



Barclays Africa Group Limited

Annual consolidated and separate financial statements
for the reporting period ended 31 December 2017



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Barclays Africa Group Limited
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 Annual consolidated and separate financial statements for the reporting period ended 31 December 2017.
 These audited annual consolidated and separate financial statements (financial statements) were prepared by Barclays Africa Group Financial Reporting under the direction and supervision of the Group Financial Director, J P Quinn CA(SA).

Directors' approval

Statement of directors' responsibilities in relation to financial statements

The following statement, which should be read in conjunction with the auditors' responsibility statement set out on page 11, is made to distinguish, for the benefit of shareholders, the respective responsibilities of the directors and of the auditors in relation to the consolidated and separate financial statements of Barclays Africa Group Limited and its subsidiaries (the Group).

The directors are also responsible for overseeing the preparation, integrity and objectivity of the financial statements that fairly present the state of the affairs of the Barclays Africa Group Limited standalone (the Company) at the end of the reporting period and the net income and cash flows for the reporting period, and other information contained in this report.

To enable the directors to meet these responsibilities::

- All directors and senior management develop an environment whereby all directors and employees endeavour to maintain the highest ethical standards in ensuring the Group's business is conducted in a manner that, in all reasonable circumstances, is above reproach.
- The Board sets standards and management implements systems of internal control and accounting as well as information systems aimed at providing reasonable assurance that both on- and off-statements of financial position are safeguarded and the risk of error, fraud or loss is reduced in a cost-effective manner. These controls, contained in established policies and procedures, include the proper delegation of responsibilities and authorities within a clearly defined framework, effective accounting procedures and adequate segregation of duties.
- The Board and management identify all key areas of risk across the Group and endeavour to mitigate or minimise these risks by ensuring that appropriate infrastructure, controls, systems, and discipline are applied and managed within predetermined procedures and constraints.
- The Group's internal audit and compliance functions, which operate unimpeded and independently from operational management and have unrestricted access to the Group Audit and Compliance Committee (GACC), appraise, evaluate and, when necessary, recommend improvements to the systems of internal control, accounting and compliance practices, based on plans that, combined with the efforts of the Group's risk functions, take cognisance of the relative degrees of risk of each function or aspect of the business.
- The GACC, together with the external and internal auditors, plays an integral role in matters relating to financial and internal control, accounting policies, reporting and disclosure. The GACC is satisfied that the external auditors are independent.
- The Board approves the Enterprise Risk Management Framework (ERMF) through recommendation by the Group Risk Capital Management Committee (GRCMC).
- The Board, through the GACC which is assisted by the GRCMC in respect of risk matters, reviewed the compliance practices and procedures to enable the Board to discharge their regulatory responsibilities, by overseeing the plan and progress management makes in improving compliance in respect of Know Your Customer, Anti-Money Laundering and Sanctions requirements; and by considering that the Group's systems and processes appropriately reflect the current legal and regulatory environment, refer to note 54.
- The Group consistently adopts appropriate and recognised accounting policies and these are supported by reasonable and prudent judgements and estimates on a consistent basis.

Based on the above, and to the best of their knowledge and belief, the directors are satisfied that no material breakdown in the operation of the systems of internal control and procedures has occurred during the current reporting period.

The financial statements of the Group and the Company have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act and the Banks Act, Johannesburg Stock Exchange (JSE) listings requirements and the South African Institute of Chartered Accountants (SAICA) financial reporting guides, and comply with the requirements of International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS), and all applicable legislation.

Based on forecasts and available cash resources, the directors have no reason to believe that the Group and the Company will not be going concerns in the next reporting period. These financial statements have been prepared on this basis.

It is the responsibility of the independent joint external auditors to report on the financial statements. Their report to the shareholders of the Group and the Company is set out on page 6 to 11 of this report.

The directors' report on pages 12 to 15 and the annual financial statements of the Group and the Company were approved by the Board of directors and are signed on their behalf by:

W E Lucas-Bull

Group Chairman

M Ramos

Chief Executive Officer (CEO)

Johannesburg

28 February 2018

Group Audit and Compliance Committee report

The Group Audit and Compliance Committee (GACC) is pleased to submit this report in respect of the current reporting period to the shareholders of the Group. This report includes the requirements of section 94(7)(f) of the Companies Act, No. 71 of 2008 (as amended) (the Companies Act), the King IV Report on Corporate Governance for South Africa,TM 2016 (King IV) and other regulatory requirements.

The GACC serves as the audit committee for the Group. The separate audit committees of material subsidiaries are overseen by the GACC, to which all major issues are escalated. The GACC, together with the chairmen of these audit committees, reviews the control environment of material subsidiaries. The composition of the GACC and the terms of reference is set out in the governance summary of the Group's 2017 Integrated Report.

The members of the audit committee, as a whole, have the necessary financial literacy, skills and experience to execute their duties effectively and they are independent, non-executive members of the governing body. Further information on the membership and composition of the GACC, its terms of reference and its procedures, is set out in the corporate governance statement available on the Group's website.

Activities of the GACC

The GACC's duties include its statutory duties in terms of the Companies Act as well as additional duties assigned to it by the Group's board of directors in its terms of reference. During the current reporting period, the GACC undertook the following duties:

In respect of the external auditors and the external audit:

- Nominated KPMG Inc. (KPMG) and Ernst & Young Inc. (EY) as joint external auditors for the current reporting period;
- Ensured the appointment of the external auditors complied with the Companies Act, the JSE Listings Requirements and all other applicable legal and regulatory requirements;
- Reviewed, together with management, the external audit plan to address significant focus areas, which similarly receive focus by the GACC and which will be reported in the current financial statements, and specifically considered the external auditors' findings in this regard;
- Reviewed and approved the external audit plan, the budgeted fee for the current reporting period and the terms of engagement of the external auditors;
- Reviewed and assessed the quality of the external audit process, including receiving confirmation that there was no restriction on scope or access, and concluded that the process had been satisfactory;
- Reviewed the external auditors' reports and obtained assurances from the external auditors that adequate accounting records were maintained at all times;
- Ensured that adequate time was set aside for private discussions with the external auditors;
- Confirmed that the external auditors would attend and address queries at any general shareholders' meeting;
- Reviewed and approved the Group's policy on allowable non-audit services permitted to be provided by the external auditors;
- Approved proposed engagements, including proposed fees, with the external auditors for the provision of non-audit services taking into account the non-audit services policy. These engagements were evaluated by either the Committee Chairman or the Committee as a whole who, before confirming any approval, assured themselves that there was justifiable reason for engaging the auditor and that its independence and objectivity would not be threatened;
- Considered if any reportable irregularities were identified and reported by the external auditors in terms of the Auditing Profession Act, No. 26 of 2005, and determined that there were no such reportable irregularities;
- Reviewed the findings and recommendations of the external auditors and confirmed that no unresolved issues of concern exist between the Group and the external auditors in relation to the Group or any of its business units and subsidiaries;
- Following the appointment of KPMG as one of the Group's joint auditors for the reporting period ended 31 December 2017, the Committee ensured that KPMG obtained independence from the Group by 30 June 2016, enabling it to familiarise itself with the Group and receive a structured, formal handover from PwC. To ensure KPMG's independence, and to allow the Committee to assess whether any non-audit work could be conducted by KPMG during the reporting period, both in terms of type and scale, the Group exited all relationships or assignments that might have prevented KPMG obtaining independent status and has implemented procedures to manage the types of relationships and assignments that KPMG provides going forward. The independence of both EY and KPMG has been confirmed at the date of this report;
- In order to assure the quality of the audit, the GACC secured additional support, enhanced quality processes and quality reviews from KPMG South Africa and from KPMG International. The audit team has proven to be satisfactory in terms of their audit quality, and the level of technical expertise and challenge to management.

In respect of the financial statements and accounting practices:

- Confirmed the going-concern basis as appropriate for the preparation of the interim financial results and annual financial statements;
- Reviewed and recommended the interim financial results and annual financial statements, prior to submission to and approval by the Board and satisfied itself that they fairly present the consolidated financial position and comply, in all material respects, with the relevant provisions of the Companies Act, IFRS and Interpretations of IFRS, and the SAICA Reporting Guides;
- Reviewed and recommended for approval by the Board the reporting changes contained in the announcements released on the Stock Exchange News Services (SENS) on 23 February 2017 and 28 July 2017. The GACC satisfied itself that the changes disclosed in the annual financial statements and SENS result in fair presentation of the consolidated financial position as presented in the annual financial statements and comply, in all material respects, with the relevant provisions of the Companies Act, IFRS and interpretations of IFRS, and SAICA's Reporting Guides;
- Reviewed and recommended the interim and final dividend proposals for approval by the Board;
- Reviewed the solvency and liquidity tests undertaken for specific transactions, dividend declarations and financial assistance;
- Reviewed significant accounting and reporting issues, including complex or unusual transactions, sustainability of the control environment; significant judgmental areas, and recent professional and regulatory pronouncements, and ascertained their impact on the financial statements;

Group Audit and Compliance Committee report

Activities of the GACC *(continued)*

- Considered the accounting policies and practices and the controls of the Group to ensure the afore-mentioned are adhered to. The GACC is satisfied that they are appropriate and comply in all material respects with the relevant provisions of the Companies Act, IFRS and the Interpretations of IFRS;
- Reviewed the tax governance philosophy and assessed status;
- Reviewed significant matters which are not a normal part of the Group's business, but which are referred to the Committee by the Board or management;
- Considered the valuation of investments of the Group and Absa Bank Limited and recommended it to the Board for approval; and
- Reviewed the project plan and progress on the implementation of King IV.

In respect of internal control and internal audit:

- Reviewed and approved the updated Barclays Africa Group Limited Internal Audit charter, noting the changes to the purpose, authority and responsibility of Internal Audit;
- Reviewed the current reporting period's internal audit plan, including the adequacy of Internal Audit's (IA) skills, resources and budget;
- Reviewed the scope, nature and effectiveness of the work of IA and the performance of IA against its objectives and the internal audit charter, including receiving confirmation that there was no restriction on scope or access, and noted the completion of the current reporting period's internal audit plan;
- Reviewed reports from IA on trends in audit assessments, issues identified and emerging risks in the control environment;
- Regularly reviewed management's actions in remedying control deficiencies reported by IA;
- Considered a review by the external auditors, which concluded that there are adequate bases for external audit to place reliance on the work of IA as appropriate;
- Noted internal quality reviews by IA employees performed during the reporting period, which proved satisfactory IA performance. An independent review will be undertaken in 2018 in terms of International Internal Audit Standards;
- Considered a special report on the fraud risk management capability across the Group;
- IA continues to review the Group's systems of internal control and risk management on an ongoing basis. Based on the work performed as part of the approved audit plan for the current reporting period, IA confirmed that sound risk management and a robust framework of internal control is in place over financial, operational and compliance issues which supports the validity, accuracy and completeness of the financial information. Where areas of improvement were identified by IA, management has completed corrective actions, or is in the process of implementing corrections. Progress is tracked to completion by IA and it actively encourages completion of ongoing remediation initiatives and embedment of controls, and of the principles of the ERMF, to ensure that the improved control environment rating is not only maintained, but also strengthened;
- The principles and practices of King IV revolve around the role and responsibilities of BAGL's governance forums. Internal Audit have audited the processes followed to ensure that the Board and Board committees apply the King IV principles;
- Assessed the competency of the Chief Internal Auditor to be appropriate.

In respect of compliance, legal and regulatory requirements, to the extent they may have an impact on the financial results:

- Reviewed and approved the Group's compliance monitoring plan, compliance methodology and structure, the Group's compliance coverage plan and the Group's compliance charter;
- Reviewed compliance practices and procedures for enabling the directors of the Group to discharge their regulatory responsibilities;
- Recommended the Banks Act, No. 94 of 1990 (the Banks Act) section 64B(2)(e) statement as to the Directors' Affairs Committee for review, and to the Board for approval;
- Considered compliance with Regulation 40(4) of the Banks Act, including the annual review of material malfunction, and recommended this to the Board for approval;
- Reviewed and approved the regulatory compliance risk control framework and applicable compliance policies, which include the requirements for the Group to comply with applicable laws, rules, codes and standards;
- Satisfied itself that the functioning of Group Compliance is in line with relevant regulatory requirements, including without limitation, section 60A and regulation 49 of the Banks Act; Financial Advisory and Intermediary Services Act, No. 37 of 2002 (FAIS), section 17 and regulation 4, regulation 5 and Board Notice 126 and 127, Financial Intelligence Centre Act, No. 38 of 2001 (FICA), section 42 and King IV, Principle 6;
- Assessed the adequacy and effectiveness of Group Compliance's performance, including receiving confirmation that there was no restriction on scope or access;
- Ensured adequate time was set aside for discussions with the Chief Internal Auditor and Chief Compliance officer;
- Considered and reviewed the adequacy of the resources and budget available to Group Compliance;
- Ensured that procedures are in place for receiving and treating complaints in terms of the Companies Act and other applicable acts regarding accounting practices, the internal audit of the Group, the content or auditing of the Group's financial statements, the internal financial controls of the Group or any related matters (including internal, anonymous complaints from employees or any other person);

Group Audit and Compliance Committee report

Activities of the GACC *(continued)*

- Considered any significant compliance risk matters reported by Group Compliance and monitored progress in rectifying these matters;
- Ensured procedures are in place for receiving reports from internal lawyers (and, where relevant, external lawyers) relating to breaches of laws and regulations;
- Received confirmation that all significant control issues, are reported in a timely manner to the relevant the Group governance structures;
- Reviewed and monitored the Group's approach to, and compliance with, section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act (SOx);
- Reviewed the Group's Compliance report on the overall status of compliance in the Group and any significant breakdowns that could cause material loss or penalty; and
- Ensured that appropriate training is provided to the GACC and the Group's subsidiary audit committees.

In respect of risk management:

- Reviewed the reports identifying material control issues that required, or are subject to, remedial attention and which summarised the actions being taken to resolve these issues;
- Reviewed the Chief Risk Officer's report, including the key risk and combined assurance assessments, as well as the risk and control assessments;
- Reviewed the Chief Risk Officer's operational risk and control reports, considered progress and monitored remedial action for the control environment;
- Noted actions of Operational Risk in embedding the three lines of defence and in minimising operational losses, including fraud;
- Together with the GRMC, oversaw the plan and progress of management in improving compliance in respect of Know Your Customer and Anti-money Laundering requirements;
- The Group has established a platform for preventing and detecting fraud and other irregularities. The GACC has been part of reviewing the plans that management has in looking to safeguard the assets of the Group, especially the resilience of core infrastructure to protect against increasingly sophisticated cybercrime.

In respect of combined assurance:

- Oversight over the design, implementation and sustainability of the combined assurance model, including compliance with King IV;
- Review of the Group's combined assurance coverage plan and delivery thereof; and
- Oversight of assurance testing results, including Management's response to any control issues identified through testing.

In respect of IFRS 9 implementation:

- Assessment of the auditors' skills, knowledge and resources to address the key sources of complexity, judgement and uncertainty;
- Review of the IFRS 9 parallel run results in comparison with IAS 39 results;
- Review of the external audit plan for IFRS 9 models, controls, data, proxies, key estimations and judgements;
- Review of external audit findings on material models, data inputs and key policies in accordance with the external audit plan; and
- Evaluation of the neutrality, clarity and comprehensibility of disclosures.

In respect of external annual reporting:

- Reviewed stakeholder feedback on the Group's 2016 Integrated Report;
- Considered and approved the GACC report within the annual financial statements in compliance with the Companies Act;
- Considered and approved the proposal by management on the combined assurance approach for published, annual and external interim reports; and
- Through the Disclosure sub-Committee, reviewed and approved the Group's 2017 Integrated Report, taking into consideration factors and risks that may impact on the integrity of the integrated report, and recommend to the Board for approval and publication.

Regulatory and corporate governance requirements

In accordance with the provisions of the JSE Listings Requirements, the GACC:

- Completed the annual assessment of the suitability for re-appointment of the Group's current audit firms and designated individual partner including confirmation that appointed external auditors are duly accredited on the JSE's list of auditors; and
- Determined that the Group Financial Director, J P Quinn, has appropriate expertise and experience.

Pursuant to King IV, the GACC is satisfied that the composition, experience and skills set of the finance function are adequate to fulfil all financial, control and reporting requirements of the Group.

Group Audit and Compliance Committee report

Independence of the external auditors

The GACC is satisfied that KPMG and EY are independent of the Group. This conclusion was arrived at by taking, inter alia, the following factors into account:

- Representations from KPMG and EY confirming their independence and that nothing had taken place which would impair this at any time, including obtaining confirmation that no restrictions had been placed upon KPMG or EY that limited their scope or access;
- The auditors did not, except as external auditors or in providing permitted non-audit services, receive any other remuneration or benefit from the Group; the criteria for independence set by the Independent Regulatory Board for Auditors and international regulatory bodies were satisfied;
- The auditors' independence was not impaired by any consultancy, advisory or other work undertaken by the auditors;
- The auditors' independence was not prejudiced as a result of any previous appointment as auditor; and
- The GACC received a letter of confirmation from each of the joint external auditors to confirm that they meet all the requirements for independence and that the auditor's report thereon is included in the annual consolidated financial statements.

Conclusion

The GACC is satisfied that it has complied with all statutory duties and duties given to it by the Board under its terms of reference.

The GACC is satisfied that the financial and internal controls are adequate in all aspects and that no material breakdowns took place that resulted in material loss to the Group.

The GACC reviewed the Group and separate Company financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2017 and recommended them for approval to the board on 28 February 2018.

On behalf of the GACC

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Chairman of the GACC

Johannesburg

28 February 2018

Company Secretary's certificate to the shareholders of Barclays Africa Group Limited

In accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act, I certify that, in respect of the year ended 31 December 2017, the Company has lodged with the Commissioner of the Companies and Intellectual Property Commission, all returns and notices prescribed by the Act and that all such returns and notices are true, correct and up to date.

N R Drutman

Company Secretary

Johannesburg

28 February 2018

Independent auditors' report to the shareholders of Barclays Africa Group Limited

Report on the Audit of the Consolidated and Separate Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the consolidated and separate financial statements of Barclays Africa Group Limited (the group and company) set out on pages 16 to 215, which comprise the consolidated and separate statements of financial position as at 31 December 2017, and the consolidated and separate statements of comprehensive income, the consolidated and separate statements of changes in equity and the consolidated and separate statements of cash flows for the reporting period then ended, and notes to the consolidated and separate financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies, but excludes the sections marked as 'unaudited' in notes 51, 58, 63.1, 63.7 and Annexure A: Embedded value report for Life Insurance entities.

In our opinion, the consolidated and separate financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated and separate financial position of Barclays Africa Group Limited as at 31 December 2017, and its consolidated and separate financial performance and consolidated and separate cash flows for the reporting period then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards and the requirements of the Companies Act of South Africa.

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 Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated and Separate Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the group and company in accordance with the Independent Regulatory Board for Auditors Code of Professional Conduct for Registered Auditors (IRBA Code) and other independence requirements applicable to performing audits of financial statements in South Africa. We have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the IRBA Code and in accordance with other ethical requirements applicable to performing audits in South Africa. The IRBA Code is consistent with the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (Parts A and B). 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 judgement, were of most significance in our audit of the consolidated and separate financial statements of the current period. These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of the consolidated and separate financial statements as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters.

Independent auditors' report to the shareholders of Barclays Africa Group Limited

Level	Key audit matter	How our audit addressed the matter
Consolidated financial statements only	<p>Impairment of loans and advances to customers</p> <p>The disclosure associated with Retail Credit Risk and Wholesale Credit Risk is set out in the financial statements in the following notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note 1.2.1 – Approach to credit risk and impairment of loans and advances (page 25) • Note 9 – Impairment losses on loans and advances to customers (page 57) • Note 63.2 – Credit risk (page 142) 	
	<p>Impairment allowances represent management's best estimate of the losses incurred within the loans and advances portfolios at reporting date.</p> <p>The impairment allowances on loans and advances are significant in the context of the consolidated financial statements due to the estimation uncertainty inherent in the impairment allowances as well as the significant judgement required in determining the value of the impairment allowances. Furthermore, models used to determine credit impairments are complex with certain inputs not fully observable. Management applies impairment model adjustments to these outputs which can be highly subjective. The estimation uncertainty is heightened due to the ongoing volatility in the South African and the wider African economies.</p> <p>Due to the magnitude of the loans and advances balances and the extent of management's judgement inherent in the impairment allowances calculations, this has been identified as an area of most significance in the current year audit of the consolidated financial statements.</p>	<p>We considered the appropriateness of the accounting policies and assessed the loan impairment methodologies applied, and compared these to the requirements of IAS 39 Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement (IAS 39). We obtained an understanding of management's process over credit origination, credit monitoring and credit remediation and tested the relevant key controls identified within these processes.</p> <p>Where impairment allowances were calculated on a modelled basis we have performed the following audit procedures, in conjunction with the auditors' credit risk experts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessed the design and implementation of the models, including assessing the appropriateness of significant assumptions applied and the quality of the observable data used to derive model parameters in relation to our understanding of industry norms; • Evaluated the reasonableness and robustness of the impairment modelling methodology, applied by management to determine the probability of default and loss given default used to compute portfolio impairment allowances by processing management's data through our independent models with respect to certain portfolios; and • Assessed the appropriateness of management's additional adjustments in light of recent economic events and circumstances and other factors that might not yet be fully reflected in the modelled results by independently assessing the reasonability of assumptions and judgements made by management.
	<p>Retail portfolio</p> <p>A significant portion of the retail impairment is calculated on a portfolio basis. In calculating the impairment allowance on a portfolio basis, statistical models are used. The following inputs to these models require significant management judgement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The probability of default (PD); • The exposure at default (EAD); • The loss given default (LGD); and • The emergence periods (EP) between the occurrence of an impairment event and the recognition of an individual or collective impairment. 	<p>Retail portfolio</p> <p>Where impairment allowances were individually calculated we challenged the assumptions used by management with reference to current economic performance, assumptions most commonly used in the industry, scenario and sensitivity analysis, and comparison with external evidence or historical trends.</p>

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Level	Key audit matter	How our audit addressed the matter
	<p>Wholesale and Corporate Portfolio A significant proportion of Wholesale and Corporate loans and advances are assessed for recoverability on an individual basis. Significant judgements, estimates and assumptions have been applied by management to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Determine if the loan or advance is impaired; • Evaluate adequacy and recoverability of collateral; • Determine the expected cash flows to be collected; and • Estimate the timing of the future cash flows. 	<p>Wholesale and Corporate Portfolio Where specific impairments have been raised we considered the impairment indicators, uncertainties and assumptions applied by management. In addition we considered management's assessment of the recoverability of the exposure and supporting collateral with reference to current economic performance, assumptions most commonly used in the industry, and comparison with external evidence or historical trends.</p> <p>We challenged the valuation of impairment losses for a sample of loans and advances that had been incurred, including developing our own expectation of the amount of the impairment allowance. We inspected a sample of legal agreements and supporting documentation to confirm the existence and legal right to collateral. We assessed collateral valuation techniques applied against the Group policy and industry standards.</p> <p>We selected a sample of loans and advances for which no impairment indicators were identified and considered the appropriateness of the conclusions reached, including using external evidence to substantiate our views.</p>
<p>Consolidated and separate financial statements</p>	<p>Valuation of complex instruments The disclosure associated with the valuation of complex instruments is set out in the financial statements in the following notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note 1.2.3 – Fair value measurements (page 28) • Note 61 – Fair value disclosures (page 130) (consolidated financial statements) • Note 24 – Fair value disclosures (page 214) (separate financial statements) <p>Valuation of certain financial instruments (such as derivatives and investment securities) requires greater judgement and involves estimation to determine the appropriate valuation techniques to apply and to source relevant and reliable inputs.</p> <p>Fair value measurement of financial instruments significantly affects profit or loss and disclosures of financial risks in the financial statements. Fair value calculations, specifically level 3 financial instruments, are dependent on various sources of external and internal data and on sophisticated modelling techniques used to value financial instruments disclosed as Level 3 in the financial statements, which are evolving as markets become more sophisticated.</p> <p>Due to the magnitude of financial instruments carried at fair value and the significant judgements applied by management in determining the fair values, this has been identified as an area of most significance in the current year audit of the consolidated and separate financial statements.</p>	<p>We obtained an understanding of management's processes to identify that correct independent market inputs are used in the models and tested the relevant key controls in place to ensure the correct use of the independent market inputs in the models. Our audit risk, and transaction advisory experts applied their expertise to a sample of financial instruments and assessed the appropriateness of the valuation models used with reference to approaches commonly used in the industry.</p> <p>We assessed the judgements and estimates applied by management against our understanding of current market practice and conditions. We also obtained independently-sourced inputs where available, which were compared against the inputs used by management.</p> <p>Where valuation inputs are unobservable, we used our valuation experts to assess the reasonability of the valuation inputs based on supportable and comparable information and compared these to management's valuation inputs.</p> <p>We assessed key assumptions and modelling approaches in estimating credit value adjustments (CVA) and funding value adjustments (FVA) against current market practice.</p> <p>We evaluated gains or losses on significant settled deals to assess the calibration of mark-to-model values.</p>

Independent auditors' report to the shareholders of Barclays Africa Group Limited

Level	Key audit matter	How our audit addressed the matter
Consolidated financial statements only	<p>Valuation of policyholder liabilities under insurance contracts (insurance liabilities)</p> <p>The disclosure associated with valuation of insurance liabilities is set out in the financial statements in the following notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note 1.10 – Classification of insurance and investment contracts (page 42) • Note 24 – Policyholder liabilities under insurance contracts (page 67) 	
	<p>Uncertainty exists about the recognition and measurement of the liabilities arising from claims made under short-term and long-term insurance contracts.</p> <p>The valuation of insurance liabilities has been identified as an area of most significance in the current year audit of the consolidated financial statements due to valuation complexity, significant judgements applied by management and the significance of these balances to the consolidated financial statements.</p> <p>Specific areas of focus included the insurance reserving assumptions and methodologies used to determine the incurred but not yet reported claims (IBNR) and insurance policyholder liabilities in Wealth Investment Management and Insurance.</p> <p>Significant judgements, estimates and assumptions have been applied by management to determine:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The level of claims provision and provision for unexpired claims; • Assumptions around future mortality, morbidity, discontinuance rates, and reasonable expectations of benefits and guaranteed benefits and expenses; and • The rate applied to discount future profits. 	<p>We obtained an understanding of management's process over reconciliations that govern the valuation of the insurance liabilities and tested the relevant key controls in place over the process.</p> <p>Together with our actuarial experts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We evaluated the models and significant assumptions applied by management's actuaries in the valuation of the insurance liabilities against the results of our independent model output and assumptions; • We challenged the underlying assumptions applied by management's actuaries and the methodologies applied in deriving the value of insurance liabilities with reference to economic conditions and performance and other methodologies commonly used; and • We tested the valuation of selected insurance liabilities by comparing our own modelled results to management's assessment.
Consolidated financial statements only	<p>Complexity in application of hedge accounting</p> <p>The disclosure associated with hedge accounting applied is set out in the financial statements in the following notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note 1.7.12 – Hedge accounting (page 39) • Note 59.6 – 59.8 – Derivatives (page 124) 	
	<p>The Group is exposed to financial risks through its diverse product offerings and operations in multiple geographic locations. Hedge accounting is applied on certain portfolios to manage these financial risks.</p> <p>We regard this as an area of most significance in the current year audit of the consolidated financial statements due to the complexities associated with monitoring and application of hedge accounting.</p> <p>The valuation of underlying hedged items and hedging instruments, along with the calculation of hedge effectiveness and hedge reserve balances can involve complex quantitative models and significant judgement associated with assumptions and hedge accounting methodologies that increase the risk of potential error. Furthermore, the accounting treatment results in significant balances for the Group that arise as a result of the election to apply hedge accounting.</p>	<p>We considered the appropriateness and consistent application of the accounting policies and assessed the hedge accounting methodologies applied; and compared these to the requirements of IAS 39 Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement (IAS 39).</p> <p>We obtained an understanding of management's hedge accounting process and tested the relevant key controls in place over the process and the hedge accounting effectiveness models.</p> <p>We assessed the reasonability of the inputs and assumptions used in the hedging models by comparing these to external information and market data.</p> <p>Our treasury and risk experts applied their knowledge and experience to independently re-performing the modelled calculations on a sample basis and compared the results to management's results for the year.</p>

Independent auditors' report to the shareholders of Barclays Africa Group Limited

Level	Key audit matter	How our audit addressed the matter
Consolidated financial statements only	<p>Uncertain tax positions</p> <p>The disclosure associated with taxation is set out in the financial statements in the following notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note 1.2.8 – Process of determination, and use of estimates, assumptions and judgements-income taxes (page 34) • Note 16 – Deferred tax (page 63) • Note 40 – Indirect taxation (page 81) • Note 41 – Taxation expense (page 81) 	
	<p>As detailed within the process of determination, and use of estimates, assumptions and judgements note, management is required to apply significant judgement regarding the accounting for uncertain tax positions where tax authorities may have indicated disagreement with the Group's tax treatment.</p> <p>We regard this as an area of most significance in the current year audit of the consolidated financial statements given:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Group is subject to income taxes in numerous jurisdictions and the calculation of the Group's tax is subject to periodic challenges by tax authorities during the normal course of business including transaction- related taxes; and • Where an amount of tax payable is uncertain, the Group establishes provisions based on the Group's estimate of the probable amount of the recovery or liability which involves estimation uncertainty and judgement. 	<p>We focused our audit effort on identifying and understanding the nature of the uncertain tax positions and the key controls and governance process surrounding such positions.</p> <p>With the assistance of our tax experts, we assessed the nature and the extent of the tax exposures and the reasonableness of management's and their external expert's conclusions on whether exposures are probable, contingent or remote. Where exposures are assessed as probable, we evaluated the reasonableness of the amounts provided with respect to those exposures as well as assessed the probabilities of the uncertain tax position materialising with discussions and communications with the relevant tax authorities and external opinions received.</p> <p>We considered the appropriateness of the Group's tax disclosures regarding uncertain tax positions and tax-related notes 1.2.8, 16, 40 and 41 to the consolidated financial statements against the requirements of the relevant accounting standards.</p>

Other Information

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the Group Audit and Compliance Committee Report, the Company Secretary's certificate to the shareholders of Barclays Africa Group Limited, the Directors' Report, as required by the Companies Act of South Africa and the Directors' approval, the 'unaudited' sections in notes 51, 58, 63.1 and 63.7 and Annexure A: Embedded value reports of the Life Insurance entities, which we obtained prior to the date of this report, and the Integrated Report and supplementary fact sheets, which is expected to be made available to us after that date. Other information does not include the consolidated and separate financial statements and our auditors' report thereon.

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

In connection with our audit of the consolidated and separate financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the consolidated and separate financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work we have performed on the other information obtained prior to the date of this auditors' report, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Responsibilities of the Directors for the Consolidated and Separate Financial Statements

The directors are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the consolidated and separate financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards and the requirements of the Companies Act of South Africa, and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of consolidated and separate financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

Independent auditors' report to the shareholders of Barclays Africa Group Limited

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated and Separate Financial Statements

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

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

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

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

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

From the matters communicated with the directors, we determine those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the consolidated and separate 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.

Report on other legal and regulatory requirements

In terms of the IRBA Rule published in Government Gazette Number 39475 dated 4 December 2015, we report that Ernst & Young Inc. has been the joint auditor of Barclays Africa Group Limited for 25 years and that KPMG Inc. has been the joint auditor of Barclays Africa Group Limited for one year.

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Director: E van Rooyen CA(SA)
Registered Auditor

102 Rivonia Road
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28 February 2018

KPMG Inc.

Director: P Fourie CA(SA)
Registered Auditor

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Directors' report

General information and nature of activities

The Group, which has a primary listing on the JSE, is incorporated and domiciled in South Africa and provides retail, business, corporate, investment banking, financial services and wealth management products and services. The Group operates in 12 African countries and employs 41 703 people. The address of the registered office of the Group is the 7th Floor, Barclays Towers West, 15 Troye Street, Johannesburg, 2001.

The Group is one of South Africa's largest financial services organisations, serving retail, business and corporate customers and clients in Africa.

The Group has majority stakes in banks in Botswana, Ghana, Kenya, Mauritius, Mozambique, Seychelles, South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda and Zambia. There are also representative offices in Namibia and Nigeria as well as bancassurance operations in Botswana, Kenya, Mozambique, South Africa and Zambia.

The Group interacts with its customers and clients through a combination of physical and electronic channels, offering a comprehensive range of banking services (from basic products and services for the low-income personal market, to customised solutions for the commercial and corporate markets), financial services and wealth management products and services.

The consolidated and separate financial statements were approved for issue by the Board Finance Committee, a committee of the board, on 28 February 2018

The financial statements present the financial positions, results of operations and cash flows of the Group and the Company for the reporting period ended 31 December 2017.

Group Audit and Compliance Committee report

Refer to page 2.

Group results

Main business and operations

The Group recorded a decrease of 4,45% in headline earnings to **R14 313m** (2016: R14 980m) for the reporting period. Headline earnings per share (HEPS) decreased by 4% to **1 716,7 cents** (2016: 1 796,6 cents) and diluted HEPS by 4% to **1 716,5 cents** (2016: 1 796,4 cents). Refer to note 43 for the headline earnings note.

Some comparative segmental information contained in this set of financial statements has been restated due to business portfolio changes, refer to notes 1.21 and 58.1 for further details.

Headline earnings was derived from the following activities:

	Group	
	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
South Africa Banking	12 200	11 678
RBB South Africa	8 874	8 822
Retail Banking South Africa	6 546	6 524
Business Banking South Africa	2 328	2 298
CIB South Africa	3 326	2 856
Rest of Africa Banking	2 954	2 756
WIMI	1 156	1 258
Head Office, Treasury and other operations in South Africa	(752)	(712)
Barclays separation	(1 245)	—
Headline earnings (refer to note 43)	14 313	14 980

Note

¹ These numbers have been restated, refer to note 1.21 and 58.1.

Directors' report

Re-election of retiring directors

In line with international best practice, the Group has a requirement in terms of which all directors on the board for longer than nine years are subject to annual re-election by shareholders at the annual general meeting (AGM). Yolanda Cuba, M J (Mohamed) Husain and Trevor Munday will be required to retire in terms of the above arrangement.

In terms of the Company's Memorandum of Incorporation (MOI), one-third of the directors are required to retire at each AGM and may offer themselves for re-election.

Details of the members of the Board:

Name	Position as director	Current reporting period appointments and resignations
T Abdool-Samad	Independent non-executive director	Appointed 1 February 2018
C Beggs	Independent non-executive director	
P A Clackson (British)	Non-executive director	Resigned 30 April 2017
Y Z Cuba	Independent non-executive director	
A B Darko (Ghanaian)	Independent non-executive director	
M P Fandesio	Independent non-executive director	Appointed 1 September 2017
D J Hodge (British)	Non-executive director	Appointed 1 May 2017
D W P Hodnett	Deputy Chief Executive Officer	
M J Husain	Independent non-executive director	
W E Lucas-Bull	Independent non-executive director, Chairman	
P B Matlare	Deputy Chief Executive Officer	
M S Merson (British)	Independent non-executive director	
T S Munday	Lead Independent Director	
D Naidoo	Independent non-executive director	
P S O'Flaherty	Independent non-executive director	
F Okomo-Okello (Kenyan)	Independent non-executive director	
J P Quinn	Financial Director	
M Ramos	Chief Executive Officer	
A V Vaswani (Singaporean)	Non-executive director	Resigned 30 June 2017
R van Wyk	Independent non-executive director	Appointed 1 February 2017

Shareholder information

	2017		2016	
	Number of shares/notes	% holding	Number of shares/notes	% holding
Public and non-public shareholders				
Ordinary shares				
Public				
Barclays Bank PLC (UK)	126 145 303	14,88	424 723 090	50,10
Public Investment Corporation (SA)	55 635 169	6,56	58 125 786	6,86
Other	650 780 797	76,77	363 621 366	42,88
Non-public	15 189 410	1,79	1 280 437	0,16
Treasury shares ¹	14 912 864	1,76	1 075 595	0,13
Directors (refer to note 26,2)	276 546	0,03	204 842	0,03
Total	847 750 679	100	847 750 679	100
Additional Tier 1 Capital				
Public ²	1	100	—	—

Notes

¹ 1 712 984 shares held by Absa Life Limited (2016: 873 831); 1 110 723 (2016: 201 764) shares held in trust for shared-based payments; and 13 089 157 shares held by the Absa empowerment trust in pursuance of a future Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment structure.

² The Additional Tier 1 Capital notes represent perpetual, subordinated instruments redeemable in full at the option of Barclays Africa Group Limited (the issuer) on 12 September 2022 subject to regulatory approval. Interest is paid at the discretion of the issuer and is non-cumulative. In addition, if certain conditions are reached, the regulator may prohibit the issuer from making interest payments. Accordingly, the instruments are classified as equity instruments.

Directors' report

Directors' and officers' personal financial interests in contracts

Transactions with directors are entered into in the normal course of business under terms that are no more favourable than those arranged with third parties.

Executive directors are entitled to share awards, the details of which are included in note 66.

No other contracts were entered into in which directors and officers of the Company had a personal financial interest and which significantly affected the business of the Group. The directors had no interest in any third party or company responsible for managing any of the business activities of the Group.

Directors' and prescribed officers' emoluments

The emoluments and services of directors and prescribed officers are determined by the Group Remuneration Committee (Remco) as disclosed in note 66.

Subsidiaries, associates and joint ventures

The interests in subsidiaries, associates and joint ventures are set out in note 49 to the consolidated financial statements.

Acquisitions and disposals

Refer to notes 7, 12 and 57 for additional information on the acquisitions and disposals of businesses and other significant assets.

Acquisitions during the current reporting period

There were no acquisitions of businesses during the current reporting period.

Acquisitions during the prior reporting period

In order to continue building and shaping the Group's predictive underwriting products, expertise and technology, the Group acquired a 75% controlling stake in Absa Instant Life Proprietary Limited (Absa Instant Life), previously known as Instant Life Proprietary Limited. The investment had an effective acquisition date of 31 March 2016 and is a business combination within the scope of IFRS 3. The acquisition date fair value of the consideration transferred amounted to R100m.

The non-controlling interest was measured at the proportionate share of the acquiree's identifiable net assets. Goodwill of R20m has been recognised and includes, but is not limited to, the insurer's workforce and the increased market share gained.

From the date of acquisition, Absa Instant Life contributed revenue of R9m to the total income earned by the Group. If the combination had taken place at the beginning of the year, an additional R5m would have been generated by the Group, thereby resulting in a total income of R14m. From the date of acquisition, Absa Instant Life contributed losses after tax of R12m to total profits earned by the Group. If the combination had taken place at the beginning of the year, losses after tax of an additional R3m would have been incurred by the Group, thereby resulting in a total loss after tax of R15m.

Disposals during the current and prior reporting periods

Apart from non-current assets/liabilities held for sale disposed of (refer to note 7) there were no other disposals of businesses that were finalised during the current reporting period. The cash consideration received on disposals included in non-current assets/liabilities held for sale was R205m.

Barclays Separation

As part of the separation, Barclays PLC sold ordinary Barclays Africa Group Limited shares representing 12,2% and 33,7% of issued ordinary share capital in May 2016 and June 2017 respectively. Barclays PLC currently holds 126,2m ordinary Barclays Africa Group Limited shares representing 14,9% of issued ordinary shares. The remaining 85,1% of the shares are widely held on the JSE.

Barclays PLC contributed £765 million to the Group, primarily in recognition of the investments required for the Group to separate from Barclays PLC. This contribution will be invested primarily in rebranding, technology and separation-related projects and it is expected that it will neutralise the capital and cash flow impact of separation investments on the Group over time.

Barclays PLC contributed cash of R1 891m to be used in the furtherance of the Group's objective of establishing Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment structure. The cash was contributed to the independent Absa Empowerment Trust, whose subsidiary purchased 12 716 260 BAGL shares. In terms of the requirements of IFRS, these shares have been accounted for as treasury shares and eliminated against the Group's share capital.

CLS Group Holding AG shares were transferred to Barclays PLC for no consideration in 2005. During the current reporting period these shares were transferred back to the Group for a nominal consideration of one British Pound (GBP). The shares have been recognised at a fair value of R48m. The related credit has been recognised in equity as a shareholder contribution.

Directors' report

Dividends

- On 23 February 2017, a final dividend of 570 cents per ordinary share was announced to ordinary shareholders registered on 7 April 2017.
- On 28 July 2017, an interim dividend of 475 cents per ordinary share was announced to ordinary shareholders registered on 8 September 2017.
- On 28 February 2018, a final dividend of 595 cents per ordinary share was approved. The dividend was announced on 1 March 2018 to ordinary shareholders registered on 13 April 2018. This dividend is payable on 16 April 2018.

Special resolutions

The following special resolutions were passed by the Company's ordinary shareholders at the AGM held on 17 May 2017, in accordance with the Companies Act:

- **Special resolution number 1 – Remuneration of non-executive directors**

Resolved to approve the proposed remuneration to be payable to non-executive directors from 1 May 2017 to and including the last day of the month preceding the date of the next AGM thereafter.

- **Special resolution number 2 – General repurchases**

Resolved that the Company or any subsidiary of the Company may, subject to the Companies Act, the Company's MOI, the JSE listings requirements and any other stock exchange upon which the securities in the capital of the Company may be quoted or listed from time to time, repurchase ordinary shares issued by the Company, provided that this authority shall be valid only until the date of the next AGM of the Company or for 15 months from the date of the resolution, whichever is the earlier, and may be varied by a special resolution at any general meeting of the Company at any time prior to the AGM.

- **Special resolution number 3 – Financial assistance to a related or inter-related company/corporation**

Resolved to enable the Company, in terms of a general authority contemplated in section 45(3)(a)(ii) of the Companies Act, for a period of two years from the date of this resolution, to provide direct or indirect financial assistance as regulated by section 45 of the Companies Act to a related or inter-related company/corporation and/or to a member of a related or inter-related company/corporation.

Company Secretary

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Auditors

EY and KPMG were appointed as auditors of the Group for the 2017 reporting period, effective 1 January 2017. E van Rooyen (EY) and P Fourie (KPMG) are the individual registered auditors that have undertaken the audit.

Authorised and issued share capital

Authorised

The authorised share capital of the Company of **R1 760 935 000** (2016: R1 760 935 000) consists of **880 467 500** (2016: 880 467 500) ordinary shares of R2,00 each.

Issued

The total issued share capital at the reporting date was made up as follows:

847 750 679 (2016: 847 750 679) ordinary shares of R2,00 each.

No preference shares are currently in issue by the Company.

Consolidated statement of financial position

as at 31 December

		Group	
	Note	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
Assets			
Cash, cash balances and balances with central banks	2	48 669	50 006
Investment securities	3	111 409	114 315
Loans and advances to banks	4	55 426	49 789
Trading portfolio assets	5	132 183	96 236
Hedging portfolio assets	5	2 673	1 745
Other assets	6	20 960	25 542
Current tax assets		314	894
Non-current assets held for sale	7	1 308	823
Loans and advances to customers	8,9	749 772	720 309
Reinsurance assets	10	892	985
Investments linked to investment contracts	11	18 936	18 816
Investments in associates and joint ventures	12	1 235	1 065
Investment properties	13	231	478
Property and equipment	14	15 303	14 643
Goodwill and intangible assets	15	5 377	4 049
Deferred tax assets	16	1 291	1 328
Total assets		1 165 979	1 101 023
Liabilities			
Deposits from banks	17	67 390	53 192
Trading portfolio liabilities	18	64 047	47 429
Hedging portfolio liabilities	18	1 123	2 064
Other liabilities	19	31 744	27 696
Provisions	20	3 041	3 005
Current tax liabilities		57	244
Non-current liabilities held for sale	7	48	9
Deposits due to customers	21	689 867	674 865
Debt securities in issue	22	137 948	139 714
Liabilities under investment contracts	23	30 585	29 198
Policyholder liabilities under insurance contracts	24	4 617	4 469
Borrowed funds	25	15 895	15 673
Deferred tax liabilities	16	557	1 185
Total liabilities		1 046 919	998 743
Equity			
Capital and reserves			
Attributable to ordinary equity holders:			
Share capital	26	1 666	1 693
Share premium	26	10 498	4 467
Retained earnings		91 882	81 604
Other reserves	27	4 370	5 293
		108 416	93 057
Non-controlling interest – ordinary shares		4 500	4 579
Non-controlling interest – preference shares	28.1	4 644	—
Non-controlling interest – Additional Tier 1 Capital	28.2	1 500	4 644
Total equity		119 060	102 280
Total liabilities and equity		1 165 979	1 101 023

Consolidated statement of comprehensive income

for the reporting period ended 31 December

	Note	Group	
		2017 Rm	2016 Rm
Net interest income		42 644	42 003
Interest and similar income	29	85 929	85 114
Interest expense and similar charges	30	(43 285)	(43 111)
Non-interest income		30 661	30 391
Net fee and commission income		21 711	20 723
Fee and commission income	31	24 724	23 972
Fee and commission expense	31	(3 013)	(3 249)
Net insurance premium income	32	6 598	6 986
Net claims and benefits incurred on insurance contracts	33	(3 334)	(3 691)
Changes in investment and insurance contract liabilities	34	(2 113)	(493)
Gains and losses from banking and trading activities	35	5 246	5 691
Gains and losses from investment activities	36	1 905	51
Other operating income	37	648	1 124
Total income		73 305	72 394
Impairment losses on loans and advances	9.1	(7 022)	(8 751)
Operating income before operating expenditure		66 283	63 643
Operating expenditure	38	(43 304)	(39 956)
Other expenses		(2 270)	(2 120)
Other impairments	39	(648)	(690)
Indirect taxation	40	(1 622)	(1 430)
Share of post-tax results of associates and joint ventures	12.1	170	115
Operating profit before income tax		20 879	21 682
Taxation expense	41	(5 857)	(5 835)
Profit for the reporting period		15 022	15 847
Profit attributable to:			
Ordinary equity holders		13 823	14 708
Non-controlling interest – ordinary shares		789	788
Non-controlling interest – preference shares		362	351
Non-controlling interest – Additional Tier 1 Capital		48	—
		15 022	15 847
Earnings per share:			
Basic earnings per share (cents)	42.1	1 657,8	1 764,0
Diluted earnings per share (cents)	42.2	1 657,6	1 763,8

Consolidated statement of comprehensive income

for the reporting period ended 31 December

	Note	Group	
		2017 Rm	2016 Rm
Profit for the reporting period		15 022	15 847
Other comprehensive income			
Items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss		(179)	(220)
Fair value losses arising from changes in own credit risk on liabilities measured at fair value through profit or loss		(147)	—
Movement in retirement benefit fund assets and liabilities		(32)	(220)
Decrease in retirement benefit surplus	44	(91)	(120)
Decrease/(increase) in retirement benefit deficit	44	45	(141)
Deferred tax	16	14	41
Items that are or may be subsequently reclassified to profit or loss		(1 327)	(2 942)
Movement in foreign currency translation reserve		(2 219)	(4 529)
Differences in translation of foreign operations		(2 271)	(4 209)
Release to profit or loss		52	(320)
Movement in cash flow hedging reserve		794	1 726
Fair value gains		1 465	2 721
Amount removed from other comprehensive income and recognised in profit or loss		(365)	(321)
Deferred tax	16	(306)	(674)
Movement in available-for-sale reserve		98	(139)
Fair value gains/(losses)		154	(197)
Released to profit or loss	35	67	(3)
Deferred tax	16	(123)	61
Total comprehensive income for the reporting period		13 516	12 685
Total comprehensive income attributable to:			
Ordinary equity holders		12 590	11 931
Non-controlling interest – ordinary shares		516	403
Non-controlling interest – preference shares		362	351
Non-controlling interest – Additional Tier 1 Capital		48	—
		13 516	12 685

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Consolidated statement of changes in equity

for the reporting period ended 31 December

	Number of ordinary shares '000	Share capital Rm	Share premium Rm	Retained earnings Rm	Total other reserves Rm	General credit risk reserve Rm
Balance at the beginning of the reporting period	846 675	1 693	4 467	81 604	5 293	757
Total comprehensive income	—	—	—	13 650	(1 060)	—
Profit for the period	—	—	—	13 823	—	—
Other comprehensive income	—	—	—	(173)	(1 060)	—
Dividends paid during the reporting period	—	—	—	(8 821)	—	—
Distributions paid during the reporting period	—	—	—	—	—	—
Issuance of Additional Tier 1 Capital	—	—	—	—	—	—
Purchase of Group shares in respect of equity-settled share-based payment arrangements	—	—	(741)	12	—	—
Elimination of movement in treasury shares held by Group entities	(13 837)	(27)	(2 385)	—	—	—
Movement in share-based payment reserve	—	—	742	—	(55)	—
Transfer from share-based payment reserve	—	—	742	—	(742)	—
Value of employee services	—	—	—	—	655	—
Deferred tax	—	—	—	—	32	—
Movement in general credit risk reserve	—	—	—	(22)	22	22
Share of post-tax results of associates and joint ventures	—	—	—	(170)	170	—
Disposal of non-controlling interest ¹	—	—	—	—	—	—
Barclays separation ²	—	—	8 415	3 690	—	—
Barclays Separation – Empowerment Trust ³	—	—	—	1 891	—	—
Shareholder contribution – fair value of investment ⁴	—	—	—	48	—	—
Balance at the end of the reporting period	832 838	1 666	10 498	91 882	4 370	779
Note	26	26	26			27

Notes

¹ The Group disposed of its controlling stake in a non-core subsidiary which was classified as held for sale.

² As part of the divestment, Barclays PLC contributed R12,1bn in recognition of the investments required for the Group to separate from Barclays PLC. The contribution meets the definition of a transaction with a shareholder and was recognised in equity on the date that the Group became entitled to the contribution.

³ As part of the separation, Barclays PLC contributed cash of R1 981m to the independent Absa Empowerment Trust to allow for its subsidiary to purchase 12 716 260 BAGL shares (1,5%) in the furtherance of the Group's objective of establishing a Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment structure. In terms of IFRS, these shares have been accounted for as treasury shares and eliminated against the Group's share capital. Refer to note 26.

⁴ CLS Group Holding AG shares were transferred to Barclays PLC for no consideration in 2005. During the current reporting period these shares were transferred back to the Group for a nominal consideration of one British Pound Sterling (GBP). The shares have been recognised at a fair value of R48m. The related credit has been recognised in equity as a shareholder contribution

Consolidated statement of changes in equity

for the reporting period ended 31 December

Group											
2017											
Available-for-sale reserve	Cash flow hedging reserve	Foreign currency translation reserve	Foreign insurance subsidiary regulatory reserve	Share-based payment reserve	Associates' and joint ventures' reserve	Capital and reserves attributable to ordinary equity holders	Non-controlling interest – ordinary shares	Non-controlling interest – preference shares	Non-controlling interest – Additional Tier 1 Capital	Total equity	
Rm	Rm	Rm	Rm	Rm	Rm	Rm	Rm	Rm	Rm	Rm	Rm
377	(144)	2 353	6	892	1 052	93 057	4 579	4 644	—	102 280	
68	794	(1 922)	—	—	—	12 590	516	362	48	13 516	
—	—	—	—	—	—	13 823	789	362	48	15 022	
68	794	(1 922)	—	—	—	(1 233)	(273)	—	—	(1 506)	
—	—	—	—	—	—	(8 821)	(567)	(362)	—	(9 750)	
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(48)	(48)	
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1 500	1 500	
—	—	—	—	—	—	(729)	—	—	—	(729)	
—	—	—	—	—	—	(2 412)	—	—	—	(2 412)	
—	—	—	—	(55)	—	687	(4)	—	—	683	
—	—	—	—	(742)	—	—	—	—	—	—	
—	—	—	—	655	—	655	(4)	—	—	651	
—	—	—	—	32	—	32	—	—	—	32	
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
—	—	—	—	—	170	—	—	—	—	—	
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(24)	—	—	(24)	
—	—	—	—	—	—	12 105	—	—	—	12 105	
—	—	—	—	—	—	1 891	—	—	—	1 891	
—	—	—	—	—	—	48	—	—	—	48	
445	650	431	6	837	1 222	108 416	4 500	4 644	1 500	119 060	
27	27	27	27	27	27			28.1	28.2		

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	Number of ordinary shares '000	Share capital Rm	Share premium Rm	Retained earnings Rm	Total other reserves Rm
Balance at the beginning of the reporting period	845 725	1 691	4 250	75 785	7 566
Total comprehensive income	—	—	—	14 496	(2 565)
Profit for the period	—	—	—	14 708	—
Other comprehensive income	—	—	—	(212)	(2 565)
Dividends paid	—	—	—	(8 536)	—
Purchase of Group shares in respect of equity-settled share-based payment arrangements	—	—	(409)	(12)	—
Elimination of movement in treasury shares held by Group entities	950	2	151	—	—
Movement in share-based payment reserve	—	—	409	—	163
Transfer from share-based payment reserve	—	—	409	—	(409)
Value of employee services	—	—	—	—	495
Conversion from cash-settled schemes	—	—	—	—	37
Deferred tax	—	—	—	—	40
Movement in general credit risk reserve	—	—	—	(30)	30
Movement in foreign insurance subsidiary regulatory reserve	—	—	—	16	(16)
Share of post-tax results of associates and joint ventures	—	—	—	(115)	115
Acquisition of subsidiaries ^{1,2}	—	—	66	—	—
Balance at the end of the reporting period	846 675	1 693	4 467	81 604	5 293
Note	26	26	26		

Notes

¹ The excess of the purchase price over the Group's share of net assets of Barclays Africa Limited, acquired on 31 July 2013, was accounted for as a deduction against share premium. The sale and purchase agreement between the Group and Barclays Bank Plc allowed for the purchase price to be adjusted for certain items and in June 2016 an agreement was reached on the final purchase price adjustment. As a result Barclays Bank Plc paid R66m to the Group, which was recognised in equity, in line with the accounting of the original transaction.

² During the previous reporting period the Group acquired a 75% controlling stake in Absa Instant Life (Pty) Ltd which resulted in a R25m increase in non-controlling interest

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	General credit risk reserve Rm	Available-for-sale reserve Rm	Cash flow hedging reserve Rm	Foreign currency translation reserve Rm	Foreign insurance subsidiary regulatory reserve Rm	Share-based payment reserve Rm	Associates' and joint ventures' reserve Rm	Capital and reserves attributable to ordinary equity holders Rm	Non-controlling interest – ordinary shares Rm	Non-controlling interest – preference shares Rm	Total equity Rm
	727	560	(1 870)	6 461	22	729	937	89 292	4 711	4 644	98 647
	—	(183)	1 726	(4 108)	—	—	—	11 931	403	351	12 685
	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	14 708	788	351	15 847
	—	(183)	1 726	(4 108)	—	—	—	(2 777)	(385)	—	(3 162)
	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(8 536)	(562)	(351)	(9 449)
	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(421)	—	—	(421)
	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	153	—	—	153
	—	—	—	—	—	163	—	572	2	—	574
	—	—	—	—	—	(409)	—	—	—	—	—
	—	—	—	—	—	495	—	495	2	—	497
	—	—	—	—	—	37	—	37	—	—	37
	—	—	—	—	—	40	—	40	—	—	40
	30	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	—	—	—	—	(16)	—	—	—	—	—	—
	—	—	—	—	—	—	115	—	—	—	—
	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	66	25	—	91
	757	377	(144)	2 353	6	892	1 052	93 057	4 579	4 644	102 280
	27	27	27	27	27	27	27			28.1	

Consolidated statement of cash flows

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	Note	Group	
		2017 Rm	2016 Rm
Cash flow from operating activities			
Interest received		82 688	85 093
Interest paid		(41 604)	(42 326)
Fees and commission received		24 724	23 972
Fees and commission paid		(3 013)	(3 249)
Insurance premiums and claims		1 153	2 731
Net trading and other expenses		(3 036)	(2 620)
Cash payments to employees and suppliers		(40 990)	(37 409)
Dividends received from banking and trading activities		149	56
Income taxes paid		(6 371)	(6 012)
Cash flow from operating activities before changes in operating assets and liabilities		13 700	20 236
Net (increase)/decrease in trading and hedging portfolio assets		(28 457)	49 876
Net (increase) in loans and advances to customers		(40 191)	(37 184)
Net (increase)/decrease in other assets		(3 977)	20 804
Net decrease/(increase) in insurance and investment securities		104	(13 019)
Net increase in trading and hedging portfolio liabilities		15 748	5 005
Net increase/(decrease) in insurance and investment contracts		1 550	(45 382)
Net increase/(decrease) in amounts due to customers and banks		37 858	(8 092)
Net increase in other liabilities		3 131	14 718
Net cash (utilised in)/generated from operating activities		(534)	6 962
Cash flow from investing activities			
Proceeds from disposal of non-current assets held for sale		1 146	173
Net increase in investments linked to investment contracts		695	160
Dividends received from investments in associates and joint ventures		—	15
Dividends received from investments linked to investment contracts		398	313
Acquisition of associates and joint ventures, net of cash		—	(7)
Purchase of investment properties	13	(1)	(28)
Proceeds from disposal of investment properties		265	83
Purchase of property and equipment	14	(3 263)	(4 116)
Proceeds from disposal of property and equipment		598	749
Purchase of intangible assets	15	(2 630)	(1 515)
Proceeds from disposal of intangible assets	15	158	6
Acquisition and disposal of businesses and other similar transactions, net of cash		—	(34)
Net cash utilised in investing activities		(2 634)	(4 201)
Cash flow from financing activities			
Purchase of own shares		(521)	153
Purchase of Group shares in respect of equity-settled share-based payment schemes		(729)	(421)
Issue of Additional Tier 1 Capital		1 500	—
Barclays PLC contribution		12 105	—
Proceeds from borrowed funds		2 841	2 381
Repayment of borrowed funds		(2 805)	—
Distributions paid to Tier 1 Capital holders		(48)	(173)
Dividends paid		(9 750)	(9 449)
Net cash generated from/(utilised in) financing activities		2 593	(7 509)
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents		(575)	(4 748)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		17 734	21 366
Effect of foreign exchange rate movements on cash and cash equivalents		161	1 116
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period	55	17 320	17 734

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1. Summary of significant accounting policies

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these consolidated financial statements are set out below. These policies comply with IFRS, interpretations issued by the IFRS Interpretations Committee (IFRS-IC), the SAICA Financial Reporting Guides as issued by the Accounting Practices Committee and Financial Reporting Pronouncements as issued by Financial Reporting Standards Council, the JSE Listings Requirements and the requirements of the Companies Act.

Refer to note 1.22 for new standards and interpretations not yet adopted.

Standards, amendments to standards and circulars adopted for the first time for the current reporting period

Own credit requirements of IFRS 9 Financial Instruments (IFRS 9)

On 1 January 2017 the Group early adopted the requirement to present in other comprehensive income the effects of changes in the fair value, which relate to own credit of financial liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss. The impact of this change has been detailed in the Statement of comprehensive income and has no impact on opening reserves/retained earnings. Comparatives have not been restated.

Disclosure Initiative (Amendments to IAS 7 Statement of Cash Flows (IAS 7))

The amendments require additional disclosures regarding changes in an entity's liabilities from financing activities, including both cash and non-cash changes.

The amendments resulted in additional disclosures being presented by the Group.

Recognition of deferred tax assets for unrealised tax losses (Amendments to IAS 12 Income Taxes (IAS 12))

The amendments clarify the accounting for deferred tax assets relating to unrealised losses on debt instruments measured at fair value, provide guidance on the estimation of future tax profits from the sale of assets for more than their carrying values, and clarify that the assessment of deductible temporary differences is performed separately per type of tax loss.

The amendments have no significant impact on the Group as the Group currently accounts for taxation in the manner envisaged by these amendments.

Annual improvements (2014-2016 Cycle)

These consist of non-urgent but necessary clarifications and amendments to the following standards of IFRS:

- ▶ IFRS 12 Disclosure of Interests in Other Entities

The clarification did not have a significant impact on the financial statements of the Group as disclosures are already provided in terms of these requirements.

1.1 Basis of presentation

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of the consolidated and separate financial statements are set out as follows. These policies have been consistently applied. The consolidated and separate financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention modified to include the fair valuation of investment property and particular financial instruments to the extent required or permitted under IFRS as set out in the relevant accounting policies. They are stated in millions of Rand (Rm), the presentation and functional currency of the Group.

1.2 Process of determination, and use of estimates, assumptions and judgements

A description of the accounting estimates and judgements that were critical to preparing specific financial statement items as well as the processes employed to do so, are set out as follows:

1.2.1 Approach to credit risk and impairment of loans and advances

The Group has an established governance process with respect to its approach to credit risk management and any resultant impairment of loans and advances. The governance process includes the existence of the BAGL Models Committee (MC) (a board committee), Retail and Business Bank Models Forum (RBBMF) and the Corporate and Investment Bank Models Committee (CIBMC) whose remit includes:

- the development, implementation and evaluation of risk and impairment models;
- periodic assessment (at least annually) of the accuracy of the models against actual results; and
- approval of new models or changes to models, in line with the model validation framework.

The aforementioned committees also approve post model adjustments applied to models. Retail impairment allowances are subject to quarterly impairment adequacy reviews and approval by the Retail Impairment Adequacy Forum. Wholesale impairment allowances are subject to monthly impairment adequacy reviews and approval by the Wholesale Impairment Governance Forum.

The consideration of credit risk is a fundamental process for the Group as it ultimately determines impairment losses. This section describes the process and assumptions used in estimating impairment allowances.

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1. Summary of significant accounting policies *(continued)*

1.2 *Process of determination, and use of estimates, assumptions and judgements (continued)*

Approach to credit modelling/internal ratings

The principal objective of credit measurement is to produce the most accurate possible quantitative assessment of credit risk to which the Group is exposed from the level of individual facilities up to the total portfolio level. Integral to this is the calculation of internal credit parameters that are used for credit risk management purposes and in the calculation of regulatory capital (RC), economic capital (EC) and impairment requirements. The key credit parameters used in this process are:

- probability of default (PD);
- exposure at default (EAD); and
- loss given default (LGD).

PD represents the likelihood of a customer defaulting on its obligations within the next 12 months.

EAD is an estimate of the level of credit exposure should the customer default during the next 12 months.

LGD represents an estimate of the percentage of EAD that will not be recovered on a particular credit facility should the customer default during the next 12 months. LGD recognises credit risk mitigation, such as collateral, guarantees or credit derivatives.

Internal and vendor-supplied credit models are used to estimate the key credit parameters of PD, LGD and EAD. The Bank uses different modeling methodologies, ranging from pure statistical models and cash flow models to expert-based models, taking into account quantitative and qualitative risk drivers. PD, LGD and EAD estimates can be calculated to represent different views of the credit cycle, which are used in different applications. For example, PD estimates can be calculated on a through-the-cycle (TTC) basis, reflecting the predicted default frequency in an average 12-month period across the credit cycle, or on a point-in-time (PIT) basis, reflecting the predicted default frequency in the next 12 months. EAD and LGD estimates can be calculated as downturn measures, reflecting behaviour observed under stressed economic conditions, or as business-as-usual measures, reflecting behaviour under normal conditions.

These parameters are used for the following credit risk management purposes:

- Credit approval: PD models are used in the approval process in both retail and wholesale portfolios. In high-volume retail portfolios, application and behaviour scorecards are frequently used as decision-making tools. In wholesale and certain retail portfolios, PD models are used to direct applications to an appropriate credit sanctioning level.
- Risk-reward and pricing: PD, EAD and LGD metrics are used to assess the profitability of deals and portfolios and to allow for risk-adjusted pricing and strategy decisions.
- Risk appetite: Regulatory Capital, Economic Capital and earnings volatility measures are used in the Group's risk appetite framework.
- Economic Capital calculations: Credit Economic Capital calculations use PD, LGD and EAD inputs.
- Risk profile reporting: Credit risk reports for senior management make use of model outputs to describe the Group's credit risk profile.

Impairment calculation: under IAS 39, many of the collective impairment estimates incorporate the use of the Group's PD and LGD models, adjusted as necessary.

Retail portfolio

Ratings assigned across each retail portfolio are based on automated application and behavioural scoring systems. The underlying rating is calculated at point of application and updated monthly thereafter. The rating is used in decisions concerning underwriting and account management, and is used to calculate Regulatory Capital, Economic Capital and impairments. The methodology and data employed in the risk estimation and the rating processes can be summarised as follows:

- Internal risk estimates of PD, EAD and LGD are grounded in historical experience and is reliant on historical data.
- PDs are assigned at account level. Through the cycle as well as point in time PD estimates are calculated and used for different purposes. Point in time PD estimates are used for impairment purposes, while through the cycle estimates are used for capital calculations.
- EADs are assigned at account level and is based on the EAD pool to which the account has been assigned. EAD estimates incorporate all relevant data and information including account balances as well as utilised and unutilised limits, if present.
- LGD are assigned at account level and is based on the LGD pool to which the account has been assigned. Relevant historical data used in LGD estimates include observed exposure at the point of default, recovery strategies, cure and write-off rates. The models make use of risk drivers such as loan-to-value (LTV) and attributes that describe the underlying asset.

Wholesale portfolio

The wholesale rating process relies both on internally developed PD, EAD and LGD rating models and vendor provided solutions. The wholesale rating process relies on quantitative and qualitative assessments that could be manual or automated. The methodology and data employed in the risk estimation and the rating processes can be summarised as follows:

- PD ratings are assigned on a customer level. Information used in the calculation of customer PD ratings includes financial statements, projected cash flows; equity price information; behavioural information (typically used in the SME segment); and qualitative assessments on strength of support, management, operating environment, industry, etc.
- LGD estimates depend on the key drivers of recovery such as collateral value, seniority and costs involved as part of the recovery process. LGD models are based on internal and external loss data and the judgement of credit experts.
- EAD models aim to replicate the expected utilisation of a customer's facility should a default occur. EADs are assigned for each facility using models incorporating internal and external default data as well as the experience of credit experts in relation to particular products or customer groups.

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1. Summary of significant accounting policies *(continued)*

1.2 *Process of determination, and use of estimates, assumptions and judgements (continued)*

Validation of models

Models undergo independent validation when new models have been developed (initial validation) and on an annual basis (ongoing validation). Retail models are approved by the Retail and Business Bank Chief Risk Officer (RBB CRO) supported by the RBBMF. Wholesale models are approved by the Chief Credit Risk Officer (CCO) supported by the CIBMC. The most material models require approval by the BAGL MC. In addition, a process is in place to perform post model adjustments as needed or when management applies its discretion.

Default grades

The Group uses two types of PDs, namely:

- TTC PD, which reflects the Group's assessment of the borrower's long-run average propensity to default in the next year; and
- PIT PD, which reflects current economic, industry and borrower circumstances.

Both types of PDs are used extensively in the Group's decision-making processes. For communication and comparison purposes, the Group's 21 default grades (DGs), were mapped to external agency rating equivalents as well as the South African Reserve Bank's (SARB) 26 grade PD scale used for regulatory reporting purposes.

DG grading represents a TTC view of the distribution of the book at a specific point in time. The indicative mapping of the DG buckets to the equivalent international rating agency and regulatory PD bands are described below:

- DG 1 – 9: assets falling within these DG buckets are regarded as 'investment grade' and, when converted to a rating agency equivalent, correspond to a BBB- rating and better.
- DG 10 – 19: financial assets in these grades typically require more detailed management attention where clear evidence of financial deterioration or weakness exists. Assets in this category, although currently protected, are potentially weaker credits. These assets contain some credit deficiencies. When converted to a rating agency equivalent, these ratings correspond to a BB+ to B- rating.
- DG 20 – 21: the PD of financial assets in these grades have deteriorated to such an extent that they are included for regular review. Assets so classified must have well defined weaknesses that exacerbate the PD. These assets are characterised by the distinct possibility that the borrower will default, and should the collateral pledged be insufficient to cover the asset, the Group will sustain some loss when default occurs.

Approach to impairment of loans and advances

- The Group's accounting policy for losses arising from the impairment of loans and advances is described in note 1.7.6. Loan impairment allowances represent management's best estimate of losses incurred in the loan portfolios at the reporting date.

For the purpose of a collective evaluation of impairment, financial assets are allocated to groups, based on similar risk characteristics such as asset type, industry, geographical location, collateral type, past due status and other relevant factors. These characteristics are relevant to the estimation of future cash flows for such groups of assets, being indicative of the counterparty's ability to pay amounts due under the contractual terms of the assets.

The Group uses two alternative methods to calculate collective impairment allowances on homogenous groups of loans that are not considered individually significant:

- When appropriate empirical information is available, the Group uses a roll-rate methodology. This methodology employs statistical analysis of historical data and experience of delinquency and default to estimate the likelihood that loans will progress through the various stages of delinquency and ultimately prove irrecoverable. The estimated loss is the difference between the present value of expected future cash flows discounted at the original effective interest rate of the portfolio, and the carrying amount of the portfolio.
- In other cases, when the portfolio size is small or when information is insufficient or not reliable enough to adopt a roll-rate methodology, the Group adopts a formulaic approach which allocates progressively higher percentage loss rates the longer a customer's loan is overdue. Loss rates are based on historical experience and are supplemented by management judgement.

Both methodologies are subject to estimation uncertainty, in part because it is not practicable to identify losses on an individual loan basis because of the large number of individually insignificant loans in the portfolio.

An emergence period concept is applied to ensure that only impairments that exist at the reporting date are captured. The emergence period is defined as the time lapse between the occurrence of a trigger event (unidentified impairment) and the impairment being identified at an individual account level (identified impairment). The emergence periods, based on actual experience, vary across businesses and are reviewed annually. The PD for each exposure class is based on historical default experience, scaled for the emergence period relevant to the exposure class. This PD is then applied to all exposures in respect of which no identified impairments have been recognised.

The impairment allowance also takes into account the expected severity of loss at default, or the LGD, which is the amount outstanding that is written off and is therefore not recoverable. Recovery varies by product and depends, for example, on the level of security held in relation to each loan as well as the Group's position relative to other claimants. Two key aspects in the cash flow calculation are the valuation of all security and the timing of all asset realisations, after allowing for all collection and recovery costs. These characteristics are relevant to the estimation of future cash flows for such groups of assets, being indicative of the counterparty's ability to pay amounts due under the contractual terms of the assets. LGD estimates are based on historical loss experience. In normal circumstances, historical experience provides the most objective and relevant information from which to assess inherent loss within each portfolio. In certain circumstances, historical loss experience provides less relevant information about the inherent loss in a given portfolio at the reporting date, for example, where there have been changes in economic, regulatory or behavioural conditions such that the most recent trends in the portfolio risk factors are not fully reflected in the statistical models. Historical loss experience data is then adjusted to add current economic conditions into the data set, which conditions did not exist at the time of loss experience and/or to remove the effects of conditions in the historical period that do not currently exist.

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1. Summary of significant accounting policies *(continued)*

1.2 *Process of determination, and use of estimates, assumptions and judgements* *(continued)*

This key area of judgement is subject to uncertainty and is highly sensitive to factors such as loan portfolio growth, product mix, unemployment rates, bankruptcy trends, loan product features, economic conditions, the level of interest rates, account management policies and practices, changes in laws and regulations, and other factors that can affect customer patterns. These judgement areas are included in models which are used to calculate impairments. The assumptions underlying this judgement are highly subjective. The methodology and the assumptions used in calculating impairment losses are reviewed regularly in the light of differences between loss estimates and actual loss experience. For example, roll-rates, loss rates and the expected timing of future recoveries are regularly benchmarked against actual outcomes to ensure they are appropriate.

Identified impairments on financial assets

A retail identified impairment is triggered when a contractual payment is missed. This is not the same as the non-performing definition which applies to loans in a legal process or the regulatory default definition. The impairment calculation is based on a roll-rate approach where the percentage of assets moving from the initial delinquency state to default is derived from statistical probabilities, based on experience.

The PD is calculated within a certain outcome period. The outcome period is defined as the timeframe within which assets default.

Recovery amounts and contractual interest rates are calculated using a weighted average for the relevant portfolio.

In the retail portfolio, the identified impairment is calculated on a collective basis. For accounting purposes, these accounts are considered to be identified collective impairments.

In the wholesale portfolio (including Business Bank and Wealth), the identified impairment is calculated on accounts reflected on management's early watch lists triggered by a specific event, such as the conclusion of insolvency proceedings or other formal recovery actions, making it possible to quantify the extent of the advance that is beyond a realistic prospect of recovery. Nonetheless, non-performing loans and advances are reviewed at least quarterly, ensuring that irrecoverable loans and advances are written off in a timely and systematic way and in compliance with local regulations.

Assets are only written off once all necessary procedures have been completed and the amount of loss has been determined. Recoveries of amounts previously written off are reversed and accordingly decrease the amount of the reported impairment charge in the statement of comprehensive income. Refer to notes 9 and 63.2.

1.2.2 Goodwill impairment

Management has to consider at least annually whether the current carrying value of goodwill is impaired. This calculation is based on discounting expected risk adjusted pre-tax cash flows at a risk adjusted pre-tax interest rate appropriate to the operating unit, the determination of which requires the exercise of judgment. The estimation of pre-tax cash flows is sensitive to the periods for which detailed forecasts are available, normally capped at five years, and to assumptions regarding the growth rate, although this is usually capped at inflation growth where higher growth is forecasted by the cash-generating unit (CGU). While forecasts are compared with actual performance and external sources of data, expected cash flows naturally reflect management's best estimate of future performance.

The recoverable amount in the aforementioned calculation is based on the value in use for the CGU.

The review of goodwill impairment represents management's best estimate of the following factors:

- The future cash flows of the CGUs are sensitive to the cash flows projected for the periods for which detailed forecasts are available, and to assumptions regarding the long-term pattern of sustainable cash flows thereafter. Forecasts are compared with actual performance and verifiable economic data; however, the cash flow forecasts necessarily and appropriately reflect management's view of future business prospects at the time of the assessment.
- Growth rates in the impairment calculations range from 3% to 10% (2016: 1,5% to 5,4%) and projected cash flow periods approximate 5 years (2016: 5 years).
- The discount rate used to discount the future expected cash flows is based on the Group's weighted average cost of capital. The cost of capital percentage is generally derived from a capital asset pricing model, which incorporates inputs reflecting a number of financial and economic variables, including the risk-free rate and a premium to reflect the inherent risk of the business being evaluated. These variables are subject to fluctuations in external market rates and economic conditions outside of management's control and are therefore established on the basis of significant management judgment and are subject to uncertainty.

The range of discount rates used in the impairment calculations is 12,70% – 17,83% (2016: 13,56% – 13,93%).

Note 15 includes details of the amount recognised by the Group as goodwill..

1.2.3 Fair value measurements

The 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. As a wide range of valuation techniques are available, it may be inappropriate to compare the Group's fair value information to independent market or other financial institutions. Assumption changes and different valuation methodologies can have a significant impact on fair values which are based on unobservable inputs.

Valuation inputs

IFRS 13 – Fair Value Measurement (IFRS 13) requires an entity to classify fair values measured and/or disclosed according to a hierarchy that reflects the significance of observable market inputs. The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are defined as follows:

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1. Summary of significant accounting policies *(continued)*

1.2 *Process of determination, and use of estimates, assumptions and judgements (continued)*

Quoted market prices – Level 1

Fair values are classified as Level 1 if they have been determined using observable prices in an active market. Such fair values are determined with reference to unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets where the quoted price is readily available, and the price represents actual and regularly occurring market transactions on an arm's length basis. An active market is one in which transactions occur with sufficient volume and frequency to provide pricing information on an ongoing basis.

Valuation technique using observable inputs – Level 2

Fair values classified as Level 2 have been determined using models for which inputs are fair values other than quoted prices included within level 1 that are observable either directly or indirectly in an active market.

A valuation input is considered observable if it can be directly observed from transactions in an active market, or if there is compelling external evidence demonstrating an executable exit price.

Valuation technique using significant unobservable inputs – Level 3

Fair values are classified as Level 3 if their determination incorporates significant inputs that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs). An input is deemed significant if it is shown to contribute more than 10% to the fair value of an item. Unobservable input levels are generally determined based on observable inputs of a similar nature, historical observations or other analytical techniques.

Financial assets and financial liabilities

The Group has an established control framework with respect to the measurement of fair values. The framework includes a Traded Risk and Valuation Committee and an Independent Valuation Control team (IVC), which is independent from the front office. The Traded Risk and Valuation Committee, which comprises representatives from senior management, will formally approve valuation policies and any changes to valuation methodologies. Significant valuation issues are reported to the GACC. The Traded Risk and Valuation Committee is responsible for overseeing the valuation control process and will therefore consider the appropriateness of valuation techniques and inputs for fair value measurement.

The IVC independently verifies the results of trading and investment operations and all significant fair value measurements. They source independent data from independent external parties, as well as internal risk areas when performing independent price verification for all financial instruments held at fair value. They also assess and document the inputs obtained from independent external sources to measure the fair value which supports conclusions that valuations are performed in accordance with IFRS and internal valuation policies.

Investment properties

The fair value of investment properties is determined based on the most appropriate methodology applicable to the specific property. Methodologies include the market comparable approach that reflects recent transaction prices for similar properties, discounted cash flows and income capitalisation methodologies. In estimating the fair value of the properties, the highest and best use of the properties is taken into account. Where possible, the fair value of the Group's investment properties is determined through valuations performed by independent external valuers. When the Group's internal valuations are different to that of the independent external valuers, detailed procedures are performed to substantiate the differences, whereby the IVC verifies the procedures performed by front office and considers the appropriateness of any differences to independent external valuations.

Judgemental inputs on valuation of principal instruments

The following summary sets out the principal instruments whose valuation may involve judgemental inputs:

Debt securities and treasury and other eligible bills

These instruments are valued, based on quoted market prices from an exchange, dealer, broker, industry group or pricing service, where available. Where unavailable, fair value is determined by reference to quoted market prices for similar instruments or, in the case of certain mortgage-backed securities, valuation techniques using inputs derived from observable market data, and, where relevant, assumptions in respect of unobservable inputs.

Equity instruments

Equity instruments are valued, based on quoted market prices from an exchange, dealer, broker, industry group or pricing service, where available. Where unavailable, fair value is determined with reference to quoted market prices for similar instruments or by using valuation techniques using inputs derived from observable market data, and, where relevant, assumptions in respect of unobservable inputs.

Also included in equity instruments are non-public investments, which include investments in venture capital organisations. The fair value of these investments is determined using appropriate valuation methodologies which, dependent on the nature of the investment, may include discounted cash flow analysis, enterprise value comparisons with similar companies and price:earnings comparisons. For each investment, the relevant methodology is applied consistently over time.

Derivatives

Derivative contracts can be exchange-traded or traded Over The Counter (OTC). OTC derivative contracts include forward, swap and option contracts related to interest rates, bonds, foreign currencies, credit spreads, equity prices and commodity prices or indices on these instruments. Fair values of derivatives are obtained from quoted market prices, dealer price quotations, discounted cash flow and pricing models.

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1. Summary of significant accounting policies *(continued)*

1.2 *Process of determination, and use of estimates, assumptions and judgements (continued)*

Loans and advances

The fair value of loans and advances to banks and customers is determined by discounting contractual cash flows. Discount factors are determined using the relevant forward base rates (as at valuation date) plus the originally priced spread. Where a significant change in credit risk has occurred, an updated spread is used to reflect valuation date pricing. Behavioural cash flow profiles, instead of contractual cash flow profiles, are used to determine expected cash flows where contractual cash flow profiles would provide an inaccurate fair value.

Deposits, debt securities in issue and borrowed funds

Deposits, debt securities in issue and borrowed funds are valued using discounted cash flow models, applying rates currently offered for issuances with similar characteristics. Where these instruments include embedded derivatives, the embedded derivative component is valued using the methodology for derivatives.

The fair value adjustments on amortised cost financial liabilities held in a fair value hedging relationship are taken through profit and loss in the statement of comprehensive income.

The fair value of amortised cost deposits repayable on demand is considered to be equal to their carrying value. For other financial liabilities at amortised cost, the disclosed fair value approximates the carrying value because the instruments are short-term in nature or have interest rates that reprice frequently.

Fair value adjustments

The main valuation adjustments required to arrive at a fair value are described as follows:

Bid-offer valuation adjustments

For assets and liabilities where the Group is not a market maker, mid prices are adjusted to bid and offer prices respectively unless the relevant mid prices are reflective of the appropriate exit price as a practical expedient given the nature of the underlying instruments. Bid-offer adjustments reflect expected close out strategy and, for derivatives, the fact that they are managed on a portfolio basis. The methodology for determining the bid-offer adjustment for a derivative portfolio will generally involve netting between long and short positions and the bucketing of risk by strike and term in accordance with the hedging strategy. Bid-offer levels are derived from market sources, such as broker data. For those assets and liabilities where the Group is a market maker and has the ability to transact at, or better than, mid-price (which is the case for certain equity, bond and vanilla derivative markets), the mid-price is used, since the bid-offer spread does not represent the transaction cost.

Uncollateralised derivative adjustments

A fair value adjustment is incorporated into uncollateralised derivative valuations to reflect the impact on fair value of counterparty credit risk, as well as the cost of funding across all asset classes.

Model valuation adjustments

Valuation models are reviewed under the Group's model governance framework. This process identifies the assumptions used and any model limitations (for example, if the model does not incorporate volatility skew). Where necessary, fair value adjustments will be applied to take these factors into account. Model valuation adjustments are dependent on the size of portfolio, complexity of the model, whether the model is market standard and to what extent it incorporates all known risk factors. All models and model valuation adjustments are subject to review at least annually.

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1. Summary of significant accounting policies *(continued)*

1.2 *Process of determination, and use of estimates, assumptions and judgements (continued)*

Measurement of assets and liabilities at Level 2

The following table presents information about the valuation techniques and significant observable inputs used in measuring assets and liabilities categorised as Level 2 in the fair value hierarchy:

Category of asset/liability	Valuation techniques applied	Significant observable inputs
Loans and advances to banks	Discounted cash flow models	Interest rates and/or money market curves
Trading and hedging portfolio assets and liabilities		
Debt instruments	Discounted cash flow models	Underlying price of market traded instruments and/or interest rates
Derivative assets		
Commodity derivatives	Discounted cash flow, option pricing, futures pricing and/or Exchange Traded Fund (ETF) models	Spot prices of physical or futures, interest rates and/or volatility
Credit derivatives	Discounted cash flow and/or option pricing models	Interest rates, recovery rates, credit spreads and/or quanto ratios
Equity derivatives	Discounted cash flow model, option pricing and/or futures pricing models	Spot price, interest rate, volatility and/or dividend stream
Foreign exchange derivatives	Discounted cash flow and/or option pricing models	Spot prices, interest rates and/or volatility
Interest rate derivatives	Discounted cash flow and/or option pricing models	Interest rate curves, repurchase agreement curves, money market curves and/or volatility
Money market assets	Discounted cash flow models	Money market curves and/or interest rates
Loans and advances to customers	Discounted cash flow models	Interest rates and/or money market curves
Investment securities and investments linked to investment contracts	Listed equity: market bid price Other items: discounted cash flow models	Underlying price of market traded instruments and/or interest rate curves
Deposits from banks	Discounted cash flow models	Interest rates and/or money market curves
Deposits due to customers	Discounted cash flow models	Interest rates and/or money market curves
Debt securities in issue, liabilities under investment contracts and other liabilities	Discounted cash flow models	Underlying price of market traded instruments and/or interest rate curves

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1. Summary of significant accounting policies *(continued)*

1.2 *Process of determination, and use of estimates, assumptions and judgements (continued)*

Measurement of assets and liabilities at Level 3

The following table presents information about the valuation techniques and significant unobservable inputs used in measuring assets and liabilities categorised as Level 3 in the fair value hierarchy:

Category of asset/ liability	Valuation techniques applied	Significant unobservable inputs	2017	2016
			Range of estimates utilised for the unobservable inputs	
Loans and advances to customers	Discounted cash flow and/or dividend yield models	Credit spreads	0,3% to 2,3%	0,5% to 5%
Investment securities and investments linked to investment contracts	Discounted cash flow models, third-party valuations, earnings multiples and/or income capitalisation valuations	Risk adjusted yield curves, future earnings, marketability discounts and/or comparator multiples	Discount rates between 7% to 9%, comparator multiples between 5 and 10,5	Discount rate of 13%, comparator multiples between 5 and 10,5
Trading and hedging portfolio assets and liabilities				
Debt instruments	Discounted cash flow models	Credit spreads	3% to 15%	1,2% to 11,16%
Derivative assets				
Credit derivatives	Discounted cash flow and/or credit default swap (hazard rate) models	Credit spreads, recovery rates and/or quanto ratio	0% to 90%	0% to 40%
Equity derivatives	Discounted cash flow, option pricing and/or futures pricing models	Volatility and/or dividend streams (greater than 3 years)	15,09% to 64,67%	17,82% to 67,71%
Foreign exchange derivatives	Discounted cash flow and/or option pricing models	African basis curves (greater than 1 year)	(28)% to 29,5%	(16,6)% to 13,1%
Interest rate derivatives	Discounted cash flow and/or option pricing models	Real yield curves (greater than 1 year), repurchase agreement curves (greater than 1 year), funding spreads	0,25% to 10,69%	0,31% to 3,38%
Deposits due to customers	Discounted cash flow models	Barclays Africa Group Limited's funding spreads (greater than 5 years)	0,2% to 1,9%	(0,27)% to 2,13%
Debt securities in issue	Discounted cash flow models	Funding curves (greater than 5 years)	0,2% to 1,9%	(0,27)% to 2,13%
Investment properties	Discounted cash flow models	Estimates of periods in which rental units will be disposed of	1 to 6 years	1 to 10 years
		Annual selling price escalations	6%	1% to 7%
		Annual rental escalations	6%	1% to 7%
		Expense ratios	n/a	25% to 50%
		Vacancy ratio	n/a	1% to 7%
		Income capitalisation rates	7,75% to 8%	10% to 11%
		Risk adjusted discount rates	11% to 15%	14%

For assets or liabilities held at amortised cost and disclosed in levels 2 or 3 of the fair value hierarchy, the discounted cash flow valuation technique is used. Interest rates and money market curves are considered unobservable inputs for items which mature after five years. However, if the items mature in less than five years, these inputs are considered observable.

For debt securities in issue held at amortised cost, a further significant input would be the underlying price of the market traded instrument, refer to note 61.

The sensitivity of the fair value measure is dependent on the unobservable inputs. Significant changes to the unobservable inputs in isolation will have either a positive or negative impact on fair values.

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1. Summary of significant accounting policies *(continued)*

1.2 *Process of determination, and use of estimates, assumptions and judgements (continued)*

1.2.4 Impairment of available-for-sale financial assets

Available-for-sale financial assets are regularly assessed for impairment. In assessing whether or not impairment of an equity available-for-sale instrument has occurred, consideration is given to, inter alia, whether or not there has been a significant or prolonged decline in the fair value of the security below its cost. Factors considered in determining whether there has been a significant or prolonged decline in the fair value of the equity instrument below its cost include:

- the length of time and the extent to which fair value has been below cost;
- the severity of the reduced fair value;
- the cause of the reduced fair value and the financial condition and near-term prospects of the issuer;
- activity in the market of the issuer which may indicate adverse credit conditions; and
- The Group's ability and intent to hold the instrument for a period of time to allow for any anticipated recovery.

Refer to note 39.

1.2.5 Consolidation of structured or sponsored entities

The Group consolidates an entity when it has control, which means that it is exposed, or has rights to, variable returns from its involvement with the investee and has the ability to affect those returns through its power over the investee. In some cases, judgement has been required to determine whether the Group controls entities. The key judgements are set out as follows:

Structured entities

The Group consolidates certain structured entities (SEs), which may or may not be directly or indirectly owned subsidiaries. SEs are entities that have been designed so that voting or similar rights are not the dominant factor in deciding who controls the entity, such as when any voting rights relate to administrative tasks only and the relevant activities are directed by means of contractual arrangements. These SEs are consolidated when they are controlled by the Group. Judgement is required in assessing whether an entity is an SE, as well as in determining whether the Group controls the SE. Refer to note 1.3.3 where the factors considered when assessing whether an SE is to be consolidated are outlined.

Assessment of agent versus principal

Acting as an agent, the Group is primarily engaged to act on behalf and for the benefit of other parties. When assessing whether the Group is acting as a principal or as an agent for an investee the judgement is made based on the following factors:

- scope of our decision-making authority over the investee;
- any rights held by other parties such as kick out rights;
- exposure to variability from returns of an interest more than 20%; and
- the remuneration to which the Group is entitled.

Assessment of sponsored entities

In addition to the unconsolidated SEs in which the Group has an interest, it also sponsors some unconsolidated SEs in which it has no interest, generally to facilitate client transactions. For the purposes of these disclosures, the Group sponsors an entity when:

- it is the majority user of the entity;
- its name appears in the name of the entity or on the products issued by the entity;
- it provides implicit or explicit guarantees of the entity's performances; or
- it led the formation of the entity.

Refer to notes 49 and 50.

1.2.6 Post-retirement benefits

The valuations of and contributions towards defined benefit pension plans are determined using actuarial valuations. The actuarial valuations involve making assumptions about discount rates, expected rates of return on assets, future salary increases, mortality rates and future pension increases. The year-end balances of subsidiaries' post-retirement benefit obligations are affected by the closing foreign currency exchange rates.

Due to the long-term nature of these plans, such estimates are subject to significant uncertainty.

Exposure to actuarial risks

The defined benefit funds expose the Group to the risk that the benefits promised in the various funds cost more than the accumulated assets set aside to meet such benefits, and ultimately will require additional funding from the Group (or its subsidiaries).

This risk can be categorised into a number of actuarial risks such as investment risk, interest rate risk, longevity risk and salary risk.

Investment risk

The actuarial funding valuations make assumptions about the returns that may be available on invested assets. If the return on pension plan assets is below this rate, it may lead to a strain on the fund, which over time, may result in a pension plan deficit. Typically the funds have a relatively balanced investment in equity securities, debt securities, cash and real estate to mitigate any concentration risk. Due to the long-term nature of the pension plan liabilities, the boards of the pension funds consider it appropriate that a reasonable portion of the plan assets should be invested in equity securities and in real estate to improve the return generated by the fund. This may in turn result in improved discretionary benefits to members or reduced costs for the sponsoring entity.

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1. Summary of significant accounting policies *(continued)*

1.2 *Process of determination, and use of estimates, assumptions and judgements (continued)*

Inflation/pension increase risk

Benefits in these funds are to some extent tied to inflation, so increased inflation levels represent a risk that could increase the costs of paying the funds' promised benefits. However, the risk is mitigated by ceilings on mandatory benefit increases in most cases and subject to affordability in cases where the mandatory ceiling does not apply.

Longevity risk

If pensioners live longer than expected then that will, all else equal, increase the funds' liabilities as benefits are paid for a longer term.

Salary risk

An increase in the salary of the plan participants will increase the plan's liability. This risk has been limited with the closure of a number of the defined benefit plans and the introduction of defined contribution plans. There are now a limited number of active defined benefit members.

Although the Absa Pension Fund has in its entirety been disclosed as a defined benefit plan, the defined contribution portion thereof does not retain salary risk.

Measurement risk

The IAS 19 Employee Benefits (IAS 19) liabilities are determined using various assumptions about future experience.

One of the most important assumptions is the discount rate derived from prevailing bond yields where these are available (where these are not available, the inflation rate plus a reasonable risk free real return is used as a proxy). A decrease in the discount rate will, with all else equal, increase the plan liability; this may be partially offset by an increase in the value of assets, to the extent that the funds' investments are matched against its liabilities.

Other important assumptions are the inflation assumption, pension increase assumption and the longevity assumption and changes in those could affect the measured value of liabilities significantly. Changes in other assumptions used could also affect the measured liabilities.

Regulatory risk

The funds' benefits are governed by the rules of those funds, operating within the regulatory framework within each country. To the extent that governments can change that regulatory framework, the subsidiaries are exposed to a risk. In particular, regulations introducing issues like minimum benefits or minimum pension increases may result in higher benefits to members and a higher associated cost.

Refer to note 44 for the specific assumptions used and carrying amounts of post-retirement benefits.

1.2.7 Provisions

Various assumptions are applied in arriving at the carrying value of provisions that are recognised in terms of the requirements of IAS 37 Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets (IAS 37).

Management further relies on input from the Group's legal counsel in assessing the probability of matters of a significant nature. Refer to note 20 for details of provisions recognised and refer to note 54 for details of contingencies recognised.

1.2.8 Income taxes

The Group is subject to income taxes in numerous jurisdictions and the calculation of the Group's tax charge and provisions for income taxes necessarily involves a degree of estimation and judgement. There are many transactions and calculations for which the ultimate tax treatment is uncertain or in respect of which the relevant tax authorities may have indicated disagreement with the Group's treatment and accordingly the final tax charge cannot be determined until resolution has been reached with the relevant tax authority.

The Group recognises provisions for anticipated tax audit issues based on estimates of whether additional taxes will be due after taking into account external advice where appropriate. The carrying amount of any resulting provisions will be sensitive to the manner in which tax matters are expected to be resolved, and the stage of negotiations or discussion with the relevant tax authorities. There may be significant uncertainty around the final outcome of tax proceedings, which in many instances, will only be concluded after a number of years. Management estimates are informed by a number of factors including, inter alia, the progress made in discussions or negotiations with the tax authorities, the advice of expert legal counsel, precedent set by the outcome of any previous claims, as well as the nature of the relevant tax environment. A current case relates to preference share investments made by a group company with independent third party financial institutions. Based on extensive work by senior counsel in preparation for a court case scheduled in 2018, BAGL is confident of successfully defending the challenge from the South African tax authority.

Where the final tax outcome of these matters is different from the amounts that were initially recorded, such differences will impact the current and deferred income tax assets and liabilities in the reporting period in which such determination is made. These risks are managed in accordance with the Group's Tax Risk Framework.

Deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is probable that future taxable income will be available against which the unused tax losses can be utilised. Deferred tax assets are reviewed at each reporting date and are reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that the related tax benefit will be realised. Management's judgement surrounding the probability and sufficiency of future taxable profits, future reversals of existing taxable differences and ongoing developments will determine the recognition of deferred tax. The most significant management assumption in determining the deferred tax asset to be recognised is the forecasts used to support the probability assessment that sufficient taxable profits will be generated by the entities in the Group in order to utilise the deferred tax assets.

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1. Summary of significant accounting policies *(continued)*

1.2 *Process of determination, and use of estimates, assumptions and judgements (continued)*

1.2.9 Share-based payments

The initial fair value of the Group's share-based payment arrangement awards is based on the share price at grant date.

Where the fair value of share awards relating to share-based payments is not based on the Group's share price with a zero strike price, it is determined using option pricing models. The inputs to the option pricing models are derived from observable market data where possible, but where observable market data is not available, judgement is required to establish fair values.

Equity-settled share-based payment arrangements

The initial fair value of the awards are determined at grant date. The fair value of the awards granted to participants is measured after taking into account all terms and conditions of the arrangement upon which such awards were granted.

Cash-settled share-based payment arrangements

The Group considers adjustments to reflect expectations of phantom awards that might be forfeited before the awards vest. At each reporting date, the Group adjusts the liability to reflect:

- differences between the share price at grant date and the market price at valuation date;
- differences between actual and expected forfeited awards; and
- dividends accrued to date.

Note 56 includes details of the Group's share awards. Refer to note 19 for the carrying amount of liabilities arising from cash-settled arrangements.

1.2.10 Liabilities arising from claims made under short-term insurance contracts

The uncertainty arising under insurance contracts may be characterised under a number of specific headings, such as:

- uncertainty as to whether an event has occurred and has been reported which would give rise to an insured loss;
- uncertainty as to the amount of insured loss suffered by a policyholder as a result of an event occurring; and
- uncertainty as to the extent of policy coverage and applicable limits.

The degree of uncertainty will vary by policy class according to the characteristics of the insured risks and the cost of a claim will be determined by the actual loss suffered by the policyholder, taking into account whether a reinsurance contract has been entered into by the Group.

The establishment of insurance liabilities is an inherently uncertain process and, as a consequence, the eventual cost of settlement of outstanding claims and unexpired risks can vary substantially from the initial estimates. The Group makes estimates and assumptions to provide appropriate levels of claims provision and provision for unexpired risks. Estimates and judgements are regularly adjusted as changes in facts and experience are identified. For more details on the liability arising from claims made under short-term insurance contracts, refer to note 24.

1.2.11 Liabilities arising from claims made under life insurance contracts

Insurance risk for any one life insurance contract is the possibility that the insured event occurs. For a portfolio of insurance contracts probability is applied to pricing and provisioning and the principal risk that the Group faces is that the actual exposure to mortality, disability and medical payments in respect of policyholder benefits will exceed prudent expectation of the exposure (i.e. the carrying amount of the insurance liabilities). Insurance events are random and the actual number and amount of claims and benefits will vary from year to year from the level established using statistical techniques.

The value of the insurance liability is determined using assumptions regarding future mortality, morbidity, discontinuance rates, policyholders' reasonable benefit expectations, guaranteed benefits and expenses which all equal the best estimate assumptions used in determining the liabilities. These assumptions are based on recent experience investigations. The discount rate used to discount future profits includes a margin over assumed investment returns to allow for the risk that experience in future years may differ from that assumed. For more details on the life insurance contract liability, refer to note 24.

1.2.12 Offsetting financial assets and financial liabilities

The Group offsets certain financial assets and liabilities, when it has a legal right to offset such financial instruments and there is an intention to settle these financial instruments on a net basis. When determining whether it is appropriate to offset financial assets and liabilities, the following judgement is applied:

- In the absence of a contractual agreement that provides for offsetting, the Group applies the common law principles in South Africa when determining whether there is a legally enforceable right to offset. The application of these common law principles is sometimes subject to a significant degree of interpretation. In these instances, legal advice is obtained to ensure that the application of the common law principles is correctly applied within the ambit of the law. Using the legal advice obtained, management assesses whether there is a legal right to offset accounts.
- When determining whether there is an intention to settle a financial asset and a financial liability, management evaluates the underlying terms of the contract to identify whether there is a legal right to offset which could also indicate the Group's intention to settle on a net basis. In addition, management considers whether there is past practice which indicates that amounts have been offset, for example, customer accounts could be offset before the customer enters into a process of liquidation or customer accounts could be offset when the customer exceeds the limit of the facility granted. Management also evaluates whether the customer's accounts are managed on a net basis which would support the view that there is an intention to settle on a net basis. Through this process, management is able to substantiate the view that there is an intention to settle on a net basis.

The above are considered to ensure the Group's financial assets and liabilities are presented accurately in accordance with the characteristics of the items in question as resources or obligations of the entity. Refer to note 48.

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1. Summary of significant accounting policies *(continued)*

1.3 Consolidation

The consolidated financial statements include those of Barclays Africa Group Limited and all its subsidiaries and controlled SEs.

1.3.1 Subsidiaries

Subsidiaries are all entities (including SEs) over which the Group has control. The Group controls and hence consolidates an entity when it is exposed, or has rights, to variable returns from its involvement with the entity and has the ability to affect those returns through its power over the entity. The Group will only consider potential voting rights that are substantive when assessing whether it controls another entity.

In order for the right to be substantive, the holder must have the practical ability to exercise that right. Subsidiaries are fully consolidated from the date on which control is transferred to the Group. They are deconsolidated from the date that control ceases.

The consolidation of SEs is considered at inception, based on the arrangements in place and the assessed risk exposures at that time. The assessment of control is based on the consideration of all facts and circumstances.

There are a number of subsidiaries in which the Group has less than half of the voting rights which are consolidated when the substance of the relationship between the Group and the entity indicates that the entity is controlled by the Group. Such entities are deemed to be controlled by the Group when relationships with such entities give rise to benefits that are in substance no different from those that would arise were the entity a subsidiary.

Intragroup transactions and balances are eliminated on consolidation and consistent accounting policies are used throughout the Group for the purposes of the consolidation.

Changes in ownership interests in subsidiaries are accounted for as equity transactions if they occur after control has already been obtained and they do not result in loss of control.

Investments in subsidiaries are accounted for at cost less impairment in the separate financial statements of Barclays Africa Group Limited.

1.3.2 Investments in associates and joint ventures

Associates are entities in which the Group has significant influence, but not control, over its operating and financial policies. Generally the Group holds more than 20%, but less than 50%, of their voting shares. A joint arrangement is a contractual agreement between two or more parties to undertake an economic activity that is under joint control. Joint ventures are joint arrangements whereby the joint venturers that have joint control of the arrangement have rights to the net assets of the entity.

The Group's investments in associates and joint ventures are initially recorded at cost and increased (or decreased) each reporting period by the Group's share of the post-acquisition profit (or loss). In some cases, investments in these entities may be held at fair value through profit or loss, for example, those held by private equity businesses.

Investments in associates and joint ventures are accounted for at cost less impairment in the separate financial statements of Barclays Africa Group Limited.

1.3.3 Structured entities (SE)

An interest in a SE is any form of investment or arrangement which creates variability in returns arising from the performance of the SE for the Group. Such interests include but are not limited to holdings of debt or equity securities, derivatives that transfer financial risks to the Group, and in some cases financial guarantees and investment management fee agreements. At market, plain-vanilla interest rate swaps and derivatives that are determined to introduce risk to a structured entity are not considered to be an interest in an entity. Depending on the Group's power over the activities of the entity and its exposure to and ability to influence its returns from it, it may consolidate the entity. These SEs are therefore consolidated on the same basis as subsidiaries as set out in 1.3.1.

1.3.4 Common control

Common control transactions are business combinations in which the combining entities are ultimately controlled by the Group. The Group applies the predecessor accounting method when accounting for common control transactions.

The assets and liabilities of the combining entities are not adjusted to fair value but reflected at their carrying amounts at the date of the transaction. Any difference between the consideration paid/transferred and the net asset value acquired is reflected within equity. No new goodwill will be recognised as a result of the common control transaction.

The comparative statement of financial position and statement of comprehensive income are restated as if the entities had always been combined, regardless of the date of the transaction.

1.4 Segment reporting

The Group's segmental reporting is in accordance with IFRS 8 Operating Segments (IFRS 8). Operating segments are reported in a manner consistent with the internal reporting provided to the Executive Committee, which is responsible for allocating resources and assessing performance of the operating segments and has been identified as the Chief Operating Decision Maker (CODM). All transactions between business segments are conducted on an arm's length basis, with intra-segment revenue and costs being eliminated in head office and inter-segment eliminations. Income and expenses directly associated with each segment are included in determining business segment performance.

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1. Summary of significant accounting policies *(continued)*

1.5 Foreign currencies

1.5.1 Foreign currency translations

The Group's foreign operations (including subsidiaries, SEs, joint ventures, associates and branches) based mainly outside South Africa may have different functional currencies. The functional currency of an operation is the currency of the main economy to which it is exposed. Prior to consolidation (or equity accounting) the assets and liabilities of non-Rand operations are translated at the closing rate and items of income, expense and OCI are translated into Rand at the rate on the date of the transactions. Exchange differences arising on the translation of foreign operations are included in currency translation reserves within equity through OCI. These are transferred to profit or loss when the Group loses control, joint control or significant influence over the foreign operation or on partial disposal of the operation.

1.5.2 Foreign currency transactions

Transactions and balances in foreign currencies are translated into Rand at the rate ruling on the date of the transaction. Foreign currency balances are translated into Rand at the reporting period end exchange rates. Exchange gains and losses on such balances are taken to profit or loss.

1.6 Earnings per share

The calculation of basic earnings per share is based on the profit attributable to ordinary equity holders of the parent and the number of basic weighted average number of ordinary shares excluding treasury shares held in employee benefit trusts or held for trading. When calculating the diluted earnings per share, the weighted average number of shares in issue is adjusted for the effects of all dilutive potential ordinary shares held.

1.7 Financial instruments

The Group applies IAS 39 for the recognition, classification and measurement and derecognition of financial assets and financial liabilities, for the impairment of financial assets and for hedge accounting. The Group recognises financial assets and liabilities when it becomes a party to the terms of the contract, which is the trade date or the settlement date. All financial instruments are measured initially at fair value plus transaction costs, except in the case of financial assets and financial liabilities recorded at fair value through profit or loss.

1.7.1 Financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss

Financial instruments classified as held for trading

In accordance with IAS 39, all assets and liabilities held for trading purposes are held at fair value with gains and losses from changes in fair value taken to 'gains and losses from banking and trading activities' in profit or loss.

Financial instruments designated at fair value through profit or loss

Financial assets and financial liabilities may be designated at fair value, with gains and losses taken to profit or loss in 'gains and losses from banking and trading activities' and 'gains and losses from investment activities' depending on the nature of the instrument. However, changes in fair value attributable to own credit for financial liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss are recognised in OCI. These gains and losses are not recycled to profit or loss. The Group has the ability to make the fair value designation when this reduces an accounting mismatch (caused by an offsetting liability or asset being held at fair value), is managed by the Group on the basis of its fair value, or includes terms that have substantive derivative characteristics.

Derivatives

Derivative instruments are contracts whose value is derived from one or more underlying financial instruments or indices defined in the contract. They include swaps, forward rate agreements, futures, options and combinations of these instruments and primarily affect the Group's net interest income, net trading income, net fee and commission income and derivative assets and liabilities. Notional amounts of the contracts are not recorded on the statement of financial position. Changes in the fair value of derivatives used to economically hedge the Group's interest rate risk are recognised in 'net interest income' in profit or loss.

1.7.2 Available-for-sale financial assets

Subsequent to initial recognition, the fair value adjustments which represent gains and losses, net of applicable taxes, are reported in OCI until such investments are sold or otherwise disposed of, or until such investments are determined to be impaired, at which time the cumulative gain or loss previously recognised in other comprehensive income is recognised in profit or loss. However, interest on available-for-sale financial instruments calculated using the effective interest rate method is recognised directly in profit or loss.

Dividends on available-for-sale equity instruments are recognised in profit or loss when the Group's right to receive payment is established.

1.7.3 Loans and receivables

Loans and receivables are held at amortised cost. That is, the initial fair value (which is normally the amount advanced) is adjusted for premiums, discounts, repayments and the amortisation of coupon, fees and expenses to represent the effective interest rate of the asset.

1.7.4 Embedded derivatives

Terms in contracts or other financial assets or liabilities (the host) which had it been a standalone contract would have met the definition of a derivative are either separated from the host and accounted for the same way as a derivative, or the entire contract is designated at fair value through profit or loss.

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1. Summary of significant accounting policies *(continued)*

1.7 *Financial instruments* *(continued)*

1.7.5 *Financial liabilities*

Most financial liabilities are held at amortised cost. That is, the initial fair value (which is normally the amount borrowed) is adjusted for premiums, discounts, repayments and the amortisation of coupon, fees and expenses to represent the effective interest rate of the liability.

1.7.6 *Impairment of financial assets*

Financial assets held at amortised cost

In accordance with IAS 39, the Group assesses at each reporting date whether there is objective evidence that financial assets at amortised cost will not be recovered in full and, wherever necessary, recognises an impairment loss in profit or loss.

An impairment loss is recognised if there is objective evidence of impairment as a result of events that have occurred and these have adversely impacted the estimated future cash flows from the assets. These events include:

- becoming aware of significant financial difficulty of the issuer or obligor;
- a breach of contract, such as a default or delinquency in interest or principal payments;
- the Group, for economic or legal reasons relating to the borrower's financial difficulty, grants a concession that it would not otherwise consider;
- it becomes probable that the borrower will enter bankruptcy or other financial reorganisation;
- the disappearance of an active market for that financial asset because of financial difficulties; and
- observable data at a portfolio level indicating that there is a measurable decrease in the estimated future cash flows, although the decrease cannot yet be ascribed to individual financial assets in the portfolio – such as adverse changes in the payment status of borrowers in the portfolio or national or local economic conditions that correlate with defaults on the assets in the portfolio.

Impairment assessments are conducted individually for significant assets, which comprise all wholesale customer loans and larger retail business loans, and collectively for smaller loans and for portfolio level risks, such as country or sectoral risks. For the purposes of the assessment, loans with similar credit risk characteristics are grouped together, generally on the basis of their product type, industry, geographical location, collateral type, past due status and other factors relevant to the evaluation of expected future cash flows.

The impairment assessment includes estimating the expected future cash flows from the asset, or the group of assets, which are then discounted using the original effective interest rate calculated for the asset. If this is lower than the carrying value of the asset or the portfolio, an impairment allowance is raised.

If, in a subsequent reporting period, the amount of the impairment loss decreases and the decrease can be related objectively to an event occurring after the impairment was recognised, the previously recognised impairment loss is reversed by adjusting the allowance account. The amount of the reversal is recognised in profit or loss.

Following impairment, interest income is recognised at the original effective interest rate on the reduced carrying amount, representing the unwind of the discount of the expected cash flows, including the principal due on non-accrual loans. The impairment allowance contains a net present value adjustment that represents the time value of money of expected cash flows. Such time value of money reduces as the point of cash flow is approached. The time-based reduction in time value of money is recognised in the statement of comprehensive income as interest received on impaired assets. Uncollectable loans are written off against the related allowance for loan impairment on completion of the Group's internal processes and all recoverable amounts have been collected. Subsequent recoveries of amounts previously written off are credited to impairment losses on loans and advances in profit or loss.

Identified impairment

Impairment allowances are calculated on an individual basis and all relevant considerations that have a bearing on the expected future cash flows of that instrument being assessed are taken into account, for example, the business prospects for the customer, the fair value of collateral, the Group's position relative to other claimants, the reliability of customer information and the likely cost and duration of the workout process. Subjective judgements by management are made in this process. Refer to note 1.2.1 in this regard.

Furthermore, judgements change with time as new information becomes available or as workout strategies evolve, resulting in revisions to the impairment allowance as individual decisions are taken on a case by case basis.

Assets that are individually assessed for impairment and for which an impairment loss is or continues to be recognised, are not included in a collective assessment of impairment.

Unidentified impairment

An impairment allowance is recognised when observable data indicates there is a measurable decrease in the estimated future cash flows from a group of financial assets since the original recognition of those assets, even though the decrease cannot yet be identified for the individual assets in the group. The unidentified impairment calculation is based on the asset's probability of moving from the performing portfolio to the defaulted portfolio as a result of a risk condition that has already occurred, but will only be identifiable at a borrower level at a future date. The purpose of collective assessment of impairment is to test for latent losses on a portfolio of loans that have not been evidenced individually.

In cases where the collective impairment of a portfolio cannot be evidenced individually, the Group sets out to prove that a risk condition has taken place that will result in an impairment of assets (based on historic experience), but the losses will only be identifiable at an individual borrower level at a future date.

To the extent that the unidentified impairments created by the banking operations of the Group are insufficient to meet the minimum regulatory general provision, such shortfall is accommodated by a transfer of the applicable after-tax amount from distributable to non-distributable reserves.

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1. Summary of significant accounting policies *(continued)*

1.7 *Financial instruments (continued)*

Available-for-sale debt instruments

Debt instruments are assessed for impairment in the same way as loans. If impairment is deemed to have occurred, the cumulative decline in the fair value of the instrument that has previously been recognised in equity (through OCI) is removed from equity (through OCI) and recognised in profit or loss. If, in a subsequent period, the fair value of a debt instrument increases and the increase can be objectively related to an event occurring after the impairment loss was recognised in profit or loss, the impairment loss is reversed, with the amount of the reversal recognised in profit or loss.

Available-for-sale equity instruments

Where there has been a prolonged or significant decline in the fair value of an equity instrument below its acquisition cost, it is deemed to be impaired. The cumulative net loss that has been previously recognised directly in equity (through OCI) is removed from equity (through OCI) and recognised in profit or loss. Further declines in the fair value of equity instruments after impairment are recognised in profit or loss. Reversals of impairment of equity instruments are not recognised in profit or loss. Increases in the fair value of equity instruments after impairment are recognised directly in OCI.

1.7.7 Subordinated debt

The majority of subordinated debt is measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method under IAS 39.

1.7.8 Offsetting of financial assets and financial liabilities

In accordance with IAS 32, the Group reports financial assets and financial liabilities on a net basis on the statement of financial position only if there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is intention to settle on a net basis, or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

1.7.9 Derecognition of financial assets

In the course of its normal banking activities, the Group makes transfers of financial assets, either legally (where legal rights to the cash flows from the asset are passed to the counterparty) or beneficial (where the Group retains the rights to the cash flows but assumes a responsibility to transfer them to the counterparty). Depending on the nature of the transaction, this may result in derecognition of the assets in their entirety, partial derecognition or no derecognition of the assets subject to the transfer.

Full derecognition only occurs when the rights to receive cash flows from the asset have been discharged, cancelled or have expired, or the Group transfers both its contractual right to receive cash flows from the financial assets (or retains the contractual rights to receive the cash flows, but assumes a contractual obligation to pay the cash flows to another party without material delay or reinvestment) and substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership, including credit risk, prepayment risk and interest rate risk. When an asset is transferred, in some circumstances, the Group may retain an interest in it (continuing involvement) requiring the Group to repurchase it in certain circumstances for other than its fair value on that date.

1.7.10 Derecognition of financial liabilities

A financial liability is derecognised when the obligation under the liability is discharged, cancelled or expires. Where an existing financial liability is replaced by another from the same party on substantially different terms, or the terms of an existing liability are substantially modified (taking into account both quantitative and qualitative factors), such an exchange or modification is treated as a derecognition of the original liability and the recognition of a new liability, and the difference in the respective carrying amounts is recognised in profit or loss.

Where the terms of an existing liability are not substantially modified, the liability is not derecognised. Costs incurred on such transactions are treated as an adjustment to the carrying amount of the liability and are amortised over the remaining term of the modified liability.

1.7.11 Day One profits or losses

On initial recognition, it is presumed that the transaction price is the fair value unless there is observable information available in an active market to the contrary. The best evidence of an instrument's fair value on initial recognition is typically the transaction price. However, if fair value can be evidenced by comparison with other observable current market transactions in the same instrument, or is based on a valuation technique whose inputs include only data from observable markets then the instrument should be recognised at the fair value derived from such observable market data.

For valuations that have made use of significant unobservable inputs, the difference between the model valuation and the initial transaction price ('Day One profit') is recognised in profit or loss either on a straight-line basis over the term of the transaction, or over the reporting period until all model inputs will become observable where appropriate, or released in full when previously unobservable inputs become observable.

1.7.12 Hedge accounting

The Group applies hedge accounting to represent, to the maximum possible extent permitted under accounting standards, the economic effects of its interest and currency risk management strategies. Derivatives are used to hedge interest rate, exchange rate, commodity, and equity exposures and exposures to certain indices such as house price indices and retail price indices related to non-trading positions.

Where derivatives are held for risk management purposes, and when transactions meet the required criteria for documentation and hedge effectiveness, the Group applies fair value hedge accounting, cash flow hedge accounting, or hedge accounting of a net investment in a foreign operation as appropriate to the risks being hedged.

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1. Summary of significant accounting policies *(continued)*

1.7 *Financial instruments (continued)*

The Group assesses on an ongoing basis whether the hedge has been highly effective. A hedge is regarded as highly effective only when offsetting changes in fair value or cash flows attributable to the hedged risk during the period are within a range of between 80% and 125%.

Hedge accounting is discontinued when a derivative is not highly effective as a hedge, is sold, terminated, exercised or where the forecast transaction is no longer highly probable to occur. The same applies if the hedged item is sold or repaid. Instruments that have been designated as hedging instruments are reported in a separate line on the statements of financial position at each reporting date.

For prospective effectiveness, the hedging instrument must be expected to be highly effective in achieving offsetting changes in fair value or cash flows attributable to the hedged risk during the period for which the hedge is designated. Prospective testing is based on the estimation of certain parameters to assess whether the hedging relationship will be effective or not. The estimation of these parameters is performed using best practice statistical forecasting and simulation methodologies based on current and historical market data. Resultant simulated hedging relationships are assessed by calculating a statistically based hedge effectiveness test criterion.

Fair value hedge accounting

Changes in fair value of derivatives that qualify and are designated as fair value hedges are recorded in profit or loss, together with changes in the fair value of the hedged asset or liability that are attributable to the hedged risk. The fair value changes adjust the carrying value of the hedged asset or liability held at amortised cost.

If hedge relationships no longer meet the criteria for hedge accounting, hedge accounting is discontinued. For fair value hedges of interest rate risk, the fair value adjustment to the hedged item is amortised to profit or loss over the period to maturity of the previously designated hedge relationship using the effective interest method. If the hedged item is sold or repaid, the unamortised fair value adjustment is recognised immediately in profit or loss.

Cash flow hedge accounting

For qualifying cash flow hedges, the fair value gain or loss on the hedging instrument associated with the effective portion of the cash flow hedge is recognised initially in OCI, and then recycled to profit or loss in the reporting periods when the hedged item will affect profit or loss.

Any ineffective portion of the gain or loss on the hedging instrument is recognised in profit or loss immediately. When a hedging instrument expires or is sold, or when a hedge no longer meets the criteria for hedge accounting, any cumulative gain or loss existing in equity at that time remains in equity and is recognised when the hedged item is ultimately recognised in profit or loss.

When a forecast transaction is no longer expected to occur, the cumulative gain or loss that was recognised in equity is immediately transferred to profit or loss.

Hedges of a net investment in a foreign operation

Hedges of net investments in foreign operations are accounted for similarly to cash flow hedges. Any gain or loss on the hedging instrument relating to the effective portion of the hedge is recognised in OCI. Any ineffective portion of the gain or loss is recognised immediately in profit or loss. Gains or losses on the hedging instrument relating to the effective portion of the hedge are reclassified to profit or loss, on disposal of the foreign operation.

1.7.13 Repurchase and reverse repurchase agreements

Reverse repurchase agreements (and stock borrowing or similar transactions) are a form of secured lending whereby the Group provides a loan or cash collateral in exchange for the transfer of collateral, generally in the form of marketable securities subject to an agreement to transfer the securities back at a fixed price in the future. Repurchase agreements are where the Group obtains such loans or cash collateral, in exchange for the transfer of collateral.

The Group purchases (a reverse repurchase agreement) or borrows securities subject to a commitment to resell or return them. The securities are not included on the statement of financial position as the Group does not acquire the risks and rewards of ownership. Consideration paid (or cash collateral provided) is accounted for as a loan asset at fair value or at amortised cost. The Group may also sell (a repurchase agreement) or lend securities subject to a commitment to repurchase or redeem them. The securities are retained on the statement of financial position either at fair value or amortised cost as the Group retains substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership. Consideration received (or cash collateral provided) is accounted for as a financial liability at either fair value or amortised cost.

1.7.14 Compound financial instruments

The Group applies IAS 32 to determine whether funding is either a financial liability (debt) or equity.

Issued financial instruments or their components are classified as liabilities if the contractual arrangement results in the Group having a present obligation to either deliver cash or another financial asset, or a variable number of equity shares, to the holder of the instrument, if this is not the case, the instrument is generally an equity instrument.

Where issued financial instruments contain both liability and equity components, these are accounted for separately. The fair value of the debt is estimated first and the balance of the proceeds is included within equity.

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1. Summary of significant accounting policies *(continued)*

1.7 *Financial instruments (continued)*

1.7.15 Loan commitments

The Group enters into commitments to lend to its customers subject to certain conditions. Such loan commitments are made either for a fixed period, or are cancellable by the Group subject to notice conditions. Provision is made for undrawn loan commitments to be provided at below-market interest rates and for similar facilities, if it is probable that the facility will be drawn and result in recognition of an asset at an amount less than the amount advanced.

1.7.16 Financial guarantee contracts

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

Financial guarantees are initially recognised in the financial statements at fair value on the date that the guarantee was given. Other than where the fair value option is applied subsequent to initial recognition, the Group's liabilities under such guarantees are measured at the higher of the initial measurement, less amortisation calculated to recognise in profit or loss any fee income earned over the reporting period, and the best estimate of the expenditure required to settle any financial obligation arising as a result of the guarantees at the reporting date.

Any increase in the liability relating to guarantees is recognised in profit or loss. Any liability remaining is credited to profit or loss when the guarantee is discharged, cancelled or expires.

1.8 *Share capital*

1.8.1 Ordinary share capital

Proceeds are included in equity, net of transaction costs. Dividends and other returns to equity holders are recognised when paid or declared by the members at the annual general meeting and are treated as a deduction from equity.

1.8.2 Preference share capital

Preference share capital is classified as equity if it is non-redeemable, or redeemable only at the Company's option, and any dividends are discretionary. Dividends thereon are recognised as distributions within equity.

Preference share capital is classified as a liability if it is redeemable on a specific future date or at the option of the shareholders, or if dividend payments are not discretionary. Dividends thereon are recognised as an interest expense in profit or loss.

1.9 *Revenue recognition*

1.9.1 Net interest income

Interest income on loans and advances at amortised cost, available-for-sale debt investments, and interest expense on financial liabilities held at amortised cost, are calculated using the effective interest method which allocates interest, and direct and incremental fees and costs, over the expected lives of the assets and liabilities.

The effective interest method requires the Group to estimate future cash flows, in some cases based on its experience of customers' behaviour, considering all contractual terms of the financial instrument, as well as the expected lives of the assets and liabilities. Due to the large number of products and types (both assets and liabilities), there are no individual estimates that are material to the results or financial position.

1.9.2 Net trading income

In accordance with IAS 39, trading positions are held at fair value and the resulting gains and losses are included in profit or loss, together with interest and dividends arising from long and short positions and funding costs relating to trading activities.

Income arises from both the sale and purchase of trading positions, margins which are achieved through market-making and customer business and from changes in fair value caused by movements in interest and exchange rates, equity prices and other market variables.

Gains or losses on assets or liabilities reported in the trading portfolio are included in profit or loss under 'gains and losses from banking and trading activities' together with interest and dividends arising from long and short positions and funding costs relating to trading activities. Gains and losses on derivatives linked to investment contracts are recognised in 'gains and losses from investment activities'.

1.9.3 Net fee and commission income

Fees and commissions charged for services provided or received by the Group are recognised as the services are provided, for example on completion of an underlying transaction.

1.9.4 Net investment income

Dividends are recognised when the right to receive the dividend has been established. Dividends received are disclosed in 'gains and losses from investment activities'.

1.9.5 Instalment credit agreements

Leases, instalment credit and rental agreements are regarded as leases. Rentals and instalment receivables, less unearned finance charges, are included under loans and advances. Finance charges are recognised as 'interest and similar income' in profit or loss over the terms of the lease using the effective interest rate method (before tax) which reflects a constant periodic rate of return.

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1. Summary of significant accounting policies *(continued)*

1.10 *Classification of insurance and investment contracts*

The Group issues contracts that transfer insurance risk, financial risk or both. Insurance contracts are those contracts that transfer significant insurance risk. Such contracts may also transfer financial risk. The Group defines significant insurance risk as the possibility of having to pay significant benefits on the occurrence of an insured event compared to those benefits payable if the insured event did not occur.

Investment contracts are those contracts that transfer financial risk with no significant insurance risk.

1.10.1 Insurance contracts

Short-term insurance contracts

Revenue recognition and measurement

The Group is involved in short-term underwriting of personal and commercial contracts. For the majority of insurance contracts, premiums are recognised as revenue (earned premiums) proportionally over the risk period. The portion of premiums received on in-force contracts that relate to the unexpired risks at the reporting date is reported as the unearned premium liability. The unearned premium liability for the majority of the business is calculated using the 365ths method. This method is appropriate when the risk is spread evenly over the period of insurance. Under this method, the unearned premiums liability is calculated by multiplying the total premiums received by the ratio of the number of days for which the contract will still be active after the reporting date to the total number of days for which the contract was initially written. Premiums are shown before deduction of commission. The change in the liability is taken to profit or loss in order that revenue is recognised over the period of the risk.

Claims and loss adjustment

Claims and loss adjustment expenses are charged to income as incurred based on the estimated liability for compensation owed to contract holders or third parties affected by the contract holders. They include direct claims settlement costs and arise from events that have occurred up to the reporting date, even if they have been incurred but not reported (IBNR) to the Group. The Group does not discount its liabilities for unpaid claims. Claims and loss adjustment liabilities for unpaid claims are estimated using the input of assessments for individual cases reported to the Group and statistical analyses including basic chain ladder and boot strapping actuarial techniques for IBNR.

Liability adequacy test

At each reporting date, the Group reviews its unexpired risks and undertakes a liability adequacy test for any overall excess of expected claims and deferred acquisition costs over unearned premiums. This is done using the current estimates of future cash flows under its contracts after taking into account the investment return expected to arise on assets relating to the relevant general business provisions. If these estimates show that the carrying amount of its insurance liabilities (less related acquisition costs) exceeds the estimated future cash flows, the deficiency is recognised in profit or loss by setting up a provision in the statement of financial position. Refer to note 63.

Deferred policy acquisition costs

Acquisition costs comprise commissions and other variable costs directly connected with the acquisition or renewal of short-term insurance contracts. The deferred acquisition costs represent the portion of acquisition costs incurred and revenue received which corresponds to the unearned premium reserve.

Deferred acquisition costs are amortised in line with expected future premiums. The amortisation is recognised in profit or loss.

Deferred acquisition costs are reviewed by category of business at the end of each reporting period and are written off where they are no longer considered to be recoverable.

Changes in the expected patterns of consumption of future benefits embodied in the asset are accounted for by changing the amortisation period and are treated as a change in account estimate.

An impairment review is performed at each reporting date or more frequently when an indication of impairment arises. When the recoverable amount is less than the carrying value, an impairment loss is recognised in profit or loss. Deferred acquisition costs are also considered in the liability adequacy test for each reporting period.

Deferred reinsurance acquisition revenue

Acquisition revenues comprise commission directly connected with the acquisition or renewal of short-term reinsurance contracts. The deferred reinsurance acquisitions revenue represent the portion of reinsurance acquisition revenue earned which corresponds to the reinsurance unearned premium reserve.

Deferred reinsurance acquisition revenues are earned in line with expected future reinsurance premiums.

Salvage and subrogation reimbursements

Some insurance contracts permit the Group to sell (usually damaged) property acquired in settling a claim (i.e. salvage). The Group may also have the right to pursue third parties for payment of some or all costs (i.e. subrogation).

The Group does not allow for salvage recoveries or subrogation reimbursements in the measurement of insurance liabilities for claims. Salvage and subrogation reimbursements are recognised when the money is due.

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1. Summary of significant accounting policies *(continued)*

1.10 *Classification of insurance and investment contracts*

Life insurance contracts

Revenue recognition and measurement

These contracts insure events associated with human life (i.e. death, disability or survival) over a long-term duration. Premiums are recognised as revenue when they become payable by the contract holder. Premiums are shown before the deduction of commission. Individual life policies, life annuities and single premiums are accounted for in terms of the policy contract.

Claims and loss adjustment

A liability for contractual benefits that are expected to be incurred in the future is recorded when the premiums are recognised. The liabilities are valued at each reporting date using the financial soundness valuation (FSV) basis described in Standard of Actuarial Practice (SAP) 104 issued by the Actuarial Society of South Africa (ASSA) and the liability is reflected as policyholder liabilities under insurance contracts.

Under the FSV basis, a liability is determined as the sum of the current estimate of the expected discounted value of all the benefit payments and the future administration expenses that are directly related to the contract, less the current estimate of the expected discounted value of the contractual premiums.

In respect of outstanding claims, provision is made for the costs of intimated and unintimated claims.

Intimated claims represent claims where the incident giving rise to a claim has occurred and has been reported to the insurer for settlement but has not yet been finalised and paid by the insurer. The liability is measured at the value assessed for the claim. Unintimated claims represent claims incurred but not yet reported or paid. The liability is estimated by assuming that future trends in reporting of claims will be similar to the past. The profile of claims run-off (over time) is modelled by using historic data of the Group and chain-ladder techniques. The profile is then applied to actual claims data of recent periods for which the run-off is believed not to be complete.

Benefits are recorded as an expense when they are incurred.

Valuation methodology

Assumptions used for valuing policy liabilities are based on best estimates of future experience, guided by recent past experience and increased by margins prescribed by the ASSA for prudence and further discretionary margins to ensure that profits are released appropriately over the term of each policy.

Policyholders' reasonable expectations are allowed for by valuing all guaranteed benefits. Maturity guarantee liabilities have been valued in accordance with the requirements of Advisory Practice Note (APN) 110 issued by the ASSA. In terms of this guidance, an internationally recognised market-consistent stochastic model is used to perform a range of asset projections from which the maturity guarantee liability is derived. In terms of APN 110 the projections allow for at least a certain minimum level of market volatility. The liability is equal to the discounted shortfall (of stimulated maturity values against minimum guarantees values) across all projections for the policies concerned.

Liability adequacy test

Liabilities are calculated in terms of the FSV basis as described in SAP 104. Since the FSV basis meets the minimum requirement of the liability adequacy test, it is not necessary to perform additional adequacy test on the liability component. For the liability relating to potential future claims which have already been incurred on the reporting date, but of which the Group has not yet been informed, tests are performed to ensure that the liability is sufficient to cover historical run-off profiles and growth in the volume of business.

Reinsurance contracts held

Reinsurance contracts entered into by the Group with reinsurers, under which the Group is compensated for losses on one or more contracts issued by the Group and which meet the classification requirements for insurance contracts, are classified as reinsurance contracts held.

For contracts which do not meet the requirements to be classified as reinsurance, the total asset is recognised under financial assets.

The benefits to which the Group is entitled under its reinsurance contracts held are recognised as reinsurance assets. These assets consist of short-term balances due from reinsurers, as well as longer-term receivables that are dependent on the expected claims and benefits arising under the related reinsurance contracts. Amounts recoverable from or due to reinsurers are measured consistently with the amounts associated with the reinsured contracts and in accordance with the terms of each reinsurance agreement. The Group's reinsurance assets are assessed for impairment at each reporting date. If there is objective evidence that the reinsurance asset is impaired, the Group reduces the carrying amount of the reinsurance asset to its recoverable amount and recognises the impairment loss in profit or loss. For historic amounts, the impairment is calculated as the total amount due from reinsurers for which there is a significant probability that the amounts due would not be recoverable less any offsetting amounts. Liabilities are revalued assuming that no reinsurance is ceded.

Receivables and payables related to insurance and investment contracts

Receivables and payables are only recognised when they meet the definitions and recognition criteria of financial assets and/or liabilities. These include amounts due to and from intermediaries and insurance contract holders.

Philosophy on release of profits on the valuation basis

The Standard of Actuarial Practice (SAP 104) allows for additional margins if the statutory actuary believes that the compulsory margins are insufficient for prudent reserving and/or to defer the release of profits in line with policy design.

It is the Group's policy that profit margins contained in the premium basis should only be released and added to profits once premiums have been received and the risk cover has been provided.

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1. Summary of significant accounting policies *(continued)*

1.10 *Classification of insurance and investment contracts (continued)*

The following additional (discretionary) margins are incorporated in the liability calculations:

- Minimum liability equal to the surrender value of a policy and elimination of all negative liabilities to ensure that solvency is maintained if policy cancellations increase. It is not the philosophy of the Group to recognise an asset by (prematurely) recognising the expected future profits of a policy.
- Additional margin on mortality, disability and dreaded disease (equal to compulsory margins for most product lines) to take account of the size of the book, uncertainty surrounding future mortality trends (especially the AIDS pandemic), lack of catastrophe reinsurance, and the fact that certain classes of business are not underwritten.
- Reduced lapse assumptions on certain product lines due to the fact that lapses are inherently volatile and as it is not deemed prudent to take credit in advance for future lapses that might not arise.
- No recognition of future investment charges on linked businesses as the Group's profit recognition policy determines that asset-based fees are more appropriately accounted for as and when they are invoiced.
- A percentage of premiums for certain regular premium businesses is not taken into account when liabilities are valued. The effect is to increase liabilities. This allows for uncertainty as to whether the premiums will actually be received and is in line with the profit recognition policy whereby profit is not recognised in advance. whether the premiums will actually be received and is in line with the profit recognition policy whereby profit is not recognised in advance.

Value of business acquired

On acquisition of a portfolio of insurance contracts, either directly from another insurer or through the acquisition of a subsidiary company, the Group recognises an intangible asset representing the value of businesses acquired (VOBA).

The VOBA represents the present value of future profits embedded in acquired insurance contracts. The Group amortises the VOBA over the effective life of the acquired contracts. This amortisation is recognised in profit or loss.

1.10.2 Investment contracts

Policyholder contracts that do not transfer significant insurance risk are classified as investment contracts and are valued at fair value. Acquisition costs directly attributable to investment management contracts are capitalised to a deferred acquisition cost asset and amortised to profit or loss over the term of the contract.

The Group issues investment contracts with fixed and guaranteed terms. Investment contracts with fixed and guaranteed terms are financial liabilities of which the fair value is dependent on the fair value of the financial assets backing the liabilities. These contracts and the corresponding policyholder liabilities are designated to be held at fair value through profit or loss at inception. Subsequent changes to the fair value are taken to profit or loss.

Valuation techniques are used to establish the fair value at inception and at each reporting date. The Group's main valuation techniques incorporate all factors that market participants would consider and are based on observable market data. The fair value of a linked investment contract is determined using the current unit values that reflect that fair values of the financial assets contained within the Group's unithised investment funds linked to the financial liability, multiplied by the number of units attributed to the contract holder at the reporting date. The fair value of fixed interest rate products is determined by discounting the maturity value at market rates of interest.

If the investment contract is subject to a put or surrender option held by the customer, the fair value of the financial liability is never less than the amount payable on surrender, discounted for the required notice period, where applicable.

Withdrawals from, and deposits in investment contracts are excluded from profit or loss.

1.11 *Commodities*

Commodities where the Group has a shorter-term trading intention are carried at fair value less costs to sell in accordance with the broker-trader exception in IAS 2 Inventories (IAS 2).

The fair value for commodities is determined primarily using data derived from markets in which the underlying commodities are traded.

1.12 *Intangible assets*

1.12.1 *Goodwill*

The carrying value of goodwill is determined in accordance with IFRS 3 Business Combinations (IFRS 3) and IAS 36.

Goodwill arises on the acquisition of subsidiaries, associates and joint ventures, and represents the excess of the fair value of the purchase consideration over the fair value of the Group's share of the assets acquired, and the liabilities and contingent liabilities assumed on the date of the acquisition.

Goodwill is tested annually for impairment, or more frequently when there are indications that impairment may have occurred. The test involves comparing the carrying value of goodwill with the present value of the pre-tax cash flows, discounted at a rate of interest that reflects the inherent risks, of the CGU to which the goodwill relates, or the CGU's fair value less costs to sell if this is higher.

Any goodwill resulting from the acquisition of an associate or joint venture is included in the carrying value of the associate or joint venture.

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1. Summary of significant accounting policies *(continued)*

1.12.2 Intangible assets other than goodwill

The accounting standard that the Group applies in accounting for intangible assets other than goodwill, is IAS 38 Intangible Assets (IAS 38). Intangible assets include brands, customer lists, internally generated software, licences and other contracts and core deposit intangibles. They are initially recognised when they are separable or arise from contractual or other legal rights, the cost can be measured reliably and, in the case of intangible assets not acquired in a business combination, where it is probable that future economic benefits attributable to the assets will flow from their use.

Development expenditure is capitalised only if development costs can be measured reliably, completion of the development of the software is technically and commercially feasible, the Group can demonstrate that the intangible asset will be used to generate future economic benefits, the Group intends to and has sufficient resources to complete development and to use the asset, and the Group can demonstrate the ability to use or sell the intangible asset. The expenditure capitalised includes the cost of materials, staff costs and overhead costs that are directly attributable to preparing the software for intended use. Other development expenditure which does not meet the above requirements is recognised in profit or loss when the Group has right of access to the goods or as the services are received.

Intangible assets are stated at cost (which is, in the case of assets acquired in a business combination, the fair value at acquisition date) less amortisation and provision for impairment, if any, and are amortised over their useful lives in a manner that reflects the pattern to which they contribute to future cash flows, as set out in the following table.

Intangible assets are reviewed for impairment when there are indicators that impairment may have occurred.

	Customer lists and relationships	Computer software development costs	Other
Useful lives	Finite	Finite	Finite
Amortisation method used.	Amortised over the period of the expected use on a straight-line basis.	Amortised over the period of the expected use from the related project on a straight-line basis.	Amortised over the period of the expected use on a straight-line basis.
Internally generated or acquired	Acquired	Internally generated	Acquired
Annual amortisation rate (%)	8 – 20	20 – 33	10

1.13 Property and equipment

1.13.1 Property and equipment not subject to lease agreements

Property and equipment is stated at cost, which includes direct and incremental acquisition costs less accumulated depreciation and provisions for impairment, if required. Subsequent costs are capitalised if these result in an enhancement to the asset. Depreciation is provided on the depreciable amount of items of property and equipment on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful economic lives. Depreciation rates, methods and the residual values underlying the calculation of depreciation of items of property and equipment are kept under review to take account of any change in circumstances. The Group uses the following annual rates in calculating depreciation:

Item	Annual depreciation rate (%)
Computer equipment	14 – 25
Freehold property	2
Furniture and other equipment	10 – 15
Motor vehicles	25
Leasehold improvements	10 – 15

An item of property and equipment is derecognised upon disposal or when no future economic benefits are expected from its use or disposal. Any gain or loss arising on derecognition of the asset (calculated as the difference between the net disposal proceeds and the carrying amount of the asset) is included in profit or loss within 'other operating expenses' in the reporting period that the asset is derecognised.

1.13.2 Property and equipment subject to lease agreements

Finance leases

A finance lease is a lease which confers substantially all the risks and rewards of the leased assets on the lessee. Where the Group is the lessor, the leased asset is not held on the statement of financial position; instead a finance lease receivable is recognised representing the minimum lease payments receivable under the terms of the lease, discounted at the rate of interest implicit in the lease. Where the Group is the lessee, the leased asset is recognised in property and equipment and a finance lease liability is recognised, representing the minimum lease payments payable under the lease, discounted at the rate of interest implicit in the lease.

Interest income or expense is recognised in interest receivable or payable, allocated to accounting periods to reflect a constant periodic rate of return.

Leased assets are depreciated over the shorter of the term of the lease and the useful life of the asset.

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1. Summary of significant accounting policies *(continued)*

1.13 *Property and equipment* *(continued)*

Operating leases

An operating lease is a lease where substantially all of the risks and rewards of the leased assets remain with the lessor. Where the Group is the lessor, lease income is recognised on a straight-line basis over the period of the lease unless another systematic basis is more appropriate. The Group recognises leased assets on the statement of financial position within property and equipment.

Where the Group is the lessee, rentals payable are recognised as an expense in profit or loss on a straight-line basis over the lease term unless another systematic basis is more appropriate.

1.13.3 *Investment properties*

The Group initially recognises investment properties at cost, and subsequently at fair value at each reporting date reflecting market conditions at the reporting date. Gains and losses on measurement are included in profit or loss.

1.14 *Repossessed properties*

Repossessed properties acquired in exchange for loans as part of an orderly realisation are reported in 'other assets' as inventory as it is held for sale in the ordinary course of business. The repossessed properties are recognised when the risks and rewards of the properties have been transferred to the Group. The corresponding loans are derecognised when the Group becomes the holder of the title deed.

The properties acquired are initially recorded at cost, which is the lower of their fair value (less costs to sell) and the carrying amount of the loan (net of impairment allowance) at the date of exchange. They are subsequently measured at the lower of the carrying amount or net realisable value. No depreciation is charged in respect of these properties. Any subsequent write-down of the acquired properties to net realisable value is recognised in the statement of comprehensive income, in 'other impairments'. Any subsequent increase in net realisable value, to the extent that it does not exceed the cumulative write-down, is also recognised in 'other impairments'.

Gains or losses on disposal of repossessed properties are reported in 'other operating income' or 'operating expenses'.

1.15 *Non-current 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. This condition is regarded as met only when the sale is highly probable and the asset or disposal group is available for immediate sale in its present condition. Management must be committed to the sale, which should be expected to qualify for recognition as a completed sale within one year from the date of classification. Immediately before classification as held for sale, the assets (or components of a disposal group) are remeasured in accordance with the Group's accounting policies. Thereafter the assets (or disposal group) are measured at the lower of their carrying amount or fair value less cost to sell. Any impairment loss on a disposal group is first allocated to reduce goodwill and then to remaining assets and liabilities on a pro rata basis, except that no loss is allocated to financial assets, deferred tax assets, investment properties, insurance assets and employee benefit assets, which continue to be measured in accordance with the Group's accounting policies.

Impairment losses on initial classification as held for sale and subsequent gains or losses on remeasurement are recognised in profit or loss. Gains are not recognised in excess of any cumulative impairment loss until finally sold.

Property, equipment and intangible assets, once classified as held for sale, are not depreciated or amortised.

1.16 *Cash and cash equivalents*

For the purposes of the statement of cash flows, cash comprises cash on hand and demand deposits, and cash equivalents comprise highly liquid investments that are convertible into cash with an insignificant risk of changes in value with original maturities of three months or less. Repurchase and reverse repurchase agreements are not considered to be part of cash equivalents.

1.17 *Provisions, contingent liabilities and commitments*

Provisions are recognised for present obligations arising as consequences of past events where it is more likely than not that a transfer of economic benefit will be necessary to settle the obligation, which can be reliably estimated. Provision is made for the anticipated cost of restructuring, including redundancy costs when an obligation exists; for example, when the Group has a detailed formal plan for restructuring a business and has raised valid expectations in those affected by the restructuring by announcing its main features or starting to implement the plan.

Provision is made for undrawn loan commitments if it is probable that the facility will be drawn and result in the recognition of an asset at an amount less than the amount advanced.

Contingent liabilities are possible obligations whose existence will be confirmed only by uncertain future events, and present obligations where the transfer of economic resources is uncertain or cannot be reliably measured. Contingent liabilities are not recognised on the statement of financial position but are disclosed unless the outflow of economic resources is remote.

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1. Summary of significant accounting policies *(continued)*

1.18 Employee benefits

1.18.1 Post-retirement benefits

The Group operates a number of pension schemes including defined contribution and defined benefit schemes as well as post-retirement medical aid plans.

Defined contribution schemes

The Group recognises contributions due in respect of the reporting period in profit or loss. Any contributions unpaid at the reporting date are included as a liability.

Defined benefit schemes

The Group recognises its obligation (determined using the projected unit credit method) to members of the scheme at the reporting date, less the fair value of the scheme assets. Scheme assets are stated at fair value as at the reporting date.

Costs arising from regular pension cost, interest on net defined benefit liability or asset, past service cost settlements or contributions to the plan are recognised in profit or loss.

All actuarial gains and losses are recognised immediately through OCI in order for the net defined benefit scheme asset or liability recognised in the statement of financial position to reflect the full value of the plan surplus or deficit, taking into account the asset ceiling.

Remeasurements comprise experience adjustments (differences between previous actuarial assumptions and what has actually occurred) and the effects of changes in actuarial assumptions.

Interest is calculated by applying the discount rate to the opening net defined liability or asset, taking into account any changes in the net defined liability or asset during the period as a result of contribution and benefit payments.

Gains and losses on curtailments are recognised when the curtailment occurs, which may be when a demonstrable commitment to a reduction in benefits, or reduction in eligible employees, occurs. The gain or loss comprises any change in the present value of the obligation and the fair value of the assets. Where a scheme's assets exceed its obligation, an asset is recognised to the extent that it does not exceed the present value of future contribution holidays or refunds of contributions.

Post-employment medical aid plans

The cost of providing healthcare benefits to retired employees is accrued as a liability in the financial statements over the reporting period that the employees provide services to the Group, using a methodology similar to that for defined benefit pension schemes.

1.18.2 Staff costs

Short-term employee benefits, including salaries, accrued performance costs, salary deductions and taxes are recognised over the reporting period in which the employees provide the services to which the payments relate. Performance costs are recognised to the extent that the Group has a present obligation to its employees that can be measured reliably and are recognised on an undiscounted basis over the period of service that employees are required to work to qualify for the services.

1.18.3 Share-based payments

The Group operates equity-settled and cash-settled share-based payment plans.

Employee services settled in equity instruments

The cost of the employee services received in respect of the shares or share options granted is recognised in profit or loss over the period that employees provide services, generally the period in which the award is granted or notified and the vesting date of the shares or options. The overall cost of the award is calculated using the number of shares and options expected to vest and the fair value of the shares or options at the date of grant.

The number of shares and options expected to vest takes into account the likelihood that performance and service conditions included in the terms of the awards will be met. Failure to meet the non-vesting condition is treated as a cancellation, resulting in an acceleration of recognition of the cost of the employee services.

The fair value of shares is the market price ruling on the grant date, in some cases adjusted to reflect restrictions on transferability. The fair value of options granted is determined using option pricing models to estimate the numbers of shares likely to vest. These take into account the exercise price of the option, the current share price, the risk-free interest rate, the expected volatility of the share price over the life of the option and other relevant factors. Market conditions that must be met in order for the award to vest are also reflected in the fair value of the award, as are any other non-vesting conditions.

Recharge arrangements that exist between entities within the Group do not impact the nature of the share-based payment transaction, and therefore do not affect the classification as either equity-settled or cash-settled. Group entities account for intergroup recharges within equity.

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1. Summary of significant accounting policies *(continued)*

1.18 *Employee benefits (continued)*

Employee services settled in cash

The fair value of the amount payable to employees in terms of a cash-settled share-based payment is recognised as an expense, with a corresponding increase in liabilities, over the vesting period. The liability is remeasured at each reporting date and at settlement date. Any changes in the fair value of the liability are recognised as staff costs in profit or loss. No amount is recognised for services received if the awards granted do not vest because of a failure to satisfy a vesting condition.

1.19 *Tax*

1.19.1 *Current tax*

Income tax payable on taxable profits (current tax) is recognised as an expense in the reporting period in which the profits arise. Withholding taxes are also treated as income taxes. Income tax recoverable on tax allowable losses is recognised as a current tax asset only to the extent that it is regarded as recoverable by offset against taxable profits arising in the current or prior reporting period.

Current tax is measured using tax rates and tax laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted at the reporting date.

1.19.2 *Deferred tax*

Deferred tax is provided in full, using the liability method, on temporary differences arising from the differences between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts in the consolidated financial statements. Deferred tax is determined using tax rates and legislation enacted or substantively enacted by the reporting date which are expected to apply when the deferred tax asset is realised or the deferred tax liability is settled. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are only offset when there is both a legal right to set-off and an intention to settle on a net basis.

1.19.3 *Dividends withholding tax*

Dividends are taxed at 20% in the hands of certain of the recipients of the dividends, rather than in the hands of the declarer of the dividend. As such, for dividends declared and paid by the Group, the Group does not recognise tax on dividends declared.

1.19.4 *Value added tax (VAT)*

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of VAT, except:

- where the VAT incurred on a purchase of assets or services is not recoverable from the taxation authority, in which case the VAT is recognised as part of the asset or expense; and
- receivables and payables that are stated with the amount of VAT included.

Non-recoverable VAT on operating expenditure is disclosed separately in 'other expenses' in profit or loss.

The net amount of VAT recoverable from, or payable to, the taxation authority is included as part of receivables or payables in the statement of financial position.

1.20 *Treasury shares*

Treasury shares are deducted from shareholders' equity within other reserves and treasury shares. A transfer is made to retained earnings in line with the vesting of treasury shares held for the purposes of share-based payments.

1.21 *Reporting changes overview*

The financial reporting changes that have had an impact on the Group's results for the comparative reporting period ended 31 December 2016 include changes in reportable segments.

1.21.1 *Changes in reportable segments*

Refer to note 58 for changes affected to reportable segments, in line with the requirements of IFRS 8.

1.21.2 *Adoption of the own credit exemption of IFRS 9*

The Group adopted the requirement to present the effects of changes in the fair value, which relate to own credit, of financial liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss in other comprehensive income at 1 January 2017. The impact of this change has been detailed in the statement of comprehensive income and has no impact on opening reserves/retained earnings. Comparatives have not been restated.

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1. Summary of significant accounting policies *(continued)*

1.22 *New standards and interpretations not yet adopted*

A number of new standards and amendments to existing standards have been issued but are not yet effective for the reporting period and have not been applied in preparing these annual financial statements:

IFRS 9 – Financial Instruments

IFRS 9 Financial Instruments replaces IAS 39 Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement with effect from 1 January 2018. IFRS 9 includes requirements for the classification and measurement of financial assets and liabilities, impairment of financial assets and hedge accounting. The impairment requirements will lead to significant changes in the accounting for financial instruments. BAGL will not restate comparatives on initial application of IFRS 9 on 1 January 2018 but will provide detailed transitional disclosures in accordance with the amended requirements of IFRS 7 Financial Instruments: Disclosures. Any change in the carrying value of financial instruments upon initial application of IFRS 9 will be recognised in equity.

BAGL has a jointly accountable risk and finance implementation and governance programme with representation from all impacted departments. The programme is responsible for the robustness of models, data accuracy, taxation, regulatory capital and other process and system impacts as a result of IFRS 9. The parallel run of IFRS 9 and IAS 39 impairment models commenced in February 2017, which included model, process and output validation, testing, calibration and analysis.

Based on analysis performed, the effects of the new classification and measurement requirements under IFRS 9 will not have a significant impact on retained income upon transition. The specific requirements of IFRS 9 relating to the presentation of gains and losses on financial liabilities designated at fair value were early adopted at the beginning of the current reporting period. The effects of changes in the credit risk of liabilities are presented in other comprehensive income with the remaining effect presented in profit or loss in the current period.

Impairment

IFRS 9 introduces a revised impairment model which will require entities to recognise expected credit losses ('ECL') based on unbiased forward-looking information. This replaces the existing IAS 39 incurred loss model which only recognises impairment if there is objective evidence that a loss has already been incurred and would measure the loss based on the most probable outcome. The IFRS 9 impairment model will be applicable to all financial assets at amortised cost, lease receivables, debt financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income, loan commitments and financial guarantee contracts. This presents a change from the scope of the IAS 39 impairment model which excludes loan commitments and financial guarantee contracts (these were covered by IAS 37 Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets).

The measurement of expected loss will involve increased complexity and judgment including estimation of lifetime probabilities of default, loss given default, a range of unbiased future economic scenarios, estimation of expected lives, estimation of exposures at default and assessing increases in credit risk.

Exposures would be divided into 3 stages as follows:

Stage 1: Exposures where a significant increase in credit risk has not occurred since origination. For these exposures a 12 month expected credit loss will be recognized.

Stage 2: Exposures for which a significant increase in credit risk has occurred since origination. BAGL will assess whether a significant increase in credit risk has occurred based on qualitative and quantitative drivers; as well as exposures that are more than 30 days past due contractual payment date. Qualitative drivers include being marked as high risk or being reflected on management's watch list. Quantitative drivers include the change in an asset's cumulative weighted average lifetime probability of default. BAGL will not rely on the low credit risk exemption which provides that facilities classified as investment grade have not significantly deteriorated. Management overlays will be applied only if consistent with the principles of identifying significantly deteriorated assets. Lifetime expected credit losses will be recognized for these assets.

Stage 3: Exposures which meets the definition of default. BAGL has aligned its definition of default with Regulatory Capital CRR Article 178, which considers exposures that are more than 90 days past due, forbearance, as well as indicators that an exposure is unlikely to pay. Lifetime expected credit losses will be recognized for these assets.

Expected credit losses are the unbiased probability weighted credit losses determined by evaluating a range of possible outcomes and considering future economic conditions. When there is a non linear relationship between forward looking economic scenarios and their associated credit losses, a range of at least three forward looking economic scenarios will be considered to ensure a sufficient unbiased representative sample of the complete distribution is included in determining the expected loss. The process to develop scenarios will align to the existing stress testing scenario development process. Scenarios will be approved by the Group Credit and Impairment Committee, reviewed by the Credit Concentration Risk Committee; and ultimately reviewed by the GACC.

Management adjustments are made to model outputs where the modelling output does not cater for known or estimated factors, for instance specific forecasted economic expectations or political events.

Per IFRS 9 principles, the gross carrying amount of an exposure is the contractual amount owing from the counterparty; whereas the amortised cost reflects the expected cash flows discounted using the original effective interest rate. Hence the expected credit loss provision, which is the difference between the gross carrying amount and amortised cost, would reflect the expected cash shortfalls discounted by the original effective interest rate.

Consequently, the expected credit loss provision per IFRS 9 includes contractual interest in respect of stage 3 assets; where previously such interest was excluded from the gross carrying amount presented.

As a result of the alignment of the regulatory definition of default with stage 3 per IFRS 9, interest will be recognised on a net basis for exposures that are 90 days past contractual due date or have evidenced certain indicators that they are unlikely to pay. Consequently, interest income will reduce.

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1. Summary of significant accounting policies *(continued)*

1.22 *New standards and interpretations not yet adopted (continued)*

The revised impairment model is expected to have a material financial impact on the existing impairment provisions previously recognised in terms of the requirements of IAS 39. It is estimated that the increase on IAS 39 impairment stock (including contractual interest suspended) will be in the region of 30%, on a pre-tax basis. Based on the current requirements of Basel III, the increase in the accounting impairment provisions is not expected to reduce the Group's Common Equity Tier 1 (CET1) capital ratio by more than 35bps, on 1 January 2018, before taking into account the impact of the regulatory transitional arrangement. Barclays Africa Group Limited has elected to utilise the transition period of three years for phasing in the regulatory capital impact of IFRS 9. IFRS 9 has been considered in the Group's capital planning.

The reasons for the change in impairment provisions are as follows:

- The removal of the emergence period that was necessitated by the incurred loss model of IAS 39. All stage 1 assets will carry a 12 month expected credit loss provision. This differs from IAS 39 where unidentified impairments were typically measured with an emergence period of between three to twelve months.
- The provisioning for lifetime expected credit losses on stage 2 assets; where some of these assets would not have attracted a lifetime expected credit loss measurement per IAS 39.
- The inclusion of forecasted macroeconomic scenarios into the expectation of credit losses;
- The inclusion of expected credit losses on items that would not have been impaired under IAS 39, such as loan commitments and financial guarantees.

Classification and measurement

IFRS 9 will require financial assets to be classified on the basis of two criteria:

- 1) The business model within which financial assets are managed, and
- 2) Their contractual cash flow characteristics (whether the cash flows represent 'solely payments of principal and interest').

Financial assets will be measured at amortised cost if they are held within a business model whose objective is to hold financial assets in order to collect contractual cash flows, and their contractual cash flows represent solely payments of principal and interest.

Financial assets will be measured at fair value through other comprehensive income if they are held within a business model whose objective is achieved by both collecting contractual cash flows and selling financial assets and their contractual cash flows represent solely payments of principal and interest.

Other financial assets are required to be measured at fair value through profit and loss if they are held for the purposes of trading, if their contractual cash flows do not meet the 'solely payments of principal and interest' criterion, or if they are managed on a fair value basis and the Group maximises cash flows through sale. IFRS 9 allows an entity to irrevocably designate a financial asset as at fair value through profit or loss if doing so eliminates or significantly reduces a measurement or recognition inconsistency (that is, an accounting mismatch).

An entity is permitted to make an irrevocable election for non-traded equity investments to be measured at fair value through other comprehensive income, in which case dividends are recognised in profit or loss, but other gains or losses are not reclassified to profit or loss upon derecognition.

The accounting for financial liabilities remains largely unchanged, except for financial liabilities designated at fair value through profit and loss. Gains and losses on such financial liabilities are required to be presented in other comprehensive income, to the extent that they relate to changes in own credit risk. The Group early adopted this requirement in 2017.

Adoption of the new classification and measurement rules will require a limited number of reclassifications to be effected as at 1 January 2018, but will not require a significant adjustment to the gross carrying values of the Group's financial assets and financial liabilities. Initial application of the new requirements will therefore have an insignificant impact on the Group's retained income as at 1 January 2018.

Explanations of the reclassifications that will be required are provided below:

- Certain financial assets, including loans and advances in CIB and investments in WIMI were designated at FVTPL under IAS 39 because they were managed on a fair value basis. In terms of IFRS 9, these assets are now required to be measured at FVTPL, rather than being voluntarily designated as such. This is because they are held within a business model in which they are managed and their performance is evaluated on a fair value basis.
- Certain debt securities are held by Treasury in a separate portfolio to meet everyday liquidity needs. These were classified as available for sale under IAS 39. Treasury seeks to minimise the cost of managing those liquidity needs and therefore actively manages the return on the portfolio. That return consists of collecting contractual cash flows as well as gains and losses from the sale of financial assets. This investment strategy may result in sales activity. The Group considers that under IFRS 9 these securities are held within a business model in which the objective is achieved by both collecting contractual cash flows and selling financial assets. These instruments have therefore been classified as measured at FVOCI under IFRS 9.

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1. Summary of significant accounting policies *(continued)*

1.22 *New standards and interpretations not yet adopted* *(continued)*

- In a particular jurisdiction within Rest of Africa, a small portfolio of debt securities held by Treasury are currently classified as available for sale, but will be reclassified to amortised cost under IFRS 9. It is not possible to evidence an ability to sell these securities, and as such, the portfolio is aligned to having a business model where the objective is to collect contractual cash flows.
- Certain debt instruments in CIB that were previously bifurcated and recognised as a separate loan at amortised cost and a derivative. These are now required to be classified as FVTPL due to their cash flows not consisting solely of payments of principal and interest.
- Certain debt securities held by Insurance entities within Rest of Africa, are currently classified under IAS 39 as available for sale, but will be reclassified to amortised cost under IFRS 9. This reclassification is required because the securities are neither held within a portfolio whose business model is to manage the securities and evaluate their performance on a fair value basis, nor is it possible to evidence an adequate frequency and volume of sales pertaining to these securities. As such the portfolio is aligned to having a business model where the objective is to collect the contractual cash flows.

In October 2017, the IASB issued an amendment to IFRS 9 Prepayment Features with Negative Compensation. Under the current IFRS 9 requirements, the SPPI condition is not met if the lender has to make a settlement payment in the event of termination by the borrower (also referred to as early repayment gain). The amendment clarifies how a company would classify and measure a debt instrument if the borrower was permitted to prepay the instrument at an amount less than the unpaid principal and interest owed. Such a prepayment amount is often described as including 'negative compensation'. Under the amendments, the sign of the prepayment amount is not relevant. The calculation of this compensation payment must be the same for both the case of an early repayment penalty and the case of an early repayment gain. This amendment is effective on 1 January 2019 and is not expected to have a significant impact on the Group.

Hedge Accounting

IFRS 9 contains revised requirements on hedge accounting, which are more closely aligned with an entity's risk management strategies and risk management objectives. The new rules would replace the current quantitative effectiveness test with a simpler version, and requires that an economic relationship exists between the hedged item and the hedging instrument. Under the new rules, voluntary hedge de-designations would not be allowed.

BAGL will continue to apply IAS 39 hedge accounting, although it will implement the amended IFRS 7 hedge accounting disclosure requirements.

IFRS 4 Insurance Contracts – Applying IFRS 9 Financial instruments (amendments) allow an entity that issues insurance contracts the opportunity to utilise two options, where IFRS 9 is applied prior to the forthcoming insurance contracts standard.

These are:

- (a) the overlay approach – which permits an insurer to reclassify certain income/expenditure, arising from designated financial instruments, from profit or loss to OCI, and
- (b) the deferral approach – temporary exemption from IFRS 9 for insurers whose predominant activity is issuing insurance contracts.

The amendments will not have an impact on the Group, as the Group will not elect to apply the overlay approach, and does not qualify for the deferral approach.

IFRS 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers (IFRS 15) provides a single, principles based five-step model to be applied to all contracts with customers (except for contracts that are within the scope of the standards on leases, insurance contracts or financial instruments).

The five steps in the model are as follows:

- Identify the contract with the customer
- Identify the performance obligation in the contract
- Determine the transaction price
- Allocate the transaction price to the performance obligations in the contracts
- Recognise revenue when (or as) the entity satisfies a performance obligation.

The core principle of IFRS 15 is that an entity will recognise revenue to depict the transfer of promised goods or services to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration to which the entity expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services

Enhanced guidance is provided on topics such as the point in which revenue is recognised, accounting for variable consideration and multiple element arrangements, costs of fulfilling and obtaining a contract and various related matters. New disclosures about revenues are also introduced.

IFRS 15 is applicable to reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2018. The Group will apply the modified retrospective approach. The initial application of IFRS 15 is not expected to have a significant impact on the Group's financial statements.

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1. Summary of significant accounting policies *(continued)*

1.22 *New standards and interpretations not yet adopted (continued)*

IFRS 16 Leases (IFRS 16) sets out the principles for the recognition, measurement, presentation and disclosure of leases. One of the key changes brought by IFRS 16 is the elimination of the classification of leases as either operating leases or finance leases for a lessee, and the introduction a single lessee accounting model.

Applying the revised model, a lessee is required to recognise:

- (a) a right of use asset together with a lease liability representing the future lease payments for all leases (unless the lease term is shorter than 12 months or the underlying asset is of low value and the related exemptions are elected); and
- (b) depreciation of lease assets separately from interest on lease liabilities in the statement of comprehensive income.

The standard provides revised guidance in defining what constitutes a lease and how the lease term is determined as well as enhanced disclosure requirements for both lessees and lessors about its leasing activities and how exposures are managed.

The effective date of IFRS 16 is 1 January 2019, with an allowance for early adoption, provided the entity applies IFRS 15 at the same time.

The implementation of IFRS 16 is expected to give rise to an increase in property, plant and equipment (right of use assets) and lease liabilities as lessee operating leases are currently not capitalised. This is not expected to have a significant impact on the Group's statement of financial position. However, the group is still in the process of assessing the impact of adoption.

IFRS 17 Insurance Contracts (IFRS 17) replaces IFRS 4 Insurance Contracts and requires all insurance contracts to be accounted for in a consistent manner. Insurance obligations are required to be accounted for using current values instead of historical cost. The information is required to be updated regularly, providing users with more useful information.

IFRS 17 is effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2021. An entity may elect to transition using a modified retrospective approach or a fair value transition approach should the fully retro approach be impracticable. The Group is in the process of assessing the impact.

IAS 40 Investment Property (IAS 40) (amendments) clarifies when an entity should transfer property into, or out of, investment property. The amendments are generally required to be applied prospectively and will be applicable to reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2018. The Group is in the process of assessing the impact.

IFRIC 22 Foreign Currency Transactions and Advance Considerations clarify the exchange rates to be used in foreign currency transactions depending on whether they are considered monetary or non-monetary in nature. There is a choice as to whether an entity applies the interpretation retrospectively or prospectively. It is applicable to reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2018. The Group is in the process of assessing the impact.

IFRIC 23 Uncertainty over Income Tax Treatments clarifies application and recognition principles when there is uncertainty over income tax treatments. The interpretation provides certain transition relief and is effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2019. The Group is in the process of assessing the impact.

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	Group	
	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
2. Cash, cash balances and balances with central banks		
Balances with other central banks	10 281	13 395
Balances with the SARB	19 109	18 552
Coins and bank notes	13 519	13 141
Money market assets	5 760	4 918
	48 669	50 006

Included above are money market assets of **R1 898m** (2016: R1 578m) which are linked to investment contracts (refer to note 23.1).

The minimum reserve balance to be held in cash with the South African Reserve Bank (SARB) is calculated under the provision of Regulation 27. The balance is 2,5% of the adjusted liabilities as set out in Regulation 27. The required average daily minimum reserve balance must be held with the SARB as from the fifteenth business day of the month following the month to which the BA310 return relates and cannot be utilized in the normal course of business.

	Group	
	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
3. Investment securities		
Government bonds	34 321	46 781
Listed equity instruments	2 859	3 144
Money market assets	5	26
Other debt securities	35 123	29 062
Treasury bills	36 812	32 365
Unlisted equity and hybrid instruments	2 289	2 937
	111 409	114 315

Government bonds valued at **R12 922m** (2016: R10 374m) have been pledged with the SARB and other Central Banks.

R12 922m (2016: R10 006m) of this amount relates to repurchase agreements.

	Group	
	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
4. Loans and advances to banks		
Loans and advances to banks	55 426	49 789

Included above are reverse repurchase agreements of **R15 279m** (2016: R18 768m) and other collateralised loans of **R529m** (2016: R635m) relating to securities borrowed.

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	Group	
	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
5. Trading and hedging portfolio assets		
Commodities	2 051	1 485
Debt instruments	34 978	23 753
Derivative assets (refer to note 59.4)	56 853	45 153
Commodity derivatives	1 105	797
Credit derivatives	165	184
Equity derivatives	2 544	1 607
Foreign exchange derivatives	15 886	15 210
Interest rate derivatives	37 153	27 355
Equity instruments	23 662	17 883
Money market assets	14 639	7 962
Total trading portfolio assets	132 183	96 236
Hedging portfolio assets (refer to note 59.6)	2 673	1 745
	134 856	97 981

Trading portfolio assets with carrying values of **R7 571m** (2016: R13 820m) and **R6 278m** (2016: R2 649m) were pledged as security for repurchase and scrip lending agreements respectively. These assets are pledged for the duration of the respective agreements.

Included within debt instruments are financial assets traded in the debt capital market with an original maturity of more than one year such as government and corporate bonds.

Included within money market assets are highly liquid financial assets with an original maturity of one year or less, such as floating rate notes, negotiable certificates of deposit, treasury bills, promissory notes, commercial paper and bankers' acceptance notes.

	Group	
	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
6. Other assets		
Accounts receivable and prepayments	13 932	17 488
Deferred costs	483	553
Deferred acquisition costs (refer to note 6.1)	316	430
Other deferred costs	167	123
Inventories	409	431
Cost	415	433
Write-down	(6)	(2)
Retirement benefit fund surplus (refer to note 44)	474	553
Settlement accounts	5 662	6 517
	20 960	25 542
6.1 Deferred acquisition costs		
Balance at the beginning of the reporting period	430	238
Additions	261	623
Amortisation charge	(370)	(427)
Foreign exchange movement	(5)	(4)
Balance at the end of the reporting period	316	430

Deferred acquisition costs relate to the Group's insurance and investment businesses.

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	Group	
	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
7. Non-current assets and non-current liabilities held for sale		
Non-current assets held for sale		
Balance at the beginning of the reporting period	823	1 700
Disposals	(1 315)	(173)
Transfer to cash, cash balances and balances with central banks	—	(33)
Transfer to loans and advances to banks	—	(48)
Transfer to other assets	—	(20)
Transfer to reinsurance assets	—	(140)
Transfer to investment securities	—	(1 140)
Transfer from cash, cash balances and balances with central banks	61	2
Transfer from loans and advances to customers	1 118	—
Transfer from loans and advances to banks	49	—
Transfer from other assets	24	73
Transfer from goodwill and intangibles assets (refer to note 15)	26	—
Transfer from investment securities	547	—
Transfer from investment properties (refer to note 13)	—	748
Transfer from property and equipment (refer to note 14)	4	—
Fair value adjustments on investment securities	(80)	(201)
Fair value adjustments on investment properties	51	—
(Decrease)/Increase in other assets	—	55
Balance at the end of the reporting period	1 308	823
Non-current liabilities held for sale		
Balance at the beginning of the reporting period	9	233
Disposals	(26)	—
Transfer to other liabilities	—	(93)
Transfer to policyholder liabilities under insurance contracts	—	(140)
Transfer from other liabilities	65	9
Balance at the end of the reporting period	48	9

The following movements in non-current assets and non-current liabilities held for sale were effected during the current financial reporting period:

- Retail Banking South Africa transferred loans and advances to customers of R1 118m and property and equipment of R1m to non-current assets held for sale. The Commercial Property Finance (CPF) Equity division in Business Banking South Africa disposed of a subsidiary with assets of R373m and liabilities of R26m out of non-current assets and non-current liabilities held for sale respectively. Business Banking South Africa further disposed of two investment properties with a total carrying value of R475m.
- Rest of Africa banking transferred property and equipment with a carrying value of R3m to non-current assets held for sale.
- CIB South Africa transferred investment securities with a carrying value of R547m to non-current assets held for sale. Prior to its disposal at a carrying value of R467m, a negative fair value adjustment of R80m was applied to the investment securities.
- WIMI transferred two subsidiaries to non-current assets and non-current liabilities held for sale. The subsidiaries held assets of R139m and R14m, and liabilities of R34m and R14m respectively.

The following movements in non-current assets and non-current liabilities held for sale were effected during the previous financial reporting period:

- RBB South Africa transferred investment properties with a total carrying value of R456m and a subsidiary with total assets of R367m and total liabilities of R9m to non-current assets and non-current liabilities held for sale. The Commercial Property Finance (CPF) Equity division disposed of an investment security and investment property with a carrying value of R15m and R64m respectively.
- Head Office, Treasury and other operations in South Africa disposed of property and equipment with a carrying value of R94m.
- WIMI transferred a consolidated structured entity with total assets of R245m and total liabilities of R233m out of non-current assets and non-current liabilities held for sale. This was done following a reassessment by management of the time expected to be taken to effect disposal.
- CIB South Africa transferred investment securities with a carrying value of R1 136m out of non-current assets held for sale. This was done following a change in management intention with regards to disposal.

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	Group	
	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
8. Loans and advances to customers		
Corporate overdrafts and specialised finance loans	10 107	8 285
Credit cards	40 339	41 000
Foreign currency loans	27 914	29 478
Instalment credit agreements, (refer to note 8.1)	79 534	76 219
Gross advances	98 547	94 488
Unearned finance charges	(19 013)	(18 269)
Loans to associates and joint ventures (refer to note 49.5)	26 054	20 183
Microloans	4 938	4 636
Mortgages	278 126	270 876
Other advances	21 056	25 636
Overdrafts	39 652	39 920
Overnight finance	20 547	15 574
Personal and term loans	90 987	86 206
Preference shares	17 813	17 443
Reverse repurchase agreements (Carries)	19 316	16 116
Wholesale overdrafts	92 263	88 453
Gross loans and advances to customers	768 646	740 025
Impairment losses on loans and advances (refer to note 9)	(18 874)	(19 716)
	749 772	720 309

The Group has securitised certain loans and advances to customers, the total value of these securitised assets is **R4 152m** (2016: R5 851m). Included above are collateralised loans of **R253m** (2016: R191m) relating to securities borrowed.

The amount pledged is the required threshold of cash collateral based on specific arrangements with different counterparties. Exposures are reviewed on a periodic basis, whereby these thresholds are adjusted accordingly.

Other advances include working capital solutions, collateralised loans and specialised products in Rest of Africa.

	Group					
	2017			2016		
	Gross advances Rm	Unearned finance charges Rm	Net advances Rm	Gross advances Rm	Unearned finance charges Rm	Net advances Rm
8.1 Instalment credit agreements						
Maturity analysis						
Less than one year	29 262	(7 292)	21 970	28 895	(7 124)	21 771
Between one and five years	65 483	(11 537)	53 946	62 859	(10 986)	51 873
More than five years	3 802	(184)	3 618	2 734	(159)	2 575
	98 547	(19 013)	79 534	94 488	(18 269)	76 219

The Group enters into instalment credit agreements in respect of motor vehicles, equipment and medical equipment.

The majority of the leases are denominated in South African Rand. The average term of the finance leases entered into is five years.

Under the terms of the lease agreements, no contingent rentals are payable.

Unguaranteed residual values of instalment credit agreements at the reporting date are **R7 783m** (2016: R7 010m).

The accumulated allowance for uncollectible lease payments receivable included in the allowance for impairments at the reporting date is **R1 821m** (2016: R1 660m).

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	Group	
	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
9. Impairment losses on loans and advances to customers		
Comprising:		
Identified impairments	16 335	16 806
Unidentified impairments	2 539	2 910
	18 874	19 716
Note	8	8

	Group						
	2017						
Reconciliation of allowance for impairment losses on loans and advances to customers	Retail Banking South Africa Rm	Business Banking South Africa Rm	CIB South Africa Rm	Rest of Africa Banking Rm	WIMI Rm	Head Office, Treasury and other operations in South Africa Rm	Total Rm
Balance at the beginning of the reporting period	11 945	1 935	1 828	3 933	71	4	19 716
Net present value unwind on non-performing book	(642)	(71)	—	—	—	—	(713)
Exchange differences	—	—	—	(331)	—	—	(331)
Transfer between segments	—	(1)	1	—	—	—	—
Amounts written-off	(4 975)	(387)	(1 006)	(1 411)	(5)	1	(7 783)
Impairment raised/(reversed) – identified	5 556	444	653	1 339	121	—	8 113
Impairment raised/(reversed) – unidentified	(83)	(51)	(86)	86	1	5	(128)
	11 801	1 869	1 390	3 616	188	10	18 874

	2016 ¹						
	Retail Banking South Africa Rm	Business Banking South Africa Rm	CIB South Africa Rm	Rest of Africa Banking Rm	WIMI Rm	Head Office, Treasury and other operations in South Africa Rm	Total Rm
Balance at the beginning of the reporting period	10 676	1 793	772	3 754	65	40	17 100
Net present value unwind on non-performing book	(601)	(98)	—	—	—	—	(699)
Exchange differences	—	—	—	(521)	—	—	(521)
Transfer between segments	(4)	(16)	20	—	—	—	—
Amounts written-off	(4 294)	(442)	(2)	(1 187)	(7)	—	(5 932)
Impairment raised/(reversed) – identified	6 010	591	839	1 575	38	—	9 053
Impairment raised/(reversed) – unidentified	158	107	199	312	(25)	(36)	715
	11 945	1 935	1 828	3 933	71	4	19 716

Note

¹ These numbers have been restated, refer to note 58.1.

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9. Impairment losses on loans and advances to customers (continued)

	Group	
	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
9.1 Statement of comprehensive income charge		
Impairments raised during the reporting period	7 985	9 768
Identified impairments	8 113	9 053
Unidentified impairments	(128)	715
Recoveries of loans and advances previously written-off	(963)	(1 017)
	7 022	8 751

	Group	
	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
10. Reinsurance assets		
Insurance contracts (refer to note 24)	892	985
Life insurance contracts	114	93
Short-term insurance contracts	778	892
	892	985

Included in 'other assets – accounts receivables and prepayments' is R624m (2016: R531m) relating to amounts receivable from reinsurers for claims made against them.

	Group	
	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
11. Investments linked to investment contracts		
Debt instruments	557	506
Derivative instruments (refer to note 59.3)	59	39
Listed equity instruments	16 152	15 117
Money market instruments	2 168	2 085
Unlisted equity and hybrid instruments	—	1 069
	18 936	18 816

	Group	
	2017 Rm	2015 Rm
12. Investments in associates and joint ventures		
Unlisted investments	1 235	1 065
12.1 Movement in carrying value of associates and joint ventures accounted for under the equity method		
Balance at the beginning of the reporting period	1 065	1 000
Share of current reporting period post-tax results	170	115
Share of current reporting period results before taxation	222	152
Taxation on reporting period results	(52)	(37)
Net movement resulting from acquisitions, disposals and transfers	—	7
Dividends received	—	(15)
Impairment (refer to note 39)	—	(42)
Balance at the end of the reporting period	1 235	1 065

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12. Investments in associates and joint ventures (continued)

12.2 Associates and joint ventures

The following information is presented in respect of associates and joint ventures accounted for under the equity method:

Group share	Associates		Joint ventures	
	2017 Rm	2016 Rm	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
Post-tax profit/(loss) from continuing operations	8	(32)	162	147
Total comprehensive income	8	(32)	162	147

In the previous reporting period the Group disposed of its entire 49% shareholding in Rainfin (Pty) Ltd with a carrying value of Rnil.

	Group	
	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
12.3 Analysis of carrying value of associates and joint ventures accounted for under the equity method		
Unlisted investments		
Shares at cost	100	100
Share of post-acquisition reserves	1 135	965
	1 235	1 065

	Group					
	2017			2016		
	Associates Rm	Joint ventures Rm	Total Rm	Associates Rm	Joint ventures Rm	Total Rm
12.4 Carrying value of associates and joint ventures						
Equity accounted	208	1 027	1 235	201	864	1 065
Designated at fair value through profit or loss	20	444	464	21	437	458
	228	1 471	1 699	222	1 301	1 523

The investment in associates and joint ventures designated at fair value through profit or loss are presented within listed equity instruments under Investment Securities (note 3).

Refer to note 49.5 for additional disclosure of the Group's investments in associates and joint ventures.

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	Group	
	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
13. Investment properties		
Balance at the beginning of the reporting period	478	1 264
Additions	1	28
Change in fair value	54	84
Disposals/Transfers	(260)	(83)
Foreign exchange movements	(42)	(67)
Transfer to non-current assets held for sale (refer to note 7)	—	(748)
Balance at the end of the reporting period	231	478

Investment properties comprise a number of properties leased to third parties for either commercial or residential use. Each of the leases contain an initial rental period ranging from six months to ten years, depending on the use of the building being leased. Subsequent renewals are negotiated with the lessee. No contingent rentals are charged.

	Group					
	2017			2016		
	Cost Rm	Accumulated depreciation and/or impairments Rm	Carrying value Rm	Cost Rm	Accumulated depreciation and/or impairments Rm	Carrying value Rm
14. Property and equipment						
Computer equipment	8 279	(4 514)	3 765	7 546	(3 988)	3 558
Freehold property	6 601	(541)	6 060	6 848	(477)	6 371
Furniture and other equipment	9 835	(4 874)	4 961	8 553	(4 534)	4 019
Leasehold property	1 146	(697)	449	1 550	(923)	627
Motor vehicles	123	(55)	68	149	(81)	68
	25 984	(10 681)	15 303	24 646	(10 003)	14 643

	Group									
	2017									
Reconciliation of property and equipment	Opening balance Rm	Addi- tions Rm	Dispo- sals Rm	Transfer from invest- ment properties Rm	Trans- fers ¹ Rm	Transfer to Non- current assets held for sale Rm	Foreign exchange move- ments Rm	Depre- ciation Rm	Impair- ments charge Rm	Closing balance Rm
Computer equipment	3 558	929	(18)	—	244	(1)	(19)	(928)	—	3 765
Freehold property	6 371	1 804	(53)	—	(2 001)	(3)	(1)	(52)	(5)	6 060
Furniture and other equipment	4 019	441	(367)	—	1 757	—	289	(962)	(216)	4 961
Leasehold property	627	73	(104)	—	—	—	(123)	(24)	—	449
Motor vehicles	68	16	(13)	—	—	—	19	(22)	—	68
	14 643	3 263	(555)	—	—	(4)	165	(1 988)	(221)	15 303
Note				13		7		38	39	

Note

¹ During the current reporting period, an amount of R2 001m of assets under construction that was previously classified as 'Freehold property' has been reclassified as 'Computer equipment' (R244m) and 'Furniture and other equipment' (R1 757m) in accordance with the nature of these assets.

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14. Property and equipment (continued)

Reconciliation of property and equipment	Opening balance Rm	Additions Rm	Disposals Rm	Transfer from investment properties Rm	Transfers Rm	Group					Closing balance Rm
						2016	Transfer to Non-current assets held for sale Rm	Foreign exchange movements Rm	Depreciation Rm	Impairments charge Rm	
Computer equipment	3 048	1 309	(14)	—	—	—	(21)	(764)	—	3 558	
Freehold property	6 187	474	(301)	18	—	—	31	(38)	—	6 371	
Furniture and other equipment	3 097	2 089	(255)	—	—	—	(129)	(783)	—	4 019	
Leasehold property	881	167	(153)	—	—	—	(210)	(58)	—	627	
Motor vehicles	39	66	(6)	—	—	—	(4)	(27)	—	68	
	13 252	4 105	(729)	18	—	—	(333)	(1 670)	—	14 643	
Note				13		7		38	39		

Included in the above additions is **R1 130m** (2016: R2 111m) that relates to expenditure capitalised to the cost of property and equipment during the course of its construction.

R2 001m (2016: Rnil) of assets under construction relating to computer equipment and furniture and other equipment was brought in to use during the reporting period. **R402m** (2016: R989m) of assets under construction relating to freehold property was brought in to use during the reporting period.

During the current reporting period, a decision was made to dispose of certain property and equipment. As a result these property and equipment were impaired to zero.

During the prior reporting period certain Investment property was transferred to Property and Equipment due to a change in the use of the assets.

	Group					
	2017			2016		
	Cost Rm	Accumulated amortisation and/or impairments Rm	Carrying value Rm	Cost Rm	Accumulated amortisation and/or impairments Rm	Carrying value Rm
Computer software development costs	8 934	(4 587)	4 347	6 700	(3 805)	2 895
Customer lists and relationships	667	(614)	53	674	(611)	63
Goodwill	1 016	(187)	829	1 081	(165)	916
Other	258	(110)	148	269	(94)	175
	10 875	(5 498)	5 377	8 724	(4 675)	4 049

15. Goodwill and intangible assets

Reconciliation of goodwill and intangible assets	Opening balance Rm	Additions Rm	Additions through business combinations	Disposals Rm	Group					Closing balance Rm
					2017	Foreign exchange movements Rm	Amortisation Rm	Impairment charge Rm	Transfers Rm	
Computer software development costs	2 895	2 630	—	(157)	(17)	(616)	(384)	(5)	4 347	
Customer lists and relationships	63	—	—	—	—	(10)	—	—	53	
Goodwill	916	—	—	—	(28)	—	(38)	(21)	829	
Other	175	—	—	—	(2)	(24)	—	—	148	
	4 049	2 630	—	(157)	(47)	(650)	(422)	(26)	5 377	
Note			57.1			38	39			

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15. Goodwill and intangible assets (continued)

Reconciliation of goodwill and intangible assets	2016								
	Opening balance Rm	Additions Rm	Additions through business combinations	Disposals Rm	Foreign exchange movements Rm	Amortisation Rm	Impairment charge Rm	Transfers Rm	Closing balance Rm
Computer software development costs	2 355	1 507	23	(9)	(64)	(582)	(335)	—	2 895
Customer lists and relationships	438	—	—	—	—	(31)	(283)	(61)	63
Goodwill	948	—	20	—	(18)	—	(34)	—	916
Other	31	14	102	—	(5)	(28)	—	61	175
	3 772	1 521	145	(9)	(87)	(641)	(652)	—	4 049
Note			57.1			38	39		

The majority of computer software development costs were internally generated with the remainder externally acquired. Included in computer software development costs is **R3 110m** (2016: R1 581m) relating to assets under construction.

The impairment incurred during the current reporting period mainly relates to internally generated software, Barclays.Net which was fully impaired.

During the prior reporting period, two of the Group's intangible assets were impaired. An acquired customer list was fully impaired following an adjustment to the interest rate outlook for the related business. The second impairment relates to the costs previously spent by the Group on the Virtual Bank initiative.

In calculating the impairment to be recognised, the Group determined the value in use based on a discounted cash flow methodology.

	Group	
	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
Composition of goodwill		
Absa Vehicle and Management Solutions Proprietary Limited	112	112
Absa Asset Management Proprietary Limited	30	30
Barclays Bank of Mauritius Limited	38	40
Barclays Bank of Ghana Limited	65	65
Glenrand MIB employee benefits and healthcare	—	21
Global Alliance Seguros S.A.	24	24
Nile Bank Limited	89	100
First Assurance Company Limited	87	140
Woolworths Financial Services Proprietary Limited	364	364
Absa Instant Life Proprietary Limited	20	20
	829	916

In considering reasonably possible changes to key assumptions, even if the estimated discount rate and/or growth rate was changed by 2% (2016: 2%), no additional impairment loss would be recognised (2016: no impairment loss).

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	Group	
	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
16. Deferred tax		
16.1 Reconciliation of net deferred tax liability/(asset)		
Balance at the beginning of the reporting period	(143)	(721)
Deferred tax on amounts charged directly to other comprehensive income	383	(532)
Charge to profit or loss (refer to note 41)	(907)	(81)
Tax effect of translation and other differences	(67)	1 191
Balance at the end of the reporting period	(734)	(143)
16.2 Deferred tax liability/(asset)		
Tax effects of temporary differences between tax and book value for:		
Deferred tax liability	557	1 185
Prepayments, accruals and other provisions	85	812
Capital Allowances	1 193	1 045
Cash flow hedge and available for sale reserve	391	72
Fair value adjustments on financial instruments	(77)	(82)
Impairment of loans and advances	(839)	(411)
Lease and rental debtor allowances	(231)	(209)
Property allowances	168	153
Retirement benefit asset and liabilities	174	97
Share-based payments	(307)	(292)
Deferred tax asset	(1 291)	(1 328)
Assessed losses	(341)	(396)
Fair value adjustments on financial instruments	(12)	(43)
Impairment of loans and advances	(360)	(704)
Lease and rental debtor allowances	8	(8)
Other provisions ¹	(447)	(514)
Other differences ¹	(135)	343
Retirement benefit assets	—	7
Share-based payments	(4)	(13)
Net deferred tax liability/(asset)	(734)	(143)

16.3 Future tax relief

The Group has estimated tax losses of **R1 939m** (2016: R2 444m) which are available for set-off against future taxable income. Deferred tax assets of **R338m** (2016: R396m) relating to tax losses carried forward were recognised.

The assessed losses in Barclays Bank of Mozambique expire after 5 years of origination. The Group has unrecognised losses of **R734m** (2016: R1 024m).

	Group	
	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
17. Deposits from banks		
Call deposits	9 592	4 874
Fixed deposits	15 722	9 895
Foreign currency deposits	9 675	15 772
Notice deposits	1 031	625
Other	6 179	2 916
Repurchase agreements	25 191	19 110
	67 390	53 192

Note

¹ In the prior reporting period the deferred tax on 'other provisions' was disclosed under 'other differences' total previously disclosed R171m. This amount has been disaggregated in the current reporting period and comparatives have been restated accordingly.

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	Group	
	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
18. Trading and hedging portfolio liabilities		
Derivative liabilities (refer to note 59.4)	52 101	40 920
Commodity derivatives	1 293	819
Credit derivatives	158	238
Equity derivatives	2 396	1 366
Foreign exchange derivatives	14 878	14 173
Interest rate derivatives	33 376	24 324
Short positions	11 946	6 509
Total trading portfolio liabilities	64 047	47 429
Hedging portfolio liabilities (refer to note 59.6)	1 123	2 064
	65 170	49 493

	Group	
	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
19. Other liabilities		
Accruals	2 643	2 558
Audit fee accrual	70	106
Creditors	13 326	12 315
Deferred income	469	555
Retirement benefit funds and post-retirement medical plan obligations (refer to note 44)	401	442
Settlement balances	14 512	11 332
Share-based payment liability (refer to note 56)	323	388
	31 744	27 696

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	Group		
	Staff bonuses and incentive provisions Rm	2017 Sundry provisions Rm	Total Rm
20. Provisions			
Balance at the beginning of the reporting period	1 887	1 118	3 005
Additions	1 394	471	1 865
Amounts used	(1 193)	(594)	(1 787)
Reversals	(34)	(8)	(42)
Balance at the end of the reporting period	2 054	987	3 041

Provisions expected to be recovered or settled within no more than 12 months after the reporting date were **R2 514m** (2016: R2 341m). Sundry provisions include amounts with respect to fraud cases, litigation and insurance claims.

	Group	
	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
21. Deposits due to customers		
Call deposits	81 076	62 426
Cheque account deposits	191 325	200 541
Credit card deposits	1 921	1 906
Fixed deposits	163 813	166 148
Foreign currency deposits	28 418	24 825
Notice deposits	58 460	59 358
Other	2 756	3 313
Repurchase agreements	5 000	3 970
Savings and transmission deposits	157 098	152 378
	689 867	674 865

Other deposits due to customers include deposits due on structured deals, preference investments on behalf of customers and unclaimed deposits.

	Group	
	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
22. Debt securities in issue		
Commercial paper	227	1 166
Credit linked notes	8 375	10 295
Floating rate notes	63 125	60 441
Negotiable certificates of deposit	37 137	43 094
Other	1 132	706
Promissory notes	783	1 171
Senior notes	26 912	22 507
Structured notes and bonds	257	334
	137 948	139 714

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	Group	
	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
23. Liabilities under investment contracts		
Balance at the beginning of the reporting period	29 198	24 209
Change in investments contracts (refer to note 34)	1 976	359
Inflows on investment contracts	2 435	7 796
Policyholder benefits on investment contracts	(3 098)	(2 997)
Linked investment policies	74	(169)
Balance at the end of the reporting period	30 585	29 198

	Group 2017		
	Total assets linked to investment contracts Rm	Intercompany eliminations ¹ Rm	Net assets attributable to external policyholders Rm
23.1 Assets linked to investment contracts			
Deferred taxation	222	—	222
Money market assets (refer to note 2)	1 898	—	1 898
Investments linked to investment contracts (refer to note 11)	28 527	(9 591)	18 936
Other assets	3	—	3
Other liabilities	(6)	—	(6)
	30 644	(9 591)	21 053

	2016		
	Total assets linked to investment contracts Rm	Intercompany eliminations ¹ Rm	Net assets attributable to external policyholders Rm
Assets linked to investment contracts			
Deferred taxation	198	—	198
Money market assets (refer to note 2)	1 578	—	1 578
Investments linked to investment contracts (refer to note 11)	27 504	(8 688)	18 816
Other assets	4	—	4
Other liabilities	(31)	—	(31)
	29 253	(8 688)	20 565

Note

¹ Intercompany eliminations relate to investments held in products of the Group.

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		Group 2017		
		Gross Rm	Reinsurance Rm	Net Rm
24. Policyholder liabilities under insurance contracts				
Short-term insurance contracts:				
Claims outstanding (refer to note 24.1)		1 163	(601)	562
Claims reported and loss adjustment expense		860	(562)	298
Claims incurred but not reported		303	(39)	264
Unearned premiums at the end of the reporting period		895	(177)	718
Balance at the beginning of the reporting period		986	(213)	773
Foreign exchange movement		(29)	6	(23)
Increase during the reporting period		953	(38)	915
Release during the reporting period		(1 015)	68	(947)
		2 058	(778)	1 280
Long-term insurance contracts (refer to note 24.2)		2 559	(114)	2 445
		4 617	(892)	3 725
2016				
		Gross Rm	Reinsurance Rm	Net Rm
Short-term insurance contracts:				
Claims outstanding (refer to note 24.1)		1 077	(679)	398
Claims reported and loss adjustment expense		920	(660)	260
Claims incurred but not reported		157	(19)	138
Unearned premiums at the end of the reporting period		986	(213)	773
Balance at the beginning of the reporting period		1 181	(179)	1 002
Foreign exchange movement		(59)	2	(57)
Increase during the reporting period		1 394	(92)	1 302
Release during the reporting period		(1 530)	56	(1 474)
		2 063	(892)	1 171
Long-term insurance contracts (refer to note 24.2)		2 406	(93)	2 313
		4 469	(985)	3 484
		Group		
		2017 Rm		2016 Rm
Comprising:				
Unit-linked insurance contracts		1 434		1 427
Gross		1 466		1 427
Reinsurance (refer to note 10)		(32)		—
Non unit-linked insurance contracts		2 291		2 057
Gross		3 151		3 042
Reinsurance (refer to note 10)		(860)		(985)
		3 725		3 484

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	Gross Rm	Group 2017 Reinsurance Rm	Net Rm
24. Policyholder liabilities under insurance contracts (continued)			
24.1 Reconciliation of claims outstanding, including claims incurred but not reported			
Balance at the beginning of the reporting period	1 077	(679)	398
Foreign exchange movements	(35)	10	(25)
Cash paid for claims settled during the reporting period	(2 159)	209	(1 950)
Increase in claims arising from the current reporting period's claims outstanding	1 278	(76)	1 202
Increase in claims arising from the previous reporting period's claims outstanding	1 002	(65)	937
Balance at the end of the reporting period (refer to note 24)	1 163	(601)	562
		2016	
	Gross Rm	Reinsurance Rm	Net Rm
Balance at the beginning of the reporting period	915	(378)	537
Foreign exchange movements	(44)	7	(37)
Cash paid for claims settled during the reporting period	(2 395)	888	(1 507)
Increase in claims arising from the current reporting period's claims outstanding	1 880	(1 088)	792
Increase in claims arising from the previous reporting period's claims outstanding	721	(108)	613
Balance at the end of the reporting period (refer to note 24)	1 077	(679)	398
		Group	
		2017 Rm	2016 Rm
24.2 Reconciliation of gross long-term insurance contracts			
Balance at the beginning of the reporting period		2 406	2 244
Change in reinsurance assets		21	(69)
Foreign exchange movements		(4)	(8)
Movement on expected claims experience		(1)	105
Change in insurance contract liabilities (refer to note 34)		137	134
Change in economic assumptions		(9)	(21)
Change in methodology		21	36
Changes in non-economic assumptions		4	47
Expected cash flow		1 366	1 109
Expected release of margins		(1 173)	(1 219)
Experience variances		(161)	2
Change in liabilities valued on a retrospective basis		—	(84)
New business		76	198
Unwind of discount rate		13	66
Balance at the end of the reporting period (refer to note 24)		2 559	2 406
Recoverable from reinsurers (refer to note 10)		114	93
Net liabilities		2 445	2 313
Unit-linked liabilities		1 434	1 427
Non-linked liabilities		1 011	886
		2 559	2 406

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			Group	
			2017 Rm	2016 Rm
25. Borrowed funds				
Subordinated callable notes issued by Absa Bank Limited				
The following subordinated debt instruments qualify as Tier 2 capital in terms of Basel III.				
Interest rate	Final maturity date	Note		
8,295%	21 November 2023	i	1 188	1 188
10,28%	3 May 2022	ii	—	600
Three-month Johannesburg Interbank Agreed Rate (JIBAR) +2,10%	3 May 2022	iii	—	400
Three-month JIBAR + 1,95%	21 November 2022	iv	—	1 805
Three-month JIBAR + 2,05%	21 November 2023	v	2 007	2 007
Consumer Price Index (CPI) linked notes, fixed at the following coupon rates: 5,50%	7 December 2028	vi	1 500	1 500
Subordinated callable notes issued by Barclays Africa Group Limited				
10,05%	5 February 2025	vii	807	807
10,835%	19 November 2024	viii	130	130
11,365%	4 September 2025	ix	508	508
11,40%	29 September 2025	x	288	288
11,74%	20 August 2026	xi	140	140
11,81%	3 September 2027	xii	737	737
12,43%	5 May 2026	xiii	200	200
Three-month Johannesburg Interbank Agreed Rate (JIBAR)				
Three-month JIBAR +3,30%	19 November 2024	xiv	370	370
Three-month JIBAR +3,50%	5 February 2025	xv	1 693	1 693
Three-month JIBAR +3,50%	4 September 2025	xvi	437	437
Three-month JIBAR +3,60%	3 September 2027	xvii	30	30
Three-month JIBAR +4,00%	5 May 2026	xviii	31	31
Three-month JIBAR +4,00%	20 August 2026	xix	1 510	1 510
Three-month JIBAR +4,00%	3 November 2026	xx	500	500
Three-month JIBAR +3,78%	17 March 2027	xxi	642	—
Three-month JIBAR +3,85%	25 May 2027	xxii	500	—
Three-month JIBAR +3,85%	14 August 2029	xxiii	390	—
Three-month JIBAR +3,15%	30 September 2027	xxiv	295	—
Three-month JIBAR +3,45%	29 September 2029	xxv	1 014	—
Subordinated callable notes issued by other subsidiaries				
National Bank of Commerce 16,44% fixed rate note	29 January 2024	xxvi	29	31
Accrued interest			918	805
Fair value adjustments on total subordinated debt			31	(44)
			15 895	15 673

Included in interest paid on the statement of cash flows is **R1 574m** (2016 R1 426m) interest on borrowed funds.

- i. The 8,295% fixed rate notes may be redeemed in full at the option of Absa Bank Limited on 21 November 2018. Interest is paid semi-annually in arrears on 21 May and 21 November of each year. Absa Bank Limited have an option to exercise the redemption on any interest payment date after 21 November 2018. There is no step-up in the coupon rate if Absa Bank Limited does not exercise the redemption option.
- ii. The 10,28% fixed rate notes were redeemed in full on 3 May 2017. Interest was paid semi-annually in arrears on 3 May and 3 November of each year.
- iii. The three-month JIBAR plus 2,10% floating rate notes were redeemed in full on 3 May 2017. Interest was paid quarterly on 3 August, 3 November, 3 February and 3 May of each year.
- iv. The three-month JIBAR plus 1,95% floating rate notes were redeemed in full on 21 November 2017. Interest is paid quarterly in arrears on 21 February, 21 May, 21 August and 21 November of each year.
- v. The three-month JIBAR plus 2,05% floating rate notes may be redeemed in full at the option of Absa Bank Limited on 21 November 2018. Interest is paid quarterly on 21 February, 21 May, 21 August and 21 November of each year. Absa Bank Limited has an option to exercise the redemption on any interest payment date after 21 November 2018. If Absa Bank Limited does not exercise the redemption option, there is no step-up in the coupon rate.

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25. Borrowed funds (continued)

- vi. The 5,50% CPI linked notes may be redeemed in full at the option of Absa Bank Limited on 7 December 2023. Interest is paid semi-annually in arrears on 7 June and 7 December of each year, provided that the last day of payment shall be 7 December 2028. If Absa Bank Limited does not exercise the redemption option, a coupon step-up of 150 basis points (bps) shall apply.
- vii. The 10,05% fixed rate notes may be redeemed in full at the option of Barclays Africa Group Limited on 5 February 2020. Interest is paid semi-annually in arrears on 5 February and 5 August. Barclays Africa Group Limited has an option to exercise the redemption on any interest payment date after 5 February 2020. If Barclays Africa Group Limited does not exercise the redemption option, there is no step-up in the coupon rate.
- viii. The 10,835% fixed rate notes may be redeemed in full at the option of Barclays Africa Group Limited on 19 November 2019. Interest is paid semi-annually in arrears on 19 May and 19 November. Barclays Africa Group Limited has an option to exercise the redemption on any interest payment date after 19 November 2019. There is no step-up in the coupon rate if Barclays Africa Group Limited does not exercise the redemption option.
- ix. The 11,365% fixed rate notes may be redeemed in full at the option of Barclays Africa Group Limited on 4 September 2020. Interest is paid semi-annually in arrears on 4 March and 4 September. Barclays Africa Group Limited has the option to exercise the redemption on any interest payment date after 4 September 2020. If Barclays Africa Group Limited does not exercise the redemption option, there is no step-up in the coupon rate.
- x. The 11,40% fixed rate notes may be redeemed in full at the option of Barclays Africa Group Limited on 29 September 2020. Interest is paid semi-annually in arrears on 29 March and 29 September. Barclays Africa Group Limited has an option to exercise the redemption on any interest payment date after 29 September 2020. If Barclays Africa Group Limited does not exercise the redemption option, there is no step-up in the coupon rate.
- xi. The 11,74% fixed rate notes may be redeemed in full at the option of Barclays Africa Group Limited on 20 August 2021. Interest is paid semi-annually in arrears on 20 August and 20 February. Barclays Africa Group Limited has an option to exercise the redemption on any interest payment date after 20 August 2021. If Barclays Africa Group Limited does not exercise the redemption option, there is no step-up in the coupon rate.
- xii. The 11,81% fixed rate notes may be redeemed in full at the option of Barclays Africa Group Limited on 3 September 2022. Interest is paid semi-annually in arrears on 3 March and 3 September. Barclays Africa Group Limited has the option to exercise the redemption on any interest payment date after 3 September 2022. If Barclays Africa Group Limited does not exercise the redemption option, there is no step-up in the coupon rate.
- xiii. The 12,43% fixed rate notes may be redeemed in full at the option of Barclays Africa Group Limited on 5 May 2021. Interest is paid semi-annually in arrears on 5 May and 5 November. Barclays Africa Group Limited has the option to exercise the redemption on any interest payment date after 5 May 2021. If Barclays Africa Group Limited does not exercise the redemption option, there is no step-up in the coupon rate.
- xiv. The three month JIBAR plus 3,30% floating rate notes may be redeemed in full at the option of Barclays Africa Group Limited on 19 November 2019. Interest is paid quarterly in arrears on 19 February, 19 May, 19 August and 19 November. Barclays Africa Group Limited has the option to exercise the redemption on any interest payment date after 19 November 2019. If Barclays Africa Group Limited does not exercise the redemption option, there is no step-up in the coupon rate.
- xv. The three month JIBAR plus 3,50% floating rate notes may be redeemed in full at the option of Barclays Africa Group Limited on 5 February 2020. Interest is paid quarterly in arrears on 5 February, 5 May, 5 August and 5 November. Barclays Africa Group Limited has the option to exercise the redemption on any interest payment date after 5 February 2020. If Barclays Africa Group Limited does not exercise the redemption option, there is no step-up in the coupon rate.
- xvi. The three month JIBAR plus 3,50% floating rate notes may be redeemed in full at the option of Barclays Africa Group Limited on 4 September 2020. Interest is paid quarterly in arrears on 4 March, 4 June, 4 September and 4 December. Barclays Africa Group Limited has the option to exercise the redemption on any interest payment date after 4 September 2020. If Barclays Africa Group Limited does not exercise the redemption option, there is no step-up in the coupon rate.
- xvii. The three month JIBAR plus 3,60% floating rate notes may be redeemed in full at the option of Barclays Africa Group Limited on 3 September 2022. Interest is paid quarterly in arrears on 3 March, 3 June, 3 September and 3 December. Barclays Africa Group Limited has the option to exercise the redemption on any interest payment date after 3 September 2022. If Barclays Africa Group Limited does not exercise the redemption option, there is no step-up in the coupon rate.
- xviii. The three month JIBAR plus 4,00% floating rate notes may be redeemed in full at the option of Barclays Africa Group Limited on 5 May 2021. Interest is paid quarterly in arrears on 5 February, 5 May, 5 August and 5 November. Barclays Africa Group Limited has the option to exercise the redemption on any interest payment date after 5 May 2021. If Barclays Africa Group Limited does not exercise the redemption option, there is no step-up in the coupon rate.
- xix. The three month JIBAR plus 4,00% floating rate notes may be redeemed in full at the option of Barclays Africa Group Limited on 20 August 2021. Interest is paid quarterly in arrears on 20 February, 20 May, 20 August and 20 November. Barclays Africa Group Limited has the option to exercise the redemption on any interest payment date after 20 August 2021. If Barclays Africa Group Limited does not exercise the redemption option, there is no step-up in the coupon rate.
- xx. The three month JIBAR plus 4,00% floating rate notes may be redeemed in full at the option of Barclays Africa Group Limited on 3 November 2021. Interest is paid quarterly in arrears on 3 February, 3 May, 3 August and 3 November. Barclays Africa Group Limited has the option to exercise the redemption on any interest payment date after 3 November 2021. If Barclays Africa Group Limited does not exercise the redemption option, there is no step-up in the coupon rate.

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- xxi. The three month JIBAR plus 3,78% floating rate notes may be redeemed in full at the option of Barclays Africa Group Limited on 17 March 2022. Interest is paid quarterly in arrears on 17 March, 17 June, 17 September, 17 December. Barclays Africa Group Limited has the option to exercise the redemption on any interest payment date after 17 March 2022. If Barclays Africa Group Limited does not exercise the redemption option, there is no step-up in the coupon rate
- xxii. The three month JIBAR plus 3,85% floating rate notes may be redeemed in full at the option of Barclays Africa Group Limited on 25 May 2022. Interest is paid quarterly in arrears on 25 February, 25 May, 25 August, 25 November. Barclays Africa Group Limited has the option to exercise the redemption on any interest payment date after 25 May 2022. If Barclays Africa Group Limited does not exercise the redemption option, there is no step-up in the coupon rate
- xxiii. The three month JIBAR plus 3,85% floating rate notes may be redeemed in full at the option of Barclays Africa Group Limited on 14 August 2024. Interest is paid quarterly in arrears on 14 February, 14 May, 14 August, 14 November. Barclays Africa Group Limited has the option to exercise the redemption on any interest payment date after 14 August 2024. If Barclays Africa Group Limited does not exercise the redemption option, there is no step-up in the coupon rate
- xxiv. The three month JIBAR plus 3,15% floating rate notes may be redeemed in full at the option of Barclays Africa Group Limited on 30 September 2022. Interest is paid quarterly in arrears on 30 March, 30 June, 30 September, 30 December. Barclays Africa Group Limited has the option to exercise the redemption on any interest payment date after 30 September 2022. If Barclays Africa Group Limited does not exercise the redemption option, there is no step-up in the coupon rate
- xxv. The three month JIBAR plus 3,45% floating rate notes may be redeemed in full at the option of Barclays Africa Group Limited on 29 September 2024. Interest is paid quarterly in arrears on 29 March, 29 June, 29 September, 29 December. Barclays Africa Group Limited has the option to exercise the redemption on any interest payment date after 29 September 2024. If Barclays Africa Group Limited does not exercise the redemption option, there is no step-up in the coupon rate.
- xxvi. The 16,44% fixed rate notes issued by National Bank of Commerce, may be redeemed in full on 29 January 2019. The notes bear fixed interest at a rate of 16,44%. Interest is paid semi-annually in arrears on 29 July and 29 January.

Notes i to xxv are listed on the Bond Exchange of South Africa (BESA).

In accordance with the MOI, the borrowing powers of Absa Bank Limited and Barclays Africa Group Limited are unlimited.

	Group	
	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
26. Share capital and premium		
26.1 Ordinary share capital		
Authorised		
880 467 500 (2016: 880 467 500) ordinary shares of R2,00 each	1 761	1 761
Issued		
847 750 679 (2016: 847 750 679) ordinary shares of R2,00 each	1 696	1 696
14 912 864 (2016: 1 075 595) treasury shares held by Group entities	(30)	(3)
	1 666	1 693
Total issued capital		
Share capital	1 666	1 693
Share premium	10 498	4 467
	12 164	6 160

Authorised shares

There were no changes to the authorised share capital during the current reporting period. All issued share capital is fully paid up.

Unissued shares

The unissued shares are under the control of the directors, subject to a limit of 5% of issued ordinary share capital as at the reporting date, in terms of a general authority to allot and issue them on such terms and conditions and at such times as they deem fit. This authority expires at the forthcoming AGM of the Company.

The Group has a share incentive trust in terms of which shares are issued and share awards are granted. As required by IFRS, Absa Group Limited Share Incentive Trust has been consolidated into the Group's annual financial statements.

Shares issued during the year under review

There were no shares issued during the current reporting period.

Shares issued during the prior year

There were no shares issued during the previous reporting period.

Treasury shares

As part of the separation, Barclays Plc contributed cash of R1 891m to be used in the furtherance of the Group's objective of establishing a Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment structure. The cash was contributed to the independent Absa Empowerment Trust, whose subsidiary purchased 12 716 260 (1,5%) BAGL shares. In terms of the requirements of IFRS, these shares have been accounted for as treasury shares in 2017 and eliminated against Group's share capital. Refer to note 49.6

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	Direct number of shares Beneficial		Indirect number of shares Beneficial		Total direct and indirect number of shares Beneficial	
	2017 Rm	2016 Rm	2017 Rm	2016 Rm	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
26. Share capital and premium						
26.2 Directors' interests in the Company's Ordinary shares of R2,00 each						
Present directors						
C Beggs	2 000	2 000	—	—	2 000	2 000
Y Z Cuba	1 000	1 000	—	—	1 000	1 000
MP Fandeso	250	—	—	—	250	—
D W P Hodnett	60 662	75 834	—	—	60 662	75 834
M J Husain	1 000	1 000	—	—	1 000	1 000
W E Lucas-Bull	1 000	1 000	4 625	4 625	5 625	5 625
PB Matlare	2 887	—	—	—	2 887	—
T S Munday	1 000	1 000	2 000	2 000	3 000	3 000
J P Quinn	11 436	6 146	—	—	11 436	6 146
M Ramos	188 686	110 237	—	—	188 686	110 237
	269 921	198 217	6 625	6 625	276 546	204 842

There was no movement in shareholding between the reporting date and the date of approval of the financial statements.

No directors hold any non-beneficial interests in the Company's ordinary shares.

27. Other reserves

27.1 General credit risk reserve

The general credit risk reserve consists of the following:

Total impairments, calculated in terms of IAS 39 should exceed the provisions calculated for regulatory purposes. For some African subsidiaries, the IAS 39 impairment provision is less than the regulatory provision which results in a shortfall. An additional general credit risk reserve has been created and maintained through a transfer of distributable reserves to non-distributable reserves, which eliminates the shortfall.

27.2 Available-for-sale reserve

The available-for-sale reserve comprises the cumulative net change in the fair value of available-for-sale financial assets until the instrument is derecognised or impaired, in which case the cumulative amount recognised in other comprehensive income is released to the profit or loss component of the statement of comprehensive income.

27.3 Cash flow hedging reserve

The cash flow hedging reserve comprises the effective portion of the cumulative net change in the fair value of cash flow hedging instruments related to hedged transactions that have not yet occurred.

27.4 Foreign currency translation reserve

The translation reserve comprises all foreign currency differences arising from the translation of the financial statements of foreign operations.

27.5 Insurance contingency reserve

A contingency reserve was maintained at 10% of net written premiums as stipulated by the Short-term Insurance Act, 1988. The utilisation of this reserve, in case of catastrophe, was subject to the approval of the FSB. This reserve is no longer required due to a change in the FSB regulations.

27.6 Foreign insurance subsidiary regulatory reserve

The foreign insurance subsidiary regulatory reserve is calculated on the basis of the following minimum percentages of profits recorded in each reporting period for that subsidiary:

- 20% until the value of the reserves represents half of the minimum capital required under the foreign insurance subsidiary's legislation.
- 10% from the time the amount specified in the preceding paragraph, has been attained.

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27. Other reserves (continued)

27.7 Share-based payment reserve

The reserve comprises the credit to equity for equity-settled share-based payment arrangements in terms of IFRS 2. The standard requires that the expense be charged to the profit and loss component of the statement of comprehensive income, while a credit needs to be raised against equity over the vesting period (i.e. the period between the allocation date and the date on which employees will become entitled to their options). When options are exercised, the reserve related to the specific options is transferred to share capital and/or share premium. If the options lapse after vesting, the related reserve is transferred to retained earnings. If the options lapse before vesting, the related reserve is reversed through the profit and loss component of the statement of comprehensive income.

27.8 Associates' and joint ventures' reserve

The associates' and joint ventures' reserve comprises the Group's share of its associates' and/or joint ventures' reserves.

27.9 Retained earnings

The retained earnings comprises of the cumulative total comprehensive income recognised from inception (reduced by any amounts transferred to as separate reserve), reduced by dividends paid to date and any total comprehensive income relating to disposed subsidiaries and includes changes in OCI with respect to the following:

- movement in the fair value of equity instruments measured at available-for-sale;
- movement in the fair value attributable to own credit risk on liabilities designated at FVTPL;
- movement in the actuarial valuation of retirement benefit fund assets and liabilities; and
- direct shareholder contributions.

	Group	
	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
28. Non-controlling interest – preference shares		
28.1 Preference shares		
<i>Authorised</i>		
30 000 000 (2016: 30 000 000) non-cumulative, non-redeemable listed preference shares of R0,01 each	1	1
<i>Issued</i>		
4 944 839 (2016: 4 944 839) non-cumulative, non-redeemable listed preference shares of R0,01 each	1	1
<i>Total issued capital</i>		
Share capital	1	1
Share premium	4 643	4 643
	4 644	4 644

The only subsidiary that gives rise to a significant non-controlling interest is Absa Bank Limited. Whilst Barclays Africa Group Limited holds 100% of the voting rights in Absa Bank Limited, Absa Bank Limited has preference shares in issue that are disclosed as non-controlling interests.

The preference shares have a dividend rate of 70% of the prime overdraft lending rate. The holders of the preference shares shall not be entitled to voting rights unless a declared preference dividend remains in arrears and unpaid after six months from the due date thereof, or if a resolution is proposed by Absa Bank Limited which directly affects the rights attached to the preference shares or the interest of the shareholders. Payment of dividends and principal is at the discretion of the Group. The shareholders only have rights to the share capital and share premium linked to the shares, in the event of insolvency, and to any dividend that is declared, but unpaid.

As at the reporting date, there were no preference dividends that have been declared but remain unpaid. Refer to the consolidated financial statements of Absa Bank Limited for detailed information regarding the financial position and financial performance of Absa Bank Limited.

	Group	
	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
28.2 Additional Tier 1 Capital		
Subordinated Callable notes issued by Barclays Africa Group Limited		
Interest rate		
Three month JIBAR + 5,65%		
Date of issue		
11 September 2017	1 500	—

The Additional Tier 1 Capital notes represent perpetual, subordinated instruments redeemable in full at the option of Barclays Africa Group Limited (the issuer) on 12 September 2022 subject to regulatory approval. Interest is paid at the discretion of the issuer and is non-cumulative. In addition, if certain conditions are reached, the regulator may prohibit the issuer from making interest payments. Accordingly, the instruments are classified as equity instruments.

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	Group	
	2017 Rm	2016 ¹ Rm
29. Interest and similar income		
<i>Interest and similar income is earned from:</i>		
Cash, cash balances and balances with central banks	17	11
Fair value adjustments on hedging instruments	428	(1 936)
Investment securities	9 270	10 421
Loans and advances to banks	1 928	1 793
Loans and advances to customers	74 286	73 658
Corporate overdrafts and specialised finance loans	756	801
Credit cards	6 331	6 715
Foreign currency loans	1 075	930
Instalment credit agreements	8 255	8 046
Interest on impaired financial assets (refer to note 9)	713	699
Loans to associates and joint ventures	1 800	1 479
Microloans	1 102	1 019
Mortgages	25 757	25 424
Other advances	1 122	1 396
Overdrafts	4 381	4 343
Overnight finance	2 230	1 350
Personal and term loans	12 184	13 318
Preference shares	1 313	1 271
Wholesale overdrafts	7 267	6 867
Other interest	—	1 167
	85 929	85 114
<i>Classification of interest and similar income</i>		
Fair value adjustments on amortised cost and available-for-sale financial assets held in a fair value hedging relationship	(213)	1 340
Investment securities	(213)	1 736
Loans and advances to customers	—	(396)
Fair value adjustments on hedging instruments	534	(1 750)
Cash flow hedges (refer to note 59.7)	264	268
Economic hedges	270	153
Fair value hedges	—	(2 171)
Interest on financial assets held at amortised cost	78 727	83 003
Interest on financial assets held as available-for-sale financial assets	5 757	4 101
Interest on financial assets designated at fair value through profit or loss	1 124	(1 580)
Cash, cash balances and balances with central banks	11	5
Fair value hedging instruments (refer to note 59.8)	(107)	(186)
Investment securities	644	1 045
Loans and advances to customers	576	(2 444)
	85 929	85 114

Interest income on 'other advances' includes items such as interest on factored debtors' books.

Other interest in the prior year included interest income on defined benefit plan assets. In the current reporting period, interest on the Group's defined benefit plans was reallocated from 'Other interest' to 'Operating expenses'. This is a prospective change to more appropriately reflect the economic substance of the item.

Note

¹ Product level interest allocations have been restated to better reflect the commercial nature of products. The restatement increased interest income allocated to Investment securities (R249m). This increase was offset by restatements which decreased interest income for Cash, cash balances and balances with central banks (R2m), Loans and advances to banks (R1m), Credit cards of (R6m), Instalment credit agreements of R7m, Loans to associates and joint ventures (R2m), Microloans (R1m), Mortgages (R17m), Other advances (R1m), Overdrafts (R4m), Personal and term loans of (R12m) and Other interest of (R196m).

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	Group	
	2017 Rm	2016 ¹ Rm
30. Interest expense and similar charges		
<i>Interest expense and similar charges are paid on:</i>		
Borrowed funds	1 762	1 745
Debt securities in issue	10 650	10 637
Deposits due to customers	29 835	28 373
Call deposits	5 422	5 045
Cheque account deposits	3 311	4 047
Credit card deposits	9	7
Fixed deposits	9 457	7 723
Foreign currency deposits	184	19
Notice deposits	4 268	3 987
Other deposits due to customers	977	1 472
Savings and transmission deposits	6 207	6 073
Deposits from banks	1 170	2 122
Call deposits	627	371
Fixed deposits	431	1 796
Other	112	(45)
Fair value adjustments on hedging instruments	(132)	(889)
Other	—	1 123
	43 285	43 111
<i>Classification of interest expense and similar charges</i>		
Fair value adjustments on amortised cost items instruments in a fair value hedging relationship	—	866
Borrowed funds	—	171
Debt securities in issue	—	695
Fair value adjustments on hedging instruments	(92)	(856)
Cash flow hedges (refer to note 59.7)	(70)	8
Fair value hedges	(22)	(864)
Interest on financial liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss	50	8
Borrowed funds	90	42
Fair value hedging instruments (refer to note 59.8)	(40)	(34)
Interest on financial liabilities held at amortised cost	43 327	43 093
	43 285	43 111

Other interest and similar charges in the prior reporting period included interest expense on the defined benefit obligation. In the current reporting period, interest on the Group's defined benefit plans was reallocated from 'Other interest' to 'Operating expenses'. This is a prospective change to more appropriately reflect the economic substance of the item.

Note

¹ Product level interest allocations have been restated to better reflect the commercial nature of products. The restatement increased interest expense allocated to Borrowed Funds (R70m), Fair value adjustments on hedging instruments (R1m) and Other Interest (R506m). These increases were offset by restatements which decreased interest expense for Debt Securities in Issue (R126m), Call Deposits (R81m), Cheque account deposits (R61m), Fixed deposits (R142m), Notice deposits (R60m), Other deposits due to customers (R22m) and Savings and transmission deposits (R85m).

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	Group	
	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
31. Net fee and commission income		
Asset management and other related fees	140	169
Consulting and administration fees	708	743
Credit-related fees and commissions	18 462	17 938
Cheque accounts	4 943	4 334
Credit cards	2 624	2 609
Electronic banking	5 185	5 012
Other	3 648	3 699
Savings accounts	2 062	2 284
Insurance commission received	966	1 128
Asset management, markets execution and investment banking fees	568	400
Merchant income	1 890	1 757
Other fee and commission income	557	393
Trust and other fiduciary service fees	1 433	1 444
Portfolio and other management fees	1 121	1 147
Trust and estate income	312	297
Fee and commission income	24 724	23 972
Fee and commission expense	(3 013)	(3 249)
Brokerage fees	(99)	(142)
Cheque processing fees	(125)	(134)
Clearing and settlement charges	(645)	(711)
Notification fees	(198)	(202)
Insurance commission paid	(1 065)	(1 150)
Other	(806)	(797)
Valuation fees	(75)	(113)
	21 711	20 723

The Group provides custody, trustee, corporate administration, investment management and advisory services to third parties, which involves the Group making allocation and purchase and sale decisions in relation to a wide range of financial instruments. Some of these services involve the Group accepting targets for benchmark levels of returns for the assets under the Group's care.

	Group	
	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
31.1 Included above are net fees and commissions linked to financial instruments not at fair value		
Cheque accounts	4 943	4 334
Credit cards	2 624	2 609
Electronic banking	5 185	5 012
Other	3 648	3 699
Savings accounts	2 062	2 284
Fee and commission income	18 462	17 938
Fee and commission expense	(1 690)	(1 709)
	16 772	16 229

Credit cards include acquiring and issuing fees.

Other credit related fees and commission income include service and credit-related fees and commissions on mortgage loans and foreign exchange transactions.

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	Group	
	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
32. Net insurance premium income		
Gross insurance premiums	7 560	8 102
Life insurance contracts	4 048	3 733
Short-term insurance contracts	3 512	4 369
Premiums ceded to reinsurers	(962)	(1 116)
Reinsurance on life insurance contracts	(419)	(321)
Reinsurance on short-term insurance contracts	(543)	(795)
	6 598	6 986
<i>Comprising (net of reinsurance)</i>		
Life	3 629	3 412
Credit life	1 612	1 550
Funeral business	792	670
Home mortgage protection	634	630
Other	591	562
Short-term	2 969	3 574
Commercial business	86	619
Personal business	2 883	2 955
	6 598	6 986

	Group	
	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
33. Net claims and benefits incurred on insurance contracts		
Gross claims and benefits incurred on insurance contracts	3 994	4 387
Life insurance claims and benefits	1 445	1 207
Short-term insurance claims and benefits	2 549	3 180
Reinsurance recoveries	(660)	(696)
Reinsurance recoveries on life insurance contracts	(239)	(129)
Reinsurance recoveries on short-term insurance contracts	(421)	(567)
	3 334	3 691
<i>Comprising (net of reinsurance)</i>		
Life	1 206	1 078
Credit life	277	321
Funeral business	213	178
Home mortgage protection	442	380
Other	274	199
Short-term	2 128	2 613
Commercial business	139	997
Personal business	1 989	1 616
	3 334	3 691

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	Group	
	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
34. Changes in investment and insurance contract liabilities		
Change in insurance contract liabilities (refer to note 24.2)	137	134
Change in investment contract liabilities (refer to note 23)	1 976	359
	2 113	493

	Group	
	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
35. Gains and losses from banking and trading activities		
Net gains on investments	228	237
Debt instruments designated at fair value through profit or loss	191	225
Equity instruments designated at fair value through profit or loss	104	9
Available-for-sale unwind from reserves	(67)	3
Net trading result	4 807	5 341
Net trading income excluding the impact of hedge accounting	4 855	5 431
Ineffective portion of hedges	(48)	(90)
Cash flow hedges	17	(53)
Fair value hedges	(65)	(37)
Other gains	211	113
	5 246	5 691

Net trading result and other gains on financial instruments

Net trading income excluding the impact of hedge accounting	4 855	5 431
(Losses)/gains on financial instruments designated at fair value through profit or loss	(2 559)	(3 423)
Net losses on financial assets designated at fair value through profit or loss	(33)	(767)
Net (losses)/gains on financial liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss	(2 526)	(2 656)
Gains/(losses) on financial instruments held for trading	7 414	8 854
Other gains	211	113
Gains on financial instruments designated at fair value through profit or loss	9	61
Gains on financial instruments held for trading	202	52

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	Group	
	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
36. Gains and losses from investment activities		
Net gains on investments activities	1 863	47
Policyholder insurance contracts	293	201
Policyholder investment contracts	1 144	(445)
Shareholder funds	426	291
Other gains	42	4
	1 905	51
Classification of gains from investment activities		
Gains on financial instruments designated at fair value through profit or loss	1 878	41
Other	(15)	6
	1 863	47

	Group	
	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
37. Other operating income		
Foreign exchange differences, including amounts recycled from other comprehensive income	(88)	360
Income from investment properties	182	242
Change in fair value (refer to note 7 and 13)	105	84
Rentals	77	158
Income from maintenance contracts	45	36
Profit on sale of investment property	5	—
Profit on sale of property and equipment	18	9
Profit on disposal of developed properties	38	17
Gross sales	70	47
Cost of sales	(32)	(30)
Profit/(Loss) on sale of repossessed properties	16	(25)
Gross sales	98	23
Cost of sales	(82)	(48)
Rental income	33	76
Sundry income	399	409
	648	1 124

'Sundry income' includes service fees levied on asset finance as well as profit on disposal of non-core assets.

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	Group	
	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
38. Operating expenses		
Administration fees	1 149	722
Amortisation of intangible assets (refer to note 15)	650	641
Auditors' remuneration	277	319
Audit fees – current reporting period	250	222
Audit fees – under provision	5	15
Audit-related fees	19	44
Other services	3	38
Cash transportation	1 089	963
Depreciation (refer to note 14)	1 988	1 670
Equipment costs	444	461
Rentals	113	95
Maintenance	331	366
Information technology	3 188	3 131
Marketing costs	1 793	1 585
Operating lease expenses on properties	1 606	1 665
Other	2 098	1 737
Printing and stationery	367	405
Professional fees	2 311	1 742
Property costs	1 753	1 718
Staff costs	23 558	22 090
Bonuses	2 154	1 902
Other	1 198	1 179
Salaries and current service costs on post-retirement benefit funds	18 887	17 878
Deferred cash and share-based payments (refer to note 56)	829	755
Training costs	490	376
Telephone and postage	1 033	1 107
	43 304	39 956

Audit-related fees include fees paid for assurance reports performed on behalf of various regulatory bodies.

Professional fees include research and development costs totalling **R468m** (2016: R286m).

Other operating expenses include fraud losses as well as travel and entertainment costs.

Other staff costs include recruitment costs, membership fees to professional bodies, staff parking, redundancy fees, study assistance, staff relocation and refreshment costs.

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	Group	
	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
39. Other impairments		
Impairment/(Reversal) raised on financial instruments	5	(4)
Other	643	694
Goodwill (refer to note 15)	38	34
Intangible assets (refer to note 15)	384	618
Investments in associates and joint ventures (refer to note 12)	—	42
Property and equipment (refer to note 14)	221	—
	648	690

	Group	
	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
40. Indirect taxation		
Training levy	191	193
VAT net of input credits	1 431	1 237
	1 622	1 430

	Group	
	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
41. Taxation expense		
<i>Current</i>		
Foreign and other taxation	321	267
Current tax	6 311	5 623
Current tax – previous reporting period	132	26
	6 764	5 916
<i>Deferred</i>		
Deferred tax (refer to note 16.1)	(907)	(81)
Capital allowances ¹	135	471
Allowances for loan losses	(101)	(174)
Other provisions	(23)	(457)
Other temporary differences ^{1,2,3}	(456)	(282)
Assessed losses ³	62	94
Fair value and similar adjustments through profit and loss ²	(266)	188
Fair value and similar adjustments in relation to prior year ²	(255)	219
Share Base payments ³	16	(89)
Recognition of previously unrecognised tax losses ³	(7)	(198)
Retirement benefit fund liability	(13)	147
	5 857	5 835

Notes

¹ Accelerated tax depreciation¹ amounting to R188m in the previous reporting period has been renamed as 'Capital allowances'. In addition to this the 'Capital allowances' of R283m previously included in 'Other temporary differences' have also been added to the R188m, resulting in the total movement of deferred tax in relation to 'Capital allowances' of R471m.

² 'Fair value adjustments on financial instruments' of R419m in 2016 has been reclassified as 'Fair value and similar adjustments through profit and loss' and 'Fair value and similar adjustments in relation to prior year', with the balance of R12m being recognised in 'Other temporary differences'.

³ The following amounts have been reclassified from 'Other temporary differences' to provide more granular disclosures in relation to temporary differences: 'Share based payment' of -R89m, 'Recognition of previously unrecognised tax losses' of -R198m and 'Assessed losses' of R94m.

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	Group	
	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
41. Taxation expense		
<i>Reconciliation between operating profit before income tax and the taxation expense</i>		
Operating profit before income tax	20 879	21 682
Share of post-tax results of associates and joint ventures (refer to note 12)	(170)	(115)
	20 709	21 567
Tax calculated at a tax rate of 28%	5 799	6 039
Effect of different tax rates in other countries	25	64
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	904	505
Recognition of previously unrecognised deferred tax assets	(7)	(198)
Income not subject to tax	(857)	(784)
Other	(41)	37
Non-taxable portion of capital gain	34	172
	5 857	5 835

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	Group	
	2016 Rm	2015 Rm
42. Earnings per share		
42.1 Basic earnings per share		
Basic earnings per share is calculated by dividing the profit attributable to ordinary equity holders, by the weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue during the reporting period		
Basic earnings attributable to ordinary equity holders	13 823	14 708
Weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue (millions)	833,7	833,8
Issued shares at the beginning and end of the reporting period	847,8	847,8
Treasury shares held by Group entities (weighted)	(14,1)	(14,0)
Basic earnings per share (cents)	1 657,8	1 764,0
42.2 Diluted earnings per share		
Diluted earnings are determined by adjusting profit or loss attributable to the ordinary equity holders and the weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue for the effects of all dilutive potential shares		
Diluted earnings attributable to ordinary equity holders	13 823	14 708
Diluted weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue (millions)	833,8	833,9
Weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue	833,7	833,8
Adjustments for share options issued at no value	0,1	0,1
Diluted earnings per share (cents)	1 657,6	1 763,8

The dilution represents the effective discount between the average option price and the average market price at which option holders can convert the options into ordinary shares. This includes options issued in respect of Barclays Africa Group Limited's Share Incentive Trust.

Diluted earnings per share is calculated by adjusting the weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue to assume conversion of all potential dilutive ordinary shares. The Group has one category of potential dilutive ordinary shares, namely share options. The number of shares that could have been acquired at fair value (determined as the average annual quoted market share price of the Company's shares) for the share options outstanding are calculated based on the monetary value of the subscription rights attached to the outstanding share options. The number of shares calculated as per the above is compared with the number of shares that would have been issued assuming the exercise of the share options. The difference between the number of shares that could have been acquired at fair value and the number of shares that would have been issued assuming the exercise of the share options, are shares that would be obtained at no value.

Shares that are issued contingent on the happening of an event, are only included as potential dilutive ordinary shares when all of the conditions of the contingent event are deemed to have been met, based on the information available at the reporting date.

In calculating the diluted earnings per share in respect of share options to employees and other share-based payment arrangements, the Group adjusts the exercise price, which impacts the weighted average shares issued at no value, of potential ordinary shares to include the fair value of services that will be recognised as an expense in a future period.

IAS 33 Earnings Per Share prescribes that the weighted average number of shares outstanding during a reporting period, and for all periods presented, should be adjusted for events that change the number of ordinary shares outstanding without a corresponding change in resources. The contribution of cash by Barclays Plc and acquisition of BAGL shares by a subsidiary of the independent ABSA Empowerment Trust did not result in an adjustment to the net asset value of the Group. Refer to note 49.6. The weighted average number of shares outstanding in 2016 has been restated to reflect the acquisition from Barclays Plc of 12 716 260 (1,5%) BAGL shares in the current reporting period. The acquisition of shares from Barclays Plc has been treated as treasury shares of the Group from the beginning of 2016, which has led to a reduction in the number of ordinary shares outstanding for the purposes of determining the weighted average number of shares in the Earnings per share, Diluted Earnings per share, Headline earnings per share and Diluted headline earnings per share.

Note

¹ As a result of the acquisition from Barclays Plc of 12 716 260 (1,5%) BAGL shares in the current reporting period, this has resulted in the restatement of treasury shares for 2016 which has an impact in the calculation of the Earnings per share and Diluted earnings per share.

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	Group			
	2017	Net	2016	Net
	Gross	Rm	Gross	Rm
	Rm	Rm	Rm	Rm
43. Headline earnings				
Headline earnings are determined as follows:				
Profit attributable to ordinary equity holders of the Group		13 823		14 708
Total headline earnings adjustment:		490		272
IAS 36 – Goodwill impairment (refer to note 39)	38	38	34	34
IFRS 5 – Loss/(gain) on disposal of non-current assets held for sale	36	39	(31)	(25)
IAS 16 – Profit on disposal of property and equipment	(43)	(34)	(29)	(21)
IAS 21 – Recycled foreign currency translation reserve	52	52	(320)	(297)
IAS 28 – Impairment of investments in associates and joint ventures (refer to note 39)	—	—	42	34
IAS 36 – Impairment of property and equipment (refer to note 39)	221	159	—	—
IAS 36 – Impairment of intangible assets (refer to note 39)	384	280	618	610
IAS 39 – Release of available-for-sale reserves (refer to note 35)	67	49	(3)	(2)
IAS 40 – Change in fair value of investment properties	(105)	(88)	(70)	(61)
IAS 40 – Profit on sale of investment property	(5)	(5)	—	—
		14 313		14 980
Headline earnings per ordinary share (cents)¹		1 716,7		1 796,6
Diluted headline earnings per ordinary share (cents)¹		1 716,5		1 796,4

The net amount is reflected after taxation and non-controlling interest.

	Group	
	2017	2016
	Rm	Rm
44. Retirement benefit obligations		
<i>Surplus disclosed in 'Other assets'</i>		
Absa Pension Fund defined benefit plan (refer to notes 6 and 44.1.1)	466	466
Other defined benefit plans of subsidiaries (refer to notes 6 and 44.2.1)	8	87
	474	553
<i>Obligations disclosed in 'Other liabilities'</i>		
Subsidiaries' post-retirement medical aid plans (refer to notes 19 and 44.3)	169	198
Other defined benefit plans of subsidiaries (refer to notes 19 and 44.2.1)	232	244
	401	442
<i>Statement of comprehensive income charge included in staff costs and interest expense</i>		
Absa Pension Fund defined benefit plan in a surplus position (refer to note 44.1.6)	(9)	(15)
Other defined benefit plans of subsidiaries in a deficit position (refer to note 44.2.6)	29	71
Other defined benefit plans of subsidiaries in a surplus position (refer to note 44.2.6)	(7)	(21)
Subsidiaries' post-retirement medical aid plans	34	(11)
	47	24
<i>Recognised in other comprehensive income</i>		
Absa Pension Fund defined benefit plan in a surplus position (refer to note 44.1.6)	10	17
Other defined benefit plans of subsidiaries in a deficit position (refer to note 44.2.6)	(19)	70
Other defined benefit plans of subsidiaries in a surplus position (refer to note 44.2.6)	81	119
Subsidiaries' post-retirement medical aid plans	(26)	55
	46	261

Note

¹ The comparatives have been restated, refer to Note 42.

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44. Retirement benefit fund obligations *(continued)*

The Group operates a number of pension fund schemes (defined benefit schemes and defined contribution schemes) and post-retirement medical aid plans. The most significant schemes operated by the Group are the Absa Pension Fund and the Barclays Bank Kenya Pension Fund. Apart from these, the Group operates a number of smaller pension and post-retirement medical aid plans. The benefits provided under these schemes, the approach to funding, and the legal basis of the plans reflect their local environments.

44.1 The Absa Pension Fund

The Absa Pension Fund (the Fund) is governed by the Pension Funds Act of 1956, which requires that an actuarial valuation of the Fund be carried out at least once every three years. The most recent statutory valuation of the Fund was effected on 31 March 2017 and confirmed that the Fund was in a sound financial position. This valuation was in accordance with the Pension Funds Second Amendment Act of 2001 (the PF Act).

The valuation has been performed using the projected unit credit method in respect of the defined benefit portion. The asset ceiling of the Fund is limited to the Employer Surplus Accounts (ESA). According to the Fund rules and the PF Act, the ESA can be used for a number of purposes including funding a deficit in the Fund, enhancing benefits of the Fund or enabling a contribution holiday.

In terms of Section 7 of the PF Act, notwithstanding the rules of a fund, every fund must have a board of trustees consisting of at least four board members, at least 50% of whom the members of the Fund have the right to elect. The objective of the board is to direct, control and oversee the operations in accordance with the applicable laws and the rules of the Fund. In carrying out this objective, the board must take all reasonable steps to ensure that the interests of members in terms of the rules of the Fund and the provisions of this Act are protected at all times, that they act with due care, diligence and good faith; and avoid conflicts of interest. The board must act independently and with impartiality in respect of all members and beneficiaries. The members of the board have a fiduciary duty to members and beneficiaries in respect of accrued benefits or any amount accrued to provide a benefit, as well as a fiduciary duty to the Fund, to ensure that the Fund is financially sound and is responsibly managed and governed in accordance with the rules and the PF Act.

Members who joined the fund before 1 July 2015 have the choice to receive either a conventional annuity or a living from the Fund or to purchase a pension from a registered insurer. Members who joined the Fund on or after 1 July 2015 have the choice to receive a living annuity from the Fund or to purchase a pension from a registered insurer.

Should a retiree who joined prior to 1 July 2015 elect a conventional annuity, the Group is thereafter exposed to longevity and other actuarial risk. The conventional annuity is calculated based on the defined contribution plan assets at the retirement date. The Group is therefore not exposed to any asset return risk prior to the election of this option i.e. the retirement date. The classification rules within IAS 19 require that, where the employer is exposed to any actuarial risk, the entire fund be classified as a defined benefit plan. The valuation of the option is included in the defined benefit obligation. The assets and liabilities of the defined contribution active members are separately presented. Pensioners who have elected to receive a living annuity as well as members who joined the fund on /after 1 July 2015 have been excluded from the IAS 19 disclosures as the employer is not exposed to any longevity or other actuarial risk in respect of these members. Net defined benefit assets relating to these pensioners that have elected to receive a living annuity, amount to **R3 584m** (2016: R3 539,5m).

	Group Absa Pension Fund	
	2017	2016
<i>Categories of The Fund</i>		
Defined benefit active members	18	20
Defined benefit deferred pensioners	2	3
Defined benefit pensioners	8 401	8 427
Defined contribution active members	26 044	28 896
Defined contribution pensioners	2 779	2 735
Duration of the scheme – defined benefit (years)	9,3	9,6
Duration of the scheme – defined contribution (years)	22,3	23,3
Duration of the scheme – defined contribution option (years)	15,2	16,1
Expected contributions to the Fund for the next 12 months (Rm)	1 463,2	1 497,6

The benefits provided by the defined benefit portion of the Fund are based on a formula, taking into account years of membership and remuneration levels. The benefits provided by the defined contribution portion of the Fund are determined by accumulated contributions and return on investments.

While the Fund as a whole has been classified as a defined benefit fund for IAS 19 purposes, the defined contribution portion provides its members with an asset-based return. The Group has measured the liability for the defined contribution portion of the Fund at the fair value of the assets upon which the benefits are based.

The Fund is financed by employer and employee contributions and investment income. Employer contributions in respect of the defined benefit portion are based on actuarial advice. The expense or income recorded in profit or loss includes the current service cost, interest income on plan assets as well as interest expense on the defined benefit obligation and the irrecoverable surplus. It is the Group's policy to ensure that the Fund is adequately funded to provide for the benefits due to members, and particularly to ensure that any shortfall with regard to the defined benefit portion will be met by way of additional contributions.

The Fund investments are managed on a Liability Driven Investment (LDI) mandate. The primary objective of the portfolio managed for the defined benefit section of the Fund to achieve is a net real return of 4,5% per annum, measured over rolling 36-month periods.

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	Group	
	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
44. Retirement benefit fund obligations <i>(continued)</i>		
44.1 Absa Pension Fund <i>(continued)</i>		
44.1.1 Reconciliation of the net defined benefit plan surplus		
<i>Reconciliation of the net surplus</i>		
Present value of funded obligations	(27 265)	(25 037)
Defined benefit portion	(7 335)	(7 491)
Defined contribution portion	(19 930)	(17 546)
Fair value of the plan assets	29 766	27 102
Defined benefit portion	9 836	9 556
Defined contribution portion	19 930	17 546
Funded status	2 501	2 065
Irrecoverable surplus (effect of asset ceiling)	(2 035)	(1 599)
Net surplus arising from the defined benefit obligation	466	466
44.1.2 Reconciliation of movement in the funded obligation		
Balance at the beginning of the reporting period	(25 037)	(24 398)
Defined benefit portion	(7 491)	(7 390)
Defined contribution portion	(17 546)	(17 008)
Reconciling items – defined benefit portion	156	(101)
Actuarial gains – financial	582	97
Actuarial (losses)/gains – experience adjustments	(85)	178
Benefits paid	674	648
Current service costs	(32)	(30)
Interest expense	(666)	(729)
Defined contribution member transfers	(317)	(265)
Reconciling items – defined contribution portion	(2 384)	(538)
Increase in obligation linked to plan assets return	(3 228)	(1 299)
Employer contributions	(882)	(866)
Employee contributions	(597)	(587)
Disbursements and member transfers	2 323	2 214
Balance at the end of the reporting period	(27 265)	(25 037)
44.1.3 Reconciliation of movement in the plan assets		
Balance at the beginning of the reporting period	27 102	26 341
Defined benefit portion	9 556	9 333
Defined contribution portion	17 546	17 008
Reconciling items – defined benefit portion	280	223
Benefits paid	(674)	(648)
Employer contributions	1	2
Interest income	854	923
Return on plan assets in excess of interest	(218)	(319)
Defined contribution member transfers	317	265
Reconciling items – defined contribution portion	2 384	538
Return on plan assets	3 228	1 299
Employer contributions	882	866
Employee contributions	597	587
Disbursements and member transfers	(2 323)	(2 214)
Balance at the end of the reporting period	29 766	27 102

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	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
44. Retirement benefit fund obligations <i>(continued)</i>		
44.1 Absa Pension Fund <i>(continued)</i>		
44.1.4 Reconciliation of movement in the irrecoverable surplus		
Balance at the beginning of the reporting period	(1 599)	(1 477)
Interest on irrecoverable surplus	(146)	(149)
Changes in the irrecoverable surplus in excess of interest	(290)	27
Balance at the end of the reporting period	(2 035)	(1 599)

	Group 2017			
	Fair value of plan assets			
	Debt instruments Rm	Equity instruments Rm	Other instruments Rm	Total Rm
44.1.5 Nature of the pension fund assets				
<i>Plan assets relating to the defined benefit plan</i>				
Defined benefit portion	4 137	5 109	592	9 838
Quoted fair value	3 999	5 050	315	9 364
Unquoted fair value	7	—	70	77
Own transferable financial instruments	131	59	8	198
Investments in listed property entities/funds	—	—	199	199
Defined contribution portion	2 909	12 309	4 710	19 928
Quoted fair value	2 299	12 157	2 478	16 934
Unquoted fair value	218	—	912	1 130
Own transferable financial instruments	392	152	17	561
Investments in listed property entities/funds	—	—	1 303	1 303
	7 046	17 418	5 302	29 766

	Group 2016			
	Fair value of plan assets			
	Debt instruments Rm	Equity instruments Rm	Other instruments Rm	Total Rm
Defined benefit portion	4 560	4 499	497	9 556
Quoted fair value	4 450	4 465	387	9 302
Unquoted fair value	3	—	16	19
Own transferable financial instruments	107	34	1	142
Investments in listed property entities/funds	—	—	93	93
Defined contribution portion	3 138	9 659	4 749	17 546
Quoted fair value	1 861	9 598	3 057	14 516
Unquoted fair value	828	—	909	1 737
Own transferable financial instruments	449	61	3	513
Investments in listed property entities/funds	—	—	780	780
	7 698	14 158	5 246	27 102

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	Group	
	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
44. Retirement benefit fund obligations <i>(continued)</i>		
44.1 Absa Pension Fund <i>(continued)</i>		
44.1.6 Movements in the defined benefit plan presented in the statement of comprehensive income		
Recognised in profit or loss:		
Net interest income	(41)	(45)
Current service cost	32	30
	(9)	(15)
Recognised in other comprehensive income:		
Actuarial (gains)/losses – financial	(582)	(97)
Actuarial adjustments (gains)/losses – experience	85	(178)
Return on plan assets in excess of interest	217	319
Changes in the irrecoverable surplus in excess of interest	290	(27)
	10	17
44.1.7 Actuarial assumptions used:		
Discount rate (%) p.a.	9,9	9,1
Inflation rate (%) p.a.	6,8	6,6
Expected rate on the plan assets (%) p.a.	10,6	10,4
Future salary increases (%) p.a.	7,8	7,6
Average life expectancy in years of pensioner retiring at 60 – Male	21,4	21,3
Average life expectancy in years of pensioner retiring at 60 – Female	26,3	26,2

	Group 2017	
	Reasonable possible change Rm	Increase/ (decrease) on defined benefit obligation Rm
44.1.8 Sensitivity analysis of the significant actuarial assumptions		
Increase in discount rate (%)	0,5	(440)
Increase in inflation (%)	0,5	479
Increase in life expectancy (years)	1	301
	2016	
	Reasonable possible change Rm	Increase/ (decrease) on defined benefit obligation Rm
Increase in discount rate (%)	0,5	(452)
Increase in inflation (%)	0,5	486
Increase in life expectancy (years)	1	311

44.1.9 Sensitivity analysis of the significant assumptions

Sensitivity analysis

The aforementioned sensitivity analysis indicates how changes in significant actuarial assumptions would affect the defined benefit portion of **R7 335m** (2016: R7 491m).

The sensitivities may not be representative of the actual change in the defined benefit obligation as it is unlikely that the change in assumptions would occur in isolation of one another. For the purpose of the sensitivity analysis, it is assumed that any change in inflation impacts other inflation-dependent assumptions, i.e. certain pension increases and salary growth. In presenting the sensitivity analysis, the present value of the defined benefit obligation has been calculated using the projected unit credit method at the end of the reporting period. The defined contribution obligation of **R19 930m** (2016: R17 546m) does not give rise to any actuarial risks as the measurement is derived from the defined contribution plan assets. There was no change in the methods and assumptions used in preparing the sensitivity analysis from prior years.

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44. Retirement benefit fund obligations *(continued)*

44.2 *Other subsidiaries plans*

Defined benefit structure

The benefits provided by the defined benefit structures are based on a formula, taking into account years of membership and remuneration levels. For funds where a minimum pension increase of the lower of CPI or a fixed percentage (which varies by fund) is guaranteed, additional discretionary pension increases may be granted at the discretion of the Group. For funds where a minimum increase is not guaranteed, the trustees may decide on increases in pensions subject to affordability.

The majority of the defined benefit liability relates to deferred pensioners and pensioners. There is not a significant number of active members accruing additional defined benefit liabilities.

Liabilities in respect of the defined benefit structures are calculated based on assumptions in respect of expected death, withdrawals, early retirement, family statistics, rate of increase in pensionable remuneration and medical allowances and administration costs based on past experience.

In the previous reporting period, Barclays Bank Mauritius and Barclays Bank Mozambique paid a cash contribution into their Pension funds to reduce the deficit reflected in the valuations as at 31 December 2015. The Group's contributions were: Barclays Bank Mauritius R192m and Barclays Bank Mozambique R19m.

Defined contribution structure

The benefits provided by the defined contribution structures are determined by accumulated retirement funding contributions and the return on investments.

The defined contribution information has not been included in the defined benefit disclosures; this presentation is different to that of the Absa Pension Fund due to the different plan rules of the Absa Pension Fund.

The nature of the plan rules governing the Rest of Africa pension funds is such that any optionality is not considered significant and is therefore not included in the valuation or disclosure of the defined benefit obligations.

The funds are governed by legislation applicable in the various countries in which the funds are based. The funds are operated on a pre-funded basis. That is, assets are accumulated on a monthly basis with the aim that sufficient funding exists to meet the benefits payable under all modes of exit. Actuarial funding valuations are performed every three years regardless whether or not these are required by legislation. The most recent actuarial valuations of the funds were carried out as at 31 December 2017. Contributions are generally determined by the Employer in consultation with the Actuary following the funding valuation to ensure the sustainability and financial soundness of the funds. The staff costs expense for the defined contribution plans is **R115m** (2016: R122m). Surpluses and deficits are dealt with in a manner which is consistent with the fund rules and applicable legislation. Minimum funding requirements are limited to the deficits of the fund.

The Pension Fund plans across Rest of Africa are administered by separate funds that are legally separated from the individual companies. The boards of trustees of the funds are responsible for the overall management of the funds.

Statutory valuations are carried out on the defined benefit funds every three years. Based on the results of the valuation, a contribution rate is recommended by the actuary. The power of deciding what the final applicable contribution rate should be rests with the employer on advice from the actuary, in some cases with the agreement of the Trustees. Where pension increases are granted in excess of that which can be afforded by the Fund, the employer must agree to such an increase and will make an additional contribution to fund this. In addition, should the valuation disclose a deficit and regulations require special additional contributions to be made to the Fund, the employer will need to make such contributions in line with a funding plan approved by the relevant country's Regulator.

Within the Rest of Africa funds, the asset allocation is determined taking into account legislative constraints, the available opportunity set of securities in the country across the different asset classes, fund manager offerings in the country, diversification across different asset classes and region (where applicable) and the nature and term of the liabilities. The asset investment strategy is set to target a return which is based on the actuarial assumptions used in the Fund valuation, over a 5 to 7 year term.

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44. Retirement benefit fund obligations (continued)

44.2 Other subsidiaries plans (continued)

The retirement liabilities shown relate to employees and pensioners who are members of various funds, details of which are shown in the following table:

	Group						
	2017						
	Barclays Bank of Botswana	Barclays Bank of Kenya	Kenya First Assurance	Barclays Bank of Zambia	Barclays Bank of Seychelles	Barclays Bank of Mauritius	Barclays Bank of Mozambique
Membership							
Defined benefit active members	—	6	76	—	8	221	—
Defined benefit deferred pensioners	—	895	25	11	6	72	632
Defined benefit pensioners	187	1 503	8	404	3	278	1 001
Defined contribution active members	1 162	2 271	2 271	908	214	574	876
Duration of the scheme (years)	11	7	13	3	15	17	10
Expected contributions to the plan for the next 12 months (Rm)	—	3,8	1,1	5,0	0,3	12,5	—
	2016						
	Barclays Bank of Botswana	Barclays Bank of Kenya	Kenya First Assurance	Barclays Bank of Zambia	Barclays Bank of Seychelles	Barclays Bank of Mauritius	Barclays Bank of Mozambique
Membership							
Defined benefit active members	—	6	76	—	8	310	—
Defined benefit deferred pensioners	—	936	25	479	8	51	660
Defined benefit pensioners	189	1 508	8	168	3	230	983
Defined contribution active members	1 177	2 489	2 489	1 134	257	577	897
Duration of the scheme (years)	11	7	13	3	16	18	10
Expected contributions to the plan for the next 12 months (Rm)	—	4,2	1,4	5,4	0,3	17,1	—
	Group						
	2017 Rm						2016 Rm
44.2.1 Defined benefit plan reconciliations							
Present value of funded defined benefit obligations						(2 251)	(2 202)
Fair value of the defined benefit plan assets						2 137	2 089
Funded defined benefit plan status						(114)	(113)
Irrecoverable surplus (effect of asset ceiling)						(110)	(44)
Net deficit arising from defined benefit obligation						(224)	(157)
44.2.2 Reconciliation of movement in the defined benefit obligation							
Balance at the beginning of the reporting period						(2 202)	(2 678)
Actuarial losses						(35)	(71)
Actuarial losses – changes in financial assumptions						(48)	(39)
Actuarial gains/(losses) – experience adjustments						13	(32)
Benefits paid						190	162
Current service costs						(28)	(31)
Interest expense						(234)	(222)
Past service costs including curtailments						17	—
Foreign exchange differences						41	638
Balance at the end of the reporting period						(2 251)	(2 202)

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	Group	
	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
44. Retirement benefit fund obligations <i>(continued)</i>		
44.2 Other subsidiaries plans <i>(continued)</i>		
44.2.6 Movements in the defined benefit plan presented in the statement of comprehensive income		
<i>Recognised in profit or loss:</i>		
Net interest expense/(income)	10	19
Current service cost	29	31
Past service cost including curtailments	(17)	—
	22	50
<i>Recognised in other comprehensive income:</i>		
Actuarial losses – changes in financial assumptions	48	39
Actuarial (gains)/losses – experience adjustments	(13)	32
Remeasurement – return on the plan assets in excess of interest	(19)	96
Changes in the irrecoverable surplus in excess of interest	46	22
	62	189
44.2.7 The actuarial assumptions (weighted averages) include:		
Discount rate (%)	14,0	11,4
Inflation (%)	10,0	7,1
Future pension increases (%)	8,3	5,4
Future salary increases(%)	11,1	6,4
Average life expectancy in years of pensioner retiring at 60 – Male	18,0	18
Average life expectancy in years of pensioner retiring at 60 – Female	21,7	21,9

	Group 2017	
	Reasonable possible change	Increase/ (decrease) on defined benefit obligation Rm
44.2.8 Sensitivity analysis of significant assumptions (weighted averages)		
<i>Significant actuarial assumption</i>		
Increase in discount rate (%)	0,5	(110)
Increase in inflation (%)	0,5	57
Increase in life expectancy (years)	1	58
		2016
	Reasonable possible change	Increase/ (decrease) on defined benefit obligation Rm
<i>Significant actuarial assumption</i>		
Increase in discount rate (%)	0,5	(115)
Increase in inflation (%)	0,5	57
Increase in life expectancy (years)	1	52

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44. Retirement benefit fund obligations *(continued)*

44.2 Other subsidiaries plans *(continued)*

44.2.9 Sensitivity analysis

The sensitivity analysis presented in this note may not be representative of the actual change in the defined benefit obligation as it is unlikely that the change in assumptions would occur in isolation of one another as some of the assumptions may be correlated. Furthermore, in presenting the sensitivity analysis, the present value of the defined benefit obligation has been calculated using the projected unit credit method at the end of the reporting period, which is the same as that applied in calculating the defined benefit obligation liability recognised in the statement of financial position.

There was no change in the methods and assumptions used in preparing the sensitivity analysis from prior years. For the purpose of the sensitivity analysis, it is assumed that any change in inflation impacts other inflation-dependent assumptions, i.e. certain pension increases and salary growth.

44.3 Post-retirement medical aid plans

Certain of the Group's subsidiaries subsidise either medical aid contributions or actual incurred medical costs after retirement. The accrued and future liabilities in respect of these post-retirement medical costs are valued either annually, or every three years, on the reporting date, and projected thereafter. These liabilities were actuarially valued based on the healthcare benefits currently provided to staff using appropriate mortality and withdrawal assumptions, as well as appropriate medical inflation and discount rates.

The present value of the post-retirement medical aid plan liabilities is **R169m** (2016: R198m) and the fair value of related plan assets is **R3m** (2016: R2m).

	Group	
	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
45. Dividends per share		
<i>Dividends declared to ordinary equity holders</i>		
Interim dividend (28 July 2017: 475 cents) (29 July 2016: 460 cents)	4 027	3 900
Final dividend (1 March 2018: 595 cents) (23 February 2017: 570 cents)	5 044	4 832
	9 071	8 732
<i>Dividends declared to ordinary equity holders (net of treasury shares)</i>		
Interim dividend (28 July 2017: 475 cents) (29 July 2016: 460 cents)	4 024	3 888
Final dividend (1 March 2018: 595 cents) (23 February 2017: 570 cents)	4 955	4 820
	8 979	8 708
<i>Dividends declared to non-controlling preference equity holders</i>		
Interim dividend (28 July 2017: 3 685,06849 cents) (29 July 2016: 3 696,57534 cents)	182	183
Final dividend (1 March 2018: 3 558,01 cents) (23 February 2017: 3 644,79452 cents)	176	180
	358	363
<i>Distributions declared to Additional Tier 1 Capital note holders</i>		
Distribution (12 December 2017)	48	—
	48	—
<i>Dividends paid to ordinary equity holders (net of treasury shares)^{1,2}</i>		
Final dividend net of treasury shares (10 April 2017: 570 cents) (11 April 2016: 550 cents)	4 832	4 648
Interim dividend net of treasury shares (11 September 2017: 475 cents) (12 September 2016: 460 cents)	3 989	3 888
	8 821	8 536
<i>Dividends paid to non-controlling preference equity holders²</i>		
Final dividend (10 April 2017: 3 644,79452 cents) (11 April 2016: 3 395,47945 cents)	180	168
Interim dividend (11 September 2017: 3 685,06849 cents) (12 September 2016: 3 696,57534 cents)	182	183
	362	351
<i>Distributions paid to Additional Tier 1 Capital note holders</i>		
Distribution (12 December 2017)	48	—
	48	—

Notes

¹ The dividends paid on treasury shares are calculated on payment date.

² The dividends paid dates have been corrected to reflect date of payment. Previously these dates referred to date of declaration.

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46. Securities borrowed/lent and repurchase/reverse repurchase agreements

46.1 Reverse repurchase agreements and securities borrowed

As part of the reverse repurchase agreements and securities borrowing agreements, the Group has received securities as collateral that are allowed to be sold or repledged. The fair value of these securities at the reporting date amounts to **R45 234m** (2016¹: R35 316m) of which **R12 796m** (2016¹: R12 188m) have been sold or repledged.

46.2 Repurchase agreements and securities lent

The following table shows the carrying amount of transferred assets that have not resulted in any derecognition, together with the associated liabilities.

	Group 2017				
	Carrying amount of transferred assets Rm	Carrying amount of associated liabilities Rm	Fair value of transferred assets Rm	Fair value of associated liabilities Rm	Net fair value Rm
Debt instruments	20 493	(20 091)	20 493	(20 091)	402
Equity instruments	6 278	(1 309)	6 278	(1 309)	4 970
	2016				
	Carrying amount of transferred assets Rm	Carrying amount of associated liabilities Rm	Fair value of transferred assets Rm	Fair value of associated liabilities Rm	Net fair value Rm
Debt instruments	23 826	(23 080)	23 826	(23 080)	746
Equity instruments	2 649	(173)	2 649	(173)	2 476

The transferred assets are presented in the 'Trading Portfolio assets' and 'Investment securities' lines on the statement of financial position.

47. Transfer of financial assets

Transfer of financial assets involving structured entities

In the ordinary course of its normal banking activities the Group transfers financial assets to SEs, either legally (where legal rights to the cash flows from the asset are transferred to the counterparty) or beneficially (where the Group retains the rights to the cash flows but assumes a responsibility to transfer them to the counterparty). Depending on the nature of the transaction, this may result in derecognition of the assets in their entirety, partial derecognition of the assets or no derecognition of the assets.

47.1 Transfer of financial assets that does not result in derecognition

	Group 2017				
	Carrying amount of transferred assets Rm	Carrying amount of associated liabilities Rm	Fair value of transferred assets Rm	Fair value of associated liabilities Rm	Net fair value Rm
Loans and advances to customers	74	(74)	74	(74)	—
	2016				
	Carrying amount of transferred assets Rm	Carrying amount of associated liabilities Rm	Fair value of transferred assets Rm	Fair value of associated liabilities Rm	Net fair value Rm
Loans and advances to customers	124	(124)	124	(124)	—

Balances included within loans and advances to customers, represent instances where substantially all the risks and rewards (credit risk and prepayment risk) of the financial asset have been retained by the Group.

The relationship between the transferred assets and the associated liabilities is that holders of the associated liabilities may only look to cash flows from the transferred assets for payments due to them, although the contractual terms may differ from those of the transferred assets.

Note

¹ In the current reporting period a new system was implemented which allows for more granular level data on the fair value of securities received as collateral under reverse repurchase agreements. This resulted in the restatement of the fair value of these securities (the 2016 value has decreased by R395m compared to the value previously reported) and the amount of instruments that have been repledged in 2016 has been restated from nil to R12 188m.

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47. Transfer of financial assets *(continued)*

47.2 *Transfer of financial assets that results in partial derecognition*

The Group invests in notes of certain SEs. The interest on these notes represents a continuing exposure to the prepayment risk and credit risk of the underlying assets (the transferred assets) which comprise of corporate loans. The assets are included in the statement of financial position under 'Loans and advances to customers'. The carrying amount of the loans before transfer was **R1 175m** (2016: R1 175m) and the current carrying amount as at the reporting date is **R748m** (2016: R749m). There are no liabilities associated with the assets transferred.

47.3 *Continuing involvement in financial assets that have been derecognised in their entirety*

The instance may arise where the Group transfers a financial asset to an SE in its entirety but may have continuing involvement in it. Continuing involvement largely arises from providing financing to the SE in the form of retained notes, which do not bear first losses as they are not considered equity instruments of the SE. As at 31 December 2017, the Group had no continuing involvement where financial assets have been derecognised in their entirety (31 December 2016: None).

48. Offsetting financial assets and financial liabilities

Where relevant, the Group reports derivative financial instruments and reverse repurchase and repurchase agreements and other similar secured lending and borrowing agreements on a net basis.

The following table shows the impact of netting arrangements on the statement of financial position for recognised financial assets and financial liabilities that are reported net on the statement of financial position. Also presented are derivative financial instruments and reverse repurchase and repurchase agreements and other similar lending and borrowing agreements that are subject to enforceable master netting or similar agreements which did not qualify for presentation on a net basis. The table also shows potential netting not recognised on the statement of financial position that results from arrangements that do not meet all the IAS 32 netting criteria, because there is no intention to net settle or realise simultaneously, and related financial collateral that mitigates credit risk.

The net amounts presented are not intended to represent the Group's actual credit exposure as a variety of credit mitigation strategies are employed in addition to netting and collateral arrangements.

	Group 2017							
	Amounts subject to enforceable netting arrangements							
	Effects of netting on statement of financial position			Related amounts not set off				
	Gross amounts Rm	Amounts set off Rm	Net amounts reported on the statement of financial position ¹ Rm	Offsetting financial instruments Rm	Financial collateral ² Rm	Net amount Rm	Amounts not subject to enforce- able netting arrange- ments ³ Rm	Total per statement of financial position ⁴ Rm
Derivative financial assets	53 199	(5 785)	47 413	(30 082)	(2 009)	15 323	12 172	59 585
Reverse repurchase agreements and other similar secured lending	35 378	—	35 378	—	(35 378)	—	—	35 378
Total assets	88 577	(5 785)	82 792	(30 082)	(37 387)	15 323	12 172	94 963
Derivative financial liabilities	(44 993)	6 045	(38 947)	30 096	—	(8 852)	(14 276)	(53 224)
Repurchase agreements and other similar secured borrowings	(31 827)	—	(31 827)	—	31 827	—	—	(31 827)
Total liabilities	(76 819)	6 045	(70 774)	30 096	31 827	(8 852)	(14 276)	(85 051)

Notes

¹ Net amounts reported on the statement of financial position comprise exposures that have been netted on the statement of financial position in compliance with IAS 32 (net exposure) and exposures that are subject to legally enforceable netting arrangements but have not been netted on the statement of financial position.

² Financial collateral excludes over collateralisation and amounts, which are measured at fair value and are in excess of the net statement of financial position exposure.

³ In certain jurisdictions a contractual right of set-off is subject to uncertainty under laws of the jurisdiction and therefore netting is not applied and the amounts are classed as not subject to legally enforceable netting arrangements.

⁴ Total per statement of financial position is the sum of 'Net amounts reported on the statement of financial position' which are subject to enforceable netting arrangements and 'Amounts not subject to enforceable netting arrangements'.

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48. Offsetting financial assets and financial liabilities (continued)

	Group 2016							
	Amounts subject to enforceable netting arrangements							
	Effects of netting on statement of financial position			Related amounts not set off				
	Gross amounts Rm	Amounts set off Rm	Net amounts reported on the statement of financial position ¹ Rm	Offsetting financial instruments Rm	Financial collateral ² Rm	Net amount Rm	Amounts not subject to enforceable netting arrangements ³ Rm	Total per statement of financial position ⁴ Rm
Derivative financial assets	45 428	(2 130)	43 298	(35 340)	(2 810)	5 148	3 639	46 937
Reverse repurchase agreements and other similar secured lending	35 711	—	35 711	—	(35 711)	—	—	35 711
Total assets	81 139	(2 130)	79 009	(35 340)	(38 521)	5 148	3 639	82 648
Derivative financial liabilities	(42 697)	2 130	(40 567)	35 340	66	(5 161)	(2 417)	(42 984)
Repurchase agreements and other similar secured borrowing	(23 253)	—	(23 253)	—	23 222	(31)	—	(23 253)
Total liabilities	(65 950)	2 130	(63 820)	35 340	23 288	(5 192)	(2 417)	(66 237)

Offsetting and collateral arrangements

Derivative assets and liabilities

Credit risk is mitigated where possible through netting arrangements, such as the International Swaps and Derivative Association (ISDA) Master Agreement or derivative exchange or clearing counterparty agreements, whereby all outstanding transactions with the same counterparty can be offset and close-out netting applied across all outstanding transactions covered by the agreements if an event of default or other predetermined events occur. Financial collateral (cash and non-cash) is also obtained, often daily, for the net exposure between counterparties where possible to further mitigate credit risk.

Repurchase and reverse repurchase agreements and other similar secured lending and borrowing

Credit risk is mitigated where possible through netting arrangements such as global master repurchase agreements and global master securities lending agreements whereby all outstanding transactions with the same counterparty can be offset and close-out netting applied across all outstanding transactions covered by the agreements if an event of default or other predetermined events occur. Financial collateral is obtained and typically comprises highly liquid securities which are legally transferred and can be liquidated in the event of counterparty default.

These offsetting and collateral arrangements and the credit risk mitigation strategies used by the Group are further explained in the Credit risk mitigation, collateral and other credit enhancements section of note 63.

49. Related parties

As part of the separation, Barclays PLC sold ordinary Barclays Africa Group Limited shares representing 12.2% and 33.7% of issued ordinary share capital in May 2016 and June 2017 respectively. Barclays PLC currently holds 126.2m ordinary Barclays Africa Group Limited shares representing 14.9% of issued ordinary shares. The remaining 85.1 % of the shares are widely held on the JSE.

Barclays PLC contributed £765 million to the Group, primarily in recognition of the investments required for the Group to separate from Barclays PLC. This contribution will be invested primarily in rebranding, technology and separation-related projects and it is expected that it will neutralise the capital and cash flow impact of separation investments on the Group over time.

Barclays PLC contributed cash of R1 891m to be used in the furtherance of the Group's objective of establishing Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment structure. The cash was contributed to the independent Absa Empowerment Trust, whose subsidiary purchased 12 716 260 BAGL shares. In terms of the requirements of IFRS, these shares have been accounted for as treasury shares and eliminated against the Group's share capital.

CLS Group Holding AG shares were transferred to Barclays PLC for no consideration in 2005. During the current reporting period these shares were transferred back to the Group for a nominal consideration of one British Pound (GBP). The shares have been recognised at a fair value of R48m. The related credit has been recognised in equity as a shareholder contribution.

Notes

¹ Net amounts reported on the statement of financial position comprise exposures that have been netted on the statement of financial position in compliance with IAS 32 (net exposure) and exposures that are subject to legally enforceable netting arrangements but have not been netted on the statement of financial position.

² Financial collateral excludes over collateralisation and amounts, which are measured at fair value and are in excess of the net statement of financial position exposure.

³ In certain jurisdictions a contractual right of set-off is subject to uncertainty under laws of the jurisdiction and therefore netting is not applied and the amounts are classed as not subject to legally enforceable netting arrangements.

⁴ Total per statement of financial position is the sum of 'Net amounts reported on the statement of financial position' which are subject to enforceable netting arrangements and 'Amounts not subject to enforceable netting arrangements'.

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49. Related parties (continued)

49.1 Transactions with key management personnel

IAS 24 Related Party Disclosures (IAS 24), requires the identification of key management personnel, who are individuals responsible for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the entity, including directors. Key management personnel are defined as executive and non-executive directors and members of the Executive Committee (Exco). A number of banking and insurance transactions are entered into with key management personnel in the normal course of business, under terms that are no more favourable than those arranged with other employees. These include loans, deposits and foreign currency transactions. The outstanding balances at the reporting date with related parties and related party transactions conducted during the reporting period are as follows:

	Group	
	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
Key management personnel compensation		
Directors		
Deferred cash payments	5	6
Non-deferred cash payments ¹	10	8
Post-employment benefit contributions	1	1
Salaries and other short-term benefits	64	53
Share-based payments	46	33
	126	101
Other key management personnel		
Deferred cash payments	8	18
Non-deferred cash payments ¹	9	9
Post-employment benefit contributions	1	2
Salaries and other short-term benefits	48	58
Share-based payments	57	39
	123	126

	Group			
	2017		2016	
	Transactions with key management Rm	Transactions with entities controlled by key management Rm	Transactions with key management Rm	Transactions with entities controlled by key management Rm
Loans				
Balance at the beginning of the reporting period	49	9	41	24
(Discontinuance)/Inception of related party relationships ²	(29)	—	(1)	—
Loans issued and interest earned	50	9	72	7
Loans repaid	(50)	(3)	(63)	(22)
Balance at the end of the reporting period	20	15	49	9
Interest income	(2)	(1)	(4)	(2)
Deposits				
Balance at the beginning of the reporting period	18	4	31	6
(Discontinuance)/Inception of related party relationships ²	(2)	—	(0)	(0)
Deposits received	205	7	144	15
Deposits repaid and interest paid	(193)	(4)	(157)	(17)
Balance at the end of the reporting period	28	7	18	4
Interest expense	1	0	1	1
Guarantees	41	24	75	44

Notes

¹ During the current reporting period, it was identified that non-deferred cash payments to key management personnel were inadvertently excluded from this disclosure in prior years. Of the 2016 amounts, R8m (for directors) and R3m (for other key management personnel) were correctly disclosed in note 66 – Directors' remuneration. These amounts were accounted for appropriately in the comparative statement of comprehensive income.

² Includes balances relating to key management personnel who were appointed /resigned during the reporting period.

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	Group			
	2017		2016	
	Transactions with key management Rm	Transactions with entities controlled by key management Rm	Transactions with key management Rm	Transactions with entities controlled by key management Rm
49. Related parties <i>(continued)</i>				
49.1 Transactions with key management personnel <i>(continued)</i>				
Other investments				
Balance at the beginning of the reporting period	105	39	27	34
(Discontinuance)/inception of related party relationships ¹	(12)	—	(10)	—
Value of new investments/contributions	85	9	91	5
Value of withdrawals/disinvestments	(59)	(2)	(5)	(2)
Fees and charges	(1)	—	(0)	(0)
Investment returns	3	2	2	2
Balance at the end of the reporting period	121	48	105	39

Insurance premiums paid and claims received

Key management personnel paid insurance premiums of **R0,75m** (2016: R0,67m) and received claims of **R0,16m** (2016: R0,16m)

49.2 Balances and transactions with the parent company, fellow subsidiaries, and associates and joint ventures of the parent company

	Group ²			
	2017		2016	
	Parent company ³ Rm	Fellow subsidiaries and associates and joint ventures of the parent company Rm	Parent company Rm	Fellow subsidiaries and associates and joint ventures of the parent company Rm
Balances				
Loans and advances to banks	—	—	15 732	773
Derivative assets	—	—	13 553	(44)
Other assets	—	—	18	216
Investment securities	—	—	(0)	—
Deposits from banks	—	—	(3 990)	(188)
Debt securities in issue	—	—	—	—
Derivative liabilities	—	—	(15 966)	(2)
Other liabilities	—	—	(1)	(108)
Borrowed funds	—	—	—	—
Transactions				
Interest and similar income	(34)	(11)	(91)	(2)
Interest expense and similar charges	12	1	(10)	4
Net fee and commission (income)/expense	(3)	3	(5)	(2)
Gains and losses from banking and trading activities	9	—	(145)	—
Other operating income	4	—	(3)	—
Operating expenditure/(recovered expenses)	45	(284)	48	(549)
Dividends paid	—	—	4 859	—

Notes

¹ Includes balances relating to key management personnel who were appointed /resigned during the reporting period.

² Debit amounts are shown as positive, credit amounts are shown as negative.

³ Barclays PLC was majority shareholder for BAGL unitl June 2017.

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49. Related parties *(continued)*

49.2 Balances and transactions with the parent company, fellow subsidiaries, and associates and joint ventures of the parent company *(continued)*

Trade balances must be settled in accordance with market conventions applicable to the underlying transaction. Non-trade balances must be settled by the close of the month immediately following the month in which the transaction occurred. Settlement must be in the currency required by the related party. In exceptional cases, it may be impractical or inefficient to settle balances monthly. In such cases, the unsettled balances must be explicitly agreed to on a monthly basis in writing and full settlement must be made at least quarterly

49.3 Subsidiaries and consolidated structured entities

The following information provided is in respect of the Group's main subsidiaries. The main subsidiaries are those entities whose results or financial position, in the opinion of the directors, had the most significant impact, relative to all the Group's subsidiaries, on the figures shown in the consolidated financial statements. The significance of this impact is judged from both a qualitative and a quantitative perspective and is assessed on a half yearly basis.

Name	Nature of business	Country of incorporation	Group	
			2017 % holding	2016 % holding
Barclays Africa Group Limited and its subsidiaries				
Absa Capital Securities Proprietary Limited	Stockbrokers.	South Africa	100	100
Absa Development Company Holdings Proprietary Limited	Specialises in township development and sale of residential, commercial and industrial land.	South Africa	100	100
Absa Manx Insurance Company Limited	Captive insurance company for the Group and responsible for investment in insurances markets.	South Africa	100	100
Absa Stockbrokers Proprietary Limited	Enables customers to trade online or by telephone in shares, warrants and exchange-traded funds.	South Africa	100	100
Absa Trading and Investments Solutions Holdings Proprietary Limited	Holding company for ATIS Group.	South Africa	100	100
Barclays Bank of Ghana Limited	Provides retail and corporate banking.	Ghana	100	100
Barclays Bank of Kenya Limited	Provides retail and corporate banking.	Kenya	69	69
Barclays Bank Mozambique S.A. (BBM)	Commercial bank that provides retail and limited corporate services from a network of outlets and ATMs.	Mozambique	98	98
Barclays Bank of Botswana Limited	Provides retail and corporate banking.	Botswana	68	68
Barclays Bank Mauritius Limited	Provides retail and corporate banking.	Mauritius	100	100
Barclays Bank Seychelles Limited	Provides retail and corporate banking.	Seychelles	100	100
Barclays Bank Tanzania Limited	Provides retail and corporate banking.	Tanzania	100	100
Barclays Bank Uganda Limited	Provides retail and corporate banking.	Uganda	100	100
Barclays Bank of Zambia PLC ¹	Provides retail and corporate banking.	Zambia	100	100
Diluculo Investments Proprietary Limited	Investment holding and management company, providing project and management services to property funds and trading projects.	South Africa	100	100
National Bank of Commerce Limited (NBC)	Commercial bank that provides retail and limited corporate services from a national network of outlets and ATMs.	Tanzania	55	55
Woolworths Financial Services Proprietary Limited	Provides credit cards, in-store cards and personal loans.	South Africa	50	50

A full list of subsidiaries and consolidated SEs is available, on request, at the registered address of the Group.

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49. Related parties (continued)

49.3 Subsidiaries and consolidated structured entities (continued)

Name	Nature of business	Country of incorporation	Group	
			2017 % holding	2016 % holding
Absa Bank Limited and its subsidiaries	Offers a comprehensive range of retail, commercial, corporate and investment banking services to a wide range of customers and clients.	South Africa	100	100
Absa Capital Representative Office Nigeria Limited	Representative office to facilitate trade and obtain market share in Nigeria.	Nigeria	100	100
Absa Technology Finance Solutions Proprietary Limited	Financial broker/executive finance company.	South Africa	100	100
Absa Vehicle and Management Solutions Proprietary Limited	Operates as a fleet manager providing financial, leasing, maintenance and management services.	South Africa	100	100
Alborton Industrial Properties Proprietary Limited	Obtains loans from Absa Bank to finance Devco subsidiaries.	South Africa	100	100
United Towers Proprietary Limited	Investment in and issuance of preference shares.	South Africa	100	100
Absa Financial Services and its subsidiaries	Holding company of financial service-related entities.	South Africa	100	100
Absa Financial Services Africa Holdings Proprietary Limited	Holding company of African financial service-related entities.	South Africa	100	100
Absa Fund Managers Limited	Offers a variety of unit trust investment products, ranging from low-risk fixed-interest funds, such as the Absa Money Market Fund, to higher-risk specialist equity funds investing both domestically and internationally.	South Africa	100	100
Absa Insurance Company Limited	Short-term insurance provider to house and vehicle owners.	South Africa	100	100
Absa Insurance Risk Management Services Limited	Provides short-term insurance and other related insurance products.	South Africa	100	100
Barclays Life Botswana Proprietary Limited	Provides life assurance products focusing on risk and investment products that Absa's offering to various market segments in Botswana	Botswana	100	100
Absa Life Limited	Provides life assurance products, focusing on risk and investment products, that complement the Group's offerings to various market segments.	South Africa	100	100
Absa Trust Limited	Trust administrative services.	South Africa	100	100
Barclays Life Zambia Limited	Provides life assurance products focusing on risk and investment products that complement Absa's offerings to various market segments in Zambia.	Zambia	100	100
Global Alliance Seguros S.A.	Provides non-life insurance in Mozambique.	Mozambique	100	100
First Assurance Holdings Limited	Provides short-term insurance and other related insurance products	Kenya	100	100
Instant Life (Pty) Ltd	Provides life assurance products through cell arrangements	South Africa	75	75

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Name	Nature of business	Country of incorporation	Group	
			2017 % holding	2016 % holding
49. Related parties <i>(continued)</i>				
49.3 Subsidiaries and consolidated structured entities <i>(continued)</i>				
Barclays Africa Limited	Investment Holding Company.	United Kingdom	100	100
Share trusts				
Barclays Africa Group Incentive Trust	Share purchase and option scheme available to senior staff.	South Africa	n/a	n/a
Absa Empowerment trust and its subsidiaries	To be used in the furtherance of the Group's objective of establishing a Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment scheme.	South Africa	n/a	n/a
Newshelf 145 (Pty) Ltd	To be used in the furtherance of the Group's objective of establishing a Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment scheme.	South Africa	n/a	n/a
Structured entities				
Absa Bond Fund	Fund used to invest in unit trusts.	South Africa	n/a	n/a
Absa Foundation Trust	Provides funding for community upliftment. It receives a percentage of the Group's dividends which it distributes to identified community-related projects.	South Africa	n/a	n/a
Home Obligor Mortgages Enhanced Securities Proprietary Limited	Securitisation vehicle for Absa Home Loans division.	South Africa	n/a	n/a
Maravedi Financial Services-Life Cell	Credit life insurance.	South Africa	n/a	n/a
Impumelelo CP Note Programme 1 (RF) Limited	Special purpose, bankruptcy-remote company incorporated for the purpose of issuing Absa Bank guaranteed Commercial Paper and medium-term notes.	South Africa	n/a	n/a

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49. Related parties *(continued)*

49.5 Associates, joint ventures and retirement benefit fund

	Group	
	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
Subsidiaries' aggregate profits and losses after taxation	11 495	9 671

49.4 Nature and extent of significant restrictions relating to investments in subsidiaries

There are significant restrictions on the ability of the Group to require distributions of capital, access the assets, or repay the liabilities of members of its group arising from regulatory and contractual requirements and from the protective rights of non-controlling interests.

Regulatory requirements

The Group's banking and insurance subsidiaries are subject to the regulatory capital (RC) requirements of the countries in which they operate. These require, inter alia, that these entities maintain minimum capital ratios which restrict the ability of these entities to make distributions to the parent company. Distributions are also restricted by leverage constraints, large exposure limits and local legal licence requirements.

The requirements to maintain capital also affect certain equity and non-equity instruments in these subsidiaries such as Tier 1 and Tier 2 capital instruments and other subordinated liabilities which enable subsidiaries to meet their ratios. To the extent that these are retired, they must be replaced with instruments of similar terms.

The minimum amount of RC required to be maintained by the Group was **R79,2 bn** (2016: R73,0bn).

Contractual requirements

Certain of the Group's securitisation and SEs hold assets or interests in assets that are only available to meet the liabilities of those entities and may have issued public debt securities. The Group has the ability to wind up these structures and repay the notes, but only on the occurrence of certain contingencies, such as changes in tax laws or regulatory requirements. The carrying amount of the assets and liabilities of the entities to which these restrictions apply as at 31 December 2017 was **R11,6bn** and **R5,5bn** respectively (2016: R7bn and R6,9bn respectively).

Protective rights of non-controlling interests

Absa Bank Limited has issued equity preference shares in issue, which are non-controlling interests of the Group. Under the terms of these instruments, the preference shareholders will not be entitled to vote at any meeting of Absa Bank Limited, unless the preference dividend is declared, but remains in arrear and unpaid after six months from the due date. Alternatively, voting rights will be granted if a resolution of Absa Bank Limited is proposed which directly affects the rights attached to the Absa Bank Limited preferences shares, which shall include any resolutions for the winding up of the Absa Bank Limited or for the reduction of its share capital or share premium accounts.

The particulars of these instruments are shown in note 28.

The Group provides certain banking and financial services to associates and joint ventures. The Group also provides a number of current and interest-bearing cash accounts to the Absa Pension Fund and the pension funds of other subsidiaries. These transactions are generally conducted on the same terms as third-party transactions.

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49. Related parties *(continued)*

49.5 Associates, joint ventures and retirement benefit fund

In aggregate, the amounts included in the Group's consolidated financial statements are as follows:

	Group		
	Associates and joint ventures Rm	2017 Retirement benefit fund Rm	Total Rm
Value of defined benefit pension fund and post-retirement medical aid plan investments managed by the Group	—	11 974	11 974
Value of Absa defined contribution pension fund investments managed by the Group	—	19 930	19 930
Value of Barclays Africa Group Limited shares held by defined benefit pension fund	—	59	59
Value of other Barclays Africa Group Limited securities held by defined benefit pension fund	—	131	131
Statement of financial position			
Other assets	—	474	474
Loans and advances to customers (refer to note 8)	26 054	—	26 054
Other liabilities	—	400	400
Statement of comprehensive income			
Interest income from Joint ventures and associates and on pension plan assets	1 800	1 098	2 898
Interest expense on defined benefit obligation	—	(1 058)	(1 058)
Fee and commission income	148	—	148
Fee and commission expense	(114)	—	(114)
Current service costs (refer to note 44)	—	(60)	(60)
Past service curtailments	—	17	17
Operating expenses	956	—	956
	Associates and joint ventures Rm	2016 Retirement benefit fund Rm	Total Rm
Value of defined benefit pension fund and post-retirement medical aid plan investments managed by the Group	—	11 645	11 645
Value of Absa defined contribution pension fund investments managed by the Group	—	17 546	17 546
Value of Barclays Africa Group Limited shares held by defined benefit pension fund	—	37	37
Value of other Barclays Africa Group Limited securities held by defined benefit pension fund	—	107	107
Statement of financial position			
Other assets	—	553	553
Loans and advances to customers (refer to note 8)	20 183	—	20 183
Other liabilities	—	442	442
Statement of comprehensive income			
Interest and similar income	1 481	1 131	2 612
Interest expense and similar charges	—	(1 105)	(1 105)
Fee and commission income	9 352	—	9 352
Fee and commission expense	123	—	123
Current service costs (refer to note 44)	—	(61)	(61)
Operating expenses	631	—	631

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49. Related parties *(continued)*

49.5 Associates, joint ventures and retirement benefit fund *(continued)*

The information provided below is in respect of the Group's main associates and joint ventures. The main associates and joint ventures are those arrangements whose results or financial position, in the opinion of the directors, had the most significant impact, relative to all the Group's associates and joint ventures, on the Group's consolidated financial statements. Despite these investments having the most significant impact relative to all the Group's associates and joint ventures, none of the Group's associates or joint ventures are considered to have an impact that is individually material. Materiality and the relative significance of the Group's associates and joint ventures are judged from a qualitative and quantitative perspective and is assessed half-yearly.

Name	Nature of business	Group	
		2017 Ownership %	2016 Ownership %
Equity-accounted associates			
SBV Services Proprietary Limited	Cash transportation services.	25	25
The Document Exchange Association	Facilitates the electronic exchange of documents between the banks.	25	25
The South African Bankers Services Company Proprietary Limited	Automatic clearing house.	23	23
Equity-accounted joint ventures			
FFS Finance South Africa Proprietary Limited	Provides financing solutions to Ford Motor Company customers.	50	50
Integrated Processing Solutions	Joint venture with Standard Bank Group Limited involved in cheque processing activities.	50	50
MAN Financial Services (S.A.) Proprietary Limited	Joint venture with MAN Financial Services GmbH for financing of trucks and buses.	50	50
Associates and joint ventures designated at fair value through profit or loss	Various.	Various	Various

All associates and joint ventures are incorporated in South Africa.

A full list of associates and joint ventures is available, on request, at the registered address of the Group.

SBV Services Proprietary Limited and The South Africa Bankers Services Company Proprietary Limited have a reporting date of 30 June 2017.

49.6 Absa Empowerment trust

Barclays PLC contributed cash of R1 891m to the independent Absa Empowerment Trust to allow for it to purchase 12 716 260 BAGL shares (1,5%), in the furtherance of the Group's objective of establishing Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment structure. These shares are held in a special purpose vehicle owned by the independent Absa Empowerment Trust, which is consolidated by the Group in line with the requirements of IFRS 10.

The contribution of cash by Barclays PLC did not result in an adjustment to the net asset value of the Group and is accounted for as an increase in equity of R1 891m. The shares held by the Group are however eliminated as treasury shares with the nominal value per share going against share capital. This renders the transaction equity neutral.

50. Structured entities *Exchange-traded funds*

Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs) are passively managed index funds that are listed and traded on a securities exchange. An ETF tracks the performance of and/or gains a broad exposure to a particular index, sector or commodity for individual and institutional investors. All ETFs have a market maker to ensure that liquidity is always maintained, and in many instances, the Group will act in this capacity. The Group may therefore hold a direct interest in the fund, but the magnitude of such interest will vary with sufficient regularity. Whether the Group consolidates any of the funds depends on the magnitude of the interest held therein, as well as on the Group's ability to direct the relevant activities of the fund, either directly or indirectly. The Group, through its contractual undertaking to act as market maker, ensures that liquidity is always maintained. The Group earns management fee income from its involvement in the funds. To the extent that the Group holds participatory units in the funds, the Group will receive distributions recognised as investment income, as well as unrealised gains and losses on the revaluations thereof. ETFs are regulated by the Financial Services Board and the Collective Investment Schemes Control Act, No. 45 of 2002.

Securitisation vehicles

The Group has used SEs in order to securitise loans that were originated by the Group. These entities have minimal equity and therefore rely on funding in the form of notes in order to acquire the underlying loans. The Group transfers the contractual right to receive cash flows on the underlying loans, but in many instances, does not relinquish exposure to substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership. Exposures to credit risk, prepayment risk and/or interest rate risk are retained when the Group purchases either senior notes or junior notes and sells derivatives to the entity. When the securitisation vehicles are established to run entirely on autopilot or when the only relevant activity of the entity constitutes recovery of the securitised loans in the event of default, then provided such activity is not directed by the Group, the Group will not have power over the relevant activities of the vehicle. The Group earns interest income on the notes issued by the vehicles, together with management fees from the Group's ongoing involvement. To the extent that the notes are fair valued, unrealised gains and losses are generated, which are recognised by the Group in profit or loss.

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50. Structured entities *(continued)*

Fund management

The Group manages a number of unit trust funds, ranging from lower risk fixed income funds to higher risk specialist equity funds, which are either managed solely by the Group or form part of the Group's multi-management offering. Unit trusts are regulated by the Financial Services Board and the Collective Investment Schemes Control Act. The Group's interest is generally restricted to fund service and asset management fees, which are based on assets under management. The Group may hold direct interests in a number of the funds; however, the magnitude of such interest varies with sufficient regularity. Whether the Group consolidates any of these funds through its direct interest depends on the magnitude of the interest held therein, as well as on the Group's ability to direct the relevant activities of the fund, either directly or indirectly. The Group earns management fee income from its involvement in the funds, as well as unrealised gains and losses as a result of revaluations of the units held directly in the funds.

Structured investment vehicles

The Group holds investments in a number of vehicles which were established and are managed by third-party fund managers. These vehicles are generally not consolidated by the Group on the basis that the relevant activities of the vehicles are directed by the fund manager, and no substantive kick-out rights exist. The investments held in the vehicles are measured at fair value with changes therein being recognised in profit or loss. Distributions made by the vehicles will be recognised as investment income in profit or loss. The vehicles are funded through the commitment and provision of capital by investors.

Preference share funding vehicles

The Group provides financing to a number of SEs, established and managed by clients, in the form of a subscription for cumulative redeemable preference shares. These instruments typically have the economic characteristics of vanilla debt instruments, and as such the Group recognises interest income from its investments. Often the Group subscribes for preference shares in these vehicles together with other financial institutions on a syndicated basis. The Group does not have the ability to direct the relevant business activities in these vehicles and therefore in the absence of control, the vehicles are not consolidated. An entity which forms part of the same group of companies as the preference share funding vehicle, most commonly the parent company, writes the Group a financial guarantee or a put option, so as to provide security in the event of default.

Funding vehicles

The Group provides funding in the form of loans to bankruptcy remote SEs to enable them to purchase fixed assets, such as property. The loans are fully collateralised by the underlying asset, and the repayment of principal and interest is met through the receipt of lease income. The loans are subject to guarantees received from the parent company, or from other trading entities within the same group of companies. The Group earns interest on the loans. The loans are either measured at amortised cost, or are designated as at fair value through profit or loss.

50.1 Consolidated structured entities

During the reporting period the Group provided financial or other support to the following consolidated SEs despite not being contractually obliged to do so:

Name	Nature of support	Reason for providing support	Group	
			2017 Rm	2016 Rm
The Absa Foundation Trust	Donation	The Trust was constituted to fund community upliftment and social welfare programmes.	79	75
Various ETF Portfolios	Expense Subsidy	Subsidising the fixed cost incurred by the new ETF funds as the funds cannot yet cover their own costs due to low levels of market capitalisation.	9	—

The Group has consolidated The Absa Foundation Trust since 2006 and new ETFs since 2017.

The Group intends to provide financial support to the Absa Foundation Trust and any new ETFs in 2018.

Notes

- ¹ There are no liquidity arrangements, guarantees or other commitments with third parties that may affect the fair value or risk of the entity's interest in unconsolidated structured assets.
- ² The Group's maximum exposure to loss has been calculated as the sum of its assets recognised in the statement of financial position and its unrecognised contractual commitments to provide further finance. The actual loss, due to the collateral held by the entities, the availability of netting and credit protection held is likely to be less in most cases.
- ³ Total size of entities is measured relative to total assets.

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50. Structured entities (continued)

50.2 Unconsolidated structured entities

The level of risk that the Group is exposed to is determined by the nature and purpose of it holding an interest in the entity.

Owing to the large number of SEs in which the Group holds an interest, information about such entities has been aggregated according to the purpose for which the entity was established.

	Group 2017							Total Rm
	Preference funding vehicles Rm	Fund management Rm	Structured investment vehicles Rm	Securitisation vehicles Rm	Exchange traded funds Rm	Funding vehicles Rm		
Assets								
Trading portfolio assets	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Investment securities	—	8	477	926	545	—	—	1 956
Debt securities	—	—	477	926	—	—	—	1 403
Equity securities	—	8	—	—	545	—	—	553
Loans and advances to customers	7 925	—	—	2 016	—	61	—	10 002
Derivatives held for trading	—	—	—	21	—	—	—	21
Interest rate derivatives (carrying value)	—	—	—	21	—	—	—	21
Interest rate derivatives (notional value)	—	—	—	280	—	—	—	280
Undrawn liquidity facilities and financial guarantees (notional value) ¹	—	—	—	288	—	—	—	288
Other assets	—	65	—	—	—	—	—	65
	7 925	73	477	3 251	545	61	—	12 332
Liabilities								
Derivatives held for trading	—	—	—	11	—	—	—	11
Interest rate derivatives (carrying value)	—	—	—	11	—	—	—	11
Interest rate derivatives (notional value)	—	—	—	848	—	—	—	848
Deposits due to customers	—	—	—	1 143	—	—	—	1 143
	—	—	—	1 154	—	—	—	1 154
Maximum exposure to loss²	7 925	73	477	3 251	545	61	—	12 332
Total size of entities³	41 038	135 615	477	6 071	28 589	61	—	211 851

Notes

¹ There are no liquidity arrangements, guarantees or other commitments with third parties that may affect the fair value or risk of the entity's interest in unconsolidated structured assets.

² The Group's maximum exposure to loss has been calculated as the sum of its assets recognised in the statement of financial position and its unrecognised contractual commitments to provide further finance. The actual loss, due to the collateral held by the entities, the availability of netting and credit protection held is likely to be less in most cases.

³ Total size of entities is measured relative to total assets.

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50. Structured entities (continued)

50.2 Unconsolidated structured entities (continued)

	Group 2016							Total Rm
	Preference funding vehicles Rm	Fund management Rm	Structured investment vehicles Rm	Securitisation vehicles Rm	Exchange traded funds Rm	Funding vehicles Rm		
Assets								
Trading portfolio assets	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Investment securities	—	3	492	31	797	—	—	1 323
Debt securities	—	—	421	31	—	—	—	452
Equity securities	—	3	71	—	797	—	—	871
Loans and advances to customers	9 632	—	—	2 169	—	520	—	12 321
Derivatives held for trading	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1
Interest rate derivatives (carrying value)	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1
Interest rate derivatives (notional value)	—	—	—	971	—	—	—	971
Undrawn liquidity facilities and financial guarantees (notional value) ¹	—	—	—	508	—	—	—	508
Other assets	—	57	—	—	—	—	—	57
	9 632	60	492	2 709	797	520	—	14 210
Liabilities								
Derivatives held for trading	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1
Interest rate derivatives (carrying value)	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1
Interest rate derivatives (notional value) ¹	—	—	—	404	—	—	—	404
Deposits due to customers	—	—	—	1 187	—	—	—	1 187
	—	—	—	1 188	—	—	—	1 188
Maximum exposure to loss²	9 632	60	492	2 709	797	520	—	14 210
Total size of entities³	54 403	103 331	565	4 811	29 241	520	—	192 871

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50. Structured entities *(continued)*

50.2 *Unconsolidated structured entities (continued)*

The following presents the Group's losses recognised in profit or loss from the Group's interests in unconsolidated structured entities.

	Group	
	2017 Losses recognised in profit or loss Impairment losses Rm	2016 Losses recognised in profit or loss Impairment losses Rm
Preference funding vehicle	—	15

Financial support provided or to be provided to unconsolidated structured entities

The Group did not provide any financial support during the current reporting period (2016: Rnil) to unconsolidated structured entities.

50.3 *Sponsored entities*

The Group did not earn material income from its involvement in the unconsolidated SEs which it sponsors.

Assets transferred to unconsolidated sponsored structured entities

The Group did not transfer assets during the current reporting year (2016: Rnil) to its unconsolidated sponsored structured entities.

	Group	
	(Unaudited) 2017 Rm	(Unaudited) 2016 Rm
51. Assets under management and administration		
Alternative asset management and exchange-traded funds	94 368	75 492
Deceased estates	2 669	2 662
Other	26 795	24 818
Portfolio management	28 924	31 596
Trusts	4 055	4 201
Unit trusts	177 802	149 229
	334 613	287 998

	Group	
	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
52. Financial guarantee contracts		
Financial guarantee contracts	10	10

Financial guarantee contracts represent contracts where the Group undertakes to make specified payments to a counterparty, should the counterparty suffer a loss as a result of a specified debtor failing to make payment when due in accordance with the terms of a debt instrument. This amount represents the maximum off-statement of financial position exposure.

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	Group	
	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
53. Commitments		
<i>Authorised capital expenditure</i>		
Contracted but not provided for	270	521
<p>The Group has capital commitments in respect of computer equipment, software and property development.</p> <p>Management is confident that future net revenues and funding will be sufficient to cover these commitments.</p>		
<i>Operating lease payments due</i>		
No later than one year	1 365	1 309
Later than one year and no later than five years	3 056	2 946
Later than five years	948	1 228
	5 369	5 483

The operating lease commitments comprise a number of separate operating leases in relation to property and equipment, none of which is individually significant to the Group.

Leases are negotiated for an average term of three to five years and rentals are renegotiated annually.

	Group	
	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
54. Contingencies		
Guarantees	38 789	38 441
Irrevocable debt facilities	162 907	135 935
Irrevocable equity facilities	33	141
Letters of credit	7 814	8 481
Other	262	135
	209 805	183 133

Guarantees include performance guarantee contracts and payment guarantee contracts.

Irrevocable facilities are commitments to extend credit where the Group does not have the right to terminate the facilities by written notice. Commitments generally have fixed expiry dates. Since commitments may expire without being drawn upon, the total contract amounts do not necessarily represent future cash requirements.

Legal matters

The Group has been party to proceedings against it during the reporting period, and as at the reporting date the following material cases are disclosed:

- Pinnacle Point Holdings Proprietary Limited (PPG): New Port Finance Company and the trustees of the Winifred Trust (the plaintiffs) allege a local bank conducted itself unlawfully, and that Absa Bank Limited (the Bank) was privy to such conduct. They have instituted proceedings against the Bank for damages in an amount of R1 387m. Although Pinnacle Point Holding's claim has been withdrawn, the second to fifth plaintiff's claims remain and will proceed to trial.
- Ayanda Collective Investment Scheme (the Scheme): Absa Capital Investor Services was the trustee of Ayanda Collective Investment Scheme, in which Corporate Money Managers (CMM) managed a portfolio of assets within the Scheme. The joint curators of the CMM group of companies and the Altron Pension Fund (an investor in the fund) allege that the defendants caused damages to them arising from their alleged failure to meet their obligations in the trust deed together with their statutory obligations set out in the Collective Investment Scheme Act, in respect of which they seek payment of R1 157m.
- On June 19, 2017, the Public Protector released the final report of her office's investigation into the Bankorp assistance package provided by the SA Reserve Bank between 1985 and 1995, recommending certain remedial action. Absa acquired Bankorp in April 1992, for fair value, and had the responsibility of carrying out its existing legal obligations to the SARB, which were met in full by October 1995. In consequence, Absa, together with the SARB, Minister of Finance and National Treasury, brought an application to review and set aside the remedial action recommended in the Public Protector's report which was successful and the report was thus set aside.

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54. Contingencies *(continued)*

The Group is engaged in various other legal, competition and regulatory matters both in South Africa and a number of other jurisdictions. It is involved in legal proceedings which arise in the ordinary course of business from time to time, including (but not limited to) disputes in relation to contracts, securities, debt collection, consumer credit, fraud, trusts, client assets, competition, data protection, money laundering, employment, environmental and other statutory and common law issues.

The Group is also subject to enquiries and examinations, requests for information, audits, investigations and legal and other proceedings by regulators, governmental and other public bodies in connection with (but not limited to) consumer protection measures, compliance with legislation and regulation, wholesale trading activity and other areas of banking and business activities in which the Group is or has been engaged.

At the present time, the Group does not expect the ultimate resolution of any of these other matters to have a material adverse effect on its financial position. However, in light of the uncertainties involved in such matters and the matters specifically described in this note, there can be no assurance that the outcome of a particular matter or matters will not be material to the Group's results of operations or cash flow for a particular period, depending on, amongst other things, the amount of the loss resulting from the matter(s) and the amount of income otherwise reported for the reporting period.

The Group has not disclosed the contingent liabilities associated with these matters either because they cannot reasonably be estimated or because such disclosure could be prejudicial to the outcome of the matter. Provision is made for all liabilities which are expected to materialise.

Regulatory matters

The scale of regulatory change remains challenging and the global financial crisis has resulted in a significant tightening of regulation and changes to regulatory structures globally and locally, especially for companies that are deemed to be of systemic importance. Concurrently, there is continuing political and regulatory scrutiny of the operation of the banking and consumer credit industries globally which, in some cases, is leading to increased regulation. The nature and impact of future changes in the legal framework, policies and regulatory action especially in the areas of financial crime, banking and insurance regulation, cannot currently be fully predicted and are beyond the Group's control. Some of these are likely to have an impact on the Group's businesses, systems and earnings.

The Group is continuously evaluating its programmes and controls in general relating to compliance with regulation. The Group undertakes monitoring, review and assurance activities, and the Group has also adopted appropriate remedial and/or mitigating steps, where necessary or advisable, and has made disclosures on material findings as and when appropriate.

Absa Bank Limited, a subsidiary of Barclays Africa Group Limited, identified potentially fraudulent activity by certain of its customers using advance payments for imports in 2014 and 2015 to effect foreign exchange transfers from South Africa to beneficiary accounts located in East Asia, UK, Europe and the US. As a result, the Group conducted a review of relevant activity, processes, systems and controls. The Group is continuing to provide information to relevant authorities as part of the Group's ongoing cooperation. It is not currently practicable to provide an estimate of the financial impact of the actions described on the Group or what effect that they might have upon the Group's operating results, cash flows or financial position in any particular period, if any.

In February 2017 the South African Competition Commission (SACC) referred Barclays PLC, BCI and Absa Bank Limited, a subsidiary of Barclays Africa Group Limited, among other banks, to the Competition Tribunal to be prosecuted for breaches of South African antitrust law related to Foreign Exchange trading of South African Rand. The SACC found from its investigation that between 2007 and 2013 the banks had engaged in various forms of collusive behaviour. Barclays was the first to bring the conduct to the attention of the SACC under its leniency programme and has cooperated with, and will continue to cooperate with, the SACC in relation to this matter. The SACC is therefore not seeking an order from the Tribunal to impose any fine on Barclays PLC, BCI or Absa Bank Limited.

Income taxes

The Group is subject to income taxes in numerous jurisdictions and the calculation of the Group's tax charge and provisions for income taxes necessarily involves a degree of estimation and judgement. There are many transactions and calculations for which the ultimate tax treatment is uncertain or in respect of which the relevant tax authorities may have indicated disagreement with the Group's treatment and accordingly the final tax charge cannot be determined until resolution has been reached with the relevant tax authority.

The Group recognises provisions for anticipated tax audit issues based on estimates of whether additional taxes will be due after taking into account external advice where appropriate. The carrying amount of any resulting provisions will be sensitive to the manner in which tax matters are expected to be resolved, and the stage of negotiations or discussion with the relevant tax authorities. There may be significant uncertainty around the final outcome of tax proceedings, which in many instances, will only be concluded after a number of years.

Management estimates are informed by a number of factors including, inter alia, the progress made in discussions or negotiations with the tax authorities, the advice of expert legal counsel, precedent set by the outcome of any previous claims, as well as the nature of the relevant tax environment.

Where the final tax outcome of these matters is different from the amounts that were initially recorded, such differences will impact the current and deferred income tax assets and liabilities in the reporting period in which such determination is made. These risks are managed in accordance with the Group's Tax Risk Framework.

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	Group	
	2016 Rm	2015 Rm
55. Cash and cash balances		
Cash, cash balances and balances with central banks ¹	13 518	13 141
Loans and advances to banks ²	3 802	4 593
	17 320	17 734
56. Deferred cash and share-based payments		
<i>Share-based payments expense</i>	595	563
Equity-settled arrangements:		
Barclays Africa Group Limited Long-Term Incentive Plan (LTIP)	145	47
Barclays Africa Group Limited Joiners Share Value Plan (JSVP)	41	29
Barclays Africa Group Limited Share Value Plan (SVP)	213	232
Barclays Africa Group Limited Share Incentive Awards (SIA)	80	58
Barclays Africa Group Limited Retention Share Value Plan (SVP Cliff)	36	129
Barclays Africa Group Limited Restricted Share Value Plan (RSVP)	15	—
Cash-settled arrangements:		
Barclays Africa Group Limited Long-Term Incentive Plan (LTIP)	16	—
Barclays Africa Group Limited Phantom Joiners Share Award Plan (JSAP)	1	1
Barclays Africa Group Limited Joiners Share Value Plan (JSVP)	6	7
Barclays Africa Group Limited Share Value Plan (SVP)	17	23
Barclays Africa Group Limited Retention Share Value Plan (SVP Cliff)	4	31
Barclays Africa Group Limited Role Based Pay (RBP)	3	6
Barclays Africa Group Limited Restricted Share Value Plan (RSVP)	18	—
<i>Deferred cash expense</i>		
Barclays Africa Group Limited Cash Value Plan (CVP)	234	192
Total deferred cash and share-based payments (refer to note 38)	829	755
Total carrying amount of liabilities for cash-settled arrangements (refer to note 19)	323	388
Total carrying amount of the equity-settled share-based payment (refer to the statement of changes in equity)	837	892

During the current reporting period, two of the Group's cash value plans (CVP) share plans were converted into equity-settled share-based payment schemes. In addition, the vesting periods of certain tranches were changed from being a period of two or three years to a period ranging between two and five years. The reclassification, coupled with the modification in vesting period, resulted in a reduction in the share-based payment expense for the year of **R23,5m**.

Cash-settled share-based payment schemes are measured with reference to the statement of financial position date and the Barclays Africa Group Limited share price.

Notes

¹ Includes coins and bank notes.

² Includes call advances, which are used as working capital for the Group.

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56. Deferred cash and share-based payments *(continued)*

Barclays Africa Group Limited Long-Term Incentive Plan

Qualifying participants of the Long-Term Incentive Plan (LTIP) will be entitled to Barclays Africa Group Limited ordinary shares either by way of a share award or a cash award that must be used to purchase Barclays Africa Group Limited ordinary shares. The award will be issued by the employing entity or subsidiary in the Group. In order for the participant to be entitled to these awards, the participant needs to render three years of service and meet requisite performance conditions. Dividends accumulate and are reinvested over the period.

Barclays Africa Group Limited Phantom Joiners Share Award Plan

The Phantom Joiners Share Award Plan (JSAP) enables the Group to attract and motivate new employees by buying out the 'in the money' portion of a participant's shares or options under their previous employers' share scheme by offering the employees Barclays Africa Group Limited phantom awards. There is no consideration payable for the grant of an award and the vesting of the award is not subject to performance conditions. Dividends accrue to the participant over the vesting period, which can be over two to seven years.

Barclays Africa Group Limited Joiners Share Value Plan

The Joiners Share Value Plan (JSVP) enables the Group to attract and motivate new employees by buying out the 'in the money' portion of a participant's shares or options under their previous employers' share scheme by offering the employees Barclays Africa Group Limited awards. There is no consideration payable for the grant of an award and the vesting of the award is not subject to performance conditions. Dividends accumulate and are reinvested over the vesting period, which can be over one to five years.

Barclays Africa Group Limited Share Value Plan/Restricted Share Value Plan

The Plan awards (and any associated notional dividends) are awarded at no cost to the participants. The awards typically vest in equal tranches after one, two, three and five years, with each tranche subject to its own independent non-market-related performance condition on vesting. Two of the schemes however have tranches with vesting periods which may range from two to five years. The Group retains the obligation to settle in cash certain SVP awards that are prohibited from being equity-settled and where individuals have elected for cash settlement. The amount that is paid to the cash-settled participants is equal to the market value of a number of Barclays Africa Group Limited ordinary shares, as determined on the vesting date, to the extent that the non-market-related conditions attached to the awards are met. On vesting, equity-settled participants are awarded Barclays Africa Group Limited ordinary shares in settlement of their awards. If the Group fails to meet the minimum performance criteria, the awards made in that tranche are forfeited in total. Dividends accumulate and are reinvested over the period.

Barclays Africa Group Limited Share Incentive Awards

The Share Incentive Award (SIA) is a scheme for employees identified as Code Staff for Barclays Plc. The award will vest six months from the date on which it is granted, which is 50% of the participant's non-deferred annual incentive.

Barclays Africa Limited Retention Share Value Plan

The Share Value Retention Plan (SVP Cliff) awards (and any associated notional dividends) are awarded at no cost to the participants. The awards vest after three years, subject to their own independent non-market related performance condition on vesting. The Group retains the obligation to settle in cash, certain historic SVP Cliff awards that were not converted to equity-awards in 2015. The amount that is paid to the cash-settled participants is equal to the market value of a number of Barclays Africa Group Limited's ordinary shares, as determined on the vesting date, to the extent that the non-market related conditions attached to the awards are met. On vesting, equity-settled participants are awarded Barclays Africa Group Limited ordinary shares in settlement of their awards. If the Group fails to meet the minimum performance criteria, the awards made in that tranche are forfeited in total. Dividends accumulate and are reinvested over the vesting period.

Barclays Africa Group Limited Role Based Pay

The Role Based Pay (RBP) is a cash settled share scheme for Code staff. It limits the maximum level of variable compensation that may be paid to certain employees to 1x fixed pay, or 2x fixed pay with shareholder approval. The cash element will be paid at the same time as the salaries and the share element will be delivered quarterly, with the shares subject to a holding period. Dividends accumulate and are reinvested over the period.

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56. Deferred cash and share-based payments *(continued)*

	Number of awards '000											
	2017						2016					
	Opening balance	Effect of conversion	Granted	Forfeited	Exercised	Closing balance	Opening balance	Effect of conversion	Granted	Forfeited	Exercised	Closing balance
Equity-settled:												
LTIP	5 693	—	3 411	(18)	(303)	8 783	1 194	—	5 390	(512)	(379)	5 693
JSAP	2	—	—	—	(2)	—	21	—	—	(3)	(16)	2
JSVP	357	—	334	(19)	(314)	358	566	(4)	171	(27)	(349)	357
SVP	2 937	(21)	1 483	(186)	(1 371)	2 842	2 571	110	1 720	(172)	(1 292)	2 937
SIA	509	—	432	—	(439)	502	380	—	487	—	(358)	509
RSVP ¹	—	2 016	—	—	—	2 016	—	—	—	—	—	—
SVP Cliff	2 511	(6)	16	(111)	(1 869)	541	2 644	56	88	(243)	(34)	2 511
Cash-settled:												
LTIP	—	—	755	—	—	755	—	—	—	—	—	—
JSVP	8	—	9	—	(5)	12	27	4	2	(2)	(23)	8
SVP	133	21	19	(13)	(102)	58	440	(110)	13	(8)	(202)	133
RSVP ¹	—	305	—	—	—	305	—	—	—	—	—	—
SVP Cliff	418	6	—	—	(394)	30	489	(56)	11	(26)	—	418
RBP	76	—	11	—	(20)	67	70	—	22	—	(16)	76

The terms and conditions of the above share-based payment arrangements dictate that awards be settled immediately on vesting and therefore there are no awards which have vested but have not yet been settled at any given time. Furthermore the awards outstanding in the aforementioned schemes have no exercise price.

	Weighted average share price at the exercise date (rands)		Weighted average contractual life of awards outstanding (years)		Weighted average fair value of options granted during the period (rands)	
	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016
	Equity-settled:					
LTIP	138,87	143,97	2,58	2,75	144,69	148,90
JSAP	134,03	142,80	—	0,25	—	174,98
JSVP	166,60	174,75	1,73	1,46	152,05	164,73
SVP	161,53	174,46	1,91	2,00	157,91	160,07
SIA	157,91	145,97	0,67	0,67	157,91	145,97
RSVP	—	—	2,55	—	146,01	—
SVP Cliff	174,80	180,19	0,65	0,96	145,37	176,88
Cash-settled:						
LTIP	—	—	2,58	—	144,69	—
JSVP	151,76	154,13	1,63	1,28	147,81	172,02
SVP	151,79	142,46	1,47	0,20	157,91	131,73
RSVP	—	—	2,38	—	142,79	—
SVP Cliff	155,25	—	0,16	0,16	—	129,30
RBP	157,89	157,44	2,39	2,76	151,38	167,27

Note

¹ The converted shares relate to the conversion of some of the cash value plan (CVP) schemes, issued in the prior year, into restricted share value plan (RSVP) equity-settled schemes and cash-settled scheme in the current year.

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56. Deferred cash and share-based payments *(continued)*

Future cash flow effects associated with equity settled share based payments

	Group			Total Rm
	2017			
	Within 1 year Rm	From 1 year to 5 years Rm	More than 5 years Rm	
Estimate of amount expected to be transferred to tax authorities	219	665	—	884
	2016			
	Within 1 year Rm	From 1 year to 5 years Rm	More than 5 years Rm	Total Rm
Estimate of amount expected to be transferred to tax authorities	278	482	—	760

The estimates provided above indicate the amounts which are expected to be transferred to tax authorities relating to the employees' tax obligations on equity schemes which have been granted but which vest in future periods. The amounts were estimated based on the number of awards expected to vest, the share price as at year end and an estimate of the average applicable employee effective tax rate.

Deferred cash

Barclays Africa Group Limited Cash Value Plan

The Cash Value Plan (CVP) is a deferred cash settled payment arrangement. The award will vest in equal tranches over a period of three and five years, subject to the Rules which includes a ten percent service credit for the final anniversary of the CVP award date. The service credit for awards granted in 2017 is **10%** (2016: 10%) of the initial value of the award that vests

57. Acquisitions and disposals of businesses and other similar transactions

57.1 *Acquisitions of businesses during the current reporting period*

There were no acquisitions of businesses during the current reporting period.

A summary of the total net cash outflow and cash and cash equivalents related to acquisitions and disposals of businesses and other similar transactions is included below:

	Group	
	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
Summary of net cash outflow due to acquisitions	—	100

57.1.2 *Disposals of businesses during the current reporting period*

Apart from the businesses classified as non-current assets/liabilities held for sale and disposed of (refer to note 7) there were no other disposals of businesses that were finalised during the current reporting period. The cash consideration received on disposals included in non-current assets/liabilities held for sale was R205m.

57.2.1 *Acquisitions of businesses during the previous reporting period*

In order to continue building and shaping the group's predictive underwriting products, expertise and technology, the group acquired a 75% controlling stake in Absa Instant Life Proprietary Limited, previously known as Instant Life Proprietary Limited. The investment had an effective acquisition date of 31 March 2016 and is a business combination within the scope of IFRS 3. The acquisition date fair value of the consideration transferred amounted to R100m.

The non-controlling interest below was measured at the proportionate share of the acquiree's identifiable net assets. Goodwill of R20m has been recognised and includes, but is not limited to, the insurer's workforce and the increased market share gained.

From the date of acquisition, Absa Instant Life contributed revenue of R9m to the total income earned by the group. If the combination had taken place at the beginning of the year, an additional R5m would have been generated by the group, thereby resulting in a total income of R14m. From the date of acquisition, Absa Instant Life contributed losses after tax of R12m to total profits earned by the group. If the combination had taken place at the beginning of the year, losses after tax of an additional R3m would have been incurred by the group, thereby resulting in a total loss after tax of R15m.

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57. Acquisitions and disposals of businesses and other similar transactions *(continued)*

57.2.1 Acquisitions of businesses during the previous reporting period *(continued)*

	Instant Life 2016 Fair value recognised on acquisition Rm	Group Rm
Cash	100	100
Total consideration	100	100
Recognised amounts of identifiable assets acquired and liabilities assumed		
Loans and advances to banks	6	6
Other assets	14	14
Intangible assets	125	125
Other liabilities	(5)	(5)
Deferred tax liabilities	(32)	(32)
Provisions	(1)	(1)
Total identifiable net assets	107	107
Total NCI	(27)	(27)
Goodwill	20	20
Total	100	100

57.2.2 Disposals of businesses during the previous reporting period

There were no disposals of businesses during the previous reporting period.

58. Segment report

58.1 Summary of segments

As a result of changes in internal management, the reporting structure has changed in the current period. BAGL revised its operating model with 'geography' and 'customer' as primary dimensions, creating a platform for increased focus and dedicated management capacity. As such, Rest of Africa Banking is now presented separately, and the Financial Overview now includes the results of the following key divisions:

- Retail and Business Banking as part of South Africa banking (RBB SA): offers retail and business banking products within South Africa
- Corporate and Investment Banking as part of South Africa Banking (CIB SA): offers corporate and investment banking solutions in South Africa
- Rest of Africa (ROA) Banking: offers a range of banking products to businesses, as well as individual customers on the African continent, outside of South Africa.
- WIMI: offers wealth management services, various insurance products, financial advisory services, drafting and safe custody of wills, comprehensive administration, actuarial and consulting services as well as a variety of investment products.
- Head Office, Treasury and Other Operations: consists of various non-banking activities and includes investment income earned by the Group, as well as income earned by Absa Manx Holdings and Corporate Real Estate Services.
- Barclay's Separation: Barclays PLC contributed R12,1bn to the Group in June 2017, primarily in recognition of the investments required for the Group to separate from Barclays PLC. This contribution will be invested primarily in rebranding, technology and separation-related projects and it is expected that it will neutralise the capital and cash flow impact of separation investments on the Group over time. The separation process will increase the capital base of the Group in the near-term and generate endowment revenue thereon, with increased costs over time as the separation investments are concluded. The Group has therefore included an additional reconciling stripe, 'Barclay's separation' in its segment results.

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58. Segment report (continued)

58.1 Summary of segments (continued)

The divisions identified are broken down into smaller components to provide additional information of each. Discrete financial information is available for the following:

Reportable Segments:

- RBB SA:
 - Retail SA: offers various products and services to customers through the following divisions:
 - Home Loans: offers residential property-related finance solutions direct to the customer through personalised services, as well as through a range of electronic channels and intermediaries such as estate agents and originators.
 - Vehicle and Asset Finance (VAF): offers customised vehicle and asset finance products and services through vehicle dealers as well as directly to retail and business customers through face-to-face engagements, call centre agents and digital channels. The VAF product line incorporates vehicle management solutions including fleet card management and associated services.
 - Card: provides credit cards and merchant acquiring. It includes the Edcon portfolio as well as Woolworths Financial Services, which offers credit cards, personal loans and short-term insurance products.
 - Personal Loans: offers unsecured instalment loans, including fixed and variable loans through face-to-face engagements, call centre agents as well as electronic and mobile channels.
 - Transactional and Deposits: offers a full range of transactional banking, savings and investment products, customer loyalty programme and services through a variety of touch points. These include physical branches, digital channels, ATMs, priority suites and call centres.
 - Other: includes Retail Banking central and allocation of head office costs which are currently not allocated to business units along with branch distribution and channel net recoveries, and costs associated with the multi-channel investment programme.
 - Business Banking SA: provides a comprehensive range of commercial banking products and services to large, medium and small businesses.
- CIB SA:
 - offers corporate and investment banking solutions. The business model centres on delivering specialist investment banking, financing, risk management and advisory solutions across asset classes to corporates, financial institutions and government clients. CIB SA includes the following sub-divisions:
 - Corporate SA: offers corporate banking solutions spanning financing and transactional banking requirements, including trade and working capital solutions, as well as a full suite of cash management, payments and liquidity products and solutions.
 - Investment Banking SA: engages in trading, sales, research activities, investing in equity to entities focused on infrastructure.
- ROA Banking:
 - RBB ROA: offers a comprehensive suite of retail and business banking products and services to individual and commercial customers on the African continent outside of South Africa.
 - CIB ROA: offers corporate and investment banking solutions. The business model centres on delivering specialist investment banking, financing, risk management and advisory solutions across asset classes to corporates, financial institutions and government clients. CIB ROA includes the following sub-divisions:
 - Corporate ROA: offers corporate banking solutions spanning financing and transactional banking requirements, including trade and working capital solutions, as well as a full suite of cash management, payments and liquidity products and solutions.
 - Investment Banking ROA: engages in trading, sales, research activities, investing in equity to entities focused on infrastructure.
- WIMI: further broken down into the following two geographical sub-division:
 - WIMI SA offers wealth management services, life insurance, non-life insurance, investment management, retirement services and fiduciary on the African continent, within South Africa.
 - WIMI ROA: offers wealth management services, life insurance, non-life insurance, investment management, retirement services and fiduciary on the African continent, outside of South Africa.

Other reconciling stripes:

- Head Office, treasury and other operations in South Africa
- Barclays Separation

The following operational changes, management changes and associated changes to the way in which Chief Operating Decision Maker (CODM) views the performance of each business segment, have resulted in the reallocation of earnings, assets and liabilities between segments.

- The Group refined its cost allocation methodology, resulting in prior year restatement of operating expenses from RBB South Africa (R528m), CIB Rest of Africa (R83m) and Head Office, Treasury and other operations (R7m) to CIB SA R379m, WIMI R194m and RBB Rest of Africa R45m.
- Commercial Property Finance (CPF) customers with loan balances exceeding R40m of R10,9bn were moved from Retail and Business Banking South Africa (RBB SA) to Corporate and Investment Banking South Africa (CIB SA) to reflect the Group's customer segmentation and coverage model.

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58. Segment report (continued)

	Group 2017		Total Rm
	South Africa and other international operations Rm	Rest of Africa Rm	
58.2 Segment report per geographical segment			
Net interest income – external	31 843	10 801	42 644
Non-interest income – external	25 393	5 267	30 660
Total assets	1 000 965	165 014	1 165 979
2016			
	South Africa and other international operations Rm	Rest of Africa Rm	Total Rm
Segment report per geographical segment			
Net interest income – external	31 128	10 875	42 003
Non-interest income – external ¹	24 970	5 421	30 391
Total assets	936 913	164 110	1 101 023

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	South Africa Banking		Rest of Africa Banking	
	2017	2016 ¹	2017	2016 ¹
58. Segment report (continued)				
Statement of comprehensive income (Rm)				
Net interest income	31 979	31 626	10 764	10 818
Non-interest income	21 366	20 583	4 853	5 226
Total income	53 345	52 209	15 617	16 044
Impairment losses on loans and advances	(5 605)	(7 042)	(1 289)	(1 732)
Operating expenses	(30 102)	(28 395)	(9 000)	(9 223)
Depreciation and amortisation	(413)	(387)	(507)	(550)
Other operating expenses	(29 689)	(28 008)	(8 493)	(8 673)
Other	(493)	(729)	(177)	(171)
Other impairments	—	(325)	(5)	—
Indirect taxation	(493)	(404)	(172)	(171)
Share of post-tax results of associates and joint ventures	158	145	—	—
Operating profit before income tax	17 303	16 188	5 151	4 918
Tax expenses	(4 434)	(4 143)	(1 665)	(1 616)
Profit for the reporting period	12 869	12 045	3 486	3 302
<i>Profit attributable to:</i>				
Ordinary equity holders	12 193	11 433	2 972	2 761
Non-controlling interest - ordinary shares	270	266	514	541
Non-controlling interest - preference shares	406	346	—	—
Non-controlling interest - additional Tier 1	—	—	—	—
	12 869	12 045	3 486	3 302
Headline earnings	12 200	11 678	2 954	2 756
<i>Operating performance (%)</i>				
Net interest margin on average interest-bearing assets	3,37	3,47	7,18	7,25
Credit loss ratio	0,80	1,03	1,34	1,62
Non-interest income as % of income ³	40,1	39,4	31,1	32,6
Income growth ³	2, 18	5, 93	(2, 66)	17, 37
Operating expenses growth ³	6, 01	4, 54	(2, 41)	10, 7
Cost-to-income ratio ³	56,4	54,4	57,6	57,5
<i>Statement of financial position (Rm)</i>				
Loans and advances to customers	665 959	636 154	77 863	77 877
Loans and advances to banks	39 621	40 469	11 892	27 260
Investment securities	74 378	67 499	28 824	23 462
Other assets	448 204	422 945	44 141	32 882
Total assets	1 228 162	1 167 067	162 720	161 481
Deposits due to customers	477 980	460 080	108 636	111 993
Debt securities in issue	12 932	15 197	379	331
Other liabilities	718 109	674 233	33 379	28 380
Total liabilities	1 209 021	1 149 510	142 394	140 704
<i>Financial performance (%)</i>				
Return on average risk-weighted assets ²	2,40	2,38	1,77	1,64
Return on average assets ²	1,03	1,00	1,71	1,62
RoRC ²	20,8	20,9	16,6	15,1

Notes

¹ These numbers have been restated, refer to note 58.1.

² These ratios are unaudited.

³ These ratios have been calculated by management based on extracted audit information contained in the annual financial statements.

⁴ This represents the contribution received from Barclays PLC, net of amounts already spent on separation activities. The cash received is held centrally by Treasury and is presented as an intersegmental asset in 'Other liabilities'.

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WIMI		Head Office and other operations in South Africa		Total before Barclays separation effects		Barclays separation		Group	
2017	2016 ¹	2017	2016 ¹	2017	2016 ¹	2017	2016	2017	2016
362	374	(786)	(815)	42 319	42 003	325	—	42 644	42 003
5 128	4 847	(766)	(265)	30 581	30 391	80	—	30 661	30 391
5 490	5 221	(1 552)	(1 080)	72 900	72 394	405	—	73 305	72 394
(120)	(10)	(8)	33	(7 022)	(8 751)	—	—	(7 022)	(8 751)
(3 631)	(3 540)	1 330	1 202	(41 403)	(39 956)	(1 901)	—	(43 304)	(39 956)
(90)	(92)	(1 624)	(1 281)	(2 634)	(2 311)	(4)	—	(2 638)	(2 310)
(3 541)	(3 448)	2 954	2 483	(38 769)	(37 645)	(1 897)	—	(40 666)	(37 646)
(219)	(171)	(987)	(1 049)	(1 876)	(2 120)	(394)	—	(2 270)	(2 120)
(101)	(58)	(216)	(307)	(322)	(690)	(326)	—	(648)	(690)
(118)	(113)	(771)	(742)	(1 554)	(1 430)	(68)	—	(1 622)	(1 430)
—	—	12	30	170	115	—	—	170	115
1 520	1 500	(1 205)	(924)	22 769	21 682	(1 890)	—	20 879	21 682
(425)	(291)	259	215	(6 265)	(5 835)	408	—	(5 857)	(5 835)
1 095	1 209	(946)	(709)	16 504	15 847	(1 482)	—	15 022	15 847
1 086	1 223	(946)	(709)	15 305	14 708	(1 482)	—	13 823	14 708
5	(19)	—	—	789	788	—	—	789	788
4	5	(48)	—	362	351	—	—	362	351
—	—	48	—	48	—	—	—	48	—
1 095	1 209	(946)	(709)	16 504	15 847	(1 482)	—	15 022	15 847
1 156	1 258	(752)	(712)	15 558	14 980	(1 245)	—	14 313	14 980
n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	4,95	4,95	n/a	n/a	4,96	4,95
1,58	0,13	n/a	n/a	0,87	1,08	n/a	n/a	0,87	1,08
93,4	92,8	n/a	n/a	41,9	42,0	n/a	n/a	41,8	42,0
5,15	(0,27)	n/a	n/a	0,70	7,73	n/a	n/a	1,26	7,73
2,56	9,99	n/a	n/a	3,62	6,09	n/a	n/a	8,38	6,09
66,1	67,8	n/a	n/a	56,8	55,2	n/a	n/a	59,1	55,2
5 004	5 660	946	618	749 772	720 309	—	—	749 772	720 309
1 847	1 973	2 066	(19 912)	55 426	49 790	—	—	55 426	49 789
4 765	4 687	3 442	18 667	111 409	114 315	—	—	111 409	114 315
39 066	38 687	(282 951)	(277 905)	248 460	216 609	912	—	249 372	216 610
50 682	51 007	(276 497)	(278 532)	1 165 067	1 101 023	912	—	1 165 979	1 101 023
5 150	5 144	98 101	97 648	689 867	674 865	—	—	689 867	674 865
—	—	124 637	124 186	137 948	139 714	—	—	137 948	139 714
40 687	40 548	(563 231)	(558 997)	228 944	184 164	(9 840) ⁴	—	219 104	184 164
45 837	45 692	(340 493)	(337 163)	1 056 759	998 743	(9 840)	—	1 046 919	998 743
n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	1,99	2,14
2,03	2,74	n/a	n/a	1,38	1,34	n/a	n/a	1,27	1,34
20,1	21,7	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

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	RBB South Africa	
	2017 Rm	2016 ¹ Rm
58. Segment report (continued)		
<i>Statement of comprehensive income (Rm)</i>		
Net interest income	25 542	25 587
Non-interest income	17 182	16 345
Total income	42 724	41 932
Impairment losses on loans and advances	(5 038)	(6 022)
Operating expenses	(24 431)	(22 843)
Depreciation and amortisation	(408)	(375)
Other operating expenses	(24 023)	(22 468)
Other	(310)	(566)
Other impairments	—	(283)
Indirect taxation	(310)	(283)
Share of post-tax results of associates and joint ventures	153	134
Operating profit before income tax	13 098	12 635
Tax expenses	(3 702)	(3 528)
Profit for the reporting period	9 396	9 107
<i>Profit attributable to:</i>		
Ordinary equity holders	8 867	8 611
Non-controlling interest – ordinary shares	270	266
Non-controlling interest – preference shares	259	230
	9 396	9 107
Headline earnings	8 874	8 822
<i>Operating performance (%)</i>		
Net interest margin on average interest-bearing assets ²	3,68	3,85
Credit loss ratio ³	1,10	1,33
Non-interest income as percentage of income ³	40,2	39,0
Income growth ³	1,89	4,32
Operating expenses growth ³	6,96	5,78
Cost-to-income ratio ³	57,2	54,5
<i>Statement of financial position (Rm)</i>		
Loans and advances to customers	446 894	434 139
Loans and advances to banks	7 893	6 348
Investment securities	43 101	42 132
Other assets	256 339	247 914
Total assets	754 227	730 533
Deposits due to customers	300 946	286 297
Debt securities in issue	400	871
Other liabilities	440 456	431 572
Total liabilities	741 802	718 740
<i>Financial performance (%)</i>		
Return on average risk-weighted assets ²	2,76	2,81
Return on average assets ²	1,19	1,23

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¹ These numbers have been restated, refer to note 58.1.

² These ratios are unaudited.

³ These ratios have been calculated by management based on extracted audit information contained in the annual financial statements.

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CIB South Africa		Total South Africa Banking	
2017 Rm	2016 ¹ Rm	2017 Rm	2016 ¹ Rm
6 437	6 039	31 979	31 626
4 184	4 238	21 366	20 583
10 621	10 277	53 345	52 209
(567)	(1 020)	(5 605)	(7 042)
(5 671)	(5 552)	(30 102)	(28 395)
(5)	(12)	(413)	(387)
(5 666)	(5 540)	(29 689)	(28 008)
(183)	(163)	(493)	(729)
—	(42)	—	(325)
(183)	(121)	(493)	(404)
5	11	158	145
4 205	3 553	17 303	16 188
(732)	(615)	(4 434)	(4 143)
3 473	2 938	12 869	12 045
3 326	2 822	12 193	11 433
—	—	270	266
147	116	406	346
3 473	2 938	12 869	12 045
3 326	2 856	12 200	11 678
2,54	2,44	3,37	3,47
0,24	0,44	0,80	1,03
39,4	41,2	40,1	39,4
3,35	13,03	2,18	5,93
2,14	—	6,01	4,54
53,4	54,0	56,4	54,4
219 065	202 015	665 959	636 154
31 728	34 121	39 621	40 469
31 277	25 367	74 378	67 499
191 865	175 031	448 204	422 945
473 935	436 534	1 228 162	1 167 067
177 034	173 783	477 980	460 080
12 532	14 326	12 932	15 197
277 653	242 661	718 109	674 233
467 219	430 770	1 209 021	1 149 510
1,77	1,61	2,40	2,38
0,75	0,63	1,03	1,00

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59. Derivatives

59.1 *Derivative financial instruments*

Derivative financial instruments are entered into in the normal course of business to manage various financial risks.

The derivative instrument contract value is derived from one or more underlying financial instruments or indices defined in the contract. They include swaps, forward rate agreements, futures, options and combinations of these instruments and primarily affect the Group's net interest income, net trading income, net fee and commission income and derivative assets and liabilities.

Some derivative financial instruments have been designated as hedging instruments in fair value or cash flow hedging relationships or hedges of net investments in foreign operations. At the reporting date, the Group did not have any compound financial instruments with multiple embedded derivatives in issue.

The Group trades the following derivative instruments::

Foreign exchange derivatives

The Group's principal exchange rate-related contracts are forward foreign exchange contracts, currency swaps and currency options. Forward foreign exchange contracts are agreements to buy or sell a specified quantity of foreign currency, usually on a specified future date at an agreed rate. A currency swap generally involves the exchange, or notional exchange, of equivalent amounts of two currencies and a commitment to exchange interest periodically until the principal amounts are re-exchanged on a future date.

Currency options provide the buyer with the right, but not the obligation, either to purchase or sell a fixed amount of a currency at a specified exchange rate on or before a future date. As compensation for assuming the option risk, the option writer generally receives a premium at the start of the option period..

Interest rate derivatives

The Group's principal interest rate related contracts are interest rate swaps, forward rate agreements, basis swaps, caps, floors and swaptions. Included in this product category are transactions that include combinations of these features. An interest rate swap is an agreement between two parties to exchange fixed rate and floating rate interest by means of periodic payments based upon a notional principal amount and the interest rates defined in the contract. Certain agreements combine interest rate and foreign currency swap transactions, which may or may not include the exchange of principal amounts. In a forward rate agreement, two parties agree a future settlement of the difference between an agreed rate and a future interest rate, applied to a notional principal amount.

Interest rate derivatives, designated as cash flow hedges, primarily hedge the exposure to cash flow variability from interest rates of variable rate loans to banks and customers, variable rate debt securities held and highly probable forecast financing transactions and reinvestments.

Interest rate derivatives designated as fair value hedges primarily hedge the interest rate risk of fixed rate borrowings in issue, fixed rate loans to banks and customers as well as investments in fixed rate debt securities held.

Credit derivatives

The Group's principal credit derivative-related contracts include credit default swaps and total return swaps. A credit derivative is an arrangement whereby the credit risk of an asset (the reference asset) is transferred to the seller of protection. A credit default swap is a contract where the protection seller receives premium or interest-related payments in return for contracting to make payments to the protection buyer upon a defined credit event. Credit events normally include bankruptcy, payment default, or downgrades by a rating agency.

A total return swap is an instrument whereby the seller of protection receives the full return of the asset, including both the income and change in the capital value of the asset. The buyer of the protection in return receives a predetermined amount.

Equity derivatives

The Group's principal equity-related contracts are equity and stock index swaps and options (including warrants, which are equity options listed on an exchange). An equity swap is an agreement between two parties to exchange periodic payments, based upon a notional principal amount, with one side paying fixed or floating interest and the other side paying based on the actual return of the stock or stock index. An equity option provides the buyer with the right, but not the obligation, either to purchase or sell a specified stock, basket of stocks or stock index at a specified price or level on or before a specified date. The Group also enters into fund-linked derivatives, being swaps and options which include mutual funds, hedge funds, indices and multi-asset portfolios as underlying.

Commodity derivatives

The Group's principal commodity-related derivative contracts are swaps, options, forwards and futures. The main commodities transacted are agricultural commodities and precious metals.

59.2 *Notional amount*

The gross notional amount is the sum of the absolute value of all contracts. The notional amount will not generally reflect the amount receivable or payable under a derivative contract. The notional amount should be viewed only as a means of assessing the Group's participation in derivative contracts and not the market risk position nor the credit exposure arising on such contracts.

The absolute value of all contracts is also not indicative of the Group's net exposure to, or position in any of the markets that the Group trades in.

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59. Derivatives *(continued)*

59.3 Derivative financial instruments

The Group's total derivative asset and liability position as reported on the statement of financial position is as follows:

	2017			2016		
	Assets Rm	Liabilities Rm	Notional contract amount Rm	Assets Rm	Liabilities Rm	Notional contract amount Rm
Derivatives held for trading	56 853	(52 101)	5 124 474	45 153	(40 920)	5 250 754
Derivatives designated as hedging instruments	2 673	(1 123)	220 647	1 745	(2 064)	167 080
Other	59	—	838	39	—	822
Total derivatives	59 585	(53 224)	5 345 959	46 937	(42 984)	5 418 656

59.4 Derivatives held for trading – detail by market and instrument type

Derivatives held for trading by the Group related to the various markets and instrument types the Group trades in are as follows:

	Group					
	2017			2016		
	Assets Rm	Liabilities Rm	Notional contract amount Rm	Assets Rm	Liabilities Rm	Notional contract amount Rm
Foreign exchange derivatives	15 886	(14 878)	532 991	15 210	(14 173)	613 710
Forwards	2 118	(1 571)	55 768	1 347	(936)	32 448
Futures	—	—	137 353	0	—	213 162
Swaps	12 822	(12 250)	294 351	13 308	(12 619)	339 917
Options	946	(1 057)	45 519	555	(618)	28 183
Interest rate derivatives	37 153	(33 376)	4 429 665	27 355	(24 324)	4 499 141
Forwards	1 754	(1 750)	2 887 692	1 011	(1 030)	3 006 259
Futures	—	—	34 329	0	—	35 759
Swaps	35 351	(31 505)	1 465 086	26 324	(23 266)	1 450 753
Options	48	(121)	42 558	20	(28)	6 370
Equity derivatives	2 544	(2 396)	118 039	1 607	(1 366)	114 792
Forwards	532	(214)	9 140	472	(231)	3 263
Futures	—	—	26 158	0	—	49 914
Swaps	1 052	(813)	22 126	377	(330)	9 278
Options	788	(1 369)	29 222	754	(801)	17 209
Options – exchange traded	—	—	23 858	0	—	26 837
Other – OTC	172	—	7 535	4	(4)	8 291
Commodity derivatives	1 105	(1 293)	34 378	797	(819)	12 790
Forwards	142	(357)	8 777	369	(418)	11 291
Swaps	116	(66)	312	95	(59)	605
Options	847	(870)	25 289	333	(342)	894
Credit derivatives						
Default swaps	165	(158)	9 401	184	(238)	10 321
Derivatives held for trading	56 853	(52 101)	5 124 474	45 153	(40 920)	5 250 754
	5	18		5	18	

Forwards, swaps and options in the table above have been traded on a bilateral OTC basis, unless specified otherwise. Futures in the table above have been traded on authorised exchanges.

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59.5 Derivative held for investment purposes

Derivatives held for investment purposes for the 2017 period had a notional value of **R838m** (2016: R822m) and an asset carrying value of **R59m** (2016: R39m).

59.6 Derivatives designated as hedging instruments – detail by market and instrument type

	Group					
	2017			2016		
	Assets Rm	Liabilities Rm	Notional contract amount Rm	Assets Rm	Liabilities Rm	Notional contract amount Rm
Interest rate derivatives	2 673	(998)	219 889	1 745	(1 973)	166 017
Swaps – cash flow hedges	1 767	(99)	170 655	627	(699)	125 684
Swaps – fair value hedges	906	(899)	49 234	1 118	(1 274)	40 333
Foreign exchange derivatives						
Forward rate agreements – cash flow hedges	—	(125)	758	—	(91)	1 063
Derivatives designated as hedging instruments	2 673	(1 123)	220 647	1 745	(2 064)	167 080
	5	18		5	18	

59.7 Derivatives designated as cash flow hedging instruments and hedges of net investment in foreign operations

Cash flow hedges for interest rate risk are used by the Group to protect against the potential cash flow variability that results from the Group's exposure to various floating rate instruments including certain loans and advances, available-for-sale financial assets and issued debt.

The Group's cash flow hedging instruments for interest rate risk principally consist of interest rate swaps that are used to fix floating future cash flows.

The Group's cash flow hedging instruments for foreign currency risk consist of foreign exchange contracts to protect the Group against the potential cash flow variability that results from exposure to mainly IT- related transactions in foreign currency.

Net gains/(losses) on cash flow hedges were recycled from other comprehensive income to profit or loss:

	Group	
	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
Interest and similar income (refer to note 29)		
Interest rate risk	264	268
Other Operating income		
Hedges of net investments in foreign operations	—	85
Interest expense and similar charges (refer to note 30)		
Interest rate risk	70	(8)
Gains and losses from banking and trading activities		
Interest rate risk	66	—
Operating expenditure		
Foreign currency risk	(52)	5

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59. Derivatives (continued)

59.7 Derivatives designated as cash flow hedging instruments and hedges of net investment in foreign operations (continued)

The fair value movement recognised in profit or loss in relation to ineffectiveness (including fair value movements previously deferred to equity which subsequently exceeded the IAS 39 reserve limit) is:

	Group 2017 Rm	2016 Rm
Gains and (losses) from banking and trading activities (refer note 35)		
Interest rate risk	18	(53)
Foreign currency risk	(1)	—
	17	(53)

The Group has hedged forecast cash flows, which primarily vary with interest rates. These cash flows are expected to impact the statement of comprehensive income in future financial periods as shown in the following table. The cash flows were projected using forward rates prevailing at year-end. The cash flows are presented on an undiscounted basis, before taxation and exclude any potential hedge accounting adjustments::

	Group 2017							Total Rm
	Less than 1 year Rm	1 – 2 years Rm	2 – 3 years Rm	3 – 4 years Rm	4 – 5 years Rm	More than 5 years Rm		
	Forecast receivable cash flow							
Interest rate risk	576	453	213	53	13	1	1 309	
Forecast payable cash flow								
Interest rate risk	(474)	(303)	(137)	(74)	(70)	(26)	(1 084)	
Foreign currency risk	(57)	(7)	(35)	(56)	(51)	(8)	(214)	
	(417)	(296)	(102)	(18)	(19)	(18)	(870)	
	2016							
	Less than 1 year Rm	1 – 2 years Rm	2 – 3 years Rm	3 – 4 years Rm	4 – 5 years Rm	More than 5 years Rm	Total Rm	
Forecast receivable cash flow								
Interest rate risk	337	205	103	11	—	—	656	
Forecast payable cash flow								
Interest rate risk	(309)	(189)	(124)	(118)	(106)	(62)	(908)	
Foreign currency risk	(263)	(140)	(124)	(118)	(106)	(62)	(813)	
	(46)	(49)	—	—	—	—	(95)	

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59.8 *Derivatives designated as fair value hedging instruments to protect against interest rate and exchange rate risk*

Fair value hedges are used by the Group to protect against changes in the fair value of financial instruments due to movements in exchange rates and interest rates. The financial instruments hedged for interest rate risk include loans, available-for-sale assets, debt securities and borrowed funds.

The Group's fair value hedges principally consist of interest rate swaps that are used to protect against changes in market interest rates.

Gains and (losses) on hedging instruments and hedged items:

	Group	
	2017	2016
	Rm	Rm
Financial assets – fair value hedges		
Gains on hedged items (assets)	434	1 340
Losses on hedging instruments (assets)	(540)	(2 171)
Interest expense on hedging instruments	(107)	(186)
Financial liabilities – fair value hedges		
Losses on hedged items (liabilities)	(338)	(866)
Gains on hedging instruments (liabilities)	345	864
Interest income on hedging instruments	40	34

Movement in fair value that was recognised in profit or loss in relation to hedge ineffectiveness is:

	Group	
	2017	2016
	Rm	Rm
Losses from banking and trading activities (refer to note 35)	(65)	(37)

59.9 *Counterparty netting and collateral*

Derivative assets subject to counterparty netting agreements amounted to **R47 413m** (2016: R43 298m). Additionally, the Group held **R2 009m** (2016: R 2 810m) of collateral against the net derivative asset exposure.

OTC traded instruments are subject to counterparty credit risk as the related cash flows are not guaranteed by an independent third party. This risk is mitigated by means of netting agreements. The International Swaps and Derivatives Association (ISDA) Master Agreement is used by the Group. The ISDA Master Agreement and all the confirmations entered into under it, form a single agreement. This allows the parties to an ISDA Master Agreement to aggregate the amounts owing by each of them under all of the transactions outstanding under that ISDA Master Agreement and to replace them with a single net amount payable by one party to the other.

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2017				
Fair value through profit or loss				
	Designated at fair value Rm	Held for trading Rm	Hedging instruments Rm	Total Rm
60. Consolidated statement of financial position summary – IAS 39 classification				
Assets				
Cash, cash balances and balances with central banks	4 808	—	—	4 808
Investment securities	26 335	—	—	26 335
Loans and advances to banks	17 198	—	—	17 198
Trading portfolio assets	—	130 132	—	130 132
Hedging portfolio assets ¹	—	—	2 673	2 673
Other assets	4	—	—	4
Loans and advances to customers	26 811	—	—	26 811
Investments linked to investment contracts	18 877	59	—	18 936
Non-current assets held for sale	—	—	—	—
Assets outside the scope of IAS 39	—	—	—	—
	94 033	130 191	2 673	226 897
Liabilities				
Deposits from banks	12 555	—	—	12 555
Trading portfolio liabilities	—	64 047	—	64 047
Hedging portfolio liabilities ²	—	—	1 123	1 123
Other liabilities	8	—	—	8
Deposits due to customers	20 890	—	—	20 890
Debt securities in issue	5 057	—	—	5 057
Liabilities under investment contracts	30 585	—	—	30 585
Borrowed funds	—	—	—	—
Liabilities outside the scope of IAS 39	—	—	—	—
	69 095	64 047	1 123	134 265
2016				
Fair value through profit or loss				
	Designated at fair value Rm	Held for trading Rm	Hedging instruments Rm	Total Rm
Assets				
Cash, cash balances and balances with central banks	4 880	—	—	4 880
Investment securities	30 494	—	—	30 494
Loans and advances to banks	19 857	—	—	19 857
Trading portfolio assets	—	94 751	—	94 751
Hedging portfolio assets ¹	—	—	1 745	1 745
Other assets	9	—	—	9
Loans and advances to customers	24 076	—	—	24 076
Investments linked to investment contracts	18 776	40	—	18 816
Assets outside the scope of IAS 39	—	—	—	—
	98 092	94 791	1 745	194 628
Liabilities				
Deposits from banks	9 085	—	—	9 085
Trading portfolio liabilities	—	47 429	—	47 429
Hedging portfolio liabilities ²	—	—	2 064	2 064
Other liabilities	45	—	—	45
Deposits due to customers	17 121	—	—	17 121
Debt securities in issue	5 517	—	—	5 517
Liabilities under investment contracts	29 198	—	—	29 198
Borrowed funds	—	—	—	—
Liabilities outside the scope of IAS 39	—	—	—	—
	60 966	47 429	2 064	110 459

Notes

¹ Includes derivative assets to the amount of **R1 767m** (2016: R627m) and **R906m** (2016: R1 118m) that have been designated as cash flow and fair value hedging instruments respectively.

² Includes derivative liabilities to the amount of **R223m** (2016: R790m) and **R890m** (2016: R1 273m) that have been designated as cash flow and fair value hedging instruments respectively.

³ Includes items designated as hedged items in fair value hedging relationships.

⁴ Includes non-financial assets and liabilities and financial instruments outside the scope of IAS 39.

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Available-for-sale		Amortised cost				Assets/liabilities outside the scope of IAS 39 ⁴	Total assets and liabilities
Designated as available-for-sale Rm	Hedged items ³ Rm	Total Rm	Designated at amortised cost Rm	Hedged items ³ Rm	Total Rm	Rm	Rm
952	—	952	42 909	—	42 909	—	48 669
64 657	20 417	85 074	—	—	—	—	111 409
—	—	—	38 228	—	38 228	—	55 426
—	—	—	—	—	—	2 051	132 183
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2 673
—	—	—	17 486	—	17 486	3 470	20 960
—	—	—	722 915	46	722 961	—	749 772
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	18 936
—	—	—	1 118	—	1 118	—	1 118
—	—	—	—	—	—	24 833	24 833
65 609	20 417	86 026	822 656	46	822 702	30 354	1 165 979
—	—	—	54 835	—	54 835	—	67 390
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	64 047
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1 123
—	—	—	27 833	—	27 833	3 903	31 744
—	—	—	668 977	—	668 977	—	689 867
—	—	—	122 124	10 767	132 891	—	137 948
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	30 585
—	—	—	11 901	3 994	15 895	—	15 895
—	—	—	—	—	—	8 320	8 320
—	—	—	885 670	14 761	900 431	12 223	1 046 919

2016

Available-for-sale		Amortised cost				Assets/liabilities outside the scope of IAS 39 ⁴	Total assets and liabilities
Designated as available-for-sale Rm	Hedged items ³ Rm	Total Rm	Designated at amortised cost Rm	Hedged items ³ Rm	Total Rm	Rm	Rm
—	—	—	45 126	—	45 126	—	50 006
56 059	27 762	83 821	—	—	—	—	114 315
—	—	—	29 932	—	29 932	—	49 789
—	—	—	—	—	—	1 485	96 236
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1 745
—	—	—	22 120	—	22 120	3 413	25 542
—	—	—	696 231	2	696 233	—	720 309
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	18 816
—	—	—	—	—	—	24 265	24 265
56 059	27 762	83 821	793 409	2	793 411	29 163	1 101 023
—	—	—	44 107	—	44 107	—	53 192
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	47 429
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2 064
—	—	—	23 600	—	23 600	4 051	27 696
—	—	—	657 744	—	657 744	—	674 865
—	—	—	123 600	10 597	134 197	—	139 714
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	29 198
—	—	—	11 754	3 919	15 673	—	15 673
—	—	—	—	—	—	8 912	8 912
—	—	—	860 805	14 516	875 321	12 963	998 743

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61. Fair value disclosures

61.1 Assets and liabilities held at fair value

The following table shows the Group's assets and liabilities that are recognised and subsequently measured at fair value and are analysed by valuation techniques. The classification of assets and liabilities is based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety.

	Group							
	2017				2016			
	Level 1 Rm	Level 2 Rm	Level 3 Rm	Total Rm	Level 1 Rm	Level 2 Rm	Level 3 Rm	Total Rm
Financial assets								
Cash, cash balances and balances with central banks	1 839	3 921	—	5 760	2 388	2 492	—	4 880
Investment securities	53 068	50 740	7 601	111 409	60 051	50 906	3 358	114 315
Loans and advances to banks	—	16 714	484	17 198	—	19 286	571	19 857
Trading and hedging portfolio assets	54 966	76 015	1 824	132 805	33 572	61 419	1 505	96 496
Debt instruments	29 668	5 133	177	34 978	15 689	6 740	1 324	23 753
Derivative assets	—	58 980	546	59 526	—	46 717	181	46 898
Commodity derivatives	—	981	124	1 105	—	797	—	797
Credit derivatives	—	—	165	165	—	70	114	184
Equity derivatives	—	2 371	173	2 544	—	1 540	67	1 607
Foreign exchange derivatives	—	15 878	8	15 886	—	15 221	—	15 221
Interest rate derivatives	—	39 750	76	39 826	—	29 089	—	29 089
Equity instruments	23 662	—	—	23 662	17 883	—	—	17 883
Money market assets	1 636	11 902	1 101	14 639	—	7 962	—	7 962
Other assets	—	2	2	4	—	4	5	9
Loans and advances to customers	—	22 070	4 741	26 811	—	19 186	4 890	24 076
Investment linked to investment contract	17 906	1 030	—	18 936	16 335	2 481	—	18 816
Total financial assets	127 779	170 492	14 652	312 923	112 346	155 774	10 329	278 449
Financial liabilities								
Deposits from banks	—	12 555	—	12 555	—	9 085	—	9 085
Trading and hedging portfolio liabilities	11 946	52 279	945	65 170	6 508	42 677	308	49 493
Derivative liabilities	—	52 279	945	53 224	—	42 677	308	42 985
Commodity derivatives	—	1 172	121	1 293	—	875	—	875
Credit derivatives	—	10	148	158	—	137	101	238
Equity derivatives	—	1 973	423	2 396	—	1 306	60	1 366
Foreign exchange derivatives	—	14 874	4	14 878	—	14 173	—	14 173
Interest rate derivatives	—	34 250	249	34 499	—	26 186	147	26 333
Short positions	11 946	—	—	11 946	6 508	—	—	6 508
Other liabilities	—	3	5	8	—	4	41	45
Deposits due to customers	203	19 115	1 572	20 890	154	15 828	1 139	17 121
Debt securities in issue	214	4 355	488	5 057	261	4 652	604	5 517
Liabilities under investment contracts	—	30 585	—	30 585	—	29 055	—	29 055
Total financial liabilities	12 363	118 892	3 010	134 265	6 923	101 301	2 092	110 316
Non-financial assets								
Commodity	2 051	—	—	2 051	1 485	—	—	1 485
Investment properties	—	—	231	231	—	—	478	478
Non-recurring fair value measurements								
Non-current assets held for sale ¹	—	—	190	190	—	—	823	823
Non-current liabilities held for sale ¹	—	—	48	48	—	—	9	9

Note

¹ Includes certain items classified in terms of the requirements of IFRS 5 which are measured in terms of their respective standards.

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61. Fair value disclosures *(continued)*

61.2 Reconciliation of Level 3 assets and liabilities

A reconciliation of the opening balances to closing balances for all movements on Level 3 assets and liabilities is set out below:

	Group				
	2017				
	Trading and hedging portfolio assets Rm	Other assets Rm	Loans and advances to customers Rm	Loans and advances to banks Rm	Investment securities Rm
Opening balance at the beginning of the reporting period	1 505	5	4 890	571	3 358
Net interest income	—	—	12	—	62
Other income	—	—	—	—	—
Gains and losses from banking and trading activities	(635)	—	29	—	—
Gains and losses from investment activities	—	—	—	—	2
Purchases	1 101	—	1 020	88	4 832
Sales	(147)	—	(1 112)	(175)	(579)
Movement in other comprehensive income	—	—	—	—	29
Issues	—	—	—	—	—
Settlements	—	(3)	—	—	(22)
Transferred to/(from)	—	—	—	—	—
Transfer in/(out) of Level 3	—	—	(98)	—	(81)
Closing balance at the end of the reporting period	1 824	2	4 741	484	7 601

	Group				
	2016				
	Trading and hedging portfolio assets Rm	Other assets Rm	Loans and advances to customers ¹ Rm	Loans and advances to banks Rm	Investment securities Rm
Opening balance at the beginning of the reporting period	1 418	25	7 511	2 109	3 966
Net interest income	—	—	232	—	56
Other income	—	—	—	—	—
Gains and losses from banking and trading activities	112	—	65	(140)	(1 079)
Gains and losses from investment activities	—	—	—	—	106
Purchases	1 308	(3)	—	70	543
Sales	(1 333)	(17)	(1 956)	(1 468)	(233)
Movement in other comprehensive income	—	—	—	—	(80)
Issues	—	—	—	—	—
Settlements	—	—	—	—	—
Transferred to/(from) assets/liabilities	—	—	—	—	1 136
Transfer in/(out) of Level 3	—	—	(962)	—	(1 057)
Closing balance at the end of the reporting period	1 505	5	4 890	571	3 358

61.2.1 Significant transfers between levels

During the 2017 and 2016 reporting periods, transfers between levels occurred because of changes in the observability of valuation inputs, in some instances owing to changes in the level of market activity.

Transfers have been reflected as if they had taken place at the beginning of the year.

Note

¹ The gains and losses from banking and trading activities on loans and advances to customers for 2016 have been restated by R65m to include the movement in the unrealised gains relating to the base rates applicable to the assets. Previously only unrealised gains relating to the unobservable credit spreads for these assets were taken into account in the disclosure.

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Group 2017							
Investment properties	Total assets at fair value	Deposits from banks	Trading and hedging portfolio liabilities	Other liabilities	Deposits due to customers	Debt securities in issue	Total liabilities at fair value
Rm	Rm	Rm	Rm	Rm	Rm	Rm	Rm
478	10 807	—	308	41	1 139	604	2 092
—	74	—	—	—	7	—	7
12	12	—	—	—	—	—	—
—	(606)	—	585	—	—	—	585
—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—
1	7 042	—	—	—	—	—	—
(260)	(2 273)	—	—	—	—	—	—
—	29	—	—	—	—	—	—
—	—	—	52	—	1 685	30	1 767
—	(25)	—	—	(36)	(1 144)	(68)	(1 248)
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
—	(179)	—	—	—	(115)	(78)	(193)
231	14 883	—	945	5	1 572	488	3 010

Group 2016							
Investment properties	Total assets at fair value	Deposits from banks	Trading and hedging portfolio liabilities	Other liabilities	Deposits due to customers	Debt securities in issue	Total liabilities at fair value
Rm	Rm	Rm	Rm	Rm	Rm	Rm	Rm
1 264	16 293	7	217	5	2 557	624	3 410
—	288	—	—	—	—	—	—
17	17	—	—	—	—	—	—
—	(1 042)	—	91	—	—	—	91
—	106	—	—	—	139	(9)	130
28	1 946	—	—	—	—	—	—
(83)	(5 090)	—	—	—	—	—	—
—	(80)	—	—	—	—	—	—
—	—	—	—	36	1 953	—	1 989
—	—	(7)	—	—	(3 510)	(11)	(3 528)
(748)	388	—	—	—	—	—	—
—	(2 019)	—	—	—	—	—	—
478	10 807	—	308	41	1 139	604	2 092

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61. Fair value disclosures *(continued)*

61.3 Unrealised gains and losses on Level 3 assets and liabilities

The total unrealised gains and losses for the reporting period on Level 3 positions held at the reporting date are set out below:

	Group 2017							Total assets at fair value Rm
	Trading and hedging portfolio assets Rm	Other assets Rm	Loans and advances to customers Rm	Investment securities Rm	Investment properties Rm	Investments linked to investment contracts Rm	Non-current assets held for sale Rm	
Gains and losses from banking and trading activities	67	—	761	60	—	—	—	888

	2016							Total assets at fair value Rm
	Trading and hedging portfolio assets Rm	Other assets Rm	Loans and advances to customers ¹ Rm	Investment securities Rm	Investment properties Rm	Investments linked to investment contracts Rm	Non-current assets held for sale Rm	
Gains and losses from banking and trading activities	3	—	731	29	—	—	—	763

	Group 2017				Total liabilities at fair value Rm
	Trading and hedging portfolio liabilities Rm	Other liabilities Rm	Deposits due to customers Rm	Liabilities under investment contracts Rm	
Gains and losses from banking and trading activities	284	—	—	—	284

	2016				Total liabilities at fair value Rm
	Trading and hedging portfolio liabilities Rm	Other liabilities Rm	Deposits due to customers Rm	Liabilities under investment contracts Rm	
Gains and losses from banking and trading activities	86	—	—	—	86

Note

¹ The unrealised gains and losses for loans and advances to customers for 2016 have been restated by R696m to include the unrealised gains relating to the base rates applicable to the assets. Previously only unrealised gains relating to the unobservable credit spreads for these assets were taken into account in the disclosure.

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61. Fair value disclosures *(continued)*

61.4 Sensitivity analysis of valuations using unobservable inputs

As part of the Group's risk management processes, stress tests are applied on the significant unobservable parameters to generate a range of possible alternative valuations. The assets and liabilities that most impact this sensitivity analysis are those with more illiquid and/or structured portfolios. The stresses are applied independently and do not take account of any cross correlation between separate asset classes that would reduce the overall effect on the valuations.

The following table reflects how the unobservable parameters were changed in order to evaluate the sensitivities of Level 3 financial assets and liabilities:

Significant unobservable parameter	Positive/(negative) variance applied to parameters
Credit spreads	100/(100) bps
Volatilities	10/(10)%
Basis curves	100/(100) bps
Yield curves and repo curves	100/(100) bps
Future earnings and marketability discounts	15/(15)%
Funding spreads	100/(100) bps

A significant parameter has been deemed to be one which may result in a charge to profit or loss, or a change in the fair value of the asset or liability by more than 10% or the underlying value of the affected item.

This is demonstrated by the following sensitivity analysis which includes reasonable range of possible outcomes:

	Significant unobservable parameters	2017	
		Potential effect recorded in profit or loss	Potential effect recorded directly in equity
		Favourable/(Unfavourable) Rm	Favourable/(Unfavourable) Rm
Deposits due to Banks	BAGL/Absa funding spread	17/(17)	—/—
Deposits due to customers	BAGL/Absa funding spread	13/(12)	—/—
Investment securities and investments linked to investment contracts	Risk adjustment yield curves, future earnings and marketability discount	76/(76)	323/(306)
Loans and advances to customers	Credit spreads	70/(69)	—/—
Other assets	Credit spreads	—/—	—/—
Trading and hedging portfolio assets	Volatility, credit spreads, basis curves, yield curves, repo curves, funding spreads	33/(33)	—/—
Trading and hedging portfolio liabilities	Volatility, credit spreads, basis curves, yield curves, repo curves, funding spreads	17/(17)	—/—
Other liabilities	Volatility, credit spreads	—/—	—/—
		226/(224)	323/(306)

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61. Fair value disclosures *(continued)*

61.4 Sensitivity analysis of valuations using unobservable inputs *(continued)*

	Significant unobservable parameters	2016	
		Potential effect recorded in profit or loss Favourable/(Unfavourable) Rm	Potential effect recorded directly in equity Favourable/(Unfavourable) Rm
Deposits due to customers	BAGL/Absa funding spread	—/—	—/—
Investment securities and investments linked to investment contracts	Risk adjustment yield curves, future earnings and marketability discount	34/(36)	94/(100)
Loans and advances to customers	Credit spreads	72/(71)	—/—
Other assets	Volatility, credit spreads	—/—	—/—
Trading and hedging portfolio assets	Volatility, credit spreads, basis curves, yield curves, repo curves, funding spreads	175/(175)	—/—
Trading and hedging portfolio liabilities	Volatility, credit spreads, basis curves, yield curves, repo curves, funding spreads	20/(20)	—/—
Other liabilities	Volatility, credit spreads	—/—	—/—
		301/(302)	94/(100)

61.5 Unrecognised (losses)/gains as a result of the use of valuation models using unobservable inputs

The amount that is to be recognised in the statement of comprehensive income that relates to the difference between the transaction price and the amount that would have arisen had valuation models using observable inputs been used on initial recognition, less amounts subsequently recognised, is as follows:

	Group	
	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
Opening balance at the beginning of the reporting period	(139)	(105)
New transactions	(27)	(64)
Amounts recognised in profit or loss during the reporting period	32	30
Closing balance at the end of the reporting period	(134)	(139)

61.6 Third-party credit enhancements

There were no significant liabilities measured at fair value and issued with inseparable third-party credit enhancements.

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61. Fair value disclosures (continued)

61.7 Assets and liabilities not held at fair value

The following table summarises the carrying amounts and fair value of those assets and liabilities not held at fair value.

	Group				
	Carrying value Rm	Fair value Rm	Level 1 Rm	Level 2 Rm	Level 3 Rm
2017					
Financial assets					
Balances with other central banks	10 281	10 281	10 281	—	—
Balances with the SARB	19 109	19 109	19 109	—	—
Coins and bank notes	13 519	13 519	13 519	—	—
Money market assets	—	—	—	—	—
Cash, cash balances and balances with central banks	42 909	42 909	42 909	—	—
Loans and advances to banks	38 228	39 037	1 552	34 693	2 792
Other assets	17 486	17 556	9 310	4 051	4 195
South Africa Banking	640 009	640 241	22 085	84 920	533 236
RBB South Africa	447 752	447 984	1 510	—	446 474
Retail Banking South Africa	383 495	383 727	—	—	383 727
Credit cards	35 223	35 224	—	—	35 224
Instalment credit agreements	77 044	77 275	—	—	77 275
Loans to associates and joint ventures	23 037	23 037	—	—	23 037
Mortgages	222 625	222 625	—	—	222 625
Other loans and advances	740	740	—	—	740
Overdrafts	5 443	5 443	—	—	5 443
Personal and term loans	19 383	19 383	—	—	19 383
Business Banking South Africa	64 257	64 257	1 510	—	62 747
Mortgages (including CPF)	27 833	27 833	—	—	27 833
Overdrafts ¹	19 199	19 199	1 510	—	17 689
Term loans ¹	17 225	17 225	—	—	17 225
CIB South Africa	192 257	192 257	20 575	84 920	86 762
Rest of Africa Banking	77 005	77 137	—	20 099	57 038
WIMI	5 004	5 004	—	—	5 004
Head Office, Treasury and other operations in South Africa	943	943	—	943	—
Loans and advances to customers – net of impairment losses	722 961	723 325	22 085	105 962	595 278
Non-current assets held for sale	1 118	1 118	—	—	1 118
Total assets	822 702	823 945	75 856	144 706	603 383
Financial liabilities					
Deposits from banks	54 835	54 915	1 942	52 948	25
Other liabilities	27 833	27 832	8 028	15 437	4 367
Call deposits	81 076	81 076	21 393	59 683	—
Cheque account deposits	191 048	191 048	180 646	10 402	—
Credit card deposits	1 921	1 921	1 921	—	—
Fixed deposits	148 328	148 328	573	144 265	3 490
Foreign currency deposits	28 418	28 418	638	27 780	—
Notice deposits	58 459	58 459	1 796	56 663	—
Other deposits	2 629	2 629	1 194	1 422	13
Saving and transmission deposits	157 098	157 098	135 476	19 866	1 756
Deposits due to customers	668 977	668 977	343 637	320 081	5 259
Debt securities in issue	132 891	132 891	—	130 787	2 104
Borrowed funds	15 895	15 895	—	15 895	—
Total liabilities	900 431	900 510	353 607	535 148	11 755

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61. Fair value disclosures (continued)

61.7 Assets and liabilities not held at fair value (continued)

	Carrying value Rm	Fair value Rm	Level 1 Rm	Level 2 Rm	Level 3 Rm
Group 2016					
Financial assets					
Balances with other central banks	13 395	13 395	13 395	—	—
Balances with the SARB	18 552	18 552	18 552	—	—
Coins and bank notes	13 141	13 141	13 141	—	—
Money market assets	38	38	38	—	—
Cash, cash balances and balances with central banks	45 126	45 126	45 126	—	—
Loans and advances to banks	29 932	29 827	1 834	26 450	1 543
Other assets	22 120	22 188	6 940	7 832	4 716
South Africa Banking	612 638	612 531	16 826	39 975	555 730
RBB South Africa	434 590	434 483	1 238	—	433 245
Retail Banking South Africa	375 082	374 973	—	—	374 973
Credit cards	35 614	35 614	—	—	35 614
Instalment credit agreements	73 955	73 650	—	—	73 650
Loans to associates and joint ventures	18 933	18 933	—	—	18 933
Mortgages	223 662	223 674	—	—	223 674
Other loans and advances	510	510	—	—	510
Overdrafts	3 947	3 947	—	—	3 947
Personal and term loans	18 461	18 645	—	—	18 645
Business Banking South Africa	59 508	59 510	1 238	—	58 272
Mortgages (including CPF)	25 406	25 408	—	—	25 408
Overdrafts	18 448	18 448	1 238	—	17 210
Term loans	15 654	15 654	—	—	15 654
CIB South Africa	178 048	178 048	15 588	39 975	122 485
Rest of Africa Banking	77 320	77 320	—	5 415	71 905
WIMI	5 660	5 660	—	—	5 660
Head Office and other operations in South Africa	615	615	—	615	—
Loans and advances to customers – net of impairment losses	696 233	696 126	16 826	46 005	633 295
Total assets	793 411	793 267	70 726	80 287	639 554
Financial liabilities					
Deposits from banks	44 107	44 107	978	43 124	5
Other liabilities	23 600	23 584	7 646	10 721	5 217
Call deposits	62 426	62 426	15 500	46 926	—
Cheque account deposits	200 367	200 367	191 103	9 264	—
Credit card deposits	1 906	1 906	1 906	—	—
Fixed deposits	153 295	153 358	415	148 395	4 548
Foreign currency deposits	24 825	24 825	447	24 378	—
Notice deposits	59 358	59 371	1 674	57 697	—
Other deposits	3 189	3 189	1 236	1 898	55
Saving and transmission deposits	152 378	152 378	143 897	8 243	238
Deposits due to customers	657 744	657 820	356 178	296 801	4 841
Debt securities in issue	134 197	134 197	457	130 951	2 789
Borrowed funds	15 673	15 893	—	15 797	96
Total liabilities	875 321	875 601	365 259	497 394	12 948

Note

¹ These numbers have been restated, refer to note 58.1.

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62. Credit risk of financial instruments designated at fair value

The following table represents the maximum exposure to credit risk of financial assets designated at fair value through profit or loss at the reporting date before taking into account collateral held or other credit enhancements.

	Group		Credit risk mitigation	
	2017 Rm	2016 Rm	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
Assets				
Cash, cash balances and balances with central banks	4 808	4 880	72	—
Investment securities	26 335	25 056	4 529	—
Loans and advances to banks	17 198	19 857	12 913	18 768
Other assets	4	9	—	—
Loans and advances to customers	26 811	24 076	16 224	16 201
Investments linked to investment contracts	2 725	2 590	—	—
	77 881	76 468	33 738	34 969

The Group utilised credit derivatives and credit linked notes as a mechanism to hedge its exposure to credit risk for financial instruments designated at fair value through profit or loss.

Contractual obligation at maturity of financial liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss

The following table represents the carrying amount of financial liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss and the amount that the Group is contractually required to pay to the holder of the obligation at maturity.

	Group			
	2017 Carrying value Rm	Contractual obligation Rm	2016 Carrying value Rm	Contractual obligation Rm
Liabilities				
Deposits from banks	12 555	12 659	9 085	10 771
Other liabilities	8	8	45	45
Deposits due to customers	20 890	25 922	17 121	20 454
Debt securities in issue	5 057	6 086	5 517	7 003
Liabilities under investment contracts	30 585	30 585	29 198	29 198
	69 095	75 260	60 966	67 471

Note

¹ Investments linked to investment contracts has been restated, the prior year figures contained equity instruments (previously R18 776m) which although are at fair value, are not subject to credit risk.

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62. Credit risk of financial instruments designated at fair value *(continued)* *(Increase)/Decrease in fair value attributable to changes in own credit risk during the reporting period*

	Group	
	2017	2016
	Rm	Rm
Liabilities		
Deposits from banks and customers	(147)	(12)
Cumulative adjustment in fair value attributable to changes in own credit risk		
Liabilities		
Deposits from banks and customers	226	105

The following approaches are used in determining changes in fair value due to changes in credit risk for deposits from banks and customers designated at fair value through profit or loss:

- The carrying amount reflects the effect on fair value of changes in own credit spreads derived from observable market data, such as funding issued by the Group. Most market parameters are either directly observable or are implied by instrument prices. The model may perform numerical procedures in the pricing such as interpolation when input values do not directly correspond to the most actively traded market trade parameters.

63. Risk management

63.1 *Effective risk management and control are essential for sustainable and profitable growth*

The role of risk management is to evaluate, respond to, and monitor risks in the execution of the Group's strategy. It is essential that the business growth strategy is supported by an effective ERMF. Risk culture is closely aligned to that of the business. The Risk Function retains independence in analysis and decision-making.

The approach to managing risk is outlined in the ERMF, which provides the basis for setting policies and standards, and establishing the appropriate risk practices throughout the Group. It defines the risk management process and sets out the activities, tools, techniques and organisational arrangements to ensure that material risks can be identified and managed. It also ensures that appropriate responses are in place to protect the Group and prevent detriment to its stakeholders.

The ERMF includes those risks taken by the Group that are foreseeable, and material enough to merit establishing specific group-wide control frameworks. These are known as key risks and are grouped into nine principal risks.

The three lines of defence operating model, which has been defined in the ERMF, enables the appropriate assignment of risk management activities between those parties that:

- Originate and own risk, and implement controls (first line);
- Oversee and challenge the first line, providing independent risk management activity and support controls (second line); and
- Provide assurance that risk processes are fit for purpose, and that they are being carried out as intended (third line).

The ERMF enables businesses and functions to be organised along the three lines by formalising independence and challenge, whilst promoting collaboration and the flow of information between all areas.

The ERMF is reviewed and approved annually by the Board.

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63. Risk management *(continued)*

63.1 *Effective risk management and control are essential for sustainable and profitable growth (continued)* *Future priorities (Unaudited)*

- Regularly review and alter risk appetite (where appropriate) to take account of global and local macroeconomic deterioration.
- Increase focus on governance and model risk across the Group.
- Continue to focus on technology, fraud (including cybercrime) and anti-money laundering.
- Increase focus on data initiatives, including those arising from regulations (e.g. BCBS 239, and IFRS 9).
- Continue to enhance our scenario development and stress testing processes.
- Embed enhanced Risk Measurement tools and models to include more extensive use of Economic Capital metrics.

Risk appetite

Risk appetite and stress testing are key components of the Group's management of risk and are embedded as part of the strategic planning process. The risk appetite statement describes and measures the amount and types of risk that the Group is prepared to take in executing its strategy. The Group's risk appetite framework combines a top-down view of capacity to take risk with a bottom-up view of the risk profile associated with each business area's plans.

Risk appetite key indicators and triggers

The Group manages its risk profile in a forward-looking manner through a trigger and management action framework, which has been reviewed and strengthened. Key indicators and triggers have been developed to serve as an early warning system. The indicators include, inter alia, economic indices directly correlated with risk measures and key financial indicators. The indicators and triggers have been implemented at Group, Business Unit, country, and product levels, and are regularly monitored by management and reported to the GRMC on a quarterly basis.

Stress testing

Stress testing is a key element of the Group's integrated planning and risk management processes. Through the use of stress testing and scenario analysis, the Group is able to assess the performance of the Group's portfolios in the expected economic environment and also evaluate the impact of adverse economic conditions.

Actual market stresses, which have been experienced throughout the financial system in recent years, have been used to inform the Group's capital planning process and enhance the stress scenarios employed. The Group takes into account the results of all such stress testing when assessing its internal and regulatory capital requirements including the setting of capital and liquidity buffers.

The GRMC exercises governance oversight and approval authority over stress testing results.

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63. Risk management (continued)

63.2 Credit risk

The following table analyses financial assets between those that are neither past due nor impaired and those that are past due and/or impaired. Past due/impaired assets are further analysed in the tables that follow.

	Gross maximum exposure Rm	Group 2017			Total past due and/or impaired loans Rm
		Neither past due nor impaired ¹			
		DG 1 – 11 Rm	DG 12 – 19 Rm	DG 20 – 21 Rm	
Balances with other central banks	10 281	3 512	6 769	—	—
Balances with the SARB	19 109	19 109	—	—	—
Money market assets	5 760	4 808	952	—	—
Cash, cash balances and balances with central banks (refer to note 2)	35 150	27 429	7 721	—	—
Government bonds	34 321	34 321	—	—	—
Other	35 128	22 294	12 834	—	—
Treasury bills	36 812	29 463	7 349	—	—
Investment securities (refer to note 3)	106 261	86 078	20 183	—	—
Loans and advances to banks (refer to note 4)	55 426	42 762	12 507	157	—
Debt instruments	34 978	31 885	3 093	—	—
Derivative assets	59 526	56 431	3 092	3	—
Money market assets	14 639	13 962	677	—	—
Trading and hedging portfolio assets (refer to note 5)	109 143	102 278	6 862	3	—
Accounts receivable	11 829	9 259	2 516	—	54
Settlement accounts	5 663	5 604	59	—	—
Other assets (refer to note 6)	17 492	14 863	2 575	—	54
South Africa Banking	681 871	221 275	374 877	30 945	54 774
RBB	461 415	69 034	310 343	29 910	52 128
Retail Banking South Africa	395 295	59 644	262 234	27 735	45 682
Credit cards	39 556	4 981	17 902	8 010	8 663
Instalment credit agreements	78 860	6 805	56 959	8 773	6 323
Loans to associates and joint ventures	23 037	23 037	—	—	—
Mortgages	225 821	22 398	171 649	5 685	26 089
Other loans and advances	740	149	579	12	—
Overdrafts	5 731	1 202	3 649	220	660
Personal and term loans	21 550	1 072	11 496	5 035	3 947
Business Banking South Africa	66 120	9 390	48 109	2 175	6 446
Mortgages (including CPF)	28 487	5 299	20 559	797	1 832
Overdrafts	19 966	1 343	15 534	797	2 292
Term loans	17 667	2 748	12 016	581	2 322
CIB	220 456	152 241	64 534	1 035	2 646
Rest of Africa Banking	80 628	12 894	59 656	938	7 140
WIMI	5 191	1 289	3 510	102	290
Head Office, Treasury and other operations in South Africa	956	956	—	—	—
Loans and advances to customers (refer to note 8)	768 646	236 414	438 043	31 985	62 204
Insurance contracts	892	525	81	—	286
Investment contracts	—	—	—	—	—
Reinsurance assets (refer to note 10)	892	525	81	—	286
Debt instruments	557	557	—	—	—
Derivative instruments	59	59	—	—	—
Money market assets	2 168	2 168	—	—	—
Investments linked to investment contracts (refer to note 11)	2 784	2 784	—	—	—
Non-current assets held for sale	1 159	117	995	6	41
Total gross maximum exposure to credit risk	1 096 953				
Impairments raised (refer to note 9)	(18 874)				
Total net exposure to credit risk as disclosed on the statement of financial position	1 078 079				
Assets not subject to credit risk	87 900				
Total assets per the statement of financial position	1 165 979				

Note

¹ Refer to note 1.2 for DG bucket definitions.

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63. Risk management (continued)

63.2 Credit risk (continued)

Maximum exposure to credit risk

	Gross maximum exposure Rm	Group 2016 ¹			Total past due and/or impaired loans Rm
		Neither past due nor impaired ²			
		DG 1 – 11 Rm	DG 12 – 19 Rm	DG 20 – 21 Rm	
Balances with other central banks	13 395	5 612	7 783	—	—
Balances with the SARB	18 552	18 552	—	—	—
Money market assets	4 918	4 918	—	—	—
Cash, cash balances and balances with central banks (refer to note 2)	36 865	29 082	7 783	—	—
Government bonds	46 781	46 781	—	—	—
Other	29 088	18 169	10 919	—	—
Treasury bills	32 365	28 746	3 619	—	—
Investment securities (refer to note 3)	108 234	93 696	14 538	—	—
Loans and advances to banks (refer to note 4)	49 789	37 541	12 092	147	9
Debt instruments	23 753	20 007	3 746	—	—
Derivative assets	46 898	44 840	2 056	2	—
Money market assets	7 962	7 469	339	154	—
Trading portfolio assets (refer to note 5)	78 613	72 316	6 141	156	—
Accounts receivable	15 612	13 174	2 393	25	20
Settlement accounts	6 517	6 480	37	—	—
Other assets (refer to note 6)	22 129	19 654	2 430	25	20
South Africa Banking	652 418	219 541	352 678	26 591	53 608
RBB South Africa	448 114	64 225	307 041	25 506	51 342
Retail Banking South Africa	387 027	55 732	262 358	23 687	45 250
Credit cards	40 225	4 373	17 972	8 596	9 284
Instalment credit agreements	75 615	6 766	57 296	5 996	5 557
Loans to associates and joint ventures	18 933	18 933	—	—	—
Mortgages	226 984	23 431	171 920	5 671	25 962
Other loans and advances	510	86	394	30	—
Overdrafts	4 143	1 002	2 493	194	454
Personal and term loans	20 617	1 141	12 283	3 200	3 993
Business Banking South Africa	61 087	8 493	44 683	1 819	6 092
Mortgages (including CPF)	25 766	4 294	18 470	828	2 174
Overdrafts	19 213	1 794	14 760	582	2 077
Term loans	16 108	2 405	11 453	409	1 841
CIB South Africa	204 304	155 316	45 637	1 085	2 266
Rest of Africa Banking	81 253	11 743	59 902	3 299	6 309
WIMI	5 731	1 366	4 051	192	122
Head Office, Treasury and other operations in South Africa	623	623	—	—	—
Loans and advances to customers (refer to note 8)	740 025	233 273	416 631	30 082	60 039
Insurance contracts	985	798	187	—	—
Reinsurance assets (refer to note 10)	985	798	187	—	—
Debt instruments	506	506	—	—	—
Derivative instruments	39	39	—	—	—
Money market assets	2 085	2 085	—	—	—
Investments linked to investment contracts (refer to note 11)	2 630	2 630	—	—	—
Non-current assets held for sale	—	—	—	—	—
Total gross maximum exposure to credit risk	1 039 270				
Impairments raised (refer to note 9)	(19 716)				
Total net exposure to credit risk as disclosed on the statement of financial position	1 019 554				
Assets not subject to credit risk	81 469				
Total financial assets per the statement of financial position	1 101 023				

Notes

¹ These numbers have been restated, refer to note 58.1.

² Refer to note 1.2 for DG bucket definitions.

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63. Risk management *(continued)*

63.2 Credit risk *(continued)*

Credit exposures relating to off-statement of financial position items

For financial guarantees, the maximum exposure to credit risk is the maximum amount the Group would have to pay if the guarantee was called upon. For loan commitments and other credit-related commitments that are irrevocable over the life of the respective facilities, the maximum exposure to credit risk is the full amount of the committed facilities.

	Group	
	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
Financial guarantee contracts (refer to note 52)	10	10
Guarantees (refer to note 54)	38 789	38 441
Irrevocable debt facilities (refer to note 54)	162 907	135 935
Letters of credit (refer to note 54)	7 814	8 481
Other (refer to note 54)	262	135
	209 782	183 002

Concentration of credit risk

Concentration of credit risk exists when a number of counterparties are located in a geographical region, such that their ability to meet contractual obligations is similarly affected by changes in economic or other conditions.

Geographical concentration of risk	Group				Total Rm
	Asia, Americas and Australia Rm	Europe Rm	2017 Rest of Africa Rm	South Africa Rm	
On-statement of financial position exposure					
Cash, cash balances and balances with central banks	—	—	11 305	23 845	35 150
Investment securities	8 142	—	28 456	69 663	106 261
Loans and advances to banks	3 817	21 838	12 231	17 540	55 426
Trading portfolio assets	963	16 594	6 275	82 638	106 470
Hedging portfolio assets	—	—	6	2 667	2 673
Other assets	95	1 488	2 306	13 602	17 491
Loans and advances to customers	9 542	7 137	81 596	651 497	749 772
Reinsurance assets	—	—	425	467	892
Investments linked to investment securities	—	—	—	2 784	2 784
Non-current assets held for sale	—	—	—	1 118	1 118
Subject to credit risk	22 559	47 057	142 600	865 821	1 078 037
Off-statement of financial position exposures					
Financial guarantee contracts	—	—	—	10	10
Guarantees	201	4 251	10 476	23 861	38 789
Irrevocable debt facilities	—	—	8 191	154 716	162 907
Letters of credit	4	66	5 526	2 218	7 814
Other	—	—	111	151	262
Subject to credit risk	205	4 317	24 304	180 956	209 782

Amounts presented in the above table are presented net of impairments, where relevant.

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63. Risk management *(continued)*

63.2 Credit risk *(continued)*

Geographical concentration of risk	Group					Total Rm
	Asia, Americas and Australia Rm	Europe Rm	2016 Rest of Africa Rm	South Africa Rm		
On-statement of financial position exposure						
Cash, cash balances and balances with central banks	26	1	13 501	23 337		36 865
Investment securities	3 978	1 728	23 731	78 797		108 234
Loans and advances to banks	6 759	23 079	10 485	9 466		49 789
Trading portfolio assets	162	19 035	6 647	51 025		76 869
Hedging portfolio assets	28	581	—	1 135		1 744
Other assets	296	510	2 650	18 673		22 129
Loans and advances to customers	3 595	9 307	82 550	624 857		720 309
Reinsurance assets	83	230	488	184		985
Investments linked to investment securities	—	—	—	2 630		2 630
Subject to credit risk	14 927	54 471	140 052	810 104		1 019 554
Off-statement of financial position exposures						
Financial guarantee contracts	—	—	—	10		10
Guarantees	429	737	8 726	28 549		38 441
Irrevocable debt facilities	—	—	5 091	130 844		135 935
Letters of credit	1 307	1 459	5 604	111		8 481
Other	—	—	—	135		135
Subject to credit risk	1 736	2 196	19 421	159 649		183 002

Amounts presented in the above table are presented net of impairments, where relevant.

IFRS disclosures in terms of credit mitigation

The financial effect and forms of collateral and credit enhancements for each class of financial instrument giving rise to credit risk are disclosed in the table to follow. The accounting policy on how the collateral impacts the impairment provisions to be carried against the financial asset balance is described further in note 1.2.1.

The Group offsets asset and liability amounts in the statement of financial position where the ability and intention to net settle exists and the Group has a legally enforceable right to do so. Amounts disclosed in the maximum exposure category are stated net of these.

The percentage collateral reported is calculated by determining the values of available underlying collateral, limited to the carrying value of the related credit exposure where a loan is possibly over-collateralised, and dividing this value by the maximum exposure, as reported. The percentage reported is calculated independently of other forms of collateral and the assessment of impairment losses on loans and advances.

The Group may also obtain collateral in the form of floating charges over receivables and inventory of corporate and other business customers. The value of this collateral varies depending on the level of receivables and inventory. It is impractical to provide an estimate of the amount of this collateral and the value of this collateral is not reported.

Collateral includes:

- Guarantees and/or letters of credit from third parties.
- Credit default swaps and other credit derivatives.
- Credit insurance.
- Physical collateral including fixed charges over property.
- Cash collateral.
- Other forms including master netting agreements, put options, and highly liquid securities held under reverse repo agreements.

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63. Risk management (continued)

63.2 Credit risk (continued)

Analysis of credit risk mitigation and collateral	Group 2017					
	Gross maximum exposure Rm	Guarantees, credit insurance and credit derivatives Rm	Physical collateral Rm	Cash collateral Rm	Other Rm	Unsecured Rm
Balances with other central banks	10 281	—	—	—	—	10 281
Balances with SARB	19 109	—	—	—	—	19 109
Money market	5 760	72	—	—	—	5 688
Cash, cash balances and balances with central banks (refer to note 2)	35 150	72	—	—	—	35 078
Loans and advances to banks (refer to note 4)	55 426	326	—	—	15 452	39 648
Government bonds	34 321	—	—	—	—	34 321
Other	35 124	133	—	—	—	34 991
Treasury bills	36 812	—	—	—	—	36 812
Investment securities (refer to note 3)	106 261	133	—	—	—	106 129
Debt instruments	34 978	309	—	—	31	34 637
Derivative assets	59 527	—	—	2 009	35 867	21 651
Money market assets	14 639	—	—	—	—	14 639
Trading and hedging portfolio assets (refer to note 5)	109 143	309	—	2 009	35 898	70 927
Accounts receivable	11 828	22	55	—	61	11 690
Settlement accounts	5 663	—	1	—	1	5 661
Other assets (refer to note 6)	17 491	22	56	—	62	17 351
South Africa Banking	681 872	19 311	353 274	504	21 520	287 262
RBB	461 416	935	335 159	504	3	124 815
Retail Banking South Africa	395 296	1	290 435	40	—	104 819
Credit cards	39 556	1	43	25	—	39 486
Instalment credit agreements	78 860	—	78 845	15	—	—
Loans to associates and joint ventures	23 037	—	—	—	—	23 037
Mortgages	225 822	—	211 547	—	—	14 275
Other loans and advances	740	—	—	—	—	740
Overdrafts	5 731	—	—	—	—	5 731
Personal and term loans	21 550	—	—	—	—	21 550
Business Banking South Africa	66 120	934	44 724	464	3	19 996
Mortgages (including CPF)	28 487	859	27 019	22	—	588
Overdrafts	19 968	61	7 831	291	2	11 783
Term loans	17 665	14	9 874	151	1	7 625
CIB South Africa	220 456	18 376	18 115	—	21 517	162 447
Rest of Africa Banking	80 628	1 863	21 796	788	4 353	51 827
WIMI	5 191	—	1 075	—	—	4 117
Head Office, Treasury and other operations	956	—	—	—	—	956
Loans and advances to customers (refer to note 8)	768 647	21 174	376 145	1 292	25 873	344 162
Non-current assets held for sale	1 159	—	—	—	—	1 159

For financial assets not listed in the table above, no credit mitigation or collateral was held during the reporting period.

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63. Risk management (continued)

63.2 Credit risk (continued)

Analysis of credit risk mitigation and collateral	Group 2016 ¹					
	Gross maximum exposure Rm	Guarantees, credit insurance and credit derivatives Rm	Physical collateral Rm	Cash collateral Rm	Other Rm	Unsecured Rm
Balances with other central banks	13 395	—	—	—	—	13 395
Balances with SARB	18 552	—	—	—	—	18 552
Money Market	4 918	—	—	—	—	4 918
Cash, cash balances and balances with central banks (refer to note 2)	36 865	—	—	—	—	36 865
Loans and advances to banks (refer to note 4)	49 789	—	—	—	20 555	29 234
Government bonds	46 781	—	—	—	—	46 781
Other	29 088	—	—	—	—	29 088
Treasury bills	32 365	—	—	—	—	32 365
Investment securities (refer to note 3)	108 234	—	—	—	—	108 234
Debt instruments	23 753	—	—	—	979	22 774
Derivative assets ¹	46 898	—	—	2 810	35 340	8 748
Money market assets	7 962	—	—	—	—	7 962
Trading and hedging portfolio assets (refer to note 5)	78 613	—	—	2 810	36 319	39 484
Accounts receivable	15 612	126	—	6	26	15 454
Settlement accounts	6 517	—	—	—	—	6 517
Other assets (refer to note 6)	22 129	126	—	6	26	21 971
South Africa Banking	652 419	3 526	355 850	1 205	38 261	253 577
RBB South Africa	448 113	103	333 971	1 040	36	112 963
Retail Banking South Africa	387 027	2	292 307	58	—	94 660
Credit cards	40 225	2	63	41	—	40 119
Instalment credit agreements	75 615	—	75 598	17	—	—
Loans to associates and joint ventures	18 933	—	—	—	—	18 933
Mortgages	226 984	—	216 646	—	—	10 338
Other loans and advances	510	—	—	—	—	510
Overdrafts	4 143	—	—	—	—	4 143
Personal and term loans	20 617	—	—	—	—	20 617
Business Banking South Africa	61 086	101	41 664	982	36	18 303
Mortgages (including CPF)	25 765	13	24 025	18	32	1 677
Overdrafts ²	19 213	71	8 319	756	3	10 064
Term loans ²	16 108	17	9 320	208	1	6 562
CIB South Africa	204 306	3 423	21 879	165	38 225	140 614
Rest of Africa Banking	81 253	482	6 361	3	20 471	53 936
WIMI	5 731	—	939	—	—	4 792
Head Office, Treasury and other operations in South Africa	623	—	—	—	—	623
Loans and advances to customers (refer to note 8)	740 025	4 008	363 150	1 208	58 732	312 928
Non-current assets held for sale	—	—	—	—	—	—

For financial assets not listed in the table above, no credit mitigation or collateral was held during the reporting period.

Note

¹ These numbers have been restated, refer to note 58.1

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63. Risk management *(continued)*

63.2 Credit risk *(continued)*

Enforcement of collateral

Residential properties

Carrying value of assets held by Group at the reporting date as a result of the enforcement of collateral is as follows:

	Group	
	2017	2016
	Rm	Rm
Balance at the beginning of the reporting period	—	—
Acquisitions	23	55
Disposals	(23)	(55)
Balance at the end of the reporting period	—	—

The Group has optimised the sales strategies of the stock of property in possession (PIP) to manage the inflow in order to minimise financial loss. This has resulted in the book remaining at **Rnil** (2016: Rnil).

The number of properties in possession reduced from 115 properties in the previous reporting period to 75 properties in the current reporting period. The gross PIPS portfolio decreased from R62m in the previous reporting period to R53m in the current reporting period. Currently **28%** (2016: 41%) of the current inventory is sold pending registration. .

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63. Risk management *(continued)*

63.2 Credit risk *(continued)*

Analysis of past due accounts

The following table demonstrates the maximum exposure to credit risk of financial assets considered past due and/or considered to be impaired:

	Total past due and/or impaired loans Rm	Group 2017 Past due not impaired Performing loans			
		Past due up to one month Rm	Past due 1 – 2 months Rm	Past due 2 – 3 months Rm	Past due 3 – 4 months Rm
Loans and advances to banks	—	—	—	—	—
Accounts receivable	12	10	2	—	—
Settlement accounts	—	—	—	—	—
Other assets	12	10	2	—	—
South Africa Banking	54 777	2 510	197	161	44
RBB	52 131	1 896	197	161	44
Retail Banking South Africa	45 685	15	7	5	26
Credit cards	8 664	—	—	—	—
Instalment credit agreements	6 323	15	7	5	26
Loans to associates and joint ventures	—	—	—	—	—
Mortgages	26 089	—	—	—	—
Other loans and advances	—	—	—	—	—
Overdrafts	662	—	—	—	—
Personal and term loans	3 947	—	—	—	—
Business Banking South Africa	6 446	1 881	190	156	18
Mortgages (including CPF)	1 832	153	39	27	—
Overdrafts	2 292	619	63	52	8
Term loans	2 322	1 109	88	77	10
CIB South Africa	2 646	614	—	—	—
RBB Rest of Africa	7 139	286	674	980	8
WIMI	291	11	—	—	—
Head Office, Treasury and other operations	—	—	—	—	—
Loans and advances to customers	62 207	2 807	871	1 141	52
Non-current assets held for sale	41	—	—	—	—

Financial assets not disclosed in the table above did not have any past due accounts.

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Group 2017									
Past due older than 4 months Rm	Past due not impaired Non-performing loans					Past due older than 4 months Rm	Past due and/or impaired		Total non- performing loans Rm
	Past due up to one month Rm	Past due 1 – 2 months Rm	Past due 2 – 3 months Rm	Past due 3 – 4 months Rm	Performing loans Rm		Non- performing loans Rm		
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
79	180	76	43	23	426	25 877	25 144	25 887	
79	180	76	43	23	426	25 877	23 125	23 868	
2	—	—	1	—	—	25 087	20 539	20 534	
—	—	—	—	—	—	3 634	5 030	5 053	
2	—	—	1	—	—	3 904	2 362	2 362	
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
—	—	—	—	—	—	15 725	10 364	10 353	
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
—	—	—	—	—	—	277	384	383	
—	—	—	—	—	—	1 547	2 399	2 383	
77	180	76	42	23	426	790	2 586	3 334	
32	82	29	22	—	223	105	1 121	1 477	
29	11	—	—	2	153	439	915	1 082	
16	87	47	20	21	50	246	550	775	
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2 019	2 019	
287	589	27	36	3	1 574	—	2 512	4 742	
18	1	—	—	9	41	—	211	262	
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
384	770	103	79	35	2 041	25 877	27 867	30 891	
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	41	41	

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63. Risk management (continued)

63.2 Credit risk (continued)

	Total past due and/or impaired loans Rm	Group 2016 ¹ Past due not impaired Performing loans			
		Past due up to one month Rm	Past due 1 – 2 months Rm	Past due 2 – 3 months Rm	Past due 3 – 4 months Rm
Loans and advances to banks	9	—	—	—	—
Accounts receivable	20	7	5	2	—
Settlement accounts	—	—	—	—	—
Other assets	20	7	5	2	—
South Africa Banking	53 608	1 811	226	54	96
RBB South Africa	51 342	1 811	226	54	96
Retail Banking South Africa	45 250	22	7	2	17
Credit cards	9 284	—	—	—	—
Instalment credit agreements	5 557	22	7	2	17
Loans to associates and joint ventures	—	—	—	—	—
Mortgages	25 962	—	—	—	—
Other loans and advances	—	—	—	—	—
Overdrafts	454	—	—	—	—
Personal and term loans	3 993	—	—	—	—
Business Banking South Africa	6 092	1 789	219	52	79
Mortgages (including CPF)	2 174	372	88	17	—
Overdrafts	2 077	738	41	13	36
Term loans	1 841	679	90	22	43
CIB South Africa	2 266	—	—	—	—
Rest of Africa Banking	6 309	119	44	29	—
WIMI	122	1	—	—	—
Head Office, Treasury and other operations in South Africa	—	—	—	—	—
Loans and advances to customers	60 039	1 931	270	83	96
Non-current assets held for sale	—	—	—	—	—

Financial assets not disclosed in the table above did not have any past due accounts.

Note

¹ These numbers have been restated, refer to note 58.1

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Past due older than 4 months Rm	Past due not impaired Non-performing loans					Past due older than 4 months Rm	Past due and/or impaired		Total non-performing loans Rm
	Past due up to one month Rm	Past due 1 – 2 months Rm	Past due 2 – 3 months Rm	Past due 3 – 4 months Rm	Performing loans Rm		Non-performing loans Rm		
9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
47	290	48	49	23	348	25 655	24 961	25 719	
47	290	48	49	23	348	25 655	22 695	23 453	
—	35	3	—	18	8	25 036	20 102	20 166	
—	—	—	—	—	—	3 861	5 423	5 423	
—	35	3	—	18	8	3 424	2 021	2 085	
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
—	—	—	—	—	—	15 933	10 029	10 029	
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
—	—	—	—	—	—	234	220	220	
—	—	—	—	—	—	1 584	2 409	2 409	
47	255	45	49	5	340	619	2 593	3 287	
23	129	23	5	—	75	108	1 334	1 566	
18	17	—	10	1	144	302	757	929	
6	109	22	34	4	121	209	502	792	
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2 266	2 266	
257	50	16	7	74	1 585	598	3 530	5 262	
2	1	—	—	—	25	3	90	116	
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
306	341	64	56	97	1 958	26 256	28 581	31 097	
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	

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63. Risk management *(continued)*

63.2 Credit risk *(continued)*

Allowances for impairments on loans and advances to customers

Based on the credit quality of financial assets disclosed in the previous two tables, the Group raised the following allowances for impairments on loans and advances to customers during the reporting period.

	Group 2017				
	Unidentified impairment performing loans Rm	Identified individual impairment		Identified collective impairment	
		Performing loans Rm	Non-performing loans Rm	Performing loans Rm	Non-performing loans Rm
South Africa Banking	(1 933)	(206)	(2 412)	(1 850)	(8 659)
RBB South Africa	(1 374)	(206)	(1 580)	(1 850)	(8 659)
Retail Banking South Africa	(802)	(34)	(630)	(1 821)	(8 513)
Credit cards	(154)	—	(14)	(463)	(3 702)
Instalment credit agreements	(275)	(34)	(168)	(394)	(945)
Loans to associates and joint ventures	—	—	—	—	—
Mortgages	(257)	—	(13)	(872)	(2 055)
Other loans and advances	—	—	—	—	—
Overdrafts	(21)	—	—	(30)	(236)
Personal and term loans	(95)	—	(435)	(62)	(1 575)
Business Banking South Africa	(572)	(172)	(950)	(29)	(146)
Mortgages (including CPF)	(135)	(2)	(490)	(3)	(29)
Overdrafts	(258)	(121)	(299)	(17)	(76)
Term loans	(179)	(49)	(161)	(9)	(41)
CIB South Africa	(559)	—	(832)	—	—
Rest of Africa Banking	(583)	(118)	(813)	(279)	(1 823)
WIMI	(13)	(1)	(174)	—	—
Head Office, Treasury and other operations in South Africa	(10)	—	—	—	—
Loans and advances to customers (refer to note 9)	(2 539)	(325)	(3 399)	(2 129)	(10 482)
Non-current assets held for sale			(35)		(6)

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63. Risk management *(continued)*

63.2 Credit risk *(continued)*

	Group 2016 ¹				
	Unidentified impairment performing loans Rm	Identified individual impairment		Identified collective impairment	
		Performing loans Rm	Non-performing loans Rm	Performing loans Rm	Non-performing loans Rm
South Africa Banking	(2 250)	(173)	(2 406)	(2 285)	(8 594)
RBB South Africa	(1 606)	(173)	(1 222)	(2 285)	(8 594)
Retail Banking South Africa	(981)	(51)	(188)	(2 258)	(8 467)
Credit cards	(159)	—	—	(569)	(3 883)
Instalment credit agreements	(346)	(51)	(188)	(338)	(737)
Loans to associates and joint ventures	—	—	—	—	—
Mortgages	(361)	—	—	(852)	(2 109)
Other loans and advances	—	—	—	—	—
Overdrafts	(12)	—	—	(42)	(142)
Personal and term loans	(103)	—	—	(457)	(1 596)
Business Banking South Africa	(625)	(122)	(1 034)	(27)	(127)
Mortgages (including CPF)	(143)	(11)	(506)	(5)	(29)
Overdrafts	(282)	(70)	(358)	(14)	(63)
Term loans	(200)	(41)	(170)	(8)	(35)
CIB South Africa	(644)	—	(1184)	—	—
Rest of Africa Banking	(644)	(601)	(1442)	—	(1 246)
WIMI	(12)	(2)	(57)	—	—
Head Office, Treasury and other operations in South Africa	(4)	—	—	—	—
Loans and advances to customers (refer to note 9)	(2 910)	(776)	(3 905)	(2 285)	(9 840)
Non-current assets held for sale	—	—	—	—	—

Note

¹ These numbers have been restated, refer to note 58.1

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63. Risk management *(continued)*

63.3 Market risk

Market risk is the risk that the Group's earnings, capital or business objectives will be adversely impacted by changes in the level or volatility of market rates or prices:

- **Traded market risk:** The risk of the Group being impacted by changes in the level or volatility of positions in its trading books.
- **Non-traded market risk:** The risk of the Group's earnings or capital being reduced due to the market risk exposure from banking book positions which may arise net of hedging activities.
- **Insurance risk:** The risk that future claims, expenses, policyholder behaviour and investment returns may be adversely different to the allowances made in measuring policyholder liabilities and in product pricing.
- **Pension risk:** The risk that an adverse movement between pension assets and liabilities results in a deficit.

Traded market risk arises in the trading book to support client-trading activity, whereas non-traded market risk arises from the banking book activities such as the provision of retail and wholesale banking products and services as well as treasury functions net of hedges.

The Group Market Risk Committee (GMRC) meets monthly to review, challenge and make recommendations concerning the market risk profile, including risk appetite, policies, limits, risk utilisation and the effectiveness of the control environment.

The Trading Risk Committee (TRC), Africa Treasury Committee (ATC) and the ATC subcommittees provide oversight of specific market risks.

Strategy

Market risk management objectives are to:

- ensure risk is managed within the Group's risk appetite by monitoring risk against the limit and appetite framework;
- ensure a high degree of net interest margin stability in the banking books;
- use appropriate models to measure risk and understand risk sensitivity and volatility, leverage stress testing and empirical analytics;
- underwrite risks that are well diversified in terms of types of risk and the level of insured benefits;
- ensure pension risk is managed in accordance with outlined principles, objectives and governance, as well as the country specific regulations.

Traded market risk

Approach

Traded market risk arises primarily as a result of client facilitation in wholesale markets. This involves market making, risk management solutions and execution of syndications. Mismatches between client transactions and hedges result in market risk. In CIB, trading risk is measured for the trading book, as defined for regulatory purposes and certain banking books.

Interest rate risk in the banking book is subjected to the same rigorous measurement and control standards as in the trading book, but the associated sensitivities are reported separately as 'Interest rate risk in the banking book'.

Risk appetite

The risk appetite for market risk is based on:

- proposed business strategy and growth;
- targeted growth in risk;
- budgeted revenue growth;
- historical risk usage;
- statistical modelling measures; and
- risk equated to capital projection under stress.

Risk measurement

A number of techniques are used to measure and control traded market risk on a daily basis, which include:

- value at risk (VaR) based measures (incorporating tail risk metrics) including both VaR and stressed value at risk (sVaR);
- tail metrics;
- position and sensitivity reporting (non-VaR);
- stress testing;
- backtesting; and
- standardised general and specific risk, as relevant.

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63. Risk management *(continued)*

63.3 Market risk *(continued)*

Daily value at risk

Daily value at risk (DVaR) is an estimate of the potential loss that may arise from unfavourable market movements if current positions were to be held unchanged for one business day.

The Group uses an internal DVaR model based on the historical simulation method to derive the quantitative market risk measures under normal conditions. The DVaR model utilises a two-year data history of unweighted historical price and rate data and a holding period of one day with a confidence interval of 95%.

The historical simulation methodology can be split into three parts:

- Calculate hypothetical daily profit or loss for each position over the most recent two years, using observed daily market moves.
- Sum of all hypothetical profits or losses for day one across all positions, giving one total profit or loss. Repeat for all other days in the two-year history.
- DVaR is the 95th percentile loss selected from the resultant two-year historically simulated strip of daily hypothetical net profit or loss. Daily losses in excess of the DVaR figure are likely to occur, on average, up to 26 times over the two-year period.

This internal model is also used for measuring VaR over both a one-day and a 10-day holding period at a 99% confidence level for regulatory back testing and Regulatory Capital (RC) calculation purposes, respectively. The VaR internal model has been approved by the SARB to calculate RC for all trading book portfolios in South Africa. The approval covers general position risk across all interest rate, foreign exchange, commodity, equity and traded credit products. As part of this approval, the SARB have assigned a DVaR and sVaR model multiplier to be used in RC calculations. Issuer-specific risk is currently reported in accordance with the regulatory standardised approach across the Group. Additionally, any new products, which are awaiting regulatory approval, are capitalised by using the regulatory standardised approach. General position risk in trading books in the rest of Africa is also capitalised under the regulatory standardised approach.

DVaR is an important market risk measurement and control tool that is used by the Group. Consequently, the performance of the model is regularly assessed for continued suitability. The main technique employed is backtesting, which counts the number of days when daily trading losses exceed the corresponding VaR estimate. Backtesting measures daily losses against VaR assuming a one-day holding period and a 99% level of confidence. Backtesting reports are monitored daily.

VaR estimates have a number of limitations:

- Historical simulation assumes that the past is a good representation of the future, which may not always be the case.
- The assumed time horizon does not fully capture the market risk of positions that cannot be closed out or hedged within this time horizon.
- VaR does not indicate the potential loss beyond the selected percentiles.
- VaR is based on positions as at the close of business and consequently intra-day risk, the risk from a position bought and sold on the same day, is not captured.
- Prudent valuation practices are used in the VaR calculation when there is difficulty obtaining rate/price information.

Tail risk metrics, stress testing and other sensitivity measures are used to complement VaR.

Backtesting

The Group conducts backtesting of the VaR risk measurement model against:

- the theoretical profit or loss representing the change in the value of the portfolio as computed by the risk system under the assumption that the portfolio holdings remained constant for the holding period; and
- the actual profit or loss representing the actual daily trading outcome.

Tail metrics

Tail risk metrics highlight the risk beyond the percentile selected for DVaR. The two tail risk metrics chosen for daily monitoring, using the current portfolio and two years of price and rate history, are:

- the average of the worst three hypothetical losses from the historical simulation; and
- expected shortfall (also referred to as expected tail loss), which is the average of all hypothetical losses from the historical simulation beyond the 95th percentile used for DVaR.

Non-value at risk

Non-value at risk (non-VaR) reporting covers non-statistical measures of calculating and monitoring risk sensitivities and exposures as well as gross or notional limits where appropriate. All asset classes and product types have non-VaR reporting and limit monitoring, as required. These limits are aligned to DVaR limits, but do not bear a direct linear relationship.

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63. Risk management *(continued)*

63.3 Market risk *(continued)*

Stressed value at risk

Stressed value at risk (sVaR) is an estimate of the potential loss arising from a 12-month period of significant financial stress. The Group's sVaR model and period selection methodology was approved by the SARB. sVaR uses DVaR methodology based on inputs calibrated to historical data from a continuous 12-month period to replicate a period of significant stress. A regular process is applied to assess the stress period in terms of the approved methodology, which means that the stress period is subject to change.

The sVaR RC requirement is calculated daily for South Africa and is disclosed for the reporting period.

Stress testing

Stress testing provides an indication of the potential size of losses that could occur in extreme conditions. Stress testing assists in identifying risk concentrations across business lines and assists senior management in making capital planning decisions. The Group performs two main types of stress/scenario testing. Firstly, risk factor stress testing is carried out, where extended historical stress moves are applied to each of the main risk categories including interest rate, equity, foreign exchange, commodity and credit spread risk. Secondly, the trading book is subjected to multi-factor scenarios that simulate past periods of significant market disturbance and hypothetical extreme yet plausible events. Scenarios are reviewed at least annually.

Stress testing results are monitored against approved limits and triggers for trading books in South Africa. A full revaluation approach is applied to undertake stress testing for said trading books. The approach taken for trading books in the region is sensitivity based.

Standardised specific risk

Idiosyncratic risks are capitalised through the Basel/regulatory framework using standardised rules. In addition, the standardised rules are used to quantify general risk RC for any instruments traded in South Africa for which internal model approach approval has not yet been obtained.

General risk for the region is quantified using standardised rules, specifically for the interest rate and foreign exchange asset classes to which exposures in these entities are limited. In particular, the maturity method is used to quantify general interest rate risk for the rest of Africa.

Risk control

Risk limits are set and reviewed at least annually to control the trading activities, in line with the defined risk appetite of the Group. The criteria for setting risk limits include relevant market analysis, market liquidity and business strategy.

This limit structure comprises the following types of market risk limits:

- VaR limits (DVaR);
- sVaR as relevant;
- position and sensitivity (non-VaR) limits;
- stress testing limits, as relevant; and
- management action triggers: reporting of actual losses based on predetermined tolerance levels.

Valuation control, independent price testing and bid-offer testing are conducted by Product Control and the results are reviewed monthly by the CIB Traded Risk Committee.

The Independent Model Validation function (IVU) is responsible for validating all valuation models used for accounting and risk. The validation reviews the theoretical approach and its applicability to the product. Focus is on ensuring the implementation of the model is correct, identifying the primary risks, model limitations or uncertainties and recommending provisions to account for such uncertainties.

Risk reporting

The market risk team produces a number of detailed and summary market risk reports daily and monthly. These reports summarise the positions, risks and top stresses covering interest rate, foreign exchange, equity, commodity and credit spread risks. A risk summary is also presented at the GMRC and other governance committees, as required.

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63. Risk management (continued)

63.3 Market risk (continued)

Analysis of traded market risk exposure

The following table reflects the DVaR and expected shortfall statistics for trading book activities as measured by the internal models approach (IMA) for general trading position risk. Traded market risk exposure, as measured by average total DVaR, increased to **R25,86m** (2016: R25,12m) for the reporting period, which is a 3% increase on the prior year balance. This was principally due to increased volatility in interest rate risk during the period. The business model of CIB is orientated around client flow and the risk profile is maintained so that it is aligned with the near-term demands of clients. The model showed resilience in tough trading conditions. Trading revenues declined marginally compared to the previous reporting period, but a favourable risk-adjusted return was sustained for the reporting period.

	2017				2016			
	Average Rm	High ¹ Rm	Low ¹ Rm	As at the reporting date Rm	Average Rm	High ¹ Rm	Low ¹ Rm	As at the reporting date Rm
Interest rate risk	25,96	36,84	18,80	31,85	23,26	37,46	15,83	23,80
Foreign exchange risk	8,58	32,98	2,16	12,23	7,97	23,30	1,70	6,51
Equity risk	6,78	29,70	1,33	3,32	5,79	20,25	1,91	3,21
Commodity risk	0,58	1,59	0,05	0,82	0,45	1,75	0,02	0,66
Inflation risk	10,29	20,84	3,21	14,04	10,97	32,59	4,06	8,12
Credit spread risk	4,38	6,08	3,21	3,54	7,89	16,47	5,85	6,02
Diversification effect	(30,70)	n/a	n/a	(45,09)	(31,22)	n/a	n/a	(25,53)
Total DVaR ²	25,86	43,24	16,97	20,71	25,12	48,51	14,10	22,80
Expected shortfall ²	43,00	79,50	26,83	34,16	39,34	83,52	21,23	33,70
Regulatory VaR ³	50,15	95,27	29,81	41,02	45,55	98,46	23,91	44,56
Regulatory sVaR ³	62,19	116,15	38,37	66,36	84,54	144,51	50,49	50,49

Interest rate risk in the banking book

Approach

Interest rate risk in the banking book is the risk that the Group's financial position might be adversely affected by changes in interest rate levels, yield curves and spreads. Non-traded interest rate risk arises in the banking book from the provision of retail and wholesale (non-traded) banking products and services and certain structural exposures within the balance sheet from re-pricing differences between assets, liabilities and equity. These risks impact both the earnings and economic value of the Group.

The Group's objective for managing IRRBB is to ensure a higher degree of interest rate margin stability and lower interest rate risk over an interest rate cycle. This is achieved by transferring the interest rate risk from the business to the local treasury or Group Treasury, which is mandated with hedging material net exposures with the external market. Interest rate risk may arise when some of the net position remains with Treasury as a result of timing considerations. A limit framework is in place to ensure that the retained risk remains within approved risk appetite.

Risk Mitigation

Risk management strategies considered include:

- strategies regarding changes in the volume, composition, pricing and interest rate risk characteristics of assets and liabilities; and
- the execution of applicable derivative contracts to maintain the Group's interest rate risk exposure within limits.
 - Where possible, hedge accounting is applied to derivatives that are used to hedge IRRBB. In cases where hedge relationships do not qualify for hedge accounting, mismatches may arise due to different bases used in fair valuing the hedges and the underlying banking book exposure. Applicable accounting rules, as detailed in the Group's accounting policies, are followed.
 - Structural interest rate risk arises from the variability of income from non-interest bearing products, managed variable rate products and the Group's equity, and is managed by Group Treasury. Interest rate risk also arises in each of the Rest of Africa treasuries in the normal course of managing the balance sheet and facilitating customer activity. The risk is managed by the local treasury functions, subject to risk limits and other controls.
 - Embedded customer optionality risk may also give rise to IRRBB. This risk arises from a customer's right to buy, sell or in some manner alter the cash flow of a financial contract.

Notes

¹ The high (and low) DVaR figures reported for each category did not necessarily occur on the same day as the high (and low) total DVaR. Consequently, a diversification effect number for the high (and low) DVaR figures would not be meaningful and is therefore omitted.

² The analysis includes trading books for which internal models approval has been obtained.

³ Regulatory VaR and sVaR are reported with a one-day holding period at a 99% confidence level. Consequently these figures are not directly comparable to the 95% risk metrics reported in the rest of the table. The sVaR period is subject to ongoing review for appropriateness.

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63. Risk management *(continued)*

63.3 Market risk *(continued)*

Risk Mitigation (continued)

- Prepayment risk arises in relation to transactions where an early settlement option is embedded in the product. This risk most commonly arises in relation to fixed rate loans offered to retail customers, where the customer has an option to repay the loan prior to contractual maturity and where the Group is unable to collect full market-related compensation. This risk is managed by modeling the loans on a behaviouralised basis for both pricing and risk measurement. This treatment is also applied to non-maturing customer deposits.
- Recruitment risk arises when the Group commits to providing a product at a predetermined price for a period into the future. Customers have the option to take up this offer.

Market risk processes are in place to enable robust management of these additional forms of IRRBB.

Prepayment risk arises in relation to transactions where an early settlement option is embedded in the product. This risk most commonly arises in relation to fixed rate loans offered to retail customers, where the customer has an option to repay the loan prior to contractual maturity and where the Group is unable to collect full market-related compensation. The risk is controlled through book and term limits, funding (hedging) new loans according to the expected behavioural repayment profile and tracking deviations of actual customer behaviour from the expected profile.

Risk measurement

The techniques that are used to measure and control IRRBB include re-pricing profiles, annual earnings at risk (AEaR), DVaR and tail metrics, economic value of equity (EVE) sensitivity and stress testing. DVaR and tail metrics are assessed on a daily basis while re-pricing profiles, AEaR and EVE are assessed on a monthly basis.

Repricing profiles

With the re-pricing profile, instruments are allocated to time periods with reference to the earlier of the next contractual interest rate re-pricing date and the maturity date. Instruments which have no explicit contractual re-pricing or maturity dates are placed in time buckets based on the most likely re-pricing behaviour. The re-pricing profiles take the assumed behavioural profile of structural product balances into account.

Annual earnings at risk (AEaR)/Net interest income (NII) sensitivity

AEaR/NII sensitivity measures the sensitivity of NII over the next 12 months to a specified shock in interest rates. AEaR is assessed across a range of interest rate scenarios, including parallel and key rate shocks and yield curve twists and inversions as appropriate for each business. AEaR is monitored against approved internal limits.

Daily value at risk (DVaR)

The Group uses a sensitivity-based approach to calculate DVaR at a 95% confidence level for measuring IRRBB. The DVaR is monitored against approved internal limits, and is used as a complementary metric to AEaR. The DVaR is supplemented by non-DVaR, stress and tail metrics.

Economic value of equity (EVE) sensitivity

EVE sensitivity measures the sensitivity of the present value of the banking book at a specific point in time (PIT) to a specified shock to the yield curve. Similar to DVaR, EVE is a present value sensitivity and is complementary to income sensitivity measures such as AEaR. EVE sensitivity is measured against regulatory guidelines and not against approved internal limits.

Stress testing

Stress testing is tailored to each banking book and consists of a combination of stress scenarios and historical stress movements applied to the respective banking books. Stress testing is carried out by Market Risk to supplement the DVaR and AEaR metrics for South Africa. Stress testing for the Rest of Africa is carried out by Market Risk and the risk functions in each country and has been adopted as one of the primary risk metrics for the Rest of Africa and is monitored against formal internal limits.

Risk control

Market risk is controlled through the use of AEaR, DVaR and stress limits as appropriate and supported by non-DVaR metrics (position and sensitivity limits), as well as the monthly monitoring of the risk profiles and EVE sensitivity. Limits are set and monitored in accordance with the limit framework. Limits for AEaR, DVaR and stress are agreed by the GMRC. Compliance with limits is monitored by the respective Rest of Africa market risk team with oversight provided by Market Risk.

Risk reporting

DVaR and supporting metrics are reported daily for Group Treasury and the Rest of Africa businesses respectively, with the exception of two businesses, where reporting is performed on a monthly basis. The re-pricing profiles, AEaR, EVE sensitivity and stress results are reported monthly for both Group Treasury and the Rest of Africa.

Interest rate sensitivity analyses

Three separate interest rate sensitivity analyses for the Group's banking book are set out in the table that follows, namely, the re-pricing profile of the book, the potential effect of changes in market interest rates on annual earnings and impact on equity reserves.

Repricing profile

The re-pricing profile of the Group's South Africa and Rest of Africa banking books shows that the consolidated banking book remains asset sensitive, as interest-earning assets re-price sooner than interest-paying liabilities before and after derivative hedging activities. Accordingly, future net interest income remains vulnerable to a decrease in market interest rates.

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63. Risk management *(continued)*

63.3 Market risk *(continued)*

Expected repricing profile	Group 2017			
	On demand – 3 months Rm	4 – 6 months Rm	7 – 12 months Rm	Over 12 months Rm
Domestic bank book¹				
Interest rate sensitivity gap	145 153	(23 367)	(34 815)	(29 314)
Derivatives ²	(129 591)	18 919	34 799	75 872
Net interest rate sensitivity gap	15 562	(4 448)	(16)	46 558
Cumulative interest rate gap	15 562	11 114	11 098	57 656
Cumulative gap as a percentage of Absa Bank Limited's total assets (%)	1,6	1,1	1,1	5,8
Foreign subsidiaries' bank books				
Interest rate sensitivity gap	21 016	2 520	5 617	20 684
Derivatives ²	—	—	(1)	—
Net interest rate sensitivity gap	21 016	2 520	5 617	20 684
Cumulative interest rate gap	21 016	23 536	29 153	49 837
Cumulative gap as a percentage of foreign subsidiaries' total assets (%)	11	12	15	26
Total				
Cumulative interest rate gap	36 578	34 650	40 251	107 493
Cumulative gap as a percentage of the Group's total assets (%)	3,1	3,0	3,5	9,2
2016				
Expected repricing profile	On demand – 3 months Rm	4 – 6 months Rm	7 – 12 months Rm	Over 12 months Rm
Domestic bank book¹				
Interest rate sensitivity gap	106 528	(10 769)	(30 274)	(31 712)
Derivatives ²	(109 180)	13 817	21 169	74 194
Net interest rate sensitivity gap	(2 652)	3 048	(9 105)	42 482
Cumulative interest rate gap	(2 652)	396	(8 709)	33 773
Cumulative gap as a percentage of Absa Bank Limited's total assets (%)	(0,3)	0,0	(1,0)	3,7
Foreign subsidiaries' bank books				
Interest rate sensitivity gap	23 228	4 391	6 487	22 054
Derivatives ²	120	—	25	66
Net interest rate sensitivity gap	23 348	4 391	6 512	22 120
Cumulative interest rate gap	23 348	27 739	34 251	56 371
Cumulative gap as a percentage of foreign subsidiaries' total assets (%)	12,9	15,3	18,9	31,1
Total				
Cumulative interest rate gap	20 696	28 135	25 542	90 144
Cumulative gap as a percentage of the Group's total assets (%)	1,9	2,6	2,3	8,2

Notes

¹ Includes exposures held in the CIB banking book.

² Derivatives for interest rate risk management purposes (net nominal value).

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63. Risk management *(continued)*

63.3 Market risk *(continued)*

Impact on earnings

The following table shows the impact on AEaR/NII for 100 and 200 bps up and down movements in market interest rates for the Group's banking books. Assuming no management action is taken in response to market interest rate movements, a hypothetical, immediate and sustained parallel decrease of 200 bps in all market interest rates would, at the reporting date, result in a pre-tax reduction in projected 12-month net interest income of **R1,93bn** (31 December 2016: R2,38bn). A similar increase would result in an increase in projected 12-month net interest income of **R1,7bn** (31 December 2016: R2,22bn). AEaR increased by 1,2% to 4,5% of the Group's net interest income..

Annual earnings at risk for 100 and 200 bps changes in market interest rates

	Group			
	2017			
	Change in market interest rates			
	200 bps decrease	100 bps decrease	100 bps increase	200 bps increase
Domestic bank book (Rm) ¹	(1 405)	(459)	609	1 172
Foreign subsidiaries' bank books (Rm) ²	(530)	(265)	265	530
Total (Rm)	(1 934)	(724)	873	1 701
Percentage of the Group's net interest income (%)	(4,5)	(1,7)	2,0	4,0
Percentage of the Group's equity (%)	(1,9)	(0,7)	0,9	1,7

	2016			
	Change in market interest rates			
	200 bps decrease	100 bps decrease	100 bps increase	200 bps increase
Domestic bank book (Rm) ¹	(1 835)	(766)	840	1 681
Foreign subsidiaries' bank books (Rm) ²	(541)	(270)	270	541
Total (Rm)	(2 376)	(1 036)	1 110	2 222
Percentage of the Group's net interest income (%)	(5,7)	(2,5)	2,6	5,3
Percentage of the Group's equity (%)	(2,3)	(1,0)	1,1	2,2

Impact on equity reserves

Market interest rate changes may affect equity (capital) in the following three ways:

- higher or lower profit after tax resulting from higher or lower net interest income;
- higher or lower available-for-sale reserves reflecting higher or lower fair values of available-for-sale financial instruments; and
- higher or lower values of derivatives held in the cash flow hedging reserve.

The pre-tax effect of net interest income sensitivity is reported in the preceding sensitivity analysis. The effect of taxation can be estimated using the effective tax rate for the reporting period.

The equity reserve sensitivities that follow are illustrative, based on simplified scenarios and consider the impact on the cash flow hedges and available-for-sale portfolios which are mark-to-market through reserves. The impact on equity is calculated by revaluing the fixed rate available-for-sale financial assets, including the effect of any associated hedges and derivatives designated as cash flow hedges, for an assumed change in market interest rates. The increase in sensitivity of the available-for-sale reserves is mainly due to the increase in the net directional risk.

Notes

¹ Includes exposures held in the CIB banking book.

² African subsidiaries' interest rate sensitivities are shown on a 100% (rather than actual) shareholding basis.

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63. Risk management *(continued)*

63.3 Market risk *(continued)*

Sensitivity of reserves to market interest rate movements

	Group					
	2017			2016		
	Impact on equity at the reporting date Rm	Maximum impact ^{1,2} Rm	Minimum impact ^{1,2} Rm	Impact on equity at the reporting date Rm	Maximum impact ^{1,2} Rm	Minimum impact ^{1,2} Rm
+100 bps parallel move in all yield curves						
Available-for-sale reserve	(435)	(462)	(419)	(427)	(469)	(421)
Cash flow hedging reserve	(2 114)	(2 359)	(2 039)	(2 348)	(2 354)	(1 893)
	(2 548)	(2 811)	(2 461)	(2 776)	(2 801)	(2 342)
As a percentage of Group equity (%)	(2,5)	(2,7)	(2,4)	(2,7)	(2,7)	(2,3)

The sensitivity of reserves to market interest rates movements exhibit very little convexity resulting in a materially equivalent change in value for -100 bps parallel move. Basis risk has been maintained constant.

Foreign exchange risk

The Group is exposed to two sources of foreign exchange risk, namely, transactional and translational risk.

Transactional foreign exchange risk

Transactional foreign exchange risk arises when the banking assets and liabilities are not denominated in the functional currency of the transacting entity. The Group's policy is for transactional foreign exchange risk to be concentrated and managed within the trading book.

In accordance with the Group's policy, there were no significant net open currency positions outside the trading book at the reporting date that would give rise to material foreign exchange gains and losses being recognised in the statement of comprehensive income or in equity as a result of a foreign exchange rate shock.

Foreign currency translation sensitivity analysis

The following table depicts the carrying value of foreign currency net investments and the pre-tax impact on equity of a 5% change in the exchange rate between the ZAR and the relevant functional foreign currencies.

Notes

¹ The maximum and minimum impacts for each reserve category did not necessarily occur for the same months.

² The number represents the maximum or minimum potential combined impact for both reserve categories in a single month (and does not equate to the sum of the minimum and maximum per month as indicated in footnote 1 above).

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63. Risk management *(continued)*

63.3 Market risk *(continued)*

Functional foreign currency

	Group			
	2017		2016	
	Foreign currency net investment Rm	Impact on equity from 5% currency translation shock Rm	Foreign currency net investment Rm	Impact on equity from 5% currency translation shock Rm
Botswana pula	2 547	127	2 238	112
Ghana cedi	2 874	144	2 569	129
Kenya shilling	6 115	306	6 529	326
Mauritian rupee	625	31	720	36
Mozambican metical	1 300	65	965	48
Namibian dollar	101	5	96	5
Nigerian naira	16	1	6	0
Seychelles rupee	582	29	639	32
Pound sterling	179	9	168	8
Tanzanian shilling	2 075	104	2 243	112
Uganda shilling	1 478	74	1 350	68
United States dollar	3 449	172	3 659	183
Zambia kwacha	1 622	81	1 504	75
	22 962	1 148	22 686	1 134

Other market risks

The Group maintains different pension plans with defined benefit and defined contribution structures for current and former employees. In respect of defined benefit plans, the ability to meet the projected pension payments is maintained through investments and regular contributions. Market risk arises when the estimated market value of the pension plan assets declines, their investment returns reduce, or when the estimated value of the pension liabilities increases, resulting in a weaker funding position or shortfall. In these circumstances, the Group may choose to make additional contributions or be required to make good the shortfall of the plan.

Asset management income risk arises where the fee and commission income earned by asset management products and businesses is affected by a change in market levels, primarily through the link between income and the value of assets under management. The risk is measured in terms of the likely volatility in the annual earnings over the next year to reflect the sensitivity of earnings to shocks in financial markets. Group policy dictates that businesses monitor, report and regularly assess potential hedging strategies relating to this risk. Exposure to this risk currently arises mainly in the Wealth, Investment Management and Insurance (WIMI) segment.

63.4 Insurance risk management

The refresh of the Group ERMF in 2017 introduced four new Principal Risks of which one was Insurance risk. Insurance risk is the risk that future claims, expenses, policyholder behaviour and investment returns will be adversely different from the allowances made in measuring policyholder liabilities and in product pricing. Insurance risk arises when:

- Aggregate insurance premiums received from policyholders under a portfolio of insurance contracts are inadequate to cover the claims arising from those policies and the expenses associated with the management of the portfolio of policies and claims;
- When premiums are not invested to adequately match the duration, timing and size of expected claims; or
- When unexpected fluctuations in claims arise or when excessive exposure (e.g. in individual or aggregate exposures) relative to capacity is retained in the entity.

Within the broader Group, the main categories of insurance risk generally recognised are short-term insurance underwriting risk, life insurance underwriting risk and investment risks (life and short-term insurance). Mismatch risk may also exist between the profile of assets and liabilities. The various categories of insurance risk are managed through the Board Notice (BN) 158 of 2014 risk policies set out below within different entities of the Group.

Short-term insurance underwriting activities are undertaken by Absa Insurance Company Limited, Absa indirect Limited, Absa Insurance Risk Management Services Limited, Global Alliance Seguros (Mozambique), First Assurance Kenya and First Assurance Tanzania. Life insurance underwriting activities are undertaken by Absa Life Limited, Barclays Life Botswana Limited, Barclays Life Zambia Limited, Barclays Life Assurance Kenya Limited, Global Alliance Seguros (Mozambique), Woolworths Financial Services Proprietary Limited (through an Absa Life Limited cell captive) and Instant Life Proprietary Limited (through an Absa Life cell captive).

The Insurance Principal Risk Control Framework (IPRCF) was reviewed and refreshed in 2017. As part of the refresh exercise the Framework and Policies were further aligned to the requirements of BN158, and also incorporate changes to reflect the elevation of Insurance risk to a Principal Risk. The IPRCF applies the Evaluate-Respond-Monitor process as set out in the ERMF to ensure Insurance risk is managed appropriately. In order to manage these risks effectively, the Group's insurance entities are required to comply with the IPRCF and the five insurance risk policies:

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63. Risk management *(continued)*

63.4 Insurance risk management *(continued)*

- Insurance Underwriting Policy;
- Insurance Reserving Policy;
- Reinsurance and Risk Transfer Policy;
- Insurance Asset Liability Management Policy; and
- Insurance Investment Management Policy.

Insurance risk policies describe key components of the insurance risk life cycle and define clear control principles which can then be expanded in the form of standards to articulate the specific controls required by local practice, regulation or business.

The successful management of insurance risk ultimately determines the success of the entities. The same risk management frameworks and governance structures that enable the effective management of risks for South African entities are implemented and embedded in any new entities established or acquired.

Strategy

The Group's insurance risk management objectives are to:

- pursue profitable growth opportunities within the financial volatility and solvency Risk Appetite approved by the Board;
- balance exposure between, and within, life and short-term insurance to allow for better diversification and optimal risk-adjusted returns; and
- leverage off the Barclays Africa presence and infrastructure across Africa.

Risk management

Short-term insurance underwriting risk

Management monitors loss ratios on a regular basis and identifies areas of the business where claims experience is not in line with expectations, and where this is found, corrective action is taken. The short-term business adopts an agile pricing methodology, enabling quick pricing and product changes to occur as and when the need arises. In addition, reviews of policy conditions are carried out, when necessary, to determine if any changes are needed. Products are regularly compared to those of competitors, and these are highlighted at least quarterly. Volumes of business and strike rates are monitored for increases in volumes out of line with expectations, this occurs across the portfolio as well as for any specific initiatives. Actions are then derived from this monitoring. There are extensive measures in place to control claims, which include assessing claims, checking total potential claims against the sum insured and procurement management on service providers required for repair of damaged insured items. Artificial intelligence aids the business in improving processes (improve cost to serve and reduce turnaround time) and driving out fraudulent behavior.

The table that follows summarises risk management measures implemented per short-term insurance product line.

Homeowners' comprehensive insurance	Pooling large volumes of similar claims improve the predictability of the expected claims experience in normal circumstances. Scientific actuarial pricing using multiple risk factors enable risk selection and the ability to charge premiums matched to the underlying risk level. Assessment and adjustment of potential claims is undertaken. Cover is included in the catastrophe reinsurance purchase. Policyholder excess payments are implemented on claims to manage moral hazard. Renewal monitoring is automated and data-driven; enabling auto-correcting of the portfolio when out of line with target expectations.
Personal lines, accident and travel insurance	Scientific actuarial pricing using multiple risk factors enable risk selection and the ability to charge premiums matched to the underlying risk level. Assessment and adjustment of potential claims is undertaken. Cover is included in the catastrophe reinsurance purchase. Policyholder excess payments are implemented on claims to manage moral hazard. Renewal monitoring is automated and data-driven; enabling auto-correcting of the portfolio when out of line with target expectations.
Commercial insurance for small, medium and large companies	In underwriting these risks, significant focus is placed on the quality of fire protection and other risk measures. Assessment and adjustment of potential claims is undertaken. Catastrophe reinsurance is purchased to protect against natural catastrophes, in particular earthquakes and against large individual losses. In some cases large, specialised risks are reinsured fully where these do not fit within the approved risk appetite.
Specialist lines	Risks underwritten by underwriting management agencies are only underwritten with specialists in their respective areas with track records of underwriting and claims control. Reinsurance for relevant risks is included in the main or specific reinsurance treaties.

Short-term insurance underwriting risk is managed through underwriting authority mandates and with oversight by an Underwriting Review Forum, as and when required. A subset of the Underwriting Review Forum is the Pricing Forum, which has representation from Risk, Business, Analytics and Actuarial. This forum ensures that all pricing model monitoring occurs timeously and rigorously, and the actions that follow are commensurate with the risk. This forum monitors lapses, cancellations, new business rates, benchmarking against competitor rates, renewal rates, marketing spend on sales initiatives, fraud prevention, lead generation and quality as well as the risk profile of the business (as measured by expected claim frequency and expected claim severity).

Risk monitoring and reporting is overseen by Key Risk Forums and business unit Control Review Committees. These are overseen at a WIMI Executive level by the WIMI Financial Risk Committee and the WIMI Control Review Committee. Board level oversight is governed by the Group Actuarial Committee, and the AFS Audit Risk and Compliance Committee. Risk Appetite utilisation is reported to the Board on a quarterly basis. Stress and scenario testing is used to measure the resilience of the business to unplanned events of different magnitude

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63. Risk management *(continued)*

63.4 Insurance risk management *(continued)*

Reinsurance and reinsurance credit risk

The impact of large individual short-term insurance claims is limited through the purchase of reinsurance that limits the risk retained on each claim. The accumulation of net retained exposures due to multiple claims is limited through the purchase of catastrophe reinsurance cover. Catastrophe reinsurance, covering various perils including earthquake risk, is purchased to cover losses of up to **R3,0bn** (2016: R3,0bn) for the South African entities; the cover has been maintained from the previous year as estimated exposure at the one in 250 year event level has been stable year-on-year.

The credit risk in respect of reinsurance partners is managed by ensuring the entities only transact with reinsurers with good credit ratings and within limits that are approved on an annual basis. The creditworthiness of reinsurers is regularly monitored. To qualify as a reinsurance partner, reinsurers must be assigned a minimum 'A' rating by the Standard and Poor's (or equivalent) rating agency. An agreement with a reinsurer with a lower credit rating can qualify provided sufficient reasoning and Wealth Investment Management and Insurance (WIMI) Financial Risk Committee approval has been obtained.

	% of premium ceded (RSA entities only)	
	2017	2016
AA	28	16
A	63	82
BBB	7	2
BB	2	

Concentration risk

The main source of concentration risk is exposure to personal property, personal lines and commercial insurance business. Geographically, the main concentrations are in Pretoria, Johannesburg and the East Rand in South Africa. The proportionate sum insured for these three areas are as follows:

- Pretoria – **15,2%** as at the reporting period (2016: 13,7%);
- Johannesburg – **13,6%** as at the reporting period (2016: 12,6%);
- East Rand – **11,4%** as at the reporting period (2016: 10,0%).

The maximum expected loss for a one in 250-year event is a loss of **R2,5bn** as at 31 December 2017 (31 December 2016: R2,6bn); the slight decrease is due to the declining number of risks in the Property book. Catastrophe cover is purchased to cover losses up to **R3,0bn** as at 31 December 2017 (31 December 2016: R3,0bn).

Outstanding claims reserves and incurred but not reported claims reserves

Outstanding claims reserves are held for claims which have been notified, but which have not been fully settled. Individual estimates are sourced from claims assessors and are reviewed as and when new information regarding a claim becomes available. The claims provision includes the expected claim cost and any associated claim handling costs. Claims development patterns are regularly monitored to assess trends and to determine the appropriate level of reserving. The provision for the active RSA entities at the reporting date amounted to **R435m** (2016: R393m). Reserves are calculated for the Rest of Africa entities based on the in-country regulatory requirements.

A stochastic reserving model is applied to calculate the IBNR claim provision for the majority of the exposures. Where detailed data is not available, the provision is based on interim measures proposed by the Financial Services Board. The IBNR provision at the reporting date amounted to **R125m** (2016: R99m); the increase is primarily as a result of higher catastrophe claims reserves expected to develop from the last accident quarter of 2017. In addition the reserves have increased on lines of business where high premium growth has been experienced.

The IBNR provision is determined by taking the following factors, per class of business underwritten, into account:

- actual and expected claims experience;
- actual and expected reporting patterns;
- premium volumes;
- claim process changes; and
- seasonality.

These factors affect the sensitivity of the IBNR and are taken into account in setting the level of reserves required.

The IBNR and outstanding claims provisions take historical data, trends and recent experience in claims processing and loss ratios into account. These calculations, together with changes in the underlying risk profile of the business, impact the determination of the final balances.

Cash-back reserves

These reserves allow for the cash back bonus which Absa indirect policyholders receive after a specified number of claim-free months. The cash back percentages of total premiums collected are: 10% after 36 months, 15% after the following 12 months and 20% for every 12 months thereafter. The cash-back reserve provision at the reporting date amounted to **R26,9m** (2016: R25,0m).

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63. Risk management (continued)

63.4 Insurance risk management (continued)

Life insurance underwriting risk

The experience related to all risks underwritten is reviewed on a regular basis to determine whether underwriting guidelines and rules need to be tightened and/or risk parameters extended. The business relies on annual experience investigations, ongoing studies and analysis of surplus investigations to set pricing and valuation parameters. The non-economic pricing and reserving assumptions (i.e. mortality, morbidity, persistency and expense assumptions) are reviewed to determine changes in trends that are likely to continue in the future.

The table that follows summarises risk management measures implemented per life insurance product line.

Underwritten life business	<p>The main risks are mortality and morbidity. Each life is individually underwritten. Premium rates differentiate by gender, age, smoker status, socio-economic class and occupation. Sub-standard risks generally receive additional premium loadings, specified exclusions or might be declined. Correct pricing and effective underwriting control the mortality, morbidity and persistency risks. Exposure in excess of a retention limit for each life is reinsured to reduce the variability of the claims experience and the exposure to a single life. Treaty reinsurance is also used to limit the pricing risk and obtain technical expertise from reinsurance partners. Most benefits have premium guarantee terms, which can be up to 10 years.</p> <p>For products with an investment component, the overall premium rate is guaranteed for a specified period; however, the portion of the premium which is invested is not guaranteed and could be reduced at the discretion of the Group. However, it is the Group's policy when products are priced to have no intention to increase premium rates or reduce the investment proportion of the premium over the policy term. Experience is monitored to confirm that actual experience is in line with pricing assumptions.</p>
Limited underwritten life business	<p>This product family consists of a wide range of individual products. Underwriting varies from a limited number of underwriting questions to the application of waiting periods, pre-existing condition exclusions and the phasing in of sums insured. The main risks are mortality, morbidity and persistency. Aids mortality represents a medium risk in the target market. There are generally limited rating factors, with age being the most prevalent. The mortality and morbidity risks are therefore exacerbated since premium rates are generally consistent across lives. The risks are managed through annual experience investigations and the tracking of trends on a more regular basis. There is a contractual right to increase premiums if experience worsens. The intention is not to exercise this right, but the Group does have the option to do so. Reinsurance is utilised to manage the pricing risk, accept more risks and to gain exposure to the technical expertise of reinsurance companies.</p>
Funeral business	<p>The main risk is mortality increased by high Aids rates experienced in the target market. The risk is exacerbated by premium rates that are the same, irrespective of the age and gender of policyholders, since significant changes in the age and gender profile of customers could impact on experience. Waiting periods during which no claim event is covered is used to mitigate against mortality risk. Strict experience monitoring limits the risk, combined with the contractual right to increase premiums with a three-month notice period. The intention is not to exercise this right, but the Group does have the option to do so. Reinsurance is not utilised as sums assured per individual life are low and credible experience exists within the Group.</p>
Credit life business	<p>The main risks are retrenchment and mortality. Treaty reinsurance arrangements are in place for some products whereby risk is shared with external reinsurance partners. The Group retains the right to change premiums within a 30-day notice period. Premiums generally do not differ by gender, age or smoker status and demographic shifts might introduce additional insurance risk. Economic conditions also influence retrenchment risk.</p>
Group life business	<p>The main risks are mortality and morbidity. Treaty and surplus reinsurance arrangements are in place whereby risk is shared with external reinsurance partners. Contracts and premium rates are reviewed annually. Additional catastrophe reinsurance cover is in place for specific schemes where an accumulation of losses may occur due to the geographical concentration of the group.</p>

Life insurance underwriting risk is monitored on a quarterly basis by an Underwriting Risk Forum to ensure the risk taken is within set appetite. Risk monitoring and reporting is overseen by Key Risk Forums and business unit Control Review Committees. These are overseen at a WIMI Executive level by the WIMI Financial Risk Committee and the WIMI Control Review Committee. Board level oversight is governed by the Group Actuarial Committee, and the Audit Risk and Compliance Committee. Risk Appetite utilisation is reported to the Board on a quarterly basis. Stress and scenario testing is used to measure the resilience of the business to unplanned events of different magnitude.

Reinsurance and reinsurer credit risk

The Reinsurance and Risk Transfer Policy under the IPRCF governs reinsurance across the Group. Reinsurance is used in respect of large individual risks and in respect of risks where the life insurance entity needs to build knowledge and experience as well as obtain technical assistance from the reinsurers. Catastrophe reinsurance is used as a protection against a large number of simultaneous losses.

Reinsurer credit risk is managed by transacting solely with approved reinsurers and within mandated levels as defined in the counterparty credit risk mandates. Mandates are governed and approved by the WIMI Financial Risk Committee. In existing reinsurance agreements, reinsurer credit risk is managed by monitoring counterparty exposures to take corrective actions should the creditworthiness of the counterparty deteriorate materially. Reinsurer credit risk is also managed by holding capital in line with or in excess of regulatory requirements.

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63. Risk management *(continued)*

63.4 Insurance risk management *(continued)*

Credit rating of reinsurance assets (RSA entities only)

	Standard and Poor's rating	Description	Parental guarantee
Treaty and Facultative reinsurer, 23,8% (2016: 31,2%) of business ceded	AA-	Very Strong	N/A
Treaty and Facultative reinsurer, 19,7% (2016: 24,0%) of business ceded	AA-	Very Strong	N/A
Treaty and Facultative reinsurer, 29,5% (2016: 32,4%) of business ceded	A-	Strong	Yes
Treaty and Facultative reinsurer, 24,6% (2016: 11,6%) of business ceded	A-	Strong	Yes
Treaty and Facultative reinsurer, 0,1% (2016: 0,1%) of business ceded	BBB-	Good	N/A
Treaty and Facultative reinsurer, 0,7% (2016: 0,3%) of business ceded	Unrated	N/A	N/A
Treaty and Facultative reinsurer, 1,6% (2016: 0,5%) of business ceded	Unrated	N/A	N/A

The individual ratings of the various reinsurers, knowledge of disputes and collection experience are used to determine whether the reinsurance assets should be impaired. The reinsurance assets were unimpaired at the reporting date as none of the reinsurance amounts receivable were past due (2016: none past due).

Concentration risk

The risk of several claims arising simultaneously (concentration risk) on individual lives is small. The size of individual policies is low and reinsurance is used to cover larger individual exposures.

Benefit band per life assured (RSA entities only) (R'000)	2017				2016			
	Gross of reinsurance		Net of reinsurance		Gross of reinsurance		Net of reinsurance	
	Total benefits assured	Total benefits assured	Total benefits assured	Total benefits assured	Total benefits assured	Total benefits assured	Total benefits assured	Total benefits assured
	Rm	%	Rm	%	Rm	%	Rm	%
0 – 250	96 272	55	91 217	63	83 821	54	78 439	61
250 – 500	21 140	12	17 433	12	21 306	14	17 383	14
500+	57 653	33	36 216	25	49 697	32	32 051	25
	175 065	100	144 866	100	154 824	100	127 873	100

In the case of the Group Life business, geographic concentration of risk exists. For Absa Life Limited, the largest concentration risk is in Johannesburg introduced by the Absa Staff Group Life Scheme. In addition to comprehensive quota share reinsurance, the Company also uses catastrophe reinsurance to provide further protection against an accumulation of losses in respect of risk retained.

Mortality and morbidity risks

The Group uses experienced underwriters to review risk cover applications in excess of specified limits and evaluates them against established standards. Where an applicant requires cover in excess of specified monetary or impairment limits, the excess is reinsured. Mortality and morbidity risks are managed per product line based on underwriting criteria, pricing, reinsurance and experience.

Effective claims management processes ensure that all valid claims are honoured, in line with policy documentation and allowances made in setting premiums or valuing liabilities. Proactive fraud detection capabilities continue to be developed and improved to minimise fraudulent claim payouts.

Human immunodeficiency virus and Aids risk

The Group's Life insurance business is exposed to human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and Aids risk where an insufficient allowance has been made in the pricing and valuation bases. To manage risk for the business that is medically underwritten, HIV tests are performed as part of the normal underwriting process. Cover is not provided in instances where the mortality risk is uncertain or is deemed to be too high. For other lines of business, such as funeral and credit life, general pre-existing condition clauses are included in the contract to protect against anti-selection by policyholders. In such an event, a claim will not be paid if it occurs as a result of a condition existing at the inception of the policy or within a certain period (generally 12 months) from inception.

Aids mortality investigations are performed. The results of these investigations assist in setting the premium and mortality basis for life policies. Additional allowances are included in the valuation basis to allow for a worse than expected Aids risk experience.

Lapse risk

Lapse risk is the risk of not recouping expenses such as commission and/or underwriting costs generally incurred at the inception of the policy. In such instances, a loss is incurred if the policy lapses before the costs have been recouped. This risk is managed by entering into clawback arrangements with financial advisers, whereby at least a portion of the commission is recouped. Annual investigations of lapse experience are done to ensure pricing and valuation assumptions are appropriate, relevant and in line with experience.

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63. Risk management *(continued)*

63.4 Insurance risk management *(continued)*

Expense risk

An allowance for future maintenance and claim expenses, inflated at the assumed expense inflation rate, is included in liability calculations based on the current level of maintenance and claim expenses per policy. The risk of understating and pricing insufficiently for this risk is managed by:

- conducting annual expense investigations based on the most recent operating expenditure incurred;
- monitoring costs monthly to ensure they remain within anticipated levels and identifying trends at an early stage; and
- basing the assumed future inflation rate on observable economic indicators and experience.

Model risk

Model risk is defined as the potential adverse consequences from financial assessments or decisions based on incorrect or misused model outputs and reports. As such, it considers both the likelihood of an adverse event and the severity thereof. This risk is managed by placing the models through rigorous checking procedures and processes. The modelling methodologies used are in line with Prudential Standards issued by the Financial Services Board (FSB), standards and practice notes issued by the Actuarial Society of South Africa (ASSA), or in the absence of such standards or guidance, generally accepted actuarial methods.

Model governance is overseen by the WIMI Models Committee and governed by the WIMI Model Risk Standard.

Data risk

Data risk is the risk that the policy data used in the models is not accurate or incomplete, leading to incorrect premiums being set or insufficient reserves being held. This risk is managed by conducting reasonability checks on data and by reconciling the data with the previous valuation data (i.e. a movement analysis) and the financial statements.

Oversight of WIMI Data Governance is governed by the WIMI Control Review Committee and the AFS Audit Risk and Compliance Committee.

Assumption risk

Assumption risk is the risk that the change and effect of the assumptions used in the most recent valuation are not considered. Best estimate assumptions are derived from annual investigations into the demographic experience of the business and economic assumptions are based on observable, actual, consistent economic indicators. Margins are added to best estimate assumptions to allow for variability in the assumptions. These margins include compulsory margins where considered necessary by the Standard of Actuarial Practice 104 (SAP 104) issued by ASSA.

The risk discount rate used to discount future profits includes a margin over assumed investment returns to allow for the risk that experience in future years may differ from assumptions. The government bond curve is used to determine the risk free rate of return assumptions and the assumed returns on the other asset classes are calculated using a constant differential from the risk free rate curve. The economic assumptions used, including certain representative points on the risk-free curve, are as follows (gross of tax where applicable):

Economic assumptions (RSA entities only)

	2017 %	2016 %
Risk-free rate of return		
1-year term	7,26	7,96
5-year term	8,08	8,58
10-year term	9,29	9,29
20-year term	10,45	10,22
Equity return differential	3,36	3,36
Cash return differential	(2,00)	(2,00)
Overall investment return differential	(0,44)	(0,44)
Risk discount rate differential	3,15	3,15

The expense inflation assumption is a company specific inflation rate assumption of 3,5% for the first three years and the general inflation rate is implied by the difference between the nominal and real yield curves from the seventh year. The curve is blended between the third and the sixth years.

Additional allowances are incorporated into the liabilities to mitigate assumption risk. The compulsory margins prescribed in the SAP 104 note have been applied in the valuation of liabilities.

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63. Risk management *(continued)*

63.4 Insurance risk management *(continued)*

Compulsory margins as per SAP 104	2017 %	2016 %
Mortality	+7,5	+7,5
Morbidity	10	10
Lapse	±25	±25
Surrenders	±10	±10
Expenses	10	10
Expense inflation	10	10
Charge against investment return	±25 bps	±25 bps

The results of the sensitivities disclosed in the following table indicate that assumptions regarding future mortality and morbidity experience have a significant impact on the quantum of the actuarial liability. Future developments in mortality and morbidity experience, whether positive or negative, will impact on profits in future years, particularly in areas influenced by the Aids infection rates. A further factor to take into consideration is the impact of investment returns. Although a significant portion of the book, such as credit life, is short term, the mortgage protection business increases the duration of the overall business and therefore future investment returns. The business is not sensitive to changes in other assumptions.

Sensitivity analysis (RSA entities only)

	Group	
	2017 Potential effect recorded in (profit) or loss Rm	2016 Potential effect recorded in (profit) or loss Rm
Mortality and morbidity +10%	118	117
Lapse rate +10%	(37)	(43)
Renewal and termination expenses +10%	34	23
Expense inflation +1%	27	32
Investment return -1%	36	39

Life insurance mismatch risk

A mismatch arises if the assets backing non-linked products do not grow sufficiently or materialise timeously to match specified amounts guaranteed on death, disability, critical illness or retrenchments, or on survival to the end of the policy. Mismatch risk is managed through setting asset allocations which appropriately match assets to underlying liabilities. Guaranteed life event benefits and guaranteed maturity benefits are each managed in terms of separate investment strategies.

Life insurance mismatch risk is monitored on a quarterly basis by the WIMI Financial Risk Committee. The Asset-Liability matching exercises carried out are reviewed by the WIMI Financial Risk Committee and the Statutory Actuary, and approved by the Group Actuarial Committee.

Through the use of asset-liability modelling, appropriate investment strategies for the assets backing policyholder liabilities are determined to mitigate mismatch risk as far as possible. These investment strategies are reviewed annually and the asset manager mandates amended accordingly. For guaranteed mortality, morbidity and retrenchment benefits as well as projected expenses, an asset allocation comprising cash and bonds of various terms to maturity is used. Quarterly meetings are held with the asset manager to monitor adherence to the mandated asset durations and targeted levels.

Life and short-term investment risks

Investment risk relates to the variability in the value of life and short-term shareholder assets and of assets backing policyholder liabilities. Interest rate/Equity risk relates to the change in investment value of assets due to a change in market interest rates/equity performance. Foreign exchange risk is the risk that a change in the exchange rate could affect the financial results of the insurance entity. Investment risk is mitigated through diversified asset allocations and investment mandates.

Life and short-term insurance investment risk is monitored by WIMI Financial Risk Committee on a quarterly basis.

A single investment strategy is maintained for short-term insurance shareholder assets and for assets backing short-term insurance policy holder liabilities. Assets are invested in short-dated interest-earning assets. The duration of interest-earning assets is monitored against a maximum effective duration.

The Life insurance shareholders' funds in South Africa are invested in a diversified portfolio to provide secure and stable growth over the long term. For entities outside of South Africa, the shareholder funds are invested in money market type instruments, with the exception of Barclays Life Assurance Kenya where the shareholder assets are invested in government bonds.

The following table indicates the asset allocations as at the reporting date:

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63. Risk management *(continued)*

63.4 Insurance risk management *(continued)*

Life shareholder funds – actual asset allocation (%)

	Group	
	2017 %	2016 %
Offshore equities	6	5
Offshore alternatives and cash	3	3
Domestic equities	18	22
Domestic bonds	10	20
Domestic cash	63	50
	100	100

Domestic assets have a limit on active equity exposures or tracking error taken on by the asset manager versus the underlying equity benchmark. Counterparty credit risk in respect of investments is managed by investing with a spread of issuers as required by the Insurance Investment Management Policy under the IPRCF. Liquidity risk is the risk that cash may not be available to pay obligations when due at a reasonable cost. Liquidity risk is managed in the short-term insurance businesses by investing in short-dated interest-earning assets, with limits on investments in less liquid assets such as preference shares and corporate bonds. The life insurance businesses are less exposed to liquidity risks due to the low risk of large cumulative claims. Liquidity risk is managed through close management of potential cash outflow in discussion with the asset managers, as well as the use of a liquidity fund consisting of cash and money market investments – set aside to meet large outflows.

63.5 Equity investment risk

Equity investment risk refers to the risk of adverse changes in the value of listed and unlisted equity investments. These investments are longer-term investments held in the banking book for non-trading purposes.

The Group's equity investment risk objective is to balance the portfolio composition in line with the Group's risk appetite, with selective exits as appropriate.

Approach

The Group's governance of equity investments is based on the following key fundamental principles:

- a formal approval governance process;
- key functional specialists reviewing investment proposals;
- adequate monitoring and control after the investment decision has been implemented; and
- ongoing implementation of best practice standards based on current market trends, hurdle rates and benchmarks.

Criteria considered for new investments and investment reviews cover a comprehensive set of financial, commercial, legal (and technical, where required) matters. The performance of these investments is monitored relative to the objectives of the portfolio.

The majority of the Group's equity investments are held in CIB and RBB – Business Banking. Equity and other investments held by insurance entities are addressed in the insurance risk management section of this report.

Risk measurement

Equity investment risk is monitored monthly in terms of regulatory and Economic Capital (EC) requirements and is complemented by a range of additional risk metrics and stress testing. The equity investment risk profile is further tracked across a range of dimensions such as geography, industry and currency. Risk monitoring is done in accordance with a risk appetite, mandate and scale limits framework.

The Group has adopted the market-based simple risk-weighted approach to calculate Risk Weighted Assets (RWAs) and Regulatory Capital (RC) for equity risk in the banking book. According to this approach, the Group applies a 300% risk weighting to listed exposures and 400% to unlisted exposures in non-financial entities subject to a prescribed scaling factor of 1.06. Investments in financial entities are treated in line with the principles embodied in Basel III and the Regulations relating to Banks, whereby the risk weightings are subject to the aggregate value of the Group's shareholding in those investments and also in relation to the Group's capital. For financial investments constituting a significant minority investment (i.e. 20% to 50%) with no other significant shareholder, the Group applies a capital deduction.

The Solvency Assessment Management (SAM) regime is equivalent to Solvency II in the UK and went live in 2017. Absa Financial Services entities' liabilities, capital and solvency positions will continue to be reported under parallel processes.

Economic capital for equity investment risk in the banking book is based on the investment type and portfolio risk modelling and varies from 35,2% to 100%.

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63. Risk management *(continued)*

63.5 Equity investment risk *(continued)*

Analysis of equity investment risk in the banking book

The table below illustrates the equity sensitivity analysis and discloses the impact on pre-tax profit or loss and equity after the effect of hedges. Debt instruments have been excluded from the sensitivity analysis. Equity hedge structures were in place for the shareholders' equity investment portfolio in previous reporting periods. This assisted to hedge downside risk on equities if market values decrease by more than 6% and resulted in counterparties sharing in positive returns if market values increased between 2% and 4%. No equity hedge structures were in place at the reporting date.

	Group									
	2017					2016				
	Impact of a 5% reduction in fair value		Fair value Rm	Impact of a 5% increase in fair value		Impact of a 5% reduction in fair value		Fair value Rm	Impact of a 5% increase in fair value	
	Profit or loss Rm	Equity Rm		Profit or loss Rm	Equity Rm	Profit or loss Rm	Equity Rm		Profit or loss Rm	Equity Rm
Insurance activities¹ listed and unlisted equity investments^{1,2}	(120)	—	2 394	120	—	(127)	—	2 551	127	—
Listed equity investments	(120)	—	2 393	120	—	(122)	—	2 450	122	—
Unlisted equity investments	(0)	—	1	0	—	(5)	—	101	5	—
Group listed and unlisted equity investments, excluding insurance activities' investments	(100)	(38)	2 754	100	38	(144)	(32)	3 531	144	32
Listed equity investments	(17)	(6)	465	17	6	(31)	(3)	694	31	3
Unlisted equity investments	(83)	(32)	2 289	83	32	(113)	(29)	2 837	113	29
Total on Group equity investments	(220)	(38)	5 148	220	38	(271)	(32)	6 082	271	32

63.6 Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Group is unable to meet its contractual or contingent obligations or that it does not have the appropriate amount, tenor and composition of funding and liquidity to support its assets. These outflows would deplete available cash resources for client lending, trading activities and investments. Such outflows could be through customer withdrawals, wholesale counterparties removing financing, collateral posting requirements or loan drawdowns. This risk is inherent in all banking operations and can be affected by a range of group-specific and market-wide events.

Liquidity risk is monitored at a group level under a single group framework. The Liquidity Risk Framework is designed to deliver the appropriate term and structure of funding consistent with the Liquidity Risk Appetite (LRA) set by the local Board. This framework is delivered through a combination of policy formation, review and governance, analysis, stress testing, limit setting and monitoring.

Each geographic entity is required to be self-sustaining from a liquidity and funding perspective, and is responsible for implementing appropriate processes and controls to ensure compliance with local LRA, regulatory limits and reporting requirements.

Strategy

The Group's liquidity risk management objectives are:

- manage the funding position and High Quality Liquid Asset (HQLA) position in line with board-approved liquidity risk appetite framework and regulatory requirements;
- build and maintain adequate liquidity buffers to ensure the bank remains continuously compliant with the liquidity coverage ratio and net stable funding ratio
- grow and diversify the funding base to support asset growth and other strategic initiatives while optimising the funding cost;
- grow core Retail, Business Bank, Corporate and Public Sector deposits faster than wholesale funding
- work with regulatory authorities and other stakeholders on resolution planning, and Deposit Insurance Scheme
- manage the Bank's maturity profile in order to achieve planned liquidity ratios; and
- balance the above objectives against the long-term impacts on the bank cost of funding.

Notes

¹ The above sensitivities were only calculated on shareholder and non-linked policyholder assets (for unit linked policyholder liabilities there is no impact on the sensitivity analysis due to the fact that the asset and liability is 100% matched) and exclude all assets linked to investment and unit linked contracts due to the fact that the asset and liability is 100% matched.

² The figures exclude all associates and joint ventures, which account for the differences in fair value compared to that shown in the table titled equity investments in the banking book.

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63. Risk management *(continued)*

63.6 *Liquidity risk (continued)*

Approach to liquidity risk

The efficient management of liquidity is essential for safeguarding the Group's depositors, preserving market confidence and maintaining the Group's brand. The Group considers sustainable access to appropriate liquidity for each of its entities to be extremely important. Liquidity risk is managed in line with the Liquidity Risk Framework, which is designed to meet the following objectives:

- to maintain liquidity resources that are sufficient in amount and quality and a funding profile that is appropriate to meet the LRA as expressed by the board;
- to maintain market confidence;
- to set limits to control liquidity risk within and across lines of business and legal entities;
- to set early warning indicators to identify immediately the emergence of increased liquidity risk or vulnerabilities including events that would impair access to liquidity resources;
- to project fully over an appropriate set of time horizons cash flows arising from assets, liabilities and off-balance sheet items; and
- to maintain a Contingency Funding Plan that is comprehensive and proportionate to the nature, scale and complexity of the business and that is regularly tested to ensure that it is operationally robust.

The Barclays Africa Group applies a three-step risk management process:

- **Evaluate:** Risk evaluation is carried out by those individuals, teams and departments that are best placed to identify and assess the potential liquidity risks, and include those responsible for delivering the objectives under review.
- **Respond:** The appropriate risk response ensures that liquidity risk is kept within appetite.
- **Monitor:** Once risks have been identified and measured, and controls put in place, progress towards objectives must be tracked. Monitoring must be ongoing and can prompt re-evaluation of the risks and/or changes in responses

Stress and scenario testing

Under the Liquidity Framework, the Group has established the Liquidity Risk Appetite (LRA), which is the level of liquidity risk the Group chooses to take in pursuit of its business objectives and in meeting its regulatory obligations. It is measured with reference to anticipated stressed net contractual and contingent outflows for a variety of stress scenarios and is used to size the liquidity pool.

Each entity within the Barclays Africa Group undertakes a range of stress tests appropriate to their business. Stress tests consider both institution-specific and market-wide scenarios separately and on a combined basis. The results of the stress tests are used to develop the contingency funding plan and are taken into account when setting limits for the management of liquidity risk and the business planning process.

As part of stress and scenario testing, the Group's liquid assets portfolio serves as the main source of liquidity under stress. Liquidity value is also assigned to unsecured funding lines, readily marketable investment securities and price-sensitive overnight loans.

Contingency funding planning

The Contingency Funding Plan (CFP) includes, inter alia:

- the roles and responsibilities of senior management in a crisis situation;
- authorities for invoking the plan;
- communications and organisation;
- an analysis of a realistic range of market-wide and Group-specific liquidity stress tests; and
- scenario analyses and the extent to which each stress test and scenario can be mitigated by managing the balance sheet.

The Group maintains a range of early warning indicators (EWIs). These assist in informing management on deciding whether the CFP should be invoked. Each operation must adopt and conform to the Group CFP and establish local processes and procedures for managing local liquidity stresses that are consistent with the Group's level plan. The CFPs set out the specific requirements to be undertaken locally in a crisis situation. This could include monetising the liquidity pool, slowing the extension of credit, increasing the tenor of funding and securitising or selling assets. The Group continues to work with the Regulator on recovery and resolution planning.

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63. Risk management *(continued)*

63.6 Liquidity risk *(continued)*

Contractual maturity of financial assets and liabilities

The table below provides detail on the contractual maturity and mismatch position of all financial instruments and other assets and liabilities. Derivatives (other than those designated in a hedging relationship) and trading portfolio assets and liabilities are included in the 'on demand' time bucket at their fair value. Liquidity risk on these items is not managed on the basis of contractual maturity since they are not held for settlement according to such maturity and will frequently be settled before contractual maturity at fair value. Derivatives designated in a hedging relationship are included according to their contractual maturity

Discounted maturity	Group				Total Rm
	On demand Rm	Within 1 year Rm	2017 From 1 year to 5 years Rm	More than 5 years Rm	
Assets					
Cash, cash balances and balances with central banks	43 541	5 128	—	—	48 669
Investment securities	14 489	39 125	23 456	34 339	111 409
Loans and advances to banks	15 975	37 462	1 495	494	55 426
Trading portfolio assets	130 132	—	—	—	130 132
Derivative assets	56 853	—	—	—	56 853
Non-derivative assets	73 278	—	—	—	73 278
Hedging portfolio assets	—	254	1 439	980	2 673
Other financial assets	7 913	9 579	—	—	17 492
Loans and advances to customers	64 563	149 292	306 165	229 752	749 772
Non current asset held for sale – Loans and advances to customers	—	1 118	—	—	1 118
Reinsurance assets	—	600	—	292	892
Investments linked to investment contracts	754	2 624	7 372	8 186	18 936
Financial assets	277 367	245 181	339 927	274 043	1 136 518
Non-financial assets	—	—	—	—	29 461
Total assets					1 165 979
Liabilities					
Deposits from banks	5 982	50 800	10 455	153	67 390
Trading portfolio liabilities	64 047	—	—	—	64 047
Derivative liabilities	52 100	—	—	—	52 100
Non-derivative liabilities	11 946	—	—	—	11 946
Hedging portfolio liabilities	—	55	365	703	1 123
Other financial liabilities	19 734	8 056	47	4	27 840
Deposits due to customers	449 335	208 416	27 678	4 438	689 867
Debt securities in issue	2 458	68 348	54 210	12 932	137 948
Liabilities under investment contracts	5 169	2 483	12 651	10 282	30 585
Policyholder liabilities under insurance contracts	686	—	—	3 931	4 617
Borrowed funds	308	3 350	8 692	3 544	15 895
Financial liabilities	547 719	341 507	114 098	35 987	1 039 312
Non-financial liabilities	—	—	—	—	7 607
Total liabilities					1 046 919
Equity					119 060
Total liabilities and equity					1 165 979
Net liquidity position of financial instruments	(270 353)	(96 326)	225 829	238 056	97 206

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63. Risk management (continued)

63.6 Liquidity risk (continued)

Discounted maturity	Group				Total Rm
	On demand Rm	Within 1 year Rm	2016 From 1 year to 5 years Rm	More than 5 years Rm	
Assets					
Cash, cash balances and balances with central banks	47 380	2 258	368	—	50 006
Investment securities	10 531	44 805	17 705	41 274	114 315
Loans and advances to banks	20 388	25 785	2 869	746	49 788
Trading portfolio assets	94 751	—	—	—	94 751
Derivative assets	45 153	—	—	—	45 153
Non-derivative assets	49 598	—	—	—	49 598
Hedging portfolio assets	—	61	622	1 062	1 745
Other financial assets	9 023	12 386	166	554	22 129
Loans and advances to customers	85 164	150 629	255 531	228 986	720 310
Reinsurance assets	—	785	—	200	985
Investments linked to investment contracts	705	2 771	6 304	9 036	18 816
Financial assets	267 942	239 480	283 565	281 858	1 072 845
Non-financial assets					28 178
Total assets					1 101 023
Liabilities					
Deposits from banks	16 589	30 278	6 154	171	53 192
Trading portfolio liabilities	47 429	—	—	—	47 429
Derivative liabilities	40 920	—	—	—	40 920
Non-derivative liabilities	6 509	—	—	—	6 509
Hedging portfolio liabilities	—	398	568	1 098	2 064
Other financial liabilities	17 476	5 918	6	245	23 645
Deposits due to customers	469 882	170 992	28 368	5 623	674 865
Debt securities in issue	646	75 886	52 154	11 028	139 714
Liabilities under investment contracts	5 013	2 630	12 173	9 382	29 198
Policyholder liabilities under insurance contracts	196	921	—	3 352	4 469
Borrowed funds	530	2 863	10 173	2 107	15 673
Financial liabilities	557 761	289 886	109 596	33 006	990 249
Non-financial liabilities					8 494
Total liabilities					998 743
Equity					102 280
Total liabilities and equity					1 101 023
Net liquidity position of financial instruments	(289 819)	(50 406)	173 969	248 852	82 596

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63. Risk management (continued)

63.6 Liquidity risk (continued)

Liquidity risk measurement – undiscounted (statement of financial position value with impact of future interest)	Group 2017					Total Rm
	On demand Rm	Within 1 year Rm	From 1 year to 5 years Rm	More than 5 years Rm	Discount effect Rm	
Liabilities						
On-statement of financial position						
Deposits from banks	5 982	51 103	13 944	301	(3 940)	67 390
Trading portfolio liabilities	64 047	—	—	—	—	64 047
Derivative liabilities	52 100	—	—	—	—	52 100
Non-derivative liabilities	11 946	—	—	—	—	11 946
Hedging portfolio liabilities	—	57	501	1 454	(889)	1 123
Other financial liabilities	19 734	8 204	52	6	(156)	27 840
Deposits due to customers	449 335	212 752	34 494	9 831	(16 546)	689 867
Debt securities in issue	2 458	70 727	67 959	26 140	(29 336)	137 948
Liabilities under investment contracts	5 169	2 572	15 919	22 176	(15 252)	30 585
Policyholder liabilities under insurance contracts	686	—	—	14 274	(10 344)	4 617
Borrowed funds	308	3 567	12 619	9 309	(9 910)	15 895
Financial liabilities	547 719	348 982	145 488	83 491	(86 373)	1 039 312
Non-financial liabilities	—	—	—	—	—	7 607
Total liabilities	—	—	—	—	—	1 046 919
Off-statement of financial position						
Financial guarantee contracts	10	—	—	—	—	10
Loan commitments	174 259	38 789	—	—	—	213 048
Undiscounted maturity (statement of financial position value with impact of future interest)						
	2016					
	On demand Rm	Within 1 year Rm	From 1 year to 5 years Rm	More than 5 years Rm	Discount effect Rm	Total Rm
Liabilities						
On-statement of financial position						
Deposits from banks	16 589	30 642	9 236	381	(3 656)	53 192
Trading portfolio liabilities	47 429	—	—	—	—	47 429
Derivative liabilities	40 920	—	—	—	—	40 920
Non-derivative liabilities	6 509	—	—	—	—	6 509
Hedging portfolio liabilities	—	422	814	2 437	(1 609)	2 064
Other financial liabilities	17 476	5 980	7	546	(364)	23 645
Deposits due to customers	469 882	177 193	38 838	12 491	(23 539)	674 865
Debt securities in issue	646	76 395	57 051	15 032	(9 410)	139 714
Liabilities under investment contracts	5 013	2 740	18 613	20 898	(18 066)	29 198
Policyholder liabilities under insurance contracts	196	948	—	8 933	(5 608)	4 469
Borrowed funds	530	3 086	15 607	4 513	(8 064)	15 672
Financial liabilities	557 761	297 406	140 166	65 231	(70 316)	990 248
Non-financial liabilities	—	—	—	—	—	8 495
Total liabilities	—	—	—	—	—	998 743
Off-statement of financial position						
Financial guarantee contracts	10	—	—	—	—	10
Loan commitments	143 576	39 281	—	—	—	182 857

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63. Risk management *(continued)*

63.7 Capital management

Capital risk is the risk that the Group has an insufficient level or inappropriate composition of capital to support its normal business activities and to remain within its Board-approved capital target ranges under normal operating conditions or above regulatory capital requirements under stressed conditions (both actual and as defined for internal planning or regulatory stress testing purposes).

The Group's capital management strategy, which is in line with and in support of the Group's strategy, is to create sustainable value for shareholders within the boundaries imposed by the Group's risk appetite

The Group's capital management objectives are to:

- Optimise the level and mix of capital resources and the utilisation of those resources;
- Meet RC requirements and the Board-approved capital target ranges;
- Maintain an adequate level of capital resources in excess of both RC and EC requirements and within Board-approved target ranges;
- Increase business and legal entity accountability for the use of capital and, where relevant, the use of allocated capital per client or portfolio;
- Assess, manage and efficiently implement regulatory changes to optimise capital usage; and
- Maintain a strong credit rating.

Various processes play a role in ensuring that the Group's capital management objectives are met, including:

- The Internal Capital Adequacy Assessment Process (ICAAP);
- Stress testing; and
- Recovery and Resolution Planning.

The capital management process in the Group encompasses all regulated entities within it (including insurance entities and banking subsidiaries in the Rest of Africa). Appropriate Board-approved capital buffers, above the minimum regulatory requirements, are held at an entity level. The Group ensures that all regulated entities are adequately capitalised in terms of their respective minimum capital adequacy requirements (CARs). The Group's capital target ranges for the current reporting period were set after considering the following:

- Capital risk appetite;
- The preference of rating agencies for loss absorbing capital;
- Stress scenarios and its impact on the integrated plan, including the capital position of the Group;
- Current and future Basel III requirements and accounting developments; and
- Peer analysis

Capital adequacy ratios (unaudited)

Group			2017		2016	
	2017	2016	Board target ranges %	Minimum regulatory capital requirements %	Board target ranges %	Minimum regulatory capital requirements %
Statutory capital ratios (includes unappropriated profits) (%)						
Common Equity Tier 1	13,5	12,1	10,0 – 11,5	7,3	9,5 – 11,5	6,9
Tier 1	14,1	12,6	11,5 – 13,0	8,5	10,5 – 12,5	8,1
Total	16,1	14,8	14,0 – 15,5	10,8	13,0 – 15,0	10,4
Capital supply and demand for the reporting period (Rm)						
Qualifying capital	118 899	104 486				
Total RWA	736 892	703 785				

Notes

¹ Includes the contribution amounts received from Barclays PLC as part of the separation.

² The 2017 minimum regulatory capital requirements of 10,75% include the capital conservation buffer which is phased in between 1 January 2016 and 1 January 2019 but excludes the bank-specific individual capital requirement (Pillar 2b add-on) and the D-SIB add-on.

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64. Going concern

The directors assess the Group's future performance and financial position on an ongoing basis and have no reason to believe that the Group will not be a going concern in the reporting period ahead. For this reason, these consolidated financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis.

65. Events after the reporting period

The directors are not aware of any other events after the reporting date of 31 December 2017 and the date of authorisation of these financial statements (as defined per IAS 10).

66. Directors' and prescribed officers' remuneration

The Barclays Africa Group Remuneration Committee's (Remco) mandate is to ensure that reward practices are aligned with shareholder interests, both in the performance of our employees and the values they uphold. The Group strives to promote reward practices that foster sustainable high performance and accordingly, the Group rewards both short and longer term performance. All elements of pay are benchmarked against the market, as well as local and international best practice.

The Remco evaluates prescribed officer and executive pay against the Balanced Scorecard, which ensures rigorous concentration on business imperatives including, importantly, financial performance. Risk management is carefully considered.

Remuneration of risk and compliance employees is determined independently within the function, rather than by the business the function supports, and within the parameters of the pool allocated to the function by the Remco.

The Barclays Africa remuneration approach is fully compliant with the regulatory and statutory provisions relating to reward governance, in all the countries where the Group operates and in accordance with relevant requirements in Africa, the United Kingdom and European Union.

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66. Directors' and prescribed officers' remuneration *(continued)* *Combined tables for 2016 total remuneration*

Executive directors	Group 2017			
	Maria Ramos		David Hodnett	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
	R	R	R	R
Salary	8 130 855	7 622 073	6 656 796	6 388 552
Role based pay	6 500 000	6 500 000	5 000 000	4 250 000
Medical aid	106 476	97 680	136 980	125 664
Pension	175 000	244 599	175 000	226 599
Other employee benefits	46 981	44 960	40 536	39 498
Total fixed remuneration	14 959 312	14 509 312	12 009 312	11 030 313
Non-deferred cash award	3 000 000	3 000 000	2 900 000	2 900 000
Non-deferred share award	3 000 000	3 000 000	2 900 000	2 900 000
Deferred cash award ¹	4 500 000	4 500 000	4 350 000	4 350 000
Deferred share award ¹	4 500 000	4 500 000	4 350 000	4 350 000
Total variable remuneration	15 000 000	15 000 000	14 500 000	14 500 000
Total remuneration	29 959 312	29 509 312	26 509 312	25 530 313

Prescribed officers	Craig Bond ³		Stephen van Coller ⁴	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
	R	R	R	R
Salary	2 376 276	5 668 964	n/a	2 730 389
Role based pay	2 083 333	5 000 000	n/a	5 250 000
Medical aid	57 075	125 664	n/a	104 742
Pension	72 917	220 426	n/a	151 466
Other employee benefits	15 112	36 258	n/a	515 824
Total fixed remuneration	4 604 713	11 051 312	n/a	8 752 421
Non-deferred cash award	833 333	1 840 000	n/a	—
Non-deferred share award	833 333	1 840 000	n/a	—
Deferred cash award	833 333	2 760 000	n/a	—
Deferred share award	833 333	2 760 000	n/a	—
Total variable remuneration	3 333 332	9 200 000	n/a	—
Total remuneration	7 938 045	20 251 312	n/a	8 752 421

Board appointment dates and contract terms

Maria Ramos and David Hodnett were appointed to the Board on 1 March 2009 and 1 March 2010 respectively. Peter Matlare and Jason Quinn were appointed to the Board on 1 August 2016 and 1 September 2016 respectively. Nomkhitha Nqweni was appointed to the Board as a prescribed officer on 1 October 2015. Craig Bond who was appointed 1 January 2013, resigned as a prescribed officer from the Board in May 2017. All executive directors and prescribed officers have a notice period of six months.

Notes

¹ The non-deferred share award is granted in the form of a Share Incentive Award subject to a 12 month holding period from the date of award.

² Note that the election between deferred cash award and deferred share award will be made once the Bank is no longer in a closed period.

³ Craig Bond stepped down from the BAGL Exco effective 16 May 2017. The amount reflected is pro-rated for 5 full months for the time Craig Bond was a prescribed officer. His total pension contribution for 2017 was R175 000.

⁴ Resigned effective 30 September 2016. Stephen van Coller's other benefits include leave payouts following his resignation. No amounts were paid as compensation for loss of office.

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Jason Quinn		Peter Matlare		Group 2017 Total	
2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016
R	R	R	R	R	R
4 793 007	3 459 337	5 806 948	2 439 812	25 387 606	19 909 774
—	333 333	3 500 000	1 458 333	15 000 000	12 541 666
90 732	84 012	182 568	55 828	516 756	363 184
392 593	284 843	481 482	200 617	1 224 075	956 658
32 981	26 495	38 314	15 180	158 812	126 133
5 309 313	4 188 020	10 009 312	4 169 770	42 287 249	33 897 415
1 600 000	1 000 000	2 000 000	800 000	9 500 000	7 700 000
1 600 000	1 000 000	2 000 000	800 000	9 500 000	7 700 000
2 400 000	1 500 000	3 000 000	1 200 000	14 250 000	11 550 000
2 400 000	1 500 000	3 000 000	1 200 000	14 250 000	11 550 000
8 000 000	5 000 000	10 000 000	4 000 000	47 500 000	38 500 000
13 309 313	9 188 020	20 009 312	8 169 770	89 787 249	72 397 415

Nomkhita Nqweni		Total	
2017	2016	2017	2016
R	R	R	R
4 667 804	4 049 835	7 044 080	12 449 188
2 500 000	2 500 000	4 583 333	12 750 000
54 444	50 412	111 519	280 818
175 000	195 216	247 917	567 108
112 064	47 182	127 176	599 264
7 509 312	6 842 645	12 114 025	26 646 378
1 200 000	1 300 000	2 033 333	3 140 000
1 200 000	1 300 000	2 033 333	3 140 000
1 800 000	1 950 000	2 633 333	4 710 000
1 800 000	1 950 000	2 633 333	4 710 000
6 000 000	6 500 000	9 333 332	15 700 000
13 509 312	13 342 645	21 447 357	42 346 378

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66. Directors' and prescribed officers' remuneration *(continued)*

Outstanding share-based long-term incentives

The table below outlines share-based and long-term incentive awards (awarded in respect of performance in a prior period) and role based pay delivered as phantom shares in the year.

	Number of shares under award at 1 January 2017	Group 2017 Number of shares awarded during 2017	Share price on award R	Number of shares released during 2017
Executive directors				
Maria Ramos				
Barclays Africa Long-term incentive Plan 2013 – 2015	59 408	—	139	59 408
Share Value Plan 2014 – 2016	17 054	—	129	17 054
Share Value Plan 2015 – 2017	30 452	—	189	15 226
Share Value Plan 2016 – 2018	56 312	—	146	18 770
Share Value Plan 2017 – 2019	—	28 497	158	—
Role based pay March 2014	7 542	—	129	2 514
Role based pay June 2014	6 276	—	155	2 092
Role based pay September 2014	5 798	—	168	1 932
Role based pay December 2014	5 574	—	175	1 858
Role based pay March 2015	6 873	—	189	1 718
Role based pay June 2015	7 115	—	183	1 778
Role based pay September 2015	7 284	—	178	1 821
Role based pay December 2015	8 128	—	160	2 032
Role based pay March 2016	5 566	—	146	1 113
Role based pay June 2016	5 593	—	145	1 118
Role based pay September 2016	5 578	—	146	1 115
Role based pay December 2016	5 117	—	159	1 023
Role based pay March 2017	—	5 145	158	—
Role based pay June 2017	—	5 589	145	—
Non-deferred share award 2017	—	18 998	158	18 998
Restricted award – Share Value Plan 2016	—	55 290	145	—
Restricted award – Share Value Plan 2017	—	56 893	141	—
Long Term Incentive Award 2017	—	165 870	145	—
Total	239 670	336 282		149 570
David Hodnett				
Barclays Africa Long-term incentive Plan 2013 – 2015	29 704	—	139	29 704
Share Value Plan 2014 – 2016	13 257	—	129	13 257
Share Value Plan 2015 – 2017	28 548	—	189	14 274
Share Value Plan 2016 – 2018	53 434	—	146	17 810
Share Value Plan 2017 – 2019	—	27 547	158	—
Non-deferred share award 2017	—	18 364	158	18 364
Restricted award – Share Value Plan 2016	—	48 379	145	—
Restricted award – Share Value Plan 2017	—	49 781	141	—
Long Term Incentive Award 2017	—	145 137	145	—
Total	124 943	289 208		93 409
Peter Matlare				
Share Value Plan 2017 – 2019	—	7 599	158	—
Non-deferred share award 2017	—	5 066	158	5 066
Long Term Incentive Award 2017	—	134 770	145	—
Total	—	147 435		5 066

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Group 2017					
Market price on release date R	Value of release R	Value of dividend released R	Number of shares/options lapsed in 2017	Number of shares under award at 31 December 2017	Last scheduled vesting date
139	8 257 712	582 549	—	—	2016/10/01
148	2 530 473	603 758	—	—	2017/09/01
148	2 259 234	317 533	—	15 226	2018/09/01
148	2 785 093	310 114	—	37 542	2019/09/01
—	—	—	—	28 497	2022/09/01
152	382 002	74 456	—	5 028	2019/03/01
145	304 123	61 348	—	4 184	2019/06/01
150	289 093	49 978	—	3 866	2019/09/01
147	272 745	57 691	—	3 716	2019/12/01
152	261 050	34 493	—	5 155	2020/03/01
145	258 475	36 198	—	5 337	2020/06/01
150	272 484	38 306	—	5 463	2020/09/01
147	298 288	44 185	—	6 096	2020/12/01
152	169 120	12 308	—	4 453	2021/03/01
145	162 528	11 048	—	4 475	2021/06/01
150	166 842	11 223	—	4 463	2021/09/01
147	150 171	10 569	—	4 094	2021/12/01
—	—	—	—	5 145	2022/03/01
—	—	—	—	5 589	2022/06/01
148	2 818 923	102 382	—	—	2017/09/01
—	—	—	—	55 290	2022/03/30
—	—	—	—	56 893	2020/09/30
—	—	—	—	165 870	2020/07/31
	21 638 356	2 358 139	—	426 382	
139	4 128 856	291 205	—	—	2016/10/01
148	1 967 074	469 326	—	—	2017/09/01
148	2 117 976	297 947	—	14 274	2018/09/01
148	2 642 648	294 089	—	35 624	2019/09/01
—	—	—	—	27 547	2022/09/01
148	2 724 850	98 969	—	—	2017/09/01
—	—	—	—	48 379	2022/03/30
—	—	—	—	49 781	2020/09/30
—	—	—	—	145 137	2020/07/31
	13 581 404	1 451 537	—	320 742	
—	—	—	—	7 599	2022/09/01
148	751 693	27 302	—	—	2017/09/01
—	—	—	—	134 770	2020/07/31
	751 693	27 302	—	142 369	

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66. Directors' and prescribed officers' remuneration *(continued)* *Outstanding share-based long-term incentives (continued)*

	Number of shares under award at 1 January 2017	Number of shares awarded during 2017	Share price on award R	Number of shares released during 2017
Group 2017				
Executive directors				
Jason Quinn¹				
Share Value Plan 2014 – 2016	1 910	—	129	1 910
Share Value Plan 2015 – 2017	3 172	—	189	1 586
Share Value Plan 2016 – 2018	5 480	—	146	1 826
Share Value Plan 2017 – 2019	—	9 499	158	—
Retention award 2014	19 494	—	129	19 494
Non-deferred share award 2017	—	6 332	158	6 332
Restricted award – Share Value Plan 2016	—	20 733	145	—
Restricted award – Share Value Plan 2017	—	21 334	141	—
Long Term Incentive Award 2017	—	96 758	145	—
Total	30 056	154 656		31 148
Prescribed officers				
Craig Bond²				
Barclays Africa Long-term incentive Plan 2013 – 2015	35 645	—	139	35 645
Share Value Plan 2014 – 2016	16 375	—	129	16 375
Share Value Plan 2015 – 2017	16 918	—	189	8 459
Share Value Plan 2016 – 2018	27 950	—	146	9 316
Share Value Plan 2017 – 2019	—	17 478	158	—
Joiners Share Value Plan	2 704	—	156	2 704
Non-deferred share award 2017	—	11 652	158	11 652
Restricted award – Share Value Plan 2016	—	20 733	145	—
Restricted award – Share Value Plan 2017	—	21 334	141	—
Long Term Incentive Award 2017	—	96 758	145	—
Total	99 592	167 955		84 151
Nomkhita Nqweni³				
Barclays Africa Long-term incentive Plan 2013 – 2015	11 881	—	139	11 881
Share Value Plan 2014 – 2016	4 641	—	129	4 641
Share Value Plan 2015 – 2017	5 076	—	189	2 538
Share Value Plan 2016 – 2018	21 784	—	146	7 260
Share Value Plan 2017 – 2019	—	12 348	158	—
Non-deferred share award 2017	—	8 232	158	8 232
Restricted award – Share Value Plan 2016	—	20 733	145	—
Restricted award – Share Value Plan 2017	—	21 334	141	—
Long Term Incentive Award 2017	—	96 758	145	—
Total	43 382	159 405		34 552

Notes

¹ Jason Quinn's outstanding share-based long-term incentives include awards received prior to being appointed as an Executive Director in 2016.

² Craig Bond stepped down from the BAGL Exco effective 16 May 2017. The number of share awards at 31 Dec 2017 have been disclosed although Craig Bond is no longer a prescribed officer.

³ Nomkhita Nqweni's outstanding share-based long-term incentives include awards received prior to being appointed as a Prescribed Officer on 1 October 2015.

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Group 2017					
Market price on release date R	Value of release R	Value of dividend released R	Number of shares/options lapsed in 2017	Number of shares under award at 31 December 2017	Last scheduled vesting date
152	290 225	56 525	—	—	2017/09/01
148	235 331	33 089	—	1 586	2018/09/01
148	270 942	30 121	—	3 654	2019/09/01
—	—	—	—	9 499	2022/09/01
152	2 962 113	578 170	—	—	2017/03/01
148	939 542	34 127	—	—	2017/09/01
—	—	—	—	20 733	2022/03/30
—	—	—	—	21 334	2020/09/30
—	—	—	—	96 758	2020/07/31
	4 698 153	732 032	—	153 564	
139	4 954 655	349 446	—	—	2016/10/01
148	2 429 723	579 572	—	—	2017/09/01
148	1 255 146	176 572	—	8 459	2018/09/01
148	1 382 308	153 870	—	18 634	2019/09/01
—	—	—	—	17 478	2022/09/01
152	410 873	132 045	—	—	2017/03/31
148	1 728 924	62 765	—	—	2017/09/01
—	—	—	—	20 733	2022/03/30
—	—	—	—	21 334	2020/09/30
—	—	—	—	96 758	2020/07/31
	12 161 629	1 454 270	—	183 396	
139	1 651 459	116 482	—	—	2016/10/01
152	705 200	137 667	—	—	2017/09/01
148	376 588	52 823	—	2 538	2018/09/01
148	1 077 239	119 594	—	14 524	2019/09/01
—	—	—	—	12 348	2022/09/01
148	1 221 464	44 366	—	—	2017/09/01
—	—	—	—	20 733	2022/03/30
—	—	—	—	21 334	2020/09/30
—	—	—	—	96 758	2020/07/31
	5 031 950	470 932	—	168 235	

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66. Directors' and prescribed officers' remuneration *(continued)* *Outstanding share-based long-term incentives (continued)*

	Number of shares under award at 1 January 2016	Number of shares awarded during 2016	Group 2016 Share price on award R	Number of shares released during 2016
Executive directors				
Maria Ramos				
Absa Long-term incentive Plan 2012 – 2014	4 746	—	151	4 746
Barclays Africa Long-term incentive Plan 2013 – 2015 ¹	216 029	—	139	59 408
Share Value Plan 2014 – 2016	34 108	—	129	17 054
Share Value Plan 2015 – 2017	45 678	—	189	15 226
Share Value Plan 2016 – 2018	—	56 312	146	—
Role based pay March 2014	10 055	—	129	2 513
Role based pay June 2014	8 368	—	155	2 092
Role based pay October 2014	7 730	—	168	1 932
Role based pay December 2014	7 431	—	175	1 857
Role based pay March 2015	8 591	—	189	1 718
Role based pay June 2015	8 893	—	183	1 778
Role based pay September 2015	9 105	—	178	1 821
Role based pay December 2015	10 160	—	160	2 032
Role based pay March 2016	—	5 566	146	—
Role based pay June 2016	—	5 593	145	—
Role based pay September 2016	—	5 578	146	—
Role based pay December 2016	—	5 117	159	—
Non-deferred share award 2016	—	18 770	146	18 770
Total	370 894	96 936		130 947
David Hodnett				
Absa Long-term incentive Plan 2012 – 2014	2 966	—	151	2 966
Barclays Africa Long-term incentive Plan 2013 – 2015 ¹	108 014	—	139	29 704
Share Value Plan 2013 – 2015	7 262	—	166	7 262
Share Value Plan 2014 – 2016	26 513	—	129	13 256
Share Value Plan 2015 – 2017	42 824	—	189	14 276
Share Value Plan 2016 – 2018	—	53 434	146	—
Non-deferred share award 2016	—	17 811	146	17 811
Total	187 579	71 245		85 275
Jason Quinn²				
Absa Long-term incentive Plan 2012 – 2014	2 373	—	151	2 373
Share Value Plan 2013 – 2015	2 663	—	166	2 663
Share Value Plan 2014 – 2016	3 820	—	129	1 910
Share Value Plan 2015 – 2017	4 758	—	189	1 586
Share Value Plan 2016 – 2018	—	5 480	146	—
Retention award 2014	19 494	—	129	—
Non-deferred share award 2016	—	5 480	146	5 480
Total	33 108	10 960		14 012

Notes

¹ The Barclays Africa Long-term incentive plan 2013 – 2015 was expected to vest at 55% of the maximum based on performance achieved against the metrics.

² Jason Quinn's outstanding share-based long-term incentives include awards received prior to being appointed as an Executive Director in 2016.

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Group 2016					
Market price on release date R	Value of release R	Value of dividend released R	Number of shares/options lapsed in 2016	Number of shares under award at 31 December 2016	Last scheduled vesting date
145	687 695	99 740	—	—	2015/06/14
151	8 970 608	6 376 428	97 213	59 408	2016/10/01
149	2 539 341	495 539	—	17 054	2017/09/01
149	2 267 151	228 115	—	30 452	2018/09/01
—	—	—	—	56 312	2019/09/01
142	356 871	41 041	—	7 542	2019/03/01
146	305 327	31 791	—	6 276	2019/06/01
149	287 675	37 970	—	5 798	2019/09/01
157	292 125	38 541	—	5 574	2019/12/01
142	243 973	13 491	—	6 873	2020/03/01
146	259 499	26 805	—	7 115	2020/06/01
149	271 147	27 249	—	7 284	2020/09/01
157	319 654	23 125	—	8 128	2020/12/01
—	—	—	—	5 566	2021/12/01
—	—	—	—	5 593	2021/12/01
—	—	—	—	5 578	2021/12/01
—	—	—	—	5 117	2021/12/01
149	2 794 853	202 206	—	—	2016/09/01
	19 595 919	7 642 041	97 213	239 670	
145	429 773	62 374	—	—	2015/06/14
151	4 485 304	3 188 214	48 606	29 704	2016/10/01
149	1 081 312	347 384	—	—	2016/03/01
149	1 973 818	385 204	—	13 257	2017/09/01
149	2 125 696	214 118	—	28 548	2018/09/01
—	—	—	—	53 434	2019/09/01
149	2 652 058	191 932	—	—	2016/09/01
	12 747 961	4 389 226	48 606	124 943	
145	343 848	49 870	—	—	2016/06/14
142	378 173	87 762	—	—	2016/03/01
149	284 399	32 609	—	1 910	2017/09/01
149	236 155	23 824	—	3 172	2018/09/01
—	—	—	—	5 480	2019/09/01
—	—	—	—	19 494	2017/03/01
149	815 972	58 964	—	—	2016/09/01
	2 058 547	253 029	—	30 056	

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66. Directors' and prescribed officers' remuneration *(continued)* *Outstanding share-based long-term incentives (continued)*

	Number of shares under award at 1 January 2016	Group 2016		Number of shares released during 2016
		Number of shares awarded during 2016	Share price on award R	
Prescribed officers				
Craig Bond				
Barclays Africa Long-term incentive Plan 2013 – 2015 ¹	129 617	—	139	35 645
Share Value Plan 2014 – 2016	32 750	—	129	16 375
Share Value Plan 2015 – 2017	25 377	—	189	8 459
Share Value Plan 2016 – 2018	—	27 950	146	—
Joiners Share Value Plan	48 910	—	156	46 206
Non-deferred share award 2016	—	18 633	146	18 633
Total	236 654	46 583		125 318
Stephen van Coller²				
Absa Long-term incentive Plan 2012–2014	2 966	—	151	2 966
Barclays Africa Long-term incentive Plan 2013 – 2015 ¹	108 014	—	139	29 704
Share Value Plan 2013 – 2015	16 340	—	166	16 340
Share Value Plan 2014 – 2016	33 530	—	129	16 765
Share Value Plan 2015 – 2017	45 996	—	189	15 332
Share Value Plan 2016 – 2018	—	51 380	146	—
Non-deferred share award 2016	—	17 126	146	17 126
Total	206 846	68 506		98 233
Nomkhita Nqweni³				
Absa Long-term incentive Plan 2012–2014	1 186	—	151	1 186
Barclays Africa Long-term incentive Plan 2013 – 2015 ¹	43 205	—	139	11 881
Share Value Plan 2013 – 2015	3 019	—	166	3 019
Share Value Plan 2014 – 2016	9 281	—	129	4 640
Share Value Plan 2015 – 2017	7 613	—	189	2 537
Share Value Plan 2016 – 2018	—	21 784	146	—
Non-deferred share award 2016	—	7 261	146	7 261
Total	64 304	29 045		30 524

Notes

¹ The Barclays Africa Long-term incentive plan 2013 – 2015 was expected to vest at 55% of the maximum based on performance achieved against the metrics.

² Resigned effective 30 September 2016. Stephen van Coller's other benefits include leave payouts following his resignation. No amounts were paid as compensation for loss of office.

³ Nomkhita Nqweni's outstanding share-based long-term incentives include awards received prior to being appointed as a Prescribed officer on 1 October 2015.

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Group 2016

Market price on release date R	Value of release R	Value of dividend released R	Number of shares/options lapsed in 2016	Number of shares under award at 31 December 2016	Last scheduled vesting date
151	5 382 395	3 825 887	58 327	35 645	2016/10/01
149	2 438 238	475 736	—	16 375	2017/09/01
149	1 259 545	126 863	—	16 918	2018/09/01
—	—	—	—	27 950	2019/09/01
146	6 737 297	1 564 687	—	2 704	2017/03/31
149	2 774 454	200 568	—	—	2016/09/01
	18 591 929	6 193 741	58 327	99 592	
145	429 773	62 374	—	—	2015/06/14
151	4 485 304	3 188 214	48 606	29 704	2016/10/01
149	2 433 026	781 576	—	—	2016/03/01
149	2 496 309	487 201	—	16 765	2017/09/01
149	2 282 935	229 902	—	30 664	2018/09/01
—	—	—	—	51 380	2019/09/01
149	2 550 061	184 338	—	—	2016/09/01
	14 677 408	4 933 605	48 606	128 513	
145	171 851	25 007	—	—	2015/06/14
151	1 794 031	1 275 346	19 443	11 881	2016/10/01
142	428 728	99 833	—	—	2016/03/01
149	690 896	79 364	—	4 641	2017/09/01
149	377 759	37 970	—	5 076	2018/09/01
—	—	—	—	21 784	2019/09/01
149	1 081 163	78 321	—	—	2016/09/01
	4 544 428	1 595 841	19 443	43 382	

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66. Directors' and prescribed officers' remuneration *(continued)* *Outstanding cash-based long-term awards*

	Group 2017				
	Value under award at 1 January 2017 R	Maximum potential value at 1 January 2017 R	Value awarded in the year R	Value released in the year R	Value forfeited in the year R
Executive directors					
Maria Ramos					
Cash value plan 2014 – 2016	2 200 000	2 860 000	—	2 200 000	—
Cash value plan 2017 – 2019	—	—	4 500 000	—	—
Restricted award 2016 ¹	8 000 000	8 000 000	—	—	—
Total	10 200 000	10 860 000	4 500 000	2 200 000	—
David Hodnett					
Cash value plan 2014 – 2016	1 700 000	2 210 000	—	1 700 000	—
Cash value plan 2017 – 2019	—	—	4 350 000	—	—
Restricted award 2016 ¹	7 000 000	7 000 000	—	—	—
Total	8 700 000	9 210 000	4 350 000	1 700 000	—
Peter Matlare					
Cash value plan 2017 – 2019	—	—	1 200 000	—	—
Total	—	—	1 200 000	—	—
Jason Quinn²					
Cash value plan 2014 – 2016	246 400	320 320	—	246 400	—
Cash value plan 2015 – 2017	600 000	690 000	—	300 000	—
Cash value plan 2016 – 2018	800 000	880 000	—	266 666	—
Cash value plan 2017 – 2019	—	—	1 500 000	—	—
Restricted award 2016 ¹	3 000 000	3 000 000	—	—	—
Total	4 646 400	4 890 320	1 500 000	813 066	—
Prescribed officers					
Craig Bond³					
Cash value plan 2014 – 2016	2 100 000	2 730 000	—	2 100 000	—
Cash value plan 2015 – 2017	3 200 000	3 680 000	—	1 600 000	—
Cash value plan 2016 – 2018	4 080 000	4 488 000	—	1 360 000	—
Cash value plan 2017 – 2019	—	—	2 760 000	—	—
Restricted award 2016 ¹	3 000 000	3 000 000	—	—	—
Total	12 380 000	13 898 000	2 760 000	5 060 000	—
Nomkhita Nqweni⁴					
Cash value plan 2014 – 2016	600 000	780 000	—	600 000	—
Cash value plan 2015 – 2017	960 000	1 104 000	—	480 000	—
Cash value plan 2017 – 2019	—	—	1 950 000	—	—
Restricted award 2016 ¹	3 000 000	3 000 000	—	—	—
Total	4 560 000	4 884 000	1 950 000	1 080 000	—

Notes

¹ Due to JSE listing restrictions, the 2016 Restricted Award was made in cash but converted to equity 2017.

² Jason Quinn's outstanding cash-based long-term awards include awards received prior to being appointed as an Executive Director in 2016.

³ Craig Bond stepped down from the BAGL Exco effective 16 May 2017. The number of share awards as at 31 Dec 2017 have been disclosed although Craig Bond is no longer a prescribed officer.

⁴ Nomkhita Nqweni's outstanding share-based long-term incentives include awards received prior to being appointed as a Prescribed Officer on 1 October 2015.

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Group 2017

Converted to Equity R	Service credit awarded in the year R	Service credit released in the year R	Service credit forfeited in the year R	Value under award at 31 December 2017 R	Maximum potential value at 31 December 2017 R	Last scheduled vesting date
—	—	660 000	—	—	—	2017/03/01
—	450 000	—	—	4 500 000	4 950 000	2022/03/01
8 000 000	—	—	—	—	—	2018/09/30
8 000 000	450 000	660 000	—	4 500 000	4 950 000	
—	—	510 000	—	—	—	2017/03/01
—	435 000	—	—	4 350 000	4 785 000	2022/03/01
7 000 000	—	—	—	—	—	2018/09/30
7 000 000	435 000	510 000	—	4 350 000	4 785 000	
—	120 000	—	—	1 200 000	1 320 000	2022/03/01
—	120 000	—	—	1 200 000	1 320 000	
—	—	73 920	—	—	—	2017/03/01
—	—	—	—	300 000	390 000	2018/03/01
—	—	—	—	533 334	613 334	2019/03/01
—	150 000	—	—	1 500 000	1 650 000	2022/03/01
3 000 000	—	—	—	—	—	2018/09/30
3 000 000	150 000	73 920	—	2 333 334	2 653 334	
—	—	630 000	—	—	—	2017/03/01
—	—	—	—	1 600 000	2 080 000	2018/03/01
—	—	—	—	2 720 000	3 128 000	2019/03/01
—	276 000	—	—	2 760 000	3 036 000	2022/03/01
3 000 000	—	—	—	—	—	2018/09/30
3 000 000	276 000	630 000	—	7 080 000	8 244 000	
—	—	180 000	—	—	—	2017/03/01
—	—	—	—	480 000	624 000	2018/03/01
—	195 000	—	—	1 950 000	2 145 000	2022/03/01
3 000 000	—	—	—	—	—	2018/09/30
3 000 000	195 000	180 000	—	2 430 000	2 769 000	

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66. Directors' and prescribed officers' remuneration *(continued)* *Outstanding cash-based long-term awards*

	Group 2016			
	Value under award at 1 January 2016 R	Maximum potential value at 1 January 2016 R	Value awarded in the year R	Value released in the year R
Executive directors				
Maria Ramos				
Cash value plan 2014 – 2016	4 400 000	5 060 000	—	2 200 000
One Africa Long-term incentive Plan 2012 – 2014 ²	2 285 714	2 285 714	—	2 285 714
Restricted award 2016 ¹	—	—	8 000 000	—
Total	6 685 714	7 345 714	8 000 000	4 485 714
David Hodnett				
Cash value plan 2014 – 2016	3 400 000	3 910 000	—	1 700 000
One Africa Long-term incentive Plan 2012 – 2014 ²	1 428 571	1 428 571	—	1 428 571
Restricted award 2016 ¹	—	—	7 000 000	—
Total	4 828 571	5 338 571	7 000 000	3 128 571
Jason Quinn³				
Cash value plan 2014 – 2016	492 800	566 720	—	246 400
Cash value plan 2015 – 2017	900 000	990 000	—	300 000
Cash value plan 2016 – 2018	—	—	800 000	—
Restricted award 2016 ¹	—	—	3 000 000	—
Total	1 392 800	1 556 720	3 800 000	546 400
Prescribed officers				
Craig Bond				
Cash value plan 2014 – 2016	4 200 000	4 830 000	—	2 100 000
Cash value plan 2015 – 2017	4 800 000	5 280 000	—	1 600 000
Cash value plan 2016 – 2018	—	—	4 080 000	—
Restricted award 2016 ¹	—	—	3 000 000	—
Total	9 000 000	10 110 000	7 080 000	3 700 000
Stephen van Coller⁴				
Cash value plan 2014 – 2016	4 300 000	4 945 000	—	2 150 000
One Africa Long-term incentive Plan 2012 – 2014 ²	1 428 571	1 428 571	—	1 428 571
Total	5 728 571	6 373 571	—	3 578 571
Nomkhita Nqweni⁵				
Cash value plan 2014 – 2016	1 200 000	1 380 000	—	600 000
Cash value plan 2015 – 2017	1 440 000	1 584 000	—	480 000
Restricted award 2016 ¹	—	—	3 000 000	—
Total	2 640 000	2 964 000	3 000 000	1 080 000

Notes

¹ Due to JSE listing restrictions, the 2016 Restricted Award was made in cash but converted to equity in 2017.

² The remaining value of the One Africa Long-term incentive plan 2012 – 2014 was released in June 2016 as shares.

³ Jason Quinn's outstanding cash-based long-term awards include awards received prior to being appointed as an Executive Director in 2016.

⁴ Resigned effective 30 September 2016. Stephen van Coller's other benefits include leave payouts following his resignation. No amounts were paid as compensation for loss of office.

⁵ Nomkhita Nqweni's outstanding share-based long-term incentives include awards received prior to being appointed as a Prescribed Officer on 1 October 2015.

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Value forfeited in the year R	Grant credit R	Group 2016		Last scheduled vesting date
		Value under award at 31 December 2016 R	Maximum potential value at 31 December 2016 R	
—	—	2 200 000	2 860 000	2017/03/01
—	—	—	—	2016/06/14
—	—	8 000 000	8 000 000	2018/09/30
—	—	10 200 000	10 860 000	
—	—	1 700 000	2 210 000	2017/03/01
—	—	—	—	2016/06/14
—	—	7 000 000	7 000 000	2018/09/30
—	—	8 700 000	9 210 000	
—	—	246 400	320 320	2017/03/01
—	—	600 000	690 000	2018/03/01
—	80 000	800 000	880 000	2019/03/01
—	—	3 000 000	3 000 000	2018/09/30
—	80 000	4 646 400	4 890 320	
—	—	2 100 000	2 730 000	2017/03/01
—	—	3 200 000	3 680 000	2018/03/01
—	408 000	4 080 000	4 488 000	2019/03/01
—	—	3 000 000	3 000 000	2018/09/30
—	408 000	12 380 000	13 898 000	
—	—	2 150 000	2 795 000	2017/03/01
—	—	—	—	2016/06/14
—	—	2 150 000	2 795 000	
—	—	600 000	780 000	2017/03/01
—	—	960 000	1 104 000	2018/03/01
—	—	3 000 000	3 000 000	2018/09/30
—	—	4 560 000	4 884 000	

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66. Directors' and prescribed officers' remuneration *(continued)* *Group Chairman and non-executive directors' fees*

	Group					Total R
	2017					
	Subsidiary boards and committees					
Group Board R	Group Board committees and sub-committees ⁵ R	Absa Bank R	Absa Financial Services R	Other R		
Alex Darko ^{8,11}	560 419	810 593	—	—	6 715	1 377 727
Ashok Vaswani ^{4,7}	253 679	200 979	—	—	—	454 658
Colin Beggs ^{9,11}	560 419	1 608 138	171 664	208 667	161 511	2 710 399
Dhanasagree (Daisy) Naidoo	560 419	452 211	—	—	—	1 012 630
Daniel (Dan) Hodge ^{3,7}	373 737	199 340	—	—	—	573 077
Francis Okomo-Okello	560 419	116 599	—	—	—	677 018
Mark Merson ^{6,7}	560 419	437 540	—	—	—	997 959
Mohamed Husain ¹¹	560 419	1 144 452	171 664	—	—	1 876 535
Monwabisi Fandeso ⁵	176 293	79 347	—	—	—	255 640
Patrick Clackson ^{2,7,11}	165 532	128 960	—	—	—	294 492
Paul O'Flaherty ¹¹	518 119	1 402 521	171 664	—	—	2 092 304
René van Wyk ^{1,11}	519 036	1 409 642	157 953	—	—	2 086 631
Trevor Munday ¹¹	539 269	872 658	171 664	—	—	1 583 591
Wendy Lucas-Bull (Group Chairman) ¹⁰	5 707 950	146 760	—	—	—	5 854 710
Yolanda Cuba ¹¹	560 419	497 480	—	—	—	1 057 899
Total	12 176 548	9 507 220	844 609	208 667	168 226	22 905 270

	Group					Total R
	2016					
	Subsidiary boards and committees					
Group Board R	Group Board committees and sub-committees ⁵ R	Absa Bank R	Absa Financial Services R	Other R		
Alex Darko ^{8,11}	518 520	561 110	—	—	16 113	1 095 743
Ashok Vaswani ^{4,7}	486 497	377 370	—	—	—	863 867
Colin Beggs ^{9,11}	518 520	1 710 624	161 187	209 612	140 302	2 740 245
Dhanasagree (Daisy) Naidoo	341 729	258 391	—	—	—	600 120
Francis Okomo-Okello	518 520	109 485	—	—	—	628 005
Mark Merson ^{6,7}	486 497	389 866	—	—	—	876 363
Mohamed Husain ¹¹	518 520	1 376 010	161 187	—	—	2 055 717
Patrick Clackson ^{2,7,11}	486 497	365 717	—	—	—	852 214
Paul O'Flaherty ¹¹	479 662	915 411	148 313	—	—	1 543 386
Peter Matlare ⁵	279 581	87 945	—	—	—	367 526
Trevor Munday ¹¹	518 520	1 551 760	161 187	—	—	2 231 467
Wendy Lucas-Bull (Chairman) ¹⁰	5 275 300	—	—	—	—	5 275 300
Yolanda Cuba ¹¹	518 520	467 814	78 921	—	—	1 065 255
Total	10 946 883	8 171 503	710 795	209 612	156 415	20 195 208

Notes

¹ René van Wyk joined the Board on 1 February 2017.

² Patrick Clackson resigned from the Board on 30 April 2017.

³ Dan Hodge joined the Board on 1 May 2017.

⁴ Ashok Vaswani resigned from the Board on 30 June 2017.

⁵ Monwabisi Fandeso joined the Board on 1 September 2017.

⁶ Mark Merson remained on the Board as a Non-executive Director after his departure from Barclays PLC.

⁷ Fees are paid to Barclays PLC and not to the individual.

⁸ Member of the Share Incentive Trust (reported under Other).

⁹ Member of the Group Actuarial Committee and/or AFS Audit Risk and Compliance Committee (under Absa Financial Services); and a Trustee of the Absa Group Pension Fund (reported under Other).

¹⁰ Fee applicable to the Group Chairman, which covers chairmanship and membership of all Board committees and sub-committees including the Chairman of the Absa Bank and Absa Financial Services boards. A decision was taken by the Directors' Affairs Committee in early 2017 to provide the Chairman with compensation for the attendances at the Separation Oversight Committee, which is a special committee established in relation to the Barclays PLC sell-down, on an equivalent basis to the other members.

¹¹ Chairmen of sub-committees receive additional fees. The GACC, GRMCM, Remco and SEC Chairmen receive fees equal to two and a half times (2.5x) the fee payable to members of these committees.

Annexure A: Embedded value report for Life Insurance entities (unaudited)

Scope of the embedded value report

This report deals with the embedded value of the life insurance entities (including Absa Life Limited, Barclays Life Botswana Proprietary Limited, Barclays Life Zambia Limited, Global Alliance Seguros S.A., Barclays Life Assurance Kenya, Woolworths Financial Services and Instant Life), including the value of new business written during the current reporting period in respect of these entities.

The embedded value as at 31 December 2017 has been calculated in accordance with the principles contained in the Actuarial Society of South Africa's guidance note APN 107: Embedded value reporting.

Embedded value

The present value of in-force covered business (PVIF) is the discounted value of the projected stream of future after tax shareholder profits arising in the company's accounts from covered business in force at the valuation date. Covered business is taken to be all long-term insurance business written on the company's licences.

The free surplus is the excess of assets over the sum of liabilities and required capital, with assets at market value and liabilities on the statutory valuation method, adjusted to add back inadmissible assets. The required capital is taken to be two times the statutory capital adequacy requirement, in line with the results of internal capital models and the company's dividend policy.

Value of new business

The value of new business is the discounted value, at the date of sale, of the projected after tax shareholder profits from new covered business (net of the opportunity cost of the required capital for new business). New covered business is defined as long-term insurance contracts written by the respective life insurance licenses during the financial year and for which at least one premium has been recognised in the financial statements. The value of new business is calculated using closing assumptions for all basis items.

Embedded value and value of new business

	Group	
	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
Free surplus ¹	497	507
Required capital	917	862
Covered business adjusted net worth (ANW)	1 414	1 369
Present value of in-force business (PVIF)	4 408	3 763
Cost of required capital (CoC)	(275)	(282)
Total embedded value (EV)	5 547	4 850
Value of new business (before CoC)	636	579
CoC	(36)	(32)
Value of new business (VNB)	600	547
Present value of future premiums (gross of reinsurance premiums)	5 926	10 890
Value of new business as a percentage of the present value of future premiums ²		
All business (%)	10,1	5,0
Excluding investment business (%)	17,2	17,6

Notes

¹ A full year dividend of R763m (2016: R779m) was proposed for the reporting period ended 31 December 2017.

² Reported gross of reinsurance premiums.

Annexure A: Embedded value report for Life Insurance entities (unaudited)

Assumptions

The value of the covered in-force and new business is determined using assumptions regarding future mortality, morbidity, discontinuance rates and expenses which all equal the 'best estimate' assumptions used in the statutory valuation. These assumptions were based on recent experience investigations.

For Absa Life Limited, the government bond curve is used to determine the risk free rate of return assumptions and the assumed returns on the other asset classes are calculated using a constant differential from the risk free rate curve. The economic assumptions used including certain representative points on the risk free curve are as follows (gross of tax where applicable):

	2017 Absa Life Limited Rm	2016 Absa Life Limited Rm
Risk-free rate of return:		
1-year term	7,26	7,97
5-year term	8,08	8,6
10-year term	9,29	9,3
20-year term	10,45	10,22
Equity return differential	3,36	3,36
Cash return differential	(2,00)	(2,00)
Overall investment return differential	(0,44)	(0,44)
Risk discount rate differential	3,15	3,15

For the non South-African life licences, all values are discounted using an assumed country-specific risk discount rate. Each risk discount rate was set equal to the country-specific risk-free rate of return plus the fixed beta percentage of 90% multiplied by the assumed equity risk premium of 3,5%, plus a further company risk specific margin of 0,25%. The economic assumptions used including the country-specific risk free rates for the non South-African life insurance entities are as follows (gross of tax where applicable):

	2017				2016			
	Barclays Life Botswana Proprietary Limited Rm	Barclays Life Zambia Limited Rm	Global Alliance Seguros S.A. Rm	Barclays Life Assurance Kenya Limited Rm	Barclays Life Botswana Proprietary Limited Rm	Barclays Life Zambia Limited Rm	Global Alliance Seguros S.A. Rm	Barclays Life Kenya Limited Rm
Risk-free rate of return	4,0	21,5	20,0	12,5	4,5	26,5	10,0	12,5
Equity return – unhedged	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Cash return	4,0	19,0	18,0	0,0	4,5	24,0	8,0	0,0
Overall investment return	2,0	19,0	20,0	12,5	2,5	24,0	10,0	12,5
Risk discount rate	7,4	22,4	23,4	15,9	7,9	27,4	13,4	15,9
Expense inflation	2,9	6,3	15,0	9,5	3,0	7,5	7,0	9,5

Sensitivities

The following table summarises the sensitivity of the embedded value and value of new business calculation of Absa Life Limited (South Africa) to changes in the underlying assumptions. In each of the scenarios, no offsetting management actions were assumed to occur.

Percentage change	Group 2017							
	Risk discount rate +1%	Interest rates -1%	Equity capital values x 0,9	Equity returns +1%	Mortality/ morbidity x 0,9	Mainte- nance expenses x 0,9	Lapse/ surrender x 0,9	Initial expenses x 0,9
ANW	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	n/a
PVIF	(4,6)	3,3	(1,3)	0,3	3,7	2,0	4,6	n/a
CoC	12,5	3,6	0,0	(5,2)	0,0	0,0	10,7	n/a
EV	(4,1)	2,5	(1,0)	0,4	3,0	1,6	3,2	n/a
VNB	(5,0)	-5,3	(0,1)	0,1	3,8	2,3	11,1	3,0

Annexure A: Embedded value report for Life Insurance entities (unaudited)

Sensitivities (continued)

Percentage change	2016							
	Risk discount rate +1%	Interest rates -1%	Equity capital values x 0,9	Equity returns +1%	Mortality/morbidity x 0,9	Maintenance expenses x 0,9	Lapse/surrender x 0,9	Initial expenses x 0,9
ANW	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	n/a
PVIF	(4,7)	3,0	(1,8)	0,3	3,7	2,2	4,6	n/a
CoC	10,3	12,9	0,0	(5,2)	3,2	0,0	11,6	n/a
EV	(4,2)	1,5	(1,4)	0,5	2,7	1,7	3,0	n/a
VNB	(4,4)	3,5	0,3	0,1	3,0	2,1	9,1	2,3

The development of the embedded value of Absa Life Limited (South Africa) can be analysed as follows:

	Group	
	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
Embedded value at the end of the reporting period	4 853	4 279
Dividends accrued or paid	823	829
Embedded value at the beginning of the reporting period	(4 279)	(3 936)
Embedded value earnings	1 397	1 172
Components of embedded value earnings:		
Value of new business at point of sale	532	517
Expected return on covered business (unwinding)	365	332
Operating experience variances	152	161
Operating assumption and model changes	(59)	12
Modelling net of tax	42	4
Release of gross-up reserve	6	2
Expected return on ANW	90	102
Embedded value operating return	1 128	1 130
Investment return variances on in-force covered business	4	4
Investment return variances on ANW	(1)	(27)
Effect of economic assumption changes	267	65
Embedded value earnings	1 398	1 172
Return on embedded value (%)	33	30

Review by the independent actuaries

The embedded value and the value of new business written during the year have been reviewed and agreed by the independent consulting actuaries, Deloitte and Touche.

Company statement of financial position

as at 31 December

	Note	Company	
		2017 Rm	2016 Rm
Assets			
Loans and advances to banks	2	954	620
Investment securities	3	375	360
Other assets	4	—	290
Current tax assets		32	—
Deferred tax assets	9	68	70
Subsidiaries	5	67 852	59 536
Total assets		69 281	60 876
Liabilities			
Other liabilities	6	208	299
Borrowed funds	7	12 741	10 557
Debt securities in issue	8	132	200
Current tax liabilities		—	25
Total liabilities		13 081	11 081
Equity			
Capital and reserves			
Attributable to ordinary equity holders of the Company:			
Ordinary share capital	10	1 696	1 696
Ordinary share premium	10	23 786	23 786
Retained earnings		29 218	24 313
Total equity		54 700	49 795
Non-controlling interest – Additional Tier 1 Capital	11	1 500	—
Total equity and liabilities		69 281	60 876

Company statement of comprehensive income

for the reporting period ended 31 December

	Note	Company	
		2017 Rm	2016 Rm
Net interest income	12	24	159
Non-interest income			
Gains and losses from investment activities	13	13 424	9 172
Other operating income	14	48	
Total income		13 496	9 331
Operating expenses		524	(547)
Operating expenses	15	31	(410)
Other impairments	16	493	(63)
Indirect taxation	17	—	(74)
Operating profit before income tax		14 020	8 784
Taxation expense	18	(208)	(130)
Profit for the reporting period		13 812	8 654
Ordinary equity holders		13 764	8 654
Non-controlling interest Additional Tier 1 Capital		48	—
		13 812	8 654
Earnings per share			
Basic earnings per share	19	1 623,5	1 020,8
Diluted earnings per share	19	1 623,5	1 020,8

	Note	Company	
		2017 Rm	2016 Rm
Profit for the reporting period		13 812	8 654
Other comprehensive income			
Total items that are or may be reclassified to profit or loss			
Movement in cash flow hedging reserve		—	—
Fair value (losses)/gains arising during the reporting period		—	8
Amount removed from other comprehensive income and recognised in profit or loss		—	(8)
Deferred tax		—	—
Total comprehensive income		13 812	8 654
Ordinary equity holders		13 764	8 654
Non-controlling interest Additional Tier 1 Capital		48	—
		13 812	8 654

Company statement of cash flows

for the reporting period ended 31 December

		Company	
	Note	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
Cash flow from operating activities			
Net interest (paid)/received		(72)	226
Cash payments to employees and suppliers		158	(484)
Dividends received from investment activities		13 345	9 141
Income taxes paid		(262)	(173)
Cash flow from operating activities before changes in operating assets and liabilities		13 169	8 710
Increase in investment securities		(15)	(117)
Decrease in other assets		290	—
Decrease in debt securities in issue		(68)	(12)
Decrease in other liabilities		(92)	(210)
Net cash generated from operating activities		13 284	8 371
Cash flow from investing activities			
Increase in investment in subsidiaries		(7 823)	(6 371)
Net cash utilised in investing activities		(7 823)	(6 371)
Cash flow from financing activities			
Dividends paid		(8 859)	(8 562)
Proceeds from borrowed funds		2 841	3 697
Repayment of borrowed funds		(561)	—
Issue of Additional Tier 1 Capital		1 500	—
Distributions paid to Tier 1 Capital holders		(48)	—
Net cash utilised in financing activities		(5 127)	(4 865)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		334	(2 865)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		620	3 485
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period	2	954	620

Notes to the Company financial statements

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1. Accounting policies

The financial statements of the Company are prepared according to the same accounting principles used in preparing the consolidated financial statements of the Group. For detailed accounting policies, refer to the Group's financial statements.

	Company 2017 Rm	2016 Rm
2. Loans and advances to banks		
Subsidiary companies	954	620

All the aforementioned loans are at variable rates.

	Company 2017 Rm	2016 Rm
3. Investment securities		
Debt securities	375	360

	Company 2017 Rm	2016 Rm
4. Other assets		
Accrued dividends	—	219
Other	—	71
	—	290

	Company 2017 Rm	2016 Rm
5. Subsidiaries		
Equity investments	55 268	50 598
Impairment allowance of equity investments	(327)	(820)
	54 941	49 778
Debt instruments	12 911	9 758
	67 852	59 536

The increase in debt instruments is related to borrowed funds issued by the Company's Subsidiaries as qualifying Tier 2 capital.

During the current year, the investment in subsidiaries increased mainly as a result of the Company acquiring additional 'A' ordinary shares in Absa Bank Limited for **R3,5bn** (2016: R3,5bn) and Tier 1 capital for R1,5bn.

	Company 2017 Rm	2016 Rm
6. Other liabilities		
Unclaimed dividends	208	210
Other	—	89
	208	299

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			Company	
			2017 Rm	2016 Rm
7. Borrowed funds				
<i>Subordinated callable notes issued by Barclays Africa Group Limited</i>				
The following subordinated debt instruments qualify as Tier 2 capital in terms of the Basel III.				
Interest rate	Final maturity date	Note		
10,05%	5 February 2025	i	807	807
10,835%	19 November 2024	ii	130	130
11,365%	4 September 2025	iii	508	508
11,40%	29 September 2025	iv	288	288
11,74%	20 August 2026	v	140	140
11,81%	3 September 2027	vi	737	737
12,43%	5 May 2026	vii	200	200
Three-month Johannesburg Interbank Agreed rate (JIBAR)				
Three-month JIBAR + 3,30%	19 November 2024	viii	370	370
Three-month JIBAR + 3,50%	5 February 2025	ix	1 693	1 693
Three-month JIBAR + 3,50%	4 September 2025	x	437	437
Three-month JIBAR + 3,60%	3 September 2027	xi	30	30
Three-month JIBAR + 4,00%	5 May 2026	xii	31	31
Three-month JIBAR + 4,00%	20 August 2026	xiii	1 510	1 510
Three-month JIBAR + 4,00%	3 November 2026	xiv	500	500
Three-month JIBAR + 3,78%	17 March 2027	xv	642	—
Three-month JIBAR + 3,85%	25 May 2027	xvi	500	—
Three-month JIBAR + 3,85%	14 August 2029	xvii	390	—
Three-month JIBAR + 3,15%	30 September 2027	xviii	295	—
Three-month JIBAR + 3,45%	29 September 2029	xix	1 014	—
Accrued interest			180	166
			10 402	7 547
<i>Non-subordinated debt extended by Barclays Africa Group Limited</i>				
Three-month JIBAR + 1,31%	11 June 2020	xx	58	58
Three-month JIBAR + 1,40%	15 January 2021	xxi	114	114
Three-month JIBAR + 0,90%	30 November 2017	xxii	—	211
Three-month JIBAR + 1,265%	30 January 2020	xxiii	301	301
Three-month JIBAR + 1,20%	29 July 2019	xxiv	516	516
Three-month JIBAR + 1,12%	29 January 2019	xxv	179	179
Three-month JIBAR + 0,55%	8 March 2017	xxvi	—	350
Three-month LIBOR + 0,87%	26 March 2020	xxvii	618	596
Three-month LIBOR + 0,92%	30 March 2021	xxviii	124	149
Three-month LIBOR + 0,89%	27 January 2021	xxix	371	492
Accrued interest			58	44
			2 339	3 010
			12 741	10 557

Included in interest paid on the statement of cash flows is **R1 055m** (2016: R570m) interest on borrowed funds.

- i. The 10,05% fixed rate notes may be redeemed in full at the option of Barclays Africa Group Limited on 5 February 2020. Interest is paid semi-annually in arrears on 5 February and 5 August. Barclays Africa Group Limited has an option to exercise the redemption on any interest payment date after 5 February 2020. If Barclays Africa Group Limited does not exercise the redemption option, there is no step-up in the coupon rate.
- ii. The 10,835% fixed rate notes may be redeemed in full at the option of Barclays Africa Group Limited on 19 November 2019. Interest is paid semi-annually in arrears on 19 May and 19 November. Barclays Africa Group Limited has an option to exercise the redemption on any interest payment date after 19 November 2019. There is no step-up in the coupon rate if Barclays Africa Group Limited does not exercise the redemption option.
- iii. The 11,365% fixed rate notes may be redeemed in full at the option of Barclays Africa Group Limited on 4 September 2020. Interest is paid semi-annually in arrears on 4 March and 4 September. Barclays Africa Group Limited has the option to exercise the redemption on any interest payment date after 4 September 2020. If Barclays Africa Group Limited does not exercise the redemption option, there is no step-up in the coupon rate.

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7. Borrowed funds *(continued)*

- iv. The 11,40% fixed rate notes may be redeemed in full at the option of Barclays Africa Group Limited on 29 September 2020. Interest is paid semi-annually in arrears on 29 March and 29 September. Barclays Africa Group Limited has an option to exercise the redemption on any interest payment date after 29 September 2020. If Barclays Africa Group Limited does not exercise the redemption option, there is no step-up in the coupon rate.
- v. The 11,74% fixed rate notes may be redeemed in full at the option of Barclays Africa Group Limited on 20 August 2021. Interest is paid semi-annually in arrears on 20 August and 20 February. Barclays Africa Group Limited has an option to exercise the redemption on any interest payment date after 20 August 2021. If Barclays Africa Group Limited does not exercise the redemption option, there is no step-up in the coupon rate.
- vi. The 11,81% fixed rate notes may be redeemed in full at the option of Barclays Africa Group Limited on 3 September 2022. Interest is paid semi-annually in arrears on 3 March and 3 September. Barclays Africa Group Limited has the option to exercise the redemption on any interest payment date after 3 September 2022. If Barclays Africa Group Limited does not exercise the redemption option, there is no step-up in the coupon rate.
- iv. The 11,40% fixed rate notes may be redeemed in full at the option of Barclays Africa Group Limited on 29 September 2020. Interest is paid semi-annually in arrears on 29 March and 29 September. Barclays Africa Group Limited has an option to exercise the redemption on any interest payment date after 29 September 2020. If Barclays Africa Group Limited does not exercise the redemption option, there is no step-up in the coupon rate.
- v. The 11,74% fixed rate notes may be redeemed in full at the option of Barclays Africa Group Limited on 20 August 2021. Interest is paid semi-annually in arrears on 20 August and 20 February. Barclays Africa Group Limited has an option to exercise the redemption on any interest payment date after 20 August 2021. If Barclays Africa Group Limited does not exercise the redemption option, there is no step-up in the coupon rate.
- vi. The 11,81% fixed rate notes may be redeemed in full at the option of Barclays Africa Group Limited on 3 September 2022. Interest is paid semi-annually in arrears on 3 March and 3 September. Barclays Africa Group Limited has the option to exercise the redemption on any interest payment date after 3 September 2022. If Barclays Africa Group Limited does not exercise the redemption option, there is no step-up in the coupon rate.
- vii. The 12,43% fixed rate notes may be redeemed in full at the option of Barclays Africa Group Limited on 5 May 2021. Interest is paid semi-annually in arrears on 5 May and 5 November. Barclays Africa Group Limited has the option to exercise the redemption on any interest payment date after 5 May 2021. If Barclays Africa Group Limited does not exercise the redemption option, there is no step-up in the coupon rate.
- viii. The three month JIBAR plus 3,30% floating rate notes may be redeemed in full at the option of Barclays Africa Group Limited on 19 November 2019. Interest is paid quarterly in arrears on 19 February, 19 May, 19 August and 19 November. Barclays Africa Group Limited has the option to exercise the redemption on any interest payment date after 19 November 2019. If Barclays Africa Group Limited does not exercise the redemption option, there is no step-up in the coupon rate.
- ix. The three month JIBAR plus 3,50% floating rate notes may be redeemed in full at the option of Barclays Africa Group Limited on 5 February 2020. Interest is paid quarterly in arrears on 5 February, 5 May, 5 August and 5 November. Barclays Africa Group Limited has the option to exercise the redemption on any interest payment date after 5 February 2020. If Barclays Africa Group Limited does not exercise the redemption option, there is no step-up in the coupon rate.
- x. The three month JIBAR plus 3,50% floating rate notes may be redeemed in full at the option of Barclays Africa Group Limited on 4 September 2020. Interest is paid quarterly in arrears on 4 March, 4 June, 4 September and 4 December. Barclays Africa Group Limited has the option to exercise the redemption on any interest payment date after 4 September 2020. If Barclays Africa Group Limited does not exercise the redemption option, there is no step-up in the coupon rate.
- xi. The three month JIBAR plus 3,60% floating rate notes may be redeemed in full at the option of Barclays Africa Group Limited on 3 September 2022. Interest is paid quarterly in arrears on 3 March, 3 June, 3 September and 3 December. Barclays Africa Group Limited has the option to exercise the redemption on any interest payment date after 3 September 2022. If Barclays Africa Group Limited does not exercise the redemption option, there is no step-up in the coupon rate.
- xii. The three month JIBAR plus 4,00% floating rate notes may be redeemed in full at the option of Barclays Africa Group Limited on 5 May 2021. Interest is paid quarterly in arrears on 5 February, 5 May, 5 August and 5 November. Barclays Africa Group Limited has the option to exercise the redemption on any interest payment date after 5 May 2021. If Barclays Africa Group Limited does not exercise the redemption option, there is no step-up in the coupon rate.
- xiii. The three month JIBAR plus 4,00% floating rate notes may be redeemed in full at the option of Barclays Africa Group Limited on 20 August 2021. Interest is paid quarterly in arrears on 20 February, 20 May, 20 August and 20 November. Barclays Africa Group Limited has the option to exercise the redemption on any interest payment date after 20 August 2021. If Barclays Africa Group Limited does not exercise the redemption option, there is no step-up in the coupon rate.
- xiv. The three month JIBAR plus 4,00% floating rate notes may be redeemed in full at the option of Barclays Africa Group Limited on 3 November 2021. Interest is paid quarterly in arrears on 3 February, 3 May, 3 August and 3 November. Barclays Africa Group Limited has the option to exercise the redemption on any interest payment date after 3 November 2021. If Barclays Africa Group Limited does not exercise the redemption option, there is no step-up in the coupon rate.
- xv. The three month JIBAR plus 3,78% floating rate notes may be redeemed in full at the option of Barclays Africa Group Limited on 17 March 2022. Interest is paid quarterly in arrears on 17 March, 17 June, 17 September, 17 December. Barclays Africa Group Limited has the option to exercise the redemption on any interest payment date after 17 March 2022. If Barclays Africa Group Limited does not exercise the redemption option, there is no step-up in the coupon rate.

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- xvi. The three month JIBAR plus 3,85% floating rate notes may be redeemed in full at the option of Barclays Africa Group Limited on 25 May 2022. Interest is paid quarterly in arrears on 25 February, 25 May, 25 August, 25 November. Barclays Africa Group Limited has the option to exercise the redemption on any interest payment date after 25 May 2022. If Barclays Africa Group Limited does not exercise the redemption option, there is no step-up in the coupon rate
- xvii. The three month JIBAR plus 3,85% floating rate notes may be redeemed in full at the option of Barclays Africa Group Limited on 14 August 2024. Interest is paid quarterly in arrears on 14 February, 14 May, 14 August, 14 November. Barclays Africa Group Limited has the option to exercise the redemption on any interest payment date after 14 August 2024. If Barclays Africa Group Limited does not exercise the redemption option, there is no step-up in the coupon rate
- xviii. The three month JIBAR plus 3,15% floating rate notes may be redeemed in full at the option of Barclays Africa Group Limited on 30 September 2022. Interest is paid quarterly in arrears on 30 March, 30 June, 30 September, 30 December. Barclays Africa Group Limited has the option to exercise the redemption on any interest payment date after 30 September 2022. If Barclays Africa Group Limited does not exercise the redemption option, there is no step-up in the coupon rate
- xix. The three month JIBAR plus 3,45% floating rate notes may be redeemed in full at the option of Barclays Africa Group Limited on 29 September 2024. Interest is paid quarterly in arrears on 29 March, 29 June, 29 September, 29 December. Barclays Africa Group Limited has the option to exercise the redemption on any interest payment date after 29 September 2024. If Barclays Africa Group Limited does not exercise the redemption option, there is no step-up in the coupon rate.
- xx. The three month JIBAR plus 1,31% floating rate notes are to be redeemed in full by Barclays Africa Group Limited on 11 June 2020. Interest is paid quarterly in arrears on 11 March, 11 June, 11 September and 11 December. Barclays Africa Group Limited may, if it gives Absa Bank Limited (the lender) not less than 20 business days' prior notice to cancel or pre-pay the whole or any part (being a minimum of R50 million) of the loan on the last day of any interest period or, if earlier, the date specified by Barclays Africa Group Limited in the notice delivered to Absa Bank Limited.
- xxi. The three month JIBAR plus 1,40% floating rate notes are to be redeemed in full at the option of Barclays Africa Group Limited on 15 January 2021. Interest is paid first on 31 May 2016 and after that annually 31 May. Barclays Africa Group Limited may, if it gives Absa Bank Limited (the lender) not less than 20 business days' prior notice to cancel or pre-pay the whole or any part (being a minimum of R50 million) of the loan on the last day of any interest period or, if earlier, the date specified by Barclays Africa Group Limited in the notice delivered to Absa Bank Limited.
- xxii. The three month JIBAR plus 0,90% floating rate notes were redeemed in full by Barclays Africa Group Limited on 30 November 2017. Interest was paid quarterly in arrears on 28 February, 30 May, 30 August and 30 November.
- xxiii. The three month JIBAR plus 1,265% floating rate notes are to be redeemed in full by Barclays Africa Group Limited on 30 January 2020. Interest is paid semi-annually in arrears on 30 January and 31 July. Barclays Africa Group Limited may, if it gives Absa Bank Limited (the lender) not less than 20 business days' prior notice to cancel or pre-pay the whole or any part (being a minimum of R100 million) of the loan on the last day of any interest period or, if earlier, the date specified by Barclays Africa Group Limited in the notice delivered to Absa Bank Limited.
- xxiv. The three month JIBAR plus 1,20% floating rate notes are to be redeemed in full by Barclays Africa Group Limited on 29 July 2019. Interest is paid semi-annually in arrears on 29 January and 29 July. Barclays Africa Group Limited may, if it gives Absa Bank Limited (the lender) not less than 20 business days' prior notice to cancel or pre-pay the whole or any part (being a minimum of R100 million) of the loan on the last day of any interest period or, if earlier, the date specified by Barclays Africa Group Limited in the notice delivered to Absa Bank Limited.
- xxv. The three month JIBAR plus 1,12% floating rate notes are to be redeemed in full by Barclays Africa Group Limited on 29 January 2019. Interest is paid semi-annually in arrears on 29 January and 29 July. Barclays Africa Group Limited may, if it gives Absa Bank Limited (the lender) not less than 20 business days' prior notice to cancel or pre-pay the whole or any part (being a minimum of R100 million) of the loan on the last day of any interest period or, if earlier, the date specified by Barclays Africa Group Limited in the notice delivered to Absa Bank Limited.
- xxvi. The three month JIBAR plus 0,55% floating rate notes were redeemed in full by Barclays Africa Group Limited on 8 March 2017. Interest was paid quarterly in arrears on 8 June, 8 September, 8 December and 8 March.
- xxvii. The three month LIBOR plus 0,87% floating rate notes are to be redeemed in full by Barclays Africa Group Limited on 26 March 2020. Interest is paid quarterly in arrears on 26 March, 26 June, 26 September and 26 December. Barclays Africa Group Limited may, if it gives Absa Bank Limited (the lender) not less than 20 business days' prior notice to cancel or pre-pay the whole or any part (being a minimum of USD 10 million) of the loan on the last day of any interest period or, if earlier, the date specified by Barclays Africa Group Limited in the notice delivered to Absa Bank Limited.
- xxviii. The three month LIBOR plus 0,92% floating rate notes are to be redeemed in full by Barclays Africa Group Limited on 30 March 2021. Interest is paid quarterly in arrears on 30 June, 30 September, 30 December and 30 March. Barclays Africa Group Limited may, if it gives Absa Bank Limited (the lender) not less than 20 business days' prior notice to cancel or pre-pay the whole or any part (being a minimum of USD 10 million) of the loan on the last day of any interest period or, if earlier, the date specified by Barclays Africa Group Limited in the notice delivered to Absa Bank Limited.
- xxix. The three month LIBOR plus 0,89% floating rate notes are to be redeemed in full by Barclays Africa Group Limited on 27 January 2021. Interest is paid quarterly in arrears on 27 April, 27 July, 27 October and 27 January. Barclays Africa Group Limited may, if it gives Absa Bank Limited (the lender) not less than 20 business days' prior notice to cancel or pre-pay the whole or any part (being a minimum of USD 10 million) of the loan on the last day of any interest period or, if earlier, the date specified by Barclays Africa Group Limited in the notice delivered to Absa Bank Limited.

Notes i to xix are listed on the Bond Exchange of South Africa (BESA).

In accordance with its MOI, the borrowing powers of Barclays Africa Group Limited are unlimited.

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	Company	
	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
8. Debt securities in issue		
Senior notes	132	200

	Company	
	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
9. Deferred tax		
<i>Reconciliation of net deferred tax asset</i>		
Balance at the beginning of the reporting period	70	25
Charge to profit or loss (refer to note 18)	(2)	45
Balance at the end of the year	68	70
<i>Deferred tax asset/(liability)</i>		
Tax effects of temporary differences between tax and book value for:		
Other	112	112
Exchange differences – unrealised	(44)	(42)
Net deferred tax asset	68	70

	Company	
	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
10. Share capital and premium		
<i>Ordinary share capital</i>		
<i>Authorised</i>		
880 467 500 (2016: 880 467 500) ordinary shares of R2,00 each	1 761	1 761
<i>Issued</i>		
847 750 679 (2016: 847 750 679) ordinary shares of R2,00 each	1 696	1 696
<i>Total issued capital</i>		
Share capital	1 696	1 696
Share premium	23 786	23 786
	25 482	25 482

Authorised shares

There were no changes to the authorised share capital during the current reporting period under review.

Unissued shares

The unissued shares are under the control of the directors, subject to a limit of 5% of issued ordinary share capital as at the reporting date, in terms of a general authority to allot and issue them on such terms and conditions and at such times as they deem fit. This authority expires at the forthcoming AGM of the Company.

Shares issued during the year under review

There were no shares issued during the current reporting period.

Shares issued during the prior year

There were no shares issued during the previous reporting period.

All shares issued by the Company were paid in full.

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	Company	
	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
11. Non-controlling interest – Additional		
Subordinated Callable notes issued by Barclays Africa Group Limited		
Interest rate		
Three month JIBAR + 5,65%		
Date of issue		
11 September 2017		
	1 500	—

The Additional Tier 1 Capital notes represent perpetual, subordinated instruments redeemable in full at the option of Barclays Africa Group Limited (the issuer) on 12 September 2022 subject to regulatory approval. Interest is paid at the discretion of the issuer and is non-cumulative. In addition, if certain conditions are reached, the regulator may prohibit the issuer from making interest payments. Accordingly, the instruments are classified as equity instruments.

	Company	
	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
12. Net interest income		
Net interest and similar income is earned from:		
Investment securities	26	33
Loans and advances to banks	10	31
Other interest	(12)	95
	24	159

	Company	
	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
13. Gains and losses from investment activities		
Dividends received from subsidiaries	13 424	9 172

	Company	
	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
14. Other operating income		
Sundry income	48	—

	Company	
	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
15. Operating expenses		
Administrative and other expenses	(31)	410

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	Company	
	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
16. Other impairments		
Investments in associates and joint ventures	—	16
Equity investment in subsidiaries	(493)	47
	(493)	63

In the current reporting period management re-assessed the impairment raised on the investment in Barclays Bank Mozambique and has reversed the impairment raised in 2015 as the entity is now in a profit position and is forecasting to remain profitable. The recoverable amount was determined using a value in use calculation.

	Company	
	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
17. Indirect taxation		
VAT net of input credits	—	74

	Company	
	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
18. Taxation expense		
<i>Current</i>		
Current tax	89	26
Current tax – previous reporting period	—	18
Foreign tax	117	131
	206	175
Deferred	2	(45)
Other	—	(70)
Exchange difference	2	25
	208	130

Reconciliation between operating profit before income tax and the taxation expense

Operating profit before income tax	14 020	8 784
Tax calculated at a tax rate of 28%	3 924	2 460
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	55	92
Income not subject to tax	(3 750)	(2 571)
Items of a capital nature	(138)	—
South African current taxation prior year	—	18
Foreign tax	117	131
	208	130

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	Company	
	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
19. Earnings per share		
<i>Basic and diluted earnings per share</i>		
Basic earnings per share is calculated by dividing the profit attributable to ordinary equity holders of the Company, obtained from the profit and loss component of the statement of comprehensive income, by the weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue during the year.		
Diluted earnings per share is determined by adjusting the profit or loss attributable to ordinary equity holders and the weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue for the effects of all dilutive potential ordinary shares, of which there are none.		
Basic and diluted earnings attributable to ordinary equity holders of the Company	13 764	8 654
Weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue (millions)	847,8	847,8
Issued shares at the beginning and end of the reporting period	847,8	847,8
Basic earnings per ordinary share/diluted earnings per ordinary share (cents)	1 623,5	1 020,8

	Company			
	2017		2016	
	Gross Rm	Net Rm	Gross Rm	Net Rm
20. Headline earnings				
<i>Headline earnings are determined as follows:</i>				
Profit attributable to ordinary equity holders of the Company		13 764		8 654
Total headline earnings adjustment:		(493)		63
IAS 36 – Impairment of investments in associates and joint ventures (refer to note 16)	—	—	16	16
IAS 36 – Impairment of investment in subsidiary (refer to note 16)	(493)	(493)	47	47
Headline earnings/diluted headline earnings		13 271		8 717
Headline earnings per ordinary share/diluted headline earnings per ordinary share (cents)		1 565,3		1 028,3

Note

¹ The dividend paid dates have been corrected to reflect date of payment. Previously these dates referred to date of declaration.

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	Company	
	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
21. Dividends per share		
<i>Dividends declared to ordinary equity holders</i>		
Interim dividend (28 July 2017: 475 cents) (29 July 2016: 450 cents)	4 027	3 900
Final dividend (1 March 2018: 595 cents) (23 February 2017: 570 cents)	5 044	4 832
	9 071	8 732
<i>Distributions declared to Additional Tier 1 Capital note holders</i>		
Distribution (12 December 2017)	48	—
<i>Dividends paid to ordinary equity holders¹</i>		
Final dividend (10 April 2017: 570 cents) (11 April 2016: 550 cents)	4 832	4 662
Interim dividend (11 September 2017: 475 cents) (12 September 2016: 460 cents)	4 027	3 900
	8 859	8 562
<i>Distributions paid to Additional Tier 1 Capital note holders</i>		
Distribution (12 December 2017)	48	—

	Company	
	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
22. Related parties		
Refer to note 49 of the Group's financial statements for the full disclosure of related-party transactions. In addition to this disclosure the following related party transactions and balances exist for the Company.		
22.1 Balances and transactions with subsidiaries		
Debit amounts are shown as positive, credit amounts are shown as negative.		
<i>Balances</i>		
Loans and advances to banks	954	620
Investment securities	375	360
Loans to subsidiaries	12 912	10 132
Other assets	—	290
Other liabilities	—	89
Borrowed funds	(2 339)	(3 010)
<i>Transactions</i>		
Interest and similar income	(1 021)	(843)
Interest expense and similar charges	25	29
Operating (recoveries)/expenses	(25)	112
Operating income	(48)	—
Dividends received	(13 424)	(9 172)

During the previous reporting period, Barclays Africa Limited declared a dividend in specie to the Company, consisting of shares in the following subsidiary: Barclays Bank of Zambia PLC.

Note

¹ The dividend paid dates have been corrected to reflect date of payment. Previously these dates referred to date of declaration.

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23. Risk management

In order to gain an understanding of the risk management framework applied by the Company please refer to note 63 of the Group's financial statements.

Credit risk	Company	
	2017 Gross maximum exposure – neither past due nor impaired Rm	2016 Gross maximum exposure – neither past due nor impaired Rm
<i>Maximum exposure to credit risk</i>		
Loans and advances to banks	954	620
Investment securities	375	360
Other assets	—	290
Subsidiaries	12 911	9 758
	14 240	11 028

23. Risk management (continued)

Liquidity risk

Analysis of liquidity risk:

Discounted maturity	Company				
	2017				
	On demand Rm	Within 1 year Rm	From 1 year to 5 years Rm	More than 5 years Rm	Total Rm
<i>Assets</i>					
Investment securities	—	—	—	375	375
Loans and advances to banks	954	—	—	—	954
Other financial assets	—	—	—	—	—
Subsidiaries	—	240	10 762	1 909	12 911
Financial assets	954	240	10 762	2 284	14 240
Non-financial assets					55 041
Total assets					69 281
<i>Liabilities</i>					
Other financial liabilities	208	—	—	—	208
Debt securities in issue	—	132	—	—	132
Borrowed funds	—	239	11 098	1 404	12 741
Financial liabilities	208	371	11 098	1 404	13 081
Non-financial liabilities					—
Total liabilities					13 081
Equity					56 200
Total equity and liabilities					69 281
Net liquidity position of financial instruments	746	(131)	(336)	880	1 159

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23. Risk management *(continued)*

Liquidity risk

Discounted maturity	Company 2016				Total Rm
	On demand Rm	Within 1 year Rm	From 1 year to 5 years Rm	More than 5 years Rm	
Assets					
Investment securities	—	—	—	360	360
Loans and advances to banks	620	—	—	—	620
Other financial assets	290	—	—	—	290
Subsidiaries	—	—	8 991	767	9 758
Financial assets	910	—	8 991	1 127	11 028
Non-financial assets	—	—	—	—	49 848
Total assets					60 876
Liabilities					
Other financial liabilities	299	—	—	—	299
Debt securities in issue	—	200	—	—	200
Borrowed funds	—	771	9 019	767	10 557
Financial liabilities	299	971	9 019	767	11 056
Non-financial liabilities	—	—	—	—	25
Total liabilities					11 081
Equity					49 795
Total equity and liabilities					60 876
Net liquidity position of financial instruments	611	(971)	(28)	360	(28)

Undiscounted maturity (statement of financial position value with impact of future interest)	Company 2017					Total Rm
	On demand Rm	Within 1 year Rm	From 1 year to 5 years Rm	More than 5 years Rm	Discount effect Rm	
Liabilities						
On-statement of financial position						
Other financial liabilities	208	—	—	—	—	208
Debt securities in issue	—	134	—	—	(2)	132
Borrowed funds	—	250	13 219	1 924	(2 652)	12 741
Financial liabilities	208	384	13 219	1 924	(2 654)	13 081
Non-financial liabilities	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total liabilities						13 081

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23. Risk management *(continued)*

Undiscounted maturity (statement of financial position value with impact of future interest)	2016					Total Rm
	On demand Rm	Within 1 year Rm	From 1 year to 5 years Rm	More than 5 years Rm	Discount effect Rm	
Liabilities						
On-statement of financial position						
Other financial liabilities	299	—	—	—	—	299
Debt securities in issue	—	214	—	—	(14)	200
Borrowed funds	—	590	14 182	1 709	(5 924)	10 557
Financial liabilities	299	804	14 182	1 709	(5 938)	11 056
Non-financial liabilities						25
Total liabilities						11 081

Market risk

Interest rate risk in the banking book
Impact on earnings

	2017			
	Change in market risk			
	200 bps decrease	100 bps decrease	100 bps increase	200 bps increase
Change in projected net interest income (Rm)	(8)	(4)	4	8
Percentage of the Company's net interest income (%)	(31)	(16)	16	31
With respect to investment securities balance	368	371	379	383

Interest rate risk in the banking book
Impact on earnings

	2016			
	Change in market risk			
	200 bps decrease	100 bps decrease	100 bps increase	200 bps increase
Change in projected net interest income (Rm)	(6)	(3)	3	6
Percentage of the Company's net interest income (%)	(4)	(2)	2	4
With respect to investment securities balance	354	357	363	366

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24. Fair value disclosures

24.1 Assets and liabilities not held at fair value

The following table summarises the carrying amounts and fair values of those assets and liabilities not held at fair value:

	Carrying value Rm	Fair value Rm	Company 2017		
			Carrying Level 1 Rm	Carrying Level 2 Rm	Carrying Level 3 Rm
Financial assets					
Loans and advances to banks	954	954	—	954	—
Subsidiaries	12 911	12 911	—	12 911	—
Total financial assets	13 865	13 865	—	13 865	—
Financial liabilities					
Debt securities in issue	132	132	—	132	—
Borrowed funds	12 741	12 741	—	12 741	—
Total financial liabilities	12 873	12 873	—	12 873	—

	Carrying value Rm	Fair value Rm	Company 2016		
			Carrying Level 1 Rm	Carrying Level 2 Rm	Carrying Level 3 Rm
Financial assets					
Loans and advances to banks	620	620	—	620	—
Subsidiaries	9 758	9 758	—	9 758	—
Total financial assets	10 378	10 378	—	10 378	—
Financial liabilities					
Debt securities in issue	200	200	—	200	—
Borrowed funds	10 557	10 557	—	10 557	—
Total financial liabilities	10 757	10 757	—	10 757	—

24.2 Assets and liabilities held at fair value

The Company holds investments in debt instruments which are measured at fair value.

The classification of instruments is based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety.

	Company 2017			Total Rm
	Valuations with reference to observable prices Level 1 Rm	Valuations based on observable inputs Level 2 Rm	Valuations based on unobservable inputs Level 3 Rm	
Investment securities	—	375	—	375
Company 2016				
	Valuations with reference to observable prices Level 1 Rm	Valuations based on observable inputs Level 2 Rm	Valuations based on unobservable inputs Level 3 Rm	Total Rm
Investment securities	—	360	—	360

Refer to note 1.2 of the Group's financial statements for valuation methodology and valuation techniques of fair value and non-fair value items

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25. Derivatives

Derivatives designated as cash flow hedging instruments to protect against foreign currency risk

During the current reporting period there were no cash flow hedges to protect against foreign currency risk. During the previous reporting period, forward exchange contracts were designated by the Company as cash flow hedges in mitigating potential cash flow variability that results from the Company's exposure to foreign currency dividends. Net gains of **Rnil** (2016: R8m) were recycled from other comprehensive income to profit or loss, and are presented within operating expenses.

26. Going concern

The directors assess the Company's future performance and financial position on an ongoing basis and have no reason to believe that the Company will not be a going concern in the reporting period ahead. For this reason, these financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis.

27. Events after the reporting period

The directors are not aware of any events after the reporting date of 31 December 2017 and the date of authorisation of these financial statements (as defined per IAS 10).
