a valuation technique or pricing models primarily consist of Armenian Government debt securities. These securities are valued using yield curves which incorporate data observable in the market and published by CBA.

39. Changes in liabilities arising from financing activities

<i>AMD'000</i>	<i>Debt securities issued</i>	<i>Other borrowed funds</i>	<i>Subordinated loans</i>	<i>Total liabilities from financing activities</i>
Carrying amount at 31 December 2015	–	78,383,861	39,721,324	118,105,185
Proceeds from issue	17,815,044	77,618,450	–	95,433,494
Redemption	–	(53,479,054)	–	(53,479,054)
Foreign currency translation	175,875	193,843	4,518	374,236
Other	133,581	17,939	1,085,413	1,236,933
Carrying amount at 31 December 2016	18,124,500	102,735,039	40,811,255	161,670,794
Proceeds from issue	22,504,610	67,496,831	–	90,001,441
Redemption	–	(72,097,598)	–	(72,097,598)
Foreign currency translation	82,042	29,467	(4,111)	107,398
Other	221,443	(35,645)	112,624	298,422
Carrying amount at 31 December 2017	40,932,595	98,128,094	40,919,768	179,980,457

The “Other” line includes the effect of accrued but not yet paid interest on debt securities issued, other borrowed funds and subordinated loans. The Bank classifies interest paid as cash flows from operating activities.

40. Events after reporting period

On 14 February 2018 Asian Development Bank purchased in full additionally issued 16,291 shares of the Bank for AMD 14,426,665 thousand. As the result of the transaction the shareholding structure of the Bank changed as follows: Ameria Group (CY) (56.60%), EBRD (17.80%), ESPS Holding Limited (11.62%) and ADB (13.98%).