



Absa Bank Limited

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





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Absa Bank 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 Control under the direction and supervision of the Barclays Africa Group Limited Financial Director, J P Quinn CA(SA).

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 pages 10 to 11, is made to distinguish, for the benefit of shareholders, the respective responsibilities of the directors and of the auditors in relation to the financial statements of Absa Bank Limited and its subsidiaries (the Bank).

The directors are responsible for overseeing the preparation, integrity and objectivity of the financial statements that fairly present the state of the affairs of the Bank and Absa Bank 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 Bank'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-statement 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 all 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 Bank 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 Bank'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 Capital Management Committee (GRCMC).
- The Board, through the GACC which is assigned 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 Bank's systems and processes appropriately reflect the current legal and regulatory environment, refer to note 47.
- The Bank 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 Bank 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 Bank 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 Bank and the Company is set out on pages 6 to 11 of this report.

The directors' report on pages 12 to 15 and the annual financial statements of the Bank 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 Bank. 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 Bank. Although certain material subsidiaries have separate audit committees, these fall under the ambit of oversight of the GACC, to which all major issues are escalated. The GACC, together with the chairman of the audit committees of the material subsidiaries, may review from time to time the control environment of these subsidiaries.

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 Bank's website¹.

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 Bank'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 Ernst & Young Inc. (EY) and KPMG Inc. (KPMG) as joint external auditors for the current reporting period;
- Ensured the appointment of the external auditors complied with the Companies Act, 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 on in the new format audit report to be disclosed 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 Bank's policy on non-audit services to be provided by the external auditors during the current reporting period;
- Approved proposed contracts with the external auditors for the provision of non-audit services falling within the scope of the policy concerning non-audit services. During the reporting period 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;
- Reviewed and approved the fees charged by the external auditors relating to the provision of non-audit services;
- Considered whether 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 Bank and the external auditors in relation to the Bank or any of its business units and subsidiaries;
- Following the appointment of KPMG as one of the Bank's joint auditors for the reporting period ended 31 December 2017, the Committee ensured that KPMG obtained independence from the Bank by 30 June 2016, enabling it to familiarise itself with the Bank 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 Bank 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; and
- 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 quality and the level of technical expertise and challenge to management.

In respect of the financial statements and accounting practices:

- Confirmed the use of 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;

Note

¹ The Absa Bank Limited website can be accessed at www.absa.co.za.

Group Audit and Compliance Committee report

Activities of the GACC *(continued)*

- 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;
- Considered the accounting policies and practices and the controls of the Bank 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 Bank's business, but which are referred to the Committee by the Board or management;
- Noted the new requirements of the revised auditor reporting standards issued by the Internal Auditing and Assurance Board; and
- Considered the valuation of investments of the Bank and Absa Bank Limited and recommended it to the Board for approval.

In respect of internal control and internal audit:

- Reviewed and approved the updated ABSA Bank Limited Internal Audit (IA) charter, noting the changes to the purpose, authority and responsibility of Internal Audit (IA);
- Reviewed the current reporting period's internal audit plan, including the adequacy of IA's 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;
- Ensured adequate time was set aside for private discussions with the Chief Internal Auditor and Chief Compliance Officer;
- 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 staff 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 Bank;
- IA continues to review the Bank'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. IA actively encourages completion of ongoing remediation initiatives and embedment of controls, and of the principles of the Enterprise Risk Management Framework (ERMF), to ensure that the improved control environment rating is not only maintained, but also strengthened;
- The principle and practices of King IV revolve around the role and responsibilities of the Bank's governance forums. IA have audited the processes followed to ensure that the Board and Board committees apply the King IV principles; and
- 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 Bank's compliance monitoring plan, compliance methodology and structure, the Bank's compliance coverage plan and the Bank's compliance charter;
- Reviewed compliance practices and procedures for enabling the directors of the Bank 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 Bank 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 III, 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 private 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 Bank, the content or auditing of the Bank's financial statements, the internal financial controls of the Bank or any related matters (including internal, anonymous complaints from employees or any other person);
- Considered any significant compliance risk matters reported by Group Compliance and monitored progress in rectifying these matters;

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Activities of the GACC *(continued)*

- 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 Bank governance structures;
- Reviewed and monitored the Bank's approach to, and compliance with, section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act (SOx);
- Reviewed, on a regular basis, the SOX control environment and monitored its alignment with the risk and control assessments;
- Reviewed the Bank's Compliance report on the overall status of compliance in the Bank and any significant breakdowns that caused or could cause material loss or penalty; and
- Ensured that appropriate training is provided to the GACC and the Bank'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 GRCMC, oversaw the plan and progress of management in improving compliance in respect of Know Your Customer and Anti-money Laundering requirements;
- Monitored governance around the combined assurance framework, including the status of the combined assurance model; and
- The Bank has established the 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 Bank, especially the resilience of core infrastructure to protect against increasingly sophisticated cyber-crime.

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:

- Considered and approved the GACC report within the annual financial statements in compliance with the Companies Act; and
- Considered and approved the proposal by management on the combined assurance approach for published, annual and external interim reports.

Regulatory and corporate governance requirements

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

- The appointed external auditors are duly accredited as independent 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 Bank.

Independence of the external auditors

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

- Representations from EY and KPMG 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 EY or KPMG 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 Bank; 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.

Group Audit and Compliance Committee report

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 Bank.

The GACC reviewed the Bank 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

C Beggs

Chairman of the GACC

Johannesburg

28 February 2018

Company Secretary's certificate to the shareholders of Absa Bank Limited

In accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act, I certify that, in respect of the reporting period 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 Absa Bank Limited

Report on the audit of the consolidated and separate financial statements

Opinion

We have audited the consolidated and separate financial statements of Absa Bank Limited (the Group and Company) set out on pages 16 to 208, 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 40, 44, 51 and 56.5.

In our opinion, the consolidated and separate financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated and separate financial position of Absa Bank Limited as at 31 December 2017, and its consolidated and separate financial performance and consolidated and separate cash flows for the year 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.

Independent auditors' report to the shareholders of Absa Bank Limited

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.

Level	Key audit matter	How the matter was addressed in the audit
Consolidated and separate financial statements	<p>Assessing 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 53) • Note 56.2 – Credit risk (page 124) <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>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 occurring and the recognition of an individual or collective impairment. 	<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. 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>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 the matter was addressed in the audit
Consolidated and separate financial statements	<p>Wholesale and Corporate</p> <p>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</p> <p>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>
Consolidated and separate financial statements	<p>Valuation of complex instruments</p> <p>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 measurement (page 29) • Note 54 – Fair value disclosures (page 112) (consolidated financial statements) • Note 46 – Fair value disclosures (page 200) (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>

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Level	Key audit matter	How the matter was addressed in the audit
Consolidated and separate financial statements	<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 40) • Notes 52.5 to 52.7 – Derivatives (page 106) (consolidated financial statements) • Note 47 – Derivatives (page 208) (separate financial statements) 	
	<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 and separate 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 reperforming the modelled calculations on a sample basis and compared the results to management's results for the year.</p>
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 15 – Deferred tax (page 58) • Note 33 – Indirect taxation (page 71) • Note 34 – Taxation expense (page 71) 	
	<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 experts' 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, 15, 33 and 34 to the consolidated financial statements against the requirements of the relevant accounting standards.</p>

Independent auditors' report to the shareholders of Absa Bank Limited

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 Absa Bank Limited, the Directors' Report, as required by the Companies Act of South Africa and the Directors' approval, which we obtained prior to the date of this report, the 'unaudited' sections in notes 40, 44, 51 and 56.5 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.

Auditor's 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.

Independent auditors' report to the shareholders of Absa Bank Limited

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 Absa Bank Limited for 25 years and that KPMG Inc. has been the joint auditor of Absa Bank Limited for one year.

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28 February 2018

General information and nature of activities

Absa Bank Limited (the Company) is incorporated and domiciled in South Africa and provides retail, business, corporate, investment banking, and wealth management products and services. The Company and its subsidiaries (the Bank) operate primarily in South Africa and employ 28 329 people. The address of the registered office of the Bank is 7th Floor, Barclays Towers West, 15 Troye Street, Johannesburg, 2001. The Company has preference shares listed on the JSE.

The Bank is a subsidiary of Barclays Africa Group Limited (BAGL).

The Bank is one of South Africa's largest financial services organisations, serving retail, business and corporate customers and clients in South Africa. The Bank also provides products and services to selected markets in Nigeria.

The Bank 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 BAGL Board, on 28 February 2018.

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

Group Audit and Compliance Committee report

Refer to page 2.

Bank results

Main business and operations

The Bank recorded a decrease of 13% in headline earnings to **R8 548m** (2016: R9 778m) for the reporting period. Headline earnings per share (HEPS) and fully diluted HEPS decreased by 17% to **1 939,4 cents** (2016: 2 340,9 cents). Refer to note 36 for the headline earnings note.

Some segmental comparative information contained in this set of financial statements has been restated due to business portfolio changes, refer to note 1.19 of the accounting policies and note 51.1 for further details.

Headline earnings were derived from the following activities:

	Bank	
	2017 Rm	2016 ¹ Rm
South Africa Banking	11 903	11 251
Retail and Business Banking South Africa (RBB SA)	8 636	8 544
Retail Banking South Africa	6 247	6 230
Business Banking South Africa	2 389	2 314
Corporate and Investment Bank South Africa (CIB SA)	3 267	2 707
Wealth	(429)	(261)
Head office, Treasury and other operations in South Africa	(1 681)	(1 212)
Barclays separation	(1 245)	—
Headline earnings (refer to note 36)	8 548	9 778

Note

¹ These numbers have been restated, refer to notes 1.19 and 51.1.

Directors' report

Directors

Name	Position as director	Current reporting period appointments and resignations
T Abdool-Samad	Independent non-executive director	Resigned 31 January 2018
C Beggs	Independent non-executive director	
T Skweyiya (previously Dinga)	Independent non-executive director	Resigned 31 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	
T S Munday	Lead Independent Director	
P S O'Flaherty	Independent non-executive director	
J P Quinn	Financial Director	
M Ramos	Chief Executive Officer	
R van Wyk	Independent non-executive director	Appointed 1 February 2017

Re-election of retiring directors

In line with international best practice, the Company 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). T S Munday and M J Husain are the only directors who will be required to retire in terms of the above arrangement and will be eligible for re-election at the 2018 AGM.

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.

Directors' interests in Absa Bank Limited preference shares

As at the reporting date, no director held any preference shares in the Company.

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 59.

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

Directors' and prescribed officers' emoluments

The emoluments and services of executive directors are determined by the BAGL Group Remuneration Committee (Remco) as disclosed in note 59.

Subsidiaries, associates and joint ventures

The interests in subsidiaries, associates and joint ventures are set out in note 42 to the consolidated financial statements.

Acquisitions and 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 (BAGL/Group) 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 BAGL shares representing 14,9% of the total issued ordinary shares. The remaining 85,1% of the BAGL shares are widely held on the JSE.

Barclays PLC contributed £765m to the Bank, primarily in recognition of the investments required for the Bank in order to separate from Barclays PLC. The Bank also issued 10 ordinary shares to Barclays Bank PLC, thereby resulting in an increase in share capital and share premium of R8,4bn and received an additional R3,7bn in cash. 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 Bank over time.

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 Bank 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.

Dividends

- On 23 February 2017, a final dividend of 486,88017 cents per ordinary share was announced to the ordinary shareholder registered on 10 April 2017.
- On 23 February 2017, a final dividend of 3 644,79452 cents per preference share was announced to the preference shareholders registered on 10 April 2017.
- On 30 June 2017, a special dividend of 811,4669592 cents per ordinary share was announced to the ordinary shareholder.
- On 28 July 2017, an interim dividend of 892,25702 cents per ordinary share was announced to the ordinary shareholder registered on 8 September 2017.
- On 28 July 2017, an interim dividend of 3 685,06849 cents per preference share was announced to preference shareholders registered on 8 September 2017.
- On 1 March 2018, a dividend of 669,1928 cents per ordinary share was declared. The dividend was announced on 1 March 2018 to the ordinary shareholders registered on 13 April 2018. This dividend is payable on 16 April 2018.
- On 1 March 2018, a dividend of 3 558,01 cents per preference share was declared. The dividend was announced on 1 March 2018 to preference shareholders registered on 13 April 2018. The dividend is payable on 16 April 2018.

Special resolutions

The following special resolutions were passed by the Bank's ordinary shareholders at the AGM held on 18 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 – 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.
- **Special resolution number 3 – Granting authority to allot and issue Absa Bank Limited ordinary shares to Barclays Bank PLC (or its nominee) being related parties in terms of section 41(1) of the Companies Act**
In relation to the sell-down of ordinary shares in Barclays Africa Group Limited by Barclays Bank PLC it was resolved, subject to and conditional on the Separation Agreement being signed, that 20 authorised but unissued ordinary shares (the Ordinary Shares) are placed under the control of the directors, subject to any applicable legislation and the JSE Listings Requirements, and the directors are authorised to allot and issue the Ordinary Shares to Barclays Bank PLC (or its nominee) against receipt of the applicable payment from Barclays Bank PLC (or its nominee) as contemplated in the Separation Agreement.

Company Secretary

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Auditors

At the AGM of 16 May 2017, EY and KPMG were appointed as auditors of the Bank for the 2017 reporting period. E van Rooyen (EY) and P Fourie (KPMG) will be the individual registered auditors that have undertaken the audit.

Directors' report

Authorised and issued share capital

Authorised

The authorised ordinary share capital of the Company of R322 500 000 (2016: R322 500 000) consists of:

- **320 000 000** (2016: 320 000 000) ordinary shares of R1,00 each;
- **250 000 000** (2016: 250 000 000) 'A' ordinary shares of R0,01 each.

The authorised preference share capital of the Company of R300 000 (2016: R300 000) consists of:

- **30 000 000** (2016: 30 000 000) non-cumulative, non-redeemable listed preference shares of R0,01 each.

Issued

An additional 16 983 265 'A' ordinary shares were issued in the current reporting period (2016: 18 520 042).

The total issued ordinary share capital at the reporting date consists of:

- **302 609 369** (2016: 302 609 359) ordinary shares of R1,00 each;
- **145 691 960** (2016: 128 708 264) 'A' ordinary shares of R0,01 each.

The total issued preference share capital at the reporting date consists of:

- **4 944 839** (2016: 4 944 839) non-cumulative, non-redeemable listed preference shares of R0,01 each.

Shareholder information

	2017		2016	
	Number of shares/ notes	% held	Number of shares/ notes	% held
Non-public shareholders				
<i>Ordinary shares</i>	302 609 369	100,0	302 609 359	100,0
Barclays Africa Group Limited	302 609 359	100,0	302 609 359	100,0
Barclays Bank PLC (UK)	10	0,0	—	—
<i>'A' ordinary shares</i>	145 691 960	100,0	128 708 264	100,0
Barclays Africa Group Limited	145 691 960	100,0	128 708 264	100,0
Public shareholders				
<i>Preference shares</i>	4 944 839	100,0	4 944 839	100,0
Standard Chartered Bank	312 516	6,3	278 011	5,6
Standard Bank	278 011	5,6	343 296	7,0
Nedbank Investor Services	358 621	7,3	—	—
Other preference shareholders	3 995 691	80,8	4 323 532	87,4
				100,0
Non-public noteholder				
<i>Additional Tier 1 Capital¹</i>	1	100,0	—	—
Barclays Africa Group Limited	1	100,0	—	—

Note

¹ The Additional Tier 1 Capital notes represent perpetual, subordinated instruments redeemable in full at the option of Absa Bank 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.

Consolidated statement of financial position

as at 31 December

		Bank	
	Note	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
Assets			
Cash, cash balances and balances with central banks	2	28 792	28 252
Investment securities	3	76 524	84 174
Loans and advances to banks	4	43 217	39 296
Trading portfolio assets	5	104 781	74 389
Hedging portfolio assets	5	2 667	1 734
Other assets	6	15 513	16 645
Current tax assets		57	616
Non-current assets held for sale	7	1 119	367
Loans and advances to customers	8	660 492	630 646
Loans to Group companies	10	36 530	25 794
Investments in associates and joint ventures	11	1 235	1 065
Investment properties	12	—	222
Property and equipment	13	13 519	12 726
Goodwill and intangible assets	14	3 861	2 339
Deferred tax assets	15	51	46
Total assets		988 358	918 311
Liabilities			
Deposits from banks	16	74 110	60 148
Trading portfolio liabilities	17	59 834	42 503
Hedging portfolio liabilities	17	1 117	2 054
Other liabilities	18	27 824	21 150
Provisions	19	2 073	2 060
Current tax liabilities		55	4
Non-current liabilities held for sale	7	—	9
Deposits due to customers	20	583 825	564 812
Debt securities in issue	21	137 942	139 573
Borrowed funds	22	15 866	15 679
Deferred tax liabilities	15	383	1 020
Total liabilities		903 029	849 012
Equity			
<i>Capital and reserves</i>			
Attributable to equity holders:			
Ordinary share capital	23	304	304
Ordinary share premium	23	36 879	24 964
Preference share capital	23	1	1
Preference share premium	23	4 643	4 643
Additional Tier 1 Capital	23	1 500	—
Retained earnings	24	37 855	36 099
Other reserves	24	4 145	3 262
		85 327	69 273
Non-controlling interest – ordinary shares		2	26
Total equity		85 329	69 299
Total liabilities and equity		988 358	918 311

Consolidated statement of comprehensive income

for the reporting period ended 31 December

		Bank	
	Note	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
Net interest income		29 413	28 809
Interest and similar income	25	71 438	69 894
Interest expense and similar charges	26	(42 025)	(41 085)
Non-interest income		20 681	19 992
Net fee and commission income		17 279	16 168
Fee and commission income	27	18 608	17 628
Fee and commission expense	27	(1 329)	(1 460)
Gains and losses from banking and trading activities	28	2 860	2 969
Gains and losses from investment activities	29	3	2
Other operating income	30	539	853
Total income		50 094	48 801
Impairment losses on loans and advances	9.1	(5 113)	(6 408)
Operating income before operating expenditure		44 981	42 393
Operating expenditure	31	(31 608)	(27 525)
Other expenses		(1 788)	(1 575)
Other impairments	32	(512)	(577)
Indirect taxation	33	(1 276)	(998)
Share of post-tax results of associates and joint ventures		170	118
Operating profit before income tax		11 755	13 411
Taxation expense	34	(3 278)	(3 477)
Profit for the reporting period		8 477	9 934
Profit attributable to:			
Ordinary equity holders		8 067	9 568
Non-controlling interest		—	15
Preference equity holders		362	351
Additional Tier 1 Capital		48	—
		8 477	9 934
Earnings per share:			
Basic earnings per ordinary share (cents)	35	1 830,3	2 290,6
Diluted earnings per ordinary share (cents)	35	1 830,3	2 290,6

Consolidated statement of comprehensive income

for the reporting period ended 31 December

		Bank	
	Note	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
Profit for the reporting period		8 477	9 934
Other comprehensive income			
Items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss		(154)	(12)
Fair value losses arising from changes in own credit risk on liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss		(147)	—
Movement in retirement benefit fund assets and liabilities		(7)	(12)
Decrease in retirement benefit surplus	37	(10)	(17)
Deferred tax	15	3	5
Items that are or may be subsequently reclassified to profit or loss		677	928
Movement in foreign currency translation reserve		55	(453)
Differences on translation of foreign operations		3	(133)
Release to profit or loss		52	(320)
Movement in cash flow hedging reserve		794	1 726
Fair value gains		1 465	2 714
Amount removed from other comprehensive income and recognised in profit or loss		(365)	(314)
Deferred tax	15	(306)	(674)
Movement in available-for-sale reserve		(172)	(345)
Fair value losses		(307)	(475)
Release to profit or loss	28	67	(3)
Deferred tax	15	68	133
Total comprehensive income for the reporting period		9 000	10 850
Total comprehensive income attributable to:			
Ordinary equity holders		8 590	10 484
Non-controlling interest		—	15
Preference equity holders		362	351
Additional Tier 1 Capital		48	—
		9 000	10 850

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Consolidated statement of changes in equity

for the reporting period ended 31 December

	Number of ordinary shares ¹ '000	Share capital Rm	Share premium Rm	Preference share capital Rm	Preference share premium Rm	Additional Tier 1 Capital Rm
Balance at the beginning of the reporting period	431 318	304	24 964	1	4 643	—
Total comprehensive income for the reporting period	—	—	—	—	—	—
Profit for the reporting period	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other comprehensive income	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dividends paid during the reporting period	—	—	—	—	—	—
Distributions paid during the reporting period	—	—	—	—	—	—
Shares issued	16 983	—	3 500	—	—	—
Issuance of Additional Tier 1 Capital	—	—	—	—	—	1 500
Purchase of Barclays Africa Group Limited shares in respect of equity-settled share-based payment arrangements	—	—	—	—	—	—
Transfer of vesting options	—	—	—	—	—	—
Movement in share-based payment reserve	—	—	—	—	—	—
Transfer from share-based payment reserve	—	—	—	—	—	—
Value of employee services	—	—	—	—	—	—
Conversion from cash-settled schemes	—	—	—	—	—	—
Deferred tax	—	—	—	—	—	—
Share of post-tax results of associates and joint ventures	—	—	—	—	—	—
Disposal of non-controlling interest and related transaction costs ²	—	—	—	—	—	—
Barclays separation ³	—	—	8 415	—	—	—
Shareholder contribution – fair value of investment ⁴	—	—	—	—	—	—
Balance at the end of the reporting period	448 301	304	36 879	1	4 643	1 500
Note	23	23	23	23	23	23

Notes

All movements are reflected net of taxation.

¹ This includes ordinary shares and 'A' ordinary shares.

² The Group disposed of its controlling stake in a non-core subsidiary which was classified as held for sale.

³ As part of the Barclays PLC disinvestment, the Bank issued 10 ordinary shares to Barclays Bank PLC for R8,4bn and received an additional R3,7bn as a cash contribution. The resultant cash received meets the definition of a transaction with a shareholder.

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 Bank 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

Bank 2017										
Retained earnings Rm	Total other reserves Rm	Available-for-sale reserve Rm	Cash flow hedging reserve Rm	Foreign currency translation reserve Rm	Capital reserve Rm	Share-based payment reserve Rm	Associates' and joint ventures' reserve Rm	Total equity attributable to equity holders Rm	Non-controlling interest – ordinary shares Rm	Total equity Rm
36 099	3 262	259	(145)	(54)	1 422	713	1 067	69 273	26	69 299
8 323	677	(172)	794	55	—	—	—	9 000	—	9 000
8 477	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8 477	—	8 477
(154)	677	(172)	794	55	—	—	—	523	—	523
(9 962)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(9 962)	—	(9 962)
(48)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(48)	—	(48)
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3 500	—	3 500
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1 500	—	1 500
(125)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(125)	—	(125)
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
—	36	—	—	—	—	36	—	36	—	36
—	(586)	—	—	—	—	(586)	—	(586)	—	(586)
—	590	—	—	—	—	590	—	590	—	590
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
—	32	—	—	—	—	32	—	32	—	32
(170)	170	—	—	—	—	—	170	—	—	—
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(24)	(24)
3 690	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	12 105	—	12 105
48	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	48	—	48
37 855	4 145	87	649	1	1 422	749	1 237	85 327	2	85 329
		24	24	24	24	24	24			

Consolidated statement of changes in equity

for the reporting period ended 31 December

	Number of ordinary shares ¹ '000	Share capital Rm	Share premium Rm	Preference share capital Rm	Preference share premium Rm	Additional Tier 1 Capital Rm
Balance at the beginning of the reporting period	412 798	304	21 455	1	4 643	—
Total comprehensive income	—	—	—	—	—	—
Profit for the reporting period	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other comprehensive income	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dividends paid during the reporting period	—	—	—	—	—	—
Shares issued	18 520	0	3 500	—	—	—
Purchase of Barclays Africa Group Limited shares in respect of equity-settled share-based payment arrangements	—	—	—	—	—	—
Transfer of vesting options	—	—	9	—	—	—
Movement in share-based payment reserve	—	—	—	—	—	—
Transfer from share-based payment reserve	—	—	—	—	—	—
Value of employee services	—	—	—	—	—	—
Conversion from cash-settled schemes	—	—	—	—	—	—
Deferred tax	—	—	—	—	—	—
Share of post-tax results of associates and joint ventures	—	—	—	—	—	—
Balance at the end of the reporting period	431 318	304	24 964	1	4 643	—
Note	23	23	23	23	23	23

Note

All movements are reflected net of taxation.

¹ This includes ordinary shares and 'A' ordinary share.

Consolidated statement of changes in equity

for the reporting period ended 31 December

Bank
2016

Retained earnings Rm	Total other reserves Rm	Available-for-sale reserve Rm	Cash flow hedging reserve Rm	Foreign currency translation reserve Rm	Capital reserve Rm	Share-based payment reserve Rm	Associates' and joint ventures' reserve Rm	Total equity attributable to equity holders Rm	Non-controlling interest – ordinary shares Rm	Total equity Rm
32 033	2 050	604	(1 871)	399	1 422	547	949	60 486	11	60 497
9 907	928	(345)	1 726	(453)	—	—	—	10 835	15	10 850
9 919	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	9 919	15	9 934
(12)	928	(345)	1 726	(453)	—	—	—	916	—	916
(5 851)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(5 851)	—	(5 851)
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(198)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(198)	—	(198)
326	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	335	—	335
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—	(315)	—	—	—	—	(315)	—	(315)	—	(315)
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(118)	118	—	—	—	—	—	118	—	—	—
36 099	3 262	259	(145)	(54)	1 422	713	1 067	69 273	26	69 299
		24	24	24	24	24	24			

Consolidated statement of cash flows

for the reporting period ended 31 December

		Bank	
	Note	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
Cash flow from operating activities			
Interest received		69 264	70 611
Interest paid		(40 378)	(40 609)
Fees and commission received		18 608	17 628
Fees and commission paid		(1 329)	(1 460)
Net trading and other expenses		528	(5 966)
Cash payments to employees and suppliers		(29 596)	(26 041)
Dividends received from banking and trading activities		69	56
Income taxes paid		(3 513)	(3 346)
Cash flow from operating activities before changes in operating assets and liabilities		13 653	10 873
Net (increase)/decrease in trading and hedging portfolio assets		(28 572)	51 923
Net increase in loans and advances to customers		(32 304)	(36 578)
Net decrease/(increase) in investment securities		7 295	(8 928)
Net (increase)/decrease in other assets		(15 388)	16 315
Net increase/(decrease) in trading and hedging portfolio liabilities		16 457	(47 560)
Net increase in amounts due to customers and banks		30 450	1 783
Net increase in other liabilities		3 931	14 472
Net cash (utilised in)/generated from operating activities		(4 478)	2 300
Cash flow from investing activities			
Proceeds from disposal of non-current assets held for sale		672	109
Proceeds from disposal of investment properties	12	265	65
Purchase of property and equipment	13	(2 622)	(3 328)
Proceeds from disposal of property and equipment		55	332
Purchase of intangible assets	14	(2 279)	(1 286)
Dividends received from investments in associates and joint ventures	11	—	15
Dividends received from investment activities		3	3
Net cash utilised from investing activities		(3 906)	(4 090)
Cash flow from financing activities			
Issue of ordinary shares		3 500	3 500
Purchase of Group shares in respect of equity-settled share-based payment schemes		(124)	(198)
Issue of Additional Tier 1 Capital		1 500	—
Barclays PLC contribution		12 106	—
Proceeds from borrowed funds		2 841	2 381
Repayment of borrowed funds		(2 805)	—
Distribution to Tier 1 Capital holders		(48)	—
Dividends paid		(9 962)	(5 851)
Net cash generated from/(utilised in) financing activities		7 008	(168)
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents		(1 376)	(1 958)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		12 416	14 374
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period	48	11 040	12 416

Accounting policies

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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 International Financial Reporting Standards (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 1.20 for new standards and interpretations not yet adopted.

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

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

On 1 January 2017 the Bank early adopted the requirement to present in Other Comprehensive Income (OCI) 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. 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 result in additional disclosures being presented by the Bank.

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 Bank as the Bank 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 standard of IFRS:

- IFRS 12 Disclosure of Interests in Other Entities (IFRS 12)

The clarification did not have a significant impact on the financial statements of the Bank 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 Bank.

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 Bank 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 Bank 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 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 a specified outcome period (i.e. 12 months for Regulatory Capital models).

EAD is an estimate of the level of credit exposure should the customer default during the next outcome period.

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 outcome period. 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 modelling 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: RC, EC and earnings volatility measures are used in the Bank's risk appetite framework. Impairment calculation: under IAS 39, many of the collective impairment estimates incorporate the use of the Bank's PD and LGD models, adjusted as necessary.
- EC calculations: credit EC calculations use PD, LGD and EAD inputs.
- Risk profile reporting: credit risk reports for senior management make use of model outputs to describe the Bank's credit risk profile.
- Impairment calculation: under IAS 39, many of the collective impairment estimates incorporate the use of the Bank'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 RC, EC 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 are 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 are 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.
- LGDs are assigned at account level and are 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 Small and Medium Enterprise (SME) segment); and qualitative assessments on strength of support, management, operating environment, industry, etcetera.

- 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 (CCRO) supported by the CIBMC. The most material models require approval by the MC. In addition, a process is in place to perform post-model adjustments as needed or when management applies its discretion.

Default grades

The Bank uses two types of PDs, namely:

- TTC PD, which reflects the Bank'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 Bank's decision-making processes. For communication and comparison purposes, the Bank'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 or 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 Bank will sustain some loss when default occurs.

Approach to impairment of loans and advances

The Bank'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.

Management is required to exercise judgement in making assumptions and estimations when calculating loan impairment allowances on both individually and collectively assessed loans and advances.

For the purpose of a collective evaluation of impairment, financial assets are allocated to groups, based on similar risk characteristics, 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 Bank 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 Bank uses 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 Bank 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's 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 Bank'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.

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

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

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.

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. The replacement of IAS 39 with IFRS 9 Financial Instruments (IFRS 9) will have a significant impact on the Bank's financial results, the biggest impact being the calculation of impairments. IFRS 9 will replace the current incurred loss model with the requirement to calculate expected losses under a range of future macroeconomic conditions. Refer to note 1.22.

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 56.2.

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 judgement. 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 **5,1% to 10%** (2016: 1,5% to 5%) and projected cash flow periods approximate five years (2016: five years).

- The discount rate used to discount the future expected cash flows is based on the the Bank'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 judgement and are subject to uncertainty.

The discount rates used in the impairment calculations is **12,70%** (2016: 13,56%).

Note 14 includes details of the amount recognised by the Bank as goodwill.

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

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

1.2.3 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 Bank'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 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:

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 Bank 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 external independent 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 external independent 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 Bank's investment properties is determined through valuations performed by external independent valuers. When the Bank's internal valuations are different to that of the external independent 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 external independent 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.

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

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

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.

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 Bank 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 Bank 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 the Bank'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 on at least an annual basis.

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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, Exchange Traded Fund (ETF) models	Spot prices of physicals or futures, interest rates and/or volatility
Credit derivatives	Discounted cash flow and/or credit default swap models	Interest rates, recovery rates, credit spreads and/or quanto ratios
Equity derivatives	Discounted cash flow, option pricing and/or futures pricing models	Spot prices, interest rates, volatility and/or dividend streams
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 and/or interest rates
Loans and advances to customers	Discounted cash flow models	Interest rates and/or money market curves
Investment securities	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 banks and customers	Discounted cash flow and/or dividend yield models	Credit spreads	0,3% to 2,3%	0,5% to 5%
Investment securities	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% and 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	Discount cash flow models	Credit spreads	3% to 15%	1,2% to 11,16%
Derivative assets and liabilities				
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 rates	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 54.

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 Bank's ability and intent to hold the instrument for a period of time to allow for any anticipated recovery.

Refer to note 32.

1.2.5 Consolidation of structured and sponsored entities

The Bank 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 effect those returns through its power over the investee. In some cases, judgement has been required to determine whether the Bank controls entities. The key judgements are set out as follows:

Structured entities

The Bank 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 Bank. Judgement is required in assessing whether an entity is an SE, as well as in determining whether the Bank 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 Bank is primarily engaged to act on behalf and for the benefit of other parties. When assessing whether the Bank 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 Bank is entitled.

Assessment of sponsored entities

In addition to the unconsolidated SEs in which the Bank 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 Bank 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 42 and 43.

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.

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 Bank 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 Bank (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.

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

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

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 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.

Inflation/pension increase risk

Benefits in these plans 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 Bank's legal counsel in assessing the probability of matters of a significant nature. Refer to note 18 for details of provisions recognised and refer to note 53 for details of contingencies recognised.

1.2.8 Income taxes

The Bank is subject to income taxes in numerous jurisdictions and the calculation of the Bank'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 Bank's treatment and accordingly the final tax charge cannot be determined until resolution has been reached with the relevant tax authority.

The Bank 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, The Bank is confident of successfully defending the challenge from the South African tax authority.

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

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

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 Bank'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 Bank in order to utilise the deferred tax assets.

The Bank recognises liabilities for anticipated tax audit issues based on estimates of whether additional taxes will be due after taking into account external advice where appropriate. 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 Bank'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 Bank in order to utilise the deferred tax assets.

Further information is included in notes 14, 34 and 53 around estimated tax positions where a high degree of judgement has been applied.

1.2.9 Share-based payments

The initial fair value of the Bank'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 is 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 Bank considers adjustments to reflect expectations of phantom awards that might be forfeited before the awards vest. At each reporting date, the Bank 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 55 includes details of the Bank's share awards. Refer to note 19 for the carrying amount of liabilities arising from cash-settled arrangements.

1.2.10 Offsetting financial assets and financial liabilities

The Bank 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 Bank 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 Bank'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 Bank'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 41.

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

1.3 Consolidation

The consolidated financial statements include those of Absa Bank Limited and all its subsidiaries and controlled SEs.

1.3.1 Subsidiaries

Subsidiaries are all entities (including SEs) over which the Bank has control. The Bank 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 Bank 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 Bank. 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 Bank has less than half of the voting rights which are consolidated when the substance of the relationship between the Bank and the entity indicates that the entity is controlled by the Bank. Such entities are deemed to be controlled by the Bank 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 Bank 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 Absa Bank Limited.

1.3.2 Investments in associates and joint ventures

Associates are entities in which the Bank has significant influence, but not control, over its operating and financial policies. Generally the Bank 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 Bank's investments in associates and joint ventures are initially recorded at cost and increased (or decreased) each reporting period by the Bank'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 Absa Bank 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 Bank. Such interests include, but are not limited to, holdings of debt or equity securities, derivatives that transfer financial risks to the Bank, 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 Bank'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 Bank. The Bank 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 Bank'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 Bank'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 Bank 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 Bank 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 Bank 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

In accordance with IAS 39, 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. The Bank 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 Bank 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 Bank'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 Bank'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 Bank'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 Bank 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 Bank, 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 Bank'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 Bank's position relative to other claimants, the reliability of customer information and the likely cost and duration of the workout process. Subjective judgements are made in this process by management. 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 case by case.

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 individually evidenced.

In cases where the collective impairment of a portfolio cannot be individually evidenced, the Bank 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.

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

1.7 *Financial instruments (continued)*

To the extent that the unidentified impairments created by the banking operations of the Bank 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.

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 Bank 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 Bank 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 Bank 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 Bank 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 Bank may retain an interest in it (continuing involvement) requiring the Bank 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.

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

1.7 Financial instruments *(continued)*

1.7.12 Hedge accounting

The Bank 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 Bank 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.

The Bank 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 Bank 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 Bank obtains such loans or cash collateral, in exchange for the transfer of collateral.

The Bank 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 Bank 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 Bank 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 Bank 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.

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

1.7 *Financial instruments (continued)*

1.7.14 Compound financial instruments

The Bank 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 Bank 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.

1.7.15 Loan commitments

The Bank 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 Bank 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 Bank'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 Bank 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.

Own credit gains/losses arise from the fair valuation of financial liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss.

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 Bank are recognised as the services are provided, for example on completion of an underlying transaction.

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

1.9 Revenue recognition *(continued)*

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.

1.10 Commodities

Where the Bank has a shorter-term trading intention, commodities 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 on which the underlying commodities are traded.

1.11 Intangible assets

1.11.1 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 Bank'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.

1.11.2 Intangible assets other than goodwill

The accounting standard that the Bank 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, licenses 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 Bank can demonstrate that the intangible asset will be used to generate future economic benefits, the Bank intends to and has sufficient resources to complete development and to use the asset, and the Bank 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 Bank 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

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1. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

1.12 Property and equipment

1.12.1 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 Bank 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 income' in the reporting period that the asset is derecognised

1.12.2 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 Bank 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 Bank 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.

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 Bank 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 Bank recognises leased assets on the statement of financial position within property and equipment.

Where the Bank 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.

1.12.3 Investment properties

The Bank 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.

1.13 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 Bank. The corresponding loans are derecognised when the Bank 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'.

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

1.14 *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 Bank'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 Bank'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.

1.15 *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.

1.16 *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 Bank 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 results 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.

1.17 *Employee benefits*

1.17.1 *Post-retirement benefits*

The Bank 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 Bank 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 Bank 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 Bank, using a methodology similar to that for defined benefit pension schemes.

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

1.17 *Employee benefits (continued)*

1.17.2 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 Bank 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.

1.17.3 Share-based payments

The Bank 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.

Any recharge payments made by the Bank in respect of share-based payment transactions do not affect the classification of such transactions as either equity-settled or cash-settled. The Bank accounts for intergroup recharges as transactions with shareholders.

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.

1.18 *Tax*

1.18.1 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.

1.18.2 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 is 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.

1.18.3 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 Bank, the Bank does not recognise tax on dividends declared.

1.18.4 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.

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

1.19 Reporting changes overview

The financial reporting changes that have had an impact on the Bank's results for the comparative reporting period ended 31 December 2016 include changes in reportable segments and adoption of the own credit exemption of IFRS 9.

1.19.1 Changes in reportable segments

Refer to note 51 for changes affected to reportable segments, in line with the requirements of IFRS 8.

1.19.2 Adoption of the own credit exemption of IFRS 9

On 1 January 2017, the Bank early 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 OCI. The impact of this change has been detailed in the Statement of Comprehensive Income, and has no impact on opening retained earnings nor opening reserves. Comparatives have not been restated.

1.20 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)

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. The Bank 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.

The Bank 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. The revised impairment requirements are expected to have a significant impact on the impairment provisioning of the Bank.

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 is already 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 probabilities of default, loss given default exposure at 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 for where a significant increase in credit risk has not occurred since origination. For these exposures a 12-month expected credit loss will be recognised.

Stage 2: Exposures for which a significant increase in credit risk has occurred since origination. The Bank 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. The Bank 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 recognised for these assets.

Stage 3: Exposures which meet the definition of default. The Bank 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 recognised for these assets.

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

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

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 BAGL Group Credit and Impairment Committee, reviewed by the BAGL Credit Concentration Risk Committee; and ultimately reviewed by the BAGL 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.

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 Bank's Common Equity Tier 1 (CET1) capital ratio by more than 35 bps on 1 January 2018, before taking into account the impact of the regulatory transitional arrangement. IFRS 9 has been considered in the Bank's capital planning.

The reasons for the increase in impairment provisions are:

- 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 typically 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' (SPPI)).

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 SPPI criterion, or if they are managed on a fair value basis and the Bank 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 Bank early adopted this requirement in 2017.

Accounting policies

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

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

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 Bank's financial assets and financial liabilities. Initial application of the new requirements will therefore have no impact on the Bank's retained income as at 1 January 2018.

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 Bank.

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 exist between the hedged item and the hedging instrument. Under the new rules, voluntary hedge designations would not be allowed.

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

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 areas 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 Bank will apply the modified retrospective approach. The initial application of IFRS 15 is not expected to have a significant impact on the Bank's financial statements.

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 of a single lessee accounting model.

Applying that 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 Bank's statement of financial position. However, the Bank is still in the process of assessing the impact of adoption.

Accounting policies

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

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

IAS 40 Investment Property (IAS 40) (amendments)

Clarify 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 Bank is in the process of assessing the impact.

IFRIC 22 Foreign Currency Transactions and Advance Considerations (IFRIC 22)

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 Bank is in the process of assessing the impact.

IFRIC 23 Uncertainty over Income Tax Treatments (IFRIC 23)

Clarifies application and recognition principles when there is uncertainty over income tax treatments. The interpretation provides certain transaction relief and is effective for reporting periods beginning on or after

1 January 2019. The Bank is in the process of assessing the impact

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	Bank	
	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
2. Cash, cash balances and balances with central banks		
Balances with the SARB	19 108	18 552
Coins and bank notes	9 684	9 661
Money market assets	—	39
	28 792	28 252

The minimum reserve balance to be held in cash with the 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 utilised in the normal course of business.

	Bank	
	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
3. Investment securities		
Government bonds	34 321	46 780
Listed equity instruments	496	570
Other debt securities	15 881	13 069
Treasury bills	25 191	23 106
Unlisted equity and hybrid instruments	635	649
	76 524	84 174

Government bonds valued at **R12 922m** (2016: R10 006m) have been pledged with the SARB.

	Bank	
	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
4. Loans and advances to banks		
Loans and advances to banks	43 217	39 296

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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	Bank	
	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
5. Trading and hedging portfolio assets		
Commodities	2 051	1 485
Debt instruments	31 772	19 314
Derivative assets (refer to note 52.4)	56 473	45 017
Commodity derivatives	1 097	794
Credit derivatives	165	184
Equity derivatives	2 529	1 593
Foreign exchange derivatives	15 556	15 121
Interest rate derivatives	37 126	27 325
Equity instruments	567	943
Money market assets	13 918	7 630
Total trading portfolio assets	104 781	74 389
Hedging portfolio assets (refer to note 52.5)	2 667	1 734
	107 448	76 123

Trading portfolio assets with carrying values of **R7 361m** (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.

	Bank	
	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
6. Other assets		
Accounts receivable and prepayments	9 546	12 560
Deferred costs	162	123
Inventories	14	16
Cost	20	18
Write-down	(6)	(2)
Retirement benefit fund surplus (refer to note 37)	466	466
Settlement accounts	5 325	3 480
	15 513	16 645

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		Bank	
		2017 Rm	2016 Rm
7.	Non-current assets and non-current liabilities held for sale		
7.1	Non-current assets held for sale		
	Balance at the beginning of the reporting period	367	109
	Disposals	(840)	(109)
	Transfer from cash, cash balances and balances with central banks	5	2
	Transfer from other assets	—	73
	Transfer from loans and advances to customers	1 118	—
	Transfer from investment securities	547	—
	Transfer from investment properties (refer to note 12)	—	292
	Transfer from property and equipment (refer to note 13)	1	—
	Fair value adjustments of investment securities	(80)	—
	Fair value adjustments of investment properties	1	—
	Balance at the end of the reporting period	1 119	367
7.2	Non-current liabilities held for sale		
	Balance at the beginning of the reporting period	9	—
	Disposals	(26)	—
	Transfer from other liabilities	17	9
	Balance at the end of the reporting period	—	9

The following movements in non-current assets and non-current liabilities 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.
- 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.

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

- RBB South Africa transferred a subsidiary with total assets of R367m and total liabilities of R9m to non-current assets and non-current liabilities held for sale. The CPF Equity division disposed of an investment security with a carrying value of R15m.
- Head Office, Treasury and other operations in South Africa disposed of property and equipment with a carrying value of R94m.

		Bank	
		2017 Rm	2016 Rm
8.	Loans and advances to customers		
	Corporate overdrafts and specialised finance loans	10 107	8 285
	Credit cards	30 471	31 376
	Foreign currency loans	25 678	27 354
	Instalment credit agreements (refer to note 8.1)	78 909	75 655
	Gross advances	97 922	93 865
	Unearned finance charges	(19 013)	(18 210)
	Loans to associates and joint ventures (refer to note 42.5)	26 054	20 183
	Microloans	3 895	3 544
	Mortgages	273 443	268 180
	Other advances	6 776	5 980
	Overdrafts	35 295	35 945
	Overnight finance	20 494	15 552
	Personal and term loans	33 582	31 920
	Preference shares	17 824	17 454
	Reverse repurchase agreements (carries)	19 316	16 116
	Wholesale overdrafts	92 271	87 312
	Gross loans and advances to customers	674 115	644 856
	Impairment losses on loans and advances (refer to note 9)	(13 623)	(14 210)
		660 492	630 646

The Bank has securitised certain loans and advances to customers, the total value of these securitised assets is **R2 078m** (2016: R3 412m). 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 and collateralised loans.

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	Bank					
	2017			2016		
	Gross advances Rm	Unearned finance charges Rm	Net advances Rm	Gross advances Rm	Unearned finance charges Rm	Net advances Rm
8. Loans and advances to customers <i>(continued)</i>						
8.1 Instalment credit agreements						
Maturity analysis						
Less than one year	28 807	(7 292)	21 515	28 822	(7 124)	21 698
Between one and five years	65 364	(11 537)	53 827	62 344	(10 934)	51 410
More than five years	3 751	(184)	3 567	2 699	(152)	2 547
	97 922	(19 013)	78 909	93 865	(18 210)	75 655

The Bank 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 816m** (2016: R1 660m).

	Bank	
	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
9. Impairment losses on loans and advances to customers		
<i>Comprising:</i>		
Identified impairments	11 714	11 993
Unidentified impairments	1 909	2 217
	13 623	14 210

<i>Reconciliation of allowance for impairment losses on loans and advances to customers</i>	2017					
	Retail Banking Rm	Business Banking Rm	CIB Rm	Wealth Rm	Head Office, Treasury and other operations in South Africa Rm	Total Rm
Balance at the beginning of the reporting period	10 373	1 934	1 828	71	4	14 210
Net present value unwind on non-performing book	(635)	(71)	—	—	—	(706)
Exchange differences	—	(1)	1	—	—	—
Amounts written-off	(4 406)	(386)	(1 006)	(5)	1	(5 802)
Impairment raised – identified	5 012	444	653	121	—	6 230
Impairment raised/(reversed) – unidentified	(178)	(51)	(86)	1	5	(309)
	10 166	1 869	1 390	188	10	13 623

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Reconciliation of allowance for impairment losses on loans and advances to customers	2016					Total Rm
	Retail Banking Rm	Business Banking Rm	CIB Rm	Wealth Rm	Head Office, Treasury and other operations in South Africa Rm	
Balance at the beginning of the reporting period	9 366	1 813	751	65	—	11 995
Net present value unwind on non-performing book	(596)	(98)	—	—	—	(694)
Transfer between segments	(4)	(16)	20	—	—	—
Amounts written-off	(3 883)	(442)	(1)	(7)	—	(4 333)
Impairment raised – identified	5 334	591	838	38	—	6 801
Impairment raised/(reversed) – unidentified	156	107	199	(25)	4	441
	10 373	1 955	1 807	71	4	14 210

	Bank	
	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
9.1 Statement of comprehensive income charge		
Impairments raised during the reporting period	5 920	7 242
Identified impairments	6 229	6 801
Unidentified impairments	(309)	441
Recoveries of loans and advances previously written off	(807)	(834)
	5 113	6 408

	Bank	
	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
10. Loans and advances to Group companies		
Fellow subsidiaries	36 530	25 794

	Bank	
	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
11. Investments in associates and joint ventures		
Unlisted investments	1 235	1 065

	Bank	
	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
11.1 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	962
Share of current reporting period post-tax results (note 34)	170	118
Share of current reporting period results before taxation	222	156
Taxation on current reporting period results	(52)	(38)
Dividends received	—	(15)
Balance at the end of the reporting period	1 235	1 065

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11. Investments in associates and joint ventures *(continued)*

11.2 Share of associates and joint ventures

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

Bank share	Associates		Joint ventures	
	2017 Rm	2016 Rm	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
Post-tax profit/(loss) from continuing operations	8	(29)	162	147
Total comprehensive income	8	(29)	162	147

There were no cumulative unrecognised share of losses for associates and joint ventures for the current and previous reporting periods.

Bank share	Bank	
	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
Unlisted investments		
Shares at cost	100	100
Share of post-acquisition reserves	1 135	965
	1 235	1 065

11.3 Analysis of carrying value of associates and joint ventures accounted for under the equity method

Bank share	2017			2016		
	Associates Rm	Joint ventures Rm	Total Rm	Associates Rm	Joint ventures Rm	Total Rm
Unlisted investments						
Shares at cost	208	1 027	1 235	201	864	1 065
Designated at fair value through profit or loss	20	444	464	21	437	458
Total	228	1 471	1 699	222	1 301	1 523

11.4 Carrying value of associates and joint ventures

Bank share	2017			2016		
	Associates Rm	Joint ventures Rm	Total Rm	Associates Rm	Joint ventures Rm	Total Rm
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
Total	228	1 471	1 699	222	1 301	1 523

Refer to note 42.5 for additional disclosure of the Bank's investments in associates and joint ventures.

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

Bank share	Bank	
	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
Balance at the beginning of the reporting period	222	518
Change in fair value (refer to notes 30 and 31)	37	98
Disposals	(259)	(65)
Foreign exchange movements	—	(37)
Transfer to non-current assets held for sale (refer to note 7)	—	(292)
Balance at the end of the reporting period	—	222

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.

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	Bank					
	2017			2016		
	Cost Rm	Accumulated depreciation and/or impairments Rm	Carrying value Rm	Cost Rm	Accumulated depreciation and/or impairments Rm	Carrying value Rm
13. Property and equipment						
Computer equipment	7 560	(4 016)	3 544	7 025	(3 583)	3 442
Freehold property	6 098	(350)	5 748	6 393	(339)	6 054
Furniture and other equipment	6 814	(2 588)	4 226	5 472	(2 243)	3 229
Motor vehicles	3	(2)	1	3	(2)	1
	20 475	(6 956)	13 519	18 893	(6 167)	12 726

Reconciliation of property and equipment	Bank							
	2017							
	Opening balance Rm	Additions Rm	Disposals Rm	Transfers ¹ Rm	Transfer to non- current asset held for sale Rm	Depreciation Rm	Impairment Rm	Closing balance Rm
Computer equipment	3 442	733	(10)	244	(1)	(864)	—	3 544
Freehold property	6 054	1 734	(22)	(2 001)	—	(17)	—	5 748
Furniture and other equipment	3 229	155	(5)	1 757	—	(694)	(216)	4 226
Motor vehicles	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
	12 726	2 622	(37)	—	(1)	(1 575)	(216)	13 519
Note					7	31	32	
Reconciliation of property and equipment	2016							
	Opening balance Rm	Additions Rm	Disposals Rm	Transfers Rm	Transfer to non- current asset held for sale Rm	Depreciation Rm	Impairment Rm	Closing balance Rm
	Computer equipment	2 942	1 227	(12)	—	—	(715)	—
Freehold property	5 836	372	(139)	—	—	(15)	—	6 054
Furniture and other equipment	2 176	1 729	(160)	—	—	(516)	—	3 229
Motor vehicles	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
	10 955	3 328	(311)	—	—	(1 246)	—	12 726
Note					7	31	32	

Included in the above additions is **R1 130m** (2016: R2 021m) 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: R961m) 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.

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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	Bank					
	2017			2016		
	Cost Rm	Accumulated amortisation and/or impairments Rm	Carrying value Rm	Cost Rm	Accumulated amortisation and/or impairments Rm	Carrying value Rm
14. Goodwill and intangible assets						
Computer software development costs	6 568	(2 873)	3 695	4 289	(2 128)	2 161
Customer lists and relationships	410	(410)	—	410	(410)	—
Goodwill	151	(39)	112	151	(39)	112
Other	132	(78)	54	132	(66)	66
	7 261	(3 400)	3 861	4 982	(2 643)	2 339

Reconciliation of goodwill and intangible assets	Bank					
	2017					
	Opening balance Rm	Additions Rm	Amortisation Rm	Impairment charge Rm	Transfers Rm	Closing balance Rm
Computer software development costs	2 161	2 279	(419)	(326)	—	3 695
Goodwill	112	—	—	—	—	112
Other	66	—	(12)	—	—	54
	2 339	2 279	(431)	(326)	—	3 861

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Reconciliation of goodwill and intangible assets	Bank					
	2016					
	Opening balance Rm	Additions Rm	Amortisation Rm	Impairment charge Rm	Transfers Rm	Closing balance Rm
Computer software development costs	1 533	1 284	(349)	(307)	—	2 161
Customer lists and relationships	363	—	(19)	(283)	(61)	—
Goodwill	112	—	—	—	—	112
Other	21	2	(18)	—	61	66
	2 029	1 286	(386)	(590)	—	2 339

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The majority of computer software development costs were internally generated with the remainder externally acquired. Included in computer software development costs is **R2 939m** (2016: R1 387m) 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 Bank'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 Bank on the Virtual Bank initiative.

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

Composition of goodwill	Bank	
	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
Absa Vehicle and Management Solutions Proprietary Limited	112	112
	112	112

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: Rnil).

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	Bank	
	2017	2016
	Rm	Rm
15. Deferred tax		
15.1 Reconciliation of net deferred tax liability		
Balance at the beginning of the reporting period	974	71
Deferred tax on amounts charged directly to other comprehensive income and equity	203	497
Charge to profit or loss (refer to note 34)	(845)	406
Balance at the end of the reporting period	332	974
15.2 Deferred tax liability/(asset)		
Tax effects of temporary differences between tax and book value for:		
Deferred tax liability	383	1 020
Prepayments, accruals and other provisions	111	825
Capital allowances	1 183	989
Cash flow hedge and available for sale reserve	264	24
Fair value adjustments on financial instruments	(144)	(88)
Impairment of loans and advances	(837)	(479)
Lease and rental debtor allowances	(231)	(209)
Property allowances	168	150
Retirement benefit fund asset and liabilities	179	(289)
Share-based payments	(310)	97
Deferred tax asset	(51)	(46)
Assessed losses	—	(14)
Fair value adjustments on financial instruments	—	(6)
Lease and rental debtor allowance	5	(5)
Other differences	(56)	(21)
Net deferred tax liability	332	974

15.3 Future tax relief

The Bank has estimated tax losses of **R8m** (2016: R52m) which are available for set-off against future taxable income. Deferred tax assets of **Rnil** (2016: R15m) relating to tax losses carried forward were recognised.

	Bank	
	2017	2016
	Rm	Rm
16. Deposits from banks		
Call deposits	10 183	5 327
Fixed deposits	25 577	18 445
Foreign currency deposits	9 725	15 721
Notice deposits	1 031	625
Other	2 603	1 135
Repurchase agreements	24 991	18 895
	74 110	60 148

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	Bank	
	2017 Rm	2015 Rm
17. Trading and hedging portfolio liabilities		
Derivative liabilities (refer to note 52.4)	51 693	40 716
Commodity derivatives	1 285	816
Credit derivatives	148	236
Equity derivatives	2 388	1 365
Foreign exchange derivatives	14 504	13 995
Interest rate derivatives	33 368	24 304
Short positions	8 141	1 787
Total trading portfolio liabilities	59 834	42 503
Hedging portfolio liabilities (refer to note 52.5)	1 117	2 054
	60 951	44 557

	Bank	
	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
18. Other liabilities		
Accruals	1 615	1 513
Audit fee accrual	14	44
Creditors	11 245	8 904
Deferred income	215	193
Settlement balances	14 465	10 135
Share-based payment liability (refer to note 49)	270	361
	27 824	21 150

	Bank 2017		
	Staff bonuses and incentive provisions Rm	Sundry provisions Rm	Total Rm
19. Provisions			
Balance at the beginning of the reporting period	1 427	633	2 060
Additions	1 125	155	1 280
Amounts used	(974)	(252)	(1 226)
Reversals	(34)	(7)	(41)
Balance at the end of the reporting period	1 544	529	2 073

Provisions expected to be recovered or settled within no more than 12 months after the reporting date were R1 625m (2016: R1 552m).

Sundry provisions include amounts with respect to fraud cases, litigation and insurance claims.

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	Bank	
	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
20. Deposits due to customers		
Call deposits	62 725	62 270
Cheque account deposits	153 856	152 690
Credit card deposits	1 896	1 906
Fixed deposits	146 655	128 903
Foreign currency deposits	18 444	23 325
Notice deposits	58 460	59 358
Other	1 414	2 182
Repurchase agreements	5 000	3 970
Saving and transmission deposits	135 375	130 208
	583 825	564 812

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

	Bank	
	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
21. Debt securities in issue		
Commercial paper	227	1 166
Credit linked notes	8 375	10 295
Floating rate notes	63 126	60 442
Negotiable certificates of deposit	37 362	43 333
Other	1 288	857
Promissory notes	783	1 171
Senior notes	26 779	22 307
Structured notes and bonds	2	2
	137 942	139 573

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			Bank	
			2017	2016
			Rm	Rm
22. Borrowed funds				
<i>Subordinated callable notes issued by Absa Limited</i>				
The following subordinated debt instruments qualify as secondary capital in terms of the Banks Act.				
Interest rate	Final maturity date	Notes		
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
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%	5 May 2026	xviii	31	31
Three-month JIBAR + 4%	20 August 2026	xix	1 510	1 510
Three-month JIBAR + 4%	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	—
Accrued interest			918	842
Fair value adjustments on total subordinated debt instruments			31	(44)
			15 866	15 679

Included in interest paid on the statement of cash flows is **R1 484m** (2016: R1 236m) 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 has 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 was 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.
- 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.

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22. Borrowed funds *(continued)*

- vii. The 10,05% fixed rate notes may be redeemed in full at the option of Absa Bank Limited on 5 February 2020. Interest is paid semi-annually in arrears on 5 February and 5 August. Absa Bank Limited has an option to exercise the redemption on any interest payment date after 5 February 2020. If Absa Bank 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 Absa Bank Limited on 19 November 2019. Interest is paid semi-annually in arrears on 19 May and 19 November. Absa Bank 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 Absa Bank Limited does not exercise the redemption option.
- ix. The 11,365% fixed rate notes may be redeemed in full at the option of Absa Bank Limited on 4 September 2020. Interest is paid semi-annually in arrears on 4 March and 4 September. Absa Bank Limited has the option to exercise the redemption on any interest payment date after 4 September 2020. If Absa Bank 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 Absa Bank Limited on 29 September 2020. Interest is paid semi-annually in arrears on 29 March and 29 September. Absa Bank Limited has an option to exercise the redemption on any interest payment date after 29 September 2020. If Absa Bank 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 Absa Bank Limited on 20 August 2021. Interest is paid semi-annually in arrears on 20 August and 20 February. Absa Bank Limited has an option to exercise the redemption on any interest payment date after 20 August 2021. If Absa Bank 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 Absa Bank Limited on 3 September 2022. Interest is paid semi-annually in arrears on 3 March and 3 September. Absa Bank Limited has the option to exercise the redemption on any interest payment date after 3 September 2022. If Absa Bank 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 Absa Bank Limited on 5 May 2021. Interest is paid semi-annually in arrears on 5 May and 5 November. Absa Bank Limited has the option to exercise the redemption on any interest payment date after 5 May 2021. If Absa Bank 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 Absa Bank Limited on 19 November 2019. Interest is paid quarterly in arrears on 19 February, 19 May, 19 August and 19 November. Absa Bank Limited has the option to exercise the redemption on any interest payment date after 19 November 2019. If Absa Bank 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 Absa Bank Limited on 5 February 2020. Interest is paid quarterly in arrears on 5 February, 5 May, 5 August and 5 November. Absa Bank Limited has the option to exercise the redemption on any interest payment date after 5 February 2020. If Absa Bank 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 Absa Bank Limited on 4 September 2020. Interest is paid quarterly in arrears on 4 March, 4 June, 4 September and 4 December. Absa Bank Limited has the option to exercise the redemption on any interest payment date after 4 September 2020. If Absa Bank 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 Absa Bank Limited on 3 September 2022. Interest is paid quarterly in arrears on 3 March, 3 June, 3 September and 3 December. Absa Bank Limited has the option to exercise the redemption on any interest payment date after 3 September 2022. If Absa Bank Limited does not exercise the redemption option, there is no step-up in the coupon rate.
- xviii. The three-month JIBAR plus 4% floating rate notes may be redeemed in full at the option of Absa Bank Limited on 5 May 2021. Interest is paid quarterly in arrears on 5 February, 5 May, 5 August and 5 November. Absa Bank Limited has the option to exercise the redemption on any interest payment date after 5 May 2021. If Absa Bank Limited does not exercise the redemption option, there is no step-up in the coupon rate.
- xix. The three-month JIBAR plus 4% floating rate notes may be redeemed in full at the option of Absa Bank Limited on 20 August 2021. Interest is paid quarterly in arrears on 20 February, 20 May, 20 August and 20 November. Absa Bank Limited has the option to exercise the redemption on any interest payment date after 20 August 2021. If Absa Bank Limited does not exercise the redemption option, there is no step-up in the coupon rate.
- xx. The three-month JIBAR plus 4% floating rate notes may be redeemed in full at the option of Absa Bank Limited on 3 November 2021. Interest is paid quarterly in arrears on 3 February, 3 May, 3 August and 3 November. Absa Bank Limited has the option to exercise the redemption on any interest payment date after 3 November 2021. If Absa Bank Limited does not exercise the redemption option, there is no step-up in the coupon rate.

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22. Borrowed funds *(continued)*

- xxi. The three-month JIBAR plus 3,78% floating rate notes may be redeemed in full at the option of Absa Bank Limited on 17 March 2022. Interest is paid quarterly in arrears on 17 March, 17 June, 17 September, 17 December. Absa Bank Limited has the option to exercise the redemption on any interest payment date after 17 March 2022. If Absa Bank 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 Absa Bank Limited on 25 May 2022. Interest is paid quarterly in arrears on 25 February, 25 May, 25 August, 25 November. Absa Bank Limited has the option to exercise the redemption on any interest payment date after 25 May 2022. If Absa Bank 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 Absa Bank Limited on 14 August 2024. Interest is paid quarterly in arrears on 14 February, 14 May, 14 August, 14 November. Absa Bank Limited has the option to exercise the redemption on any interest payment date after 14 August 2024. If Absa Bank 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 Absa Bank Limited on 30 September 2022. Interest is paid quarterly in arrears on 30 March, 30 June, 30 September, 30 December. Absa Bank Limited has the option to exercise the redemption on any interest payment date after 30 September 2022. If Absa Bank 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 Absa Bank Limited on 29 September 2024. Interest is paid quarterly in arrears on 29 March, 29 June, 29 September, 29 December. Absa Bank Limited has the option to exercise the redemption on any interest payment date after 29 September 2024. If Absa Bank Limited does not exercise the redemption option, there is no step-up in the coupon rate.

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

In accordance with its MOI, the borrowing powers of Absa Bank Limited are unlimited.

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	Bank	
	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
23. Share capital and premium		
23.1 Ordinary share capital		
Authorised		
320 000 000 (2016: 320 000 000) ordinary shares of R1,00 each	320	320
250 000 000 (2016: 250 000 000) 'A' ordinary shares of R0,01 each	3	3
	323	323
Issued		
302 609 369 (2016: 302 609 359) ordinary shares of R1,00 each	303	303
145 691 959 (2016: 128 708 264) 'A' ordinary shares of R0,01 each	1	1
	304	304
Total issued capital		
Share capital	304	304
Share premium	36 880	24 964
	37 184	25 268

Authorised shares

There were no changes to the authorised share capital during the current reporting period.

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.

Shares issued during the year under review

An additional 10 ordinary shares were issued during the current reporting period.

An additional 16 983 695 'A' ordinary shares were issued during the current reporting period.

Shares issued during the prior year

An additional 18 520 042 'A' ordinary shares were issued during the prior reporting period.

All shares issued by the Company were paid in full.

	Bank	
	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
23.2 Preference share capital and premium		
Authorised		
30 000 000 (2016: 30 000 000) non-cumulative, non-redeemable listed preference shares of R0,01 each	1	1
Issued		
4 944 839 (2016: 4 944 839) non-cumulative, non-redeemable listed preference shares of R0,01 each	1	1
Total issued capital		
Share capital	1	1
Share premium	4 643	4 643
	4 644	4 644

The preference shares have a dividend rate of 70% of the prime overdraft lending rate. The holders of such 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 a resolution is proposed by the Company which directly affects the rights attracted to the preference shares or the interest of the holders thereof.

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23. Share capital and premium (continued)

23.3 Directors' interests in Absa Bank Limited preference shares

As at the reporting date, no director held any preference shares of Absa Bank Limited.

		Bank	
		2017	2016
		Rm	Rm
23.4 Additional Tier 1 Capital			
Subordinated callable notes issued by Absa Bank Limited			
Interest rate	Date of issue		
Three month JIBAR + 5,65%	11 September 2017	1 500	—

The Additional Tier 1 Capital notes represent perpetual, subordinated instruments redeemable in full at the option of Absa Bank 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.

24. Other reserves

24.1 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.

24.2 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.

24.3 Foreign currency translation reserve

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

24.4 Capital reserve

The capital reserve arose on the amalgamation of the founding banks of Absa Bank Limited.

24.5 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.

24.6 Associates' and joint ventures' reserve

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

24.7 Retained earnings

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

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

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	Bank	
	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
25. Interest and similar income		
<i>Interest and similar income is earned from:</i>		
Cash, cash balances and balances with central banks	5	5
Fair value adjustments on hedging instruments	428	(1 936)
Investment securities	5 875	7 476
Loans and advances to banks	1 318	1 127
Loans and advances to customers	62 137	61 024
Corporate overdrafts and specialised finance loans	752	801
Credit cards	4 567	5 046
Foreign currency loans	890	727
Instalment credit agreements	8 153	7 992
Interest on impaired financial assets (refer to note 9)	706	694
Loans to associates and joint ventures	1 800	1 481
Microloans	903	823
Mortgages	25 272	25 146
Other advances	724	838
Overdrafts	3 454	3 780
Overnight finance	2 222	1 350
Personal and term loans	4 175	4 267
Preference shares	1 307	1 271
Wholesale overdrafts	7 212	6 808
Other interest	1 675	2 198
	71 438	69 894
<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 52.6)	264	268
Economic hedges	270	263
Fair value hedges	—	(2 281)
Interest on financial assets held at amortised cost	67 618	70 701
Interest on financial assets held as available-for-sale	2 386	1 188
Interest on financial assets designated at fair value through profit or loss	1 113	(1 585)
Fair value hedging instruments (refer to note 52.7)	(107)	(186)
Investment securities	644	1 045
Loans and advances to customers	576	(2 444)
	71 438	69 894

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

Other interest includes items such as overnight interest on contracts for difference.

In the prior reporting period, other interest 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.

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	Bank	
	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
26. Interest expense and similar charges		
<i>Interest expense and similar charges are paid on:</i>		
Borrowed funds	1 635	1 580
Debt securities in issue	10 586	10 711
Deposits due to customers	27 446	26 451
Call deposits	5 092	5 019
Cheque account deposits	2 934	3 856
Credit cards deposits	7	7
Fixed deposits	8 857	7 596
Foreign currency deposits	169	13
Notice deposits	4 190	4 030
Other deposits	625	310
Savings and transmission deposits	5 572	5 620
Deposits from banks	1 813	2 804
Call deposits	638	410
Fixed deposits	1 175	2 394
Fair value adjustments on hedging instruments	(136)	(891)
Other	681	430
	42 025	41 085
<i>Classification of interest expense and similar charges</i>		
Fair value adjustments on amortised cost instruments in a fair value hedging relationship	956	1 506
Borrowed funds	956	811
Debt securities in issue	—	695
Fair value adjustments on hedging instruments	(92)	(855)
Cash flow hedges (refer to note 52.6)	(70)	8
Fair value hedges	(22)	(863)
Interest on financial liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss	(44)	(42)
Debt securities in issue	—	(6)
Fair value hedging instruments (refer to note 52.7)	(44)	(36)
Interest on financial liabilities held at amortised cost	41 205	40 476
	42 025	41 085

Other interest and similar charges include items such as overnight interest on contracts for difference.

In the prior reporting period, other interest and similar charges 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.

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	Bank	
	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
27. Net fee and commission income		
Asset management and other related fees	21	54
Consulting and administration fees	243	215
Credit-related fees and commissions	15 533	14 807
Cheque accounts	4 818	4 257
Credit cards	2 132	2 075
Electronic banking	5 019	4 814
Other	1 515	1 378
Savings accounts	2 049	2 283
Insurance commission received	525	531
Asset management, markets execution and investment banking fees	568	400
Merchant income	1 571	1 470
Other	108	101
Trust and other fiduciary services	39	50
Portfolio and other management fees	27	38
Trust and estate income	12	12
Fee and commission income	18 608	17 628
Fee and commission expense	(1 329)	(1 460)
Brokerage fees	(1)	—
Cheque processing fees	(121)	(134)
Clearing and settlement charges	(640)	(648)
Notification fees	(198)	(202)
Other	(294)	(363)
Valuation fees	(75)	(113)
	17 279	16 168

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

	Bank	
	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
27.1 Included above are net fees and commissions linked to financial instruments not at fair value		
Cheque accounts	4 818	4 257
Credit cards	2 132	2 075
Electronic banking	5 019	4 814
Other	1 515	1 378
Savings accounts	2 049	2 283
Fee and commission income	15 533	14 807
Fee and commission expense	(1 152)	(1 150)
	14 381	13 657

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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	Bank	
	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
28. Gains and losses from banking and trading activities		
Net gains/(losses) on investments	63	(25)
Debt instruments designated at fair value through profit or loss	36	(8)
Equity instruments designated at fair value through profit or loss	94	(20)
Available-for-sale unwind from reserves	(67)	3
Net trading result	2 585	2 882
Net trading income excluding the impact of hedge accounting	2 633	2 972
Ineffective portion of hedges	(48)	(90)
Cash flow hedges	17	(53)
Fair value hedges	(65)	(37)
Other gains	212	112
	2 860	2 969
Net trading result and other gains on financial instruments		
Net trading income excluding the impact of hedge accounting	2 633	2 972
Losses on financial instruments designated at fair value through profit or loss	(2 757)	(3 431)
Net losses on financial assets designated at fair value through profit or loss	(33)	(565)
Net losses on financial liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss	(2 724)	(2 866)
Gains on financial instruments held for trading	5 390	6 403
Other gains	212	112
Gains on financial instruments designated at fair value through profit or loss	10	60
Gains on financial instruments held for trading	202	52

	Bank	
	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
29. Gains and losses from investment activities		
Other gains	3	2

	Bank	
	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
30. Other operating income		
Foreign exchange differences, including amounts recycled from other comprehensive income	(43)	311
Income from investment properties	68	142
Change in fair value (refer to note 12)	37	65
Rentals	31	77
Income from maintenance contracts	45	36
Profit on the sale of investment property	5	—
Profit on disposal of property and equipment	18	—
Profit/(loss) on sale of repossessed properties	16	(25)
Gross sales	98	23
Cost of sales	(82)	(48)
Rental income	24	21
Sundry income	406	368
	539	853

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

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	Bank	
	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
31. Operating expenses		
Administration fees	1 267	774
Amortisation of intangible assets (refer to note 14)	431	386
Auditors' remuneration	190	223
Audit fees – current reporting period	163	134
Audit fees – underprovision	5	7
Audit-related fees	19	44
Other services	3	38
Cash transportation	987	820
Depreciation (refer to note 13)	1 575	1 246
Equipment costs	217	189
Rentals	81	58
Maintenance	136	131
Information technology	2 842	2 728
Investment properties charges – change in fair value (refer to note 12)	—	(33)
Marketing costs	1 530	1 288
Operating lease expenses on properties	1 198	1 220
Other	530	(91)
Printing and stationery	230	263
Professional fees	1 947	1 401
Property costs	1 335	1 229
Staff costs	16 690	15 175
Bonuses	1 552	1 370
Other	439	440
Salaries and current service costs on post-retirement benefits	13 545	12 427
Deferred cash and share-based payments (refer to note 49)	741	643
Training costs	413	295
Telephone and postage	639	707
	31 608	27 525

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

Professional fees include research and development costs totalling **R439m** (2016: R257m).

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.

	Bank	
	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
32. Other impairments		
Reversal of impairment raised on financial instruments	(30)	(13)
Other	542	590
Intangible assets (refer to note 14)	326	590
Property and equipment (refer to note 13)	216	—
	512	577

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	Bank	
	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
33. Indirect taxation		
Training levy	136	121
VAT net of input credits	1 140	877
	1 276	998

	Bank	
	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
34. Taxation expense		
<i>Current</i>		
Foreign and other taxation	123	28
South African current tax	3 872	3 037
South African current tax – previous reporting period	128	6
	4 123	3 071
<i>Deferred</i>		
Deferred tax (refer to note 15.1)	(845)	406
Capital allowances ¹	272	431
Allowances for loan losses	(363)	(86)
Other provisions	(45)	(25)
Other temporary differences ^{1,2,3}	(87)	156
Fair value and similar adjustments through profit or loss ²	(380)	(289)
Fair value and similar adjustments in relation to prior year ²	(255)	219
Share-based payments ³	13	—
	3 278	3 477

<i>Reconciliation between operating profit before income tax and the taxation expense</i>		
Operating profit before income tax	11 755	13 411
Share of post-tax results of associates and joint ventures (refer to note 11)	(170)	(118)
	11 585	13 293
Tax calculated at a tax rate of 28%	3 244	3 722
Effect of different tax rates in other countries	42	19
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	438	89
Income not subject to tax	(395)	(525)
Non-taxable portion of capital gain	(76)	170
Other	25	2
	3 278	3 477

Notes

¹ Accelerated tax depreciation¹ amounting to R148m 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 R148m, resulting in the total movement of deferred tax in relation to 'Capital allowances' of R431m.

² 'Fair value adjustments on financial instruments of R58m 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', included in balances is an amount of (R12m) previously 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 **R13m** in the current reporting period.

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	Bank	
	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
35. 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, by the weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue during the reporting period.		
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. There are no instruments that would have a dilutive impact.		
Basic and diluted earnings attributable to ordinary equity holders	8 067	9 568
Weighted average number and diluted number of ordinary shares in issue (millions)	440,7	417,7
Issued shares at the beginning of the reporting period	431,3	412,8
Shares issued during the reporting period (weighted)	9,4	4,9
Basic earnings per ordinary share/diluted earnings per ordinary share (cents)	1 830,3	2 290,6

	Bank			
	2017		2016	
	Gross Rm	Net Rm	Gross Rm	Net Rm
36. Headline earnings				
<i>Headline earnings is determined as follows:</i>				
Profit attributable to ordinary equity holders of the Bank		8 067	—	9 568
Total headline earnings adjustment:		481	—	210
IFRS 5 – Loss/(gain) on disposal of non-current assets held for sale	33	34	—	—
IAS 16 – Profit on disposal of property and equipment	(18)	(13)	(22)	(16)
IAS 21 – Recycled foreign currency translation reserve	52	52	(320)	(297)
IAS 36 – Impairment of property and equipment (refer to note 32)	216	155	—	—
IAS 36 – Impairment of intangible assets (refer to note 32)	326	238	590	590
IAS 39 – Release of available-for-sale reserves (refer to note 28)	67	49	(3)	(2)
IAS 40 – Change in fair value of investment properties	(37)	(29)	(84)	(65)
IAS 40 – Profit on disposal of investment property	(5)	(5)	—	—
Headline earnings/diluted headline earnings		8 548		9 778
Headline earnings per ordinary share/ Diluted headline earnings per ordinary share (cents)		1 939,4		2 340,9

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

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37. Retirement benefit fund obligations

37.1 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 of a fund 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.

The rules of the Fund were amended in July 2015 to allow a retiring member who had joined the Fund before 1 July 2015 the choice to receive either a conventional annuity or a living annuity from the Fund (as was previously the case) or to purchase a pension from a registered insurer (new option). Members joining 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 elect a conventional annuity, the Bank 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 Bank 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 plans assets relating to these pensioners that have elected to receive a living annuity, amount to **R3 584m** (2016: R3 539m).

	Bank	
	Absa Pension Fund	
	2017	2016
Categories of the Fund		
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	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 Bank 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 Bank'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. This mandate has been introduced in the current year as previously, the Fund was managed on a target return basis. The primary objective of the portfolio manager 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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	Bank	
	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
37. Retirement benefit fund obligations <i>(continued)</i>		
37.1 Absa Pension Fund <i>(continued)</i>		
37.1.1 Reconciliation of net defined benefit plan surplus		
Reconciliation of the net surplus		
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
37.1.2 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	178
Actuarial (losses)/gains – experience adjustments	(85)	97
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 contribution	(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)
37.1.3 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
37.1.4 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)

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	Bank 2017			
	Fair value of plan assets			
	Debt instruments Rm	Equity instruments Rm	Other instruments Rm	Total Rm
37. Retirement benefit fund obligations <i>(continued)</i>				
37.1 Absa Pension Fund <i>(continued)</i>				
37.1.5 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	5 109	315	9 423
Unquoted fair value	7	—	70	77
Own transferable financial instruments	131	—	8	139
Investments in listed property entities/funds	—	—	199	199
Defined contribution portion	2 909	12 309	4 710	19 928
Quoted fair value	2 299	12 309	2 478	17 086
Unquoted fair value	218	—	912	1 130
Own transferable financial instruments	392	—	17	409
Investments in listed property entities/funds	—	—	1 303	1 303
	7 046	17 418	5 302	29 766

	Bank 2016			
	Fair value of plan assets			
	Debt instruments Rm	Equity instruments Rm	Other instruments Rm	Total Rm
<i>Plan assets relating to the defined benefit plan</i>				
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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	Bank	
	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
37. Retirement benefit fund obligations <i>(continued)</i>		
<i>37.1 Absa Pension Fund (continued)</i>		
37.1.6 Movements in the defined benefit plan presented in the statement of comprehensive income		
<i>Recognised in profit or loss:</i>		
Net interest income	(42)	(45)
Current service cost	32	30
	(10)	(15)
<i>Recognised in other comprehensive income:</i>		
Actuarial (gains)/losses – financial	85	(97)
Actuarial adjustments (gains)/ losses - experience	(582)	(178)
Return on plan assets in excess of interest	218	319
Changes in the irrecoverable surplus in excess of interest	290	(27)
	11	17
37.1.7 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

	Bank	
	2017	
	Reasonable possible change	Increase/(decrease) on defined benefit obligation Rm
37.1.8 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	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

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37. Retirement benefit fund obligations *(continued)*

37.1 Absa Pension Fund *(continued)*

37.1.9 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 336m (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.

	Bank	
	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
38. Dividends per share		
<i>Dividends declared to ordinary equity holders</i>		
Interim dividend (28 July 2017: 892,25702 cents)	4 000	—
Special dividend (30 June 2017: 811,4669592 cents) (6 December 2016: 476,12 cents) (10 June 2016: 363,37 cents)	3 500	3 500
Final dividend (1 March 2018: 669,1928 cents) (23 February 2017: 486,88017 cents)	3 000	2 100
	10 500	5 600
<i>Dividends declared to 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 holder</i>		
Distribution (12 December 2017)	48	—
	48	—
<i>Dividends paid to ordinary equity holders¹</i>		
Final dividend (10 April 2017: 486,88017 cents) ² (11 April 2016: 484,49896 cents)	2 100	2 000
Interim dividend (11 September 2017: 892,25702 cents)	4 000	—
Special dividend (30 June 2017: 811,4669592 cents) (6 December 2016: 476,12 cents) (10 June 2016: 363,37 cents)	3 500	3 500
	9 600	5 500
<i>Dividends paid to preference equity holders¹</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 holder</i>		
Distribution (12 December 2017)	48	—
	48	—

Notes

¹ The dividend paid dates have been corrected to reflect date of payment. Previously these dates referred to date of declaration.

² Dividends paid has been corrected since disclosed at interim. The final dividend per share paid to ordinary equity holders previously disclosed at interim was 1 249.15983 cents per share (gross: R5,6bn).

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

39.1 Reverse repurchase agreements and securities borrowed

As part of the reverse repurchase agreements, the Bank 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.

39.2 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.

	Bank				
	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	20 283	(19 891)	20 283	(19 891)	392
Equity instruments	6 278	(1 309)	6 278	(1 309)	4 969

	Bank				
	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	(22 865)	23 826	(22 865)	961
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.

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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40. Transfer of financial assets

40.1 Transfer of financial assets involving structured entities

In the ordinary course of its normal banking activities the Bank 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 Bank 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.

40.2 Assets transferred, but not derecognised

	Bank				
	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 Bank.

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.

The tables above exclude balances disclosed in Note 39.

40.3 Transfer of financial assets that results in partial derecognition

The Bank 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 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.

40.4 Continuing involvement in financial assets that have been derecognised in their entirety

The instance may arise where the Bank 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 Bank had no continuing involvement where financial assets have been derecognised in their entirety (31 December 2016: None).

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41. Offsetting financial assets and financial liabilities

Where relevant the Bank 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 Bank's actual credit exposure as a variety of credit mitigation strategies are employed in addition to netting and collateral arrangements.

Bank								
2017								
Amounts subject to enforceable netting arrangements								
	Effects of netting on statement of financial position			Related amounts not set off			Amounts not subject to enforceable netting arrangements ³	Total per statement of financial position ⁴
	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		
Derivative financial assets	53 199	(5 785)	47 414	(30 082)	(2 009)	15 323	11 727	59 141
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	11 727	94 519
Derivative financial liabilities	(44 993)	6 045	(38 948)	30 096	0	(8 852)	(13 862)	(52 810)
Repurchase agreements and other similar secured borrowing	(31 827)	—	(31 827)	—	31 827	—	—	(31 827)
Total liabilities	(76 820)	6 045	(70 775)	30 096	31 827	(8 852)	(13 862)	(84 637)

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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41. Offsetting financial assets and financial liabilities (continued)

Bank								
2016 ¹								
Amounts subject to enforceable netting arrangements								
	Effects of netting on statement of financial position			Related amounts not set off			Amounts not subject to enforceable netting arrangements ³	Total per statement of financial position ⁴
	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		
Derivative financial assets	45 409	(2 130)	43 279	(35 340)	(2 810)	5 129	3 472	46 751
Reverse repurchase agreements and other similar secured lending	35 711	—	35 711	—	(35 711)	—	—	35 711
Total assets	81 120	(2 130)	78 990	(35 340)	(38 521)	5 129	3 472	82 462
Derivative financial liabilities	(42 697)	2 130	(40 567)	35 340	66	(5 161)	(2 203)	(42 770)
Repurchase agreements and other similar secured borrowing	(23 038)	—	(23 038)	—	23 038	—	—	(23 038)
Total liabilities	(65 735)	2 130	(63 605)	35 340	23 104	(5 161)	(2 203)	(65 808)

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 Bank are further explained in the credit risk mitigation, collateral and other credit enhancements section of note 56.

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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42. Related parties

Barclays Africa Group Limited is the parent of Absa Bank Limited.

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 shares representing 14,9% of issued ordinary shares. The remaining 85,1% of the shares are widely held on the JSE.

Barclays PLC contributed £765m 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.

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.

42.1 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:

	Bank	
	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
Key management personnel compensation		
Directors		
Deferred cash payments	5	6
Non-deferred cash payments ¹	8	7
Post-employment benefit contributions	1	1
Salaries and other short-term benefits	48	53
Share-based payments	41	39
	103	106
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

Note

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, R7m (for directors) and R3m (for other key management personnel) were correctly disclosed in note 59 – Directors' remuneration. These amounts were accounted for appropriately in the comparative statement of comprehensive income.

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42. Related parties (continued)

42.1 Transactions with key management personnel (continued)

	Bank			
	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	49	15
Inception/(discontinuance) of related party relationships ¹	(29)	—	(8)	9
Loans issued and interest earned	65	9	75	7
Loans repaid	(56)	(3)	(67)	(22)
Balance at the end of the reporting period	29	15	49	9
Interest income	(3)	(1)	(5)	(0)
Deposits				
Balance at the beginning of the reporting period	18	0	29	6
Inception/(discontinuance) of related party relationships ¹	(2)	0	2	(13)
Deposits received	203	0	144	15
Deposits repaid and interest paid	(192)	0	(157)	(8)
Balance at the end of the reporting period	27	0	18	0
Interest expense	1	0	1	0
Guarantees	55	24	120	44
Other investments				
Balance at the beginning of the reporting period	105	39	28	34
(Discontinuance)/inception of related party relationships ¹	(12)	—	(10)	—
Value of new investments/contributions	85	9	90	5
Value of withdrawals/disinvestments	(61)	(2)	(5)	(2)
Fees and charges	(1)	0	—	—
Investment returns	3	2	2	2
Balance at the end of the reporting period	119	48	105	39

Loans include mortgages, asset finance transactions, overdrafts and other credit facilities. Loans to key management personnel are provided on the same terms and conditions as loans to employees of the Bank, including interest rates and collateral requirements. No loans to key management personnel or entities controlled by key management personnel were written off as irrecoverable.

In addition to the specific guarantees, a number of key management personnel and entities controlled by key management personnel have unlimited surety with the Bank

Insurance premiums paid and claims received

Key management personnel paid insurance premiums of **R0,57m** (2016: R0,70m) and received claims of **R0,16m** (2016: R0,16m).

Note

¹ Includes balances relating to key management personnel who resigned during the reporting periods.

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42. Related parties *(continued)*

42.2 Balances and transactions with Barclays PLC, fellow subsidiaries, and associates and joint ventures of Barclays PLC

	2017		Bank ¹		2016	
	Barclays PLC Rm	Fellow subsidiaries, associates and joint ventures of Barclays PLC Rm	Barclays PLC Rm	Fellow subsidiaries, associates and joint ventures of Barclays PLC Rm	Barclays PLC Rm	Fellow subsidiaries, associates and joint ventures of Barclays PLC Rm
Balances						
Loans and advances to banks	—	—	11 975	63		
Derivative assets	—	—	13 538	(0)		
Other assets	—	—	(14)	225		
Investment securities	—	—	(0)	—		
Deposits from banks	—	—	(3 867)	(46)		
Derivative liabilities	—	—	(15 966)	(2)		
Debt securities in issue	—	—	—	—		
Other liabilities	—	—	(5)	(47)		
Transactions						
Interest and similar income	(34)	—	50	—		
Interest expense and similar charges	12	—	(20)	—		
Gains and losses from banking and trading activities	9	—	(145)	—		
Net fee and commission income	(3)	—	(13)	(2)		
Other operating income	4	—	(5)	—		
Operating expenses/(recovered expenses)	45	(326)	49	(670)		

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.

There were no bad debt expenses and provisions for bad debts that related to balances and transactions with the parent company, fellow subsidiaries, and associates and joint ventures of the parent company.

Note

¹ Debit amounts are shown as positive, credit amounts are shown as negative.

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42. Related parties *(continued)*

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

	Bank ¹			
	2017		2016	
	Parent company Rm	Fellow subsidiaries, associates and joint ventures of the parent company Rm	Parent company Rm	Fellow subsidiaries, associates and joint ventures of the parent company Rm
Balances				
Loans and advances to banks	—	98	—	698
Trading portfolio assets	—	(20)	—	8
Other assets	—	184	—	263
Loans to ABSA group companies	—	36 530	—	25 794
Deposits from banks	—	(10 592)	(691)	(9 048)
Other liabilities	—	—	—	(10)
Borrowed funds	—	(10 402)	—	(7 547)
Trading portfolio liabilities	—	—	—	(44)
Transactions				
Dividends paid	9 600	—	5 500	—
Interest and similar income	—	(1 152)	—	(1 312)
Interest expense and similar charges	41	1 681	—	1 271
Fee and commission income	(3)	(481)	—	(480)
Fee and commission expense	—	(19)	—	(16)
Gains and losses from banking and trading activities	80	(5 082)	—	2 020
Gains and losses from investing activities	—	—	—	1
Other operating income	—	(22)	—	(22)
Operating expenditure/(recovered expenses)	—	584	(112)	(503)

42.3 Subsidiaries and consolidated structured entities

The following information provided is in respect of the Bank'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 Bank'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.

Note

¹ Debit amounts are shown as positive, credit amounts are shown as negative.

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42. Related parties (continued)

42.3 Subsidiaries and consolidated structured entities (continued)

Name	Nature of business	Country of incorporation	Bank	
			2017 % holding	2016 % holding
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
Alberton Industrial Properties Proprietary Limited	Obtains loans from the Bank to finance Devco subsidiaries.	South Africa	100	100
United Towers Proprietary Limited	Investment in and issuance of preference shares.	South Africa	100	100
Structured entities				
Absa Bond Fund	Fund used to invest in unit trusts.	South Africa	n/a	n/a
Absa Foundation Trust	Fund used to invest in unit trusts. 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 (RF) Limited	Securitisation vehicle for Absa Home Loans division.	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	South Africa	n/a	n/a
Maravedi Financial Services – Life Cell	Credit life insurance.	South Africa	n/a	n/a

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

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

There are significant restrictions on the ability of the Bank 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 Bank'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 Bank was **R58,2bn** (2016: R53,5bn).

Contractual requirements

Certain of the Bank'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 Bank 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 **R5,5bn** and **R5,4bn** respectively (2016: R7bn and R6,9bn respectively).

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42. Related parties (continued)

42.5 Associates, joint ventures and retirement benefit fund

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

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

	Bank 2017		
	Associates and joint ventures Rm	Retirement benefit fund Rm	Total Rm
Value of defined benefit pension fund and post-retirement medical aid plan investments managed by the Bank	—	9 836	9 836
Value of Absa defined contribution pension fund investments managed by the Bank	—	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
<i>Statement of financial position</i>			
Other assets	—	466	466
Loans and advances to customers (refer to note 8)	26 054	—	26 054
<i>Statement of comprehensive income</i>			
Interest income from joint ventures and associates and on plan assets	1 800	854	2 654
Interest expense and similar charges	—	(812)	(812)
Fee and commission income	148	—	148
Fee and commission expense	114	—	114
Current service costs (refer to note 37)	—	(32)	(32)
Staff Costs (Contributions to Absa Pension Fund)	—	(749)	(749)
Operating expenses	956	—	956
		2016	
	Associates and joint ventures Rm	Retirement benefit fund Rm	Total Rm
Value of defined benefit pension fund and post-retirement medical aid plan investments managed by the Bank	—	9 556	9 556
Value of Absa defined contribution pension fund investments managed by the Bank	—	17 546	17 546
Value of Barclays Africa Group Limited shares held by defined benefit pension fund	—	34	34
Value of other Barclays Africa Group Limited securities held by defined benefit pension fund	—	107	107
<i>Statement of financial position</i>			
Other assets	—	466	466
Loans and advances to customers (refer to note 8)	20 183	—	20 183
<i>Statement of comprehensive income</i>			
Interest and similar income	1 481	923	2 404
Interest expense and similar charges	—	(878)	(878)
Fee and commission income	9 352	—	9 352
Fee and commission expense	123	—	123
Current service costs (refer to note 37)	—	(30)	(30)
Staff Costs (Contributions to Absa Pension Fund)	—	(749)	(749)
Operating expenses	586	—	586

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42. Related parties (continued)

42.5 Associates, joint ventures and retirement benefit fund (continued)

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

Name	Nature of business	Bank	
		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 Proprietary Limited	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

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 Bank.

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

43. 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 Bank will act in this capacity. The Bank may therefore hold a direct interest in the fund, but the magnitude of such interest will vary with sufficient regularity. Whether the Bank consolidates any of the funds depends on the magnitude of the interest held therein, as well as on the Bank's ability to direct the relevant activities of the fund, either directly or indirectly. The Bank, through its contractual undertaking to act as market maker, ensures that liquidity is always maintained. The Bank earns management fee income from its involvement in the funds. To the extent that the Bank holds participatory units in the funds, the Bank 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 Bank has used SEs in order to securitise loans that were originated by the Bank. These entities have minimal equity and therefore rely on funding in the form of notes in order to acquire the underlying loans. The Bank 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 Bank 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 Bank, the Bank will not have power over the relevant activities of the vehicle. The Bank earns interest income on the notes issued by the vehicles, together with management fees from the Bank's ongoing involvement. To the extent that the notes are fair valued, unrealised gains and losses are generated, which are recognised by the Bank in profit or loss.

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43. Structured entities (continued)

Structured investment vehicles

The Bank 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 Bank 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 Bank 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 Bank recognises interest income from its investments. Often the Bank subscribes for preference shares in these vehicles together with other financial institutions on a syndicated basis. The Bank 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 Bank of companies as the preference share funding vehicle, most commonly the parent company, writes the Bank a financial guarantee or a put option, so as to provide security in the event of default.

Funding vehicles

The Bank 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 Bank of companies. The Bank earns interest on the loans. The loans are either measured at amortised cost, or are designated as at fair value through profit or loss.

43.1 Consolidated structured entities

During the reporting period the Bank 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	Bank	
			2017 Rm	2016 Rm
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 Bank has consolidated the Absa Foundation Trust since 2006 and new ETFs since 2017.

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

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43. Structured entities *(continued)*

43.2 Unconsolidated structured entities

The level of risk that the Bank 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 Bank holds an interest, information about such entities has been aggregated according to the purpose for which the entity was established.

	Bank					Total Rm
	Preference funding vehicles Rm	Structured investment vehicles Rm	Securitisation vehicles Rm	Exchange- traded funds Rm	Funding vehicles Rm	
Assets						
Trading portfolio assets	—	—	—	—	—	—
Investment securities	—	477	926	510	—	1 913
Debt securities	—	477	926	—	—	1 403
Equity securities	—	—	—	510	—	510
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 ¹	—	—	—	—	—	—
	7 925	477	3 251	510	61	12 224
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	477	3 251	510	61	12 224
Total size of entities³	41 038	477	6 071	28 013	61	75 660

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 Bank'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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43. Structured entities (continued)

43.2 Unconsolidated structured entities (continued)

	Bank					Total Rm
	2016	Preference funding vehicles Rm	Structured investment vehicles Rm	Securitisation vehicles Rm	Exchange- traded funds Rm	
Assets						
Trading portfolio assets		—	—	—	—	—
Investment securities		—	421	31	780	1 232
Debt securities		—	421	31	—	452
Equity securities		—	—	—	780	780
Loans and advances to customers		9 632	—	2 169	—	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
		9 632	421	2 709	780	14 062
Liabilities						
Derivatives held for trading		—	—	1	—	1
Interest rate derivatives (carrying value)		—	—	1	—	1
Interest rate derivatives (notional value)		—	—	404	—	404
Deposits due to customers		—	—	1 187	—	1 187
		—	—	1 188	—	1 188
Maximum exposure to loss²		9 632	421	2 709	780	14 062
Total size of entities³		54 403	565	4 811	28 686	88 985

The following presents the Bank's losses recognised in profit or loss from the Bank's interests in unconsolidated structured entities:

	Bank	
	2017 Losses recognised in profit or loss Impairment losses Rm	2016 Losses recognised in profit or loss Impairment losses Rm
Preference funding vehicle	—	15

43.3 Sponsored entities

The Bank did not earn material income from its involvement in the unconsolidated SEs which it sponsors.

Assets transferred to unconsolidated sponsored structured entities

The Bank did not transfer assets during the current reporting year (2016: Rnil) to its unconsolidated sponsored structured entities.

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 Bank'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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	Bank	
	2017 Unaudited Rm	2016 Unaudited Rm
44. Assets under management and administration		
Alternative asset management and exchange-traded funds	28 044	28 464
Other managed funds	2 168	2 365
Portfolio management	2 947	2 796
Unit trusts	2 436	1 842
	35 595	35 467

	Bank	
	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
45. Financial guarantee contracts		
Financial guarantee contracts	10	10

Financial guarantee contracts represent contracts where the Bank 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.

	Bank	
	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
46. Commitments		
<i>Authorised capital expenditure</i>		
Contracted but not provided for	257	509
The Bank has capital commitments in respect of computer equipment, software and property development. Management is confident that future net revenues and funding will be sufficient to cover these commitments.		
<i>Operating lease payments due</i>		
No later than one year	1 026	947
Later than one year and no later than five years	2 654	2 367
Later than five years	902	1 195
	4 582	4 509

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 Bank.

Leases are negotiated for an average term of three to five years and rentals are renegotiated annually.

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	Bank	
	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
47. Contingencies		
Guarantees	28 960	30 469
Irrecoverable debt facilities	145 087	122 958
Letters of credit	3 834	4 645
Other	151	135
	178 032	158 207

Guarantees include performance guarantee contracts and payment guarantee contracts.

Irrevocable facilities are commitments to extend credit where the Bank 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 proceedings

The Bank 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 the Bank was privy to such conduct. They have instituted proceedings against the Bank for damages for 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 19 June 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.

The Bank 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 Bank 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 Bank is or has been engaged.

At the present time, the Bank 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 Bank'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 Bank 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.

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47. Contingencies (continued)

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 Bank's control. Some of these are likely to have an impact on the Bank's businesses, systems and earnings.

The Bank is continuously evaluating its programmes and controls in general relating to compliance with regulation. The Bank undertakes monitoring, review and assurance activities, and the Bank 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 Bank conducted a review of relevant activity, processes, systems and controls. The Bank is continuing to provide information to relevant authorities as part of the Bank's ongoing cooperation. It is not currently practicable to provide an estimate of the financial impact of the actions described on the Bank or what effect that they might have upon the Bank'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 Bank 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 Bank PLC, BCI or Absa Bank Limited.

Income taxes

The Bank is subject to income taxes in numerous jurisdictions and the calculation of the Bank'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 Bank's treatment and accordingly the final tax charge cannot be determined until resolution has been reached with the relevant tax authority.

The Bank 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 Bank's Tax Risk Framework.

	Bank	
	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
48. Cash and cash equivalents		
Cash, cash balances and balances with central banks ¹	9 684	9 661
Loans and advances to banks ²	1 356	2 755
	11 040	12 416

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¹ Includes coins and bank notes.

² Includes call advances, which are used as working capital for the Bank.

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	Bank	
	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
49. Deferred cash and share-based payments		
<i>Share-based payments expense</i>	527	469
Equity-settled arrangements		
Barclays Africa Group Limited Long-Term Incentive Plan (LTIP)	131	29
Barclays Africa Group Limited Joiners Share Value Plan (JSVP)	33	22
Barclays Africa Group Limited Share Value Plan (SVP)	188	201
Barclays Africa Group Limited Share Incentive Awards (SIA)	72	52
Barclays Africa Group Limited Retention Share Value Plan (SVP Cliff)	28	107
Barclays Africa Group Limited Restricted Share Value Plan (RSVP)	15	—
Cash-settled arrangements:		
Barclays Africa Group Limited Long-Term Incentive Plan (LTIP)	16	11
Barclays Africa Group Limited Phantom Joiners Share Award Plan (JSAP)	1	1
Barclays Africa Group Limited Joiners Share Value Plan (JSVP)	4	5
Barclays Africa Group Limited Share Value Plan (SVP)	16	10
Barclays Africa Group Limited Retention Share Value Plan (SVP Cliff)	2	25
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)	214	174
Total deferred cash and share-based payments (refer to note 31)	741	643
Total carrying amount of liabilities for cash-settled arrangements (refer to note 18)	270	361
Total carrying amount of equity settled share based payment arrangement (refer to the statement of changes in equity)	749	713

During the current reporting period, two of the Bank'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.

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 Bank. 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 Bank 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 Bank 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.

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49. Deferred cash and share-based payments *(continued)*

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 Bank 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 Bank 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 Bank 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 Bank 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 salary and the share element will be delivered quarterly, with the shares subject to a holding period. Dividends accumulate and are reinvested over the period.

	Number of awards '000											
	2017						2016					
	Opening balance	Effect of conversion	Granted/ (transferred)	Forfeited	Exercised	Closing balance	Opening balance	Effect of conversion	Granted/ (transferred)	Forfeited	Exercised	Closing balance
Equity-settled:												
LTIP	4 631	—	3 107	(8)	(54)	7 676	—	—	4 631	—	—	4 631
JSAP	1	—	—	—	(1)	—	18	—	—	(3)	(14)	1
JSVP	260	—	276	(15)	(263)	258	458	(2)	115	(12)	(299)	260
SVP	2 607	(5)	1 281	(133)	(1 222)	2 528	2 302	131	1 500	(155)	(1 171)	2 607
SIA	454	—	392	—	(391)	455	346	—	427	—	(319)	454
RSVP ¹	—	2 016	—	—	—	2 016	—	—	—	—	—	—
SVP Cliff	1 878	—	2	(54)	(1 480)	346	2 026	145	(137)	(144)	(12)	1 878
Cash-settled:												
LTIP	203	—	484	—	(203)	484	1 033	—	(92)	(420)	(318)	203
JSVP	3	—	—	—	(2)	1	31	2	(15)	(2)	(13)	3
SVP	91	5	3	(5)	(71)	23	427	(131)	(50)	(4)	(151)	91
RSVP ¹	—	305	—	—	—	305	—	—	—	—	—	—
SVP Cliff	239	—	—	—	(239)	—	119	(145)	273	(8)	—	239
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.

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 schemes in the current year.

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49. Deferred cash and share-based payments (continued)

	Weighted average share price at exercise date during the reporting period (Rands)		Weighted average contractual life of awards outstanding (years)		Weighted average fair value of options granted during the reporting period (Rands)	
	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016
Equity-settled:						
LTIP	138,87	—	2,58	2,70	144,69	148,90
JSAP	134,03	143,68	—	0,25	—	174,98
JSVP	161,68	174,77	1,76	1,48	152,74	167,13
SVP	156,86	174,09	1,93	2,00	157,91	160,23
SIA	157,91	145,97	0,67	0,67	157,91	145,97
RSVP	—	—	2,55	—	146,01	—
SVP Cliff	174,98	174,98	0,43	0,82	—	165,96
Cash-settled:						
LTIP	138,87	143,92	2,58	0,74	144,69	148,90
JSVP	151,45	160,76	0,95	1,45	—	168,60
SVP	151,71	142,01	0,51	0,17	157,91	132,46
RSVP	—	—	2,38	—	142,79	—
SVP Cliff	155,25	—	—	0,16	—	129,30
RBP	157,89	157,44	2,39	2,76	151,38	167,27

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Future cash flow effects associated with equity settled share based payments

	Within 1 year	From 1 year to 5 years	More than 5 years	Total
Estimate of amount expected to be transferred to tax authorities	204	643	—	847

2016

Future cash flow effects associated with equity settled share based payments

	Within 1 year	From 1 year to 5 years	More than 5 years	Total
Estimate of amount expected to be transferred to tax authorities	262	472	—	734

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 10% 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.

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50. Acquisitions of businesses and other similar transactions

50.1 Acquisitions and disposals of businesses during the current reporting period

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

50.2 Acquisitions and disposals of businesses during the previous 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.

50.3 Acquisitions and disposals of businesses during the previous reporting period

There were no acquisitions or disposals of businesses during the previous reporting period.

51. Segment report

51.1 Summary of segments

As a result of changes in internal management, the reporting structure has changed in the current period. The Bank revised its operating model with 'geography' and 'customer' as primary dimensions, creating a platform for increased focus and dedicated management capacity.

The segments also reflect how the Bank's businesses are managed and reported to the Chief Operating Decision Maker (CODM) now include 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
- Wealth has been created as a separate segment. The Wealth sub-segment was previously reported in Corporate, Investment Bank and Wealth.

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 Banking 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.
- Wealth: offers wealth management services.

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51. Segment report *(continued)*

Other reconciling stripes:

- Head Office, Treasury and other operations in South Africa: consists of various non-banking activities.
- Barclay's separation: as part of Barclays PLC divestment Barclays PLC contributed R12,1bn primarily in recognition of the investments required for the Bank to separate from Barclays PLC. Investments will be made 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 Bank over time.

The following operational changes, management changes and associated changes to the way in which CODM views the performance of each business segment, have resulted in the reallocation of earnings, assets and liabilities between segments.

- The Bank refined its cost allocation methodology, resulting in prior restatement of operating expenses from RBB SA (R615m) to CIB SA R221m, Head Office to Treasury and other operations R199m and Wealth R195m.
- CPF customers with loan balances exceeding R40m of R10,9bn were moved from Retail and Business Banking (RBB SA) to Corporate and Investment Banking (CIB SA) to reflect the Bank's customer segmentation and coverage model.

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	South Africa Banking		Wealth	
	2017	2016 ⁴	2017	2016 ⁴
51. Segment report <i>(continued)</i>				
Statement of comprehensive income (Rm)				
Net interest income	30 409	30 068	277	290
Net interest income – external	38 695	40 357	278	287
Net interest income – internal	(8 286)	(10 289)	(1)	3
Non-interest income	20 368	19 380	153	158
Non-interest income – external	23 406	24 728	146	152
Non-interest income – internal	(3 038)	(5 348)	7	6
Total income	50 777	49 448	430	448
Impairment losses on loans and advances	(4 984)	(6 391)	(120)	(10)
Operating income before operating expenses	45 793	43 057	310	438
Operating expenses	(29 074)	(27 355)	(899)	(790)
Depreciation and amortisation	(376)	(351)	(2)	—
Other operating expenses	(28 698)	(27 004)	(897)	(790)
Other operating expenses	(403)	(597)	(3)	(3)
Other impairments	30	(270)	—	—
Indirect taxation	(433)	(327)	(3)	(3)
Share of post-tax results of associates and joint ventures	158	148	—	—
Operating profit before income tax	16 474	15 253	(592)	(355)
Taxation expense	(4 214)	(3 856)	165	99
Profit for the reporting period	12 260	11 397	(427)	(256)
Profit attributable to:				
Ordinary equity holders	11 853	11 036	(431)	(261)
Non-controlling interest	1	15	—	—
Preference equity holders	406	346	4	5
Additional Tier 1 Capital	—	—	—	—
	12 260	11 397	(427)	(256)
Headline earnings	11 903	11 251	(429)	(261)
Operating performance (%)				
Net interest margin on average interest-bearing assets ²	3,19	3,29	n/a	n/a
Credit loss ratio ²	0,73	0,96	2,14	0,18
Non-interest income as a % of income ³	40,1	39,2	35,58	35,26
Income growth ³	3	6	(3,96)	0,51
Operating expenses growth ³	6	5	13,71	2,99
Cost-to-income ratio ³	57,3	55,3	209,07	176,21
Statement of financial position (Rm)				
Loans and advances to customers	654 511	624 336	5 004	5 660
Loans and advances to banks	38 528	39 753	—	—
Investment securities	73 191	65 738	307	298
Other assets	442 997	414 417	772	155
Total assets	1 209 227	1 144 244	6 083	6 113
Deposits due to customers	477 986	460 084	5 150	5 144
Debt securities in issue	12 717	14 477	—	—
Other liabilities ⁵	703 839	656 419	1 354	1 216
Total liabilities	1 194 542	1 130 980	6 504	6 360
<i>Financial performance (%)</i>				
Return on average risk-weighted assets ²	2,45	2,41	n/a	n/a
Return on average assets ²	1,01	0,97	(5,09)	(3,93)

Notes

¹ Head Office, Treasury and other operations in South Africa do not represent a reportable segment, but the reconciliation to the Bank in terms of IFRS 8.

² These ratios are unaudited.

³ These ratios have been calculated by management based on extracted audited information contained in the annual financial statements.

⁴ These numbers have been restated, refer to note 51.1.

⁵ This represents the contribution of R12,1bn that was received from Barclays PLC, net of amounts already spent on separation activities. The cash received is held centrally by Treasury and presented as an intersegmental asset in 'Other liabilities'.

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Head Office, Treasury and other operations in South Africa ¹		Total before Barclays separation		Barclays separation		Bank	
2017	2016 ⁴	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016
(1 598)	(1 549)	29 088	28 809	325	—	29 413	28 809
(8 991)	(11 876)	29 982	28 768	—	—	29 982	28 768
7 393	10 327	(894)	41	325	—	(569)	41
80	454	20 601	19 992	80	—	20 681	19 992
(8 478)	(3 385)	15 074	21 495	80	—	15 154	21 495
8 558	3 839	5 527	(1 503)	—	—	5 527	(1 503)
(1 518)	(1 095)	49 689	48 801	405	—	50 094	48 801
(9)	(7)	(5 113)	(6 408)	—	—	(5 113)	(6 408)
(1 527)	(1 102)	44 576	42 393	405	—	44 981	42 393
266	620	(29 707)	(27 525)	(1 901)	—	(31 608)	(27 525)
(1 624)	(1 281)	(2 002)	(1 632)	(3)	—	(2 005)	(1 632)
1 890	1 901	(27 705)	(25 893)	(1 898)	—	(29 603)	(25 893)
(988)	(975)	(1 394)	(1 575)	(394)	—	(1 788)	(1 575)
(217)	(307)	(187)	(577)	(325)	—	(512)	(577)
(771)	(668)	(1 207)	(998)	(69)	—	(1 276)	(998)
12	(30)	170	118	—	—	170	118
(2 237)	(1 487)	13 645	13 411	(1 890)	—	11 755	13 411
363	280	(3 686)	(3 477)	408	—	(3 278)	(3 477)
(1 874)	(1 207)	9 959	9 934	(1 482)	—	8 477	9 934
(1 873)	(1 207)	9 549	9 568	(1 482)	—	8 067	9 568
(1)	—	—	15	—	—	—	15
(48)	—	362	351	—	—	362	351
48	—	48	—	—	—	48	—
(1 874)	(1 207)	9 959	9 934	(1 482)	—	8 477	9 934
(1 681)	(1 212)	9 793	9 778	(1 245)	—	8 548	9 778
n/a	n/a	3,90	4,02	n/a	n/a	3,91	4,02
n/a	n/a	0,74	0,94	n/a	n/a	0,74	0,94
n/a	n/a	41,46	40,97	n/a	n/a	41,28	40,97
n/a	n/a	1,82	5,91	n/a	n/a	2,65	5,91
n/a	n/a	7,93	4,30	n/a	n/a	14,83	4,30
n/a	n/a	59,79	56,40	n/a	n/a	63,10	56,40
977	650	660 492	630 646	—	—	660 492	630 646
4 689	(457)	43 217	39 296	—	—	43 217	39 296
3 026	18 138	76 524	84 174	—	—	76 524	84 174
(236 556)	(250 377)	207 213	164 195	912	—	208 125	164 195
(227 864)	(232 046)	987 446	918 311	912	—	988 358	918 311
100 689	99 584	583 825	564 812	—	—	583 825	564 812
125 225	125 096	137 942	139 573	—	—	137 942	139 573
(514 091)	(513 008)	191 102	144 627	(9 840)	—	181 262	144 627
(288 177)	(288 328)	912 869	849 012	(9 840)	—	903 029	849 012
n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	1,64	1,95
n/a	n/a	1,05	1,06	n/a	n/a	0,91	1,06

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	RBB South Africa	
	2017 Rm	2016 ³ Rm
51. Segment report (continued)		
Statement of comprehensive income		
Net interest income	24 005	24 089
Net interest income – external	33 248	33 585
Net interest income – internal	(9 243)	(9 496)
Non-interest income	16 270	15 425
Non-interest income – external	15 373	14 637
Non-interest income – internal	897	788
Total income	40 275	39 514
Impairment losses on loans and advances	(4 417)	(5 372)
Operating income before operating expenses	35 858	34 142
Operating expenses	(23 475)	(21 888)
Depreciation and amortisation	(371)	(338)
Other operating expenses	(23 104)	(21 550)
Other operating expenses	(223)	(478)
Other impairments	30	(270)
Indirect taxation	(253)	(208)
Share of post-tax results of associates and joint ventures	153	134
Operating profit before income tax	12 313	11 910
Taxation expenses	(3 465)	(3 335)
Profit for the reporting period	8 848	8 575
Profit attributable to:		
Ordinary equity holders	8 588	8 328
Non-controlling interest	1	15
Preference equity holders	259	230
	8 848	8 573
Headline earnings	8 636	8 544
Operating performance (%)		
Net interest margin on average interest-bearing assets ¹	3,53	3,70
Credit loss ratio ¹	0,99	1,23
Non-interest income as % of income ²	40,4	39,0
Income growth ²	6,15	4,15
Cost growth ²	13,63	5,95
Cost-to-income ratio ²	58,29	55,4
Statement of financial position (Rm)		
Loans and advances to customers	435 499	422 343
Loans and advances to banks	7 660	6 126
Investment securities	43 100	42 132
Other assets	254 971	246 321
Total assets	741 230	716 922
Deposits due to customers	300 950	286 299
Debt securities in issue	—	—
Other liabilities	430 034	420 924
Total liabilities	730 984	707 223
Financial performance (%)		
Return on average risk-weighted assets ²	2,83	2,88
Return on average assets ²	1,01	1,06

Notes

¹ These ratios are unaudited.

² These ratios have been calculated by management based on extracted audited information contained in the annual financial statements.

³ These numbers have been restated, refer to note 51.1.

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CIB South Africa		South Africa Banking	
2017 Rm	2016 ³ Rm	2017 Rm	2016 ³ Rm
6 404	5 979	30 409	30 068
5 447	6 772	38 695	40 357
957	(793)	(8 286)	(10 289)
4 098	3 955	20 368	19 380
8 033	10 091	23 406	24 728
(3 935)	(6 136)	(3 038)	(5 348)
10 502	9 934	50 777	49 448
(567)	(1 019)	(4 984)	(6 391)
9 935	8 915	45 793	43 057
(5 599)	(5 467)	(29 074)	(27 355)
(5)	(13)	(376)	(351)
(5 594)	(5 454)	(28 698)	(27 004)
(180)	(119)	(403)	(597)
—	—	30	(270)
(180)	(119)	(433)	(327)
5	14	158	148
4 161	3 343	16 474	15 253
(748)	(520)	(4 214)	(3 856)
3 413	2 823	12 260	11 397
3 267	2 707	11 853	11 036
—	—	1	15
147	116	406	346
3 414	2 823	12 260	11 397
3 267	2 707	11 903	11 251
2,36	2,26	3,19	3,29
0,24	0,44	0,73	0,96
39,02	39,8	40,11	39,2
5,73	12,12	2,69	6
2,43	(0,63)	6,29	5
53,3	55,0	57,26	55,3
219 012	201 993	654 511	624 336
30 868	33 627	38 528	39 753
30 091	23 606	73 191	65 738
188 026	168 096	442 997	414 417
467 997	427 322	1 209 227	1 144 244
177 036	173 785	477 986	460 084
12 717	14 477	12 717	14 477
273 805	235 495	703 839	656 419
463 558	423 757	1 194 542	1 130 980
1,81	1,59	2,45	2,41
0,74	0,60	1,01	0,97

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52. Derivatives

52.1 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 Bank'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 Bank did not have any compound financial instruments with multiple embedded derivatives in issue.

The Bank trades the following derivative instruments:

Foreign exchange derivatives

The Bank'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 Bank'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 Bank'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 Bank'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 Bank 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 Bank's principal commodity-related derivative contracts are swaps, options, forwards and futures. The main commodities transacted are agricultural commodities and precious metals.

52.2 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 Bank'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 Bank's net exposure to, or position in any of the markets that the Bank trades in.

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52. Derivatives *(continued)*

52.3 Derivative financial instrument – overall

The Bank's total derivative asset and liability position as reported on the statement of financial position is as follows

	Bank					
	2017			2016		
	Assets	Liabilities	Notional	Assets	Liabilities	Notional
Derivatives held for trading	56 473	(51 693)	5 114 107	45 017	(40 716)	5 245 158
Derivatives designated as hedging instruments	2 667	(1 117)	220 577	1 734	(2 054)	166 994
Total derivatives	59 140	(52 810)	5 334 684	46 751	(42 770)	5 412 152

52.4 Derivatives held for trading – detail by market and instrument type

Derivatives held for trading by the Bank related to the various markets and instrument types the Bank trades in are as follows:

	Bank					
	2017			2016		
	Assets	Liabilities	Notional contract amounts	Assets	Liabilities	Notional contract amounts
Foreign exchange derivatives	15 556	(14 504)	522 968	15 121	(13 995)	608 971
Forwards	1 799	(1 216)	46 150	1 349	(873)	29 075
Futures	0	—	137 353	0	—	213 162
Swaps	12 811	(12 231)	293 946	13 215	(12 504)	338 551
Options	946	(1 057)	45 519	557	(618)	28 183
Interest rate derivatives	37 126	(33 368)	4 429 644	27 325	(24 304)	4 498 864
Forwards	1 754	(1 750)	2 887 692	1 011	(1 030)	3 006 259
Futures	0	—	34 329	0	—	35 759
Swaps	35 324	(31 497)	1 465 064	26 296	(23 247)	1 450 754
Options	48	(121)	42 559	18	(27)	6 092
Equity derivatives	2 529	(2 388)	117 728	1 593	(1 365)	114 215
Forwards	532	(210)	9 052	472	(231)	3 263
Futures	0	—	26 158	0	—	49 914
Swaps	1 041	(813)	22 116	374	(330)	9 279
Options	784	(1 365)	29 009	747	(802)	17 109
Options – exchange traded	0	—	23 858	0	—	26 838
Other – OTC	172	—	7 535	—	(2)	7 812
Commodity derivatives	1 097	(1 285)	34 377	794	(816)	12 790
Forwards	142	(357)	8 777	369	(418)	11 291
Swaps	108	(58)	312	92	(55)	605
Options	847	(870)	25 288	333	(343)	894
Credit derivatives						
Default swaps	165	(148)	9 390	184	(236)	10 318
Derivatives held for trading	56 473	(51 693)	5 114 107	45 017	(40 716)	5 245 158
Note	5	17		5	17	

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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52. Derivatives (continued)

52.5 Derivatives designated as hedging instruments – detail by market and instrument type

	2017			2016		
	Assets	Liabilities	Notional contracts amounts	Assets	Liabilities	Notional contracts amounts
	Rm	Rm	Rm	Rm	Rm	Rm
Interest rate derivatives	2 667	(992)	219 819	1 734	(1 963)	165 931
Swaps – cash flow hedges	1 768	(99)	170 655	627	(700)	125 684
Swaps – fair value hedges	899	(893)	49 164	1 107	(1 263)	40 247
Foreign exchange derivatives						
Forward rate agreements – cash flow hedges	—	(125)	758	—	(91)	1 063
	2 667	(1 117)	220 577	1 734	(2 054)	166 994
Notes:	5	17		5	17	

52.6 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 Bank to protect against the potential cash flow variability that results from the Bank's exposure to various floating rate instruments including certain loans and advances, available-for-sale financial assets and issued debt.

The Bank's cash flow hedging instruments for interest rate risk principally consist of interest rate swaps that are used to fix the floating future cash flows.

The Bank's cash flow hedging instruments for foreign currency risk consist of foreign exchange contracts to protect the Bank 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:

	Bank	
	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
Interest and similar income		
Interest rate risk (refer to note 25)	264	268
Interest expense and similar charges		
Interest rate risk (refer to note 26)	70	(8)
Other operating income		
Hedges of net investments in foreign operations	—	85
Gains and losses from banking and trading activities		
Interest rate risk	66	—
Operating expenditure		
Foreign currency risk	(52)	5

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:

	Bank	
	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
Gains and (losses) from banking and trading activities (refer to note 28)		
Interest rate risk	18	(53)
Foreign currency risk	(1)	—
	17	(53)

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52. Derivatives *(continued)*

52.6 Derivatives designated as cash flow hedging instruments and hedges of net investment in foreign operations *(continued)*

The Bank 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:

	Bank							Total Rm
	2017							
	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	576	453	213	53	13	(1)	1 307	
Interest rate risk								
Forecast payable cash flow	(474)	(303)	(137)	(74)	(70)	(26)	(1 083)	
Interest rate risk	(57)	(7)	(35)	(56)	(51)	(8)	(214)	
Foreign currency risk	(417)	(296)	(102)	(18)	(19)	(18)	(869)	
	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	337	205	103	11	—	—	656	
Interest rate risk								
Forecast payable cash flow	(309)	(189)	(124)	(118)	(106)	(62)	(908)	
Interest rate risk	(263)	(140)	(124)	(118)	(106)	(62)	(813)	
Foreign currency risk	(46)	(49)	—	—	—	—	(95)	

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52. Derivatives *(continued)*

52.7 Derivatives designated as fair value hedging instruments to protect against interest rate and exchange rate risk

Fair value hedges are used by the Bank 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 Bank'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:

	Bank	
	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)	(1 506)
Gains on hedging instruments (liabilities)	345	863
Interest income on hedging instruments	44	36

Movement in fair value that was recognised in profit or loss in relation to hedge ineffectiveness is:

	Bank	
	2017	2016
	Rm	Rm
Losses from banking and trading activities (refert to note 28)	(65)	(37)

52.8 Counterparty netting and collateral

Derivative assets subject to counterparty netting agreements amounted to **R47 413m** (2016: R43 279m). Additionally, the Bank held **R2 009m** (2016: R2 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 Bank. 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
53. Consolidated statement of financial position summary – IAS 39 classification				
Assets				
Cash, cash balances and balances with central banks	—	—	—	—
Investment securities	20 866	—	—	20 866
Loans and advances to banks	17 197	—	—	17 197
Trading portfolio assets	—	102 730	—	102 730
Hedging portfolio assets ²	—	—	2 667	2 667
Other assets	—	—	—	—
Loans and advances to customers	26 811	—	—	26 811
Non-current assets held for sale	—	—	—	—
Loans to Group companies	—	—	—	—
Assets outside the scope of IAS 39	—	—	—	—
	64 874	102 730	2 667	170 271
Liabilities				
Deposits from banks	22 031	—	—	22 031
Trading portfolio liabilities	—	59 834	—	59 834
Hedging portfolio liabilities ³	—	—	1 117	1 117
Other liabilities	—	—	—	—
Deposits due to customers	20 451	—	—	20 451
Debt securities in issue	5 241	—	—	5 241
Borrowed funds	—	—	—	—
Liabilities outside the scope of IAS 39	—	—	—	—
	47 723	59 834	1 117	108 674

	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	—	—	—	—
Investment securities	24 427	—	—	24 427
Loans and advances to banks	19 857	—	—	19 857
Trading portfolio assets	—	72 904	—	72 904
Hedging portfolio assets ²	—	—	1 734	1 734
Other assets	—	—	—	—
Loans and advances to customers	24 077	—	—	24 077
Loans to Group companies	—	—	—	—
Assets outside the scope of IAS 39	—	—	—	—
	68 361	72 904	1 734	142 999
Liabilities				
Deposits from banks	17 634	—	—	17 634
Trading portfolio liabilities	—	42 503	—	42 503
Hedging portfolio liabilities ³	—	—	2 054	2 054
Other financial liabilities	—	—	—	—
Deposits due to customers	17 163	—	—	17 163
Debt securities in issue	5 667	—	—	5 667
Borrowed funds	—	—	—	—
Liabilities outside the scope of IAS 39	—	—	—	—
	40 464	42 503	2 054	85 021

Notes

¹ Includes non-financial assets and liabilities and financial instruments outside the scope of IAS 39.

² Includes derivative assets to the amount of **R1 767m** (2016: R627m) and **R899m** (2016: R1 107m) that have been designated as cash flow and fair value hedging instruments respectively.

³ Includes derivative liabilities to the amount of **R224m** (2016: R790m) and **R893m** (2016: R1 263m) that have been designated as cash flow and fair value hedging instruments respectively.

⁴ Includes items designated as hedged items in fair value hedging relationships.

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Available-for-sale		Total Rm	Amortised cost		Total Rm	Assets/liabilities outside the scope of IAS 39 ¹ Rm	Total assets and liabilities Rm
Designated as available- for-sale Rm	Hedged items ⁴ Rm		Designated at amortised cost Rm	Hedged items ⁴ Rm			
—	—	—	28 792	—	28 792	—	28 792
35 241	20 417	55 658	—	—	—	—	76 524
—	—	—	26 020	—	26 020	—	43 217
—	—	—	—	—	—	2 051	104 781
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2 667
—	—	—	13 327	—	13 327	2 186	15 513
—	—	—	633 635	46	633 681	—	660 492
—	—	—	1 118	—	1 118	—	1 118
—	—	—	36 530	—	36 530	—	36 530
—	—	—	—	—	—	18 724	18 724
35 241	20 417	55 658	739 422	46	739 468	22 961	988 358
—	—	—	52 079	—	52 079	—	74 110
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	59 834
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1 117
—	—	—	25 709	—	25 709	2 115	27 824
—	—	—	563 374	—	563 374	—	583 825
—	—	—	121 934	10 767	132 701	—	137 942
—	—	—	4 234	11 632	15 866	—	15 866
—	—	—	—	—	—	2 511	2 511
—	—	—	767 330	22 399	789 729	4 626	903 029

2016

Available-for-sale		Total Rm	Amortised cost		Total Rm	Assets/liabilities outside the scope of IAS 39 ¹ Rm	Total assets and liabilities Rm
Designated as available- for-sale Rm	Hedged items ⁴ Rm		Designated at amortised cost Rm	Hedged items ³ Rm			
—	—	—	28 252	—	28 252	—	28 252
31 984	27 763	59 747	—	—	—	—	84 174
—	—	—	19 439	—	19 439	—	39 296
—	—	—	—	—	—	1 485	74 389
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1 734
—	—	—	14 822	—	14 822	1 823	16 645
—	—	—	606 567	2	606 569	—	630 646
—	—	—	25 794	—	25 794	—	25 794
—	—	—	—	—	—	17 381	17 381
31 984	27 763	59 747	694 874	2	694 876	20 689	918 311
—	—	—	42 514	—	42 514	—	60 148
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	42 503
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2 054
—	—	—	19 039	—	19 039	2 111	21 150
—	—	—	547 649	—	547 649	—	564 812
—	—	—	123 308	10 598	133 906	—	139 573
—	—	—	6 977	8 702	15 679	—	15 679
—	—	—	—	—	—	3 093	3 093
—	—	—	739 487	19 300	758 787	5 204	849 012

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54. Fair value disclosures

54.1 Assets and liabilities held at fair value

The following table shows the Bank'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.

Recurring fair value measurements	Bank							
	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								
Investment securities	37 737	32 841	5 946	76 524	50 909	32 203	1 062	84 174
Loans and advances to banks	—	16 713	484	17 197	—	19 286	571	19 857
Trading and hedging portfolio assets	31 379	72 194	1 824	105 397	16 360	56 773	1 505	74 638
Debt instruments	29 185	2 410	177	31 772	15 417	2 573	1 324	19 314
Derivative assets	—	58 594	546	59 140	—	46 570	181	46 751
Commodity derivatives	—	973	124	1 097	—	794	—	794
Credit derivatives	—	—	165	165	—	70	114	184
Equity derivatives	—	2 356	173	2 529	—	1 526	67	1 593
Foreign exchange derivatives	—	15 548	8	15 556	—	15 121	—	15 121
Interest rate derivatives	—	39 717	76	39 793	—	29 059	—	29 059
Equity instruments	567	—	—	567	943	—	—	943
Money market assets	1 627	11 190	1 101	13 918	—	7 630	—	7 630
Loans and advances to customers	—	22 070	4 741	26 811	—	19 187	4 890	24 077
Total financial assets	69 116	143 818	12 995	225 929	67 269	127 449	8 028	202 746
Financial liabilities								
Deposits from banks	—	22 031	—	22 031	—	17 634	—	17 634
Trading and hedging portfolio liabilities	8 141	51 866	944	60 951	1 786	42 464	307	44 557
Derivative liabilities	—	51 866	944	52 810	—	42 464	307	42 771
Commodity derivatives	—	1 164	121	1 285	—	872	—	872
Credit derivatives	—	—	148	148	—	135	101	236
Equity derivatives	—	1 965	423	2 388	—	1 306	59	1 365
Foreign exchange derivatives	—	14 500	4	14 504	—	13 996	—	13 996
Interest rate derivatives	—	34 237	248	34 485	—	26 155	147	26 302
Short positions	8 141	—	—	8 141	1 786	—	—	1 786
Deposits due to customers	203	18 676	1 572	20 451	154	15 870	1 139	17 163
Debt securities in issue	399	4 354	488	5 241	412	4 651	604	5 667
Total financial liabilities	8 743	96 927	3 004	108 674	2 352	80 619	2 050	85 021
Non-financial assets								
Commodities	2 051	—	—	2 051	1 485	—	—	1 485
Investment properties	—	—	—	—	—	—	222	222
Non-recurring fair value adjustments								
Non-current assets held for sale ¹	—	—	—	—	—	—	367	367
Non-current liabilities held for sale ¹	—	—	—	—	—	—	9	9

Note

¹ Includes certain items classified in terms of the requirement of IFRS 5 which are measured in terms of their respective standards.

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54. Fair value disclosures (continued)

54.2 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:

	Bank				
	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	—	4 890	571	1 062
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	4 789
Sales	(147)	—	(1 112)	(175)	—
Movement in other comprehensive income	—	—	—	—	31
Issues	—	—	—	—	—
Settlements	—	—	—	—	—
Transferred to/(from)	—	—	—	—	—
Transfer in/(out of) Level 3	—	—	(98)	—	—
Closing balance at the end of the reporting period	1 824	—	4 741	484	5 946

	2016				
	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	1 415	17	7 511	2 109	1 285
Net interest income	—	—	232	—	56
Gains and losses from banking and trading activities	116	—	65	(139)	16
Gains and losses from investment activities	—	—	—	—	—
Purchases	1 308	—	—	70	2
Sales	(1 334)	(17)	(1 956)	(1 469)	(147)
Movement in other comprehensive income	—	—	—	—	4
Issues	—	—	—	—	—
Settlements	—	—	—	—	—
Transferred to/(from)	—	—	—	—	—
Transfer in/(out of) Level 3	—	—	(962)	—	(154)
Closing balance at the end of the reporting period	1 505	—	4 890	571	1 062

54.2.1 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.

These 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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Investment properties Rm	Total assets at fair value Rm	Deposits from banks Rm	Bank		Debt securities in issue Rm	Total liabilities at fair value Rm
			2017 Trading and hedging portfolio liabilities Rm	Deposits due to customers Rm		
222	8 250	—	307	1 139	604	2 050
—	74	—	—	7	—	7
37	37	—	—	—	—	—
—	(606)	—	585	—	—	585
—	2	—	—	—	—	—
—	6 998	—	—	—	—	—
(259)	(1 693)	—	—	—	—	—
—	31	—	—	—	—	—
—	—	—	52	1 685	30	1 767
—	—	—	—	(1 144)	(68)	(1 212)
—	—	—	—	—	—	—
—	(98)	—	—	(115)	(78)	(193)
—	12 995	—	944	1 572	488	3 004

Investment properties Rm	Total assets at fair value Rm	Deposits from banks Rm	2016		Debt securities in issue Rm	Total liabilities at fair value Rm
			Trading and hedging portfolio liabilities Rm	Deposits due to customers Rm		
518	12 855	7	216	2 557	624	3 404
61	349	—	—	—	—	—
—	58	—	91	—	—	91
—	—	—	—	139	(9)	130
—	1 380	—	—	—	—	—
(65)	(4 988)	—	—	—	—	—
—	4	—	—	—	—	—
—	—	—	—	1 953	—	1 953
—	—	(7)	—	(3 510)	(11)	(3 528)
(292)	(292)	—	—	—	—	—
—	(1 116)	—	—	—	—	—
222	8 250	—	307	1 139	604	2 050

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54. Fair value disclosures *(continued)*

54.3 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:

	Bank					
	2017					
	Trading and hedging portfolio assets Rm	Loans and advances to customers Rm	Investment securities Rm	Investment properties Rm	Non-current assets held for sale Rm	Total assets at fair value Rm
Gains and losses from banking and trading activities	142	761	48	—	—	951
	2016					
	Trading and hedging portfolio assets Rm	Loans and advances to customers ¹ Rm	Investment securities Rm	Investment properties Rm	Non-current assets held for sale Rm	Total assets at fair value Rm
Gains and losses from banking and trading activities	(22)	731	9	—	—	26
	Bank					
	2017					
	Trading and hedging portfolio liabilities Rm	Other liabilities Rm	Deposits due to customers Rm	Debt securities in issue Rm	Total liabilities at fair value Rm	
Gains and losses from banking and trading activities	(284)	—	—	—	(284)	
	2016					
	Trading and hedging portfolio liabilities Rm	Other liabilities Rm	Deposits due to customers Rm	Debt securities in issue Rm	Total liabilities at fair value Rm	
Gains and losses from banking and trading activities	(104)	—	—	—	(104)	

Note

¹ The unrealised gains and losses for loans and advances to customers for 2016 have been restated by R692m 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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54. Fair value disclosures *(continued)*

54.4 Sensitivity analysis of valuations using unobservable inputs

As part of the Bank'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 the 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 and loss	Potential effect recorded directly in equity
		Favourable/(Unfavourable) Rm	Favourable/(Unfavourable) Rm
Loans and advances to banks	BAGL/Absa funding spread	17/(17)	
Deposits due to customers	BAGL/Absa funding spread	13/(12)	—/—
Investment securities	Risks adjustment yield curves, future earnings and marketability discount	59/(59)	—/—
Loans and advances to customers	Credit spreads	60/(69)	253/(240)
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	—/—	—/—
		199/(207)	253/(240)

	Significant unobservable parameters	2016	
		Potential effect recorded in profit or loss	Potential effect recorded directly in equity
		Favourable/(Unfavourable) Rm	Favourable/(Unfavourable) Rm
Deposits due to customers	BAGL/Absa funding spread	—/—	—/—
Investment securities	Risks adjustment yield curves, future earnings and marketability discount	13/(14)	31/(33)
Loans and advances to customers	Credit spreads	72/(71)	—/—
Other assets	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	36/(36)	—/—
Other liabilities	Volatility, credit spreads	—/—	—/—
		296/(296)	31/(33)

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54. Fair value disclosures *(continued)*

54.5 *Unrecognised (losses)/gains as a result of the use of valuation models using unobservable inputs*

The amount that has yet 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:

	Bank	
	2017	2016
	Rm	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)

54.6 *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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54. Fair value disclosures (continued)

54.7 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:

	Carrying value Rm	Fair value Rm	Bank 2017		
			Level 1 Rm	Level 2 Rm	Level 3 Rm
Financial assets					
Balances with the SARB	19 108	19 108	19 108	—	—
Coins and bank notes	9 684	9 684	9 684	—	—
Money market assets	—	—	—	—	—
Cash, cash balances and balances with central banks	28 792	28 792	28 792	—	—
Loans and advances to banks	26 020	26 020	169	25 457	394
Other assets	13 327	13 420	9 155	3 963	302
South Africa Banking	627 703	627 934	22 085	84 866	520 983
RBB South Africa	435 500	435 731	1 510	—	434 221
Retail Banking South Africa	371 248	371 479	—	—	371 479
Credit cards	27 267	27 267	—	—	27 267
Instalment credit agreements	77 044	77 275	—	—	77 275
Loans to associates and joint ventures	23 037	23 037	—	—	23 037
Mortgages	220 569	220 569	—	—	220 569
Other loans and advances	726	726	—	—	726
Overdrafts	5 443	5 443	—	—	5 443
Personal and term loans	17 162	17 162	—	—	17 162
Business Banking South Africa	64 252	64 252	1 510	—	62 742
Mortgages (including CPF)	27 828	27 828	—	—	27 828
Overdrafts	19 199	19 199	1 510	—	17 689
Term loans	17 225	17 225	—	—	17 225
CIB South Africa	192 203	192 203	20 575	84 866	86 762
Wealth	5 004	5 004	—	—	5 004
Head Office, Treasury and other operations in South Africa	974	974	—	974	—
Loans and advances to customers – net of impairment losses	633 681	633 912	22 085	85 840	525 987
Loans to Group companies	36 530	36 530	—	36 530	—
Non-current assets held for sale	1 118	1 118	—	—	1 118
Total assets	739 468	739 792	60 201	151 790	527 801
Financial liabilities					
Deposits from banks	52 079	52 079	1 593	50 486	—
Other liabilities	25 709	25 724	7 834	17 048	842
Call deposits	62 725	62 725	18 061	44 664	—
Cheque account deposits	153 539	153 539	153 535	4	—
Credit card deposits	1 896	1 896	1 896	—	—
Fixed deposits	131 521	131 521	485	131 036	—
Foreign currency deposits	18 444	18 444	638	17 806	—
Notice deposits	58 460	58 460	1 797	56 663	—
Other deposits	1 414	1 414	1 190	213	11
Saving and transmission deposits	135 375	135 375	133 837	1 538	—
Deposits due to customers	563 374	563 374	311 439	251 924	11
Debt securities in issue	132 701	132 701	—	130 880	1 821
Borrowed funds	15 866	15 866	—	15 866	—
Total liabilities	789 729	789 744	320 866	466 204	2 674

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54. Fair value disclosures (continued)

54.7 Assets and liabilities not held at fair value (continued)

	Bank 2016 ¹				
	Carrying value Rm	Fair value Rm	Level 1 Rm	Level 2 Rm	Level 3 Rm
Financial assets					
Balances with the SARB	18 552	18 552	18 552	—	—
Coins and bank notes	9 662	9 662	9 662	—	—
Money market assets	38	38	38	—	—
Cash, cash balances and balances with central banks	28 252	28 252	28 252	—	—
Loans and advances to banks	19 439	19 439	1 115	17 308	1 016
Other assets	14 822	14 895	9 544	5 085	266
South Africa Banking	600 264	599 347	17 795	29 670	551 881
RBB South Africa	422 238	421 321	1 238	—	420 083
Retail Banking South Africa	362 730	362 621	—	—	362 621
Credit cards	27 861	27 861	—	—	27 861
Instalment credit agreements	73 955	73 650	—	—	73 650
Loans to associates and joint ventures	18 933	18 933	—	—	18 933
Mortgages	221 225	221 237	—	—	221 237
Other loans and advances	492	492	—	—	492
Overdrafts	3 947	3 947	—	—	3 947
Personal and term loans	16 317	16 501	—	—	16 501
Business Banking South Africa	59 508	58 700	1 238	—	57 462
Mortgages (including CPF)	25 406	25 418	—	—	25 418
Overdrafts	18 448	18 448	1 238	—	17 210
Term loans	15 654	14 834	—	—	14 834
CIB South Africa	178 026	178 026	16 557	29 670	131 798
Wealth	5 660	5 660	—	—	5 660
Head Office, Treasury and other operations in South Africa	645	645	—	645	—
Loans and advances to customers – net of impairment losses	606 569	605 652	17 795	30 315	557 541
Loans to Group companies	25 794	25 794	—	25 794	—
Total assets	694 876	694 032	56 706	78 502	558 823
Financial liabilities					
Deposits from banks	42 514	42 514	—	42 514	—
Other liabilities	19 039	19 279	7 503	11 194	582
Call deposits	62 270	62 270	15 344	46 926	—
Cheque account deposits	152 474	152 474	152 473	1	—
Credit card deposits	1 906	1 906	1 906	—	—
Fixed deposits	116 049	116 113	415	111 151	4 547
Foreign currency deposits	23 325	23 325	447	22 878	—
Notice deposits	59 358	59 457	1 760	57 697	—
Other deposits	2 059	2 059	1 210	794	55
Saving and transmission deposits	130 208	130 208	128 844	1 364	—
Deposits due to customers	547 649	547 812	302 399	240 811	4 602
Debt securities in issue	133 906	131 329	457	128 083	2 789
Borrowed funds	15 679	15 900	—	15 900	—
Total liabilities	758 787	756 834	310 359	438 502	7 973

Note

¹ These numbers have been restated, refer to note 51.1.

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55. 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.

	Bank		Credit risk mitigation	
	2017 Rm	2016 Rm	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
Assets				
Investment securities	20 866	24 427	844	—
Loans and advances to banks	17 198	19 857	12 913	18 768
Loans and advances to customers	26 811	24 077	16 224	16 201
	64 875	68 361	29 981	34 969

The Bank 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 and loss

The following table represents the carrying amount of financial liabilities designated at fair value through profit and loss and the amount that the Bank is contractually required to pay to the holder of the obligation at maturity.

	Bank		Bank	
	2017 Carrying value Rm	Contractual obligation Rm	2016 Carrying value Rm	Contractual obligation Rm
Liabilities				
Deposits from banks	22 031	22 135	17 634	19 402
Deposits due to customers	20 451	25 484	17 163	20 496
Debt securities in issue	5 241	6 270	5 667	7 155
	47 723	53 889	40 464	47 053

(Increase)/Decrease in fair value attributable to changes in own credit risk during the reporting period

	Bank	
	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
Liabilities		
Deposits from banks and customers	(147)	(12)
Cumulative adjustment in fair value attributable to changes in own 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 Bank. 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.

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56. Risk management

56.1 *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 Bank's strategy. It is essential that the business growth strategy is supported by an effective Enterprise Risk Management Framework (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 Bank. 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 Bank 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.

Future priorities

- 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 Bank.
- Continue to focus on technology, fraud (including cybercrime) and anti-money laundering.
- Enhance conduct risk management controls, tools and reporting.
- 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.
- Embedment of Insurance Risk as a Principal Risk.
- 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 Bank'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 Bank is prepared to take in executing its strategy. The Bank'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 Bank 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 the Bank, Business Unit, and product levels, and are regularly monitored by management and reported to the Bank Risk and Capital Management Committee (GRCMC) on a quarterly basis.

Stress testing

Stress testing is a key element of the Bank's integrated planning and risk management processes. Through the use of stress testing and scenario analysis, the Bank is able to assess the performance of the Bank'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 Bank's capital planning process and enhance the stress scenarios employed. The Bank 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 GRCMC exercises governance oversight and approval authority over stress testing results.

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56. Risk management (continued)

56.2 Credit risk

The following table analyses financial asset 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.

Maximum exposure to credit risk

	Gross maximum exposure Rm	Bank			Total past due and/or impaired loans Rm
		2017			
		Neither past due nor impaired ¹			
	DG1 – 11 Rm	DG12 – 19 Rm	DG20 – 21 Rm		
Balances with the SARB	19 109	19 109	—	—	—
Money market assets	—	—	—	—	—
Cash, cash balances and balances with central banks (refer to note 2)	19 109	19 109	—	—	—
Government bonds	34 321	34 321	—	—	—
Other	15 881	15 231	650	—	—
Treasury bills	25 191	25 191	—	—	—
Investment securities (refer to note 3)	75 393	74 743	650	—	—
Loans and advances to banks (refer to note 4)	43 217	37 569	5 491	157	—
Debt instruments	31 772	31 772	—	—	—
Derivative assets	59 139	56 245	2 891	3	—
Money market assets	13 918	13 918	—	—	—
Trading and hedging portfolio assets (refer to note 5)	104 829	101 935	2 891	3	—
Accounts receivable	8 002	7 460	542	—	—
Settlement accounts	5 324	5 324	—	—	—
Other assets (refer to note 6)	13 326	12 784	542	—	—
South Africa Banking	667 936	219 824	368 474	28 724	50 914
RBB South Africa	447 533	67 562	304 013	27 689	48 269
Retail Banking South Africa	381 415	58 176	255 903	25 514	41 822
Credit cards	30 471	4 021	14 243	6 325	5 882
Instalment credit agreements	78 860	6 805	56 959	8 773	6 323
Loans to associates and joint ventures	23 037	23 037	—	—	—
Mortgages	223 749	22 182	170 173	5 630	25 764
Other loans and advances	726	149	565	12	—
Overdrafts	5 731	1 202	3 649	220	660
Personal and term loans	18 841	780	10 314	4 554	3 193
Business Banking South Africa	66 118	9 386	48 110	2 175	6 447
Mortgages (including CPF)	28 485	5 297	20 559	797	1 832
Overdrafts	19 966	1 343	15 534	797	2 292
Term loans	17 667	2 746	12 017	581	2 323
CIB South Africa	220 403	152 262	64 461	1 035	2 645
Wealth	5 191	1 289	3 510	102	290
Head office, Treasury and other operations in South Africa	987	987	—	—	—
Loans and advances to customers (refer to note 8)	674 114	222 100	371 984	28 826	51 204
Loans and advances to Group companies (refer to note 10)	26 549	26 549	—	—	—
Non-current assets held for sale	1 159	117	995	6	41
Total gross maximum exposure to credit risk	957 696				
Impairments raised (refer to note 9)	(13 623)				
Total net exposure to credit risk as disclosed on the statement of financial position	944 073				
Assets not subject to credit risk	44 285				
Total assets per the statement of financial position	988 358				

Note

¹ Refer to note 1.2 for DG bucket definitions.

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56. Risk management (continued)

56.2 Credit risk (continued)

Maximum exposure to credit risk (continued)

	Gross maximum exposure Rm	Bank 2016 ¹			Total past due and/or impaired loans Rm
		Neither past due nor impaired ²			
		DG1 – 11 Rm	DG12 – 19 Rm	DG20 – 21 Rm	
Balances with the SARB	18 552	18 552	—	—	—
Money market assets	39	39	—	—	—
Cash, cash balances and balances with central banks (refer to note 2)	18 591	18 591	—	—	—
Government bonds	46 780	46 780	—	—	—
Other	13 069	13 069	—	—	—
Treasury bills	23 106	23 106	—	—	—
Investment securities (refer to note 3)	82 955	82 955	—	—	—
Loans and advances to banks (refer to note 4)	39 296	28 085	11 163	48	—
Debt instruments	19 314	19 314	—	—	—
Derivative assets	46 751	44 624	2 125	2	—
Money market assets	7 630	7 351	124	155	—
Trading and hedging portfolio assets (refer to note 5)	73 695	71 289	2 249	157	—
Accounts receivable	11 343	10 448	895	—	—
Settlement accounts	3 480	3 466	14	—	—
Other assets (refer to note 6)	14 823	13 914	909	—	—
South Africa Banking	638 471	217 952	345 174	25 367	49 978
RBB South Africa	434 189	62 658	299 537	24 282	47 712
Retail Banking South Africa	373 102	54 165	254 854	22 463	41 620
Credit cards	31 376	3 349	13 664	7 661	6 702
Instalment credit agreements	75 615	6 766	57 296	5 996	5 557
Loans to associates and joint ventures	18 933	18 933	—	—	—
Mortgages	224 530	23 185	170 096	5 607	25 642
Other loans and advances	492	86	376	30	—
Overdrafts	4 143	1 002	2 493	194	454
Personal and term loans	18 013	844	10 929	2 975	3 265
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	204 282	155 294	45 637	1 085	2 266
Wealth	5 731	1 366	4 051	192	122
Head office, Treasury and other operations in South Africa	654	654	—	—	—
Loans and advances to customers (refer to note 8)	644 856	219 972	349 225	25 559	50 100
Loans and advances to Group companies (refer to note 10)	25 794	25 794	—	—	—
Non-current assets held for sale	—	—	—	—	—
Total gross maximum exposure to credit risk	900 010				
Impairments raised (refer to note 9)	(14 210)				
Total net exposure to credit risk as disclosed on the statement of financial position	885 800				
Assets not subject to credit risk	32 511				
Total assets per the statement of financial position	918 311				

Notes

¹ These numbers have been restated, refer to note 51.1 for details.

² Refer to note 1.2 for DG bucket definitions.

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56. Risk management (continued)

56.2 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 Bank 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.

	Bank	
	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
Financial guarantee contracts (refer to note 45)	10	10
Guarantees (refer to note 47)	28 960	30 469
Irrevocable debt facilities (refer to note 47)	145 087	122 958
Letters of credit (refer to note 47)	3 834	4 645
Other (refer to note 47)	151	135
	178 042	158 217

Concentrations 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	Bank				Total exposure Rm
	Asia, Americas and Australia Rm	Europe Rm	Rest of Africa Rm	South Africa Rm	
On-statement of financial position exposure					
Cash, cash balances and balances with central banks	—	—	—	19 109	19 109
Investment securities	8 142	—	—	67 251	75 393
Loans and advances to banks	2 882	17 777	5 073	17 485	43 217
Trading portfolio assets	963	16 358	2 677	82 165	102 163
Hedging portfolio assets	—	—	—	2 667	2 667
Other assets	—	1 488	3	11 836	13 327
Loans and advances to customers	9 187	6 432	5 784	639 088	660 491
Loans and advances to Group companies	—	—	9 701	16 848	26 549
Non-current assets held for sale	—	—	—	1 118	1 118
Subject to credit risk	21 174	42 055	23 238	857 567	944 034
Off-statement of financial position exposures					
Financial guarantee contracts	—	—	—	10	10
Guarantees	201	4 251	647	23 861	28 960
Irrevocable debt facilities	—	—	—	145 087	145 087
Letters of credit	4	66	1 546	2 218	3 834
Other	—	—	—	151	151
Subject to credit risk	205	4 317	2 193	171 327	178 042

Amounts presented in the above table are presented net of impairments, where relevant.

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56. Risk management (continued)

56.2 Credit risk (continued)

Geographical concentration of risk	Bank				Total exposure Rm
	Asia, Americas and Australia Rm	Europe ¹ Rm	Rest of Africa Rm	South Africa Rm	
On-statement of financial position exposure					
Cash, cash balances and balances with central banks	—	—	—	18 591	18 591
Investment securities	3 978	1 728	—	77 249	82 955
Loans and advances to banks	6 016	21 133	4 235	7 912	39 296
Trading portfolio assets	162	19 035	1 650	51 114	71 961
Hedging portfolio assets	28	571	—	1 135	1 734
Other assets	195	272	425	13 931	14 823
Loans and advances to customers	3 417	9 307	5 141	612 781	630 646
Loans and advances to Group companies	—	—	—	25 794	25 794
Non-current assets held for sale	—	—	—	—	—
Subject to credit risk	13 796	52 046	11 451	808 507	885 800
Off-statement of financial position exposures					
Financial guarantee contracts	—	—	—	10	10
Guarantees	429	737	754	28 549	30 469
Irrevocable debt facilities	—	—	—	122 958	122 958
Letters of credit	1 307	1 459	1 768	111	4 645
Other	—	—	—	135	135
Subject to credit risk	1 736	2 196	2 522	151 763	158 217

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 Bank offsets asset and liability amounts in the statement of financial position where the ability and intention to net settle exists and the Bank 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 Bank 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.

Note

¹ Included within the balance in respect of Europe are exposures facing Barclays PLC.

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56. Risk management (continued)

56.2 Credit risk (continued)

Analysis of credit risk mitigation and collateral	Bank					
	2017					
	Gross maximum exposure Rm	Guarantees, credit insurance and credit derivatives Rm	Physical collateral Rm	Cash collateral Rm	Other Rm	Unsecured Rm
Loans and advances to banks (refer to note 4)	43 217	—	—	—	15 452	27 765
Debt instruments	31 772	—	—	—	—	31 772
Derivative assets	59 140	5 275	—	—	714	53 151
Money market assets	13 918	—	—	—	—	13 918
Trading and hedging portfolio assets (refer to note 5)	104 830	5 275	—	—	714	98 841
Accounts receivable	8 002	3	—	—	—	7 999
Settlement accounts	5 324	—	—	—	—	5 324
Other assets (refer to note 6)	13 326	3	—	—	—	13 323
South Africa Banking	667 938	19 311	351 250	504	21 520	275 352
RBB South Africa	447 536	935	333 135	504	3	112 958
Retail Banking South Africa	381 415	1	288 411	40	—	92 962
Credit cards	30 471	1	43	25	—	30 401
Instalment credit agreements	78 860	—	78 845	15	—	—
Loans to associates and joint ventures	23 037	—	—	—	—	23 037
Mortgages	223 749	—	209 523	—	—	14 226
Other loans and advances	726	—	—	—	—	726
Overdrafts	5 731	—	—	—	—	5 731
Personal and term loans	18 841	—	—	—	—	18 841
Business Banking South Africa	66 121	934	44 724	464	3	19 996
Mortgages (including CPF)	28 488	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	220 402	18 376	18 115	—	21 517	162 394
Wealth	5 191	—	1 075	—	—	4 117
Head office, Treasury and other operations in South Africa	987	—	—	—	—	987
Loans and advances to customers (refer to note 8)	674 116	19 311	352 325	504	21 520	280 456
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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56. Risk management (continued)

56.2 Credit risk (continued)

Analysis of credit risk mitigation and collateral	Gross maximum exposure Rm	Guarantees, credit insurance and credit derivatives Rm	Bank 2016 ¹			
			Physical collateral Rm	Cash collateral Rm	Other Rm	Unsecured Rm
Loans and advances to banks (refer to note 4)	39 296	7	—	—	20 413	18 876
Debt instruments	19 314	—	—	—	—	19 314
Derivative assets	46 751	—	—	2 810	35 340	8 601
Money market assets	7 630	—	—	—	—	7 630
Trading and hedging portfolio assets (refer to note 5)	73 695	—	—	2 810	35 340	35 545
Accounts receivable	11 343	—	—	3	—	11 340
Settlement accounts	3 480	—	—	—	—	3 480
Other assets (refer to note 6)	14 823	—	—	3	—	14 820
South Africa Banking	638 471	3 526	353 462	1 206	38 260	242 017
RBB South Africa	434 189	103	331 584	1 040	36	101 426
Retail Banking South Africa	373 102	2	289 920	58	—	83 122
Credit cards	31 376	2	63	41	—	31 270
Instalment credit agreements	75 615	—	75 598	17	—	—
Loans to associates and joint ventures	18 933	—	—	—	—	18 933
Mortgages	224 530	—	214 259	—	—	10 271
Other loans and advances	492	—	—	—	—	492
Overdrafts	4 143	—	—	—	—	4 143
Personal and term loans	18 013	—	—	—	—	18 013
Business Banking South Africa	61 087	101	41 664	982	36	18 304
Mortgages (including CPF)	25 766	13	24 025	18	32	1 678
Overdrafts	19 213	71	8 319	756	3	10 064
Term loans	16 108	17	9 320	208	1	6 562
CIB South Africa	204 282	3 423	21 878	166	38 224	140 591
Wealth	5 731	—	939	—	—	4 792
Head office, Treasury and other operations in South Africa	654	—	—	—	—	654
Loans and advances to customers (refer to note 8)	644 856	3 526	354 401	1 206	38 260	247 463

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 51.1 for details.

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56. Risk management (continued)

56.2 Credit risk (continued)

Enforcement of collateral

Residential properties

The carrying value of the assets held by the Bank at the reporting date as a result of the enforcement of collateral is as follows:

	Bank	
	2017	2016
	Rm	Rm
Balance at the beginning of the reporting period	—	—
Acquisitions	23	55
Disposals	(23)	(55)
Provisions	—	—
Balance at the end of the reporting period	—	—

The Bank 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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56. Risk management (continued)

56.2 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	Bank 2017 Past due not impaired Performing loans					Past due older than 4 months 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		
South Africa Banking	50 917	2 510	197	161	44	79	
RBB South Africa	48 271	1 896	197	161	44	79	
Retail Banking South Africa	41 825	15	7	5	26	2	
Credit cards	5 883	—	—	—	—	—	
Instalment credit agreements	6 323	15	7	5	26	2	
Loans to associates and joint ventures	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Mortgages	25 764	—	—	—	—	—	
Other loans and advances	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Overdrafts	662	—	—	—	—	—	
Personal and term loans	3 193	—	—	—	—	—	
Business Banking South Africa	6 446	1 881	190	156	18	77	
Mortgages (including CPF)	1 832	153	39	27	—	32	
Overdrafts	2 292	619	63	52	8	29	
Term loans	2 322	1 109	88	77	10	16	
CIB South Africa	2 646	614	—	—	—	—	
Wealth	291	11	—	—	—	18	
Head office, Treasury and other operations in South Africa	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Loans and advances to customers	52 031	2 521	197	265	74	97	
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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2017

Past due not impaired Non-performing loans					Past due and/or impaired		Total non- performing loans Rm
Past due up to 1 month Rm	Past due 1 – 2 months Rm	Past due 2 – 3 months Rm	Past due 3 – 4 months Rm	Past due older than 4 months Rm	Performing loans Rm	Non- performing loans Rm	
180	76	43	25	426	24 209	22 953	23 694
180	76	43	25	426	24 209	20 934	21 675
—	—	1	2	—	23 419	18 348	18 340
—	—	—	—	—	2 283	3 600	3 622
—	—	1	2	—	3 904	2 361	2 360
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
—	—	—	—	—	15 513	10 252	10 241
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
—	—	—	—	—	277	384	384
—	—	—	—	—	1 442	1 751	1 733
180	76	42	23	426	790	2 586	3 335
82	29	22	—	223	105	1 121	1 477
11	—	—	2	153	439	915	1 082
87	47	20	21	50	246	550	776
—	—	—	—	—	—	2 019	2 019
1	—	—	9	41	—	211	262
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
181	76	43	34	467	24 209	23 164	23 956
—	—	—	—	—	—	41	41

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56. Risk management (continued)

56.2 Credit risk (continued)

	Total past due and/or impaired loans Rm	Bank 2016 ¹ Past due not impaired Performing loans					Past due older than 4 months 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		
South Africa Banking	49 978	1 811	226	54	96	47	
RBB South Africa	47 712	1 811	226	54	96	47	
Retail Banking South Africa	41 620	22	7	2	17	—	
Credit cards	6 702	—	—	—	—	—	
Instalment credit agreements	5 557	22	7	2	17	—	
Loans to associates and joint ventures	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Mortgages	25 642	—	—	—	—	—	
Other loans and advances	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Overdrafts	454	—	—	—	—	—	
Personal and term loans	3 265	—	—	—	—	—	
Business Bank South Africa	6 092	1 789	219	52	79	47	
Mortgages (including CPF)	2 174	372	88	17	—	23	
Overdrafts	2 077	738	41	13	36	18	
Term loans	1 841	679	90	22	43	6	
CIB South Africa	2 266	—	—	—	—	—	
Wealth	122	1	—	—	—	2	
Head office, Treasury and other operations in South Africa	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Loans and advances to customers	50 100	1 812	226	54	96	49	
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 the reporting changes overview on the inside cover page.

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2016¹

Past due not impaired Non-performing loans					Past due and/or impaired		Total non- performing loans Rm
Past due up to 1 month Rm	Past due 1 – 2 months Rm	Past due 2 – 3 months Rm	Past due 3 – 4 months Rm	Past due older than 4 months Rm	Performing loans Rm	Non- performing loans Rm	
290	48	49	23	348	24 158	22 828	23 586
290	48	49	23	348	24 158	20 562	21 320
35	3	—	18	8	23 539	17 969	18 033
—	—	—	—	—	2 701	4 001	4 001
35	3	—	18	8	3 424	2 021	2 085
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
—	—	—	—	—	15 722	9 920	9 920
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
—	—	—	—	—	234	220	220
—	—	—	—	—	1 458	1 807	1 807
255	45	49	5	340	619	2 593	3 287
129	23	5	—	75	108	1 334	1 566
17	—	10	1	144	302	757	929
109	22	34	4	121	209	502	792
—	—	—	—	—	—	2 266	2 266
1	—	—	—	25	3	90	116
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
291	48	49	23	373	24 161	22 918	23 702
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

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56. Risk management (continued)

56.2 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 Bank raised the following allowances for impairments on loans and advances to customers during the reporting period.

	Bank				
	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	(1 885)	(206)	(2 413)	(1 824)	(7 097)
RBB South Africa	(1 326)	(206)	(1 581)	(1 824)	(7 097)
Retail Banking South Africa	(754)	(34)	(631)	(1 795)	(6 951)
Credit cards	(121)	—	(14)	(457)	(2 612)
Instalment credit agreements	(275)	(34)	(168)	(394)	(944)
Loans to associates and joint ventures	—	—	—	—	—
Mortgages	(255)	—	(14)	(869)	(2 042)
Other loans and advances	—	—	—	—	—
Overdrafts	(21)	—	—	(30)	(236)
Personal and term loans	(82)	—	(435)	(45)	(1 117)
Business Banking South Africa	(572)	(172)	(950)	(29)	(146)
Mortgages (including CPF)	(135)	(2)	(490)	(3)	(29)
Overdrafts	(255)	(121)	(299)	(17)	(76)
Term loans	(182)	(49)	(161)	(9)	(41)
CIB South Africa	(559)	—	(832)	—	—
Wealth	(13)	(1)	(174)	—	—
Head office, Treasury and other operations in South Africa	(10)	—	—	—	—
Loans and advances to customers	(1 908)	(207)	(2 587)	(1 824)	(7 097)
Non-current assets held for sale	—	—	(35)	—	(6)

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56. Risk management (continued)

56.2 Credit risk (continued)

	Bank				
	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	(2 201)	(173)	(2 406)	(2 160)	(7 195)
RBB South Africa	(1 577)	(173)	(1 222)	(2 160)	(7 195)
Retail Banking South Africa	(932)	(51)	(188)	(2 133)	(7 068)
Credit cards	(125)	—	—	(471)	(2 919)
Instalment credit agreements	(346)	(51)	(188)	(338)	(737)
Loans to associates and joint ventures	—	—	—	—	—
Mortgages	(360)	—	—	(848)	(2 097)
Other loans and advances	—	—	—	—	—
Overdrafts	(12)	—	—	(42)	(142)
Personal and term loans	(89)	—	—	(434)	(1 173)
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)	—	(1 184)	—	—
Wealth	(12)	(2)	(57)	—	—
Head office, Treasury and other operations in South Africa	(4)	—	—	—	—
Loans and advances to customers	(2 217)	(175)	(2 463)	(2 160)	(7 195)
Non-current assets held for sale	—	—	—	—	—

56.3 Market risk

Market risk is the risk that the Bank'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 Bank being impacted by changes in the level or volatility of positions in its trading books.
- **Non-traded market risk:** the risk of the Bank'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.

Note

¹ These numbers have been restated, refer to note 51.1 for details.

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56. Risk management (*continued*)

56.3 Market risk (*continued*)

Strategy

Market risk management objectives are to:

- ensure risk is managed within the Bank'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.

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 Bank 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.

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56. Risk management (*continued*)

56.3 Market risk (*continued*)

DVaR is an important market risk measurement and control tool that is used by the Bank. 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 Bank 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.

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 Bank 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.

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56. Risk management (continued)

56.3 Market risk (continued)

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 Bank. 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 MRC and other governance committees, as required.

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 an 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.

	Bank							
	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 DVaR²	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

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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56. Risk management (*continued*)

Interest rate risk in banking book (IRRBB)

Approach

Interest rate risk in the banking book is the risk that the Bank'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 Bank.

The Bank'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 Bank 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 Bank'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 Bank'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 Bank's equity, and is managed by Bank 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.
 - 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 Bank 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 Bank 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.

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.

Re-pricing 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 Bank 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.

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56. Risk management (continued)

56.3 Market risk (continued)

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 Bank Treasury, 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 Bank Treasury.

Interest rate sensitivity analyses

Three separate interest rate sensitivity analyses for the Bank'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.

Re-pricing profile

The re-pricing profile of the Bank's banking books shows that the 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.

Expected repricing profile	Bank 2017			
	On demand – 3 months Rm	4 – 6 months Rm	7 – 12 months Rm	Over 12 months Rm
Banking 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 the Bank's total assets (%)	1,7	1,2	1,2	6,3
	2016			
Expected repricing profile	On demand – 3 months Rm	4 – 6 months Rm	7 – 12 months Rm	Over 12 months Rm
Banking 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 the Bank's total assets (%)	(0,3)	0,0	(1,0)	3,7

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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56. Risk management (continued)

56.3 Market risk (continued)

Impact on earnings

The following table shows the impact on AEaR/NII sensitivity for 100 and 200 bps up and down movements in market interest rates for the Bank'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 **R1,4bn** (31 December 2016: R1,84bn). A similar increase would result in an increase in projected 12-month net interest income of **R1,17bn** (31 December 2016: R1,68bn). AEaR decreased by 1,9% to 4,8% of the Bank's net interest income.

Annual earnings at risk for 100 and 200 bps changes in market interest rates

Bank				
2017				
	Change in market interest rates			
	200 bps decrease	100 bps decrease	100 bps increase	200 bps increase
Change in projected net interest income (Rm)	(1 405)	(459)	609	1 172
Percentage of the Bank's net interest income (%)	(4,8)	(1,6)	2,1	4,0
Percentage of the Bank's equity (%)	(1,6)	(0,5)	0,7	1,4

Bank				
2016				
	Change in market interest rates			
	200 bps decrease	100 bps decrease	100 bps increase	200 bps increase
Change in projected net interest income (Rm)	(1 835)	(766)	840	1 681
Percentage of the Bank's net interest income (%)	(6,4)	(2,7)	2,9	5,8
Percentage of the Bank's equity (%)	(2,6)	(1,1)	1,2	2,4

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.

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56. Risk management (continued)

56.3 Market risk (continued)

Sensitivity of reserves to market interest rate movements

	Bank					
	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 Bank equity (%)	(3,0)	(3,3)	(2,9)	(4,0)	(4,0)	(3,4)

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 Bank 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 Bank's policy is for transactional foreign exchange risk to be concentrated and managed within the trading book.

In accordance with the Bank'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 bank has a Rnil carrying value (2016: Rnil) of foreign currency net investments.

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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56. Risk management (*continued*)

56.3 Market risk (*continued*)

Other market risks

The Bank 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 Bank 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. Bank policy dictates that businesses monitor, report and regularly assess potential hedging strategies relating to this risk. Exposure to this risk currently arises in the Wealth segment.

56.4 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 Bank's equity investment risk objective is to balance the portfolio composition in line with the Bank's risk appetite, with selective exits as appropriate.

Approach

The Bank's governance of equity investments is based on the following key fundamental principles:

- 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 Bank's equity investments are held in CIB and RBB.

Risk measurement

Equity investment risk is monitored monthly in terms of regulatory and 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 Bank has adopted the market-based simple risk-weighted approach to calculate RWAs and RC for equity risk in the banking book.

According to this approach, the Bank applies a 300% risk weight 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 Bank's shareholding in those investments and also in relation to the Bank's capital. For financial investments constituting a significant minority investment (i.e. 20% to 50%) with no other significant shareholder, the Bank applies a capital deduction. Economic capital for equity investment risk in the banking book is based on investment type and portfolio risk modelling and varies from 35,2% to 100%.

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56. Risk management (continued)

56.4 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 with more than 6% and resulted in counterparties sharing in positive returns if market values increased by between 2% and 4%. No equity hedge structures were in place at the reporting date.

	Bank									
	2017			2016						
	Impact of a 5% reduction in fair value		Fair value	Impact of a 5% increase in fair value		Impact of a 5% reduction in fair value		Fair value	Impact of a 5% increase in fair value	
	Profit or loss	Equity		Profit or loss	Equity	Profit or loss	Equity		Profit or loss	Equity
Rm	Rm	Rm	Rm	Rm	Rm	Rm	Rm	Rm	Rm	
Listed equity investments	(19)	(6)	496	19	6	(25)	(3)	570	25	3
Unlisted equity investments	(23)	(9)	635	23	9	(25)	(8)	649	25	8
Total Bank equity investments	(42)	(15)	1 131	42	15	(50)	(11)	1 219	50	11

The Bank 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 Bank are the Absa Pension Fund and the BBM Pension Fund. Apart from these, the Bank 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.

56.5 Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Bank 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 Bank-specific and market-wide events.

Liquidity risk is monitored at a Bank level under a single Bank 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 Bank'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.

Approach

The efficient management of liquidity is essential for safeguarding the Bank's depositors, preserving market confidence and maintaining the Bank's brand. The Bank 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.

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56. Risk management (continued)

56.5 Liquidity risk (continued)

The Bank 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 Bank has established the Liquidity Risk Appetite (LRA), which is the level of liquidity risk the Bank 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 Bank 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 Bank'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 Bank-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 Bank 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 Bank CFP and establish local processes and procedures for managing local liquidity stresses that are consistent with the Bank'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 Bank continues to work with the Regulator on recovery and resolution planning.

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56. Risk management (continued)

56.5 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	On demand Rm	Within 1 year Rm	Bank		Total Rm
			From 1 year to 5 years Rm	More than 5 years Rm	
Assets					
Cash, cash balances and balances with central banks	28 792	—	—	—	28 792
Investment securities	1 646	24 831	16 489	33 558	76 524
Loans and advances to banks	7 242	34 131	1 350	494	43 217
Trading portfolio assets	102 730	—	—	—	102 730
Derivative assets	56 473	—	—	—	56 473
Non-derivative assets	46 257	—	—	—	46 257
Hedging portfolio assets	—	254	1 439	974	2 667
Other financial assets	5 778	7 549	—	—	13 327
Loans and advances to customers	54 394	120 848	269 562	215 688	660 492
Non current asset held for sale – Loans and advances to customers	—	1 118	—	—	1 118
Loans to Group companies	25 401	9 132	1 354	643	36 530
Financial assets	225 983	197 863	290 194	251 357	965 397
Non-financial assets	—	—	—	—	22 961
Total assets					988 358
Liabilities					
Deposits from banks	3 582	60 373	10 002	153	74 110
Trading portfolio liabilities	59 834	—	—	—	59 834
Derivative liabilities	51 693	—	—	—	51 693
Non-derivative liabilities	8 141	—	—	—	8 141
Hedging portfolio liabilities	—	55	365	697	1 117
Other financial liabilities	19 372	6 337	—	—	25 709
Deposits due to customers	368 671	183 966	26 777	4 411	583 825
Debt securities in issue	3 152	68 114	54 144	12 532	137 942
Borrowed funds	—	3 258	8 705	3 903	15 866
Financial liabilities	454 611	322 103	99 993	21 696	898 403
Non-financial liabilities	—	—	—	—	4 626
Total liabilities					903 029
Equity					85 329
Total equity and liabilities					988 358
Net liquidity position of financial instruments	(228 628)	(124 240)	190 201	229 661	66 994

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56. Risk management (continued)

56.5 Liquidity risk (continued)

	Bank				Total Rm
	On demand Rm	Within 1 year Rm	From 1 year to 5 years Rm	More than 5 years Rm	
Discounted maturity					
Assets					
Cash, cash balances and balances with central banks	28 252	—	—	—	28 252
Investment securities	445	35 695	11 524	36 510	84 174
Loans and advances to banks	13 425	22 256	2 869	746	39 296
Trading portfolio assets	72 904	—	—	—	72 904
Derivative assets	45 017	—	—	—	45 017
Non-derivative assets	27 887	—	—	—	27 887
Hedging portfolio assets	—	61	622	1 051	1 734
Other financial assets	3 951	10 871	—	—	14 822
Loans and advances to customers	63 622	127 099	224 390	215 535	630 646
Loans to Group companies	9 241	7 058	9 495	—	25 794
Financial assets	191 840	203 040	248 900	253 842	897 622
Non-financial assets					20 689
Total assets					918 311
Liabilities					
Deposits from banks	24 278	29 568	6 131	171	60 148
Trading portfolio liabilities	42 503	—	—	—	42 503
Derivative liabilities	40 716	—	—	—	40 716
Non-derivative liabilities	1 787	—	—	—	1 787
Hedging portfolio liabilities	—	398	568	1 088	2 054
Other financial liabilities	14 425	4 612	—	2	19 039
Deposits due to customers	370 213	162 021	26 996	5 582	564 812
Debt securities in issue	1 051	75 378	52 154	10 990	139 573
Borrowed funds	—	2 840	9 535	3 304	15 679
Financial liabilities	452 470	274 817	95 384	21 137	843 808
Non-financial liabilities					5 204
Total liabilities					849 012
Equity					69 299
Total liabilities and equity					918 311
Net liquidity position of financial instruments	(260 630)	(71 777)	153 516	232 705	53 814

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56. Risk management (continued)

56.5 Liquidity risk (continued)

Undiscounted maturity (statement of financial position value with impact of future interest)	Bank					Discount effect Rm	Total Rm
	On demand Rm	Within 1 year Rm	From 1 year to 5 years Rm	More than 5 years Rm	2017		
Liabilities							
On-statement of financial position							
Deposits from banks	3 582	60 804	12 664	270	(3 210)		74 110
Trading portfolio liabilities	59 834	—	—	—	—		59 834
Derivative liabilities	51 693	—	—	—	—		51 693
Non-derivative liabilities	8 141	—	—	—	—		8 141
Hedging portfolio liabilities	—	57	479	1 269	(688)		1 117
Other financial liabilities	19 372	6 354	—	—	(17)		25 709
Deposits due to customers	368 671	187 730	32 538	8 498	(13 612)		583 825
Debt securities in issue	3 152	70 300	65 909	22 344	(23 763)		137 942
Borrowed funds	—	3 451	10 811	6 149	(4 545)		15 866
Financial liabilities	454 611	328 696	122 401	38 530	(45 835)		898 403
Non-financial liabilities							4 626
Total liabilities							903 029
Off-statement of financial position							
Financial guarantee contracts	10	—	—	—	—		10
Loan commitments	142 164	39 256	—	—	—		181 420
Liabilities							
On-statement of financial position							
Deposits from banks	24 278	29 849	9 567	381	(3 927)		60 148
Trading portfolio liabilities	42 503	—	—	—	—		42 503
Derivative liabilities	40 716	—	—	—	—		40 716
Non-derivative liabilities	1 787	—	—	—	—		1 787
Hedging portfolio liabilities	—	422	814	2 423	(1 605)		2 054
Other financial liabilities	14 425	4 634	—	3	(23)		19 039
Deposits due to customers	370 213	168 013	49 443	12 434	(35 291)		564 812
Debt securities in issue	1 051	79 174	70 142	24 482	(35 276)		139 573
Borrowed funds	—	3 063	13 086	7 361	(7 831)		15 679
Financial liabilities	452 470	285 155	143 052	47 084	(83 953)		843 808
Non-financial liabilities							5 204
Total liabilities							849 012
Off-statement of financial position							
Financial guarantee contracts	10	—	—	—	—		10
Loan commitments	119 446	38 626	—	—	—		158 072

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56. Risk management (continued)

56.6 Capital management

Capital risk is the risk that the Bank 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 Bank'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 Bank'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 Bank'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)

Bank	2017 ¹	2016	2017		2016	
			Board target ranges %	Minimum regulatory capital requirements ² %	Board target ranges %	Minimum regulatory capital requirements %
Capital adequacy ratios (%)						
Common Equity Tier 1	13,4	11,6	10,0 – 11,5	7,3	9,0 – 10,5	6,9
Tier 1	14,1	12,2	11,0 – 12,5	8,5	10,0 – 11,5	8,1
Total	16,9	15,1	13,5 – 15,0	10,8	12,5 – 14,0	10,4
Capital supply and demand for the reporting period (Rm)						
Qualifying capital	91 478	77 769				
Total RWA	542 199	515 467				

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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57. Going concern

The directors assess the Bank's future performance and financial position on an ongoing basis and have no reason to believe that the Bank 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.

58. Events after the reporting period

The directors are not aware of any events (as defined per IAS10 Events after the Reporting Period) after the reporting date of 31 December 2017 and the date of authorisation of these annual consolidated and separate financial statements.

59. Directors' and prescribed officers' remuneration

As a subsidiary of BAGL, the Bank is governed by the Barclays Africa Group Remuneration Committee (Remco).

The Remco's 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.

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59. Directors' and prescribed officers' remuneration (continued)

Combined tables for 2017 total remuneration

Executive directors	Bank			
	Maria Ramos 2017 R	2016 R	David Hodnett 2017 R	2016 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 ¹	3 000 000	3 000 000	2 900 000	2 900 000
Deferred cash award ²	4 500 000	4 500 000	4 350 000	4 350 000
Deferred share award ²	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	Bank			
	Craig Bond ³ 2017 R	2016 R	Stephen van Coller ⁴ 2017 R	2016 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 ¹	833 333	1 840 000	n/a	—
Deferred cash award ²	833 333	2 760 000	n/a	—
Deferred share award ²	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. Jason Quinn was appointed to the Board on 1 September 2016. 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 are 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		Bank	
2017	2016	2017	2016
R	R	R	R
4 793 007	3 459 337	19 580 658	17 469 962
—	333 333	11 500 000	11 083 333
90 732	84 012	334 188	307 356
392 593	284 843	742 593	756 041
32 981	26 495	120 498	110 953
5 309 313	4 188 020	32 277 937	29 727 645
1 600 000	1 000 000	7 500 000	6 900 000
1 600 000	1 000 000	7 500 000	6 900 000
2 400 000	1 500 000	11 250 000	10 350 000
2 400 000	1 500 000	11 250 000	10 350 000
8 000 000	5 000 000	37 500 000	34 500 000
13 309 313	9 188 020	69 777 937	64 227 645

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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59. 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	Bank 2017 Number of shares awarded during 2017	Share price on award R	Number of shares released during 2017
Executive directors				
<i>Maria Ramos</i>				
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 October 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
<i>David Hodnett</i>				
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

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Market price on release date R	Value of release R	Bank 2017 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	1 451 536	—	320 742	

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59. Directors' and prescribed officers' remuneration *(continued)* *Outstanding share-based long-term incentives (continued)*

	Number of shares under award at 1 January 2017	Bank 2017 Number of shares awarded during 2017	Share price on award R	Number of shares released during 2017
<i>Jason Quinn¹</i>				
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				
<i>Craig Bond²</i>				
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
<i>Nomkhita Nqweni³</i>				
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 Executive Director in 2016.

² Craig Bond stepped down from the BAGL Exco effective 16 May 2017. The number of share awards at 31 December 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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Market price on release date R	Value of release R	Bank 2017 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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59. Directors' and prescribed officers' remuneration (continued)

Outstanding share-based long-term incentives (continued)

	Number of shares under award at 1 January 2016	Bank 2016 Number of shares awarded during 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 2016	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 Executive Director in 2016.

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Market price on release date R	Value of release R	Bank 2016 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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59. 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	Bank 2016 Share price on award R	Number of shares released during 2016
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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Market price on release date R	Value of release R	Bank 2016 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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59. Directors' and prescribed officers' remuneration (continued)

Outstanding cash-based long-term awards

	Value under award at 1 January 2017 R	Maximum potential value at 1 January 2017 R	Bank 2017 Value awarded in the year R	Value released in the year R	Value forfeited in the year
Executive directors					
<i>Maria Ramos</i>					
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	—
<i>David Hodnett</i>					
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	—
<i>Jason Quinn²</i>					
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					
<i>Craig Bond³</i>					
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	—
<i>Nomkhita Nqweni⁴</i>					
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 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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Converted to Equity R	Service credit awarded in the year R	Service credit released in the year R	Bank 2017 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	
—	—	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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59. Directors' and prescribed officers' remuneration (continued)

Outstanding cash-based long-term awards

	Value under award at 1 January 2016 R	Maximum potential value at 1 January 2016 R	Bank 2016 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 ³	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 ³	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 Quinn²				
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 ³	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 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 The remaining value of the One Africa Long-term incentive plan 2012 – 2014 was released in June 2016 as shares.

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	Bank 2016 Value under award at 31 December 2016 R	Maximum potential value at 31 December 2016 R	Last scheduled vesting date
—	—	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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59. Directors' and prescribed officers' remuneration (continued)

Group Chairman and non-executive directors' fees

	Bank 2017					2017 Total R
	Group Subsidiary boards and committees					
	Group Board R	Group Board committees and sub- committees R	Absa Bank R	Absa Financial Services R	Other R	
Colin Beggs ⁴	560 419	1 608 138	171 664	208 667	161 511	2 710 399
Mohamed Husain	560 419	1 144 452	171 664	—	—	1 876 535
Paul O'Flaherty ⁹	518 119	1 402 521	171 664	—	—	2 092 304
René van Wyk ¹	519 036	1 409 642	157 953	—	—	2 086 631
Tasneem Abdool-Samad ^{3,5}	—	—	406 782	548 567	—	955 349
Thembisa Skweyiya (formerly T Dinga) ^{2,10}	—	—	137 115	135 742	181 008	453 865
Trevor Munday	539 269	872 658	171 664	—	—	1 583 591
Wendy Lucas-Bull (Chairman) ⁶	5 707 950	146 760	—	—	—	5 854 710
Total	8 405 210	6 584 172	1 388 506	892 975	342 519	17 613 384

	Bank 2016					2016 Total R
	Group Subsidiary boards and committees					
	Group Board R	Group Board committees and sub- committees R	Absa Bank R	Absa Financial Services R	Other R	
Colin Beggs ⁴	518 520	1 710 624	161 187	209 612	140 302	2 740 245
Mohamed Husain	518 520	1 376 010	161 187	—	—	2 055 717
Paul O'Flaherty ⁹	479 662	915 411	148 313	—	—	1 543 386
Tasneem Abdool-Samad ^{3,5}	—	—	237 251	277 520	—	514 771
Thembisa Skweyiya (formerly T Dinga) ^{2,10}	—	—	322 379	287 853	223 988	834 220
Thoko Mokgosi-Mwantembe ⁸	—	—	240 110	—	—	240 110
Trevor Munday	518 520	1 551 760	161 187	—	—	2 231 467
Wendy Lucas-Bull (Chairman) ⁶	5 275 300	—	—	—	—	5 275 300
Yolanda Cuba ⁷	518 520	467 814	78 921	—	—	1 065 255
Total	7 829 042	6 021 619	1 510 535	774 985	364 290	16 500 471

Notes

¹ René van Wyk joined the Board on 1 February 2017.

² Member of the Share Incentive Trust, Absa Group Pension Fund and Absa Foundation Trust (reported under Other).

³ Tasneem Abdool-Samad resigned from Absa Bank on 31 January 2018.

⁴ Member of the Group Actuarial Committee and AFS Audit Risk and Compliance Committee (under Absa Financial Services); and a Trustee of the Absa Group Pension Fund (reported under Other).

⁵ Member of the AFS Board, Group Actuarial Committee and the AFS Audit Risk and Compliance Committee (reported under Absa Financial Services).

⁶ Fee applicable to the Group Chairman, which covers chairmanship and membership of all Board committees and sub-committees including the Chairmanship 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.

⁷ Yolanda Cuba resigned from Absa Bank on 30 June 2016.

⁸ Thoko Mokgosi-Mwantembe resigned 30 September 2016.

⁹ Paul O'Flaherty joined on 1 February 2016.

¹⁰ Thembisa Skweyiya resigned from Absa Bank and Absa Financial Services during May 2017.

Company statement of financial position

as at 31 December

	Note	Company	
		2017 Rm	2016 Rm
Assets			
Cash, cash balances and balances with central banks	2	28 792	28 213
Investment securities	3	75 629	83 695
Loans and advances to banks	4	43 210	38 278
Trading portfolio assets	5	104 784	74 462
Hedging portfolio assets	5	2 667	1 734
Other assets	6	15 276	16 500
Current tax assets		—	605
Loans and advances to customers	8	651 194	623 705
Loans to Group companies	10	44 345	31 806
Investments in associates and joint ventures	11	100	100
Subsidiaries	12	178	624
Property and equipment	13	13 511	12 718
Goodwill and intangible assets	14	3 750	2 227
Deferred tax assets		3	2
Total assets		983 439	914 669
Liabilities			
Deposits from banks	16	74 110	60 185
Trading portfolio liabilities	17	59 834	42 503
Hedging portfolio liabilities	17	1 117	2 054
Other liabilities	18	27 527	20 912
Provisions	19	1 985	1 978
Current tax liabilities		49	2
Deposits due to customers	20	584 887	565 612
Debt securities in issue	21	135 507	138 007
Borrowed funds	22	15 866	15 679
Deferred tax liabilities	15	373	1 017
Total liabilities		901 255	847 949
Equity			
Capital and reserves			
Attributable to equity holders of the Company:			
Ordinary share capital	23	304	304
Ordinary share premium	23	36 880	24 964
Preference share capital	23	1	1
Preference share premium	23	4 643	4 643
Additional Tier 1 Capital	23	1 500	—
Retained earnings	24	35 950	34 563
Other reserves	24	2 906	2 245
Total equity		82 184	66 720
Total liabilities and equity		983 439	914 669

Company statement of comprehensive income

for the reporting period ended 31 December

	Note	Company	
		2017 Rm	2016 Rm
Net interest income		28 895	28 207
Interest and similar income	25	70 529	68 955
Interest expense and similar charges	26	(41 634)	(40 748)
Non-interest income		20 494	19 692
Net fee and commission income		17 206	16 094
Fee and commission income	27	18 533	17 553
Fee and commission expense	27	(1 327)	(1 459)
Gains and losses from banking and trading activities	28	2 879	2 967
Gains and losses from investment activities	29	2	1
Other operating income	30	407	630
Total income		49 389	47 899
Impairment losses on loans and advances	9.1	(5 083)	(6 392)
Operating income before operating expenditure		44 306	41 507
Operating expenditure	31	(31 411)	(27 396)
Other expenses		(1 787)	(1 570)
Other impairments	32	(512)	(574)
Indirect taxation	33	(1 275)	(996)
Share of post-tax results of associates and joint ventures		—	15
Operating profit before income tax		11 108	12 556
Taxation expense	34	(3 170)	(3 435)
Profit for the reporting period		7 938	9 121
Profit attributable to:			
Ordinary equity holders		7 528	8 770
Preference equity holders		362	351
Additional Tier 1 Capital		48	—
		7 938	9 121
Earnings per share:			
Basic earnings per share (cents per share)	35	1 708,0	2 099,6
Diluted earnings per share (cents per share)	35	1 708,0	2 099,6

Company statement of comprehensive income

for the reporting period ended 31 December

	Note	Company	
		2017 Rm	2016 Rm
Profit for the reporting period		7 938	9 121
Other comprehensive income			
<i>Items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss</i>		(154)	(12)
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		(7)	(12)
Decrease in retirement benefit surplus		(10)	(17)
Deferred tax	15	3	5
<i>Items that are or may be subsequently reclassified to profit or loss</i>		625	932
Movement in foreign currency translation reserve		—	(448)
Differences on translation of foreign operations		—	(128)
Gains released to profit or loss		—	(320)
Movement in cash flow hedging reserve		795	1 726
Fair value gains arising during the reporting period		1 465	2 714
Amount removed from other comprehensive income and recognised in profit or loss		(365)	(314)
Deferred tax	15	(305)	(674)
Movement in available-for-sale reserve		(170)	(346)
Fair value losses arising during the reporting period		(306)	(474)
Release to profit or loss		67	(3)
Deferred tax	15	69	131
Total comprehensive income for the year		8 409	10 041
Total comprehensive income attributable to:			
Ordinary equity holders		7 999	9 690
Preference equity holders		362	351
Additional Tier 1 Capital		48	—
		8 409	10 041

Company statement of changes in equity

for the reporting period ended 31 December

	Company 2017				
	Number of ordinary shares ¹ '000	Share capital Rm	Share premium Rm	Preference share capital Rm	Preference share premium Rm
Balance at the beginning of the reporting period	431 318	304	24 964	1	4 643
Total comprehensive income for the reporting period	—	—	—	—	—
Profit for the reporting period	—	—	—	—	—
Other comprehensive income	—	—	—	—	—
Dividends paid during the reporting period	—	—	—	—	—
Distributions paid during the reporting period	—	—	—	—	—
Shares issued	16 983	—	3 500	—	—
Issuance of additional tier 1 capital	—	—	—	—	—
Purchase of Barclays Africa Group Limited shares in respect of equity-settled share-based payment arrangements	—	—	—	—	—
Transfer of vesting options	—	—	—	—	—
Movement in share-based payment reserve	—	—	—	—	—
Transfer from share-based payments reserve	—	—	—	—	—
Value of employee services	—	—	—	—	—
Conversion from cash-settled schemes	—	—	—	—	—
Deferred tax	—	—	—	—	—
Barclays separation ²	—	—	8 416	—	—
Shareholder contribution – fair value of investment ³	—	—	—	—	—
Balance at the end of the reporting period	448 301	304	36 880	1	4 643
Note	23	23	23	23	23
			Company 2016		
	Number of ordinary shares ¹ '000	Share capital Rm	Share premium Rm	Preference share capital Rm	Preference share premium Rm
Balance at the beginning of the reporting period	412 798	304	21 455	1	4 643
Total comprehensive income for the reporting period	—	—	—	—	—
Profit for the reporting period	—	—	—	—	—
Other comprehensive income	—	—	—	—	—
Dividends paid during the reporting period	—	—	—	—	—
Distributions paid during the reporting period	—	—	—	—	—
Shares issued	18 520	0	3 500	—	—
Issuance of additional tier 1 capital	—	—	—	—	—
Purchase of Barclays Africa Group Limited shares in respect of equity-settled share-based payment arrangements	—	—	—	—	—
Transfer of vesting options	—	—	9	—	—
Movement in share-based payment reserve	—	—	—	—	—
Transfer from share-based payments reserve	—	—	—	—	—
Value of employee services	—	—	—	—	—
Conversion from cash-settled schemes	—	—	—	—	—
Deferred tax	—	—	—	—	—
Balance at the end of the reporting period	431 318	304	24 964	1	4 643
Note	23	23	23	23	23

Notes

All movements are reflected net of taxation.

¹ This includes ordinary shares and 'A' ordinary shares.

² As part of the Barclays PLC disinvestment, the Company issued 10 ordinary shares to Barclays Bank PLC for R8,4bn and received an additional R3,7bn as a cash contribution. The resultant cash received meets the definition of a transaction with a shareholder.

³ 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 Company 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.

Company statement of changes in equity

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Company								
2017								
Additional tier 1 capital Rm	Retained earnings Rm	Total other reserves Rm	Available-for-sale reserve Rm	Cash flow hedging reserve Rm	Foreign currency translation reserve Rm	Capital reserve Rm	Share-based payment reserve Rm	Total equity Rm
—	34 563	2 245	253	(145)	—	1 422	715	66 720
—	7 784	625	(170)	795	—	—	—	8 409
—	7 938	—	—	—	—	—	—	7 938
—	(154)	625	(170)	795	—	—	—	471
—	(9 962)	—	—	—	—	—	—	(9 962)
—	(48)	—	—	—	—	—	—	(48)
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3 500
1 500	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1 500
—	(124)	—	—	—	—	—	—	(124)
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
—	—	36	—	—	—	—	36	36
—	—	(586)	—	—	—	—	(586)	(586)
—	—	590	—	—	—	—	590	590
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
—	—	32	—	—	—	—	32	32
—	3 689	—	—	—	—	—	—	12 105
—	48	—	—	—	—	—	—	48
1 500	35 950	2 906	83	650	—	1 422	751	82 184
23			24	24	24	24	24	
Company								
2016								
Additional tier 1 capital Rm	Retained earnings Rm	Total other reserves Rm	Available-for-sale reserve Rm	Cash flow hedging reserve Rm	Foreign currency translation reserve Rm	Capital reserve Rm	Share-based payment reserve Rm	Total equity Rm
—	31 178	1 145	599	(1 871)	448	1 422	547	58 726
—	9 109	932	(346)	1 726	(448)	—	—	10 041
—	9 121	—	—	—	—	—	—	9 121
—	(12)	932	(346)	1 726	(448)	—	—	920
—	(5 851)	—	—	—	—	—	—	(5 851)
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3 500
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
—	(198)	—	—	—	—	—	—	(198)
—	325	—	—	—	—	—	—	334
—	—	168	—	—	—	—	168	168
—	—	(315)	—	—	—	—	(315)	(315)
—	—	411	—	—	—	—	411	411
—	—	30	—	—	—	—	30	30
—	—	42	—	—	—	—	42	42
—	34 563	2 245	253	(145)	—	1 422	715	66 720
23			24	24	24	24	24	

Company statement of cash flows

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	Note	Company	
		2017 Rm	2016 Rm
Cash flow from operating activities			
Interest received		68 595	69 941
Interest paid		(39 987)	(40 272)
Fees and commission received		18 533	17 553
Fee and commission paid		(1 327)	(1 459)
Net trading and other expenses		(88)	(5 818)
Cash payments to employees and suppliers		(29 331)	(25 734)
Dividends received from banking and trading activities		69	56
Income taxes paid		(3 380)	(3 290)
Cash flow from operating activities before changes in operating assets and liabilities		13 084	10 977
Net (increase)/decrease in trading and hedging portfolio assets		(28 503)	51 853
Net increase in loans and advances to customers		(29 201)	(33 579)
Net decrease/(increase) in investment securities		8 259	(9 135)
Net decrease/(increase) in other assets		(17 890)	11 469
Net (decrease)/increase in trading and hedging portfolio liabilities		16 457	(47 560)
Net increase in amounts due to customers and banks		31 107	2 770
Net increase in other liabilities		2 938	15 552
Net cash generated from operating activities		(3 749)	2 347
Cash flow from investing activities			
Proceeds from disposal of non-current assets held for sale	7	—	109
Purchase of property and equipment	13	(2 618)	(3 327)
Proceeds from disposal of properties and equipment		55	332
Purchase of intangible assets		(2 279)	—
Proceeds from disposal of intangible assets	14	—	(1 286)
Dividends received from investments in associates and joint ventures		—	15
Dividends received from investment activities		2	18
Disposal of subsidiaries, net of cash		205	—
Net cash utilised from investing activities		(4 635)	(4 139)
Cash flow from financing activities			
Issue of 'A' ordinary shares		3 500	3 500
Purchase of Group shares in respect of equity-settled share-based payment schemes		(124)	(198)
Issue of additional tier 1 capital		1 500	—
Barclays PLC contribution		12 106	—
Distributions paid to tier 1 capital holders		(48)	—
Proceeds from borrowed funds		2 841	2 381
Repayment of borrowed funds		(2 805)	—
Dividends paid		(9 962)	(5 851)
Net cash generated from/(utilised in) financing activities		7 008	(168)
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents		(1 376)	(1 960)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		12 416	14 376
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period	40	11 040	12 416

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1. Accounting policies

The financial statements of Absa Bank Limited (the Company) are prepared according to the same accounting policies used in preparing the consolidated financial statements of the Bank. For detailed accounting policies refer to the Bank's financial statements.

	Company	
	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
2. Cash, cash balances and balances with central banks		
Balances with the SARB	19 108	18 552
Coins and bank notes	9 684	9 661
	28 792	28 213

The minimum reserve balance to be held in cash with the 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 Reserve Bank as from the fifteenth business day of the month following the month to which the BA310 return relates and cannot be utilised in the normal course of business.

	Company	
	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
3. Investment securities		
Government bonds	34 321	46 780
Listed equity instruments	118	111
Other debt securities	15 367	13 067
Treasury bills	25 191	23 106
Unlisted equity and hybrid instruments	632	631
	75 629	83 695

Government bonds valued at **R12 922m** (2016: R10 006m) have been pledged with the SARB.

	Company	
	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
4. Loans and advances to banks		
Loans and advances to banks	43 210	38 278

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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	Company	
	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
5. Trading and hedging portfolio assets		
Commodities	2 051	1 485
Debt instruments	31 772	19 314
Derivative assets	56 469	45 025
Commodity derivatives	1 097	794
Credit derivatives	165	184
Equity derivatives	2 525	1 593
Foreign exchange derivatives	15 556	15 121
Interest rate derivatives	37 126	27 333
Equity instruments	574	1 008
Money market assets	13 918	7 630
Total trading portfolio assets	104 784	74 462
Hedging portfolio assets	2 667	1 734
	107 451	76 196

Trading portfolio assets with carrying values of **R7 361m** (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.

	Company	
	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
6. Other assets		
Accounts receivable and prepayments	9 321	12 426
Deferred costs	162	123
Inventories	2	4
Cost	8	6
Write-down	(6)	(2)
Retirement benefit fund surplus (refer to note 37 of the Bank's financial statements)	466	466
Settlement accounts	5 325	3 481
	15 276	16 500

	Company	
	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
7. Non-current assets held for sale		
Balance at the beginning of the reporting period	—	109
Disposals	—	(109)
Balance at the end of the reporting period	—	—

There was no movement in non-current assets held for sale during the current financial reporting period.

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

- CPF disposed of an investment security with a carrying value of R15m.
- Head Office, Treasury and other operations in South Africa disposed of property and equipment with a carrying value of R94m.

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	Note	Company	
		2017 Rm	2016 Rm
8. Loans and advances to customers			
Corporate overdrafts and specialised finance loans		10 107	8 285
Credit cards		30 471	31 376
Foreign currency loans		25 678	27 354
Instalment credit agreements (refer to note 8.1)		76 286	72 110
Gross advances		94 749	89 531
Unearned finance charges		(18 463)	(17 421)
Loans to associates and joint ventures (refer to note 42.5 of the Bank's financial statements)		26 054	20 183
Microloans		3 896	3 544
Mortgages		273 367	268 104
Other advances		6 776	5 980
Overdrafts		35 295	35 945
Overnight finance		20 494	15 552
Personal and term loans		33 582	31 920
Preference shares		14 507	14 081
Reverse repurchase agreements (Carries)		19 316	16 116
Wholesale overdrafts		88 883	87 160
Gross loans and advances to customers		664 712	637 710
Impairment losses on loans and advances	9	(13 518)	(14 005)
		651 194	623 705

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 and collateralised loans.

	Company			Company		
	Gross advances Rm	2017 Unearned finance charges Rm	Net advances Rm	Gross advances Rm	2016 Unearned finance charges Rm	Net advances Rm
8.1 Instalment credit						
Maturity analysis						
Less than one year	28 380	(7 275)	21 105	27 490	(6 977)	20 513
Between one and five years	62 625	(11 005)	51 620	59 347	(10 293)	49 054
More than five years	3 744	(182)	3 562	2 694	(151)	2 543
	94 749	(18 462)	76 287	89 531	(17 421)	72 110

The Company 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 **R6 632m** (2016: R5 962m).

The accumulated allowance for uncollectible lease payments receivable included in the allowance for impairments at the reporting date is **R1 786m** (2016: R1 609m).

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	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
9. Impairment losses on loans and advances to customers		
<i>Comprising:</i>		
Identified impairments	11 621	11 809
Unidentified impairments	1 897	2 196
	13 518	14 005
Reconciliation of allowances for impairment losses on loans and advances to customers		
Balance at beginning of the reporting period	14 005	11 872
Net present value unwind on non-performing book	(706)	(694)
Amount written-off	(5 663)	(4 389)
Impairment raised – identified	6 189	6 779
Impairment (reversed)/raised – unidentified	(307)	437
Balance at the end of the reporting period	13 518	14 005
9.1 Statement of comprehensive income charge during the reporting period		
Impairment raised during the reporting period	5 882	7 216
Identified impairments	6 189	6 779
Unidentified impairments	(307)	437
Recoveries of loans and advances previously written off	(799)	(824)
	5 083	6 392
	Company	
	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
10. Loans to Group companies		
Fellow subsidiaries	44 345	31 806
	Company	
	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
11. Investments in associates and joint ventures		
Unlisted investments	100	100
11.1 Movement in the carrying value of associates and joint ventures		
Balance at the beginning of the reporting period	100	100
Balance at the end of the reporting period	100	100

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	Company 2017 Rm	2016 Rm
12. Subsidiaries		
Shares at cost ¹	178	209
Loans to subsidiary companies	—	415
	178	624

The decrease in shares at cost is due to the winding up and deregistration of subsidiaries.

The loans to subsidiary companies comprise non-interest bearing instruments that are repayable on demand. The decrease in this balance during the current reporting period is due to the settlement of a loan.

Refer to note 42.3 and 42.5 in the Bank's financial statements for the list of significant subsidiaries, joint ventures and associates per IAS 27:17(b) requirements.

	Company 2017			2016		
	Cost Rm	Accumulated depreciation and/or impairments Rm	Carrying value Rm	Cost Rm	Accumulated depreciation and/or impairments Rm	Carrying value Rm
13. Property and equipment						
Computer equipment	7 547	(4 014)	3 533	7 007	(3 577)	3 430
Freehold property	6 097	(350)	5 747	6 392	(339)	6 053
Furniture and other equipment	6 810	(2 579)	4 231	5 468	(2 233)	3 235
Motor vehicles	2	(2)	—	2	(2)	—
	20 456	(6 945)	13 511	18 869	(6 151)	12 718

	Company 2017						
	Opening balance Rm	Additions Rm	Disposals Rm	Transfers ¹	Depreciation Rm	Impairment charge Rm	Closing balance Rm
Reconciliation of property and equipment							
Computer equipment	3 430	733	(10)	244	(864)	—	3 533
Freehold property	6 053	1 734	(22)	(2 001)	(17)	—	5 747
Furniture and other equipment	3 235	151	(5)	1 757	(691)	(216)	4 231
Motor vehicles	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	12 718	2 618	(37)	—	(1 572)	(216)	13 511
Note					31	32	

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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	2016						
	Opening balance Rm	Additions Rm	Disposals Rm	Transfers	Depreciation Rm	Impairment charge Rm	Closing balance Rm
13. Property and equipment <i>(continued)</i>							
<i>Reconciliation of property and equipment</i>							
Computer equipment	2 932	1 225	(12)	—	(715)	—	3 430
Freehold property	5 835	372	(139)	—	(15)	—	6 053
Furniture and other equipment	2 178	1 730	(160)	—	(513)	—	3 235
Motor vehicles	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	10 945	3 327	(311)	—	(1 243)	—	12 718

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Included in the above additions is **R1 130m** (2016: R2 021 m) 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 into use during the reporting period. **R402m** (2016: R961 m) of assets under construction relating to freehold property was brought into 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.

	Company					
	2017			2016		
	Cost Rm	Accumulated amortisation and/or impairments Rm	Carrying value Rm	Cost Rm	Accumulated amortisation and/or impairments Rm	Carrying value Rm
14. Goodwill and intangible assets						
Computer software development costs	6 569	(2 873)	3 696	4 289	(2 128)	2 161
Customer lists and relationships	410	(410)	—	410	(410)	—
Other	132	(78)	54	132	(66)	66
	7 111	(3 361)	3 750	4 831	(2 604)	2 227

	Company 2017					
	Opening balance Rm	Additions Rm	Amortisation Rm	Impairment charge Rm	Transfers Rm	Closing balance Rm
<i>Reconciliation of intangible assets</i>						
Computer software development costs	2 161	2 280	(419)	(326)	—	3 696
Other	66	—	(12)	—	—	54
	2 227	2 280	(431)	(326)	—	3 750

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	Opening balance Rm	Additions Rm	Amortisation Rm	Impairment charge Rm	Transfers Rm	Closing balance Rm
14. Goodwill and intangible assets						
<i>(continued)</i>						
Reconciliation of intangible assets						
Computer software development costs	1 533	1 284	(349)	(307)	—	2 161
Customer lists and relationships	363	—	(19)	(283)	(61)	—
Other	21	2	(18)	—	61	66
	1 917	1 286	(386)	(590)	—	2 227

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Refer to note 1.11 of the Bank's financial statements for useful lives, amortisation methods and amortisation rates. The majority of computer software development costs were internally generated with the remainder externally acquired. Included in computer software development costs is **R2 939m** (2016: R1 387m) 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.

In the previous reporting period, two of the Company'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 Company on the Virtual Bank initiative.

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

	Company	
	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
15. Deferred tax		
15.1 Reconciliation of net deferred tax liability		
Balance at the beginning of the reporting period	1 017	104
Deferred tax on amounts charged directly to other comprehensive income and equity	201	497
Charge to profit or loss (refer to note 34)	(862)	420
Tax effect of translation and other differences	17	(4)
Balance at the end of the reporting period	373	1 017
15.2 Deferred tax liability		
Tax effects of temporary differences between tax and book value for:		
Deferred tax liability		
Prepayments, accruals and other provisions	109	797
Capital Allowances	1 182	1 005
Cash flow hedge and available for sale reserve	262	24
Fair value adjustments on financial instruments	(144)	(84)
Impairment of loans and advances	(837)	(479)
Lease and rental debtor allowances	(231)	(204)
Property allowances	168	150
Share-based payments	(310)	(289)
Retirement benefit fund assets and liabilities	174	97
Net deferred tax liability	373	1 017

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	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
16. Deposits from banks		
Call deposits	10 183	5 327
Fixed deposits	25 577	18 445
Foreign currency deposits	9 725	15 721
Notice deposits	1 031	625
Other deposits	2 603	1 135
Repurchase agreements	24 991	18 932
	74 110	60 185

	Company	
	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
17. Trading and hedging portfolio liabilities		
Derivative liabilities	51 693	40 716
Commodity derivatives	1 285	816
Credit derivatives	148	236
Equity derivatives	2 388	1 365
Foreign exchange derivatives	14 504	13 995
Interest rate derivatives	33 368	24 304
Short positions	8 141	1 787
Total trading portfolio liabilities	59 834	42 503
Hedging portfolio liabilities	1 117	2 054
	60 951	44 557

	Company	
	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
18. Other liabilities		
Accruals	1 608	1 506
Audit fee accrual	11	41
Creditors	10 962	8 680
Deferred income	213	190
Settlement balances	14 463	10 135
Share-based payment liability (refer to note 49)	270	360
	27 527	20 912

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	Staff bonuses and incentive provisions Rm	Sundry provisions Rm	Total Rm
19. Provisions			
<i>Balance at the beginning of the reporting period</i>	1 425	553	1 978
Additions	1 117	150	1 267
Amounts used	(967)	(252)	(1 219)
Reversals	(34)	(7)	(41)
Balance at the end of the reporting period	1 541	444	1 985

Provisions expected to be recovered or settled within no more than 12 months after the reporting date were **R1 622m** (2016: R1 552m).

Sundry provisions include amounts with respect to conduct and fraud cases, litigation and onerous contracts.

	Company	
	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
20. Deposits due to customers		
Call deposits	62 746	62 296
Cheque account deposits	154 295	153 657
Credit card deposits	1 896	1 906
Fixed deposits	146 655	128 903
Foreign currency deposits	18 444	23 325
Notice deposits	58 460	59 358
Other	2 016	1 989
Repurchase agreements	5 000	3 970
Saving and transmission deposits	135 375	130 208
	584 887	565 612

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

	Company	
	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
21. Debt securities in issue		
Credit linked notes	8 375	10 295
Floating rate notes	61 305	60 441
Negotiable certificates of deposit	37 362	43 333
Other	901	458
Promissory notes	783	1 171
Senior notes	26 779	22 307
Structured notes and bonds	2	2
	135 507	138 007

	Company	
	2017 Rm	2016 Rm

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22. 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	Notes		
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
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	—
Accrued interest			918	842
Fair value adjustments on total subordinated debt instruments			31	(44)
			15 866	15 679

Included in interest paid on the statement of cash flows is **R1 484m** (2016: R1 236m) interest on borrowed funds.

- 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 has 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- The three-month JIBAR plus 1,95% floating rate notes were redeemed in full on 21 November 2017. Interest was paid quarterly in arrears on 21 February, 21 May, 21 August and 21 November of each year.
- 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.
- 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.
- The 10,05% fixed rate notes may be redeemed in full at the option of Absa Bank Limited on 5 February 2020. Interest is paid semi-annually in arrears on 5 February and 5 August. Absa Bank Limited has an option to exercise the redemption on any interest payment date after 5 February 2020. If Absa Bank Limited does not exercise the redemption option, there is no step-up in the coupon rate.
- The 10,835% fixed rate notes may be redeemed in full at the option of Absa Bank Limited on 19 November 2019. Interest is paid semi-annually in arrears on 19 May and 19 November. Absa Bank 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 Absa Bank Limited does not exercise the redemption option.

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22. Borrowed funds *(continued)*

- ix. The 11,365% fixed rate notes may be redeemed in full at the option of Absa Bank Limited on 4 September 2020. Interest is paid semi-annually in arrears on 4 March and 4 September. Absa Bank Limited has the option to exercise the redemption on any interest payment date after 4 September 2020. If Absa Bank 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 Absa Bank Limited on 29 September 2020. Interest is paid semi-annually in arrears on 29 March and 29 September. Absa Bank Limited has an option to exercise the redemption on any interest payment date after 29 September 2020. If Absa Bank 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 Absa Bank Limited on 20 August 2021. Interest is paid semi-annually in arrears on 20 August and 20 February. Absa Bank Limited has an option to exercise the redemption on any interest payment date after 20 August 2021. If Absa Bank 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 Absa Bank Limited on 3 September 2022. Interest is paid semi-annually in arrears on 3 March and 3 September. Absa Bank Limited has the option to exercise the redemption on any interest payment date after 3 September 2022. If Absa Bank 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 Absa Bank Limited on 5 May 2021. Interest is paid semi-annually in arrears on 5 May and 5 November. Absa Bank Limited has the option to exercise the redemption on any interest payment date after 5 May 2021. If Absa Bank 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 Absa Bank Limited on 19 November 2019. Interest is paid quarterly in arrears on 19 February, 19 May, 19 August and 19 November. Absa Bank Limited has the option to exercise the redemption on any interest payment date after 19 November 2019. If Absa Bank 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 Absa Bank Limited on 5 February 2020. Interest is paid quarterly in arrears on 5 February, 5 May, 5 August and 5 November. Absa Bank Limited has the option to exercise the redemption on any interest payment date after 5 February 2020. If Absa Bank 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 Absa Bank Limited on 4 September 2020. Interest is paid quarterly in arrears on 4 March, 4 June, 4 September and 4 December. Absa Bank Limited has the option to exercise the redemption on any interest payment date after 4 September 2020. If Absa Bank 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 Absa Bank Limited on 3 September 2022. Interest is paid quarterly in arrears on 3 March, 3 June, 3 September and 3 December. Absa Bank Limited has the option to exercise the redemption on any interest payment date after 3 September 2022. If Absa Bank Limited does not exercise the redemption option, there is no step-up in the coupon rate.
- xviii. The three-month JIBAR plus 4% floating rate notes may be redeemed in full at the option of Absa Bank Limited on 5 May 2021. Interest is paid quarterly in arrears on 5 February, 5 May, 5 August and 5 November. Absa Bank Limited has the option to exercise the redemption on any interest payment date after 5 May 2021. If Absa Bank Limited does not exercise the redemption option, there is no step-up in the coupon rate.
- xix. The three-month JIBAR plus 4% floating rate notes may be redeemed in full at the option of Absa Bank Limited on 20 August 2021. Interest is paid quarterly in arrears on 20 February, 20 May, 20 August and 20 November. Absa Bank Limited has the option to exercise the redemption on any interest payment date after 20 August 2021. If Absa Bank Limited does not exercise the redemption option, there is no step-up in the coupon rate.
- xx. The three-month JIBAR plus 4% floating rate notes may be redeemed in full at the option of Absa Bank Limited on 3 November 2021. Interest is paid quarterly in arrears on 3 February, 3 May, 3 August and 3 November. Absa Bank Limited has the option to exercise the redemption on any interest payment date after 3 November 2021. If Absa Bank Limited does not exercise the redemption option, there is no step-up in the coupon rate.
- xxi. The three-month JIBAR plus 3,78% floating rate notes may be redeemed in full at the option of Absa Bank Limited on 17 March 2022. Interest is paid quarterly in arrears on 17 March, 17 June, 17 September, 17 December. Absa Bank Limited has the option to exercise the redemption on any interest payment date after 17 March 2022. If Absa Bank 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 Absa Bank Limited on 25 May 2022. Interest is paid quarterly in arrears on 25 February, 25 May, 25 August, 25 November. Absa Bank Limited has the option to exercise the redemption on any interest payment date after 25 May 2022. If Absa Bank 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 Absa Bank Limited on 14 August 2024. Interest is paid quarterly in arrears on 14 February, 14 May, 14 August, 14 November. Absa Bank Limited has the option to exercise the redemption on any interest payment date after 14 August 2024. If Absa Bank 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 Absa Bank Limited on 30 September 2022. Interest is paid quarterly in arrears on 30 March, 30 June, 30 September, 30 December. Absa Bank Limited has the option to exercise the redemption on any interest payment date after 30 September 2022. If Absa Bank 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 Absa Bank Limited on 29 September 2024. Interest is paid quarterly in arrears on 29 March, 29 June, 29 September, 29 December. Absa Bank Limited has the option to exercise the redemption on any interest payment date after 29 September 2024. If Absa Bank Limited does not exercise the redemption option, there is no step-up in the coupon rate.

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

In accordance with its MOI, the borrowing powers of Absa Bank Limited are unlimited.

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	Company	
	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
23. Share capital and premium		
23.1 Ordinary share capital		
Authorised		
320 000 000 (2016: 320 000 000) ordinary shares of R1,00 each	320	320
250 000 000 (2016: 250 000 000) 'A' ordinary shares of R0,01 each	3	3
	323	323
Issued		
302 609 369 (2016: 302 609 359) ordinary shares of R1,00 each	303	303
145 691 959 (2016: 128 708 264) 'A' ordinary shares of R0,01 each	1	1
	304	304
Total issued capital		
Share capital	304	304
Share premium	36 880	24 964
	37 184	25 268

Authorised shares

There were no changes to the authorised share capital during the current reporting period.

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

An additional 10 ordinary shares were issued during the current reporting period.

An additional 16 983 695 'A' ordinary shares were issued during the current reporting period.

Shares issued during the prior year

An additional 18 520 042 'A' ordinary shares were issued during the prior reporting period.

All shares issued by the Company were paid in full.

	Company	
	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
23.2 Preference share capital and premium		
Authorised		
30 000 000 (2016: 30 000 000) non-cumulative, non-redeemable listed preference shares of R0,01 each	1	1
Issued		
4 944 839 (2016: 4 944 839) non-cumulative, non-redeemable listed preference shares of R0,01 each	1	1
Total issued capital		
Share capital	1	1
Share premium	4 643	4 643
	4 644	4 644

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 the Company which directly affects the rights attached to the preference shares or the interest of the holders thereof.

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		Company	
		2017	2016
		Rm	Rm
23. Share capital and premium	<i>(continued)</i>		
23.3 Additional Tier 1 Capital			
Subordinated Callable notes issued by Absa Bank Limited			
Interest rate	Date of issue		
Three month JIBAR + 5,65%	11 September 2017	1 500	—

The Additional Tier 1 Capital notes represent perpetual, subordinated instruments redeemable in full at the option of Absa Bank 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.

24. Other reserves

24.1 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.

24.2 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.

24.3 Foreign currency translation reserve

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

24.4 Capital reserve

The capital reserve arose on the amalgamation of the founding banks of the Company.

24.5 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.

24.6 Retained earnings

Retained earnings comprise the cumulative total comprehensive income recognised from inception (reduced by any amounts transferred to a 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 own credit risk on liabilities designated at FVTPL; and
- direct shareholder contributions.

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	Company	
	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
25. Interest and similar income		
<i>Interest and similar income is earned from:</i>		
Cash, cash balances and balances with central banks	5	5
Fair value adjustments on hedging instruments	427	(1 935)
Investment securities	5 875	7 476
Loans and advances to banks	1 288	1 063
Loans and advances to customers	61 138	60 141
Corporate overdrafts and specialised finance loans	752	801
Credit cards	4 567	5 046
Foreign currency loans	892	727
Instalment credit agreements	7 782	7 682
Interest on impaired financial assets	706	694
Loans to associates and joint ventures	1 800	1 481
Microloans	903	823
Mortgages	25 274	25 150
Other advances	620	737
Overdrafts	3 454	3 780
Overnight finance	2 222	1 350
Personal and term loans	4 175	4 267
Preference shares	1 067	1 002
Wholesale overdrafts	6 924	6 601
Other interest	1 796	2 205
	70 529	68 955
<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	264	268
Economic hedges	270	153
Fair value hedges	—	(2 171)
Interest on financial assets held at amortised cost	66 709	69 779
Interest on financial assets held as available-for-sale	2 386	1 188
Interest on financial assets designated at fair value through profit or loss	1 113	(1 602)
Fair value hedging instruments	(107)	(185)
Investment securities	644	1 045
Loans and advances to customers	576	(2 462)
	70 529	68 955

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

Other interest includes items such as overnight interest on contracts for difference.

In the prior reporting period, other interest included interest income on defined benefit plan assets. In the current reporting period, interest on the Company'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.

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	Company	
	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
26. Interest expense and similar charges		
<i>Interest expense and similar charges are paid on:</i>		
Borrowed funds	1 635	1 580
Debt securities in issue	10 245	10 445
Deposits due to customers	27 403	26 403
Call deposits	5 092	5 019
Cheque account deposits	2 934	3 856
Credit card deposits	7	7
Fixed deposits	8 857	7 597
Foreign currency deposits	169	13
Notice deposits	4 190	4 030
Other deposits due to customers	582	261
Savings and transmission deposits	5 572	5 620
Deposits from banks	1 813	2 804
Call deposits	638	410
Fixed deposits	1 175	2 394
Fair value adjustments on hedging instruments	(136)	(891)
Other	674	407
	41 634	40 748
<i>Classification of interest and similar charges</i>		
Fair value adjustments on amortised cost financial liabilities held in a fair value hedging relationship	956	1 506
Borrowed funds	956	811
Debt securities in issue	—	695
Fair value adjustments on hedging instruments	(92)	(855)
Cash flow hedges	(70)	8
Fair value hedges	(22)	(863)
Interest on financial liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss	(44)	(42)
Debt securities in issue	—	(6)
Fair value hedging instruments	(44)	(36)
Interest on financial liabilities held at amortised cost	40 814	40 139
	41 634	40 748

Other interest and similar charges includes items such as overnight interest on contracts for difference.

In the prior reporting period, other interest and similar charges included interest expense on the defined benefit obligation. In the current reporting period, interest on the Company'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.

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	Company	
	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
27. Net fee and commission income		
Asset management and other related fees	21	54
Consulting and administration fees	187	162
Credit-related fees and commissions	15 531	14 807
Cheque accounts	4 818	4 257
Credit cards	2 132	2 075
Electronic banking	5 019	4 814
Other	1 513	1 378
Savings accounts	2 049	2 283
Insurance commission received	525	531
Asset management, markets execution and investment banking fees	568	400
Merchant income	1 571	1 471
Other	90	78
Trust and other fiduciary service fees	40	50
Portfolio and other management fees	28	38
Trust and estate income	12	12
Fee and commission income	18 533	17 553
Fee and commission expense	(1 327)	(1 459)
Brokerage fees	(1)	—
Cheque processing fees	(121)	(134)
Clearing and settlement charges	(639)	(648)
Notification fees	(198)	(202)
Other	(293)	(362)
Valuation fees	(75)	(113)
	17 206	16 094
27.1 Included above are net fees and commissions linked to financial instruments not at fair value		
Cheque accounts	4 818	4 257
Credit cards	2 132	2 075
Electronic banking	5 019	4 814
Other	1 513	1 378
Savings accounts	2 049	2 283
Fee and commission income	15 531	14 807
Fee and commission expense	(1 151)	(1 149)
	14 380	13 658

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

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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	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
28. Gains and losses from banking and trading activities		
Net gains/(losses) on investments	59	(25)
Debt instruments designated at fair value through profit or loss	36	(8)
Equity instruments designated at fair value through profit or loss	90	(20)
Available-for-sale unwind from reserves	(67)	3
Net trading result	2 585	2 880
Net trading income excluding the impact of hedge accounting	2 633	2 970
Ineffective portion of hedges	(48)	(90)
Cash flow hedges	17	(53)
Fair value hedges	(65)	(37)
Other gains	212	112
	2 879	2 967
<i>Net trading result and other gains on financial instruments</i>		
Net trading income excluding the impact of hedging accounting	2 632	2 970
Losses on financial instruments designated at fair value through profit or loss	(2 758)	(3 432)
Net losses on financial assets designated at fair value through profit or loss	(33)	(565)
Net losses on financial liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss	(2 725)	(2 867)
Gains on financial instruments held for trading	5 390	6 402
Other gains	212	112
Gains on financial instruments designated at fair through profit or loss	10	60
Gains on financial instruments held for trading	202	52

	Company	
	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
29. Gains and losses from investment activities		
Other gains	2	1

	Company	
	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
30. Other operating income		
Foreign exchange differences, including amounts recycled from other comprehensive income	16	314
Profit on disposal of property and equipment	18	—
Profit/(loss) on sale of repossessed properties	16	(25)
Gross sales	97	23
Cost of sales	(81)	(48)
Rental income	22	19
Sundry income	335	322
	407	630

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

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	Company	
	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
31. Operating expenses		
Administration fees	1 262	771
Amortisation of intangible assets (refer to note 14)	431	386
Auditors' remuneration	189	219
Audit fees – current reporting period	162	130
Audit fees – under provision	5	7
Audit-related fees	19	44
Other services	3	38
Cash transportation	987	820
Depreciation (refer to note 13)	1 572	1 243
Equipment costs	217	189
Rentals	81	58
Maintenance	136	131
Information technology	2 836	2 722
Marketing costs	1 506	1 287
Operating lease expenses on properties	1 191	1 210
Other	445	(124)
Printing and stationery	227	261
Professional fees	1 939	1 398
Property costs	1 324	1 192
Staff costs	16 647	15 117
Bonuses	1 550	1 362
Other	438	438
Salaries and current service costs on post-retirement benefits	13 505	12 379
Share-based payments (refer to note 49 of the Bank's financial statements)	741	643
Training costs	413	295
Telephone and postage	638	705
	31 411	27 396

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

Professional fees include research and development costs totalling **R439m** (2016: R257m).

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.

	Company	
	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
32. Other impairments		
Reversal of impairment raised on financial instruments	(30)	(12)
Other	542	586
Intangible assets (refer to note 14)	326	590
Property and equipment (refer to note 13)	216	—
Subsidiaries	—	(4)
	512	574

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	Company	
	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
33. Indirect taxation		
Training levy	136	121
VAT net of input credits	1 139	875
	1 275	996

	Company	
	2017 Rm	2015 Rm
34. Taxation expense		
<i>Current</i>		
Foreign taxation	118	24
South African current tax	3 786	2 985
South African current tax – previous reporting period	128	6
	4 032	3 015
<i>Deferred</i>		
Deferred tax (refer to note 15)	(862)	420
Capital allowances ¹	256	431
Allowances for loan losses	(358)	(86)
Other provisions	(35)	(18)
Other temporary differences ^{1,2}	(90)	182
Fair value and similar adjustments through profit or loss ²	(380)	(308)
Fair value and similar adjustments in relation to prior year ²	(255)	219
	3 170	3 435

<i>Reconciliation between operating profit before income tax and the taxation expense</i>		
Operating profit before income tax	11 108	12 556
Share of post-tax results of associates and joint ventures	—	(15)
	11 108	12 541
Tax calculated at a tax rate of 28%	3 110	3 511
Effect of different tax rates in other countries	37	19
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	434	148
Income not subject to tax	(362)	(410)
Items of a capital nature	(75)	170
Other	26	(3)
	3 170	3 435

Notes

¹ Accelerated tax depreciation¹ amounting to R148m 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 R148m, resulting in the total movement of deferred tax in relation to 'Capital allowances' of R431m.

² 'Fair value adjustments on financial instruments' of (R77m) 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', included in balances is an amount of (R12m) previously recognised in 'Other temporary differences'.

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	Company	
	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
35. 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 by the weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue during the reporting period.		
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. There are currently no instruments in issue that would have a dilutive impact.		
Basic and diluted earnings attributable to ordinary equity holders of Company	7 528	8 770
Weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue (millions)	440,7	417,7
Issued shares at the beginning of the reporting period	431,3	412,8
Shares issued during the reporting period	9,4	4,9
Basic earnings per ordinary share/diluted earnings per ordinary share (cents)	1 708,0	2 099,6

	Company			
	2017		2016	
	Gross Rm	Net Rm	Gross Rm	Net Rm
36. Headline earnings				
Headline earnings is determined as follows:				
Profit attributable to ordinary equity holders of the Company		7 528		8 770
Total headline earnings adjustment:		407		271
IAS 16 – Profit on disposal of property and equipment	(18)	(13)	(22)	(16)
IAS 21 - Recycled foreign currency translation reserve	—	—	(320)	(297)
IAS 27 - Profit on disposal of subsidiaries	(23)	(22)	—	—
IAS 36 - Impairment of property and equipment (refer to note 32)	216	155	—	—
IAS 36 - Impairment of investments in subsidiaries (refer to note 32)	—	—	(4)	(4)
IAS 36 - Impairment of intangible assets (refer to note 32)	326	238	590	590
IAS 39 – Release of available-for-sale reserves (refer to note 28)	67	49	(3)	(2)
Headline earnings/diluted headline earnings		7 935		9 041
Headline earnings per ordinary share/diluted headline earning per ordinary share (cents)		1 800,3		2 164,5

The net amount is reflected after tax.

	Company	
	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
37. Dividends per share		
<i>Dividends declared to ordinary equity holders</i>		
Interim dividend (28 July 2017: 892,25702 cents)	4 000	—
Special dividend: (30 June 2017: 811,4669592 cents) (6 December 2016: 476,12 cents) (10 June 2016: 363,37 cents)	3 500	3 500
Final dividend (1 March 2018: 669,1928 cents) (23 February 2017: 486,88017 cents)	3 000	2 100
	10 500	5 600

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	Company	
	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
37. Dividends per share <i>(continued)</i>		
<i>Dividends declared to 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 holder</i>		
Distribution (12 December 2017)	48	—
	48	—
<i>Dividends paid to ordinary equity holders¹</i>		
Final dividend (10 April 2017: 486,88017 cents) (11 April 2016: 484,49896 cents)	2 100	2 000
Interim dividend: (11 September 2017: 892,25702 cents)	4 000	—
Special dividend: (30 June 2017: 811,4669592 cents) (6 December 2016: 476,12 cents) (10 June 2016: 363,37 cents)	3 500	3 500
	9 600	5 500
<i>Dividends paid to preference equity holders¹</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 holder</i>		
Distribution (12 December 2017)	48	—
	48	—

38. Transfer of financial assets

38.1 Transfer of financial assets involving structured entities

In the ordinary course of its normal banking activities the Company transfers financial assets to SE's, either legally (where legal rights to the cash flows from the asset are transferred to the counterparty) or beneficially (where the Company 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.

38.2 Transfer of financial assets that does not result in derecognition

	Company				
	Carrying amount of transferred assets Rm	Carrying amount of associated liabilities Rm	2017 Fair value of transferred assets Rm	Fair value of associated liabilities Rm	Net fair value Rm
Loans and advances to customers	57 932	(1 895)	57 932	(1 895)	56 037
			Company 2016 Fair value of transferred assets Rm	Fair value of associated liabilities Rm	Net fair value Rm
Loans and advances to customers	38 033	(124)	38 033	(124)	37 909

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 Company.

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 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
39. Related parties		
Refer to note 42 of the Bank'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 Absa Bank Limited.		
39.1 Balance and transactions with the parent company		
Balances		
Deposits from banks	—	(691)
Transactions		
Net fee and commission income	(3)	—
Interest expense and similar charges	41	—
Gains and losses from banking and trading activities	80	—
Dividends paid	9 600	5 500
39.2 Balance and transactions with subsidiaries		
The following are balances with and transactions entered into with, subsidiaries:		
Balances		
Loans to Group companies	7 816	6 012
Subsidiary shares	178	624
Transactions		
Interest and similar income	(168)	(110)
Interest expense and similar charges	(3)	—
Net fee and commission income	1	2
Gains and losses from banking and trading activities	1	45
Operating expenditure/(recovered expenses)	39	—
Various terms and conditions are agreed upon, taking into account transfer pricing and relevant tax requirements.		
39.3 Balances and transactions with fellow subsidiaries		
Balances		
Loans and advances to banks	98	698
Other assets	—	263
Trading portfolio assets	(20)	8
Loans to Absa Group Companies	36 530	25 794
Deposits from banks	(10 592)	(9 086)
Borrowed funds	(10 402)	(7 547)
Trading portfolio liabilities	—	(36)
Transactions		
Interest and similar income	(1 152)	(1 260)
Interest expense and similar charges	1 681	1 263
Net fee and commission income	(500)	(496)
Gains and losses from banking and trading activities	(5 082)	2 020
Gains and losses from investment activities	—	1
Other operating income	(22)	(22)
Operating expenditure/(recovered expenses)	(545)	(570)
	Company	
	2017 (unaudited) Rm	2016 (unaudited) Rm
40. Assets under management and administration		
Other managed funds	2 168	2 365
Portfolio management	2 947	2 796
Unit trusts	2 436	1 842
	7 551	7 003

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	Company	
	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
41. Financial guarantee contracts		
Financial guarantee contracts	2 176	746

Financial guarantee contracts represent contracts where the Company 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.

	Company	
	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
42. Commitments		
<i>Authorised capital expenditure</i>		
Contracted but not provided for	257	509
The Company has capital commitments in respect of computer equipment, software and property development.		
Management is confident that future net revenues and funding will be sufficient to cover these commitments.		
<i>Operating lease payments due</i>		
No later than one year	1 026	947
Later than one year and no later than five years	2 654	2 367
Later than five years	902	1 195
	4 582	4 509

	Company	
	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
43. Contingencies		
Guarantees	28 960	30 469
Irrevocable debt facilities	145 087	122 958
Letters of credit	3 834	4 645
Other	151	135
	178 032	158 207

Guarantees include performance guarantee contracts and payment guarantee contracts.

Irrevocable debt facilities are commitments to extend credit where the Company 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.

Refer to note 47 in the Bank's financial statements for legal proceedings, regulatory matters and income taxes.

	Company	
	2017 Rm	2016 Rm
44. Cash and cash equivalents		
Cash, cash balances and balances with central banks ¹	9 684	9 661
Loans and advances to banks ²	1 356	2 755
	11 040	12 416

Notes

¹ Includes coins and bank notes.

² Includes call advances, which are used as working capital for the Bank.

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Company 2017 Fair value through profit or loss

	Designated at fair value Rm	Held for trading Rm	Hedging instruments Rm	Total Rm
45. Consolidated statement of financial position summary – IAS 39 classification				
Assets				
Cash, cash balances and balances with central banks	—	—	—	—
Investment securities	20 489	—	—	20 489
Loans and advances to banks	17 197	—	—	17 197
Trading portfolio assets	—	102 733	—	102 733
Hedging portfolio assets ²	—	—	2 667	2 667
Other assets	—	—	—	—
Loans and advances to customers	26 811	—	—	26 811
Loans to Group companies	—	—	—	—
Assets outside the scope of IAS 39	—	—	—	—
	64 497	102 733	2 667	169 897
Liabilities				
Deposits from banks	22 031	—	—	22 031
Trading portfolio liabilities	—	59 834	—	59 834
Hedging portfolio liabilities ³	—	—	1 117	1 117
Other liabilities	—	—	—	—
Deposits due to customers	20 452	—	—	20 452
Debt securities in issue	4 855	—	—	4 855
Borrowed funds	—	—	—	—
Liabilities outside the scope of IAS 39	—	—	—	—
	47 338	59 834	1 117	108 289

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	—	—	—	—
Investment securities	23 968	—	—	23 968
Loans and advances to banks	19 857	—	—	19 857
Trading portfolio assets	—	72 977	—	72 977
Hedging portfolio assets ²	—	—	1 734	1 734
Other financial assets	—	—	—	—
Loans and advances to customers	24 076	—	—	24 076
Loans to Group companies	—	—	—	—
Assets outside the scope of IAS 39	—	—	—	—
	67 901	72 977	1 734	142 612
Liabilities				
Deposits from banks	17 672	—	—	17 672
Trading portfolio liabilities	—	42 503	—	42 503
Hedging portfolio liabilities ³	—	—	2 054	2 054
Other financial liabilities	—	—	—	—
Deposits due to customers	17 163	—	—	17 163
Debt securities in issue	5 267	—	—	5 267
Borrowed funds	—	—	—	—
Liabilities outside the scope of IAS 39	—	—	—	—
	40 102	42 503	2 054	84 659

Notes

¹ Includes non-financial assets and liabilities and financial instruments outside the scope of IAS 39.

² Includes derivative assets to the amount of **R1 767m** (2016: R627m) and **R889m** (2016: R1 107m) that have been designated as cash flow and fair value hedging instruments respectively.

³ Includes derivative liabilities to the amount of **R224m** (2016: R790m) and **R893m** (2016: R1 263m) that have been designated as cash flow and fair value hedging instruments respectively.

⁴ Includes items designated as hedged items in fair value hedging relationships.

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Company 2017							
Available-for-sale		Amortised cost				Assets/liabilities outside the scope of IAS 39 ¹	Total assets and liabilities
Designated as available- for-sale Rm	Hedged items ⁴ Rm	Total Rm	Designated at amortised cost Rm	Hedged items ⁴ Rm	Total Rm		
—	—	—	28 792	—	28 792	—	28 792
34 723	20 417	55 140	—	—	—	—	75 629
—	—	—	26 013	—	26 013	—	43 210
—	—	—	—	—	—	2 051	104 784
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2 667
—	—	—	13 102	—	13 102	2 174	15 276
—	—	—	624 337	46	624 383	—	651 194
—	—	—	44 345	—	44 345	—	44 345
—	—	—	—	—	—	17 542	17 542
34 723	20 417	55 140	736 589	46	736 635	21 767	983 439
—	—	—	52 079	—	52 079	—	74 110
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	59 834
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1 117
—	—	—	25 426	—	25 426	2 101	27 527
—	—	—	564 435	—	564 435	—	584 887
—	—	—	119 885	10 767	130 652	—	135 507
—	—	—	4 234	11 632	15 866	—	15 866
—	—	—	—	—	—	2 407	2 407
—	—	—	766 059	22 399	788 458	4 508	901 255
2016							
Available-for-sale		Amortised cost				Assets/liabilities outside the scope of IAS 39 ¹	Total assets and liabilities
Designated as available- for-sale Rm	Hedged items ⁴ Rm	Total Rm	Designated at amortised cost Rm	Hedged items ⁴ Rm	Total Rm		
—	—	—	28 213	—	28 213	—	28 213
31 965	27 762	59 727	—	—	—	—	83 695
—	—	—	18 421	—	18 421	—	38 278
—	—	—	—	—	—	1 485	74 462
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1 734
—	—	—	14 692	—	14 692	1 807	16 499
—	—	—	599 627	2	599 629	—	623 705
—	—	—	31 806	—	31 806	—	31 806
—	—	—	—	—	—	16 277	16 277
31 965	27 762	59 727	692 759	2	692 761	19 569	914 669
—	—	—	42 513	—	42 513	—	60 185
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	42 503
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2 054
—	—	—	18 813	—	18 813	2 099	20 912
—	—	—	548 449	—	548 449	—	565 612
—	—	—	122 142	10 598	132 740	—	138 007
—	—	—	6 977	8 702	15 679	—	15 679
—	—	—	—	—	—	2 997	2 997
—	—	—	738 894	19 300	758 194	5 096	847 949

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46. Fair value disclosures

46.1 Assets and liabilities held at fair value

The following table shows the Company'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.

Recurring fair value measurements	Company							
	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								
Investment securities	37 355	32 328	5 946	75 629	50 450	32 181	1 064	83 695
Loans and advances to banks	—	16 713	484	17 197	—	19 286	571	19 857
Trading and hedging portfolio assets	31 386	72 190	1 824	105 400	16 425	56 781	1 505	74 711
Debt instruments	29 185	2 410	177	31 772	15 417	2 573	1 324	19 314
Derivative assets	—	58 590	546	59 136	—	46 578	181	46 759
Commodity derivatives	—	973	124	1 097	—	794	—	794
Credit derivatives	—	—	165	165	—	70	114	184
Equity derivatives	—	2 352	173	2 525	—	1 526	67	1 593
Foreign exchange derivatives	—	15 548	8	15 556	—	15 121	—	15 121
Interest rate derivatives	—	39 717	76	39 793	—	29 067	—	29 067
Equity instruments	574	—	—	574	1 008	—	—	1 008
Money market assets	1 627	11 190	1 101	13 918	—	7 630	—	7 630
Loans and advances to customers	—	22 071	4 741	26 812	—	19 186	4 890	24 076
Total financial assets	68 741	143 302	12 995	225 038	66 875	127 434	8 030	202 339
Financial liabilities								
Deposits from banks	—	22 031	—	22 031	—	17 672	—	17 672
Trading and hedging portfolio liabilities	8 141	51 865	944	60 950	1 787	42 463	307	44 557
Derivative liabilities	—	51 865	944	52 809	—	42 463	307	42 770
Commodity derivatives	—	1 164	121	1 285	—	872	—	872
Credit derivatives	—	—	148	148	—	135	101	236
Equity derivatives	—	1 965	423	2 388	—	1 306	59	1 365
Foreign exchange derivatives	—	14 499	4	14 503	—	13 996	—	13 996
Interest rate derivatives	—	34 237	248	34 485	—	26 154	147	26 301
Short positions	8 141	—	—	8 141	1 787	—	—	1 787
Deposits due to customers	203	18 676	1 572	20 451	154	15 870	1 139	17 163
Debt securities in issue	12	4 354	488	4 854	13	4 650	604	5 267
Total financial liabilities	8 356	96 926	3 004	108 286	1 954	80 655	2 050	84 659
Non-financial assets								
Commodity	2 051	—	—	2 051	1 485	—	—	1 485

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46. Fair value disclosures *(continued)*

46.2 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:

	Company 2017			
	Trading and hedging portfolio assets Rm	Other assets Rm	Loans and advances to customers Rm	Loans and advances to banks Rm
	Opening balance at the beginning of the reporting period	1 505	—	4 890
Net interest income	—	—	12	—
Other income	—	—	—	—
Gains and losses from banking and trading activities	(635)	—	29	—
Gains and losses from investment activities	—	—	—	—
Purchases	1 101	—	1 021	88
Sales	(147)	—	(1 112)	(175)
Movement in other comprehensive income	—	—	—	—
Transfer in/(out) of Level 3	—	—	(98)	—
Closing balance at the end of the reporting period	1 824	—	4 742	484

	2016			
	Trading and hedging portfolio assets Rm	Other assets Rm	Loans and advances to customers Rm	Loans and advances to banks Rm
	Opening balance at the beginning of the reporting period	1 415	17	6 925
Net interest income	—	—	233	—
Other income	—	—	—	—
Gains and losses from banking and trading activities	115	—	65	(139)
Gains and losses from investment activities	—	—	—	—
Purchases	1 308	—	—	70
Sales	(1 333)	(17)	(1 371)	(1 469)
Movement in other comprehensive income	—	—	—	—
Transfer in/(out) of Level 3	—	—	(962)	—
Closing balance at the end of the reporting period	1 505	—	4 890	571

46.2.1 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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Company 2017						
Investment securities	Total assets at fair value	Deposits from banks	Trading and hedging portfolio liabilities	Deposits due to customers	Debt securities in issue	Total liabilities at fair value
Rm	Rm	Rm	Rm	Rm	Rm	Rm
1 064	8 030	—	307	1 139	604	2 050
62	74	—	—	7	—	7
—	—	—	585	—	—	585
—	(606)	—	—	—	—	—
2	2	—	—	—	—	—
4 787	6 997	—	—	—	—	—
—	(1 434)	—	52	1 685	30	1 767
31	31	—	—	(1 144)	(68)	(1 212)
—	(98)	—	—	(115)	(78)	(193)
5 946	12 996	—	944	1 572	488	3 004

2016						
Investment securities	Total assets at fair value	Deposits from banks	Trading and hedging portfolio liabilities	Deposits due to customers	Debt securities in issue	Total liabilities at fair value
Rm	Rm	Rm	Rm	Rm	Rm	Rm
1 285	11 751	7	216	2 557	624	3 404
55	288	—	—	—	—	—
—	—	—	91	—	—	91
18	59	—	—	140	(9)	131
—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2	1 380	—	—	1 953	—	1 953
(146)	(4 336)	(7)	—	(3 511)	(11)	(3 529)
4	4	—	—	—	—	—
(154)	(1 116)	—	—	—	—	—
1 064	8 030	—	307	1 139	604	2 050

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46. Fair value disclosures (continued)

46.3 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:

Company							
2017							
	Trading and hedging portfolio assets Rm	Other assets Rm	Loans and advances to customers Rm	Investment securities Rm	Investment properties Rm	Non-current assets held for sale Rm	Total assets at fair value Rm
Gains and losses from banking and trading activities	142	—	761	48	—	—	224
2016							
	Trading and hedging portfolio assets Rm	Other assets Rm	Loans and advances to customers ¹ Rm	Investment securities Rm	Investment properties Rm	Non-current assets held for sale Rm	Total assets at fair value Rm
Gains and losses from banking and trading activities	(22)	—	731	9	—	—	26
Company							
2017							
	Trading and hedging portfolio liabilities Rm	Other liabilities Rm	Deposits due to customers Rm	Debt securities in issue Rm	Total liabilities at fair value Rm		
Gains and losses from banking and trading activities	(284)	—	—	—	(284)		
2016							
	Trading and hedging portfolio liabilities Rm	Other liabilities Rm	Deposits due to customers Rm	Debt securities in issue Rm	Total liabilities at fair value Rm		
Gains and losses from banking and trading activities	(104)	—	—	—	(104)		

46.4 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 the 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.

Note

¹ The unrealised gains and losses for loans and advances to customers for 2016 have been restated by R692m 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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46. Fair value disclosures (continued)

46.4 Sensitivity analysis of valuations using unobservable inputs (continued)

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
Loans and advances to banks	BAGL/Absa funding spread	17/(17)	-/-
Deposits due to customers	BAGL/Absa funding spread	13/(12)	-/-
Investment securities	Risk adjustment yield curves, future earnings and marketability discount	59/(59)	253/(240)
Loans and advances to customers	Credit spreads	60/(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	-/-	-/-
		199/(207)	253/(240)

Significant unobservable parameters		2016	
		Potential effect recorded in profit or loss	Potential effect recorded directly in equity
		Favourable/(Unfavourable) Rm	Favourable/(Unfavourable) Rm
Deposits due to customers	BAGL/Absa funding spread	-/-	-/-
Investment securities	Risk adjustment yield curves, future earnings and marketability discount	13/(14)	31/(33)
Loans and advances to customers	Credit spreads	72/(71)	-/-
Other assets	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	36/(36)	-/-
Other liabilities	Volatility, credit spreads	-/-	-/-
		296/(296)	31/(33)

46.5 Unrecognised (losses)/gains as a result of the use of valuation models using unobservable inputs

The amount that has yet 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:

	Company	
	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)

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46. Fair value disclosures (continued)

46.6 Third-party credit enhancements

There were no significant liabilities measured at fair value and issued with inseparable third-party credit enhancements.

46.7 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:

	Carrying value Rm	Fair value Rm	Company 2017		
			Level 1 Rm	Level 2 Rm	Level 3 Rm
Financial assets					
Balances with the SARB	19 109	19 109	19 109	—	—
Coins and bank notes	9 684	9 684	9 684	—	—
Cash, cash balances and balances with central banks	28 793	28 793	28 793	—	—
Loans and advances to banks	26 011	26 011	158	25 490	363
Other assets	13 102	13 102	9 155	3 812	135
South Africa Banking	617 556	641 083	21 574	79 584	539 925
RBB South Africa	432 056	456 094	1 510	—	454 584
Retail Banking South Africa	368 656	392 694	—	—	392 694
Credit cards	27 267	27 267	—	—	27 267
Installment credit agreements	74 452	74 683	—	—	74 683
Loans to associates and joint ventures	23 037	23 037	—	—	23 037
Mortgages	220 569	220 571	—	—	220 571
Other loans and advances	726	726	—	—	726
Overdrafts	5 443	5 441	—	—	5 441
Personal and term loans	17 162	40 969	—	—	40 969
Business Banking South Africa	63 400	63 400	1 510	—	61 890
Mortgages (including CPF)	26 976	26 976	—	—	26 976
Overdrafts	19 199	19 199	1 510	—	17 689
Term loans	17 225	17 225	—	—	17 225
CIB South Africa	185 500	184 989	20 064	79 584	85 341
Rest of Africa Banking	852	852	—	—	852
Wealth	5 004	5 004	—	—	5 004
Head Office, Treasury and other operations in South Africa	974	974	—	974	—
Loans and advances to customers net of impairments	624 386	647 913	21 574	80 558	545 781
Loans to Group companies	44 345	44 345	—	44 345	—
Total assets	736 637	760 164	59 680	154 205	546 279
Financial liabilities					
Deposits from banks	52 079	52 079	1 593	50 486	—
Other liabilities	25 426	25 441	7 571	17 053	817
Call deposits	62 746	62 746	18 061	44 685	—
Cheque account deposits	153 976	153 976	153 972	4	—
Credit card deposits	1 896	1 896	1 896	—	—
Fixed deposits	131 521	131 521	485	131 036	—
Foreign currency deposits	18 444	18 444	638	17 806	—
Notice deposits	58 460	58 460	1 797	56 663	—
Other deposits	2 016	2 016	1 185	820	11
Saving and transmission deposits	135 375	135 375	133 837	1 538	—
Deposits due to customers	564 434	564 434	311 871	252 552	11
Debt securities in issue	130 653	130 653	—	130 653	—
Borrowed funds	15 866	15 866	—	15 866	—
Total liabilities	788 458	788 473	321 035	466 610	828

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46. Fair value disclosures (continued)

46.7 Assets and liabilities not held at fair value (continued)

	Carrying value Rm	Fair value Rm	Company 2016 ¹		
			Level 1 Rm	Level 2 Rm	Level 3 Rm
Financial assets					
Balances with the SARB	18 552	18 552	18 552	—	—
Coins and bank notes	9 661	9 661	9 661	—	—
Cash, cash balances and balances with central banks	28 213	28 213	28 213	—	—
Loans and advances to banks	18 421	18 421	2 070	16 351	—
Other assets	14 692	14 765	9 544	5 085	136
South Africa Banking	592 767	595 347	16 826	27 934	550 587
RBB South Africa	428 607	431 187	1 238	—	429 949
Retail Banking South Africa	359 232	362 620	—	—	362 620
Credit cards	27 861	27 861	—	—	27 861
Installment credit agreements	70 459	73 648	—	—	73 648
Loans to associates and joint ventures	18 933	18 933	—	—	18 933
Mortgages	221 223	221 238	—	—	221 238
Other loans and advances	492	492	—	—	492
Overdrafts	3 947	3 947	—	—	3 947
Personal and term loans	16 317	16 501	—	—	16 501
Business Banking South Africa	69 375	68 567	1 238	—	67 329
Mortgages (including CPF)	35 295	35 307	—	—	35 307
Overdrafts	18 426	18 426	1 238	—	17 188
Term loans	15 654	14 834	—	—	14 834
CIB South Africa	164 160	164 160	15 588	27 934	120 638
Rest of Africa Banking	557	557	—	—	557
Wealth	5 660	5 660	—	—	5 660
Head Office, Treasury and other operations in South Africa	645	645	—	645	—
Loans and advances to customers net of impairments	599 629	602 209	16 826	28 579	556 804
Loans to Group companies	31 806	31 806	—	31 806	—
Total assets	692 761	695 414	56 653	81 821	556 940
Financial liabilities					
Deposits from banks	42 513	42 513	—	42 513	—
Other liabilities	18 813	19 053	7 510	11 167	376
Call deposits	62 296	62 296	15 371	46 925	—
Cheque account deposits	153 441	153 441	153 440	1	—
Credit card deposits	1 906	1 906	1 906	—	—
Fixed deposits	116 050	116 113	415	111 150	4 548
Foreign currency deposits	23 325	23 325	447	22 878	—
Notice deposits	59 358	59 371	1 674	57 697	—
Other deposits	1 865	1 865	1 205	605	55
Saving and transmission deposits	130 208	130 208	128 844	1 364	—
Deposits due to customers	548 449	548 525	303 302	240 620	4 603
Debt securities in issue	132 740	132 740	457	130 661	1 622
Borrowed funds	15 679	15 900	—	15 900	—
Total liabilities	758 194	758 731	311 269	440 861	6 601

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47. Derivatives

Refer to note 52 of the Bank's financial statements.

48. Acquisitions and disposals of businesses and other similar transactions

48.1 *Acquisitions and disposals of businesses during the current reporting period*

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

48.2 *Acquisitions and disposals of businesses during the previous reporting period*

There were no acquisitions or disposals of businesses during the previous reporting period.

49. Retirement benefit fund obligations

Refer to note 37 in the Bank's financial statements.

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

Refer to note 39 in the Bank's financial statements.

51. Offsetting financial assets and financial liabilities

Refer to note 41 in the Bank's financial statements.

52. Structured entities

Refer to note 49 in the Bank's financial statements.

53. Share-based payments

Refer to note 49 in the Bank's financial statements.

54. Credit risk of financial instruments designated at fair value

Refer to note 56 in the Bank's financial statements.

55. Risk management

The financial risks inherent within the Bank are considered to be substantially the same for the Company and consolidated level. Refer to note 56 of the Bank's financial statements for detailed risk management disclosures.

56. Going concern

The directors assess the Company's future performance and financial position on an ongoing basis and have no reason to believe the Company will not be a going concern in the year ahead. For this reason, these stand-alone financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis.

57. Events after the reporting period

The directors are not aware of any events (as defined per IAS10 Events after the Reporting Period) after the reporting date of 31 December 2017 and the date of authorisation of these annual consolidated and separate financial statements.

