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Investec Bank (Mauritius) Limited



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OVERVIEW OF THE INVESTEC GROUP'S AND INVESTEC BANK (MAURITIUS) LIMITED'S  
ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE

# Investec Bank (Mauritius) Limited in perspective



OVERVIEW OF THE INVESTEC GROUP'S AND INVESTEC BANK (MAURITIUS) LIMITED'S  
ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE

Our purpose is to *create enduring worth*. This underpins who we are and how we create long-term sustainable value. This section provides an overview of Investec Group and its strategy, as well as Investec Bank (Mauritius) Limited.

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## OVERVIEW OF THE INVESTEC GROUP'S AND INVESTEC BANK (MAURITIUS) LIMITED'S ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE

This year marks Investec's 50th anniversary. Throughout our journey, we have held steadfastly to our purpose of creating enduring worth, our entrepreneurial culture, and our unwavering commitment to our stakeholders.

The Group has continued to deliver a strong financial performance in difficult operating conditions, demonstrating disciplined execution of our strategy.

The completion of the all-share combination of Investec's UK Wealth and Investment business with the Rathbones Group has created the UK's leading discretionary wealth manager. The enlarged Rathbones Group represents a scalable platform that will power future growth for Investec in an attractive, capital-light market segment.

We have met our medium-term targets reflecting our robust capital generation capabilities and the resilience of our client franchises. Strategic execution over the last five years has resulted in structural improvements in the business, leading us to revise our medium-term targets.

Our strong capital and liquidity levels position us well to support clients amid geopolitical and macroeconomic uncertainties, and to pursue growth in our chosen markets.

Significant progress has also been made in capital optimisation, including the share repurchase programme and the disposal of non-core assets in South Africa.

Investec is committed to being a catalyst for positive change, fostering a more sustainable and equitable future. At this auspicious milestone, we look back with humility and forward with confidence, dedicated to creating enduring worth for the next 50 years and beyond.


Investec. *Out of the Ordinary* for half a century.

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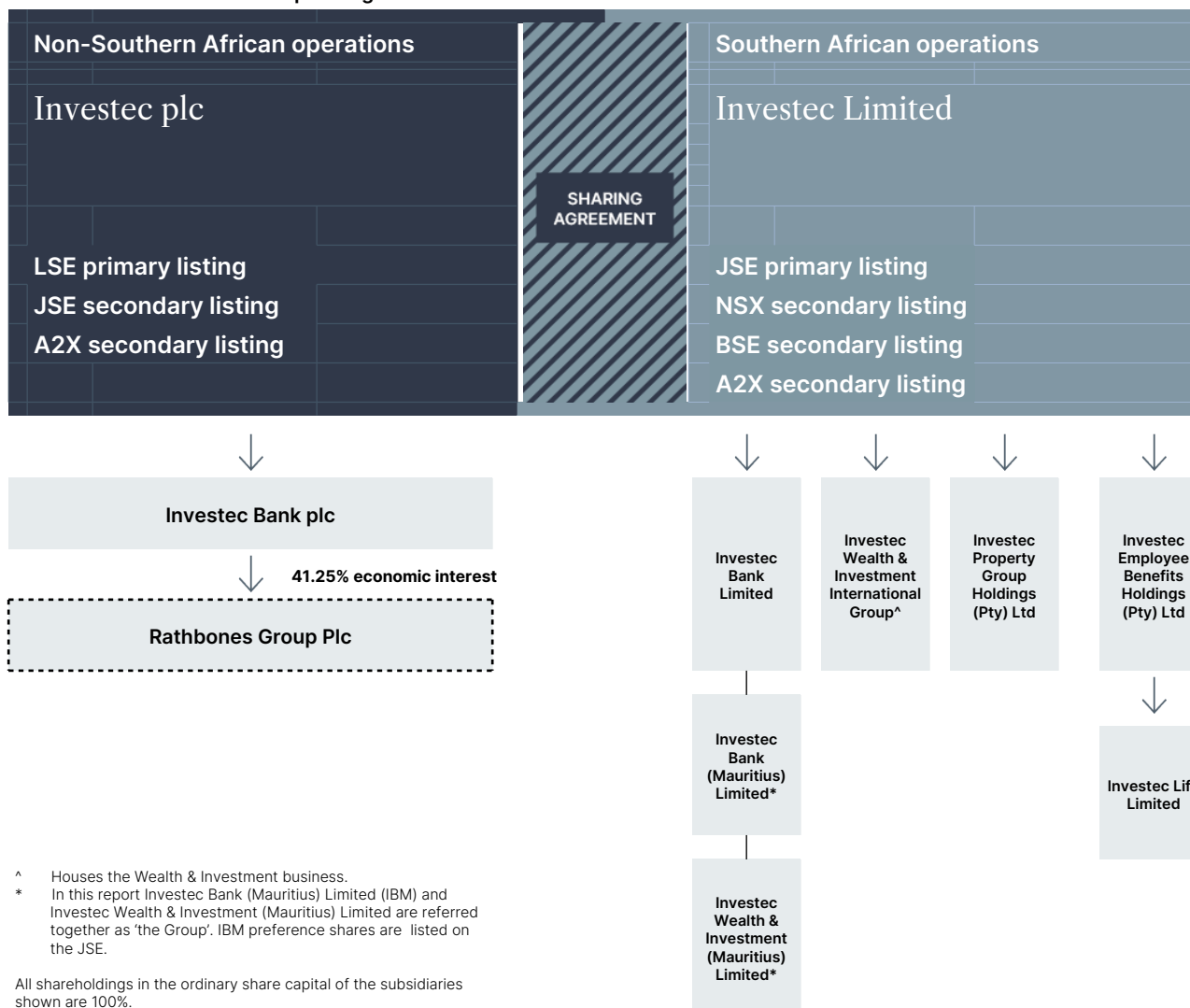
### Investec Bank (Mauritius) Limited is a subsidiary of Investec Bank Limited

During July 2002, Investec Group Limited (since renamed Investec Limited) implemented a dual-listed companies (DLC) structure and listed its offshore business on the London Stock Exchange (LSE).

In terms of our DLC structure, Investec Limited is the holding company of our businesses in Southern Africa, and Investec plc is the holding company of our non-Southern African businesses. Investec Limited is listed on the Johannesburg Stock Exchange Limited (JSE) South Africa (since 1986) and Investec plc on the LSE (since 2002).

 A circular on the establishment of our DLC structure was issued on 20 June 2002 and is available on our website.

#### Our DLC structure and main operating subsidiaries



#### Salient features of the DLC structure

- Investec plc and Investec Limited are separate legal entities and listings, but are bound together by contractual agreements and mechanisms
- Investec operates as if it is a single unified economic enterprise
- Shareholders have common economic and voting interests as if Investec plc and Investec Limited were a single company
- Creditors, however, are ring-fenced to either Investec plc or Investec Limited as there are no cross-guarantees between the companies.

OUR BUSINESS AT A GLANCE

# One Investec

**Our purpose** is to create enduring worth.

<b>Our mission</b>	Investec is a distinctive bank and wealth manager, driven by commitment to our purpose, values, core philosophies and culture. We deliver exceptional service to our clients in the areas of banking and wealth management, striving to create long-term value for all of our stakeholders and contributing meaningfully to our people, communities and the planet.
<b>Our distinction</b>	<p>The Investec distinction is embodied in our entrepreneurial culture, supported by a strong risk management discipline, client-centric approach and an ability to be nimble, flexible and innovative. We do not seek to be all things to all people. Our aim is to build well-defined, value-adding businesses focused on serving the needs of select market niches where we can compete effectively and build scale and relevance.</p> <p>Our unique positioning is reflected in our iconic brand, our high-touch and high-tech approach and our positive contribution to society, macro-economic stability and the environment. Ours is a culture that values purposeful thinking and stimulates extraordinary performance. We take pride in the strength of our leadership team, our people are empowered and committed to our values and culture.</p>
<b>Our philosophies</b>	<p>Single organisation</p> <hr/> <p>Meritocracy</p> <hr/> <p>Focused businesses</p> <hr/> <p>Differentiated, yet integrated</p> <hr/> <p>Material employee ownership</p> <hr/> <p>Creating an environment that stimulates extraordinary performance</p>
<b>Our values</b>	<p>Deep client partnerships, built on trust and Out of the Ordinary service, are the bedrock of our business</p> <hr/> <p>We uphold cast-iron integrity in all our dealings, consistently displaying moral strength</p> <hr/> <p>We seek creative, talented people with passion, energy and stamina, who collaborate unselfishly</p> <hr/> <p>We thrive on change and challenge the status quo with courage, constantly innovating and adapting to an ever-changing world</p> <hr/> <p>We believe in open and honest dialogue to test decisions, seek consensus and accept responsibility</p> <hr/> <p>We pursue diversity and strive to create an environment in which everyone can bring their whole selves</p> <hr/> <p>We show care for people, support our colleagues and respect the dignity and worth of the individual</p> <hr/> <p>We are committed to living in society, not off it, contributing meaningfully to the communities in which we operate</p> <hr/> <p>We embrace our responsibility to the environment and the well-being of our planet</p> <hr/> <p>We trust our people to exercise their judgement, promoting entrepreneurial flair and freedom to operate with risk consciousness and unwavering adherence to our values</p>



OUR BUSINESS AT A GLANCE

# A distinctive banking and wealth management business creating sustainable, long-term value for our stakeholders

## Key highlights

Principal geographies

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Net core loans

£30.9bn

Core areas of activity

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Customer deposits

£39.5bn

Total employees

7 500+

Funds under management

£20.9bn

Rathbones Group - Funds under management and administration (FUMA)

£107.6bn

## Our clients and offering

One Investec

- Corporate
- Intermediary

- Institutional
- Government

- Private client (High Net Worth/high income)

- Charities
- Intermediaries
- Trusts

### Specialist Banking

Lending  
 Transactional banking  
 Treasury solutions  
 Advisory  
 Investment activities  
 Deposit raising activities

### Wealth & Investment

Discretionary wealth management  
 Investment advisory services  
 Financial planning  
 Stockbroking

## Our approach

We have market-leading, distinctive client franchises

We provide a high level of client service enabled by comprehensive digital platforms

We are a people business backed by our Out of the Ordinary culture and entrepreneurial spirit

## Our stakeholders

### Our clients

We support our clients to grow their businesses by leveraging our financial expertise to provide bespoke solutions that are profitable, impactful and sustainable.

### Our people

We continue to build a diverse and representative workforce, employing people who are passionate and empowered to perform extraordinarily.

### Our communities

We unselfishly contribute to communities by helping people become active economic participants, focusing on education and economic inclusion.

### Our planet

We aim to operate sustainably, within our planetary boundaries and funding activities that support biodiversity and a zero-carbon world.

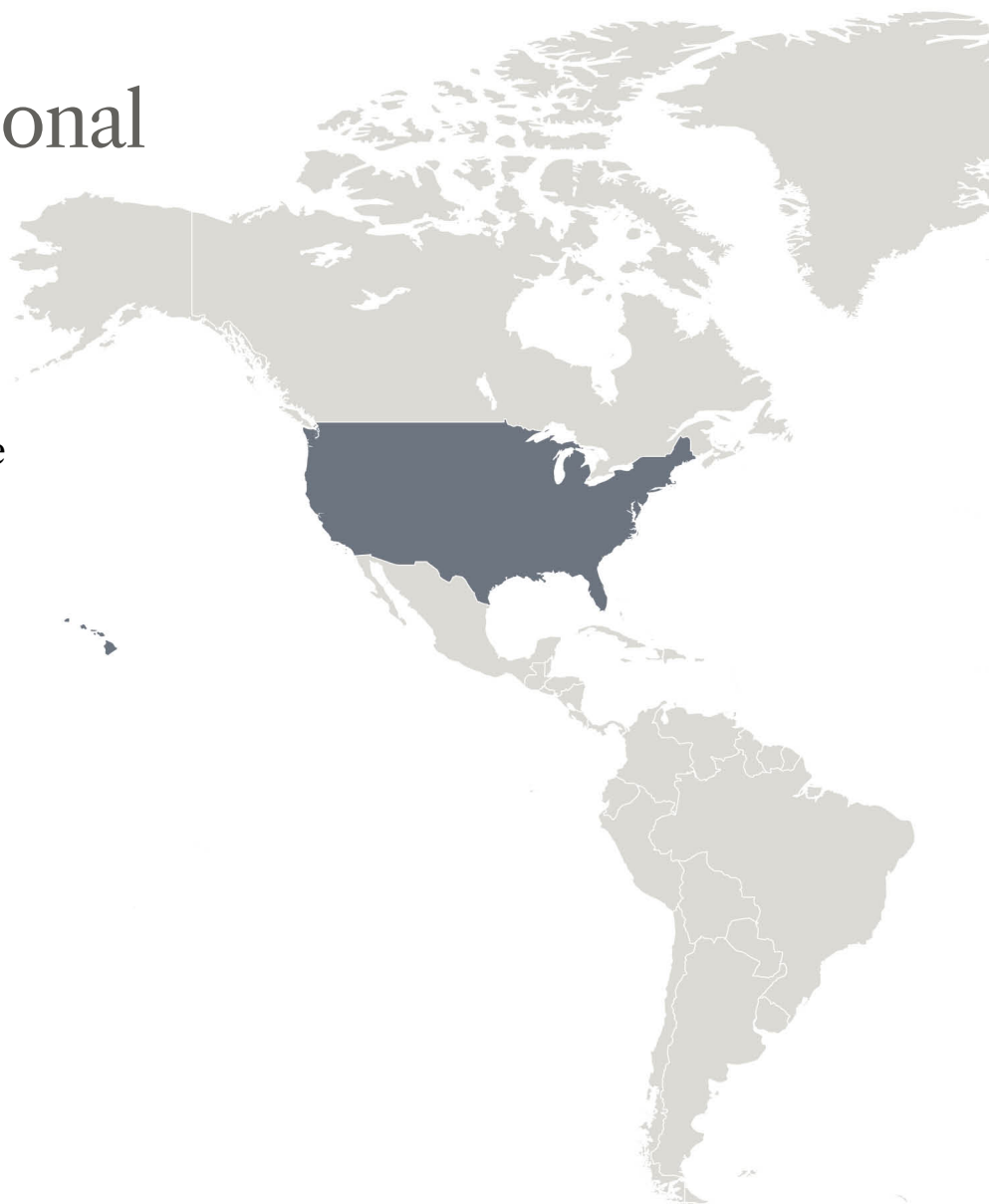
### Our shareholders

We regularly engage with our shareholders and seek their input on strategic matters. We strive to maximise shareholder returns and to build and maintain strong, lasting relationships.

OUR BUSINESS AT A GLANCE

# Our international footprint

Since inception, we have expanded through a combination of substantial organic growth and a series of strategic acquisitions. Our focus today is on



- Wealth & Investment Activities
- Private Client Banking Activities
- Corporate and Investment Banking Activities
- Corporate Advisory and Investment Activities
- Property Activities
- Securities

## USA



Established a presence in 1998

Energy and Infrastructure Finance, Fund Solutions, Aviation Finance and Institutional equities business providing research and sales activities

## Ireland



Established a presence in 1999

Treasury Risk Solutions and Institutional equities business

## United Kingdom



Established a presence in 1992

Corporate, institutional and private client banking activities  
Wealth management services offered through our long-term strategic partnership with Rathbones

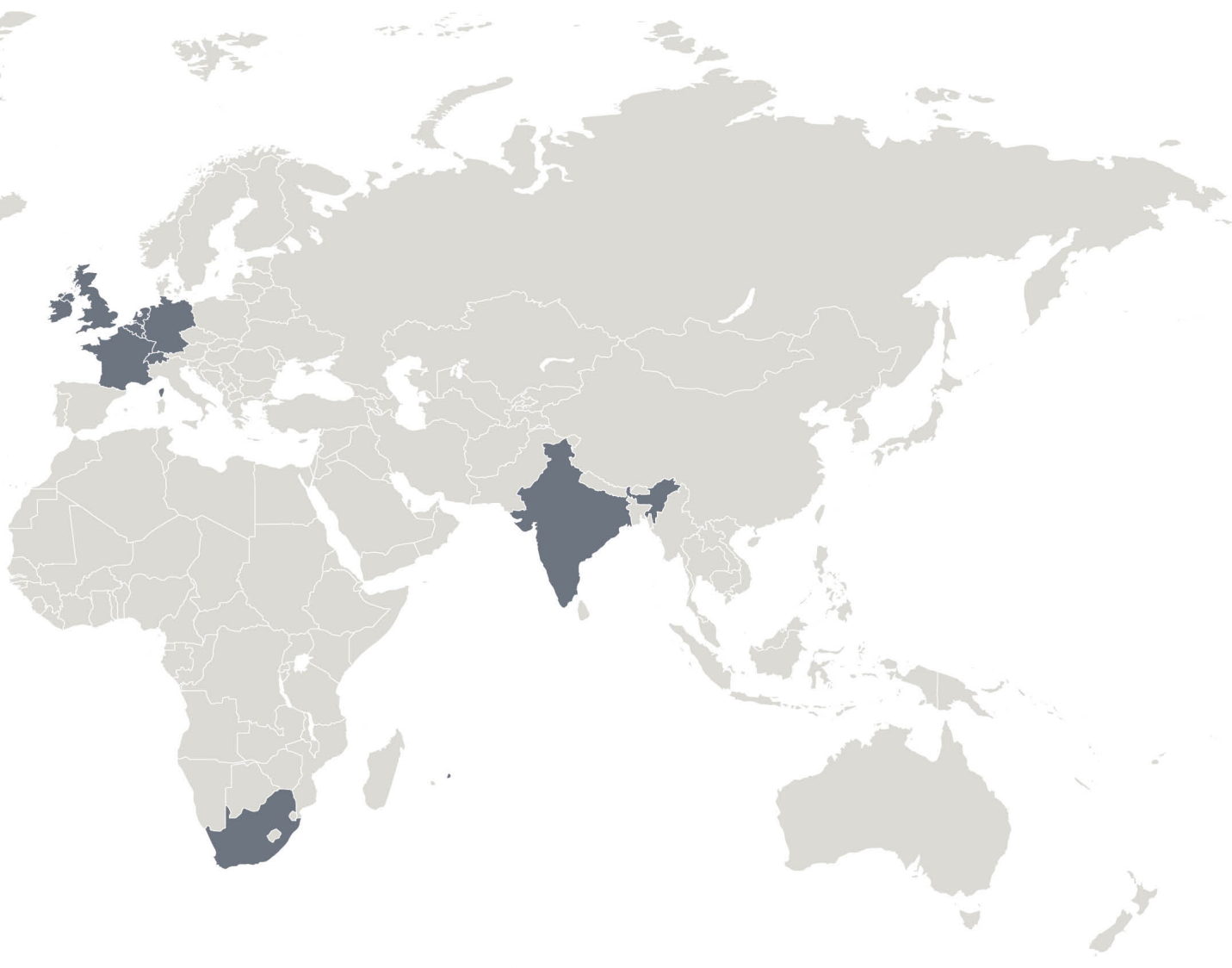
## Channel Islands



Established a presence in Guernsey (1998), Jersey (2007) and Isle of Man (2018)

Private Banking, lending and treasury services to private clients and financial intermediaries  
Custody and Execution-only services through our independent nominee company  
Wealth management services offered through our long-term strategic partnership with Rathbones

OUR BUSINESS AT A GLANCE



**Switzerland**



Established a presence in 1974

Private Banking & Wealth Management services offered to private clients, family offices, trusts and corporate service providers

Corporate lending activities

**Continental Europe**



Established a presence in 2023

Investment banking activities including M&A advisory and corporate lending

**South Africa**



Established a presence in 1974

Corporate, institutional and private client banking activities  
Wealth and investment management services with the ability to leverage off the global platform

**Mauritius**



Established a presence in 1997

Corporate, institutional and private client banking activities  
Wealth & Investment services

**India**



Established a presence in 2010

Institutional equities business providing research, sales and trading activities

Sales desk located in Singapore for Indian equities to Singaporean institutional investors

Merchant banking business connecting Indian companies with domestic and international investors

Investment management services in structured credit and other products

## OUR BUSINESS AT A GLANCE

### Our journey so far

<b>1974</b>	Founded as a leasing company in Johannesburg.
<b>1980</b>	We acquired a banking licence.
<b>1986</b>	We were listed on the JSE Limited South Africa.
<b>1992</b>	We set up Investec Bank Plc (IBP) in the UK.
<b>2002</b>	In July 2002, we implemented a dual-listed companies (DLC) structure with linked companies listed in London and Johannesburg.
<b>2003</b>	We concluded a significant empowerment transaction in which our empowerment partners collectively acquired a 25.1% stake in the issued share capital of Investec Limited.
<b>2020</b>	We successfully completed the demerger of Investec Asset Management which separately listed as Ninety One in March 2020.
<b>2022</b>	The Board approved a proposed share purchase and a share buyback programme of up to R7 billion (c.£350 million) to be executed over a period of 18 months from November 2022. We also distributed 15% of our shareholding in Ninety One.
<b>2024</b>	Today, we are a simplified and focused business well positioned to pursue identified growth opportunities, supported by our One Investec strategy.

### Investment proposition

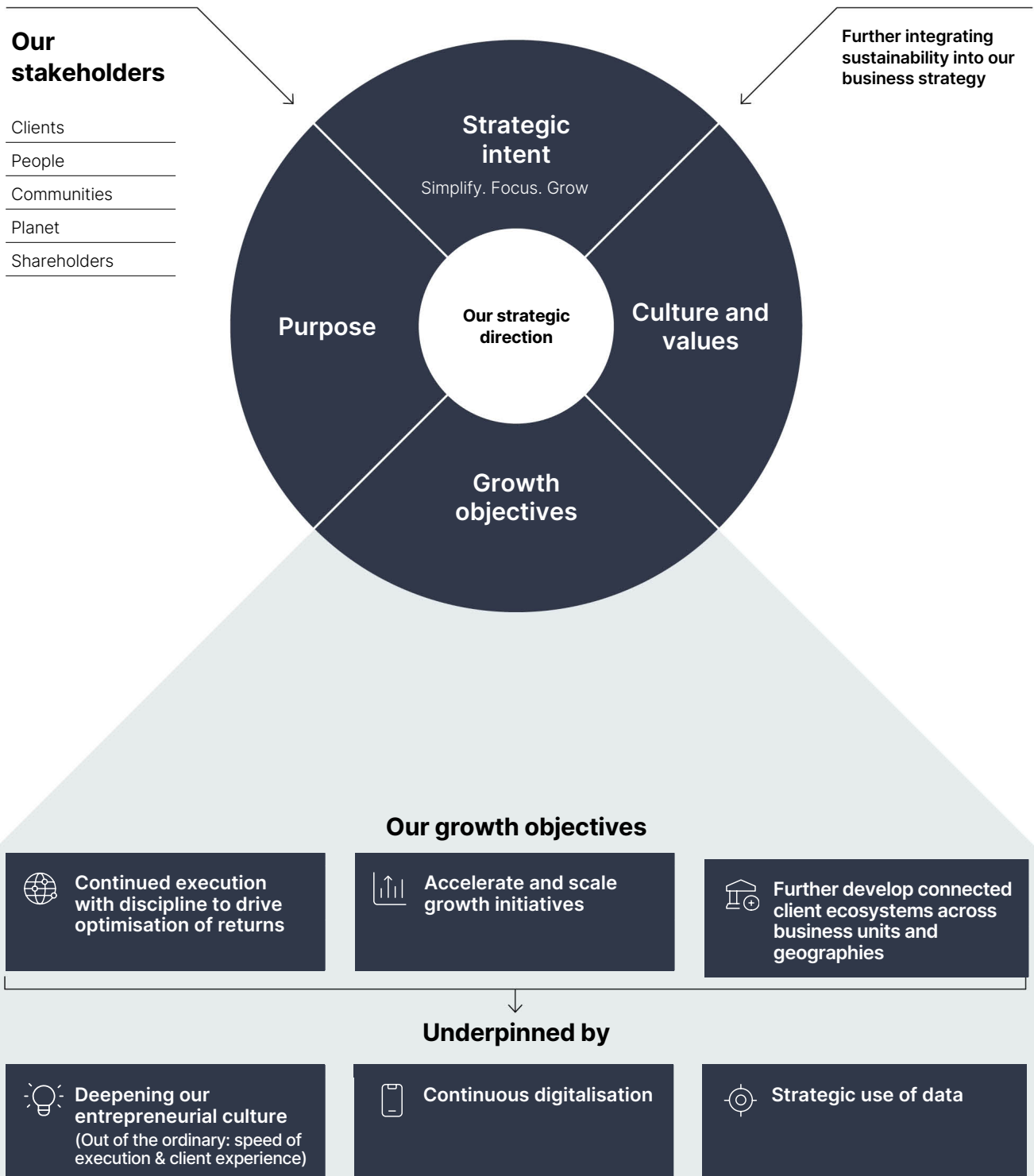
Well positioned to pursue long-term growth

Well capitalised and highly liquid balance sheet
Improved capital allocation – returning excess capital to shareholders
Diversified mix of earnings by geography and business, with significant annuity income underpinning from leading wealth business
Clear growth opportunities through reinforcement of existing linkages across geography and business and new profit pool strategies which are underway
Our clients have historically shown resilience through difficult macro environments
Rightsized the cost structure of the business

OUR STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

Our strategy defines the **strategic choices we make** in pursuit of our purpose of **creating enduring worth**.

We have formulated our strategy with a balanced consideration of our stakeholders' needs and priorities.



## OVERVIEW OF THE ACTIVITIES OF INVESTEC BANK (MAURITIUS) LIMITED

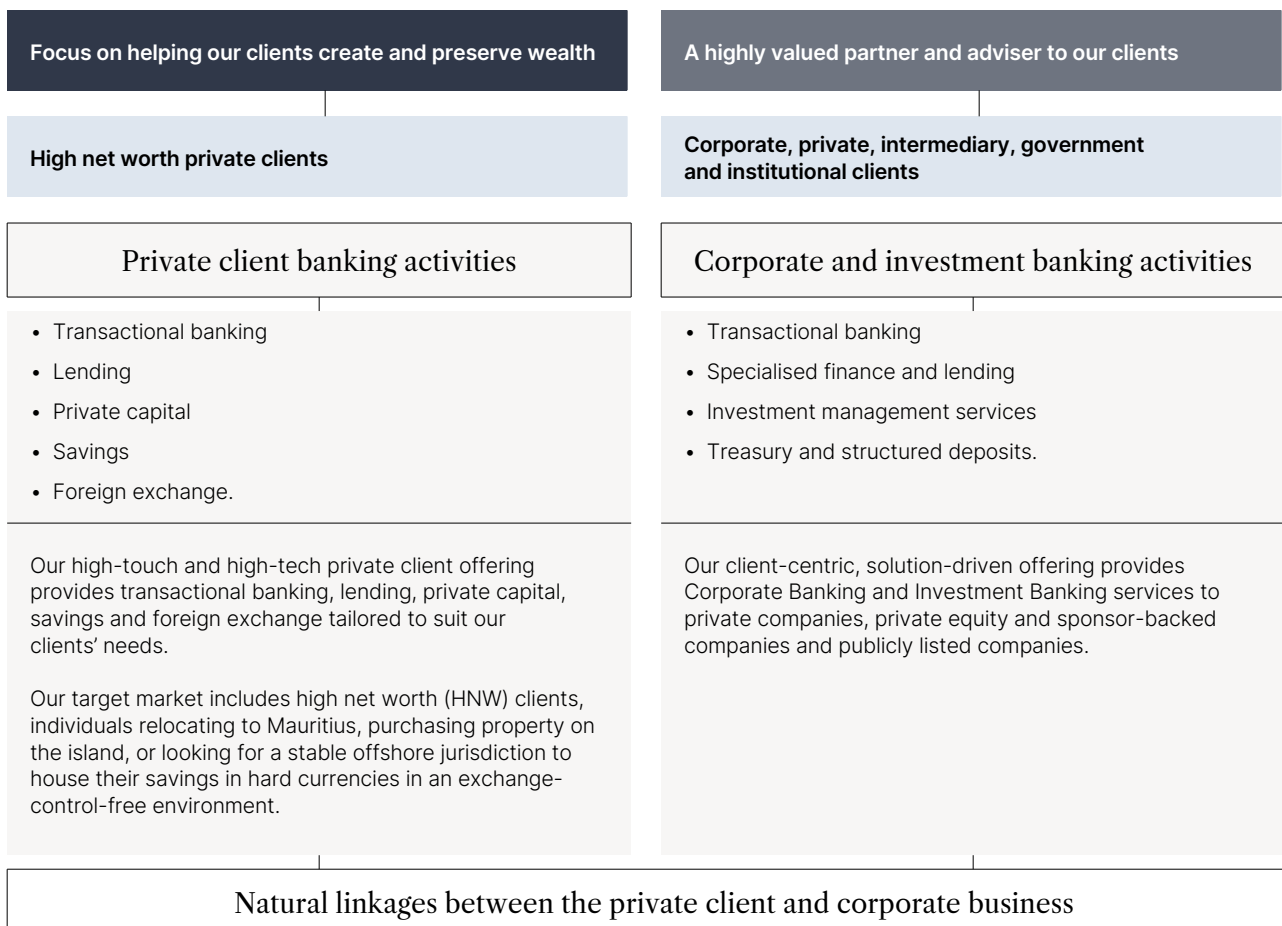
Investec Bank (Mauritius) Limited operates as a specialist bank and wealth manager

# Specialist Bank

Our specialist teams are well positioned to provide solutions to meet private, corporate and institutional clients' needs. Each business provides specialised products and services to defined target markets.

### What makes us distinct?

- Provision of high-touch personalised service, with ability to execute quickly
- Ability to leverage international, cross-border platforms
- Well positioned to capture opportunities between the developed and the emerging world
- Strong ability to originate and distribute
- Balanced business model with good business depth and breadth
- Provision of high-quality solutions to corporate and private clients, with leading positions in select areas.



## OVERVIEW OF THE ACTIVITIES OF INVESTEC WEALTH & INVESTMENT (MAURITIUS) LIMITED

# Wealth & Investment

Investec Wealth & Investment (Mauritius) Limited offers its clients comfort in its scale, international reach and depth of investment processes.

Investec Wealth & Investment (Mauritius) Limited provides an international investment management service to its corporate, institutional and high net worth private client base leveraging from the Investec Group's international infrastructure and intellectual property. The business in Mauritius has combined funds under management in excess of US\$350 million.

A two-tiered service offering; advisory and discretionary investment management to best meet the investor's customised requirements.

All custody functions are executed through one of Investec's nominee companies administered by either Investec Bank Switzerland (IBSAG), Spring Nominees, or Praxis.

### Value proposition

Investec Wealth & Investment Mauritius was established in 2017;

Strong collaboration with the global Wealth & Investment business;

Single consistent global investment purpose; and

Focus on organic growth in our key markets and enhancing our range of services for the benefit of our clients.

## Investment Management Services

An **integrated** investment management service leveraging from the Group's international infrastructure/intellectual property

A **flexible** investment management offering through:

- **Discretionary** and **advisory** portfolio management services for private clients;
- **Segregated** or **unitised** portfolio solutions; and
- Specialist portfolio management services for international clients.

Underlying **specialised mandates**:

- Segregated fixed income and equity-centric portfolios; and
- Capital Protected Structured Investments.

# Management discussion and analysis



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## OUR OPERATING ENVIRONMENT

The 2024 financial year has been marked by a high inflation, high interest rates environment and continued geopolitical tension.

The global economy continued to face multiple shocks during the year under review. The Israel-Hamas war has heightened geopolitical tension in the Middle East while the Russia-Ukraine war remains ongoing with no sign of immediate ceasefire.

The higher interest environment has persisted as inflation levels, despite falling, have remained above targets globally.

The Mauritian economy has grown by 7% for the year 2023-2024 supported by strong recovery and performance in the tourism and financial sectors.

The Group performed strongly with a profit of US\$71.0 million for the year 2024, 27% above the prior year. Net interest income increased by 46% over the prior year to US\$79.9 million as a result of improved margins and higher average interest-earning assets.

The Group continues to hold a high levels of capital and liquidity while pursuing its strategic objectives.

The group delivered strong results with total operating income before impairment increasing by 30% to **US\$100 mn** compared to the prior year.

Shareholder's equity increased by 10% to **US\$546 mn** and the return on average equity increased to 13.6% for the year under review.

## FINANCIAL REVIEW

## Performance against objectives

	OBJECTIVES 2024	PERFORMANCE 2024	OBJECTIVES 2025
<b>Operating income</b>	Operating income to increase by 5% to US\$83.2 million.	Operating income was 19% above objective at US\$98.8 million.	Operating income to increase by 6% to US\$104.9 million.
<b>Operating expenses</b>	Operating expenses to increase by no more than 4% to US\$16.8 million.	Operating expenses were 2% below objective at US\$16.5 million.	Operating expenses to increase by no more than 8% to US\$17.8 million.
<b>Cost-to-income ratio</b>	Cost-to-income ratio to remain below 30%.	Cost-to-income ratio stood at 16.4%.	Cost-to-income ratio to remain below 25%.
<b>Return on average assets</b>	Return on average assets to remain at least 2.6%.	Return on average assets stood at 2.9%.	Return on average assets to remain above 2.5%.
<b>Return on average equity</b>	Return on average equity is to remain at least 11.9%.	Return on average equity stood at 13.6%.	Return on average equity to remain above 13%.
<b>Loans and advances growth</b>	Loans and advances to increase to US\$1.43 billion.	Loans and advances stood at US\$1.39 billion, 2% below objective.	Loans and advances to increase by US\$268 million to US\$1.67 billion.
<b>Deposits growth</b>	Deposits to remain at least US\$1.35 billion.	Deposit grew by 2% to US\$1.38 billion.	Deposits to remain at least at the same level.
<b>Asset quality</b>	Credit loss ratio to be maintained below 1.0%.	Credit loss ratio stood at 0.1%.	Credit loss ratio to be maintained below 1.0%.
<b>Capital management</b>	Capital adequacy ratio to be maintained at a minimum of 15%.	Capital adequacy ratio stood at 29.1%.	Capital adequacy ratio to be maintained at a minimum of 15%.
<b>Gearing</b>	Gearing ratio to be maintained below 6.	Gearing ratio stood at 4.4.	Gearing ratio to be maintained below 6.

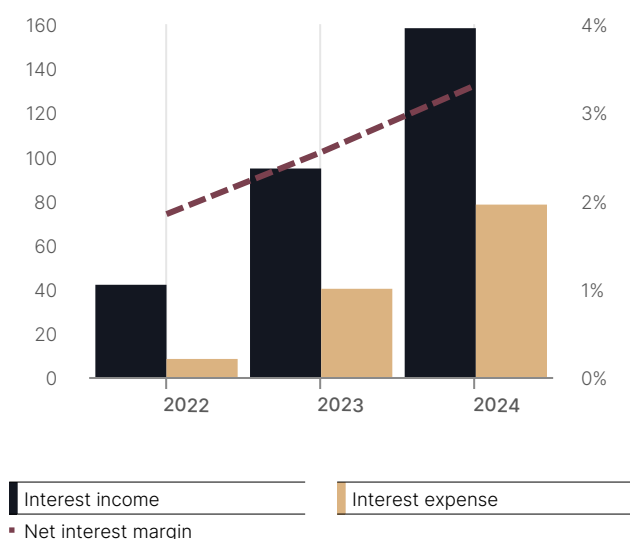
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### Financial performance analysis

The overview that follows highlights the variances in the major line items on the face of the income statement for the year under review.

#### Net interest income

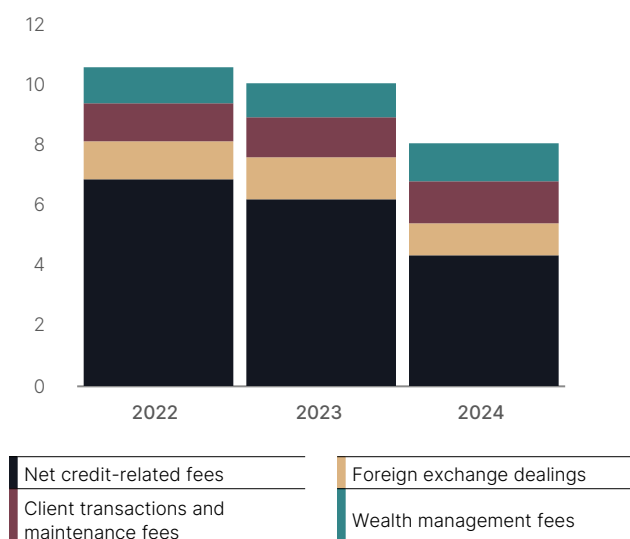
US\$'mn



Net interest income increased by 46% to US\$79.9 million due to the growth in average interest-earning assets with net interest margin increasing from 2.2% to 3.3% for the current financial year.

#### Net fee income

US\$'mn



Net fee income decreased by 20% from US\$10.1 million to US\$8.1 million mainly due to lower deal-related fees in the current year.

#### Net trading income

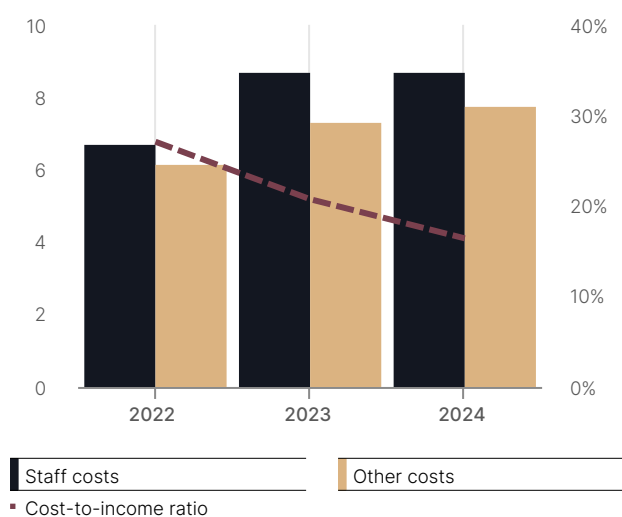
Trading income of US\$12.0 million arose mainly from mark-to-market on derivatives and foreign exchange movement against the US dollar.

#### Expected credit loss (ECL)

During the current financial year ECL of US\$1.6 million was provided compared to a reversal of US\$2.1 million in the previous financial year mainly due to a change in macro-economic scenarios resulting in higher PDs and LGDs together with an increase in ECL for stage 3 loans.

#### Operating costs

US\$'mn



Operating costs increased by 3% to US\$16.5 million due to increases in equipment and business expenses. Staff costs represented 53% of the cost base, 1% below the previous financial year.

The cost-to-income ratio decreased from 20.7% in the prior year to 16.4% for the current year as a result of an increase in operating income.

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## Financial position analysis

For the year to 31 March	% change		2023	% change 2023 vs 2022	2022
	2024	2024 vs 2023			
Loans and advances to banks and customers (US\$'000)	1 394 835	14.1%	1 222 968	1.5%	1 205 102
Loans and advances to banks (US\$'000)	109 248	15.4%	94 699	(34.2%)	143 880
Loans and advances to customers (US\$'000)	1 285 587	13.9%	1 128 269	6.3%	1 061 222
Cash holdings and reverse repurchase agreements (US\$'000)	376 631	(46.3%)	701 560	31.4%	534 111
Sovereign debt securities (US'000)	432 229	3.7%	416 856	—	—
Bank debt securities (US'000)	75 141	45.2%	51 751	61.9%	31 962
Other debt securities (US'000)	82 514	8.5%	76 036	28.7%	59 078
Borrowings from banks (US'000)	69 942	(71.6%)	246 190	—	—
Deposits from customers (US\$'000)	1 379 968	(2.0%)	1 408 462	27.7%	1 102 632
Loan-to-deposit ratio (%)	101.1	16.4%	86.8	(20.6%)	109.3

## Loans and advances to banks and customers

Loans and advances stood at US\$1.39 billion, 14% above the last financial year and resulted in the loan-to-deposit ratio to increase from 86.8% to 101.1%.

## Cash holdings

Cash holdings, which included reverse repurchase agreements, decreased by 46% to US\$376.6 million due to the significant repayment of borrowings from banks and a decrease in the deposit book.

## Sovereign debt securities

Sovereign debt securities stood at US\$432.2 million, 4% over the prior year.

## Bank debt securities

Bank debt securities increased by 45% to US\$75.1 million following additional debt securities purchased during the year due to favourable market conditions.

## Other debt securities

Other debt securities increased by 9% to US\$82.5 million following additional debt securities purchased during the year due to favourable market conditions.

## Borrowings from banks

Borrowings from banks comprised of syndicated funding and deposits from banks. The syndicated facility of US\$150 million matured during the year.

## Deposits from customers

Deposits from customers decreased by 2% to US\$1.38 billion.

## Performance ratios

For the year to 31 March	2024	2023	2022
Return on average equity (%)	13.6	11.9	7.8
Return on average assets (%)*	2.9	2.6	1.9

\* Figures based on average interest-earning assets.

## Return on average equity

Return on average equity increased from 11.9% to 13.6% due to the increase in profitability in the current year.

## Return on average assets

Return on assets increased from 2.6% to 2.9% due to the increase in profitability in the current year.

## Capital

For the year to 31 March	2024	2023	2022
Shareholder's equity (US\$'000)	545 894	497 608	444 044
Capital base (US\$'000)	538 035	497 339	447 267
Capital adequacy ratio (%)	29.1	30.4	29.2
Tier 1 ratio (%)	28.0	29.3	28.3

Total equity increased from US\$498 million to US\$546 million as a result of an increase in retained income during the financial year. The capital adequacy ratio, mainly made up of Tier 1 capital, decreased from 30.4% to 29.1% due to an increase in risk-weighted assets, but remained well above the regulatory requirement of 12.5% (inclusive of the capital conservation buffer of 2.5%).

## RISK MANAGEMENT

### Risk management

→ Risk disclosures provided in line with the requirements of International Financial Reporting Standard 7 Financial Instruments: Disclosures (IFRS 7) and disclosures on capital required by International Accounting Standard 1 Presentation of Financial Statements (IAS 1) are included within this section of the annual report (pages 20 to 63) with further disclosures provided within the financial statements section (pages 107 to 181).

A All sections, paragraphs, tables and graphs on which an audit opinion is expressed are marked as audited.

### Philosophy and approach

The Bank recognises that an effective risk management function is fundamental to its business. Taking international best practice into account, the Bank's comprehensive risk management process involves identifying, quantifying, managing and mitigating the risks associated with its business.

### Risk management's objectives

The Bank's risk management's objectives are to:

- Maintain a strong risk management culture
- Ensure the business operates within the Board-stated appetite
- Support the long-term sustainability of the Bank by providing an established independent framework for identifying, evaluating, monitoring and mitigating risk
- Set, approve and monitor adherence to risk parameters and limits across the Group and ensure they are implemented and adhered to consistently
- Aggregate and monitor its exposure across risk classes
- Coordinate risk management activities across the organisation
- Give the Board reasonable assurance that the risks the Bank is exposed to are identified and, to the best extent possible, managed and controlled
- Run appropriate risk committees as mandated by the Board
- Resource risk teams suitably with appropriate expertise and facilitate operating independence
- Maintain compliance in relation to regulatory requirements.

### Executive summary of the year in review from a risk perspective

The Bank has continued to maintain a sound balance sheet with low leverage and a diversified business model. This has been supported by the following key operating fundamentals:

- Intimate involvement by senior management ensuring stringent management of risk, liquidity and capital
- A strong risk and capital management culture embedded into its day-to-day activities and values. The Bank seeks to achieve an appropriate balance between risk and reward in its business, taking cognisance of all stakeholders' interests
- Credit and counterparty exposures are restricted to a selected target market and the Bank's risk appetite continues to favour lower-risk income-based lending with credit risk taken over a short-to-medium term. Exposure is taken against defined target clients displaying a profile of good character, sound financial strength and integrity, a core competency and a sound track record in the activity expected. Bad debts written off were not material and the credit loss ratio was 0.1% for the year:
- A low leverage ratio, defined as Tier 1 capital as a percentage of total asset exposure in terms of Basel III, of approximately 21.7%
- A high level of readily available, high-quality liquid assets with cash holdings and sovereign debt securities representing 33.9% of total assets
- A high level of liquidity; the Bank does not rely on intergroup wholesale funding to fund core lending asset growth
- Healthy capital ratios; the Bank has always held capital in excess of regulatory requirements and it intends to perpetuate this philosophy. The Bank continued to strengthen its capital base and increased its asset base during the period
- A high level of recurring income which continues to support sustainability of operating profit.

The Bank's overall risk management philosophies, practices and frameworks have remained largely unchanged and have held the Bank in good stead. Maintaining credit quality, strictly managing risk and liquidity, and continuing to grow the deposit and capital base remain core strategic imperatives.

RISK MANAGEMENT  
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## An overview of key risks

## In the ordinary course of business the Bank faces a number of risks that could affect its business operations

These risks are summarised in the table below along with the relevant page numbers in the report where additional information is provided. The sections that follow provide information on a number of these risk areas:

<p><b>12</b></p> <p>The <b>competitive nature</b> of the financial and banking industries.</p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p>The Bank may be exposed to <b>country risk</b>, i.e. the risk inherent in sovereign exposure and events in other countries.</p>	<p><b>22 – 40</b></p> <p><b>Credit and counterparty risk</b> exposes the Bank to losses caused by financial or other problems experienced by our clients.</p>
<p><b>41</b></p> <p><b>Equity and investment risk.</b></p>	<p><b>42 – 44</b></p> <p>The Bank's net interest earnings and net asset value may be adversely affected by <b>interest rate risk</b>.</p>	<p><b>41 – 48</b></p> <p><b>Market, business and general economic conditions</b> and fluctuations could adversely affect its businesses in a number of ways.</p>
<p><b>45 – 47</b></p> <p><b>Liquidity risk</b> may impair the ability of the Bank to fund its operation.</p>	<p><b>48</b></p> <p>The Bank is exposed to <b>foreign exchange currency risk</b> where fluctuation in exchange rates against the US Dollar could have an impact on its financial results.</p>	<p><b>49 – 57</b></p> <p><b>Operational risk</b> may disrupt the business or result in regulatory action.</p>
<p><b>52</b></p> <p><b>Employee misconduct</b> could cause harm that is difficult to detect.</p>	<p><b>54</b></p> <p>The Bank may be <b>vulnerable to the failure of its systems</b> and security breaches.</p>	<p><b>56</b></p> <p>The Bank may be unable to <b>recruit, retain and motivate key personnel</b>.</p>
<p><b>58</b></p> <p><b>Reputational, strategic and business risk.</b></p>	<p><b>58</b></p> <p><b>Legal and regulatory risks</b> are substantial in its businesses.</p>	<p><b>59 – 63</b></p> <p>The Bank may have <b>insufficient capital</b> in the future and may be unable to secure additional financing as required.</p>



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**Credit and counterparty risk management**

RISK MANAGEMENT  
CONTINUED**A** Credit and counterparty risk description

Credit and counterparty risk is defined as the risk arising from an obligor's (typically a client's or counterparty's) failure to meet the terms of any agreement. Credit and counterparty risk arises when funds are extended, committed, invested or otherwise exposed through actual or implied contractual agreement, whether reflected on- or off-balance sheet.

Credit and counterparty risk arises primarily from three types of transactions:

- Lending transactions, through loans and advances to clients and counterparties, create the risk that an obligor will be unable or unwilling to repay capital and/or interest on loans and advances granted to them.  
This category includes bank placements where the Bank has placed funds with other financial institutions.
- Issuer risk on financial instruments where payments due from the issuer of a financial instrument will not be received
- Trading transactions giving rise to settlement and replacement risk (collectively counterparty risk):
  - Settlement risk is the risk that the settlement of a transaction does not take place as expected. The Bank's definition of a settlement debtor is a short-term receivable (i.e. less than five days) excluded from credit and counterparty risk due to market-guaranteed settlement mechanisms
  - Replacement risk is the financial cost of having to enter into a replacement contract with an alternative market counterparty, following default by the original counterparty.

Credit and counterparty risk can be impacted by country risk where cross-border transactions are entered into.

This can include geopolitical risks, transfer and convertibility risks and the impact on the borrower's credit profile due to local economic and political conditions.

In terms of the Bank's country risk policy, the Bank's Credit Committee with the approval of the Group's Credit Committee will set either a general country limit or a deal-specific country limit. General and deal-specific country limits are classified as follows:

- General country limits are set for countries with an A to AAA country rating, determined by an eligible credit assessment institution (ECAI)
- Deal-specific country limits are set by the Credit Committee for those countries which do not have an A to AAA country rating and where the Bank wishes to have or has an exposure in that country.

Notwithstanding the country rating granted to a country by any one of the ECAIs allowing the country to be assigned a deal-specific country limit, the relevant Credit Committee has the mandate to assign a general country limit for that country.

For country and sovereign risk provisioning purposes, the Bank's Credit Committee shall choose the country that better reflects the risk of each exposure between the country from which the cash flow shall emanate in order to service the debt, the country of incorporation or residency, and the country where the Bank will look to perfect its security in the first instance.

At 31 March 2024, the Bank provided an amount of US\$3.5 million in respect of country risk which is included in Tier 2 capital as part of 'general banking reserves and portfolio provisions'.

**A** Credit and counterparty risk governance structure

The Bank's Credit Committee manages, measures and mitigates credit and counterparty risk. This Committee operates under board-approved delegated limits, policies and procedures. There is a high level of executive involvement and non-executive review and oversight in the credit decision-making forums. It is policy that the Credit Committee has a majority of the voting members who are independent of the originating business unit. All decisions to enter into a transaction are based on unanimous consent.

In addition to the Credit Committee, the following processes assist in managing, measuring and monitoring credit and counterparty risk:

- Arrears management and regular arrears reporting ensures that individual positions and any potential trends are dealt with in a timely manner
- Review and management of distressed loans, potential problem loans and exposures in arrears that require additional attention and supervision
- The Bank's Credit Review Committee reviews all credit exposures on an annual basis.

**A** Credit and counterparty risk appetite

Credit and counterparty risk is always assessed with reference to the aggregate exposure to a single counterparty or group of related parties to avoid or minimise over-exposure and concentration risk.

The Bank's assessment of its clients and counterparties includes consideration of their character and integrity, core competencies, track record and financial strength.

A strong emphasis is placed on income and cash flow streams generated by the clients. Our primary assessment method is therefore the ability of the client to meet these payment obligations. Furthermore, the Bank has very little appetite for unsecured debt and ensures that good quality collateral is provided in support of obligations.

➔ Refer to pages 28 to 39 for further information.

Target clients include high net worth and/or high-income individuals, professionally qualified individuals, established corporates, small and medium enterprises, financial institutions and sovereigns. Corporates must have scale and relevance in their market, an experienced management team and able board members, and strong earnings and cash flow.

The Bank typically originates loans with the intent of holding these assets to maturity, thereby developing a 'hands-on' and long-standing relationship with our clients.

Pricing is motivated on a transaction-by-transaction basis, with consideration given to the manner of origination of the asset, capital usage and liquidity. Pricing recommendations are discussed and agreed at the Credit Committee to ensure that reward is appropriate to the risk and that pricing is not compromised in the pursuit of volume or relationship. As a consequence of market behaviour, pricing for similar risk may differ from time to time.



## RISK MANAGEMENT CONTINUED

### **A** Concentration risk

Concentration risk is when large exposures exist to a single client or counterparty, group of connected counterparties, or to a particular geography, asset class or industry. An example of this would be where a number of counterparties are affected by similar economic, legal, regulatory or other factors that could mean their ability to meet contractual obligations is correlated.

Concentration risk can also exist where portfolio loan maturities are clustered into single periods in time. Loan maturities are monitored on a portfolio and a transaction level by the Bank's risk management, Group risk management and Group lending operations.

Credit and counterparty risk is always assessed with reference to the aggregate exposure to a single counterparty or group of related parties to manage concentration risk.

### **A** Concentration of risk policies

The Bank has adopted and complies with the Bank of Mauritius (BOM) Guideline on Credit Concentration Risk. The Bank ensures that it does not grant credit to a single customer and its related parties which exceed the regulatory limit stipulated in the guideline.

The Bank, which is a subsidiary of a foreign bank, ensures that its credit exposures are within the following limits:

- (i) Denominated in Mauritian Rupees
  - (a) Aggregate credit exposure to any single customer shall not exceed 25% of the Bank's Tier 1 capital
  - (b) Aggregate credit exposure to any group of connected counterparties shall not exceed 40% of the Bank's Tier 1 capital
  - (c) Aggregate large exposures to all customers and groups of connected counterparties shall not exceed 800% of the Bank's Tier 1 capital.
- (ii) Denominated in currencies other than Mauritian Rupee
  - (a) Aggregate credit exposure to any single customer shall not exceed 50% of the Bank's Tier 1 capital
  - (b) Aggregate credit exposure to any group of connected counterparties shall not exceed 75% of the Bank's Tier 1 capital
  - (c) Aggregate large exposures to all customers and groups of connected counterparties shall not exceed 1200% of the Bank's Tier 1 capital. This limit is exclusive of the limit of 800% imposed on Mauritian Rupee-denominated credit.

The Bank of Mauritius defines large credit exposure as the sum of all exposures to a customer or group of connected counterparties in Mauritian Rupees or foreign currencies or both which is over 10% of the financial institution's Tier 1 capital.

At 31 March 2024, customers or group of connected counterparties to whom the Bank granted facilities aggregating more than 10% of its Tier 1 capital was:

- 2024: US\$564.4 million and 110.0% of Tier 1 capital
- 2023: US\$732.8 million and 154.2% of Tier 1 capital
- 2022: US\$321.1 million and 74.7% of Tier 1 capital

### **A** Large exposures

Any credit exposure which is greater than 7.5% but less than 10% of IBM's Tier 1 Capital will be approved by the current Board Sub-committee which comprises of the Board Chair, the Chair of the Risk Management Committee and the bank's CEO.

Any credit exposure which is greater than 10% of IBM's Tier 1 Capital will be approved by the full IBM Board.

### **A** Risk appetite

The Board has set the Bank's risk appetite limit framework which regulates the maximum exposures that the Bank would be comfortable to tolerate in order to diversify and mitigate risk. This limit framework is monitored on an ongoing basis and reported to the Board Risk and Capital Committee (BRCC) on a regular basis. Should there be any breaches to limits, or where exposures are nearing limits, these exceptions are specifically highlighted for attention and any remedial actions agreed on.

### **A** Management and measurement of credit and counterparty risk

Fundamental principles employed in the management of credit and counterparty risk are:

- A clear definition of the Bank's target market
- A quantitative and qualitative assessment of the creditworthiness of the Bank's counterparties, analysis of risks, including concentration risk (concentration risk considerations include asset class, industry, counterparty and geographical concentration)
- Prudential limits
- Regular monitoring and review of existing and potential exposures once facilities have been approved
- A high level of executive involvement in decision-making with non-executive review and oversight.

Regular reporting of credit and counterparty risk exposures is made to management, the executives and the Board.

The Board regularly reviews and approves the appetite for credit and counterparty risk.

Despite strict adherence to the above principles, increased default risk may arise from unforeseen circumstances particularly in times of extreme market volatility and weak economic conditions.

The Bank completes scenario tests on its loan portfolio with regard to the capital held. These tests stress the existing portfolio to allow the Bank to identify underlying risks and manage them accordingly. These stress tests include (but are not limited to) impairments and capital usage. The credit risk stress tests also play an integral part in the Bank's capital planning process.

A large proportion of the portfolio is not rated by external rating agencies. The Bank mainly places reliance upon internal considerations of counterparties and borrowers and uses ratings prepared externally where available for support.

Within the credit approval process, all available internal and external ratings are included in the assessment of the client quality.

Where there are three or more credit ratings with different risk weightings, the credit ratings corresponding to the two lowest ratings should be referred to and the higher of those two ratings should be applied. The Bank applies the standardised approach for calculating capital requirements in the assessment of its credit and counterparty exposures. The Bank conducts its mapping of credit and counterparty exposures in accordance with the mapping procedures specified by the Bank of Mauritius, in the respective geographies in which the Group operates.

RISK MANAGEMENT  
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The Bank adheres to the BOM Guideline on Related Party Transactions. All transactions with a related party are carried out on terms and conditions that are at least as favourable to the Bank as the market terms and conditions.

For a related party loan (Individual and Corporate) where the amount is up to US\$ 1 million, a forum consisting of at least three persons at Senior Management level will be required for approval. Approvers for related party transactions will be set out in the loan procedures and all such transactions will be reported to the board on a regular basis. All related party loans above US\$ 1 million, must be approved by the Board of Directors.

For the year to 31 March	2024	2023	2022
On- and off-balance sheet exposures with related parties (US\$million)	51.3	61.9	63.4
On- and off-balance sheet exposures with related parties (% of total exposures)	2.1	2.5	3.4
Amount of exposures to the six related parties with the highest exposure (US\$million)	51.3	61.9	63.4
Amount of exposures to the six related parties with the highest exposure (% of Tier 1 capital)	9.9	12.9	14.5

All the related party transactions were within the regulatory limits as recommended in the above-mentioned guideline. No exposure to related parties were written off during the financial year ended 31 March 2024 (2023 and 2022: US\$nil).

Transactions with related parties are carried out on terms and conditions that are at least as favourable to the Bank as the market terms and conditions.

**A Credit risk classification and provisioning policy**

International Financial Reporting Standard 9 Financial Investments (IFRS 9) requirements have been embedded into our Group credit risk classification and provisioning policy.

A framework has been established to incorporate both quantitative and qualitative measures. Policies for financial assets at amortised cost and at fair value through other comprehensive income (FVOCI), in accordance with IFRS 9, have been developed as described below:

**Definition of default**

The Group has aligned the IFRS 9 and regulatory definitions of default, credit impaired and non-performing exposure. Assets that are more than 90 days past due, or considered by management as unlikely to pay their obligations in full without realisation of collateral, are considered as exposures in default.

**Stage 1**

All assets that are considered performing and have not had a significant increase in credit risk are reported as Stage 1 assets.

Under IFRS 9 these Stage 1 financial assets have loss allowances measured at an amount equal to 12-month expected credit loss (ECL).

**Stage 2**

Financial assets are considered to be in Stage 2 when their credit risk has increased significantly since initial recognition. A loss allowance equivalent to a lifetime ECL is required to be held.

The Group's primary indicators for Stage 2 assets are distressed loans, potential problem loans and exposures in arrears that require additional attention and supervision from watchlist committees and are under management review.

Assets in forbearance are considered to be, at a minimum, Stage 2. Forbearance measures refer to concessions such as modification of the terms and conditions or refinancing that has been granted to a debtor in financial difficulty amongst other indicators of financial stress. These exposures are assessed on a case-by-case basis to determine whether the proposed modifications will be considered as forbearance.

Where the Credit Committee considers it likely that the client will be able to return to perform against the original contractual obligations within a reasonable time frame these assets will be

considered performing and in Stage 1. Forbearance is distinguished from commercial renegotiations which take place as part of normal business activity and standard banking practice.

In addition to loans under management review, an asset may also move from Stage 1 to Stage 2 if the model calculated probability of default (PD) has significantly increased since origination. This is tested on both a relative and absolute basis to assess whether a significant deterioration in lifetime risk of default has occurred.

The Group assumes that all financial assets that are more than 30 days past due have experienced a significant increase in credit risk.

Exposures move back to Stage 1 once they no longer meet the criteria above for a significant increase in credit risk and as cure periods (specifically relating to forbore exposures) are met.

**Stage 3**

Financial assets are included in Stage 3 when there is objective evidence of credit impairment. As required under IFRS 9, the Group assesses a loan as Stage 3 when contractual payments of either principal or interest are past due for 90 days or more, the debtor is assessed as unlikely to pay and credit impaired, or the loan is otherwise considered to be in default, for example due to the appointment of an administrator or the client is in receivership. Forborne loans are considered non-performing, for example, if a loan is not expected to meet the original contractual obligations in a reasonable time frame, it will be classified as Stage 3.

Loans which are 90 days or more past due are considered to be in default.

**Expected credit loss (ECL)**

The assessment of credit risk and the estimation of ECL are required to be unbiased and probability-weighted, and should incorporate all available information relevant to the assessment, including information about past events, current conditions and reasonable and supportable forecasts of economic conditions at the reporting date. In addition, the estimation of ECL should take into account the time value of money. As a result, the recognition and measurement of impairment is intended to be forward-looking and therefore, potentially volatile.

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The measurement of ECL also requires the use of multiple economic scenarios to calculate a probability-weighted forward-looking estimate. These scenarios are updated at least twice a year, or more frequently if there is a macro-economic shock or significant shift in expectations. The weighting of these scenarios for IFRS 9 as well as the scenarios themselves are discussed and presented at the relevant committees for approval, which form part of the principal governance framework for macro-economic scenarios.

A number of forecast economic scenarios are considered for capital planning, stress testing and IFRS 9 ECL measurement. As at 31 March 2024 all economic scenarios were updated to incorporate the latest available data.

**Prudential Norm impairment provisions**

The BOM Guideline on 'Credit Impairment Measurement and Income Recognition', effective since 1 January 2020, requires to compute credit impairment provisions on 'impaired' assets under the Prudential Norm for all non-performing assets.

Where credit provisions computed in terms of the Accounting Standard are different from those computed under the Prudential Provisioning Norm, the financial institution will be required to adhere to the following requirements:

- If the specific provision computed in terms of the Prudential Provisioning Norm is higher than the specific provision computed in terms of the Accounting Standard, the difference shall be accounted for as General Provision through an appropriation of distributable reserves
- If the specific provision computed in terms of the Accounting Standard is higher than the specific provision computed in terms of the Prudential Provisioning Norm, then the entire specific provision computed under the Accounting Standard shall be treated as an expense in the income statement.

The guideline also introduced new sections with respect to loans classifications and restructuring.

- The information provided below reflects the guidelines and definitions that have been applied in assessing the asset quality of credit exposures (see page 34).

The impairment definitions and guidelines are consistent with IFRS. IFRS differs from the requirements laid out in the 'International Convergence of Capital Measurement and Capital Standards' Basel II framework.

Effective 1 January 2020 general banking provision is calculated as per the BOM Guideline on 'Credit Impairment Measurement and Income Recognition.'

The guideline was suspended on 31 March 2020. However, the Bank decided to continue applying the guideline.

Regulatory and economic capital classification	IFRS impairment treatment	Arrears, default and recoveries classification category	Description
<b>Performing assets</b>	For assets which form part of a homogeneous portfolio, a portfolio impairment is required which recognises asset impairments that have not been individually identified.	Past due	An account is considered to be past due when it is greater than zero and less than or equal to 60 days past due the contractual/credit agreed payment due date. Management, however, is not concerned and there is confidence in the counterparty's ability to repay the past due obligations.
	<p>The portfolio impairment takes into account past events and does not cover impairments to exposures arising out of uncertain future events.</p> <p>By definition, this impairment is only calculated for credit exposures which are managed on a portfolio basis and only for assets where a loss trigger event has occurred.</p>	Special mention	<p>The counterparty is placed in special mention when that counterparty is considered to be experiencing difficulties that may threaten the counterparty's ability to fulfil its credit obligation to the Bank (i.e. Credit Committee is concerned) for any of the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Covenant breaches</li> <li>• There is a slowdown in the counterparty's business activity</li> <li>• An adverse trend in operations that signals a potential weakness in the financial strength of the counterparty</li> <li>• Any restructured credit exposures until the Credit Committee decides otherwise</li> <li>• Any specific country problems.</li> </ul> <p>Ultimate loss is not expected, but may occur if adverse conditions persist.</p> <p>Reporting categories:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Credit exposures overdue 1 – 90 days</li> <li>• Credit exposures overdue 61 – 90 days.</li> </ul>

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Regulatory and economic capital classification	IFRS impairment treatment	Arrears, default and recoveries classification category	Description
<b>Assets in default – (non-performing assets – NPAs)</b>	<p>Specific impairments are evaluated on a case-by-case basis where objective evidence of impairment has arisen. In determining specific impairments, the following factors are considered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Capability of the client to generate sufficient cash flow to service debt obligations and the ongoing viability of the client's business</li> <li>• Likely dividend or amount recoverable on liquidation or bankruptcy or business rescue</li> <li>• Nature and extent of claims by other creditors</li> <li>• Amount and timing of expected cash flows</li> <li>• Realisable value of security held (or other credit mitigants)</li> <li>• Ability of the client to make payments in the foreign currency, for foreign currency denominated accounts.</li> </ul>	Sub-standard	<p>A NPA classified as sub-standard shall exhibit well-defined credit weaknesses in respect of the business, cash flow or financial position of the obligor which may lead to the financial institution sustaining losses thereon, if the deficiencies are not corrected.</p> <p>A NPA which is past due by more than 90 days but has been classified as NPA for no more than one year should, as a minimum, be classified as sub-standard.</p>
		Doubtful	<p>A NPA classified as doubtful shall exhibit all the weaknesses inherent in a sub-standard credit facility as well as supplementary weaknesses that make the prospect of full recovery of the credit facility questionable without having recourse to the collateral and loss thereon highly likely.</p> <p>A NPA which has remained as NPA for more than one year but no more than five years should, as a minimum, be classified as doubtful.</p>
		Loss	<p>A NPA should be classified as loss if the credit facility is considered uncollectible and of such little value that maintaining it as a bankable asset is not warranted, although there may be some salvage or recovery value from the security available (i.e. recoverable value of security is less than 10% of total outstanding credit).</p> <p>A NPA should, as a minimum, be classified as loss when:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The asset remained as NPA for more than five years; or</li> <li>The loss has been identified by the financial institution's internal auditor or external auditor or on-site examination by the Bank of Mauritius.</li> </ol>

RISK MANAGEMENT  
CONTINUED**A** Credit risk mitigation

Credit risk mitigation techniques can be defined as all methods by which Investec seeks to decrease the credit risk associated with an exposure. Investec considers credit risk mitigation techniques as part of the credit assessment of a potential client or business proposal and not as a separate consideration of mitigation of risk. Credit risk mitigants can include any collateral item over which the Bank has pledge or security, netting and margining agreements, covenants or terms and conditions imposed on a borrower with the aim of reducing the credit risk inherent to that transaction.

As Investec has a limited appetite for unsecured debt, the credit risk mitigation technique most commonly used is the taking of collateral, with a strong preference for tangible assets. Collateral is assessed with reference to the sustainability of value and the likelihood of realisation.

Acceptable collateral generally exhibits characteristics that allow for it to be easily identified and appropriately valued.

→ An analysis of collateral is provided on page 40.

Where a transaction is supported by a mortgage or charge over property, the primary credit risk is still taken on the borrower.

For property-backed lending such as residential mortgages, the following characteristics of the property are considered: the type of property, its location, and the ease with which the property could be re-let and/or re-sold. Where the property is secured by lease agreements, the Credit Committee prefers not to lend for a term beyond the maximum period of the lease.

Commercial real estate generally takes the form of good quality property, often underpinned by strong third party leases.

Residential property is also generally of a high quality and based in desirable locations. Residential and commercial property valuations will continue to form part of our ongoing focus on collateral assessment. It is our policy to obtain a formal valuation of every commercial property offered as collateral for a lending facility before advancing funds. Residential properties are valued by desktop valuation and/or approved valuers, where appropriate.

Other common forms of collateral in the retail asset class are cash and share portfolios. In addition, the relevant Credit Committee normally requires a suretyship or guarantee in support of a transaction in our private client business.

Lending against investment portfolios is typically geared at very conservative loan-to-value ratios after considering the quality, diversification, risk profile and liquidity of the portfolio.

Our corporate, government and institutional clients provide a range of collateral including cash, corporate assets, debtors (accounts receivable), trading stock, debt securities (bonds), and listed and unlisted shares and guarantees.

The majority of credit mitigation techniques linked to trading activity is in the form of netting (primarily International Swap Dealers Association, Global Master Securities Lending Agreement and International Securities Master Agreement) and margining agreements (primarily through Credit Support Agreements).

Set-off has been applied between assets subject to credit risk and related liabilities in the financial statements where:

- A legally enforceable right to set-off exists
- There is the ability to settle the asset and liability on a net basis, or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

In addition to the above accounting set-off criteria, banking regulators impose the following additional criteria:

- Debit and credit balances relate to the same obligor/counterparty
- Debit and credit balances are denominated in the same currency and have identical maturities
- Exposures subject to set-off are risk-managed on a net basis
- Market practice considerations.

For this reason, there will be instances where credit and counterparty exposures are displayed on a net basis in these annual financial statements but reported on a gross basis to regulators.

Investec places minimal reliance on credit derivatives in its credit risk mitigation techniques.

**A** Credit and counterparty risk year in review

The Bank is mainly exposed to credit risk and has continued to remain prudent in its lending approach.

Loans to customers are well secured and monitored in order to remain within credit-approved limits.

Credit quality deteriorated slightly with non-performing loans increasing to 6.7% of gross loans and advances to customers. These exposures remain well secured. The specific provision to non-performing loans ratio stood at 1.6 % as at 31 March 2024.

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## A Credit and counterparty risk information

→ Pages 22 to 27 describe where and how credit counterparty risk exists in the Group's operations

The tables that follow provide an analysis of the Group's credit and counterparty exposures.

## An analysis of gross credit and counterparty exposures

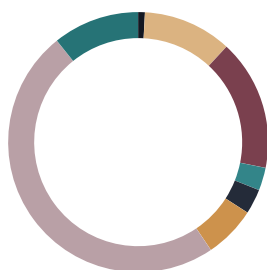
US\$'000	31 March 2024	31 March 2023	31 March 2022	2024 vs 2023 % change	2024 vs 2023 Average*	2023 vs 2022 % change	2023 vs 2022 Average*
<b>On-balance sheet exposures</b>							
Cash and balances at central bank	22 360	33 862	36 552	(34%)	28 111	(7%)	35 207
Due from banks	293 248	387 090	516 665	(24%)	340 169	(25%)	451 878
Sovereign debt securities	432 229	416 856	—	4%	424 543	—	208 428
Bank debt securities	75 141	51 751	31 962	45%	63 446	62%	41 857
Other debt securities	82 514	76 055	59 213	8%	79 285	28%	67 634
Reverse repurchase agreements	170 831	375 505	125 054	(55%)	273 168	>100%	250 280
Loans and advances to customers	1 289 441	1 131 148	1 065 483	14%	1 210 295	6%	1 098 316
Other assets	2 849	4 281	2 290	(33%)	3 565	87%	3 285
<b>Total on-balance sheet credit and counterparty exposures</b>	<b>2 368 613</b>	<b>2 476 548</b>	<b>1 837 219</b>	<b>(4%)</b>	<b>2 422 582</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>2 156 886</b>
Guarantees <sup>^</sup>	3 327	19 538	21 740	(83%)	11 433	(10%)	20 639
Committed undrawn facilities	281 927	230 255	236 652	22%	256 091	(3%)	233 454
<b>Off-balance sheet exposures</b>	<b>285 254</b>	<b>249 793</b>	<b>258 392</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>267 524</b>	<b>(3%)</b>	<b>254 093</b>
<b>Total gross credit and counterparty exposures pre-collateral or other credit enhancements</b>	<b>2 653 867</b>	<b>2 726 341</b>	<b>2 095 611</b>	<b>(3%)</b>	<b>2 690 106</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>2 410 979</b>

\* Based on a straight-line average.

<sup>^</sup> Excluded guarantees provided to clients which are backed/secured by cash deposit with the Bank.

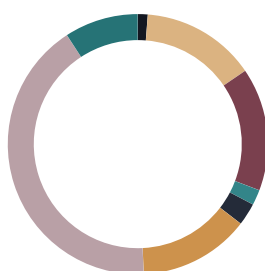
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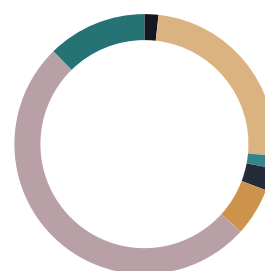
Cash and balances at central banks	1%
Due from banks	11%
Sovereign debt securities	16%
Bank debt securities	3%
Other debt securities	3%
Derivatives	—%
Reverse repurchase agreements and cash collateral on securities borrowed	6%
Loans and advances to customers	49%
Off-balance sheet exposures	11%

2023



Cash and balances at central banks	1%
Due from banks	14%
Sovereign debt securities	15%
Bank debt securities	2%
Other debt securities	3%
Derivatives	—%
Reverse repurchase agreements and cash collateral on securities borrowed	14%
Loans and advances to customers	41%
Off-balance sheet exposures	9%

2022



Cash and balances at central banks	2%
Due from banks	25%
Sovereign debt securities	—%
Bank debt securities	2%
Other debt securities	3%
Derivatives	—%
Reverse repurchase agreements and cash collateral on securities borrowed	6%
Loans and advances to customers	51%
Off-balance sheet exposures	12%

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Concentration of risk is managed by client/counterparty, by geographical region and by industry sector.

## An analysis of gross credit and counterparty exposure

2024



Mauritius	11%
South Africa (SA)	2%
Africa (excl SA)	6%
Asia	2%
European Union	22%
Europe (non-EU)	5%
North America	18%
Other	1%
Australia	—%
UK	33%

2023



Mauritius	10%
South Africa (SA)	2%
Africa (excl SA)	8%
Asia	—%
European Union	22%
Europe (non-EU)	5%
North America	19%
Other	—%
Australia	1%
UK	33%

2022



Mauritius	11%
South Africa (SA)	2%
Africa (excl SA)	10%
Asia	—%
European Union	21%
Europe (non-EU)	7%
North America	12%
Other	—%
Australia	2%
UK	35%

## A further analysis of our on-balance sheet credit and counterparty exposures

At 31 March US\$'000	Total credit and counterparty exposure	Expected credit loss (ECL)	Assets that we deem to have no legal credit exposure	Note reference	Total balance sheet
<b>2024</b>					
Cash and balances at central bank	22 360	—	—		22 360
Due from banks	293 248	(547)	—	1	292 701
Sovereign debt securities	432 229	—	—		432 229
Bank debt securities	75 141	—	—		75 141
Other debt securities	82 514	—	—		82 514
Derivative financial instruments	—	—	3 368		3 368
Reverse repurchase agreements	170 831	(13)	—		170 818
Loans and advances to customers	1 289 441	(3 854)	—		1 285 587
Other assets	2 849	—	4 522	3	7 371
Investment portfolio	—	—	11 356	2	11 356
Investment in associate	—	—	1 148		1 148
Deferred taxation asset	—	—	1 077		1 077
Property, plant and equipment	—	—	2 224		2 224
<b>Total on-balance sheet exposures</b>	<b>2 368 613</b>	<b>(4 414)</b>	<b>23 695</b>		<b>2 387 894</b>

1. Includes intergroup balances.
2. Largely relates to exposures that are classified as investment risk in the banking book.
3. Denotes balances with ECL less than US\$ 1000.

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## A further analysis of our on-balance sheet credit and counterparty exposures (continued)

At 31 March US\$'000	Total credit and counterparty exposure	Expected credit loss (ECL)	Assets that we deem to have no legal credit exposure	Note reference	Total balance sheet
<b>2023</b>					
Cash and balances at central bank	33 862	—	—		33 862
Due from banks	387 090	(183)	—	1	386 907
Sovereign debt securities	416 856	—	—		416 856
Bank debt securities	51 751	—	—		51 751
Other debt securities	76 055	(19)	—		76 036
Derivative financial instruments	—	—	5 690		5 690
Reverse repurchase agreements	375 505	(15)	—	1	375 490
Loans and advances to customers	1 131 148	(2 879)	—		1 128 269
Other assets	4 281	—	3 138	3	7 419
Investment portfolio	—	—	4 130	2	4 130
Investment in associate	—	—	1 882		1 882
Deferred taxation asset	—	—	328		328
Property, plant and equipment	—	—	299		299
Amount due from group companies	—	—	522	1	522
<b>Total on-balance sheet exposures</b>	<b>2 476 548</b>	<b>(3 096)</b>	<b>15 989</b>		<b>2 489 441</b>

At 31 March US\$'000	Total credit and counterparty exposure	Expected credit loss (ECL)	Assets that we deem to have no legal credit exposure	Note reference	Total balance sheet
<b>2022</b>					
Cash and balances at central bank	36 552	—	1		36 553
Due from banks	516 665	(238)	—	1	516 427
Bank debt securities	31 962	—	—		31 962
Other debt securities	59 213	(135)	—		59 078
Derivative financial instruments	—	—	5 175		5 175
Reverse repurchase agreements	125 054	(43)	—	1	125 011
Loans and advances to customers	1 065 483	(4 261)	—		1 061 222
Other assets	2 290	—	1 815	3	4 105
Investment portfolio	—	—	3 813	2	3 813
Investment in associate	—	—	2 120		2 120
Deferred taxation asset	—	—	451		451
Property, plant and equipment	—	—	404		404
Amount due from group companies	—	—	1 293	1	1 293
<b>Total on-balance sheet exposures</b>	<b>1 837 219</b>	<b>(4 677)</b>	<b>15 072</b>		<b>1 847 614</b>

1. Includes intergroup balances.
2. Largely relates to exposures that are classified as investment risk in the banking book.
3. Denotes balances with ECL less than US\$ 1000.



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## Summary of analysis of gross credit and counterparty exposure by industry

As at 31 March US\$'000	Gross core loans and advances			Other credit and counterparty exposures			Total		
	2024	2023	2022	2024	2023	2022	2024	2023	2022
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	—	5 780	12 407	—	23 907	9 908	—	29 687	22 315
Construction	77 575	38 799	16 990	14 134	18 520	11 033	91 709	57 319	28 023
Households	12 366	12 140	38 319	254	—	2 821	12 620	12 140	41 140
Real estate activities	173 693	168 503	281 315	7 292	10 676	47 422	180 985	179 179	328 737
Financial and insurance activities	694 393	651 461	526 688	1 201 860	1 430 525	861 847	1 896 253	2 081 986	1 388 535
Wholesale and retail trade	24 252	22 368	19 829	37 819	42 572	31 335	62 071	64 940	51 164
Manufacturing	15 517	22 849	44 219	37 431	19 766	20 481	52 948	42 615	64 700
Transportation and storage	98 702	69 996	50 418	9 635	7 916	5 551	108 337	77 912	55 969
Accommodation and food service activities	—	—	10 083	—	476	—	—	476	10 083
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	26 687	18 171	20 146	9 157	—	—	35 844	18 171	20 146
Information and communication	93 251	59 984	25 611	26 528	31 793	20 732	119 779	91 777	46 343
Administrative and support service activities	1 087	—	—	—	—	—	1 087	—	—
Human health and social work activities	27 054	28 325	17 074	—	—	10 575	27 054	28 325	27 649
Mining and quarrying	2 342	2 512	2 384	9 067	9 042	8 423	11 409	11 554	10 807
Entertainment	—	—	—	7 013	—	—	7 013	—	—
Professional/scientific and technical	12 351	—	—	—	—	—	12 351	—	—
Other entities	30 171	30 260	—	4 236	—	—	34 407	30 260	—
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 289 441</b>	<b>1 131 148</b>	<b>1 065 483</b>	<b>1 364 426</b>	<b>1 595 193</b>	<b>1 030 128</b>	<b>2 653 867</b>	<b>2 726 341</b>	<b>2 095 611</b>

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## Detailed analysis of gross credit and counterparty exposures by industry

At 31 March US\$'000	Agriculture, forestry and fishing	Construction	Households	Real estate activities	Financial and insurance activities	Wholesale and retail trade	Manufacturing	Transportation and storage
<b>2024</b>								
<b>On-balance sheet exposures</b>	—	<b>77 575</b>	<b>12 366</b>	<b>173 693</b>	<b>1 691 051</b>	<b>43 823</b>	<b>52 948</b>	<b>98 702</b>
Other debt securities	—	—	—	—	—	19 571	37 431	—
Bank debt securities	—	—	—	—	75 141	—	—	—
Sovereign debt securities	—	—	—	—	432 229	—	—	—
Due from banks	—	—	—	—	315 608	—	—	—
Reverse repurchase agreements	—	—	—	—	170 831	—	—	—
Gross core loans and advances to customers	—	77 575	12 366	173 693	694 393	24 252	15 517	98 702
Other assets	—	—	—	—	2 849	—	—	—
<b>Off-balance sheet exposures</b>	—	<b>14 134</b>	<b>254</b>	<b>7 292</b>	<b>205 202</b>	<b>18 248</b>	—	<b>9 635</b>
Guarantees	—	—	—	—	3 039	—	—	288
Committed facilities	—	14 134	254	7 292	202 163	18 248	—	9 347
<b>Total gross credit and counterparty exposures pre collateral or other credit enhancements</b>	—	<b>91 709</b>	<b>12 620</b>	<b>180 985</b>	<b>1 896 253</b>	<b>62 071</b>	<b>52 948</b>	<b>108 337</b>
<b>2023</b>								
<b>On-balance sheet exposures</b>	<b>5 780</b>	<b>38 799</b>	<b>12 140</b>	<b>168 503</b>	<b>1 941 037</b>	<b>42 048</b>	<b>42 615</b>	<b>69 996</b>
Other debt securities	—	—	—	—	20 231	19 680	19 766	—
Bank debt securities	—	—	—	—	51 751	—	—	—
Sovereign debt securities	—	—	—	—	416 856	—	—	—
Due from banks	—	—	—	—	420 952	—	—	—
Reverse repurchase agreements	—	—	—	—	375 505	—	—	—
Gross core loans and advances to customers	5 780	38 799	12 140	168 503	651 461	22 368	22 849	69 996
Other assets	—	—	—	—	4 281	—	—	—
<b>Off-balance sheet exposures</b>	<b>23 907</b>	<b>18 520</b>	—	<b>10 676</b>	<b>140 949</b>	<b>22 892</b>	—	<b>7 916</b>
Guarantees	—	—	—	—	19 120	—	—	418
Committed facilities	23 907	18 520	—	10 676	121 829	22 892	—	7 498
<b>Total gross credit and counterparty exposures pre collateral or other credit enhancements</b>	<b>29 687</b>	<b>57 319</b>	<b>12 140</b>	<b>179 179</b>	<b>2 081 986</b>	<b>64 940</b>	<b>42 615</b>	<b>77 912</b>
<b>2022</b>								
<b>On-balance sheet exposures</b>	<b>12 407</b>	<b>16 990</b>	<b>38 319</b>	<b>281 315</b>	<b>1 259 264</b>	<b>30 192</b>	<b>64 700</b>	<b>50 418</b>
Other debt securities	—	—	—	—	20 053	10 363	20 481	—
Bank debt securities	—	—	—	—	31 962	—	—	—
Due from banks	—	—	—	—	553 217	—	—	—
Reverse repurchase agreements	—	—	—	—	125 054	—	—	—
Gross core loans and advances to customers	12 407	16 990	38 319	281 315	526 688	19 829	44 219	50 418
Other assets	—	—	—	—	2 290	—	—	—
<b>Off-balance sheet exposures</b>	<b>9 908</b>	<b>11 033</b>	<b>2 821</b>	<b>47 422</b>	<b>129 271</b>	<b>20 972</b>	—	<b>5 551</b>
Guarantees	—	794	—	—	618	—	—	328
Committed facilities	9 908	10 239	2 821	47 422	128 653	20 972	—	5 223
<b>Total gross credit and counterparty exposures pre collateral or other credit enhancements</b>	<b>22 315</b>	<b>28 023</b>	<b>41 140</b>	<b>328 737</b>	<b>1 388 535</b>	<b>51 164</b>	<b>64 700</b>	<b>55 969</b>

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## Detailed analysis of gross credit and counterparty exposures by industry (continued)

Accommodation and food service activities	Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	Information and communication	Administrative and support service activities	Human health and social work activities	Mining and quarrying	Entertainment	Professional/ scientific and technical	Other entities	Total
—	26 687	102 683	1 087	27 054	11 409	7 013	12 351	30 171	2 368 613
—	—	9 432	—	—	9 067	7 013	—	—	82 514
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	75 141
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	432 229
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	315 608
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	170 831
—	26 687	93 251	1 087	27 054	2 342	—	12 351	30 171	1 289 441
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2 849
—	9 157	17 096	—	—	—	—	—	4 236	285 254
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3 327
—	9 157	17 096	—	—	—	—	—	4 236	281 927
—	35 844	119 779	1 087	27 054	11 409	7 013	12 351	34 407	2 653 867
—	18 171	67 320	—	28 325	11 554	—	—	30 260	2 476 548
—	—	7 336	—	—	9 042	—	—	—	76 055
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	51 751
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	416 856
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	420 952
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	375 505
—	18 171	59 984	—	28 325	2 512	—	—	30 260	1 131 148
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4 281
476	—	24 457	—	—	—	—	—	—	249 793
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	19 538
476	—	24 457	—	—	—	—	—	—	230 255
476	18 171	91 777	—	28 325	11 554	—	—	30 260	2 726 341
10 083	20 146	25 611	—	17 074	10 700	—	—	—	1 837 219
—	—	—	—	—	8 316	—	—	—	59 213
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	31 962
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	553 217
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	125 054
10 083	20 146	25 611	—	17 074	2 384	—	—	—	1 065 483
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2 290
—	—	20 732	—	10 575	107	—	—	—	258 392
—	—	20 000	—	—	—	—	—	—	21 740
—	—	732	—	10 575	107	—	—	—	236 652
10 083	20 146	46 343	—	27 649	10 807	—	—	—	2 095 611

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## Asset quality and impairments

## An analysis of core loans and advances, asset quality and impairments

The tables that follow provide information with respect to the asset quality of our core loans and advances to customers.

At 31 March US\$'000	2024	2023	2022
<b>Gross core loans and advances to customers subject to ECL</b>	<b>1 289 441</b>	<b>1 131 148</b>	<b>1 065 483</b>
Stage 1	1 189 189	1 006 076	996 550
Stage 2	14 244	77 107	67 073
Stage 3	86 008	47 965	1 860
<b>Gross core loans and advances to customers subject to ECL (%)</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>
Stage 1	92.2%	88.9%	93.5%
Stage 2	1.1%	6.8%	6.3%
Stage 3	6.7%	4.2%	0.2%
<b>Expected credit loss</b>	<b>(3 854)</b>	<b>(2 879)</b>	<b>(4 261)</b>
Stage 1	(2 349)	(1 874)	(3 586)
Stage 2	(117)	(236)	(88)
Stage 3	(1 388)	(769)	(587)
<b>ECL coverage ratio (%)</b>			
Stage 1	0.2%	0.2%	0.4%
Stage 2	0.8%	0.3%	0.1%
Stage 3	1.6%	1.6%	31.6%
<b>Net core loans and advances to customers</b>	<b>1 285 587</b>	<b>1 128 269</b>	<b>1 061 222</b>
<b>Average gross core loans and advances to customers</b>	<b>1 210 295</b>	<b>1 098 316</b>	<b>978 535</b>
Current loans and advances to customers	1 133 809	978 246	989 846
Past due loans and advances to customers (1 – 60 days)	55 380	29 551	6 948
Special mention loans and advances to customers	14 244	75 386	66 829
Default loans and advances to customers	86 008	47 965	1 860
<b>Gross core loans and advances to customers</b>	<b>1 289 441</b>	<b>1 131 148</b>	<b>1 065 483</b>
Current loans and advances to customers	1 148 053	1 053 632	1 056 675
Gross core loans and advances to customers that are past due but not impaired	55 380	29 551	6 948
Gross core loans and advances to customers that are impaired	86 008	47 965	1 860
<b>Gross core loans and advances to customers</b>	<b>1 289 441</b>	<b>1 131 148</b>	<b>1 065 483</b>
<b>ECL impairment reversal/(charge) on loans and advances</b>	<b>(1 170)</b>	<b>1 382</b>	<b>1 507</b>
<b>Stage 3 loans net of ECL</b>	<b>84 621</b>	<b>47 196</b>	<b>1 273</b>
Aggregate collateral and other credit enhancements	91 311	57 095	6 844
Stage 3 net of ECL and collateral	—	—	—
Gross default loans and advances to customers	86 008	47 965	1 860
Expected credit loss	(3 854)	(2 879)	(4 261)
<b>Defaults net of impairments</b>	<b>82 154</b>	<b>45 086</b>	<b>(2 401)</b>
Collateral and other credit enhancements	91 311	57 095	6 844
<b>Net default loans and advances to customers (limited to zero)</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>
<b>Ratios:</b>			
Total impairments as a % of gross core loans and advances to customers	0.3%	0.3%	0.4%
Total impairments as a % of gross default loans	4.5%	6.0%	229.0%
Gross defaults as a % of gross core loans and advances to customers	6.7%	4.2%	0.2%
Defaults (net of impairments) as a % of net core loans and advances to customers	6.4%	4.0%	(0.2%)
Net defaults as a % of gross core loans and advances to customers	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Credit loss ratio (i.e: income statement as a % of average gross core loans and advances)	0.1%	(0.1%)	(0.2%)

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**Stage 1:** 92.2% of gross exposure subject to ECL is in Stage 1 and has not experienced a significant increase in credit risk since origination. ECL is calculated based on a 12-month expected loss. Coverage for these performing, non-deteriorated assets is 0.2%.

**Stage 2:** 1.1% of gross exposure is in Stage 2 and has seen a significant increase in credit risk since origination. These assets require a lifetime expected loss to be held. An asset reported in Stage 2 does not imply we expect a loss on these assets. Stage 2 assets are assessed relative to their expected performance at the point of origination. While assets may underperform original expectations, the level of ECL indicates that our expected losses from these positions remain low at a coverage ratio of 0.8%.

**Stage 3:** 6.7% of gross exposure is in Stage 3 which is made up of assets that are credit impaired. The coverage ratio totals 1.6% and the remaining net exposure is considered well covered by collateral.

**An analysis of staging and ECL movements for core loans and advances subject to ECL**

The table below indicates underlying movements in gross core loans and advances subject to ECL from 31 March 2023 to 31 March 2024. The transfers between stages of gross core loans indicate the impact of stage transfers upon the gross exposure and associated opening ECL. The net remeasurement of ECL arising from stage transfers represents the increase/(decrease) in ECL due to these transfers. New lending net of repayments comprises new originations, further drawdowns, repayments and sell-downs as well as ECLs in Stage 3 that have been written off, typically when an asset has been sold.

The ECL impact of changes to risk parameters and models during the period largely relates to the changes in the probability of default and loss given default resulting from macro-economic scenarios. Further analysis of gross core loans and advances to customers subject to ECL and their ECL balances is shown in 'An analysis of core loans and advances by risk category' on the following pages.

As at 31 March 2024	Stage 1		Stage 2		Stage 3		Total	
	Gross exposure	ECL	Gross exposure	ECL	Gross exposure	ECL	Gross exposure	ECL
<b>US\$'000</b>								
<b>1 April 2023</b>	1 006 076	(1 874)	77 107	(236)	47 965	(769)	1 131 148	(2 879)
Reclassification of stage	(32 901)	(62)	(24 120)	15	57 021	47	—	—
ECL re-measurement arising from transfer of stage	—	—	—	—	—	(999)	—	(999)
Net new lending and repayments	216 014	(507)	(38 743)	26	(18 978)	138	158 293	(343)
Changes to risk parameters and models	—	94	—	78	—	—	—	172
Written off out of allowance	—	—	—	—	—	195	—	195
<b>At 31 March 2024</b>	<b>1 189 189</b>	<b>(2 349)</b>	<b>14 244</b>	<b>(117)</b>	<b>86 008</b>	<b>(1 388)</b>	<b>1 289 441</b>	<b>(3 854)</b>

**A further analysis of credit quality by risk category**

As at 31 March 2024	Stage 1		Stage 2		Stage 3		Total	
	Gross exposure	ECL	Gross exposure	ECL	Gross exposure	ECL	Gross exposure	ECL
<b>US\$'000</b>								
Corporate	568 550	(1 447)	—	—	62 002	(999)	630 552	(2 446)
Sovereign	39 963	(182)	—	—	5 729	—	45 692	(182)
Fund Finance	403 080	(402)	—	—	—	—	403 080	(402)
Mortgages	29 699	(13)	—	—	—	—	29 699	(13)
PB Corporate	111	—	—	—	—	—	111	—
Direct Corporate	53 376	(144)	14 244	(117)	—	—	67 620	(261)
HNW and Specialised Lending	37 363	(35)	—	—	—	—	37 363	(35)
Residential Real Estate Developments	20 858	(21)	—	—	—	—	20 858	(21)
Commercial Real Estate - Investment	633	(4)	—	—	18 277	(389)	18 910	(393)
Asset Finance	2 535	(16)	—	—	—	—	2 535	(16)
Investment Finance	33 021	(85)	—	—	—	—	33 021	(85)
	<b>1 189 189</b>	<b>(2 349)</b>	<b>14 244</b>	<b>(117)</b>	<b>86 008</b>	<b>(1 388)</b>	<b>1 289 441</b>	<b>(3 854)</b>

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As at 31 March 2023	Stage 1		Stage 2		Stage 3		Total	
	Gross exposure	ECL	Gross exposure	ECL	Gross exposure	ECL	Gross exposure	ECL
<b>US\$'000</b>								
<b>1 April 2022</b>	996 550	(3 586)	67 073	(88)	1 860	(587)	1 065 483	(4 261)
Reclassification of stage	(107 147)	127	61 054	(62)	46 093	(65)	—	—
ECL re-measurement arising from transfer of stage	—	—	—	(160)	—	(5)	—	(165)
Net new lending and repayments	116 673	(216)	(51 020)	74	12	(112)	65 665	(254)
Changes to risk parameters and models	—	1 801	—	—	—	—	—	1 801
<b>At 31 March 2023</b>	<b>1 006 076</b>	<b>(1 874)</b>	<b>77 107</b>	<b>(236)</b>	<b>47 965</b>	<b>(769)</b>	<b>1 131 148</b>	<b>(2 879)</b>

## A further analysis of credit quality by risk category

As at 31 March 2023	Stage 1		Stage 2		Stage 3		Total	
	Gross exposure	ECL	Gross exposure	ECL	Gross exposure	ECL	Gross exposure	ECL
<b>US\$'000</b>								
Corporate	378 266	(1 407)	5 780	(28)	45 623	(71)	429 669	(1 506)
Sovereign	32 070	(88)	6 728	—	—	—	38 798	(88)
Fund Finance	439 499	(74)	—	—	—	—	439 499	(74)
Mortgages	24 866	(9)	1 577	(1)	622	(269)	27 065	(279)
PB Corporate	122	(1)	—	—	—	—	122	(1)
Direct Corporate	65 424	(202)	17 855	(192)	—	—	83 279	(394)
HNW and Specialised Lending	22 672	(21)	—	—	—	—	22 672	(21)
Residential Real Estate Developments	21 905	(3)	29 357	(1)	—	—	51 262	(4)
Commercial Real Estate - Investment	6 244	(3)	15 810	(14)	1 720	(429)	23 774	(446)
Asset Finance	2 396	(3)	—	—	—	—	2 396	(3)
Investment Finance	12 612	(63)	—	—	—	—	12 612	(63)
	<b>1 006 076</b>	<b>(1 874)</b>	<b>77 107</b>	<b>(236)</b>	<b>47 965</b>	<b>(769)</b>	<b>1 131 148</b>	<b>(2 879)</b>

As at 31 March 2022	Stage 1		Stage 2		Stage 3		Total	
	Gross exposure	ECL	Gross exposure	ECL	Gross exposure	ECL	Gross exposure	ECL
<b>US\$'000</b>								
<b>1 April 2021</b>	815 332	(3 886)	57 378	(173)	18 877	(3 696)	891 587	(7 755)
Reclassification of stage	(40 392)	37	38 769	(35)	1 623	(2)	—	—
ECL re-measurement arising from transfer of stage	—	—	—	—	—	(350)	—	(350)
Net new lending and repayments	221 610	(829)	(29 074)	120	(18 640)	941	173 896	232
Changes to risk parameters and models	—	1 092	—	—	—	—	—	1 092
Written off out of allowance	—	—	—	—	—	2 520	—	2 520
<b>At 31 March 2022</b>	<b>996 550</b>	<b>(3 586)</b>	<b>67 073</b>	<b>(88)</b>	<b>1 860</b>	<b>(587)</b>	<b>1 065 483</b>	<b>(4 261)</b>

## A further analysis of credit quality by risk category

As at 31 March 2022	Stage 1		Stage 2		Stage 3		Total	
	Gross exposure	ECL	Gross exposure	ECL	Gross exposure	ECL	Gross exposure	ECL
<b>US\$'000</b>								
Corporate	400 307	(2 610)	23 246	(53)	—	—	423 553	(2 663)
Sovereign	14 163	(85)	—	—	—	—	14 163	(85)
NBFI - Fund Finance	354 058	(72)	—	—	—	—	354 058	(72)
Investment and Portfolio Gearing	29 965	(10)	244	(1)	198	(196)	30 407	(207)
Mortgages	143	(1)	—	—	—	—	143	(1)
PB Corporate	64 080	(181)	—	—	—	—	64 080	(181)
HNW and Specialised Lending	31 440	(38)	—	—	—	—	31 440	(38)
Residential Real Estate Developments	82 025	(179)	—	—	—	—	82 025	(179)
Commercial Real Estate - Investment	6 935	(6)	43 583	(34)	1 662	(391)	52 180	(431)
Asset Finance	13 434	(404)	—	—	—	—	13 434	(404)
	<b>996 550</b>	<b>(3 586)</b>	<b>67 073</b>	<b>(88)</b>	<b>1 860</b>	<b>(587)</b>	<b>1 065 483</b>	<b>(4 261)</b>

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## An analysis of core loans and advances to customers

At 31 March US\$'000	Total gross core loans and advances (actual capital exposure)	Expected credit loss	Total net core loans and advances (actual capital exposure)	Actual amount in arrears
<b>2024</b>				
Current core loans and advances	1 133 808	(2 252)	1 131 556	—
Past due (1 – 60 days)	55 380	(97)	55 283	13 799
Special mention – current	14 244	(117)	14 127	—
Default	86 009	(1 388)	84 621	65 164
Sub-standard	84 444	(999)	83 445	63 520
Doubtful	1 565	(389)	1 176	1 644
Loss	—	—	—	—
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 289 441</b>	<b>(3 854)</b>	<b>1 285 587</b>	<b>78 963</b>
<b>2023</b>				
Current core loans and advances	978 246	(1 864)	976 382	—
Past due (1 – 60 days)	29 551	(10)	29 541	3 334
Special mention – current	75 386	(236)	75 150	—
Default	47 965	(769)	47 196	1 872
Sub-standard	46 093	(189)	45 904	1 674
Doubtful	1 821	(534)	1 287	152
Loss	51	(46)	5	46
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 131 148</b>	<b>(2 879)</b>	<b>1 128 269</b>	<b>5 206</b>
<b>2022</b>				
Current core loans and advances	989 846	(3 584)	986 262	—
Past due (1 – 60 days)	6 948	(2)	6 946	109
Special mention	66 829	(88)	66 741	—
Special mention (1 – 60 days and management well secured)	—	—	—	—
Special mention (61 – 90 days and item well secured)	—	—	—	—
Special mention – current	66 829	(88)	66 741	—
Default	1 860	(587)	1 273	1 860
Sub-standard	1 623	(352)	1 271	1 623
Doubtful	198	(196)	2	198
Loss	39	(39)	—	39
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 065 483</b>	<b>(4 261)</b>	<b>1 061 222</b>	<b>1 969</b>

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## An analysis of core loans and advances to customers and impairments by counterparty type

At 31 March US\$'000	Current core loans and advances	Past due (1 – 60 days)	Special mention (1 – 90 days)	Special mention (1 – 90 days and items well secured)
<b>2024</b>				
Construction	71 846	—	—	—
Households	10 638	1 728	—	—
Real estate activities	135 532	452	—	—
Financial and insurance activities	680 839	13 554	—	—
Wholesale and retail trade	—	24 252	—	—
Manufacturing	—	—	—	—
Transportation and storage	98 702	—	—	—
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	12 443	—	—	—
Information and communication	77 857	15 394	—	—
Administrative and support service activities	1 087	—	—	—
Human health and social work activities	—	—	—	—
Mining and quarrying	2 342	—	—	—
Professional/scientific and technical	12 351	—	—	—
Other entities	30 171	—	—	—
<b>Total gross core loans and advances to customers</b>	<b>1 133 808</b>	<b>55 380</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>
<b>2023</b>				
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	—	—	—	—
Construction	32 220	—	—	—
Households	12 136	—	—	—
Real estate activities	102 339	—	—	—
Financial and insurance activities	621 910	29 551	—	—
Wholesale and retail trade	22 368	—	—	—
Manufacturing	22 849	—	—	—
Transportation and storage	69 849	—	—	—
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	316	—	—	—
Information and communication	59 984	—	—	—
Administrative and support service activities	1 503	—	—	—
Mining and quarrying	2 512	—	—	—
Other entities	30 260	—	—	—
<b>Total gross core loans and advances to customers</b>	<b>978 246</b>	<b>29 551</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>
<b>2022</b>				
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	12 407	—	—	—
Construction	16 990	—	—	—
Households	36 943	1 376	—	—
Real estate activities	214 357	244	—	—
Financial and insurance activities	521 360	5 328	—	—
Wholesale and retail trade	19 829	—	—	—
Manufacturing	44 219	—	—	—
Transportation and storage	48 443	—	—	—
Accommodation and food service activities	10 083	—	—	—
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	20 146	—	—	—
Information and communication	25 611	—	—	—
Human health and social work activities	17 074	—	—	—
Mining and quarrying	2 384	—	—	—
<b>Total gross core loans and advances to customers</b>	<b>989 846</b>	<b>6 948</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>



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## An analysis of core loans and advances to customers and impairments by counterparty type (continued)

At 31 March US\$'000	Special mention – current	Sub- standard	Doubtful	Loss	Total gross core loans and advances to customers	Expected credit loss
<b>2024</b>						
Construction	—	5 729	—	—	77 575	(293)
Households	—	—	—	—	12 366	(13)
Real estate activities	—	36 144	1 565	—	173 693	(1 727)
Financial and insurance activities	—	—	—	—	694 393	(965)
Wholesale and retail trade	—	—	—	—	24 252	(32)
Manufacturing	—	15 517	—	—	15 517	—
Transportation and storage	—	—	—	—	98 702	(313)
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	14 244	—	—	—	26 687	(143)
Information and communication	—	—	—	—	93 251	(255)
Administrative and support service activities	—	—	—	—	1 087	(1)
Human health and social work activities	—	27 054	—	—	27 054	—
Mining and quarrying	—	—	—	—	2 342	(1)
Professional/scientific and technical	—	—	—	—	12 351	(46)
Other entities	—	—	—	—	30 171	(65)
<b>Total gross core loans and advances to customers</b>	<b>14 244</b>	<b>84 444</b>	<b>1 565</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>1 289 441</b>	<b>(3 854)</b>
<b>2023</b>						
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	5 780	—	—	—	5 780	(28)
Construction	6 579	—	—	—	38 799	(88)
Households	—	—	—	4	12 140	(130)
Real estate activities	45 172	19 271	1 674	47	168 503	(862)
Financial and insurance activities	—	—	—	—	651 461	(515)
Wholesale and retail trade	—	—	—	—	22 368	(26)
Manufacturing	—	—	—	—	22 849	(18)
Transportation and storage	—	—	147	—	69 996	(938)
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	17 855	—	—	—	18 171	(192)
Information and communication	—	—	—	—	59 984	(35)
Administrative and support service activities	—	26 822	—	—	28 325	(7)
Mining and quarrying	—	—	—	—	2 512	—
Other entities	—	—	—	—	30 260	(40)
<b>Total gross core loans and advances to customers</b>	<b>75 386</b>	<b>46 093</b>	<b>1 821</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>1 131 148</b>	<b>(2 879)</b>
<b>2022</b>						
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	—	—	—	—	12 407	(265)
Construction	—	—	—	—	16 990	(101)
Households	—	—	—	—	38 319	(160)
Real estate activities	64 854	1 623	—	39	281 315	(1 304)
Financial and insurance activities	—	—	—	—	526 688	(436)
Wholesale and retail trade	—	—	—	—	19 829	(144)
Manufacturing	—	—	—	—	44 219	(583)
Transportation and storage	1 975	—	198	—	50 418	(951)
Accommodation and food service activities	—	—	—	—	10 083	(13)
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	—	—	—	—	20 146	(62)
Information and communication	—	—	—	—	25 611	(110)
Human health and social work activities	—	—	—	—	17 074	(129)
Mining and quarrying	—	—	—	—	2 384	(3)
<b>Total gross core loans and advances to customers</b>	<b>66 829</b>	<b>1 623</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>1 065 483</b>	<b>(4 261)</b>

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## Collateral

A summary of total collateral is provided in the table below:

At 31 March US\$'000	Collateral held against		Total
	Gross core loans and advances	Other credit and counterparty exposures*	
<b>2024</b>			
<b>Eligible financial collateral</b>	<b>63 346</b>	<b>4 651</b>	<b>67 997</b>
Listed shares	57 126	—	57 126
Cash	6 220	4 651	10 871
<b>Mortgage bonds</b>	<b>366 945</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>366 945</b>
Residential mortgages	123 015	—	123 015
Commercial property developments	243 930	—	243 930
<b>Other collateral</b>	<b>538 005</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>538 005</b>
Unlisted shares	157 564	—	157 564
Bonds other than mortgages	202 837	—	202 837
Asset-backed lending	127 985	—	127 985
Guarantees	49 619	—	49 619
<b>Total collateral</b>	<b>968 296</b>	<b>4 651</b>	<b>972 947</b>
<b>2023</b>			
<b>Eligible financial collateral</b>	<b>82 420</b>	<b>3 468</b>	<b>85 888</b>
Listed shares	60 883	—	60 883
Cash	21 537	3 468	25 005
<b>Mortgage bonds</b>	<b>270 858</b>	<b>522</b>	<b>271 380</b>
Residential mortgages	117 186	522	117 708
Commercial property developments	153 672	—	153 672
<b>Other collateral</b>	<b>389 247</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>389 247</b>
Unlisted shares	90 598	—	90 598
Charges other than property	145 425	—	145 425
Asset-backed lending	137 106	—	137 106
Guarantees	16 118	—	16 118
<b>Total collateral</b>	<b>742 525</b>	<b>3 990</b>	<b>746 515</b>
<b>2022</b>			
<b>Eligible financial collateral</b>	<b>96 579</b>	<b>3 468</b>	<b>100 047</b>
Listed shares	78 471	—	78 471
Cash	18 108	3 468	21 576
<b>Mortgage bonds</b>	<b>830 958</b>	<b>1 503</b>	<b>832 461</b>
Residential mortgages	100 356	—	100 356
Commercial property developments	730 602	1 503	732 105
Commercial property investments	—	—	—
<b>Other collateral</b>	<b>403 470</b>	<b>6 278</b>	<b>409 748</b>
Unlisted shares	139 441	328	139 769
Charges other than property	94 378	5 467	99 845
Asset-backed lending	144 024	483	144 507
Guarantees	25 627	—	25 627
	—	—	—
<b>Total collateral</b>	<b>1 331 007</b>	<b>11 249</b>	<b>1 342 256</b>

\* A large percentage of these exposures (e.g. bank placements) are to highly rated financial institutions where limited collateral would be required due to the nature of the exposure and to trade finance and fund finance deals which do not have a tangible collateral value. The Bank has received cash collateral amounting to US\$11.0 million (2023: US\$21.5 million and 2022: US\$18.1 million) with regard to loans and advances of US\$64.7 million (2023: US\$67.9 million and 2022: US\$67.8 million). The Bank has the right to invoke the cash collateral only in the event of default from the borrower and, as a result, it was not offset against the loans and advances balance. The cash collateral is included in 'Deposits from customers.' The effect of offsetting the above financial instruments would have resulted in net balances for loans and advances of US\$53.7 million (2023: US\$46.4 million and 2022: US\$49.9 million).

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The Bank is exposed to equity and investment risk which may arise from the various investments it has made in listed and unlisted companies. The Credit Committee reviews and approves all new investment proposals

The Bank's Credit Committee manages the investment portfolio. The Committee seeks to review the performance of the investment portfolio at least quarterly and reports its findings to the Board every quarter.

**Summary of investments held and stress testing analysis**

The table below provides an analysis of income and revaluations recorded with respect to these investments:

US\$'000 At 31 March	On-balance sheet value of investments 2024	Valuation change stress test* 2024	On-balance sheet value of investments 2023	Valuation change stress test* 2023	On-balance sheet value of investments 2022	Valuation change stress test* 2022
Unlisted investments	10 886	1 633	3 810	571	3 810	571
Listed equities	470	118	320	80	3	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>11 356</b>	<b>1 751</b>	<b>4 130</b>	<b>651</b>	<b>3 813</b>	<b>572</b>

\* In order to assess the Bank's earnings sensitivity to a movement in the valuation of these investments, the following stress testing parameters are applied:

**Stress test values applied**

Unlisted	15%
Listed	25%

**Stress testing summary**

The severe stress scenario, at 31 March 2024, indicates that the Bank could incur a fair value loss of US\$1.7 million. This would not cause the Bank to report a loss, or have a significantly negative impact on earnings for that period. The probability of all these asset classes in all geographies in which the Bank operates being negatively impacted at the same time is very low, although the probability of listed equities being negatively impacted at the same time is high.

**A** Capital requirements

Capital on listed and unlisted investments within the banking book is held in accordance with the BOM's guideline on Standardised Approach to Credit Risk.

**A** Balance sheet risk management**Balance sheet risk description**

Balance sheet risk encompasses the financial risks relating to our asset and liability portfolios comprising market liquidity, funding, concentration, non-trading interest rate and foreign exchange, encumbrance and leverage risks on the balance sheet.

**A** Balance sheet risk mitigation

The treasury function centrally directs the raising of wholesale liabilities, establishes and maintains access to stable funds with appropriate tenor and pricing characteristics, and manages liquid securities and collateral, providing for a controlled and flexible response to volatile market conditions. The treasury function is the sole interface with the wholesale market for both cash and derivative transactions, and actively manages the liquidity mismatch and non-trading interest rate risk arising from the Bank's asset and liability portfolios.

The treasurer is required to exercise tight control over funding, liquidity, concentration and non-trading interest rate risk within parameters defined by the Bank approved risk appetite policy.

Balance sheet risk management combines traditional gap analysis and quantitative models, including stress tests. This is designed to measure the range of possible future liquidity needs and potential distribution of net interest income and economic value under various scenarios covering a spectrum of events in which the Bank could find itself and prepare accordingly. The modelling process is supported by ongoing technical and economic analysis. The result is formally reported to management and the Board on a regular basis.

The entire process is underpinned by a system of extensive internal and external controls.

The Bank complies with the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision's Principles for Sound Liquidity Risk Management and Supervision.

RISK MANAGEMENT  
CONTINUED**A Non-trading interest rate risk description**

Non-trading interest rate risk, otherwise known as interest rate risk in the banking book, is the impact on net interest earnings and sensitivity to economic value, as a result of unexpected adverse movements in interest rates arising from the execution of our core business strategies and the delivery of products and services to our customers.

Sources of interest rate risk include:

- **Repricing risk:** arises from the timing differences in the fixed rate maturity and floating rate repricing of Bank assets, liabilities and off-balance sheet derivative positions. This affects the interest rate margin realised between lending income and borrowing costs, when applied to our rate sensitive portfolios.
- **Yield curve risk:** repricing mismatches also expose the Bank to changes in the slope and shape of the yield curve;
- **Basis risk:** arises from imperfect correlation in the adjustments of the rates earned and paid on different instruments with otherwise similar repricing characteristics;
- **Embedded option risk:** the Bank is not materially exposed to embedded option risk, as contract breakage penalties on fixed-rate advances specifically cover this risk, while prepayment optionality is restricted to variable rate contracts and has no impact on interest rate risk;
- **Endowment risk:** refers to the interest rate exposure arising from the net differential between interest rate insensitive assets, interest rate insensitive liabilities and capital.

The above sources of interest rate risk affect the interest rate margin realised between lending income and borrowing costs, when applied to our rate sensitive asset and liability portfolios, which has a direct effect on future net interest income and the economic value of equity.

**A Management and measurement of non-trading interest rate risk**

Non-trading interest rate risk in the banking book is an inherent consequence of conducting banking activities and arises from the provision of retail and wholesale (non-trading) banking products and services.

We are exposed to repricing risk due to timing differences in the fixed rate maturity and floating rate repricing of Bank assets, liabilities and derivative positions. Additionally, we are exposed to yield curve and basis risk due to the difference in repricing characteristics of two floating-rate indices.

We are not materially exposed to optionality risk as contract breakage penalties on fixed-rate advances specifically cover this risk.

Non-trading interest rate risk is measured and managed both from a net interest margin perspective over a specified time horizon, and the sensitivity of economic value of equity to hypothetical changes to market factors on the current values of financial assets and liabilities.

Economic value measures have the advantage that all future cash flows are considered and therefore can highlight risk beyond the earnings horizon. The aim is to protect and enhance net interest income and economic value in accordance with the board-approved risk appetite. The standard tools that are used to measure the sensitivity of earnings to changes in interest rates are: the repricing gap which provides a basic representation of the balance sheet structure and allows for the detection of interest rate risk by concentration of repricing; net interest income sensitivity which measures the change in accruals expected over the specified horizon in response to a shift in the yield curve; and economic value sensitivity and stress-testing to macro-economic movement or changes which measure the interest risk implicit change in net worth as a result of a change in interest rates on the current values of financial assets and liabilities.

Technical interest rate analysis and economic review of fundamental developments are used to estimate a set of forward-looking interest rate scenarios incorporating movements in the yield curve level and shape by geography, taking global trends into account.

This combination of measures provides senior management and the Asset and Liability Committee (ALCO) with an assessment of the financial impact of identified rate changes on potential future net interest income and sensitivity to changes in economic value. This is consistent with the standardised interest rate measurement recommended by the Basel III framework for assessing banking book (non-trading) interest rate risk.

Management monitors closely net interest margins by entering into a number of interest rate swaps to protect it against changes in interest rates.

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## A Interest rate sensitivity gap

The tables below show our non-trading interest rate mismatch. These exposures affect the interest rate margin realised between lending income and borrowing costs, assuming no management intervention. The Bank's assets and liabilities are included at carrying amount and are categorised by the earlier of contractual repricing or maturity date.

At 31 March 2024 US\$'million	Not > three months	> Three months but < six months	> Six months but < one year	> One year but < five years	> Five years	Non-rate	Total non- trading
Cash and short-term funds and debt securities*	408	59	19	—	—	—	486
Bank and other debt securities and investments **	165	154	85	185	—	13	602
Loans and advances to customers	1 146	99	30	11	—	—	1 286
Other assets	—	—	—	—	—	11	11
<b>Assets</b>	<b>1 719</b>	<b>312</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>2 385</b>
Borrowings from banks	(70)	—	—	—	—	—	(70)
Deposits from customers	(1 119)	(164)	(97)	(5)	—	—	(1 385)
Repurchase agreements	(54)	—	—	—	—	—	(54)
Debt securities in issue	(55)	—	—	—	—	—	(55)
Other liabilities	—	—	—	—	—	(18)	(18)
<b>Liabilities</b>	<b>(1 298)</b>	<b>(164)</b>	<b>(97)</b>	<b>(5)</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>(18)</b>	<b>(1 582)</b>
Intergroup ***	(258)	—	—	—	—	—	(258)
<b>Shareholder's funds</b>	—	—	—	—	—	(542)	(542)
<b>Balance sheet</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>(537)</b>	<b>2</b>
Off-balance sheet****	210	(18)	(54)	(140)	—	—	(2)
<b>Repricing gap</b>	<b>373</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>(17)</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>(537)</b>	<b>—</b>
Cumulative repricing gap	373	503	486	537	537	—	—

\* Cash and short-term funds and debt securities comprised of balances at central banks, due from banks, reverse repurchase agreements and sovereign debt securities

\*\* Investments comprised of investment portfolio, investment in associate and investment in subsidiary

\*\*\* Intergroup comprised of amount due from/due group companies and debt securities in issue

\*\*\*\* Off-balance sheet comprised of derivatives

At 31 March 2023 US\$'million	Not > three months	> Three months but < six months	> Six months but < one year	> One year but < five years	> Five years	Non-rate	Total non- trading
Cash and short-term funds and debt securities*	977	191	—	45	—	—	1 213
Bank and other debt securities and investments **	20	—	22	86	—	6	134
Loans and advances to customers	1 032	57	2	37	—	—	1 128
Other assets	—	—	—	—	—	8	8
<b>Assets</b>	<b>2 029</b>	<b>248</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>2 483</b>
Borrowings from banks	(246)	—	—	—	—	—	(246)
Deposits from customers	(1 282)	(59)	(71)	—	—	—	(1 412)
Repurchase agreements	(53)	—	—	—	—	—	(53)
Other liabilities	—	—	—	—	—	(14)	(14)
<b>Liabilities</b>	<b>(1 581)</b>	<b>(59)</b>	<b>(71)</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>(14)</b>	<b>(1 725)</b>
Intergroup ***	(262)	—	—	—	—	—	(262)
<b>Shareholder's funds</b>	—	—	—	—	—	(495)	(495)
<b>Balance sheet</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>(47)</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>(495)</b>	<b>1</b>
Off-balance sheet****	142	5	(23)	(125)	—	—	(1)
<b>Repricing gap</b>	<b>328</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>(70)</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>(495)</b>	<b>—</b>
Cumulative repricing gap	328	522	452	495	495	—	—

\* Cash and short-term funds and debt securities comprised of balances at central banks, due from banks, reverse repurchase agreements and sovereign debt securities

\*\* Investments comprised of investment portfolio, investment in associate and investment in subsidiary

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At 31 March 2022 US\$million	Not > three months	> Three months but < six months	> Six months but < one year	One year but < five years	> Five years	Non-rate	Total non- trading
Cash and short-term funds and debt securities*	605	50	24	—	—	—	679
Bank and other debt securities and investments **	22	1	—	69	—	6	98
Loans and advances to customers	950	59	4	55	—	(7)	1 061
Other assets	—	—	—	—	—	5	5
<b>Assets</b>	<b>1 577</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1 843</b>
Deposits from customers	(1 006)	(25)	(74)	—	—	—	(1 105)
Other liabilities	—	—	—	—	—	(9)	(9)
<b>Liabilities</b>	<b>(1 006)</b>	<b>(25)</b>	<b>(74)</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>(9)</b>	<b>(1 114)</b>
Intergroup ***	(289)	—	—	—	—	—	(289)
<b>Shareholder's funds</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>(442)</b>	<b>(442)</b>
<b>Balance sheet</b>	<b>282</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>(46)</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>(447)</b>	<b>(2)</b>
Off-balance sheet****	160	(39)	—	(119)	—	—	2
<b>Repricing gap</b>	<b>442</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>(46)</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>(447)</b>	<b>—</b>
Cumulative repricing gap	442	488	442	447	447	—	—

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The positive interest rate mismatch shown is largely attributable to the allocation of shareholder's funds to non-rate.

### Economic value sensitivity

As discussed above, our preference for monitoring and measuring non-trading interest rate risk is economic value sensitivity. The tables below reflect our economic value sensitivity to a 2% parallel shift in interest rates assuming no management intervention. The numbers represent the change to the value of the interest rate sensitive portfolios should such a hypothetical scenario arise. The sensitivity effect does not have a significant direct impact on our equity.

At 31 March million	Sensitivity to the following interest rates (expressed in original currencies)					All (USD)
	ZAR	GBP	USD	EUR	AUD	
<b>2024</b>						
200bp Down	(0.22)	1.05	4.66	1.40	(0.03)	6.86
200bp Up	0.22	(1.05)	(4.66)	(1.40)	0.03	(6.86)
<b>2023</b>						
200bp Down	(0.05)	3.09	4.25	1.00	—	8.29
200bp Up	0.05	(3.09)	(4.25)	(1.00)	—	(8.29)
<b>2022</b>						
200bp Down	(0.47)	1.43	2.22	0.51	(0.06)	3.63
200bp Up	0.47	(1.43)	(2.22)	(0.51)	0.06	(3.63)

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CONTINUED**A** Liquidity risk**Liquidity risk description**

Liquidity risk is the risk that, despite being solvent, we have insufficient capacity to fund increases in assets, or are unable to meet our payment obligations as they fall due without incurring unacceptable losses. This includes repaying depositors or maturing wholesale debt. This risk is inherent in all banking operations and can be impacted by a range of institution-specific and market-wide events.

Liquidity risk is further broken down into:

- **Funding liquidity:** which relates to the risk that the Bank will be unable to meet current and/or future cash flow or collateral requirements in the normal course of business, without adversely affecting its financial position or its reputation
- **Market liquidity:** which relates to the risk that the Bank may be unable to trade in specific markets or that it may only be able to do so with difficulty due to market disruptions or a lack of market liquidity.

Sources of liquidity risk include:

- Unforeseen withdrawals of deposits
- Restricted access to new funding with appropriate maturity and interest rate characteristics
- Inability to liquidate a marketable asset in a timely manner with minimal risk of capital loss
- Unpredicted customer non-payment of loan obligations
- Sudden increased demand for loans in the absence of corresponding funding inflows of appropriate maturity.

**Management and measurement of liquidity risk**

Maturity transformation performed by banks is a crucial part of financial intermediation that contributes to efficient resource allocation and credit creation.

Cohesive liquidity management is vital for protecting our depositors, preserving market confidence, safeguarding our reputation and ensuring sustainable growth with established funding sources. Through active liquidity management, we seek to preserve stable, reliable and cost-effective sources of funding. Inadequate liquidity can bring the untimely demise of any financial institution. As such, the Bank considers ongoing access to appropriate liquidity for all its operations to be of paramount importance, and our core liquidity philosophy is reflected in our day-to-day practices.

The Bank maintains a portfolio of highly marketable and diverse assets that can be easily liquidated in the event of an unforeseen interruption of cash flow.

The Bank also has committed lines of credit that it can access to meet liquidity needs. In addition, the Bank maintains a statutory deposit with the Bank of Mauritius equal to 9.0% of Mauritian Rupee customer deposits and 9.0% Segment B foreign currency deposits. The liquidity position is assessed and managed under a variety of scenarios giving due consideration to stress factors relating to both the market in general and specifically to the Bank.

Liquidity risk is calculated by the contractual maturity cash flow mismatch between assets and liabilities.

The Bank's liquidity management processes are based on the following elements:

- Preparation of cash flow projections (assets and liabilities) and funding requirements corresponding to the forecasted cash flow mismatch, which are translated into short-term and long-term funding strategies
- Maintaining an appropriate mix of term funding
- Management of concentration risk, being undue reliance on any single counterparty or counterparty group, sector, market, product, instrument, currency and tenor
- Daily monitoring and reporting of cash flow measurement and projections for the key periods for liquidity management, against the risk limits set
- Performing assumption-based scenario analysis to assess potential cash flows at risk
- Maintenance of liquidity contingency plans and the identification of alternative sources of funds in the market. This is to ensure that cash flow estimates and commitments can be met in the event of general market disruption or adverse business and economic scenarios, while minimising detrimental long-term implications for the business
- Basel standards for liquidity measurement: Liquidity Coverage Ratio (LCR) is being enforced in Mauritius, but Net Stable Funding Ratio (NSFR) while not being enforced, is monitored by the Bank in accordance with Basel III.

**A** Liquidity mismatch

The tables that follow show the Bank's liquidity mismatch. With respect to the contractual liquidity mismatch:

- No assumptions are made and we record all assets and liabilities with the underlying contractual maturity as determined by the cash flow profile for each deal
- As an integral part of the broader liquidity generation strategy, we maintain a liquidity buffer in the form of unencumbered cash and near cash as a buffer against both expected and unexpected cash flows.

With respect to the behavioural liquidity mismatch:

- The new funding we would require under normal business circumstances is shown in the 'behavioural mismatch.' To this end, behavioural profiling is applied to liabilities with an indeterminable maturity as the contractual repayments of many customer accounts are on demand or at short notice, but expected cash flows vary significantly from contractual maturity
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- An internal analysis model is used, based on statistical research of the historical series of products, which models the point of probable maturity. In addition, reinvestment behaviour, with profile and attrition based on history, is applied to term deposits in the normal course of business.

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## A Contractual liquidity

At 31 March 2024 US\$million	Demand	Up to one month	One to three months	Three to six months	Six months to one year	One to five years	> Five years	Total
Cash and short-term funds and debt securities*	132	184	67	69	34	—	—	486
Bank and other debt securities and investments **	31	72	75	154	85	185	—	602
Loans and advances to customers	80	59	118	229	186	510	104	1 286
Other assets	—	—	—	11	—	—	—	11
<b>Assets</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>315</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>463</b>	<b>305</b>	<b>695</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>2 385</b>
Borrowings from banks	—	—	(20)	—	—	(50)	—	(70)
Deposits from customers	(629)	(271)	(219)	(164)	(97)	(5)	—	(1 385)
Debt securities in issue	(1)	—	(53)	—	—	—	—	(54)
Repurchase agreements	—	—	—	—	(3)	(52)	—	(55)
Other liabilities	—	—	—	(18)	—	—	—	(18)
<b>Liabilities</b>	<b>(630)</b>	<b>(271)</b>	<b>(292)</b>	<b>(182)</b>	<b>(100)</b>	<b>(107)</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>(1 582)</b>
Intergroup ***	(5)	(1)	(77)	—	(3)	(172)	—	(258)
<b>Shareholder's funds</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>(542)</b>	<b>(542)</b>
<b>Balance sheet</b>	<b>(392)</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>(109)</b>	<b>281</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>415</b>	<b>(438)</b>	<b>2</b>
Off-balance sheet****	—	—	—	—	(2)	—	—	(2)
<b>Contractual liquidity gap</b>	<b>(392)</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>(109)</b>	<b>281</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>415</b>	<b>(438)</b>	<b>—</b>
Cumulative liquidity gap	(392)	(349)	(458)	(177)	23	438	—	—

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\*\*\* Intergroup comprised of amount due from/due group companies and debt securities in issue.

\*\*\*\* Off-balance sheet comprised of derivatives.

At 31 March 2023 US\$million	Demand	Up to one month	One to three months	Three to six months	Six months to one year	One to five years	> Five years	Total
Cash and short-term funds and debt securities*	289	394	244	211	30	45	—	1 213
Bank and other debt securities and investments **	6	—	—	—	22	106	—	134
Loans and advances to customers	2	139	178	169	121	437	82	1 128
Other assets	—	—	—	8	—	—	—	8
<b>Assets</b>	<b>297</b>	<b>533</b>	<b>422</b>	<b>388</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>588</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>2 483</b>
Borrowings from banks	—	(20)	(51)	(25)	—	(150)	—	(246)
Deposits from customers	(840)	(168)	(265)	(61)	(78)	—	—	(1 412)
Repurchase agreements	2	—	(55)	—	—	—	—	(53)
Other liabilities	—	—	—	(14)	—	—	—	(14)
<b>Liabilities</b>	<b>(838)</b>	<b>(188)</b>	<b>(371)</b>	<b>(100)</b>	<b>(78)</b>	<b>(150)</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>(1 725)</b>
Intergroup ***	(5)	—	(1)	(93)	—	(163)	—	(262)
<b>Shareholder's funds</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>(495)</b>	<b>(495)</b>
<b>Balance sheet</b>	<b>(546)</b>	<b>345</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>(413)</b>	<b>1</b>
Off-balance sheet****	—	—	—	—	—	(1)	—	(1)
<b>Contractual liquidity gap</b>	<b>(546)</b>	<b>345</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>(413)</b>	<b>—</b>
Cumulative liquidity gap	(546)	(201)	(151)	44	139	413	—	—

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\*\*\* Intergroup comprised of amount due from/due group companies and debt securities in issue.

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At 31 March 2022 US\$million	Demand	Up to one month	One to three months	Three to six months	Six months to one year	One to five years	> Five years	Total
Cash and short-term funds and debt securities*	347	163	53	50	66	—	—	679
Bank and other debt securities and investments **	6	2	—	1	—	89	—	98
Loans and advances to customers	24	87	111	168	138	509	24	1 061
Other assets	—	—	—	5	—	—	—	5
<b>Assets</b>	<b>377</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>598</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>1 843</b>
Deposits from customers	(736)	(69)	(180)	(26)	(83)	(11)	—	(1 105)
Other liabilities	—	—	—	(9)	—	—	—	(9)
<b>Liabilities</b>	<b>(736)</b>	<b>(69)</b>	<b>(180)</b>	<b>(35)</b>	<b>(83)</b>	<b>(11)</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>(1 114)</b>
Intergroup ***	(9)	—	—	(80)	—	(200)	—	(289)
<b>Shareholder's funds</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>(442)</b>	<b>(442)</b>
<b>Balance sheet</b>	<b>(368)</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>(16)</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>387</b>	<b>(418)</b>	<b>(2)</b>
Off-balance sheet****	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	2
<b>Contractual liquidity gap</b>	<b>(368)</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>(16)</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>387</b>	<b>(418)</b>	<b>—</b>
Cumulative liquidity gap	(368)	(183)	(199)	(90)	31	418	—	—

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\*\*\*\* Off-balance sheet comprised of derivatives.

US\$million	Demand	Up to one month	One to three months	Three to six months	Six months to one year	One to five years	> Five years	Total
<b>At 31 March 2024</b>								
<b>Behavioural Liquidity Gap</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>(65)</b>	<b>(161)</b>	<b>(216)</b>	<b>—</b>
Cumulative	43	219	290	441	376	216	—	—
<b>At 31 March 2023</b>								
<b>Behavioural Liquidity Gap</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>549</b>	<b>(69)</b>	<b>(21)</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>(422)</b>	<b>(204)</b>	<b>—</b>
Cumulative	132	681	612	591	626	204	—	—
<b>At 31 March 2022</b>								
<b>Behavioural liquidity gap</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>(175)</b>	<b>(272)</b>	<b>—</b>
Cumulative	222	280	325	403	447	272	—	—


**(A) Net Stable Funding Ratio (NSFR)**

The Bank's NSFR stood at 141% as at 31 March 2024 (31 March 2023: 129% and 31 March 2022: 132%).

**(A) Liquidity Coverage Ratio (LCR)**

The Bank computes the LCR in accordance with Basel III and the Guideline on Liquidity Risk Management issued by the Bank of Mauritius.

As at 31 March 2024, the Bank's LCR stood at 289% (31 March 2023: 288% and 31 March 2022: 131%), well above regulatory requirements.

 Detailed disclosure is available on the Bank's website.

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Foreign exchange risk arises on financial instruments that are denominated in a foreign currency other than the functional currency.

Foreign currency risk does not arise from financial instruments that are non-monetary or from financial instruments denominated in the functional currency.

The Bank computes its net open foreign exchange position in accordance with the BOM Guideline for Calculation and Reporting of Foreign Exchange Exposures by taking the higher of the absolute values of all net short and net long positions. The Group monitors the net open position on a daily basis.

At 31 March US\$'000	% change in currency rate	Other currencies						Aggregate net open foreign exchange position
		EUR	GBP	MUR	ZAR	Long	Short	
<b>Open position</b>								
<b>2024</b>								
Assets		427 231	636 283	6 194	89 672	24 024	13	2 387 894
Liabilities		(427 099)	(635 587)	(5 906)	(91 361)	(23 606)	(13)	(2 387 894)
Long/(short) position		132	696	288	(1 689)	418	—	1 689
Sensitivity on net income and equity	5	7	35	14	(85)	21	—	85
	(5)	(7)	(35)	(14)	85	(21)	—	(85)
<b>2023</b>								
Assets		400 716	572 171	8 257	55 962	22 297	5 790	2 489 441
Liabilities		(400 742)	(570 393)	(5 437)	(53 733)	(22 297)	(5 835)	(2 489 441)
Long/(short) position		(26)	1 778	2 820	2 228	—	(45)	6 826
Sensitivity on net income and equity	5	(1)	89	141	111	—	(2)	341
	(5)	1	(89)	(141)	(111)	—	2	(341)
<b>2022</b>								
Assets		337 377	547 598	3 900	55 341	637	18 246	1 847 614
Liabilities		(336 070)	(545 024)	(4 148)	(55 812)	(573)	(18 838)	(1 847 614)
Long/(short) position		1 307	2 574	(248)	(471)	64	(592)	3 945
Sensitivity on net income and equity	5	65	129	(12)	(24)	3	(30)	197
	(5)	(65)	(129)	12	24	(3)	30	(197)

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Operational risk is an inherent risk in the ordinary course of business activity. The impact could be financial as well as non-financial. Possible non-financial impacts could include customer detriment, reputational or regulatory consequences.

**Management and measurement of operational risk**

The Bank manages operational risk through an operational risk management framework that is embedded across all levels of the organisation and is supported by a strong risk management culture. The key purpose of the operational risk management framework is to define the policies and practices that provide the foundation for a structured and integrated approach to identify, assess, mitigate/manage, monitor and report on operational risks.

The key operational risk practices are as follows:

Identify and Assess	
<b>Risk and control assessments</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Risk and control assessments are forward-looking, qualitative assessments of inherent and residual risk that are performed on key business processes using a centrally defined risk framework</li> <li>• These assessments enable businesses to identify, manage and monitor operational risks, incorporating other elements of the operational risk management framework such as risk events and key indicators</li> <li>• Detailed control evaluations are performed, and action plans developed and implemented where necessary to ensure that risk exposure is managed within acceptable levels</li> </ul>
<b>Internal risk events</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Internal risk events provide an objective source of information relating to failures in the control environment</li> <li>• The tracking of internal risk event data provides an opportunity to improve the control environment and to minimise the occurrence of future risk events</li> <li>• In addition, internal risk event data is used as a direct input into the Pillar 2 capital modelling process</li> </ul>
<b>External risk events</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• External risk events are operational risk-related events originating outside the organisation</li> <li>• Investec is an active member of a global external data service used to benchmark our internal risk event data against other local and international financial service organisations</li> <li>• The external data is analysed to enhance the control environment, inform scenario analysis and provide insight into emerging operational risks</li> </ul>
Mitigate/manage	
<b>Risk exposures</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Risk exposures are identified through the operational risk management processes, including but not limited to risk assessments, internal risk events, key indicators and audit findings</li> <li>• Residual risk exposure is evaluated in terms of the Bank's risk appetite and mitigated where necessary by improving the control environment, transferring through insurance, terminating the relevant business activity or accepting the risk exposure for a period of time subject to formal approval and monitoring</li> </ul>
Monitor	
<b>Key risk indicators</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Indicators are metrics used to monitor risk exposures against identified thresholds</li> <li>• The output provides predictive capability in assessing the risk profile of the business</li> </ul>

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### Operational risk governance framework

The operational risk governance structures form an integral part of the operational risk management framework. Key components of the governance structures are:

#### Roles and responsibilities

The Bank, in keeping with sound governance practices, has defined roles and responsibilities for the management of operational risk in accordance with the three lines of defence model, i.e. business line management, an independent operational risk function and an independent internal audit function.

Specialist control functions are responsible for the management of key operational risks. These include, but are not limited to: compliance (including financial crime compliance), cyber, finance, fraud, legal and information security risks.

#### Committees

Operational risk is managed and monitored through various governance forums and committees that are integrated with the Bank's risk management governance structure and report to Board-level committees.

The Bank's operational risk profile is reported to the governance forums and committees on a regular basis, which contributes to sound risk management and decision-making by the Board and management.

- Operational risk:

Management forums and committees are in place. Key responsibilities include the monitoring of operational risk and oversight of the operational risk management framework, including approval of the operational risk management policies.

- Technology, information security and cyber risk:

The DLC IT Risk and Governance Committee and the Bank's Risk Management Committee are responsible for the monitoring of current and emerging technology and information security risk. In addition, these committees consider the strategic alignment of technology within the business.

### Risk appetite

Operational risk appetite is defined as the level of risk exposure that is acceptable to the Board in order to achieve its business and strategic objectives. The Board is responsible for setting and regularly reviewing the risk appetite. The operational risk appetite policy defines the amount of operational risk exposure, or potential adverse impact of a risk event, that the Bank is willing to accept.

Operational risks are managed in accordance with the approved risk appetite. Any breaches of limits are escalated in accordance with the appropriate governance structures.

### Operational risk year in review

#### Key operational risk themes

During the year the Bank remained focused on the management of the following key operational risk themes

#### Business disruption and operational resilience risk

- The Bank's resilience capabilities are continuously being tested by disruptive events such as undersea cable damage, cyclones and flash floods
- As part of our operational resilience framework, we actively monitor the risk of a low probable blackout scenario in South Africa. This proactive approach enables us to contribute to the management of systemic risks that have the potential to impact essential services provided to our clients
- The Bank remains committed to upholding global regulatory requirements for operational resilience, ensuring compliance with regulatory expectations and delivering value to our stakeholders.

#### Information security and Cyber risk

- Recognising the unpredictable nature and sophistication of cyber and insider threat, information and cyber security continue to represent a key concern for Investec
- Ransomware events continued to be observed across the sector, and often involved theft of sensitive data for the purpose of extortion
- Whilst still in its early stages, threat actors began exploring the use of artificial intelligence (AI) to automate and enhance attacks
- Targeted security evaluations are run internally and by independent specialists to validate controls and inform ongoing improvements
- The Bank's risk exposure was well managed, and no losses attributed to information security or cyber events were recorded.

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#### Technology risk

- As part of Investec's digitalization strategies, high rates of technology change were noted
- Isolated disruptions associated with key modernization and growth initiatives were well managed.

#### Regulatory and compliance risk

- Increasingly stringent regulatory compliance obligations continued to be a focus for the Bank
- There has been a sustained focus by regulators on resilience in the financial services sector and emphasis placed on working towards ensuring a financial system that is sound, efficient and resilient
- During the year, no financial or non-financial sanctions have been imposed by any of the regulators

#### Third party risk

Investec's commitment to digitalisation placed increased reliance on third party services and cloud providers

- Ongoing enhancements were made to third party due diligence and reporting practices to ensure that we meet evolving regulatory requirements.
- This was supported by robust oversight of third party performance and monitoring of their financial health and cyber posture
- Where adverse indicators were identified, we engaged in constructive dialogue with our third parties and implemented risk mitigation strategies to safeguard our operations

#### Processing and execution risk

- Processing and execution risks identified through internal risk event monitoring remain a primary operational risk theme due to the frequency of reported operational risk events
- The main factors contributing to these risks during the reporting include unintentional human error, inadequate process design, and insufficient oversight, amongst others
- Despite the Bank's commitment to automation, there is still reliance on manual processes. When automation is not possible, process redesign is undertaken to address control gaps. Additionally, there is a strong emphasis on monitoring key controls through collaborative assurance initiatives
- Every effort is made to minimise the impact of processing and execution risks on clients by promptly implementing recovery measures

#### Operational risk sub-types

Operational risk sub-types which are significant in nature are managed by dedicated specialist teams. These operational risk sub-types are addressed in specific, detailed risk policies and procedures but are included within the operational risk management framework and are reported and monitored within the operational risk appetite. These sub-types include:

- Business Disruption and Operational resilience risk
- Conduct risk
- Data management risk
- Financial crime risk
- Fraud risk
- Information security and cyber risk
- Model risk
- Processing and execution risk
- Regulatory compliance risk
- Technology risk
- Third party risk
- Reporting and Tax risk
- People risk
- Physical security and safety risk.

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<p><b>Business Disruptions and Operational resilience risk</b></p>	<p>Risk associated with disruptive incidents which may impact important business services and critical functions/resources including processes, premises, staff, equipment, third party services and systems.</p>
<p><b>Monitoring and mitigation activities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Investec maintains continuity through appropriate resilience strategies that cater for disruptions, irrespective of the cause</li> <li>• These strategies include, but are not limited to, relocating the impacted business to alternate processing sites, enabling staff to work from home, the application of high-availability technology solutions, obtaining third party dependency business continuity assurances and ensuring readiness of physical solutions for critical infrastructure components</li> <li>• Resilience testing is conducted annually to validate continuity strategies and ensure they remain effective and appropriate. This includes annual recovery testing for all key systems that support important/critical business services</li> </ul>	

<p><b>Conduct risk</b></p>	<p>Risk associated with inappropriate behaviour or business activities may lead to client, counterparty or market detriment and/or reputational and/or financial damage to Investec and/or erosion of Investec values, culture and ethical standards expected of its staff</p>
<p><b>Monitoring and mitigation activities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Our approach to conduct risk is driven by our values and philosophies, ensuring that Investec operates with integrity and puts the wellbeing of its clients at the heart of how the business is run</li> <li>• Products and services are scrutinised and regularly reviewed to identify any issues early on, and to make sure they are escalated for appropriate resolution and, where necessary, remedial action taken</li> <li>• The conduct risk policy is designed to create an environment for consumer protection and market integrity within the business, supported with the right conduct risk management framework</li> <li>• Conduct Committees exist in South Africa, at which Mauritius is a participating member, with the objective of ensuring that Investec maintains a client-focused and fair outcomes-based culture</li> <li>• The Bank FX Code of Conduct was introduced to be at par with Principles of the FX global code of conduct covering areas such as Ethics, Transparency, Governance and Information sharing.</li> </ul>	

<p><b>Data management risk</b></p>	<p>Risk associated with poor governance in acquiring, processing, storing, and protecting data. Issues with data quality, reliability, or corruption can adversely impact business decisions, client services and financial reporting</p>
<p><b>Monitoring and mitigation activities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Investec drives robust data management practices and ownership of data across the business, including modelling and architecture, reference data, master data, metadata and reporting of quality data incidents to ensure data integration and interoperability</li> <li>• Consistent mechanisms are in place for data consolidation, storage and reporting</li> <li>• Data flows and reconciliations are automated, and integration between systems is streamlined to reduce the need for manual tasks, minimise data processing delays and limit single points of failure</li> <li>• Data quality and aggregation are monitored, reported and enhanced in line with business needs and regulatory principles</li> <li>• Predictive analytics and data insight are utilised to support proactive risk management</li> <li>• Data retention and destruction processes are designed to meet business needs and comply with applicable legal obligations.</li> </ul>	

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crime risk

Risk associated with handling the proceeds of crime, financing of terrorism, proliferation financing, sanctions breaches and bribery or corruption, as well as any related regulatory breaches

**Monitoring and mitigation activities**

- Established policies and procedures are in place to promote business with clients in such a manner that minimises the risk of Investec's products being used for money laundering and terrorist or proliferation financing, sanctions breaches, bribery or corruption
- Regular training is provided to staff members to create awareness to identify and report suspicion of money laundering and terrorist or proliferation financing
- A risk-based approach supports these objectives whilst complying with Investec's regulatory compliance obligations. At a high level the control framework ensures that:
  - Sufficient information about clients is obtained
  - All clients and prospective clients are risk rated, and verification commensurate with their risk profile conducted
  - All prospective and existing clients and relevant related parties are screened against relevant lists (including applicable sanctions lists) to identify increased financial crime risk
  - Staff are appropriately trained
  - Suspicious transactions and terrorist financing are identified and reported
  - Existing and prospective clients that are not within Investec's financial crime risk appetite are exited or declined.

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<b>Fraud risk</b>	The risk associated with any kind of criminal conduct arising from fraud, corruption, theft, forgery and misconduct by staff, clients, suppliers or any other internal or external stakeholder
<p><b>Monitoring and mitigation activities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Investec manages internal and external fraud risk through an integrated framework which includes global policies, standards and methodologies</li> <li>• Detection and prevention systems are utilised to help identify potential fraud, reaching out to clients where appropriate to validate or discuss concerns</li> <li>• An independent integrity (whistleblowing) line is in place to ensure that staff can report regulatory breaches, allegations of fraud, bribery and corruption, and non-compliance with policies</li> <li>• Fraud risk assessments are conducted to proactively identify and map existing preventative and detective controls to the relevant fraud risks to ensure effective mitigation</li> <li>• Fraud prevention and detection controls are enhanced on an ongoing basis in response to increased fraud losses across the industry and new fraud modus operandi</li> <li>• Adherence to fraud prevention policies is proactively monitored</li> <li>• Practices which comply with updated regulations, industry guidance and best practice are embedded within the Bank</li> <li>• Awareness of existing and horizon fraud threats is created through internal training and education of clients and intermediaries on fraud prevention and detection.</li> </ul>	

<b>Information security and cyber risk</b>	The risk associated with unauthorised access, use, disclosure, modification or destruction of information assets, including cyber threats to Investec's operations and data
<p><b>Monitoring and mitigation activities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In light of the broad range of risks to which information resources are exposed, this risk is managed by addressing both internal and external threat exposures</li> <li>• Internal threats relate to data theft, improper access or confidentiality breaches by staff:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– These are mitigated by implementing risk-appropriate data protection controls to safeguard information assets in line with data sensitivity and business criticality</li> <li>– Access to systems and data is closely controlled and privileged IT access is restricted and actively monitored</li> <li>– A dedicated insider threat team drives proactive discovery of confidential data, targeted monitoring, and response to potential data loss events</li> </ul> </li> <li>• External threats relate to cyberattacks such as ransomware, denial of service and cyber fraud:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– This is mitigated by an adaptive cyber strategy that integrates prediction, prevention, detection, and response capabilities</li> <li>– Robust security controls and advanced technologies are deployed to provide multiple layers of protection against sophisticated attacks</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Cyber risk is actively monitored by a 24/7 global cyber team and threat intelligence services, and security incident response processes are continuously improved</li> <li>• Regular security training to all staff ensures high levels of awareness and vigilance</li> <li>• Dedicated Research &amp; Development (R&amp;D) function that focuses on emerging threats and opportunities introduced by disruptive technologies to remain ahead of the curve.</li> </ul>	

<b>Model risk</b>	<p>The risk associated with the adverse consequences that arise from decisions based on incorrect or misused model outputs (including reports).</p> <p>Material sources of model risk include: credit model risk, liquidity model risk and trading book model risk</p>
<p><b>Monitoring and mitigation activities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Investec manages model risk through embedded, risk-specific frameworks and policies</li> <li>• The frameworks address roles and responsibilities, governance processes and committees and approaches to managing and monitoring model risk</li> <li>• Models are subject to regular, independent validation by specialist risk teams at Group</li> <li>• The relevant committees are mandated to oversee model risk and have delegated further oversight and approval to appropriate sub-committees</li> </ul>	



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<b>Processing and execution risk</b>	The risk associated with the failure to process, manage and execute transactions and/or other processes (such as change) completely, accurately and timeously due to human error or inadequate process design or implementation
<p><b>Monitoring and mitigation activities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Investec seeks to minimise process failures or human error that can disrupt operations or impact delivery of services to clients</li> <li>• Policies, processes, procedures and key monitoring controls which mitigate against control failures are implemented to protect clients, markets and the Bank from detriment</li> <li>• We manage operational capacity to meet client and industry needs and continue to explore automation to improve efficiency and reduce human error</li> <li>• Key business processes are regularly reviewed and the relevant risks assessed through the Risk and Control Self-Assessment process</li> <li>• Material change is managed through dedicated projects with formalised project governance.</li> </ul>	

<b>Regulatory compliance risk</b>	The risks associated with changing legislation, regulation, policies, voluntary codes of practice and their interpretation in the markets in which we operate
<p><b>Monitoring and mitigation activities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Investec remains focused on achieving the highest levels of compliance to professional standards and integrity</li> <li>• Our culture is a major component of our compliance framework and is supported by robust policies, processes and talented professionals who ensure that the interests of our stakeholders remain at the forefront of everything we do</li> <li>• There are independent compliance, legal and risk management functions which ensure that the Bank implements the required processes, practices and policies to adhere to applicable regulations and legislation.</li> </ul>	

<b>Technology risk</b>	The risk associated with disruption to or malfunction of the critical IT infrastructure, systems, or applications that support key business processes and client services
<p><b>Monitoring and mitigation activities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The technology environment is proactively monitored for continuous visibility of operational performance and availability</li> <li>• Mature incident management processes and continuity plans are in place to support a resilient IT environment that is able to withstand failure and minimise service disruption</li> <li>• A defined and business-aligned strategy directs implementation of new technologies to enhance resilience, scalability and modernise legacy systems</li> <li>• Technology governance structures provide oversight of IT projects and new investments in infrastructure and software</li> <li>• The risk of errors in production systems is reduced through design reviews, secure development practices and robust testing</li> <li>• Processes and controls are automated where possible to reduce human error and enhance efficiency.</li> </ul>	

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<b>Third party risk</b>	The risk associated with the reliance on and use of external providers of services to the Bank.
<p><b>Monitoring and mitigation activities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Third party policies and practices govern the assessment, selection, approval and oversight of third party services</li> <li>• A global third party management team has been established to coordinate, streamline and enhance consistency of third party processes</li> <li>• Robust due diligence processes are in place to evaluate third party suitability, resilience and controls with the appropriate level of rigour based on the scale, complexity and service materiality</li> <li>• Service disruption or security risks that third parties may introduce are identified and managed</li> <li>• Ongoing monitoring ensures that contractual obligations are met and required service levels are maintained</li> <li>• Appropriate supplier business contingency plans, including exit strategies for key/critical vendors, are established and managed to minimise customer impact following any disruption in service</li> <li>• Understanding of our strategic partnerships with cloud providers and that of their fourth party providers.</li> </ul>	

<b>Reporting and tax risk</b>	The risk associated with inadequate tax planning, transaction execution, tax compliance and reporting failures.
<p><b>Monitoring and mitigation activities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Investec's control environment for the management and mitigation of tax risk includes a formalised tax strategy, policy and framework</li> <li>• The Bank seeks to ensure that all transactions and financial products and services are commercially motivated</li> <li>• All advisory and tax planning work is conducted in accordance with the relevant tax laws, regulations and intentions of legislators of the country in which the Group operates.</li> </ul>	

<b>People risk</b>	The risk associated with the inability to recruit, develop, retain and engage diverse talent across the organisation and remain aligned with the Investec culture and values.
<p><b>Monitoring and mitigation activities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We focus on building a strong, diverse and capable workforce by providing a workplace that stimulates and rewards distinctive performance</li> <li>• Investec invests significantly in opportunities for the development of all employees, and in leadership programmes to enable current and future leaders</li> <li>• Internal mobility is a valued mechanism for the development and retention of people</li> <li>• The people and organisation team plays a critical role in assisting the business to achieve its strategic objectives, which are matched to learning strategies and market trends</li> <li>• The people and organisation team is mandated to enable the attraction, development and retention of talent who can perform in a manner consistent with our culture and values</li> <li>• The people and organisation team also works with leadership to strengthen the culture of the business, ensure its values are lived, build capability and contribute to the long-term sustainability of the organisation.</li> </ul>	

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### Physical security and safety risk

The risk associated with failure to protect staff, visitors or physical assets from events that could cause serious harm, loss or damage. This includes fire, flood, natural disasters, burglary, theft, vandalism and terrorism.

#### Monitoring and mitigation activities

- The Bank is committed to ensuring the health, safety and welfare of its employees, so far as is reasonably practicable. We also accept responsibility for persons who may be affected by its activities. Steps are taken to ensure that its statutory duties are met at all times
- Management ensures that all processes and systems of work are designed to take account of health and safety and are properly supervised at all times. Adequate facilities and arrangements are maintained to enable employees and their representatives to raise issues of health and safety
- Contractors are required to have appropriate health and safety policies in place and that they are implemented when working at Investec premises
- Arrangements are made for suitable health and safety training for designated personnel.

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#### Insurance

The Bank maintains adequate insurance to cover key insurable risks. The insurance process and requirements are managed by the Group's Insurance Risk Manager in consultation with the Bank's Chief Operating Officer. Regular interaction between the Bank, Group Operational Risk Management and Group Insurance Risk Management ensures that there is an exchange of information in order to enhance the mitigation of operational risk.

#### Reputational risk

Reputational risk is damage to our reputation, name or brand. Reputational risk arises as a result of other risks manifesting and not being mitigated.

The Bank has various policies and practices to mitigate reputational risk, including strong values that are regularly and proactively reinforced. We also subscribe to sound corporate governance practices, which require that activities, processes and decisions are based on carefully considered principles.

The Board of Directors and management are aware of the impact of practices that may result in a breakdown of trust and confidence in the organisation.

The Bank's policies and practices are regularly reinforced through transparent communication, accurate reporting, continuous culture and values assessment, internal audit and regulatory compliance review and risk management practices.

#### Legal risk management

Legal risk is the risk of loss resulting from any of our rights not being fully enforceable or from our obligations not being properly performed. This includes our rights and obligations under contracts entered into with counterparties. Such risk is especially applicable where the counterparty defaults and the relevant documentation may not give rise to the rights and remedies anticipated when entering the transaction.

The legal team seeks to ensure that any agreement which the Bank enters into provides the Bank with appropriate rights and remedies.

The Bank has two qualified lawyers in permanent employment and also engages external legal counsel.

## Capital management and allocation

### Philosophy and approach

Over recent years, capital adequacy standards for banks globally have been raised as part of attempts to increase stability and resilience of the global banking sector. The Bank has always held capital in excess of regulatory requirements and it intends to perpetuate this philosophy to ensure that it continues to remain well capitalised. Accordingly, the Bank targets a minimum capital adequacy ratio of 15%.

The Bank reports information on its capital position to the Investec Limited Capital Committee which in turn reports to the Investec Group DLC Capital Committee.

The Bank's internal capital framework, approved by the board, is based on processes and is used to provide a risk-based approach to capital allocation, performance and structuring of our balance sheet.

The objectives of the internal capital framework are to quantify the minimum capital required to:

- Maintain sufficient capital to satisfy the Board's risk appetite across all risks faced by the Bank
- Support a target level of financial strength aligned with long-term external rating of at least A
- Provide protection to depositors against losses arising from risks inherent in the business
- Provide sufficient capital surplus to ensure that the Bank is able to retain its going concern basis under relatively severe operating conditions
- Maintain sufficient capital to meet regulatory requirements across each regulated entity
- Support our growth strategy
- Allow the exploration of acquisition opportunities where such opportunities are consistent with our strategy and risk appetite
- Facilitate pricing that is commensurate with the risk being taken
- Allocate capital according to the best available expected marginal risk-based return, and track performance on this basis
- Reward performance taking into account the relative levels of risk adopted.

In order to achieve the above objectives, we adhere to the following approach to the integration of risk and capital management.

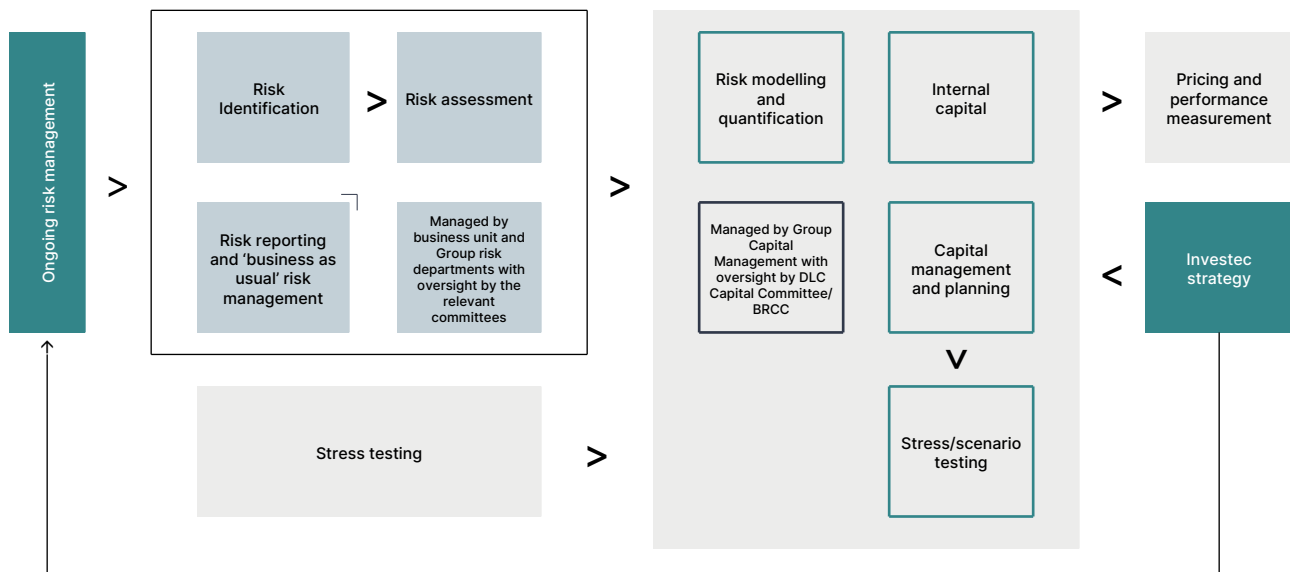
### Regulatory capital

The Bank applies the standardised approach (TSA) for the assessment of regulatory capital.

As part of the Basel III Reforms in 2014, the BCBS announced revisions to the calculations of capital requirements for operational risk. A single standardised approach was proposed to replace all existing approaches for the calculation of regulatory capital.

The implementation date has been set at 1 January 2023. The Bank will continue to work closely with the relevant regulators and industry bodies on the implementation of the revisions.

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### Risk assessment and identification

We review the business annually to map our universe of key risks, which are ultimately reviewed and agreed by the Bank's Board following an extensive process of engagement with the Bank's senior management. Assessment of the materiality of risks is directly linked to the Bank's stated risk appetite and risk management policies covering all key risks.

### Risk reporting

As part of standard business practice, key identified risks are monitored by the Bank together with Group Risk Management and by Internal Audit to ensure that risks are managed to an acceptable level of risk.

Detailed performance and control metrics of these risks are reported to each executive risk review forum (ERRF) and BRCC meeting including, where appropriate, the results of scenario testing. Key risk types that are considered fall within the following:

- Credit and counterparty risk
- Traded market risk
- Equity risk in the banking book
- Balance sheet liquidity and non-trading interest rate risk
- Legal risk (considered within operational risk for capital purposes)
- Operational, conduct and reputational risk.

Each of these risk categories may consist of a number of specific risks, each of which is analysed in detail and managed through the ERRF and BRCC.

### Internal Capital Adequacy Assessment

Internal capital requirements are quantified by analysis of the potential impact of key risks to a degree consistent with our risk appetite. Internal capital requirements are supported by the Board-approved risk assessment process described above. Quantification of all risks is based on analysis of internal data, management expertise and judgement and external benchmarking.

The following risks are included within the internal capital framework and quantified for capital allocation purposes:

- Credit and counterparty risk, including:
  - Underlying counterparty risk
  - Concentration risk
  - Securitisation risk
- Equity and property risk held in the banking book
- Balance sheet risk, including:
  - Liquidity
  - Non-trading interest rate risk
- Strategic and reputational risks
- Business risk.

Operational risk is considered as an umbrella term and covers a range of independent risks including, but not limited to, risks relating to fraud, litigation, business continuity, outsourcing and out of policy trading.

The specific risks covered are assessed dynamically through constant assessment of the underlying business environment.

### Capital management, planning and scenario testing

A capital plan is prepared and maintained under the guidance of the relevant Group committees to facilitate discussion of the impact of business strategy and market conditions on our capital adequacy.

This plan is designed to assess capital adequacy under a range of economic and internal conditions, with the impact on earnings, asset growth, risk appetite and liquidity considered.

The plan provides the Board (via the BRCC) with input into strategy and the setting of risk appetite by considering business risks and potential vulnerabilities, capital usage and funding requirements given constraints where these exist.

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Capital planning is performed on the basis of both regulatory and internal capital, with regulatory capital being the key driver of decision-making. The goal of capital planning is to provide insight into potential sources of vulnerability of capital adequacy by way of market, economic or internal events. As such, we stress the capital plans based on conditions most likely to place us under duress.

The conditions themselves are agreed by the DLC Capital Committee after consultation with relevant internal and external experts and research. Such plans are used by management to formulate balance sheet strategy and agree management actions, trigger points and influence the determination of our risk appetite.

The output of capital planning allows senior management to make decisions to ensure that the Bank continues to hold sufficient capital to meet its targets against regulatory and internal capital targets. On certain occasions, especially under stressed scenarios, management may plan to undertake a number of actions. Assessment of the relative merits of undertaking various actions is then considered using an internal view of relative returns across portfolios which are themselves based on internal assessments of risk and capital.

Our capital plans are designed to allow senior management and the board to review:

- Changes to capital demand caused by the implementation of agreed strategic objectives, including the creation or acquisition of new businesses, or as a result of the manifestation of one or more of the risks to which we are potentially susceptible
- The impact on profitability of current and future strategies
- Required changes to the capital structure
- The impact of alternate market or operating conditions on any of the above.

At a minimum level, the capital plan assesses the impact on our capital adequacy over expected case, upturn and downturn scenarios. On the basis of the results of this analysis the DLC Capital Committee, and the BRCC, are presented with the potential variability in capital adequacy and are responsible, in consultation with the board, for consideration of the appropriate response.

**Pricing and performance measurement**

The use of internal capital means that all transactions are considered in the context of the impact on the allocation of our capital resources, and hence on the basis of their contribution to the return on risk-adjusted internal capital. This is to ensure that expected returns are sufficient after recognising of the inherent risk generated by a given transaction. This approach allows us to embed risk and capital discipline at the level of deal initiation.

Using expectations of risk-based returns as the basis for pricing and deal acceptance ensures that risk management retains a key role in ensuring that the portfolio is appropriately managed for that risk.

In addition to pricing, returns on internal capital are monitored and relative performance is assessed on this basis.

Assessment of performance in this way is a fundamental consideration used in setting strategy and risk appetite as well as rewarding performance.

The process is designed to ensure that risk and capital management form the basis for key decisions at both a group and a transactional level. Responsibility for oversight for each of these processes ultimately falls to the BRCC.

**Basel III**

The Bank has adopted and complies with the BOM Guideline on Scope of Application of Basel III and Eligible Capitals.

The guideline sets out the rules, text and timelines to implement some of the elements related to the strengthening of the capital framework. It formulates the characteristics that an instrument must have in order to qualify as regulatory capital, and the various adjustments that have to be made in determining the regulatory capital of a bank. In addition, it outlines the operation of the capital conservation buffer which is designed to ensure that banks build up capital buffers outside periods of stress which can be drawn down as losses are incurred. It also lays the limits and minima of the different components of capital as per the table below.

<b>Minimum common equity tier 1 CAR</b>	6.5%
Capital Conservation Buffer	2.5%
Minimum CAT 1 CAR plus Capital Conservation Buffer	9.0%
Phase-in of deductions from CAT 1*	100.0%
<b>Minimum Tier 1 CAR</b>	8.0%
<b>Minimum total CAR</b>	10.0%
Minimum total CAR plus Capital Conservation Buffer**	12.5%

\* Applicable to significant investments in the capital of banking, financial and insurance entities that are outside the scope of consolidation.

\*\* The Bank of Mauritius reduced the ratio to 11.875% until 1 April 2022, and restored it to 12.5% from that date.

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The tables that follow provide information as required by the Guideline on Scope of Application of Basel III and Eligible Capital.

The bank uses Basel II Standardised Approach to manage its credit risk.

**Capital structure**

Summary information on the terms and conditions of the main features of all capital instruments is provided in the financial statements.

The table below reconciles the amounts as per the balance sheet to the regulatory capital elements.

As at 31 March US\$'000	Group			Bank		
	2024	2023	2022	2024	2023	2022
<b>Common equity Tier 1 capital: instruments and reserves</b>						
Ordinary shares (paid-up) capital	56 478	56 478	56 478	56 478	56 478	56 478
Retained earnings	403 986	367 596	319 028	400 583	364 851	316 922
Other reserves	56 998	54 289	57 059	56 998	54 289	57 059
<b>Common equity Tier 1 capital before regulatory adjustments</b>	<b>517 462</b>	<b>478 363</b>	<b>432 565</b>	<b>514 059</b>	<b>475 618</b>	<b>430 459</b>
Deferred taxation asset	(1 077)	(328)	(451)	(1 077)	(328)	(451)
<b>Total regulatory adjustments to common equity Tier 1 capital</b>	<b>(1 077)</b>	<b>(328)</b>	<b>(451)</b>	<b>(1 077)</b>	<b>(328)</b>	<b>(451)</b>
Additional Tier 1 capital	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Common equity Tier 1 capital (CET1)</b>	<b>516 385</b>	<b>478 035</b>	<b>432 114</b>	<b>512 982</b>	<b>475 290</b>	<b>430 008</b>
<b>Tier 2 capital: instruments and provisions</b>						
Provisions or loan-loss reserves (subject to a maximum of 1.25 percentage points of credit risk-weighted risk assets calculated under the standardised approach)	21 650	19 304	15 153	21 658	19 317	15 153
<b>Tier 2 capital (T2)</b>	<b>21 650</b>	<b>19 304</b>	<b>15 153</b>	<b>21 658</b>	<b>19 317</b>	<b>15 153</b>
<b>Total capital (capital base) (TC = T1 + T2)</b>	<b>538 035</b>	<b>497 339</b>	<b>447 267</b>	<b>534 640</b>	<b>494 607</b>	<b>445 161</b>
Risk-weighted on balance sheet assets	1 629 448	1 417 619	1 338 455	1 630 094	1 418 662	1 339 406
Non-market-related off balance sheet risk-weighted assets	89 763	112 328	109 204	89 763	112 328	109 204
Market-related off balance sheet risk-weighted assets	12 808	14 361	8 211	12 808	14 361	8 211
Operational risk	113 362	82 538	70 291	113 362	82 538	70 291
Aggregate net open foreign exchange position	1 689	6 827	3 945	1 689	6 827	3 945
<b>Total risk-weighted assets</b>	<b>1 847 070</b>	<b>1 633 673</b>	<b>1 530 106</b>	<b>1 847 716</b>	<b>1 634 716</b>	<b>1 531 057</b>
<b>Capital adequacy %</b>						
<b>Tier 1 capital ratio</b>	<b>28.0%</b>	<b>29.3%</b>	<b>28.3%</b>	<b>27.8%</b>	<b>29.1%</b>	<b>28.1%</b>
<b>Total capital ratio</b>	<b>29.1%</b>	<b>30.4%</b>	<b>29.2%</b>	<b>28.9%</b>	<b>30.3%</b>	<b>29.1%</b>

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The table below reconciles the amounts as per the balance sheet to the regulatory capital elements:

	Group		Bank	
	Balance sheet amount	Amounts included for regulatory purposes	Balance sheet amount	Amounts included for regulatory purposes
<b>As at 31 March 2024</b>				
<b>US\$'000</b>				
<b>Common Equity Tier 1 capital: instruments and reserves</b>				
Ordinary shares (paid-up) capital	56 478	56 478	56 478	56 478
Retained earnings	403 986	403 986	400 583	400 583
Other reserves	85 430	56 998	85 430	56 998
<b>Common Equity Tier 1 capital before regulatory adjustments</b>	<b>545 894</b>	<b>517 462</b>	<b>542 491</b>	<b>514 059</b>
Deferred taxation asset		(1 077)		(1 077)
<b>Common Equity Tier 1 capital (CET1)</b>	<b>545 894</b>	<b>516 385</b>	<b>542 491</b>	<b>512 982</b>
<b>Tier 2 capital (T2)</b>		<b>21 650</b>		<b>21 658</b>
<b>Total capital (capital base) (TC = T1 + T2)</b>	<b>545 894</b>	<b>538 035</b>	<b>542 491</b>	<b>534 640</b>

## Risk-weighted on balance sheet assets (Group)

	2024			2023	2022
	Total on-balance sheet amount	Risk-weights %	Risk-weighted asset	Risk-weighted asset	Risk-weighted asset
<b>As at 31 March</b>					
<b>US\$'000</b>					
Claims on sovereigns	472 199	0%-100%	39 963	32 070	16 765
Claims on central banks and international institutions	22 356	—	—	—	—
Claims on banks	363 889	20%-150%	242 137	241 339	259 592
Claims on corporates	1 063 305	50%-100%	1 030 894	965 374	744 976
Claims secured by residential property	28 779	35%-125%	18 774	19 877	31 105
Claims secured by commercial real estate	157 708	100%	157 708	144 040	273 491
Past due claims	78 893	100%-150%	117 751	1 291	1 271
Other assets	22 221	100%-250%	22 221	13 628	11 255
<b>Total on-balance sheet credit risk-weighted exposures</b>			<b>1 629 448</b>	<b>1 417 619</b>	<b>1 338 455</b>



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## Risk-weighted on balance sheet assets (Bank)

As at 31 March US\$'000	2024			2023	2022
	Total on- balance sheet amount	Risk-weights %	Risk- weighted asset	Risk- weighted asset	Risk- weighted asset
Claims on sovereigns	472 199	0%-100%	39 963	32 070	16 765
Claims on central banks and international institutions	22 356	—	—	—	—
Claims on banks	363 889	20%-150%	242 137	241 339	259 592
Claims on corporates	1 063 305	50%-100%	1 030 894	965 374	744 976
Claims secured by residential property	28 779	35%-125%	18 774	19 877	31 105
Claims secured by commercial real estate	157 708	100%	157 708	144 040	273 491
Past due claims	78 893	100%-150%	117 751	1 291	1 271
Other assets	22 166	100%-250%	22 867	14 671	12 206
<b>Total on-balance sheet credit risk-weighted exposures</b>			<b>1 630 094</b>	<b>1 418 662</b>	<b>1 339 406</b>

## Risk-weighted non-market-related off balance sheet assets (Group and Bank)

As at 31 March US\$'000	2024				2023	2022
	Notional principal amount	Credit conversion factor %	Credit equivalent amount	Risk- weighted asset	Risk- weighted asset	Risk- weighted asset
Direct credit substitutes	8 541	100	5 036	5 038	22 696	24 088
Transaction-related contingent items	—	50	—	—	—	397
Total other commitments	281 927	0-50	84 726	84 725	89 632	84 719
<b>Total non-market-related off balance sheet risk-weighted credit exposures</b>				<b>89 763</b>	<b>112 328</b>	<b>109 204</b>

## Risk-weighted market-related off balance sheet assets (Group and Bank)

As at 31 March US\$'000	2024					2023	2022
	Notional principal amount	Potential future exposure	Current exposure	Credit equivalent amount	Risk- weighted asset	Risk- weighted asset	Risk- weighted asset
Interest rate contracts	267 992	748	3 086	3 834	3 787	5 790	3 878
Foreign exchange and gold contracts	892 957	10 986	233	11 219	8 585	8 133	4 333
Credit derivative contracts	8 206	—	50	50	436	438	—
<b>Total market-related off balance sheet risk-weighted credit exposures</b>					<b>12 808</b>	<b>14 361</b>	<b>8 211</b>



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## CORPORATE GOVERNANCE REPORT

### Governance framework

Investec Bank (Mauritius) Limited recognises that an effective and efficient governance framework provides a solid basis for transparent decision-making which reflects the importance that it places on honesty, integrity, quality and trust. The Bank operates within a clearly defined governance framework which provides for delegation of authority with clear lines of responsibility while retaining effective control. The Board is collectively accountable for the performance, long-term success, reputation and governance of the Bank.

The Board also assumes the accountability for the Bank meeting all its statutory and regulatory requirements. The Board considers that it has applied, in all material respects, the eight principles of corporate governance of the National Code on Corporate Governance of Mauritius (the Code) throughout the financial reporting period. Stakeholders are therefore assured that the Bank is being managed ethically and is in compliance with the latest legislation, regulations and best practice.

The following sections describe in detail how the eight principles of the Code have been applied at the Bank:

#### Principle 1: Governance structure

The Board seeks to exercise leadership, integrity and judgement in pursuit of strategic goals and objectives to achieve long-term sustainability, growth and prosperity. The Board is accountable for the performance and affairs of the Bank. It provides leadership for the Bank within a framework of prudent and effective controls that allow risks to be assessed and managed.

The Board meets its objectives by reviewing and guiding corporate strategy, setting the values and standards, promoting high standards of corporate governance, approving key policies and objectives, ensuring that obligations to its stakeholders are understood and met, understanding the key risks the Bank faces, determining its risk tolerance, and approving and reviewing the processes put in place to mitigate risks including the approval of the terms of reference of key supporting Board committees.

The Board acknowledges that there may be certain recommended corporate governance principles that could not be applied from time to time. However, the Board ensures that the necessary disclosures and explanations are provided in the annual report, for any instance of non-compliance. At all times, the Board endeavours to adopt best practice or the stricter approach, considering its structure, culture and values.

To apply the above principle, the Board of Directors of the Bank has developed, approved and implemented the following documents:

### Board charter

The Board charter sets out the objectives, roles and responsibilities and composition of the Board of Directors of the Bank. The approved Board charter is reviewed by the Board on an annual basis and a copy is posted on the Bank's website.

### A code of ethics

Investec has a strong organisational culture of entrenched values, which forms the cornerstone of its behaviour towards all its stakeholders. These values are embodied in a written statement of values which serves as its code of ethics, and is continually reinforced.

The Bank conducts its business with uncompromising integrity and fairness, so as to promote trust and confidence in the banking industry.

The Bank is a member of the Mauritius Bankers Association (MBA). The Bank not only subscribes to the MBA's Code of Ethics, it also embraces it.

The Bank operates in a regulated environment and as such there are continuing obligations to conduct itself with integrity. The legislation and policies which the Bank adheres to regulates, amongst other things, anti-bribery and corruption, personal account dealing, training and competence, responsible lending, whistleblowing, anti-money laundering and financial crime prevention, treating clients fairly and data protection.

The following documents which are reviewed as and when required, are approved by the Board and are posted on the Bank's website:

- The Constitution
- The Code of ethics
- The Position statements of the Chair of the Board and the Board committees, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and the Company Secretary
- An organisational chart and major accountabilities

## CORPORATE GOVERNANCE REPORT CONTINUED

### **Principle 2: The structure of the Board and its committees**

The Bank is a public interest entity as defined in the Code, and is led and controlled by a unitary board of directors.

In accordance with the Code and the BOM Guideline on Corporate Governance, there is a clear division of responsibility between the Chair and the CEO to ensure balance of power and authority. The Board is led by the Chair while the CEO leads the executive management team responsible for the day-to-day running of the business and handling of the daily operations of the Bank.

The Board comprises five members: the Bank's CEO, two independent non-executive directors (40%) and two non-executive directors. Out of the two non-executive directors, one director is also a member of the parent Company's Board as a senior independent non-executive director. Three directors are resident in Mauritius and the other two directors reside in South Africa. Out of the five directors, one director is female who is the chair of the audit committee.

The Board ensures that there is an appropriate balance of skills, experience and knowledge of the organisation to enable the directors to discharge their respective duties and responsibilities effectively and efficiently.

The Board is of the opinion that independence cannot be determined solely and arbitrarily on the basis of time. A director's contribution in terms of experience, expertise, objectivity and independent judgement in engaging and challenging management, in the interest of the Bank, in the course of performing his/her duty, is the likely yardstick to measure independence, irrespective of the number of years he/she has been a director.

The Board is also of the opinion that given the size and scale of operation of the Bank, the appointment of a second executive director is not warranted. The Chief Operating Officer (COO), a member of the executive management of the Bank, is an invitee to the Board and the Board committee meetings.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE REPORT  
CONTINUED**Board committees**

To achieve its objectives, the Board delegates certain of its duties and functions to the Board committees, forums or the CEO, without abdicating its own responsibilities.

The following committees have been established by the Board of Directors of the Bank to efficiently discharge its duties and promote the highest level of corporate governance:

### Investec Bank (Mauritius) Limited – Board of Directors

**1. Board Sub-Committee**

This Committee comprises three members: the Chair of the Board, one independent non-executive director and the CEO.

The Committee meets as and when required to take decisions as per its specific mandate conferred by the Board, as required in the periods between the Board meetings.

The Committee has all the powers other than the powers provided for under the following sections which are listed in the Seventh Schedule to the Companies Act 2001 and under section 23.2(a) of the Bank's constitution:

- (i) Issue of other shares
- (ii) Consideration for issue of shares
- (iii) Shares not paid for in cash
- (iv) Board may authorise distribution
- (v) Shares in lieu of dividends
- (vi) Shareholder discounts
- (vii) Purchase of own shares
- (viii) Redemption at option of Company
- (ix) Restrictions on giving financial assistance
- (x) Change of registered office
- (xi) Approval of amalgamation proposal
- (xii) Short-form amalgamation.

During the year, two resolutions were approved via round-robin by the members of the Committee.

**2. Audit Committee**

The Audit Committee comprises three non-executive directors as members, out of which two are independent non-executive directors. The non-executive Chair is also an independent non-executive director on the parent company's Board. She is also the Chair of the parent company's Audit Committee. The CEO, the COO, the head of finance, the head of treasury, the head of legal, the head of compliance, the head of risk, the head of lending, the Parent Group head of internal audit, the Parent Group compliance officer and the external auditors are permanent invitees to the Audit Committee meeting.

The Board has considered the independence of all three members of the Audit Committee and their exercise of independent thought and judgement and has concluded that they perform their function in an independent and robust manner.

The Board, through the Audit Committee, is responsible for establishing formal and transparent arrangements for maintaining a relationship with external and internal auditors, ensuring timely and accurate disclosure to the board of any information of material importance or any issue which requires board attention and/or consideration.

This Committee examines and reviews all the findings of external and internal audits conducted by the duly appointed external auditors and the internal auditors respectively. The Committee ensures that all the findings raised by the internal and external auditors are duly attended to within a reasonable period of time.

The Bank's internal audit function is outsourced to the centralised Investec Group's internal audit which performs this function for the Investec Group and for all its subsidiaries. There is a dedicated head of IBM internal audit supported by a team of group specialists as required..

The Committee also reviews and oversees that all findings raised by the regulators and auditors in their respective management letters are duly attended to within the agreed time frames.

The responsibilities of the Audit Committee include the following:

- (i) Approve the audit plans (external and internal) to ensure that these are risk-based and address all activities over a measurable cycle, and that the work of external and internal auditors is coordinated and that both are independent.
- (ii) Recommend to the Board and the shareholder the appointment, removal, and remuneration of external auditors; it also approves the engagement letter setting out the scope and terms of external audit.
- (iii) Assess periodically the skills, resources, and independence of the external audit firm, its partners and its practices for quality control.
- (iv) Assess whether the accounting principles and practices of the Bank are appropriate and within the bounds of IFRS and acceptable practice.
- (v) Ensure that there is an appropriate structure in place for identifying, monitoring, and managing compliance risk, as well as a reporting system to advise the Committee and the Board of instances of non-compliance in a timely basis.
- (vi) Have oversight over the relationship with external auditors; the overall results of the audit, the quality of financial statements and any concerns raised by external auditors.

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This includes a focus on :

- Key audit matters (KAMs)
- Key areas of risk of misstatement in the financial statements, including critical accounting policies, Significant accounting judgements and estimates and appropriateness of financial statement disclosures
- Changes in audit scope
- Whether the external auditors consider the Judgements and estimates used as aggressive or conservative within an acceptable range
- Significant or unusual transactions
- internal control deficiencies identified during the course of the audit.

(vii) Further responsibilities of the Audit Committee include:

- Review of the audited financial statements for approval by the board
- Assessment of whether the institution has implemented adequate internal control and financial disclosure procedures
- Review of any transactions brought to its attention by auditors or any officers of the Bank, or that might otherwise come to its attention, which might adversely affect the financial condition of the Bank
- Report to the Board on the conduct of its responsibilities in frequency specified by the Board, with particular reference to section 39 of the Banking Act 2004
- Ensuring that management is taking appropriate corrective action in response to deficiencies identified by the auditors, including internal control weaknesses and any instances of non-compliance with laws.

The Committee met five times during the financial year.

**Audit Committee report**

The IBM Audit Committee (the Committee) is pleased to present its report for the financial year ended 31 March 2024 which provides details on how the Bank accomplished its statutory obligations as well as the Key Audit Matters (KAMs) considered.

The Committee continues to ensure that it exercises independent oversight and scrutiny of audit matters of the Bank and its subsidiary.

The Committee reports to the Board as well as to the Investec Bank Limited Audit Committee. The main objectives of the Committee are to have oversight over and to give assurance to the Board on financial reporting, internal controls, financial management systems, compliance, conduct and the control environment in respect of the Bank and its subsidiary.

The following pages present the key information about the role and areas of focus of the Committee. We have included some insight into how decisions are made and where judgement has been applied to the significant issues addressed by the Committee during the financial year.

The Committee complied with all the legal and regulatory requirements as needed under the Mauritian legislation and fulfilled its duties and responsibilities during the last financial year in accordance with its terms of reference,

the Companies Act 2001, the BOM Guideline on Corporate Governance, the Code, the King IV Report on Governance for South Africa 2016 (King IV) and the JSE Listings Requirements, where applicable.

**Role of the Committee**

The Committee is an essential part of the Bank's governance framework to which the Board has delegated the following key functions:

- Overseeing and ensuring the integrity of the Bank's financial reporting process and satisfying itself that any significant judgements made by management are sound
- Reviewing the Bank's internal controls and assurance processes
- Managing and overseeing the performance, conduct, independence, quality and effectiveness of the Bank's internal audit functions
- Reviewing the annual work plan, capacity, scope and staffing of internal audit
- Overseeing the Bank's compliance function
- Appointing, managing and overseeing the relationship with the Bank's external auditors, including the quality control, effectiveness and independence of the external audit function
- Approving the fees to be paid to the external auditors
- Managing the level and nature of non-audit services, if any, provided by the external auditors
- Dealing with concerns, if any, from outside the Bank regarding the application of accounting principles and external reporting.

At each Committee meeting, the CEO, the COO, the head of finance, the head of risk, the head of compliance and other management members provide an in-depth assessment of their current risk-related findings and the processes and procedures implemented to control and/or mitigate these risks.

Following each Committee meeting, the Chair provides feedback to the Bank's Board highlighting the matters which the Committee believes the Board should be made aware of.

A written report of the Chair of the Committee on the audit matters relating to the Bank is also provided to the parent Company Audit Committee following each Audit Committee meeting.

The Chair of the Committee has regular meetings with the head of internal audit as well as the external audit partner and manager without management being present to gain an independent understanding of the Bank's operations and the risks and challenges it faces.

The Chair of the Committee also has regular meetings with the head of finance, to discuss issues relating to the finance function of the Bank and to ensure the adequacy of the expertise, resources and experience of the Company's finance function. The Chair also has regular meetings with the other members of the management team.

The Committee has further discharged its responsibilities and provided assurance on the integrity of the 2023/24 annual report and financial statements.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE REPORT  
CONTINUED**Areas covered by the Audit Committee**

The significant matters addressed by the Committee during the financial year ended 31 March 2023, and in evaluating the annual report and financial statements, are described on the following pages.

**Key audit matters**

Key audit matters are those matters in the view of the Committee that:

- Required significant focus from the Committee
- Were considered to be significant or material in nature requiring exercise of judgement
- Matters which were otherwise considered to be subjective from an accounting or auditing perspective.

The following audit focus areas were deliberated by the Committee during the year:

Key audit matters	What the Audit Committee did
<p><b>Expected Credit Loss (ECL) assessment</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The appropriateness of the allowance for ECL is highly subjective and judgemental.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Challenged the level of ECL, model methodology and assumptions applied to calculate the ECL provisions held by the Bank.</li> <li>• Evaluated the impact of ECL on the interim results and year-end results</li> <li>• Reviewed and monitored the Bank's calculation of ECLs, trends in staging changes, model changes, scenario updates, post-model adjustments, Significant increase in Credit Risk, and volatility.</li> <li>• Reviewed and satisfied ourselves on staging of key exposures</li> <li>• Assessed ECL experienced against forecasts and considered whether the level of ECL was appropriate</li> <li>• Evaluated the IFRS 9 disclosures for relevance and compliance with IFRS</li> <li>• Assessed the appropriateness of the ECL provision raised by the Bank for large exposures in entities publicly perceived to be in financial distress</li> <li>• Reviewed the appropriateness of the ECL models and approved the forward-looking macro-economic scenarios applied</li> </ul>
<p><b>Fair Value of level 3 instruments and the resulting IFRS 13 Fair Value Measurement disclosures</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For level 3 instruments such as unlisted investments in private equity businesses, investment properties, fair value loans and large bespoke derivative structures, there is a large degree of subjectivity surrounding the inputs to the valuations and valuations methodology. With the lack of observable liquid market inputs, determining appropriate valuations continues to be highly judgemental.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Received presentations on the investments including an analysis of the key judgements and assumptions applied, valuation methodology applied and approved the valuation adjustments proposed by management for the year ended 31 March 2024</li> <li>• Challenged and debated the subjective exposures and assumptions including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– The valuation principles applied with the valuation of level 3 investments (unlisted and private equity investments) and fair value loans.</li> <li>– The appropriateness of the IFRS 13 disclosures regarding fair value</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>Going concern</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Considered reports on the Bank's budgets and forecasts, profitability, capital, liquidity and solvency, stress testing and the impact of legal proceedings, if any, on going concern</li> <li>• Considered the results of various stress testing analyses based on different economic scenarios, and the possible impact on the ability of the Bank to continue as a going concern</li> <li>• Recommended the approval of the going concern assumption underlying the annual financial statements to the Board for approval.</li> </ul>

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cyber security and controls  
impacting financial reporting**

- Received and reviewed reports in respect of IT security, cyber security, IT systems and controls impacting financial reporting
- Received regular reports from internal audit on the effectiveness of IT controls tested as part of the internal audit process
- Considered broader IT and Governance matters, including security, IT strategy and operations through the Audit Committee Chair's attendance of the DLC IT Risk and Governance Committee.
- Focused on IT and cyber security throughout the year. Since 2015, Investec has been using Targeted Attack Simulations (TAS) to understand our cyber risk exposure and adequacy of our security controls. Received a presentation on the results of the TAS
- Met with IT external auditors at an Investec Group level to discuss the results of the external audit of IT systems and controls

**External audit**

- Managed the relationship with the external auditors, PwC Mauritius
- Approved the external audit plan, audit fee and the main areas of focus
- Met with key members of PwC Mauritius. prior to every Audit Committee meeting to discuss the 2023/24 audit plan, key areas of focus, findings, scope and conclusions
- Discussed external audit feedback on the Bank's critical accounting estimates and judgements
- Assessed the independence and objectivity of the external auditors
- Received updates from the external auditors on the audit of the Annual Financial Statements (AFS) of the Bank including the Summary of Audit Differences for the year ended 31 March 2024. The Audit Committee ensured that it was comfortable that the level of unadjusted audit differences were within tolerable error for both actual and judgemental differences and that there was no bias towards over or understatement
- Noted the unqualified independent auditor's report in relation to the Bank.
- Monitored audit quality and audit partner accreditation as specified by the JSE. In line with the conditions set out in Section 94(8) of the Companies Act and based on its assessment using the criteria set out by the King IV Code and the JSE Listings Requirement, the IBM Audit Committee confirms its satisfaction with the performance and quality of external audit, the external auditors and lead partners.

**Mandatory audit firm rotation (MAFR)**

- Ensured a smooth transition of the external audit from KPMG to PwC.
- Ensured that there was sufficient and appropriate shadowing of the KPMG audit in the prior year to ensure a seamless and effective transition during which audit quality was maintained.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE REPORT  
CONTINUED**Other matters considered by the Committee**

The Committee considered the following matters during the financial year ended 31 March 2024:

<b>Other matters</b>	<b>What the Audit Committee did</b>
<b>Regulatory compliance and reporting</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Received regular reports from the regulatory compliance function and reviewed the adequacy of the scope and the effectiveness of the regulatory compliance processes applied. This included the evaluation of the quality of regulatory reporting, the completeness of the regulatory universe, approval of the monitoring plan, the adequacy of internal regulatory compliance systems and processes, and the consideration and remediation of any findings by the external auditors and regulators</li> <li>Requested specific updates or presentations from management on areas considered high risk or where exceptions had been identified</li> <li>Received regular updates from the compliance function in respect of Regulatory Interactions, Risk Ratings and High-Risk exposures, Conduct, Financial Crime, Compliance Monitoring, Training, Anti-Money Laundering (AML) and Combating of Financing of Terrorism (CFT) reviews conducted in respect of the Bank</li> </ul>
<b>Post balance sheet disclosures</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Considered potential post balance sheet disclosures that may require the financial statements to be adjusted or require additional disclosure.</li> </ul>
<b>Climate, nature and biodiversity and environmental, social and governance (ESG)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Considered the level of external assurance obtained on ESG reporting and disclosures at an Investec Group level.</li> <li>Considered the Task Force for Climate Related Disclosures (TCFD) reporting requirements.</li> <li>Reviewed the climate and nature related financial risk disclosures.</li> </ul>
<b>Uncertain tax and other legal matters</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Received regular updates on uncertain tax and legal matters to enable the Audit Committee to probe and consider the matters and evaluate the basis and appropriateness of the accounting treatment</li> <li>Analysed the judgements and estimates made and discussed the potential range of outcomes that might arise to determine the liability, if any, for uncertain tax positions as required by the International Financial Reporting Interpretations Committee (IFRIC) 23.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Internal controls</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The effectiveness of the overall control environment and the status of any material control issues with emphasis on the progress of specific remediation plans</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attended regular meetings of the IBM Risk Management Committee. Based on reports presented at those meetings, evaluated the impact of an evolving risk environment, including operational risk, on the internal control environment</li> <li>Evaluated and tracked the status of the most material control issues identified by internal and external audit and tracked the progress of the associated remediation plans against agreed time frames</li> <li>Evaluated reports on the internal control environment from the internal and external auditors with specific emphasis on culture and conduct elements in the internal audit reports. Noted internal audit reports and conclusions on internal controls, internal financial controls and the risk management framework for the year under review</li> <li>Reviewed and approved the combined assurance model, ensuring completeness of risks and adequacy and effectiveness of assurance coverage</li> <li>Evaluated reports on cyber security within the Bank and received a presentation on the outcome of the 2023/24 TAS</li> </ul>



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<p><b>Fair, balanced and understandable reporting</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Bank is required to assess and confirm that its external reporting is fair, balanced and understandable, and consider whether it provides the information necessary for stakeholders to assess the Bank's position and performance, business model and strategy.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Undertook an assessment on behalf of the Board, to provide the Board with assurance that it can make the statement</li> <li>Met with senior management to gain assurance that the processes underlying the compilation of the annual financial statements were appropriate</li> <li>Conducted an in-depth critical review of the annual financial statements and, where necessary, requested amendments to disclosure</li> <li>Reviewed the accounting treatment of key judgements and the quality of earnings assessment</li> <li>Assessed disclosure controls and procedures</li> <li>Confirmed that management had reported on and evidenced the basis on which representations to the external auditors were made</li> <li>Obtained input and assurance from the external auditors and considered the level of and conclusion on the summary of audit differences</li> <li>Took note of the areas highlighted to the Audit Committee by the JSE through its Pro-active Monitoring Process of the AFS of listed companies. Ensured these were appropriately considered in the AFS</li> <li>Concluded that the processes underlying the preparation of the annual report and financial statements for the financial year ended 31 March 2024 were appropriate in ensuring that those statements were fair, balanced and understandable</li> </ul>
<p><b>Combined assurance matrix</b></p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Confirmed our satisfaction with the appropriateness of the design and effectiveness of the combined assurance model applied which incorporates coverage and assurance by the various disciplines of Risk Management, Operational Risk, Legal, Regulatory Compliance, Internal Audit, External Audit and other assurance providers</li> <li>Confirmed our satisfaction with the levels of assurance and mitigants so that, taken as a whole, there is sufficient and appropriate assurance regarding mitigants for the key risks</li> <li>Reviewed the results of the Combined Assurance Matrix (CAM) coverage plan to assess the results of actual coverage and conclusions relative to planned coverage for the year. Concluded that the CAM formed an appropriate basis for assurance coverage and outcomes</li> <li>Reviewed the year-end conclusions from Internal Audit on internal controls, the risk management framework and internal financial controls based on their planned and actual audit coverage for the year</li> </ul>
<p><b>Finance function</b></p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Considered the financial reporting as prepared by Finance regarding the interim results for the period ended 30 September 2023 and final results for the 31 March 2024 year end</li> <li>Discussed and concluded that the finance functions were adequately skilled, resourced and experienced to perform the financial reporting for the Bank and that appropriate succession was in place for key roles</li> <li>Concluded that the head of finance had the appropriate expertise and experience to meet the responsibilities of the position.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Compliance with applicable accounting standards</b></p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reviewed the impact of any new standard and the relevant disclosures</li> <li>The Audit Committee chair discussed the key judgements and complex accounting treatments with both external audit and management.</li> <li>Reviewed and obtained confirmation from Finance that the recommendations in the JSE proactive monitoring report had been implemented in the preparation of the annual financial statements</li> <li>Concluded on the reasonableness of the significant accounting judgements.</li> </ul>

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CONTINUED**Related party disclosures**

- Considered and reviewed related party disclosures for the Bank
- The Board reviewed the related party transactions during the year and ensured compliance with the related party policies.

**Internal Audit**

- The performance of internal audit and delivery of the internal audit plan, including scope of work performed, independence, the level of resources, the risk assessment methodology and coverage of the internal audit plan.
- The Committee is responsible for assessing audit quality and the effectiveness of the Internal Audit function.

- Scrutinised and reviewed internal audit plans, risk assessments, methodology and staffing, and approved the annual plan
- Monitored delivery of the agreed audit plans, including assessing Internal Audit resources, Continued Professional Development (CPD), succession, core skills development and automation of audit processes
- Monitored and followed up internal audit control findings, including IT, and ensured appropriate mitigation and timeous close-out by management
- Tracked high and moderate risk findings, and monitored related remediation plans
- Met with internal audit prior to each Audit Committee meeting, without management being present, to discuss the remit of and reports of internal audit and any issues arising from the internal audits conducted
- Monitored audit quality in relation to internal audit. The methodology, process and skills were presented to the Investec Group Audit Committee to consider audit quality
- Discussed and considered the internal audit quality assurance programme.
- Confirmed our satisfaction with the performance of the internal audit function
- Reviewed the Bank's written assessment of the overall effectiveness of the organisation's governance, risk, and control framework, including an assessment of internal financial controls, the risk management framework, adherence to the risk appetite and the effectiveness of the overall assurance achieved relative to that planned for the year through the CAM.
- At an Investec Group Level, discussed and considered the quality assurance programme. The quality assurance programme is multi-faceted, and includes the attraction, development and retention of adequately skilled staff that exercise proficiency and due professional care, adherence to the Global internal audit governance framework and audit methodology, oversight and detailed review of every audit engagement and a quarterly post engagement quality assurance programme
- At an Investec Group level, held a closed session regarding internal audit where the capacity, appropriate skills, independence and quality of the internal audit function was assessed
- Assessed the effectiveness of the internal audit function and confirmed satisfaction with the performance of the internal audit function.

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The Committee has satisfied itself that the external auditors are independent, experienced in the audit of financial institutions and have the necessary resources to undertake such audits.

The Committee considers the reappointment of the external audit firm and the individual partner every year before making a recommendation to the Board and the shareholder. It assesses the independence and audit quality of the external auditors on an ongoing basis.

The Committee confirms its satisfaction with the performance and quality of external audit and the external auditor.

**Working with the external auditor**

The Committee meets the external auditor to review the scope of the external audit plan, budgets, the extent of non-audit services rendered and other audit-related matters. The external auditor is invited to attend meetings and has access to the Chair on an ongoing basis. Gilles Beesoo is the engagement partner from PwC responsible for the statutory audit.

The Committee also evaluates the effectiveness of the auditors, the audit partners, audit team and the audit approach during their presentation at Committee meetings and at ad hoc meetings held with the auditors throughout the year.

The following matters were covered during these discussions:

- Transparency reports and reviews by the firm covering its client base, client acceptance and continuance processes, and the approach to clients, if any, that did not meet the client continuance criteria
- Any reputational, legal or impending legal issues impacting the firm, including the implications of publicly observable information from regulatory investigations or the media
- The independence processes of the firm, including partner reward and remuneration criteria
- Interrogation of international and local firm audit quality control processes
- Detailed profiles of the partners, managers and technical support staff, including their relevant audit experience and specific Investec experience
- Details in relation to the firm's respective succession plans in order to provide assurance as to the partner rotation, transition and continuity process
- The results of the last firm-wide reviews carried out by the audit regulatory body
- The results of the latest individual partner quality reviews carried out by the audit regulator and internal firm-wide quality control reviews carried out in respect of the partner.

**Non-audit services**

The Bank may engage the firm responsible for its audit to provide any non-audit service. This may be done with the prior approval of the Committee which ensures that the non-audit work does not entail any conflict with the audit work. Furthermore, the firm's partner responsible for non-audit work should have no responsibility for the audit of the Bank.

During the year under review, there were no services other than the audit of the Bank provided by the external auditor.

**Looking ahead**

The role of the Committee will remain focused on:

- Ensuring the effective functioning of the Bank's financial systems, processes and controls, monitored by an effective combined assurance model
- Audit quality and independence
- Management's response in respect of future changes to IFRS legislation and other regulations impacting disclosure requirements
- The implications of ESG risk in measuring the sustainability and societal impact of an investment in a company or business together with ESG accounting disclosures and assurance processes
- Overseeing regulatory compliance and the compliance programme.

As I reached my nine year tenure in November 2023, I will be stepping down as Chair of the Audit Committees of Investec, including Investec Bank (Mauritius) Limited, at the August 2024 Investec AGM. I will thus be stepping down from the IBM Board on 23 August 2024.

The Nomination and Remuneration Committee will further embark on a process to appoint an additional member and the new chair of the Audit Committee.

I would like to thank PwC Mauritius audit team for their first year quality audit and KPMG Mauritius team for the quality audit for the previous years.

I thank the various control functions I have worked with over the years, including Finance, Compliance, Risk, Internal and External Audit for their commitment in improving the control environment and for the support to me in fulfilling my responsibilities as Audit Committee Chair.


**Zarina BM Bassa**

Chair, Audit Committee

**CORPORATE GOVERNANCE REPORT**  
CONTINUED**3. Nomination and Remuneration Committee**

The Nomination and Remuneration Committee (NARC) comprises three members who are all non-executive directors including one who is an independent director. The CEO and the head of Group Human Resources are invitees to this committee. The NARC reviews the salaries and bonuses of senior employees and senior management based on key performance indicators.

The NARC operates within the following mandate:

- Recommend to the Board candidates for Board positions, including the chair of the Board and chairs of the Board committees
- Recommend criteria for the selection of Board members and criteria for the evaluation of their performance
- Recommend for approval of the Board the remuneration and compensation package for directors, senior managers, and other key personnel, considering the soundness of risk-taking and risk outcomes as well as any relevant information available on industry norms
- Recommend to the Board incentive packages, as necessary, to enhance staff performance, while ensuring that incentives embedded within remuneration structures do not incentivise staff to take excessive risk
- Recommend nominees for Board committees
- Comment on the contribution of individual directors to the achievement of corporate objectives as well as on the regularity of their attendance at the Board and committee meetings
- Consider and ensure an appropriate plan is in place for both executive and non-executive succession
- Review succession for key leadership positions.

The Committee met once during the financial year.

**4. Corporate Governance Committee**

The Corporate Governance Committee comprises three members, with the Chair being an independent non-executive director. The other two members are non-executive directors, one of which is also an independent non-executive director on the parent company's Board.

The role of the Corporate Governance Committee is to ensure that the reporting requirements with regard to corporate governance, whether in this annual report or on an ongoing basis, are in accordance with the principles of the applicable regulatory requirements and the applicable code of corporate governance.

The Corporate Governance Committee carries out the following activities:

- Advises the Board on all aspects of corporate governance and recommends the adoption of best practices as appropriate
- Determines, agrees and develops the Bank's general policy on corporate governance in accordance with the Code of Corporate Governance for Mauritius and the BOM Guideline
- Approves the corporate governance report to be published in the Bank's annual report
- Ensures that all reporting requirements and disclosures made in the annual report are in compliance with the disclosure provisions in the Code of Corporate Governance, the BOM Guidelines and the King IV Report.

The Committee met once during the financial year.

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### 5. Risk Management Committee

The Risk Management Committee comprises three members. The Chair of the Committee is an independent non-executive director and the other two members are the Chair of the Board and the CEO.

The objectives of the Committee are to:

- Advise the Board on the Bank's overall current and future risk appetite
- Oversee senior management's implementation of the risk appetite framework
- Report on the risk culture in the Bank.

In addition, the Committee considers whether the remit and resources of the Bank's risk management function are adequate, independent, and free from restrictions which may impair its effectiveness.

The primary role of the Audit Committee is to provide assurance to the Board that appropriate material controls are in place to mitigate risks. The Audit Committee relies on the output of the Risk Management Committee to provide assurance through the Combined Assurance Matrix as regards principal risk management.

At each Board meeting, the Chair of the Risk Management Committee provides feedback on the key matters discussed at the Committee meetings with a focus on significant risks.

Four Risk Management Committee meetings were held during the financial year.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE REPORT  
CONTINUED**Board and Board Committees attendance**

The Board met four times during the financial year.

The Chair is responsible for setting the agenda for each meeting in consultation with the CEO and the Company Secretary. Comprehensive information packs on matters to be considered by the Board are provided to the directors at least a week prior to the meetings.

There were also 29 written resolutions which were considered and adopted via round-robin by the Board during the financial year.

Details of the attendance at the Board and Board Committee meetings held during the financial year are shown in the table below:

**Meetings attendance**

<b>Directors</b>	Board	Audit Committee	Board Sub-Committee *	Nomination and Remuneration Committee	Corporate Governance Committee	Risk Management Committee
Lourens F Janse van Rensburg	4/4	^4/4		1/1	1/1	4/4
Grant M Parsons	4/4	^4/4				4/4
Zarina Bibi Mahomed Bassa	4/4	4/4		1/1	1/1	^4/4
Ramdeo (Dev) Erriah	3/4	3/4			1/1	^3/4
Kailash Sharma Ramnauth	4/4	4/4		1/1		4/4

\* Resolutions taken by the Committee were via emails/round robin

^ as invitee

Meeting packs are sent out in advance and any questions from a member can be sent to the Chair in advance of the meeting

**Principle 3: Director appointment procedures****Director appointments as per the constitution of the company****Appointment by notice**

The directors shall be the persons appointed from time to time as directors by a notice in writing signed by the holders of the majority of the ordinary shares and who have not resigned or been removed or disqualified from office under the constitution of the Bank.

A director shall hold office until his/her resignation, disqualification or removal in accordance with the constitution.

**Appointment by resolution**

A person may be appointed as a director of the Bank by an ordinary resolution passed in a meeting of the shareholder.

A resolution to appoint two or more directors may be voted on as one resolution without each appointment being voted on individually.

**Appointment to fill casual vacancy**

The Board of Directors of the Bank shall have the power, at any time and from time to time, to appoint any person to be a director, either to fill a casual vacancy or as an addition to the existing directors so that the total number of directors shall not at any time exceed the number fixed in accordance with the constitution.

A director holds office until the following annual meeting and is eligible for re-election. Each director is re-elected by a separate resolution.

**Nomination and appointment process**

- The responsibility of the NARC is to identify suitable candidates based on the requirements of the position and the skills and expertise required, and to assess whether the potential candidates are fit and proper and are not disqualified from being directors
- The NARC carries out interviews of the potential candidates before short-listing those candidates who best meet the required criteria
- The NARC then proposes the short-listed candidates with brief biographical details to the Board for review and approval
- Once the Board has reviewed and is satisfied with the profile of the candidates, the Board then shall:
  - Either appoint a director to fill a casual vacancy or as an addition to the existing directors until the next annual meeting of the shareholder; or
  - Shall propose the election of the potential candidate(s) by way of an ordinary resolution(s) in a special meeting of the shareholder with notice duly sent to the sole shareholder.
- Reappointment of a director at the end of his/her mandate shall be based on the recommendation of the NARC and subject to approval from the Board of Directors and to election by the shareholder in the annual meeting of shareholder
- A letter of appointment stipulating the terms and conditions of the engagement is remitted to the new directors
- A notice of appointment of a new director is delivered to the Registrar of Companies within 28 days of the appointment. Notices are also given to other relevant authorities
- The new director undergoes an induction and orientation process which enables him/her to integrate into the organisation and make the maximum contribution as quickly as possible.

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Biographies of the directors are outlined below, including their relevant skills and experience, and other principal appointments.

## Lourens F Janse van Rensburg

Non-Executive Director

**Age**  
52

**Qualifications**  
BAcc, BCom (Hons), CA (SA)

**Date of appointment**  
1 October 2021

### Relevant skills and experience

Lourens is Head of Investec Corporate and Institutional Banking (ICIB) SA. He is part of a team that focuses on specialised lending, structured products and treasury activities for corporates, intermediaries and institutions. The team builds trusted, long-term relationships and provides holistic, forward-looking views to identify ways to help clients achieve their business goals.

Lourens joined Gensec Bank (now Sanlam Capital Markets) in 1998 until 2001 after completing his articles with Coopers and Lybrand (now PwC). He performed various functions including financial control for the equity derivatives team, risk management for the Interest Rate Derivative desk, and setting up the Investments Product business.

His journey at Investec began when he joined the financial products team in ICIB (formerly capital markets) in 2001, where he worked on interest rate structuring, preference share funding and investment products. Lourens was appointed head of the Financial Products (FP) team in 2010, and in 2012 he assumed responsibility for the Treasury Sales and Structuring area (TSS). TSS structures and sells foreign exchange, interest rate derivatives, commodity and money market products to the corporate, institutional, retail and interbank Investec client base.

### Other principal appointments

Lourens is a director of AEL Investment Holdings (Pty) Ltd, Investec Life Ltd and Que Dee Trading 122 (Pty) Ltd

### Committees

Lourens is the Chair of the Board, the Board Sub-Committee and the Nomination and Remuneration Committee. He is a member of the Corporate Governance Committee and Risk Management Committee of the Bank. He is also an invitee to the Audit Committee of the Bank.

## Zarina BM Bassa

Non-Executive Director

**Age**  
60

**Qualifications**  
BAcc, DipAcc, CA(SA)

**Date of appointment**  
21 February 2019

### Relevant skills and experience

Zarina's previous appointments include partner of Ernst & Young, Executive Director of Absa Bank and head of Absa Private Bank, Chair of the South African Public Accountants' and Auditors' Board and the South African Auditing Standards Board. She has also been a member of the Accounting Standards Board, and a Non-Executive Director of the Financial Services Board, the South African Institute of Chartered Accountants, Kumba Iron Ore Limited, Sun International Limited, Mercedes South Africa, Vodacom South Africa Proprietary Limited, Woolworths Holdings Limited, Oceana Group Limited, Mediclinic International plc and Chair of YeboYethu Limited. This background affords significant audit and risk, financial, leadership, banking and regulatory reporting experience.

### Other principal appointments

Zarina is a director of the JSE Limited. She also serves on various Investec entities including Investec Bank Limited, Investec Limited, Investec plc, Investec Bank plc, Investec Wealth & Investment International (Pty)Ltd, Investec Investment Management (Pty)Ltd, Investec Investment Platform (Pty)Ltd and Investec Life Limited.

### Committees

Zarina is the Chair of the Audit Committee and a member of the Nomination and Remuneration Committee and the Corporate Governance Committee of the Bank. She is also an invitee to the Risk Management Committee of the Bank.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE REPORT  
CONTINUED**Ramdeo (Dev) Erriah**

Lead/senior Independent Non-Executive Director

**Age**  
65**Qualifications**

LLB, LLM, TEP, barrister-at-law (Gray's Inn)

**Date of appointment**

21 February 2019

**Relevant skills and experience**

Ramdeo (Dev) Erriah, barrister-at-law (Gray's Inn), head of Erriah Chambers, graduated in the UK and holds LLB, LLM, TEP in International Tax Law, Company Law, Law of International Finance and International Trusts Law degrees from the prestigious University of London. He was the first chairman of STEP Mauritius (Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners). He is also a member of the International Bar Association and forms part of Committees N (TAX) and E (Banking). Dev specialises in all aspect of offshore business laws namely mergers and acquisition finance/banking, investment management, lease and transportation finance, private equity and venture capital, structured finance, aircraft finance and leasing; project finance, securities, capital markets practices, regulatory compliance, antitrust and competition, corporate law and corporate governance, setting up of offshore companies, offshore fund and Collective Investment Scheme, international banking and privatisation, International tax and trust structuring, implementation of international transactions, negotiation, drafting of transaction documents and review of all legal documentation inclusive of trusts deeds, corporate constitutive documents, credit facility documents etc, International Arbitration and Cross-Border litigation, International litigation such as international bankruptcy, enforcement of international creditor's claim, money laundering Mauritius and at international level. As regards banking, he has been advising banks locally and internationally for the last 24 years

**Other principal appointments**

Dev is a director of Tropical Ocean Corporate & Secretarial Services Ltd and SavSam Property Holding Ltd, Santam Structured Reinsurance Limited PCC and Santam Structured Insurance Limited PCC.

**Committees**

Dev is the Chair of the Corporate Governance Committee and a member of the Audit Committee. He is also an invitee to the Risk Management Committee of the Bank.

**Grant M Parsons**

Executive Director/Chief Executive Officer

**Age**  
54**Qualifications**

Diploma in Accounting, BCom, CA(SA)

**Date of appointment**

1 January 2021

**Relevant skills and experience**

Grant has 29 years' experience in the financial services industry, 25 of which have been in banking. He has been in a client coverage role for 13 of these years, having also spent time in leverage finance, private equity and as the finance director of BoE Life Assurance. Grant joined Investec Bank Limited in November 2013 having worked at Standard Bank for 10 years before that. Prior to joining Investec Bank Mauritius, Grant headed up the corporate coverage team within Investec's Corporate & Institutional Banking ("ICIB") division. He grew up and qualified as a chartered accountant in KwaZulu Natal, South Africa and completed his articles at Deloitte & Touche.

**Other principal appointments**

Grant is a director of Investec Wealth & Investment (Mauritius) Limited, Mauritius Bankers Association Ltd, Dolphin Coast Marina Estate Ltd and La Balise Gym and Spa Ltd.

**Committees**

Grant is a member of the Board Sub-Committee and the Risk Management Committee of the Bank. He is also an invitee to the Audit Committee of the Bank.



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## Kailash Sharma Ramnauth

Independent Non-Executive Director

**Age**

61

**Qualifications**

FCMA, MBA

**Date of appointment**

1 April 2022

**Relevant skills and experience**

Kailash is a seasoned financial sector and advisory-focused professional with expertise in corporate finance, governance and economic policy dialogue for public/private sector partnerships. Kailash has more than 22 years of hands-on experience in transactional investments and business advisory activities. He is also a private equity practitioner, with involvement in corporate fund raisings and both project and structured finance transactions.

**Other principal appointments**

Kailash is an independent non-executive director and audit committee Chair of Scott and Co Ltd and its subsidiary, Scott Health Ltd. Kailash is an independent non-executive director of Arisaig India Fund Limited and an independent Chair of the Board of Friday Capital Flagship Fund. Kailash is also a director of MCCI Business School Ltd.

**Committees**

Kailash is the Chair of the Risk Management Committee. He is a member of the Audit Committee, the Nomination and Remuneration Committee and the Board Sub-Committee of the Bank.

## Prithiviraj Jeewoath

Company Secretary

Prithiviraj Jeewoath, FCCA is the Company Secretary of Investec Bank (Mauritius) Limited. Prithiviraj is a professional qualified accountant and has experience gained over 22 years. The company secretary is evaluated by Board members during the annual Board evaluation process.

The company secretary is responsible for the flow of information to the Board and its committees and for ensuring compliance with Board procedures. All directors have access to the advice and services of the company secretary, whose appointment and removal are a Board matter.

The Board has considered and is satisfied that the company secretary is competent, and has the relevant qualifications and experience and maintains an arm's-length relationship with the Board. In evaluating these qualities, the Board has considered the prescribed role and duties pursuant to the requirements codified in the Companies Act and the listings and governance requirements as applicable.

Directors of Investec Wealth and Investment (Mauritius) Limited, a subsidiary of the Bank

- 1 Pierre Arthur de Chasteigner du Mee
- 2 Henry Errol Blumenthal
- 3 Mathieu Erwan Sylvain Leheilleix
- 4 Bernadette Marie Ghenne
- 5 Grant M Parsons

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE REPORT  
CONTINUED**Principle 4: Directors' duties,  
remuneration and performance****Legal duties**

The directors of the Bank are aware of their legal duties and are required to act in good faith and in the best interests of the company. They must accordingly:

- Exercise their powers in accordance with the Companies Act and the company's constitution.
- Obtain the authorisation of the shareholder before doing any act for which such authorisation is required.
- Exercise their powers honestly, in good faith and in the best interests of the company.
- Exercise the degree of care, diligence and skill that a reasonably prudent person would exercise in comparable circumstances.
- Account to the company for any monetary gain obtained in their capacity as directors.
- Unless authorised by the company, not make use of or disclose any confidential information acquired by way of their position as directors of the company, or compete with the company.
- Disclose to the Board any transactions involving self-interest unless the transactions are in the ordinary course of business and on usual terms and conditions.
- Not use any assets of the company for any illegal purpose.
- Transfer immediately to the company all cash or assets acquired on its behalf.
- Attend meetings of the directors of the company.
- Keep proper accounting records and make such records available for inspection.
- at all times act in a manner which is not oppressive, unfairly discriminatory or unfairly prejudicial to shareholders.

A director shall, after becoming aware of the fact that he/she is interested in a transaction with the company, disclose to the Board of the Company the nature and monetary value of that interest, or where the monetary value of the director's interest cannot be quantified, the nature and extent of that interest, unless the transaction is in the ordinary course of business and on usual terms and conditions. The director must be recused from the company's consideration and decision on whether to approve the transaction.

**Skills, knowledge, experience and attributes of directors**

The Board considers that the skills, knowledge, experience and attributes of the directors as a whole are appropriate for their responsibilities and the Bank's activities. The directors bring a range of skills to the Board including:

International business and operational experience

- Understanding of the economics of the sectors in which we operate
- Knowledge of the regulatory environments in which we operate
- Financial, accounting, legal and banking experience and knowledge

The skills and experience profile of the Board and its committees are regularly reviewed to ensure an appropriate and

relevant composition from a governance, succession and effectiveness perspective.

**Board and Board Committees' effectiveness review**

The Board's performance is evaluated annually and covers areas of the Board's processes and responsibilities according to leading practice. The Board committees are evaluated every two years. The performance evaluation process takes place formally, through personal observations and discussions, and/or in the form of evaluation questionnaires. The results are considered and discussed by the Board. The Chair meets with directors to discuss the results of the formal and informal evaluations and, in particular, to seek comments on strengths and developmental areas of the members, the Chair and the Board as a whole.

Performance evaluations of the Board as well as training and development of directors are matters that are often raised at the Board.

The 2023 evaluation of the Board and Board committees and individual directors was externally facilitated, as recommended by the Code.

Further to a selection process of potential providers, The Board Practice BV, an independent Board and Leadership Advisory Services provider from The Netherlands was chosen to facilitate the review.

A key theme for the review, was how the current governance framework was working

The Key components of the Board effectiveness review were

- Part 1 Strategic Focus & priorities and overall effectiveness
- Part 2 Core Governance
- Part 3 Board Dynamics
- Part 4 Board Agility
- Part 5 Committee effectiveness
- Part 6 Chairman effectiveness
- Part 7 Company Secretary evaluation

Below, are outlined the various stages of the review.

Stage 1 The Board Practice BV held in-depth one-on-one meetings with each of the directors and the company secretary.

Stage 2 The Board Practice BV prepared a quantitative survey in which directors provided feedback on the key competencies and the overall performance of the Board. This was followed by the one on one interviews with directors.

Stage 3 The Board Practice BV reviewed and analysed Board and Board committees materials, including papers and terms of reference

Stage 4 Drawing upon best practice within the sector and their understanding and insight of stakeholders expectations, The Board Practice BV determined their key findings and recommendations.

The Final report was presented to the Board in August 2023.

A thorough review and discussion took place with actions agreed for implementation and monitoring.

The review identified that the Board and the individual directors were performing effectively.

The Board committees were also reviewed and were considered to function well in terms of their effectiveness, decision-making and the rigorous manner in which they addressed any issues brought to their attention.

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From a development perspective, the review highlighted certain areas of focus namely discussion on the future of the bank at highest level and succession and talent management that would further improve the effectiveness of the Board and the Board committees.

These were considered by the Board and an appropriate action plan agreed and is being implemented.

### Ongoing training and development

Board members receive formal presentations on financial, statutory, regulatory and governance matters as well as on the business and support functions. The company secretary liaises with directors to source relevant seminars and conferences which directors could attend, funded by Investec.

Individual training and development needs are discussed with each Board member and any requests for training are communicated to the company secretary for implementation. Directors are encouraged to request specific training that is of interest in fulfilment of their duties as directors.

During the period under review, one training session for directors was organised.

### Directors' interests and dealings in shares

All the shares of the Bank are owned by its sole shareholder namely, Investec Bank Limited.

### Directors' emoluments

	31 March 2024	31 March 2023
Bank	USD	USD
Executive	621 036	540 036
Non-executive	42 000	40 793
<b>Total</b>	<b>663 036</b>	<b>580 829</b>
Grant Parsons	621 036	540 036
Pierre De Chasteigner du Mee	—	4 514
Ramdeo Erriah	18 500	18 529
Kailash Sharma Ramnauth	23 500	17 750
<b>Total</b>	<b>663 036</b>	<b>580 829</b>
<b>Subsidiary</b>		
Executive	347 014	339 670
Non-executive	1 000	500
<b>Total</b>	<b>348 014</b>	<b>340 170</b>
Mathieu Leheilleix	347 014	339 670
Pierre De Chasteigner du Mee	1 000	500
<b>Total</b>	<b>348 014</b>	<b>340 170</b>

Emoluments paid to Zarina BM Bassa are disclosed in the Investec Group Remuneration Report.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE REPORT  
CONTINUED**Directors' service contracts and terms of employment**

The chief executive officer, who is the only executive director of the Bank, has a permanent contract of employment, terminable by either party giving the required written notice to the other.

As the chief executive officer is an expatriate, his employment with the Bank is subject to both Bank of Mauritius and Economic Development Board approvals.

The chief executive officer is entitled to receive a basic salary and is also eligible for an annual bonus and participation in the Investec Group share incentive scheme, the amount of which is determined at the discretion of the NARC.

The non-executive directors do not have service contracts, but have letters of appointment confirming the terms and conditions of their service. The non-executive directors have not received any remuneration in the form of share options or bonuses associated with the Bank's performance. Unless the non-executive directors resign earlier or are removed from their positions, they will remain as directors until the close of the next annual general meeting.

**Directors' and officers' liability insurance**

The Bank arranges for the appropriate insurance cover in respect of any legal action that could be initiated against its directors and officers.

**Related party transactions policy**

→ Refer to the section on related party transactions, policies and practices on page 24 and note 41 of the annual report.

**Conflicts of interest**

Directors must, as far as possible, avoid conflicts and where a conflict or potential conflict arises, the same must be disclosed and all procedures for dealing with such cases must be strictly adhered to. Directors who are conflicted regarding a particular issue should not participate in the related discussions and decision-making.

A conflict of interest may occur when:

- A director's personal interest is adverse to or may seem to be adverse to the interests of the company;
- A director, or a member of his or her immediate family, receives improper personal benefits as a result of his/her position in the company.

Some of the common conflicts directors should avoid are listed below:

- Personal benefits received from a person/company seeking to do business with or to retain the services of the company.
- Gifts which are not customary in normal business relationships should not be accepted nor given to any person/company seeking to do business with or to retain the services of the company.
- Engaging in any outside business, professional or other activities that would directly or indirectly adversely affect the company.

Personal financial interests should be declared to the Company Secretary and any material changes should be proactively reported to the Company Secretary. The Company Secretary co-ordinates and maintains records of declaration of directors' interests. The records are available upon written request to the Company Secretary.

The Bank has implemented a conflicts of interest policy to adequately manage and mitigate conflicts of interest. A copy of the policy is published on the Bank's website.

No instance of conflict of interest was noted during the financial year.

**Management and succession planning**

Business unit heads are appointed by executive management and endorsed by the Board, based on the skills and experience deemed necessary to perform the required function. Matters of succession are considered regularly. Decision-making is spread to encourage and develop an experienced pool of talent.

**Executive management**

The Board has delegated the day-to-day running of the business and affairs of the Bank to its executive management.

The executive management team of the Bank is made up of the chief executive officer and chief operating officer.

Below is the profile of the management team:

**Grant M Parsons – Chief Executive Officer**

Refer to Page 78 for his biography.

**Lara Ann Vaudin – Chief Operating Officer**

Lara Ann Vaudin qualified as an attorney-at-law in Johannesburg, South Africa in 1996. She holds a BA LLB from the University of the Witwatersrand and an LLM (corporate law) from the University of South Africa. She joined the Bank in 2004 as the Bank's legal adviser and is currently the Chief Operating Officer of the Bank.

**Human resources and remuneration policy**

The Bank's philosophy is to employ high-calibre individuals who are characterised by integrity and innovation, and who adhere and subscribe to its culture, values and philosophies. The Bank promotes entrepreneurship by providing a working environment which stimulates extraordinary performance.

The Bank rewards its employees for their contribution through payment of a competitive annual package, a variable performance bonus and ownership in the form of share incentive scheme participation in Investec Limited. Other factors are also considered important, such as the organisation's core values, work content and management style in the attraction, retention and motivation of employees.

**Information, information technology and information security policies**

The Bank is dedicated to implementing strategic roadmaps that leverage new technologies to enhance capacity, scalability, security, resilience, and robustness while reducing reliance on legacy IT systems. We prioritize future-proofing IT development and implementation to support innovation and ensure efficient and timely delivery. Our focus on driving automation aims to minimize human error and maximize operational efficiency.

We are committed to aligning IT architecture and standards across the Bank to reduce technical complexity and capitalize on common functions and services. Proactive monitoring of the IT environment is continuously enhanced to ensure ongoing effectiveness and performance. Additionally, we maintain and regularly test IT resilience capabilities to withstand failures and minimize service disruptions.

Investec's overarching vision is to consistently deliver efficient and effective information technology that enables seamless business operations and excellent client service, all while

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managing acceptable risks. To achieve this, we continue to invest in our digital and technology platforms to remain competitive and fulfil our high-touch, high-tech value proposition for both corporate and private clients.

As part of our comprehensive approach to IT governance, the Bank's Board and committees ensure the timely identification and addressing of all IT risks through robust risk management, monitoring, and assurance processes. The Board oversees technology governance within the Bank, ensuring that our information technology initiatives yield business benefits and create value.

The Bank monitors and evaluates significant expenditures on information technology via a budget process and all expenses are monitored against budget.

To support effective IT governance, the Bank has adopted a set of Investec Group information technology policies. These policies undergo annual reviews and receive approval from the Board. They are readily accessible to all employees through our intranet, facilitating consultation and promoting compliance throughout the organization.

Furthermore, information security is a critical component of our IT strategy. We prioritize the protection of sensitive data, confidential information, and the privacy of our clients. We have implemented robust security measures, including advanced threat detection, data encryption, access controls, and ongoing security awareness training for our employees. These measures are regularly reviewed and updated to address emerging threats and ensure the highest level of information security across our operations. The right of access to information is restricted via Identity Now (IDN).

### Principle 5: Risk governance and internal control

The Board is responsible for the governance of risk and for determining the nature and extent of the principal risks that the Bank is willing to take in achieving its strategic objectives. The Board, through its various committees, has developed and implemented appropriate frameworks and effective processes for the sound management of risks.

#### Risk management

Managing risk remains integral to generating sustainable shareholder and stakeholder value.



Refer to pages 20 to 63 of section 2 of the annual report for an overview of the key risks and controls.

Furthermore, the Board is of the opinion that the Bank's risk management processes and systems of internal control are robust and effective.

#### Internal controls

Internal control is the process designed and implemented by the management of the Bank and approved by the Board to ensure the following:

- The effectiveness and efficiency of its operations
- That instructions and directional guidelines fixed by management are adhered to
- Applicable laws and regulations are complied with
- Appropriate controls are in place to safeguard its assets
- Financial information is complete and reliable.

Risks and controls are reviewed and monitored regularly for relevance and effectiveness. The Bank's Audit Committee and

the Risk Management Committee assist the Board in this regard. The Board recognises its responsibility for the overall risk and control framework and for reviewing its effectiveness.

Internal control is designed to prevent, detect and mitigate, not eliminate, significant risks faced by the Bank. It is recognised that such a system provides reasonable, but not absolute, assurance against material error, omission, misstatement or loss. This is achieved through a combination of risk identification, evaluation and monitoring processes, appropriate decision and oversight forums, and assurance and control functions such as risk management, internal audit and compliance. These ongoing processes were in place throughout the year under review and until the date of approval of the annual report and accounts.

Internal audit reports control recommendations to senior management and the Audit Committee. Appropriate processes ensure that timely corrective action is taken on matters raised by internal audit.

Internal governance and control systems are adequate and effective which cover all significant areas.

#### Internal financial controls

Internal financial controls are based on established policies and procedures. Management is responsible for implementing internal financial controls, ensuring that personnel are suitably qualified, that appropriate segregation exists between duties, and that there is suitable independent review. These areas are monitored by the Board through the Audit Committee and are independently assessed by internal audit, compliance and external audit.

Processes are in place to monitor internal control effectiveness, to identify and report material breakdowns and to ensure that timely and appropriate corrective action is taken.

#### Compliance

Compliance risk is the risk that the Bank fails to comply with all significant statutes, regulations, supervisory requirements and industry codes of conduct which apply to the Bank's business.

The Bank seeks to adhere to the highest standard of compliance best practice. In keeping with its core values, the Bank also endeavours to comply with the highest professional standards of integrity and behaviour which build trust.

The compliance function ensures that the Bank complies with existing and emerging regulations impacting on its operations.

The Bank recognises its responsibility to conduct business in accordance with the laws and regulations of the country and areas in which it operates. The compliance function is led by the compliance officer of the Bank and supported by the Investec Bank Limited Compliance officer.

The Bank is subject to extensive supervisory and regulatory governance. Significant business developments in any of its operations must be approved by both the Bank of Mauritius and the South African Reserve Bank.

The Bank's head of compliance reports to the chief executive officer, as well as to the Investec Bank Limited head of compliance and the Audit Committee. The Bank's head of compliance provides regular training to ensure that all employees are familiar with their regulatory obligations; provides advice on regulatory issues; and works closely with business and operational units to ensure consistent management of compliance risk.

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CONTINUED**Whistle-blowing policy**

One of Investec's values requires employees to "conduct all internal and external dealings with integrity, consistently and uncompromisingly displaying moral strength and behaviour which promotes trust". Integrity is critical to our reputation and sustainability.

The Bank has adopted Investec's Group whistle-blowing policy which forms part of its Financial Crime policy. The purpose of the policy is to encourage employees to raise concerns about workplace malpractice without fear of victimisation or reprisal.

The policy sets out clear procedures and guidance for employees to follow with regard to whistle-blowing.

**Principle 6: Reporting with integrity**

The Board is responsible for the preparation of annual financial statements that fairly present the state of affairs of the Bank and the results of its operations and that comply with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS), International Accounting Standards (IAS), the Companies Act, the Banking Act, the Financial Reporting Act and the guidelines issued by the Bank of Mauritius. The Board is also responsible for selecting appropriate accounting policies based on reasonable and prudent judgements.

**Our culture, values and philosophy**

→ Refer to page 6 of the annual report for our culture, values and philosophy.

Investec Bank (Mauritius) Limited is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Investec Bank Limited, which is wholly-owned by Investec Limited, a listed company on the Johannesburg Stock Exchange.

**Corporate social responsibility**

→ Please refer to the sustainability report on page 86.

**Dividend policy**

Dividend payments are subject to approval from the Bank of Mauritius after having satisfied the solvency test required under section 61(2) of the Companies Act 2001 of Mauritius and the requirements of the BOM Guideline on Payment of Dividend.

Dividend paid 2024 US\$ 25 million (2023 and 2022:US\$nil)

**Donations**

Any donations provided by the Bank are made as part of the Bank's corporate social and business responsibility.

→ Please refer to the sustainability report on page 86 of the annual report for more details on donations.

No political donations or donations to any related parties were made either by the Bank or its subsidiary.

**Financial reporting and going concern**

The directors are required to confirm that they are satisfied that the Bank has adequate resources to continue in business for the foreseeable future. The assumptions underlying the going concern statement are discussed at the time of the approval of the annual financial statements. The Board also considers reports on the Bank's budgets and forecasts, profitability, capital, liquidity and the impact of legal proceedings, if any, in assessing the going concern concept.

In addition, the directors are responsible for monitoring and reviewing the preparation, integrity and reliability of the Bank's financial statements, accounting policies and the information contained in the annual report. The Bank's financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis. The Board is of the opinion, based on its knowledge of the Bank, key processes in operation and specific enquiries, that there are adequate resources to support the Bank as a going concern for the foreseeable future.

**Annual report**

The annual report is published in full on the Bank's website and copies of the annual report are also available on request.

→ A comprehensive report on risk management is presented under section 2 – management discussion and analysis, and is set on pages 16 to 63 of the annual report. The financial statements are set out on pages 102 to 181 in section 3 of the annual report.

**Principle 7: Audit****Directors' responsibilities**

The directors are responsible for the preparation of financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards and in compliance with the requirements of the Mauritius Companies Act, the Banking Act and the Financial Reporting Act, and for such internal controls as the directors determine are necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the directors are responsible for assessing the Bank's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting.

**External audit**

KPMG acted as statutory auditors of the Bank since the 2018 financial year. As per section 39 of the Banking Act 2004, the Bank is required to rotate its statutory auditors after five years of tenure. The Bank appointed PwC Mauritius as its new external auditors for the financial year ending 31 March 2024.

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The independence of the external auditors is reviewed by the Audit Committee each year. The Audit Committee meets with the external auditors to review the scope of the external audit, budgets, the extent of non-audit services rendered and all other audit-related matters.

The external auditors are invited to attend Audit Committee meetings and have access to the chair of the Audit Committee.

Auditors' Fees	Bank		Subsidiary	
	31 March 2024 USD	31 March 2023 USD	31 March 2024 USD	31 March 2023 USD
Audit fee	203 150	210 980	5 250	5 250
Other services	—	—	—	—
<b>Total</b>	<b>203 150</b>	<b>210 980</b>	<b>5 250</b>	<b>5 250</b>

**Internal audit (IA)**

Internal audit is part of a Group-wide function with a dedicated head for the Bank's internal audit. The function is tasked with providing the Board with an independent and objective opinion on the Bank's control environment in relation to the risks it faces. Internal audit recommends enhancements to risk management, control and governance processes where weaknesses are identified.

The dedicated IBM head of internal audit reports at each Audit Committee meeting and has a direct reporting line to the chair of the Audit Committee.

He/she operates independently of executive management and has unrestricted access to the chair of the Board, chairs of the Board committees and the chief executive officer. He/she also has unrestricted access to all information, functions, records, systems and employees of the Bank.

Annually, Group internal audit conducts a formal risk assessment of the Bank's business from which a comprehensive risk-based annual audit plan is derived.

The assessment and programme are validated by executive management and approved by the Audit Committee.

**Regulation and supervision**

The Bank is subject to regulation by the Bank of Mauritius as well as the South African Reserve Bank. It seeks to achieve open and active dialogue with its regulators and supervisors in order to comply with the various regulatory and supervisory requirements. The Bank reports to regulators and supervisory bodies regularly and is subject to an annual on-site inspection.

**Principle 8: Relations with shareholder and other key stakeholders****Shareholding structure**

Investec Bank (Mauritius) Limited is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Investec Bank Limited, which is 100% owned by Investec Limited, a company listed on the Johannesburg Stock Exchange (JSE).

**Communication and stakeholder engagement**

Building trust and credibility among stakeholders is vital for a successful business.

The Board recognises that effective communication is integral in building stakeholder value and is committed to providing meaningful, transparent, timely and accurate financial and non-financial information to the primary stakeholders. The purpose is to help these stakeholders make meaningful assessments and informed investment decisions.

**Statement of compliance**

(Section 75(3) of the Financial Reporting Act 2004)

**The Code of Corporate Governance**

We, the directors of Investec Bank (Mauritius) Limited, hereby confirm that to the best of our knowledge the Bank has complied with all of its obligations and requirements under the National Code of Corporate Governance of Mauritius.

**Lourens F Janse van Rensburg**

Chair, Board of Directors

**Ramdeo (Dev) Erriah**

Chair, Corporate Governance Committee  
27 June 2024

## SUSTAINABILITY

### Corporate social investment

Investec Bank (Mauritius) Limited ("the Bank") believes in making a positive contribution to society and the environment in which it operates. Our corporate social investment (CSI) strategy focusses on projects and initiatives in the following areas:

- Education
- Community
- Environment
- Philanthropic donations

Corporate social responsibility (CSR) was legislated by the government of Mauritius in July 2009. In terms of the legislation, all Mauritian companies need to allocate 2% of their Segment A chargeable income to CSR-approved NGOs or projects. The Bank will remit 75% of its CSR funds to the Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA), in accordance with the Income Tax Act. Segment B profit pertaining to income derived from foreign sources, is however, exempt. Notwithstanding this, the Bank has chosen to contribute an additional 0.25% of the average previous three years Segment B chargeable income to CSI. In line with the government's focus on poverty alleviation, the Bank's CSI projects are directed at communities or beneficiaries that are financially disadvantaged. Our approach is to ensure long-term sustainability. This means making multi-faceted interventions in selected communities and may include building operational skills and organisational capacity.

The Bank's criteria for assessing projects are:

- Ability to make a meaningful difference
- Capacity to deliver sustained benefits
- Measurability
- Potential to engage co-sponsors to increase leverage and provide an integrated solution
- Opportunity for staff involvement.

We aim to provide long-term sustainability where possible by adopting the approach of "Living in Society, not off it"- Fani Titi, Investec CEO.

The Bank believes that education is key to empower disadvantaged communities, enabling individuals to make a better life for themselves. Since 2019, the Bank's key project has been to offer a three-year Investec Bursary Program in collaboration with Curtin Mauritius University. Since 2019, Investec has offered three bursaries to two well deserving candidates, one of which has finished her studies and was ranked first in Mauritius in ACCA. Our second bursary student was awarded a place on the Vice Chancellor's list, and we have recently appointed our third student who commenced in February this year.

In the community sector, our focus is to make an impact and uplift our community area of Beau Plan where we have our new office. IBM participated in the Beau Plan Art exhibition in conjunction with artist Joshila Dhaby. Our donation funded hard tools such as canvas, paint, easels and other supplies. We were gifted 22 prints which will be framed and placed in IBM.

In the environment sector we are exploring a partnership with Reef Conservation, focusing on their Ridge to Reef programme which focuses on how both marine and land together form part of the greater ecosystem. This future project will be mainly an environmental one but will tap into education and community.

In December 2023, IBM made a philanthropic donation to Purple Lime, an NGO which supports families in need. The funds provided food for 1,273 children and 400 food hampers distributed across different communities.

IBM donated to SOS children's village towards the project 'No Child should grow up alone'. The project provides inclusive and adapted early childhood education and development for underprivileged families. Meals to 100 vulnerable children who attend pre-primary school were provided.

In addition, IBM donated to Tranquebar boxing and football club to renew their equipment for the year.

### Group sustainability

Refers readers to further information in the Investec Group's 2024 sustainability report which will be available on our website at the end of June 2024: [www.investec.com](http://www.investec.com)



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### Environmental, social and governance (ESG) risk including climate

Environmental, social and governance (ESG) risk including climate risk refers to the risk that our lending and investment activities give rise to unintended environmental (including climate change), social and economic consequences.

In collaboration with the Group Sustainability team, we harness their expert capabilities to assist our clients and stakeholders in transitioning efficiently and seamlessly towards a zero-carbon economy.

Our focus during the reporting period was on:

- implementing the BOM Guideline on Climate-related and Environmental Financial Risk Management
- aligning with Group in terms of Group ESG and climate risk related policies and processes
- strengthening the ESG and climate risk screening processes across our lending and deposit operations.

Aligned with Group, our sustainability strategy focuses on two core UN Sustainable Development Goals which are climate action (SDG 13) and reducing inequalities (SDG 10). This is key when integrating ESG considerations into our day-to-day operations and credit decision-making processes.

We assess sustainability risks as part of the credit committee's evaluation of lending or investment decisions. This includes additional due diligence for transactions that fall into the high-risk ESG category (as defined by the IFC), which involves a comprehensive review by the Group sustainability team.

This review identifies any potential risks relating to:

- environmental impacts (including climate, nature degradation and animal welfare) to support SDG 13
- social injustice (including human rights, diversity, inclusion and modern slavery, community displacement and health and safety risks) to support SDG 10
- governance matters (including corruption, fraud and controversies)
- macro-economic impacts (including poverty, growth, and unemployment) to support SDG 13 and SDG10.

If the Group sustainability team flags the transaction as a high concern issue, it will be escalated to Group ERC before any credit or investment decision is made. Moreover, the DLC SEC and IBM RMC are informed of any transactions identified as high concern issues.

#### With regards to reducing inequalities (SDG 10):

We support a number of internationally recognised principles, guidelines and voluntary standards which reflect our commitment to respecting human rights, building inclusive communities and supporting activities that reduce inequality.

#### With regards to climate action (SDG 13):

- We embrace our responsibility to understand and manage our own carbon footprint and maintain carbon neutrality within our direct operations
- One of the greatest socio-economic and environmental influence we can have is to partner with our clients and stakeholders to accelerate a cleaner, more resilient and inclusive world
- We have adopted a number of Investec Group environmental policies that also guide credit decision-making from an ESG perspective.

- We affirm our commitment and dedication to safeguarding the natural environment through our biodiversity statement, which adopts a precautionary approach towards managing climate, nature-related and biodiversity risks in all decision-making
- We are committed to upholding the Net Zero Banking Alliance commitments, a pivotal initiative that Investec Group proudly supports as a signatory
- We endorse the Paris Agreement aims of holding the increase in global average temperature to well below 2°C above pre-industrial levels and continue to pursue efforts towards limiting it to 1.5°C.
- We support the key provisions of the Equator Principles (EP). All transactions in non-designated countries are EP monitored and compliant.

#### Our approach to net-zero

We embrace our responsibility to understand and manage our own carbon footprint. We embrace our responsibility to understand and manage our own carbon footprint. Within our operations, we aim to achieve carbon neutrality by 2027. We have been sourcing 100% of our Scope 2 energy requirements from renewables through the purchase of renewable energy certificates.

We acknowledge that one of the widest and most impactful influence we can have is to manage and reduce our carbon emissions in the business we conduct and more specifically in our lending and investing portfolios (Scope 3-financed activities). As such, we are members of the Net-Zero Banking Alliance (NZBA) and continue to work with the Partnership for Carbon Accounting Financials (PCAF) to measure our financed emissions.

#### Climate and nature-related financial risk disclosures

This year marks the publication of our inaugural disclosures that align with recommendations of the Financial Stability Board Taskforce on Climate-related Financial Disclosures, in accordance with the Bank of Mauritius' Guideline on Climate-related and Environmental Financial Risk Management.

Refer to detailed information in the Investec Bank (Mauritius) Limited 2024 climate and nature-related financial risk disclosures which are published and available on our website:

[https://www.investec.com/en\\_mu/welcome-to-investec/about-us/investor-relations/financial-information/investec-bank-mauritius-limited.html](https://www.investec.com/en_mu/welcome-to-investec/about-us/investor-relations/financial-information/investec-bank-mauritius-limited.html)

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This section references the transitory public disclosure requirements as recommended by the Bank of Mauritius with respect to climate-related risks and environmental financial risks and where in this report the required disclosures can be found

Pillar	Requirement	Page reference in the Investec Bank (Mauritius) Limited Climate and nature-related financial risk disclosures 2024
<b>Governance</b> (paragraph 26)	<b>Financial institutions shall disclose their governance process regarding climate-related and environmental financial risks. This shall include roles and responsibilities of:</b>	
	– the board and	Page 9
	– senior management	Page 11
<b>Strategy</b> (paragraph 27)	<b>Financial institutions shall disclose:</b>	
	– their strategy for climate-related and environmental financial risks; and	Pages 13 to 14
	– the climate-related and environmental financial risks and opportunities which have been identified	Pages 13 to 14
<b>Risk management</b> (paragraph 28)	<b>Financial institutions shall disclose their climate-related and environmental risk management framework</b>	Page 16 to 21

## SHAREHOLDER DIARY

Financial year:	31 March
Unaudited quarterly report:	Within 45 days from the quarters ending June, September and December
Audited financial statements:	Within three months from 31 March 2024
Annual meeting of shareholder:	July 2024

The shareholder will be provided with notice of meeting and proxy form.

## KING IV

The Board is of the opinion that, based on the practices disclosed throughout this report which were in operation throughout the year under review, the Bank has applied the King IV principles laid out below.

Principle	Explanation and focus areas	Annual report reference
<b>Leadership, Ethics and Corporate Citizen</b>		
<b>Principle 1 – The governing body should lead ethically and effectively</b>	<p>The Board is the governing body of the Bank and committed to good corporate governance principles as set out in King IV, the JSE Listings Requirements, the Companies Act 2001, the Banking Act 2004 and the National Code on Corporate Governance of Mauritius (the Code). Investec's values of commitment, integrity, responsibility and innovation guide the behaviour of the Bank and the fulfilment of its daily responsibilities and duties. The chair oversees this process on an ongoing basis.</p> <p>The Board members possess the necessary skills and competence and are collectively and individually accountable for their ethical and effective leadership. They are required to conduct themselves in accordance with their legal duties as company directors under the Companies Acts. The Board charter which is reviewed and approved by the Board annually, sets out the objectives, roles and responsibilities and composition of the Board of Directors of the Bank.</p>	<p>Corporate Governance report pages 64 to 85.</p> <p>A copy of the board charter is posted on the Bank's website.</p>
<b>Principle 2 – The governing body should govern the ethics of the organisation in a way that supports the establishment of an ethical culture</b>	<p>The Board sets the tone from the top in the way it conducts itself and oversees the governance framework and structure.</p> <p>The Board exercises ongoing oversight over the setting of and reporting on ethical values, principles of conducting ethical business practice, and human and environmental rights considerations.</p> <p>Investec's code of ethics and business conduct guide the ethical behaviour of all Investec employees and directors.</p>	<p>Corporate Governance report pages 64 to 85.</p> <p>The code of ethics is published on the Investec website, and incorporated by reference in employee contracts, employee induction and training programmes.</p>
<b>Principle 3 – The governing body should ensure that the organisation is and is seen to be a responsible corporate citizen</b>	<p>The Corporate Social Investment Committee has been tasked with the responsibility for monitoring the overall responsible corporate citizenship performance of the Bank under the guidance and supervision of the Board.</p> <p>The Board approves the strategy and priorities of the Bank in accordance with its role of overseeing Investec's conduct as a responsible corporate citizen. The Board oversees and monitors how the operations and activities of the Bank affect its status as a responsible corporate citizen and ensures that the Bank is not only a responsible corporate citizen but is also seen as a responsible corporate citizen.</p>	<p>Sustainability report on pages 86-88</p>

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Principle	Explanation and focus areas	Annual report reference
<b>Strategy, Performance and Reporting</b>		
<b>Principle 4 – The governing body should appreciate that the organisation's core purpose, its risks and opportunities, strategy, business model, performance and sustainable development are all inseparable elements of the value creation process</b>	<p>The Board delegates to management through the management committee, the detailed formulation and implementation of the Board's approved strategy and the realisation of the expected returns.</p> <p>Every year, the Bank's management presents its strategy to the Board and Investec Bank Limited whereby the Board and Investec Bank Limited management in turn challenge and interrogate before reaching agreement and approval.</p> <p>The Board provides ongoing oversight and monitoring with the support of its committees to ensure that management implements and executes the strategy. A report on performance against strategic objective is included in the Board pack for review and discussion at each Board meeting. Performance against strategic objectives is also monitored constantly by management.</p> <p>The directors are satisfied that the Bank has adequate resources to continue in business for the foreseeable future and that it is adequately capitalised and is supported by a strong liquidity position.</p>	More details on the liquidity risk management and capital management are provided in section 2 of the annual report.
<b>Principle 5 – The governing body should ensure that reports issued by the organisation enable stakeholders to make informed assessments of the organisation's performance and its short-, medium- and long-term prospects</b>	<p>The Board ensures that there are necessary processes and controls put in place to verify and safeguard the integrity of the annual report and any other disclosures. The Board also ensures that complete, timely, relevant, accurate and accessible risk disclosures are made to the stakeholders. The Board monitors communication with all stakeholders and disclosures made to ensure transparent and effective communication.</p> <p>The Board, assisted by the Audit Committee, ensures that the annual report taken as a whole is fair, balanced, and comprehensive and provides the information necessary for the shareholder and the other key stakeholders to assess the Bank's position, performance and outlook.</p>	The Bank publishes its full annual report on its website and printed copies are also available on request.
<b>Governing Structures and Delegation</b>		
<b>Principle 6 – The governing body should serve as the focal point and custodian of corporate governance in the organisation</b>	<p>The Board-approved charter, the constitution and the governance framework detail the governance responsibilities, role, matters specifically reserved for the Board, delegation to the CEO, membership requirements and procedural conduct at Board meetings, amongst others.</p> <p>Through its committees, the Board oversees and ensures the implementation of good governance practices throughout the Bank. The Board and the committees met regularly during the reporting period and the Board is satisfied that it fulfilled its primary role in accordance with its charter, constitution and governance framework.</p>	<p>Corporate Governance report pages 64 to 85.</p> <p>Details on the number of meetings and attendance at the Board and Board committee meetings held during the financial year are shown on page 76 of the annual report.</p> <p>The governance framework is published on the website.</p>
<b>Principle 7 – The governing body should comprise the appropriate balance of knowledge, skills, experience, diversity and independence for it to discharge its governance role and responsibilities objectively and effectively</b>	<p>The Board comprises five members: One executive director who is the Bank's CEO, two external independent non-executive directors and two non-executive directors. Out of the two non-executive directors, one director is the Chair of the Audit Committee and a member of the parent company's Board as a senior independent non-executive director. Whilst under the Bank of Mauritius Guidelines, she would not be regarded as independent, under the King definition, we consider her as independent. Three directors are residents of Mauritius and the other two directors reside in South Africa. Out of the five directors, one director is female who is the Chair of the audit committee.</p> <p>The Board is of the opinion, given the size of the business, that there is an appropriate balance of skills, experience and knowledge of the organisation to enable the directors to discharge their respective duties and responsibilities objectively and effectively.</p> <p>The CEO is a member of the Board. 60 % of the members are independent non-executive directors and 20% are non-executive directors.</p> <p>Directors are required to disclose any actual or potential conflict for consideration. No instance of conflict of interest was noted during the financial year either for the Bank or its subsidiary.</p> <p>The Nomination and Remuneration Committee makes recommendations to the Board in discharging the process of nominating, electing and appointing members of the Board and succession planning in respect of the Board, its committees and senior management.</p>	<p>Corporate Governance report pages 64 to 85.</p> <p>Details on the nomination and appointment process of directors and the Board- approved mandate of the Nomination and Remuneration Committee are provided on page 76 of the annual report.</p> <p>Brief biography of each director is also published on the website.</p>

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Principle	Explanation and focus areas	Annual report reference
<b>Governing Structures and Delegation continued</b>		
<b>Principle 8 – The governing body should ensure that its arrangements for delegation within its own structures promote independent judgement and assist with balance of power and the effective discharge of its duties</b>	<p>The Board has retained specific matters for decision-making, as per the Bank's charter, constitution and governance framework. To achieve its objectives, the Board, in terms of defined terms of reference, has delegated certain of its duties and functions to Board committees, Group forums and the CEO.</p>	Details on the structure of the Board and its subcommittees are provided on pages 66 to 75 of the Corporate Governance report.
<b>Principle 9 – The governing body should ensure that the evaluation of its own performance and that of its committees, its chair and its individual members, support continued improvement in its performance and effectiveness</b>	<p>The Board continues to be committed to regularly evaluating its own effectiveness and that of its committees. The Board undertakes an evaluation of its performance every year and that of its committees and directors, every two years.</p> <p>The Board considers the competence, qualification and experience of the company secretary annually and is satisfied that he is competent and has the appropriate qualifications and experience to serve as company secretary. The company secretary has a direct channel of communication with the Board chair while maintaining an arm's-length relationship with the other directors as far as it is reasonably possible.</p> <p>The Bank has decided on an independent external third party evaluation of its Board and its Board committees every five years. The first independent external Board effectiveness review was performed in 2023 and the report was presented to the August Board meeting.</p>	Corporate Governance report page 80.
<b>Principle 10 – The governing body should ensure that the appointment of, and delegation to, management contributes to role clarity and the effective exercise of authority and responsibilities</b>	<p>The Board appoints the CEO who has the necessary powers and mandate to manage the Bank and conduct the affairs of the Bank in his discretion and as he deems fit, save for matters specifically reserved for the Board, as per the constitution or agreed by the Board from time to time, dealt with and provided for in the formally adopted terms of reference of a Board committee or other recognised forum.</p> <p>The Board ensures that key management functions are led by competent and appropriately authorised individuals and are adequately resourced.</p> <p>The CEO is an invitee at the Nomination and Remuneration Committee. Any senior officer positions are discussed with the chair and at the Nomination and Remuneration Committee meetings.</p>	Corporate Governance report page 82
<b>Governance Functional Areas</b>		
<b>Principle 11 – The governing body should govern risk in a way that supports the organisation in setting and achieving its strategic objectives</b>	<p>The Board is cognisant of the importance of risk management as it is linked to the strategy, performance and sustainability of the Bank. Risk management is embedded into day-to-day operations and culture.</p> <p>The Board ensures that all decisions of the Board on risk management policies and procedures are implemented and monitored.</p> <p>The Risk Management Committee advises and assists the Board in overseeing risk governance, including how risk should be approached and addressed.</p> <p>Independent risk management, compliance and financial control functions, supplemented by internal audit which reports independently to the Audit Committee, also ensures the management of risk.</p>	Details on the key risks and how they are managed and/or mitigated are provided on pages 20-63 under the risk management section of the annual report.
<b>Principle 12 – The governing body should govern technology and information in a way that supports the organisation setting and achieving its strategic objectives</b>	<p>The Board is aware of the importance of technology and information in the achievement of the Bank's strategy. The Board has delegated the responsibility to management and it exercises oversight and monitors progress. The Board ensures that the opportunities derived from the use of the latest technology and information are maximised.</p> <p>The Bank has adopted a set of Investec Group information, information technology and information security policies. These policies are reviewed on an annual basis and are approved by the Board. These policies are made available to all employees for consultation and compliance through the Bank's intranet.</p> <p>Both the internal and external auditors perform assessments as part of their audit of technology and information management and governance. All significant technology and information-related audit findings are reported to the Risk Management Committee and the Audit Committee, which ensure that they are addressed accordingly.</p>	Corporate Governance Report pages 82-83

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Principle	Explanation and focus areas	Annual report reference
<b>Governance Functional Areas</b>		
<b>Principle 13 – The governing body should govern compliance with applicable laws and adopted, non-binding rules, codes and standards in a way that supports the organisation being ethical and a good corporate citizen</b>	<p>The Board ensures that the Bank complies with applicable laws, non-binding rules, codes and standards.</p> <p>The Board has delegated the responsibility for implementing compliance to management. Systems and procedures are in place to formally assess the Bank's compliance with applicable law and adopted non-binding rules, codes and standards through the application of compliance risk management methodology, compliance management policy and framework.</p> <p>There were no regulatory penalties, sanctions or fines for contraventions of, or non-compliance with, statutory obligations imposed on the Bank.</p>	Corporate Governance Report page 83
<b>Principle 14 – The governing body should ensure that the organisation remunerates fairly, responsibly and transparently so as to promote the achievement of strategic objectives and positive outcomes in the short-, medium- and long-term</b>	The Nomination and Remuneration Committee assumes responsibility for the governance of remuneration and sets the direction regarding how remuneration should be approached. The Bank's overarching remuneration philosophy remains focused on employing and retaining the highest calibre individuals through the payment of industry competitive packages and long-term share awards, which ensure alignment with key stakeholders in our business.	Refer to page 82 of the annual report for more detail on human resources and remuneration policy.
<b>Principle 15 – The governing body should ensure that assurance services and functions enable an effective control environment, and that these support the integrity of information for internal decision-making and integrity of the organisation's external reports</b>	The Audit Committee agenda together with representation from external audit, internal audit, compliance and operational risk at the Audit Committee enables an effective internal control environment to support the integrity of information used for internal decision-making, and support the integrity of external reports. A combined assurance framework includes both coverage of significant risks and reporting of any issues raised relating to these risks. An internal audit plan, which is agreed between internal audit, external audit and management on an annual basis, is presented to the Audit Committee for approval. The internal audit charter is reviewed every year. This charter defines the role and associated responsibilities and authority of internal audit, including addressing its role within combined assurance and the internal audit standards to be adopted.	Refer to pages 84-85 of the annual report for more details on external and internal audit.
<b>Stakeholders Relations</b>		
<b>Principle 16 – In the execution of its governance role and responsibilities, the governing body should adopt a stakeholder-inclusive approach that balances the needs, interests and expectations of material stakeholders in the best interests of the organisation over time</b>	<p>The Board monitors and has oversight of the governance of stakeholder relationships. The Bank continually seeks to achieve an appropriate balance between risk and reward in its business, taking cognisance of all stakeholder needs, interests and expectations.</p> <p>The Board, together with management, understands and responds to the needs of the various stakeholder groups which include the shareholder, employees, regulators, government, clients, suppliers and the community in which the Bank operates.</p> <p>The Bank publishes its full annual report and its interim financial results on its website to ensure effective communication, and encourage transparency and trust, and to enable the various stakeholders to make informed risk decisions.</p>	Refer to page 85 for more details on relations with shareholders and other key stakeholders.

# Annual financial statements





Our performance is a testament to the continued *execution of our strategy*. This section contains Investec Bank (Mauritius) Limited's annual financial statements.

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## STATEMENT OF MANAGEMENT'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR FINANCIAL REPORTING

**Directors' responsibilities**

The financial statements in this annual report have been prepared by management which is responsible for their integrity, consistency, objectivity and reliability. International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board as well as the requirements of the Mauritius Companies Act, Financial Reporting Act and Banking Act and the Guidelines issued thereunder have been applied. Management has exercised its judgement and made best estimates where deemed necessary.

The Bank has designed and maintained its accounting systems, related internal controls and supporting procedures to provide reasonable assurance that financial records are complete and accurate and that assets are safeguarded against loss from unauthorised use or disposal. The supporting procedures include careful selection and training of qualified staff, the implementation of organisation and governance structures providing a well-defined division of responsibilities, authorisation levels and accountability for performance, and the communication of the Bank's policies, procedures manuals and guidelines of the Bank of Mauritius throughout the Bank.

The Bank's Board of Directors, acting in part through the Audit Committee and Risk Management Committee which comprise independent directors, oversees management's responsibility for financial reporting, internal controls, assessment and control of major risk areas, and assessment of significant and related party transactions.

The Group's internal auditor has full and free access to the Audit Committee and conducts a well-designed programme of internal audits in coordination with the Bank's external auditors. In addition, the Bank's compliance function maintains policies, procedures and programmes directed at ensuring compliance with regulatory requirements.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Banking Act 2004, the Bank of Mauritius makes such examination and inquiry into the operations and affairs of the Bank as it deems necessary.

The Bank's external auditors, PwC Mauritius, have full and free access to the Board of Directors and its committees to discuss the audit and matters arising therefrom, such as their observations on the fairness of financial reporting and the adequacy of internal controls.

**Directors' compliance**

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which present fairly the financial position, financial performance and cash flows of the Bank. In preparing those financial statements, the directors are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- State whether International Financial Reporting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Bank will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Bank and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Mauritius Companies Act 2001. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Bank and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The directors confirm that they have complied with the above requirements in preparing the financial statements.

Signed on behalf of the Board



**Lourens F Janse van Rensburg**

Chair

Board of Directors  
27 June 2024



**Ramdeo (Dev) Erriah**

Director



**Grant M Parsons**

Chief Executive Officer

**Secretary's report**

Under section 166(d) of the Companies Act 2001, I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the Bank has lodged with the Registrar of Companies all such returns as are required of the Bank in terms of the Act.



**Prithiviraj Jeewoath**

Secretary  
27 June 2024

## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDER OF INVESTEC BANK (MAURITIUS) LIMITED

### Independent Auditor's Report To the Shareholder of Investec Bank (Mauritius) Limited

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

##### Our Opinion

In our opinion, the consolidated and separate financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of Investec Bank (Mauritius) Limited (the "Bank") and its subsidiary (together the "Group") and of the Bank standing alone as at 31 March 2024, and of their financial performance and their cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with IFRS Accounting Standards and in compliance with the Mauritian Companies Act 2001.

##### What we have audited

The consolidated and separate financial statements of Investec Bank (Mauritius) Limited set out on pages 102 to 181 comprise:

- the consolidated and separate balance sheets as at 31 March 2024;
- the consolidated and separate income statements for the year then ended;
- the consolidated and separate statements of total comprehensive income for the year then ended;
- the consolidated and separate statements of changes in equity for the year then ended;
- the consolidated and separate cash flow statements for the year then ended; and
- the notes to the financial statements, which include material accounting policy information, and other explanatory information.

Certain required disclosures have been presented elsewhere in the annual report, rather than in the notes to the consolidated and separate financial statements. These disclosures are cross-referenced from consolidated and separate financial statements and are identified as audited.

##### Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISAs). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the "Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated and Separate Financial Statements" section of our report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

##### Independence

We are independent of the Group in accordance with the International Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including International Independence Standards) issued by the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants (the "IESBA Code"). We have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the IESBA Code.

##### 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.

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**Key audit matter - The Group and the Bank**

**Expected credit losses (ECL) on loans and advances to customers**

The disclosure associated with ECL on loans and advances to customers is set out in the financial statements in the following notes:

- Note 8 – Expected credit loss (charge)/reversal
- Note 25 – Loans and advances to customers

Loans and advances to customers and the related expected credit losses ('ECL') are material to the financial statements.

The ECL on loans and advances to customers has been determined to be a matter of most significance to the current year audit as a result of the subjectivity involved in the determination of the following:

- The modelling of ECL based on certain management assumptions and estimation of probabilities of default ("PD"), loss given default ("LGD") and exposures at default ("EAD");
- Determination of the range of forward-looking probability weighted macro- economic scenarios;
- Assessment of the staging due to a significant increase in credit risk ("SICR");
- Assessment of ECL on Stage 3 exposures; and
- The credit risk disclosures to incorporate multiple data inputs and judgements in applying the requirements of IFRS 9, Financial Instruments.

**Modelled ECL impairment losses**

Management applies significant levels of judgement in modelling ECL particularly as it relates to:

- The application of certain accounting policies, identifying modelling assumptions and selecting appropriate data used in the PD, LGD and EAD models; and
- Identifying key model assumptions and techniques, including the determination of write-off points.

**How our audit addressed the key audit matter**

Our audit procedures focused on key areas of significant judgement and estimation uncertainty in determining ECL on loans and advances to customers.

In performing such procedures, we utilised our internal actuarial, quantitative and economic expertise. Our procedures comprised a combination of evaluating the key controls and performing substantive procedures as further explained relative to the key judgements below.

**Modelled ECL impairment losses**

- We obtained an understanding of management's data, methodologies and assumptions used in the ECL models;
- We assessed the design effectiveness of key controls over model governance, including the controls over the implementation of new ECL models (where relevant) and changes to current ECL models;
- We tested the completeness and accuracy of data inputs into the models by agreeing a sample of data inputs back to information sourced by management from internal systems and external data providers, or by testing data interface controls between these systems;
- We independently recalculated ECL estimates or benchmarked the model calculations for material portfolios and independently reperformed the PD, EAD and LGD parameters, to test the assumptions and appropriateness of the judgement applied in the ECL calculations; and
- We evaluated the reasonableness of the write-off points applied relative to the requirements of IFRS 9 by comparing them to historical

**Incorporation of multiple forward-looking macroeconomic scenarios and weightings into the ECL calculation**

- We tested the operating effectiveness of key controls relating to management's review and approval of macroeconomic forecasts and variables incorporated within the models;
- Using our economic expertise, we independently assessed the appropriateness of the macroeconomic scenario forecasts and the probability weightings applied by management by benchmarking these against third-party data. This assessment included developments related to the current uncertain geopolitical and economic outlook; and
- We assessed the correlation of the forecasted macroeconomic factors to the ECL and tested the impact of the macroeconomic changes on the ECL. This includes the impact of the macroeconomic scenarios on PDs, LGDs and SICR.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDER OF INVESTEC BANK  
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Key audit matter - The Group and the Bank (continued)	How our audit addressed the key audit matter (continued)
<p><b>Expected credit losses (ECL) on loans and advances to customers (Continued)</b> <b><u>Incorporation of multiple forward-looking macroeconomic scenarios and weightings into the ECL calculation</u></b></p> <p>Judgement is applied in determining the appropriateness of the economic scenarios and incorporation of forward-looking information ('FLI') as well as the determination of probability weightings assigned to each of the scenarios and the identification of inputs and assumptions used to estimate their impact.</p> <p><b><u>Staging/assessment of significant increase in credit risk</u></b></p> <p>Judgement and estimation is applied to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allocate assets recognised in stages 1, 2 and 3; and</li> <li>• Determine the triggers of significant increase in credit risk (SICR) based on the current risk of default of an account relative to its risk of default at origination.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Assessment of ECL raised on Stage 3 exposures</u></b></p> <p>Significant judgements, estimates and assumptions are applied by management to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Determine if the loans and advances are credit impaired;</li> <li>• Evaluate the valuation and recoverability of collateral;</li> <li>• Determine the expected value to be realised from collateral and other collection efforts; and</li> <li>• Estimate the timing of the future cash flows.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Disclosures related to credit risk</u></b></p> <p>The disclosure associated with the ECL on exposures relies on credit data inputs and explains management judgements, estimates and assumptions used in determining the ECL.</p>	<p><b><u>Staging/assessment of significant increase in credit risk</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We tested the key controls relating to the staging of loans and advances to customers – including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Controls over changes in the staging due to a significant increase or reduction in credit risk and over the monitoring of assets in each stage; and</li> <li>– Manual overrides to staging outcomes.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• We assessed the appropriateness of the SICR methodologies and model calibrations with reference to IFRS 9 and tested the resultant stage allocations; and</li> <li>• We tested the performance of the SICR approach by considering historic volumes of accounts moving into arrears and the forward-looking view of default risk</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Assessment of ECL raised on Stage 3 exposures</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We tested key controls over judgements used to determine whether specific exposures are credit impaired; and</li> <li>• We performed independent credit reviews. We evaluated the reasonableness of the estimate of the recoverable amount and timing of expected future cash flows used in measuring ECL based on independently determined collateral values and management's assumptions.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Disclosures related to credit risk</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We assessed the appropriateness of the ECL related disclosures for exposures in the consolidated and separate financial statements in accordance with IFRS 7; and</li> <li>• We evaluated whether the credit risk disclosures are consistent with the ECL information tested as part of our audit procedures.</li> </ul>

## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDER OF INVESTEC BANK (MAURITIUS) LIMITED

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#### Other information

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report but does not include the consolidated and separate financial statements and our auditor's report thereon.

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

In connection with our audit of the consolidated and separate financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information identified above 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, 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 IFRS Accounting Standards and in compliance with the Mauritian Companies Act 2001, the Mauritian Banking Act 2004 and regulations and guidelines issued by the Bank of Mauritius 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 Bank's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the Group and/or the Bank or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

The directors are responsible for overseeing the Group's and the Bank's financial reporting process.

#### 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 auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these consolidated 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 Bank'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 Bank's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the 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 auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Group and/or the Bank 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 financial statements. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the Group audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

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

## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDER OF INVESTEC BANK (MAURITIUS) LIMITED

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

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, actions taken to eliminate threats or safeguards applied.

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

#### Mauritian Companies Act 2001

The Mauritian Companies Act 2001 requires that in carrying out our audit we consider and report to you on the following matters. We confirm that:

- we have no relationship with or interests in the Bank or its subsidiary other than in our capacity as auditor of the Bank and its subsidiary;
- we have obtained all the information and explanations we have required; and
- in our opinion, proper accounting records have been kept by the Bank as far as appears from our examination of those records.

#### Mauritian Banking Act 2004

The Mauritian Banking Act 2004 requires that in carrying out our audit we consider and report to you on the following matters.

We confirm that:

- in our opinion, the consolidated and separate financial statements have been prepared on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year and are complete, fair and properly drawn up and comply with the Mauritian Banking Act 2004 and regulations and guidelines issued by the Bank of Mauritius; and
- the explanations or information called for or given to us by the officers or agents of the Bank were satisfactory.

#### Mauritian Financial Reporting Act 2004

Our responsibility under the Mauritian Financial Reporting Act 2004 is to report on the compliance with the Code of Corporate Governance ("Code") disclosed in the annual report and assess the explanations given for non-compliance with any requirement of the Code. From our assessment of the disclosures made on corporate governance in the annual report, the Bank has, pursuant to section 75 of the Mauritian Financial Reporting Act 2004, complied with the requirements of the Code.

#### Other Matter

This report, including the opinion, has been prepared for and only for the Bank's shareholder in accordance with Section 205 of the Mauritian Companies Act 2001 and for no other purpose. We do not, in giving this opinion, accept or assume responsibility for any other purpose or to any other person to whom this report is shown or into whose hands it may come save where expressly agreed by our prior consent in writing.



PricewaterhouseCoopers  
27 June 2024



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## CONSOLIDATED AND SEPARATE INCOME STATEMENTS

For the year to 31 March US\$'000	Notes	Group			Bank		
		2024	2023 Restated*	2022 Restated*	2024	2023 Restated*	2022 Restated*
Interest income	3	158 728	95 242	42 306	158 742	95 245	42 292
Interest expense	3	(78 797)	(40 461)	(8 926)	(78 929)	(40 526)	(8 923)
<b>Net interest income</b>		<b>79 931</b>	<b>54 781</b>	<b>33 380</b>	<b>79 813</b>	<b>54 719</b>	<b>33 369</b>
Fee income	4	10 314	11 837	11 931	9 068	10 664	10 767
Fee expense	4	(2 233)	(1 743)	(1 350)	(2 233)	(1 743)	(1 350)
<b>Net fee income</b>		<b>8 081</b>	<b>10 094</b>	<b>10 581</b>	<b>6 835</b>	<b>8 921</b>	<b>9 417</b>
Investment income/(loss)	5	409	(9)	942	355	15	942
Net trading income	6	11 986	12 580	2 750	11 982	12 599	2 757
Other operating income	7	—	—	25	—	—	25
<b>Total operating income before impairment</b>		<b>100 407</b>	<b>77 446</b>	<b>47 678</b>	<b>98 985</b>	<b>76 254</b>	<b>46 510</b>
Expected credit loss (charge)/reversal	8	(1 565)	2 054	444	(1 565)	2 054	444
<b>Operating income</b>		<b>98 842</b>	<b>79 500</b>	<b>48 122</b>	<b>97 420</b>	<b>78 308</b>	<b>46 954</b>
Operating costs	9	(16 480)	(16 062)	(12 915)	(15 754)	(15 513)	(12 479)
<b>Operating profit</b>		<b>82 362</b>	<b>63 438</b>	<b>35 207</b>	<b>81 666</b>	<b>62 795</b>	<b>34 475</b>
Share of profit/(loss) in associate	26	142	(166)	155	142	(166)	155
<b>Profit before taxation</b>		<b>82 504</b>	<b>63 272</b>	<b>35 362</b>	<b>81 808</b>	<b>62 629</b>	<b>34 630</b>
Taxation	11	(11 490)	(7 233)	(2 174)	(11 448)	(7 209)	(2 139)
<b>Profit attributable to equity holder of the Bank</b>		<b>71 014</b>	<b>56 039</b>	<b>33 188</b>	<b>70 360</b>	<b>55 420</b>	<b>32 491</b>

\*Refer to Note 43 for restatements

## CONSOLIDATED AND SEPARATE STATEMENTS OF OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For the year to 31 March US\$'000	Notes	Group			Bank		
		2024	2023	2022	2024	2023	2022
Profit after taxation		71 014	56 039	33 188	70 360	55 420	32 491
<b>Other comprehensive income net of tax:</b>							
<b>Items that may be reclassified to income statement</b>							
Fair value movements on debt instruments at FVOCI taken directly to other comprehensive income		2 119	(2 699)	842	2 119	(2 699)	842
Fair value movement recycled to Income statement		368	—	—	368	—	—
Foreign currency translation on investment in associate	26	225	(72)	(165)	225	(72)	(165)
<b>Items that will not be reclassified to income statement</b>							
Employee benefit liability adjustment	10	(782)	67	—	(782)	67	—
Share-based payment adjustment		20	229	162	16	209	156
Deferred tax adjustment	27	322	—	—	322	—	—
<b>Total comprehensive income/(loss)</b>		<b>2 272</b>	<b>(2 475)</b>	<b>839</b>	<b>2 268</b>	<b>(2 495)</b>	<b>833</b>
<b>Total comprehensive income attributable to equity holder of the Bank</b>		<b>73 286</b>	<b>53 564</b>	<b>34 027</b>	<b>72 628</b>	<b>52 925</b>	<b>33 324</b>



## CONSOLIDATED AND SEPARATE BALANCE SHEETS

At 31 March US\$'000	Notes	Group			Bank		
		2024	2023	2022	2024	2023	2022
<b>Assets</b>							
Cash and balances at central bank	17	22 360	33 862	36 553	22 360	33 862	36 553
Due from banks	18	292 701	386 907	516 427	292 701	386 907	516 427
Reverse repurchase agreements	19	170 818	375 490	125 011	170 818	375 490	125 011
Sovereign debt securities	20	432 229	416 856	—	432 229	416 856	—
Bank debt securities	21	75 141	51 751	31 962	75 141	51 751	31 962
Other debt securities	22	82 514	76 036	59 078	82 514	76 036	59 078
Derivative financial instruments	23	3 368	5 690	5 175	3 368	5 690	5 175
Investment portfolio	24	11 356	4 130	3 813	10 890	3 814	3 813
Loans and advances to customers	25	1 285 587	1 128 269	1 061 222	1 285 587	1 128 269	1 061 222
Investment in associate	26	1 148	1 882	2 120	1 148	1 882	2 120
Deferred taxation asset	27	1 077	328	451	1 077	328	451
Other assets	28	7 371	7 419	4 105	7 311	7 296	3 891
Amount due from group companies	30	—	522	1 293	17	540	1 308
Property, plant and equipment	29	2 224	299	404	2 224	298	402
Investment in subsidiary	31	—	—	—	467	467	467
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>2 387 894</b>	<b>2 489 441</b>	<b>1 847 614</b>	<b>2 387 852</b>	<b>2 489 486</b>	<b>1 847 880</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>							
Derivative financial instruments	23	5 792	6 992	2 512	5 792	6 992	2 512
Repurchase agreements	19	53 939	53 048	—	53 939	53 048	—
Borrowings from banks	32	69 942	246 190	—	69 942	246 190	—
Deposits from customers	33	1 379 968	1 408 462	1 102 632	1 383 930	1 411 573	1 105 211
Debt securities in issue	34	307 671	257 074	258 814	307 671	257 074	258 814
Amount due to group companies	30	5 706	5 404	30 051	5 706	5 404	30 051
Current taxation liabilities	11	6 970	5 910	994	6 942	5 898	974
Other liabilities	35	12 012	8 753	8 567	11 439	8 444	8 380
		<b>1 842 000</b>	<b>1 991 833</b>	<b>1 403 570</b>	<b>1 845 361</b>	<b>1 994 623</b>	<b>1 405 942</b>
<b>Equity</b>							
Ordinary share capital	36	56 478	56 478	56 478	56 478	56 478	56 478
Other reserves	36	85 430	73 534	68 538	85 430	73 534	68 538
Retained income		403 986	367 596	319 028	400 583	364 851	316 922
		<b>545 894</b>	<b>497 608</b>	<b>444 044</b>	<b>542 491</b>	<b>494 863</b>	<b>441 938</b>
<b>Total liabilities and equity</b>		<b>2 387 894</b>	<b>2 489 441</b>	<b>1 847 614</b>	<b>2 387 852</b>	<b>2 489 486</b>	<b>1 847 880</b>

Signed on behalf of the Board


**Lourens F Janse van Rensburg**Chair  
27 June 2024

**Ramdeo (Dev) Erriah**

Director


**Grant M Parsons**

Chief Executive Officer

## CONSOLIDATED AND SEPARATE STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

US\$'000	Other reserves					Retained income	Total equity
	Ordinary share capital	Foreign currency translation reserve	Fair value reserve	Regulatory general risk reserve	Statutory reserve		
<b>Group</b>							
<b>At 1 April 2021</b>	<b>56 478</b>	<b>(705)</b>	<b>609</b>	<b>14 453</b>	<b>56 478</b>	<b>282 704</b>	<b>410 017</b>
<b>Movement in reserves 1 April 2021 - 31 March 2022</b>							
Profit after taxation	—	—	—	—	—	33 188	33 188
Fair value movements on debt instruments at FVOCI taken directly to other comprehensive income	—	—	842	—	—	—	842
Foreign currency translation on investment in associate	—	(165)	—	—	—	—	(165)
Share-based payment adjustment	—	—	—	—	—	162	162
<b>Total comprehensive income</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>(165)</b>	<b>842</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>33 350</b>	<b>34 027</b>
Transfer to regulatory general risk reserve	—	—	—	(2 974)	—	2 974	—
<b>At 31 March 2022</b>	<b>56 478</b>	<b>(870)</b>	<b>1 451</b>	<b>11 479</b>	<b>56 478</b>	<b>319 028</b>	<b>444 044</b>
<b>Movement in reserves 1 April 2022 - 31 March 2023</b>							
Profit after taxation	—	—	—	—	—	56 039	56 039
Fair value movements on debt instruments at FVOCI taken directly to other comprehensive income	—	—	(2 699)	—	—	—	(2 699)
Foreign currency translation on investment in associate	—	(72)	—	—	—	—	(72)
Employee benefit liability adjustment	—	—	—	—	—	67	67
Share-based payment adjustment	—	—	—	—	—	229	229
<b>Total comprehensive income</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>(72)</b>	<b>(2 699)</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>56 335</b>	<b>53 564</b>
Transfer to regulatory general risk reserve	—	—	—	7 767	—	(7 767)	—
<b>At 31 March 2023</b>	<b>56 478</b>	<b>(942)</b>	<b>(1 248)</b>	<b>19 246</b>	<b>56 478</b>	<b>367 596</b>	<b>497 608</b>
<b>Movement in reserves 1 April 2023 - 31 March 2024</b>							
Profit after taxation	—	—	—	—	—	71 014	71 014
Fair value movements on debt instruments at FVOCI taken directly to other comprehensive income	—	—	2 119	—	—	—	2 119
Fair value movement recycled to Income statement	—	—	368	—	—	—	368
Foreign currency translation on investment in associate	—	225	—	—	—	—	225
Employee benefit liability adjustment	—	—	—	—	—	(782)	(782)
Share-based payment adjustment	—	—	—	—	—	20	20
Deferred tax adjustment	—	—	—	—	—	322	322
<b>Total comprehensive income</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>2 487</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>70 574</b>	<b>73 286</b>
Ordinary dividend paid (Note 12)	—	—	—	—	—	(25 000)	(25 000)
Transfer from regulatory general risk reserve	—	—	—	9 184	—	(9 184)	—
<b>At 31 March 2024</b>	<b>56 478</b>	<b>(717)</b>	<b>1 239</b>	<b>28 430</b>	<b>56 478</b>	<b>403 986</b>	<b>545 894</b>

## CONSOLIDATED AND SEPARATE STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

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US\$'000	Other reserves					Retained income	Total equity
	Ordinary share capital	Foreign currency translation reserve	Fair value reserve	Regulatory general risk reserve	Statutory reserve		
<b>Bank</b>							
<b>At 1 April 2021</b>	<b>56 478</b>	<b>(705)</b>	<b>609</b>	<b>14 453</b>	<b>56 478</b>	<b>281 301</b>	<b>408 614</b>
<b>Movement in reserves 1 April 2021 - 31 March 2022</b>							
Profit after taxation	—	—	—	—	—	32 491	32 491
Fair value movements on debt instruments at FVOCI taken directly to other comprehensive income	—	—	842	—	—	—	842
Foreign currency translation on investment in associate	—	(165)	—	—	—	—	(165)
Share-based payment adjustment	—	—	—	—	—	156	156
<b>Total comprehensive income</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>(165)</b>	<b>842</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>32 647</b>	<b>33 324</b>
Transfer from regulatory general risk reserve	—	—	—	(2 974)	—	2 974	—
<b>At 31 March 2022</b>	<b>56 478</b>	<b>(870)</b>	<b>1 451</b>	<b>11 479</b>	<b>56 478</b>	<b>316 922</b>	<b>441 938</b>
<b>Movement in reserves 1 April 2022 - 31 March 2023</b>							
Profit after taxation	—	—	—	—	—	55 420	55 420
Fair value movements on debt instruments at FVOCI taken directly to other comprehensive income	—	—	(2 699)	—	—	—	(2 699)
Foreign currency translation on investment in associate	—	(72)	—	—	—	—	(72)
Employee benefit liability adjustment	—	—	—	—	—	67	67
Share-based payment adjustment	—	—	—	—	—	209	209
<b>Total comprehensive income</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>(72)</b>	<b>(2 699)</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>55 696</b>	<b>52 925</b>
Transfer to regulatory general risk reserve	—	—	—	7 767	—	(7 767)	—
<b>At 31 March 2023</b>	<b>56 478</b>	<b>(942)</b>	<b>(1 248)</b>	<b>19 246</b>	<b>56 478</b>	<b>364 851</b>	<b>494 863</b>
<b>Movement in reserves 1 April 2023 - 31 March 2024</b>							
Profit after taxation	—	—	—	—	—	70 360	70 360
Fair value movements on debt instruments at FVOCI taken directly to other comprehensive income	—	—	2 119	—	—	—	2 119
Fair value movement recycled to Income statement	—	—	368	—	—	—	368
Foreign currency translation on investment in associate	—	225	—	—	—	—	225
Employee benefit liability adjustment	—	—	—	—	—	(782)	(782)
Share-based payment adjustment	—	—	—	—	—	16	16
Deferred tax adjustment	—	—	—	—	—	322	322
<b>Total comprehensive income</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>2 487</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>69 916</b>	<b>72 628</b>
Ordinary dividend paid (Note 12)	—	—	—	—	—	(25 000)	(25 000)
Transfer from regulatory general risk reserve	—	—	—	9 184	—	(9 184)	—
<b>At 31 March 2024</b>	<b>56 478</b>	<b>(717)</b>	<b>1 239</b>	<b>28 430</b>	<b>56 478</b>	<b>400 583</b>	<b>542 491</b>

## CONSOLIDATED AND SEPARATE CASH FLOW STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 March US\$'000	Notes	Group			Bank		
		2024	2023	2022	2024	2023	2022
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>							
Profit before taxation adjusted for non-cash items	37	82 230	53 808	29 192	81 534	53 164	28 458
Taxation paid		(10 857)	(2 196)	(948)	(10 831)	(2 162)	(929)
Increase in operating assets	37	(169 984)	(18 622)	(271 215)	(170 048)	(18 718)	(271 158)
(Decrease)/Increase in operating liabilities	37	(28 041)	286 194	118 207	(27 454)	286 583	118 865
<b>Net cash (outflow)/inflow from operating activities</b>		<b>(126 652)</b>	<b>319 184</b>	<b>(124 764)</b>	<b>(126 799)</b>	<b>318 867</b>	<b>(124 764)</b>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>							
Purchase of bank and other debt securities		(30 150)	(39 624)	(38 000)	(30 150)	(39 624)	(38 000)
Purchase of investments		(7 224)	(317)	(1 150)	(7 077)	—	(1 150)
Proceeds from disposal of bank debt securities		915	—	—	915	—	—
Purchase of sovereign debt securities		(14 920)	(417 809)	—	(14 920)	(417 809)	—
Acquisition of equipment		(915)	(45)	(35)	(915)	(45)	(35)
<b>Net cash outflow from investing activities</b>		<b>(52 294)</b>	<b>(457 795)</b>	<b>(39 185)</b>	<b>(52 147)</b>	<b>(457 478)</b>	<b>(39 185)</b>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>							
Dividends paid to ordinary shareholders		(25 000)	—	—	(25 000)	—	—
Reverse repurchase agreements		205 000	(250 000)	(25 000)	205 000	(250 000)	(25 000)
Repurchase agreements		—	55 107	—	—	55 107	—
Debt securities in issue		53 185	—	—	53 185	—	—
(Repayments to)/ borrowings from banks		(175 000)	245 000	—	(175 000)	245 000	—
Payment of lease liabilities		(314)	(283)	(294)	(314)	(283)	(294)
<b>Net cash inflow/(outflow) from financing activities</b>		<b>57 871</b>	<b>49 824</b>	<b>(25 294)</b>	<b>57 871</b>	<b>49 824</b>	<b>(25 294)</b>
<b>Effects of exchange rates on cash and cash equivalents</b>		<b>1 181</b>	<b>5 702</b>	<b>2 304</b>	<b>1 181</b>	<b>5 702</b>	<b>2 304</b>
<b>Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents</b>		<b>(119 894)</b>	<b>(83 085)</b>	<b>(186 939)</b>	<b>(119 894)</b>	<b>(83 085)</b>	<b>(186 939)</b>
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		326 253	409 338	596 277	326 253	409 338	596 277
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year</b>		<b>206 359</b>	<b>326 253</b>	<b>409 338</b>	<b>206 359</b>	<b>326 253</b>	<b>409 338</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents is defined as including:</b>							
Cash in hand	17	—	—	1	—	—	1
Cash and balances at central bank	17	22 360	33 862	36 552	22 360	33 862	36 552
Due from banks (excluding loans and advances to banks)	18	183 452	292 208	372 547	183 452	292 208	372 547
Expected credit loss on balances due from banks	18	547	183	238	547	183	238
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year</b>		<b>206 359</b>	<b>326 253</b>	<b>409 338</b>	<b>206 359</b>	<b>326 253</b>	<b>409 338</b>

Cash and cash equivalents have a maturity profile of less than three months.

Included in cash flows from operations is cash interest received of US\$156 million and cash interest paid of US\$65 million.

## NOTES TO THE ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**1. Corporate information**

Investec Bank (Mauritius) Limited (the Bank) is a public company incorporated and domiciled in the Republic of Mauritius on 20 April 1997. The Bank's principal activity is the provision of banking facilities. Its registered office is Office 2, Ground floor, Block 3, The Strand, Beau Plan, Mauritius.

The financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024 have been authorised for issue in accordance with a resolution of the directors on 27 June 2024.

**2. Summary of material accounting policy information**

The material accounting policies are both for the Group and Bank (the "Group" unless specifically noted otherwise).

**2.1 Basis of preparation**

The consolidated and separate financial statements of the Group have been prepared on a historical cost basis, except for derivative financial instruments, financial assets and financial liabilities measured at fair value through profit or loss (FVTPL), financial asset at fair value through other comprehensive income (FVOCI), the investment in associate which has been equity accounted and retirement benefit obligations and other long-term employee benefits which are measured at net present values. All values are rounded to the nearest thousand United States Dollars (US\$), unless otherwise indicated. As required by BOM Guideline on Public Disclosure of Information, two years of comparative information is included in the financial statements.

Where necessary, comparative figures have been restated to conform with changes in presentation or in accounting policies in the current year. Management has revisited the presentation of the consolidated and separate balance sheets to reflect the correct order of liquidity.

**Statement of compliance**

The consolidated and separate financial statements of the Group have been prepared in accordance with IFRS Accounting standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board and in compliance with the requirements of the Mauritius Companies Act 2001, Banking Act 2004 and Financial Reporting Act 2004 and the guidelines issued by BOM in so far as the operations of the Bank are concerned.

**Presentation of information**

Some disclosures under IFRS 7 Financial Instruments: Disclosures and IAS 1 Presentation of Financial Statements, relating to the nature and extent of risks, have been included in the risk management report on pages 16 to 59 in sections marked as audited.

**Going concern**

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

statements continue to be prepared on the going concern basis.

**2.2 Significant accounting judgements and estimates**

In the process of applying the Group's accounting policies, management has used its judgements and made estimates in determining the amounts recognised in the financial statements. The most significant use of judgements and estimates are as follows:

**Fair value of financial instruments**

Where the fair values of financial assets and financial liabilities recorded on the balance sheet cannot be derived from active markets, they are determined using a variety of valuation techniques that include the use of mathematical models.

The input to these models is taken from observable market data where possible, but where observable data is not available, a degree of judgement is required in establishing fair values. The judgements include considerations of liquidity and model inputs such as correlation and volatility for longer-dated derivatives. Further details in respect of the fair valuation of financial instruments are included in Note 15 to the financial statements.

**Expected credit loss (ECL)**

The determination of ECL against assets that are carried at amortised cost and ECL relating to debt instruments at FVOCI involves a high degree of uncertainty as it involves using assumptions that are highly subjective and sensitive to risk factors. The most significant judgements relate to defining what is considered to be a significant increase in credit risk (SICR); determining the probability of default (PD), exposure at default (EAD) and loss given default (LGD) and future cash flows; incorporating information about forecast economic conditions; and the weighting to be applied to economic scenarios are included in Note 8 to the financial statements.

**Retirement benefit obligations**

The post-employment benefits and the present value of the pension obligation are determined using actuarial valuations. An actuarial valuation involves making various assumptions that may differ from actual developments in the future. These include the determination of the discount rate, future salary increases, mortality rates and future pension increases. Due to the complexities involved in the valuation and its long-term nature, a defined benefit obligation is highly sensitive to changes in these assumptions. All assumptions are reviewed at each reporting date.

**Deferred tax**

Deferred tax is recognized to the extent that it is probable that future taxable income will be available against which unused tax losses can be utilized. Deferred tax assets are reviewed at each reporting date and are reduced to the extent that they are no longer probable that the related tax benefit will be realized. Recognition of deferred tax assets depends on management's intention of the Bank to generate future taxable profits which will be used against temporary differences and to obtain tax benefits thereon. The outcome of their actual utilization may be different.

NOTES TO THE ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
CONTINUED**2. Summary of material accounting policy information (continued)****2.3 Change in accounting policies**

Up to the date of issue of these audited financial statements, the IASB has issued a number of amendments, new standards and interpretations which are effective for the year ended 31 March 2024 and which have been adopted in these audited financial statements.

<b>Standard/Interpretation</b>		<b>Effective date</b>	<b>Periods beginning on or after</b>
IAS 8 amendment	Definition of Accounting Estimates	1 January 2023	
IAS 1 and IFRS Practice Statement 2 amendment	Disclosure Initiative: Accounting Policies	1 January 2023	
IAS 12 amendment	Deferred Tax Related to Assets and Liabilities Arising from a Single Transaction	1 January 2023	

**Definition of Accounting Estimates (Amendments to IAS 8)**

Distinguishing between accounting policies and accounting estimates is important because changes in accounting policies are generally applied retrospectively, while changes in accounting estimates are applied prospectively.

The amendments to IAS 8 focus entirely on accounting estimates and clarify the following:

- The definition of a change in accounting estimates is replaced with a definition of accounting estimates
- Under the new definition, accounting estimates are “monetary amounts in financial statements that are subject to measurement uncertainty”
- Entities develop accounting estimates if accounting policies require items in financial statements to be measured in a way that involves measurement uncertainty
- A change in accounting estimate that results from new information or new developments is not the correction of an error. In addition, the effects of a change in an input or a measurement technique used to develop an accounting estimate are changes in accounting estimates if they do not result from the correction of prior period errors
- A change in an accounting estimate may affect only the current period's profit or loss, or the profit or loss of both the current period and future periods. The effect of the change relating to the current period is recognised as income or expense in the current period. The effect, if any, on future periods is recognised as income or expense in those future periods. The effects of changes in such inputs or measurement techniques are changes in accounting estimates.

The amendments are effective for periods beginning on or after 1 January 2023, with earlier application permitted, and will apply prospectively to changes in accounting estimates and changes in accounting policies occurring on or after the beginning of the first annual reporting period

in which the company applies the amendments. The amendments did not have any material impact on the consolidated financial statements.

**Disclosure of Accounting Policies (Amendments to IAS 1 and IFRS Practice Statement 2)**

The IASB has recently issued amendments to IAS 1 Presentation of Financial Statements and an update to IFRS Practice Statement 2 Making Materiality Judgements to help companies provide useful accounting policy disclosures.

The key amendments to IAS 1 include:

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

The IASB also amended IFRS Practice Statement 2 to include guidance and two additional examples on the application of materiality to accounting policy disclosures. The amendments are consistent with the refined definition of material.

The amendments are effective from 1 January 2023 but may be applied earlier.

The amendments have had an impact on the Bank's disclosure of accounting policies, but not on the measurement, recognition or presentation of any items in the consolidated financial statements.

NOTES TO THE ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
CONTINUED**2. Summary of material accounting policy information (continued)****Deferred Tax Related to Assets and Liabilities Arising from a Single Transaction (Amendment to IAS 12)**

The amendments narrow the scope of the initial recognition exemption to exclude transactions that give rise to equal and offsetting temporary differences – e.g. leases and decommissioning liabilities. For leases and decommissioning liabilities, the associated deferred tax assets and liabilities will need to be recognised from the beginning of the earliest

comparative period presented, with any cumulative effect recognised as an adjustment to retained earnings or other components of equity at that date. For all other transactions, the amendments apply to transactions that occur after the beginning of the earliest period presented. The amendments apply for annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2023.

The amendments did not have any material impact on the consolidated financial statements.

**Standards issued but effective after 1 April 2024**

Standards and interpretations issued but not yet effective up to the date of issuance of the Group's financial statements are listed below. This listing is of standards and interpretations issued, which the Group reasonably expects to be applicable at a future date. The Group intends to adopt those standards when they become effective.

The following new and amended accounting standards are not expected to have a significant impact on the consolidated financial statements.

<b>Standard/Interpretation</b>		<b>Effective date</b>	<b>Periods beginning on or after</b>
IAS 21 amendment	Lack of Exchangeability	1 January 2025	
IAS 1 amendment	Classification of liabilities as current or non-current liabilities with covenants	1 January 2024	
IFRS 16 amendment	Lease Liability in a Sale and Leaseback	1 January 2024	
IFRS 18	Presentation and Disclosure in Financial Statements	1 January 2027	

NOTES TO THE ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
CONTINUED**2. Summary of material accounting policy information (continued)****2.4 Summary of material accounting policies**

The material accounting policies applied in the preparation of these consolidated financial statements are set out below.

**Foreign currency translation**

The Bank's and its subsidiary's functional currency is US Dollars. The Group's and the Bank's presentation currency is US Dollars.

**Transactions and balances**

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

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the functional currency at the spot rate of exchange ruling at the reporting date. All differences are taken to 'net trading income or loss' in the income statement.

Non-monetary items that are measured in terms of historical cost in a foreign currency are translated using the spot exchange rates as at the dates of the recognition. Non-monetary items measured at fair value in a foreign currency are translated using the spot exchange rates at the date when the fair value is determined. The gain or loss arising on translation of non-monetary items measured at fair value is treated in line with the recognition of the gain or loss on the change in fair value of the item.

**Basis of consolidation**

The consolidated financial statements comprise the financial statements of Investec Bank (Mauritius) Limited and its subsidiary (Investec Wealth and Investment Limited) as at 31 March 2024.

The Bank uses the direct method of consolidation.

The Bank consolidates a subsidiary when it controls it. Control is achieved when the Group is exposed, or has rights, to variable returns from its involvement with the investee and has the ability to affect those returns through its power over the investee. Specifically, the Group controls an investee if and only if the Group has:

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

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

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

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

Profit or loss and each component of other comprehensive income (OCI) are attributed to the equity holders of the parent of the Group. All intra-group assets and liabilities, equity, income, expenses and cash flows relating to transactions between members of the Group are eliminated in full on consolidation.

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

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

**Investment in subsidiary****Financial statements of the Bank**

Investments in subsidiary companies are carried at cost. The carrying amount is reduced to recognise any impairment in the value of individual investments. The impairment loss is taken to profit or loss, under other operating loss.

**Consolidated financial statements**

The consolidated financial statements incorporate the financial statements of the Bank and entities controlled by the Bank. Business combinations are accounted for using the acquisition method of accounting.



NOTES TO THE ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
CONTINUED**2. Summary of material accounting policy information (continued)****Fair value measurement**

Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date in the principal or, in its absence, the most advantageous market to which the Group has access at that date. The fair value of a liability reflects its non-performance risk.

When available, the Group measures the fair value of an instrument using the quoted price in an active market for that instrument.

A market is regarded as active if transactions for the asset or liability take place with sufficient frequency and volume to provide pricing information on an ongoing basis.

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

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

The Group classifies disclosed fair values according to a hierarchy that reflects the significance of observable market inputs.

A transfer is made between the hierarchy levels when the inputs have changed or there has been a change in the valuation method. Transfers are deemed to occur at the end of each semi-annual reporting period.

**Financial instruments**

Financial instruments are initially recognised at their fair value. For financial assets or financial liabilities not held at fair value through profit or loss, transaction costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition or issue of the financial assets or financial liabilities are included in the initial measurement. All other transaction costs are recorded in the income statement immediately. Regular way purchase and sales transactions in respect of financial assets that require delivery of a financial instrument within the timeframe established by market convention are recorded at trade date.

**Business model assessment**

For financial assets, IFRS 9 requires that a business model assessment is carried out which reflects how the Group manages the assets in order to generate cash flows. The assessment is at a portfolio level, being the level at which the portfolio is managed. Factors considered by the Group in determining the business model for a Group of assets include past experience on how the cash flows for these assets were collected, how the assets' performance is evaluated and reported and how risks are assessed and managed.

The standard sets out different types of business model:

- Hold-to-collect: it is intended to hold the asset to maturity to earn interest, collecting repayments of principal and interest from the customer. These assets are accounted for at amortised cost.
  - Hold-to-collect and sell: this model is similar to the hold-to-collect model, except that the entity may elect to sell some or all of the assets before maturity to achieve the objectives of the business model. These assets are accounted for at FVOCI.
  - Hold to sell/manage on a fair value basis: the entity originates or purchases an asset with the intention of disposing of it in the short or medium term to benefit from capital appreciation or the portfolio is managed on a fair value basis. These assets are accounted for at FVTPL.
- However, the Group may make the following irrevocable election/designation at initial recognition of a financial asset on an asset-by-asset basis:
- Elect to present subsequent changes in fair value of an equity investment that is neither held for trading nor contingent consideration recognised by an acquirer in a business combination to which IFRS 3 applies, in OCI; and
  - A debt instrument that meets the amortised cost or FVOCI criteria as measured at FVTPL if doing so eliminates or significantly reduces an accounting mismatch (referred to as the fair value option).

The classification into one of these categories is based on the entity's business model for managing the assets and the contractual cash flow characteristics of the assets.

**Solely payment of principal and interest (SPPI)**

Where the business model is to hold assets to collect contractual cash flows or to collect contractual cash flows and sell, the Group assesses whether the assets' cash flows represent solely payments of principal and interest (the SPPI test). In making this assessment, the Group considers whether the contractual cash flows are consistent with a basic lending arrangement (i.e. interest includes only consideration for the time value of money, credit risk, other basic lending risks and a profit margin that is consistent with a basic lending arrangement). Where the contractual terms introduce exposure to risk or volatility that are inconsistent with a basic lending arrangement, the related asset is classified and measured at FVTPL.

Financial assets with embedded derivatives are considered in their entirety when determining whether their cash flows are solely payments of principal and interest.

NOTES TO THE ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
CONTINUED**2. Summary of material accounting policy information (continued)****Financial assets and liabilities measured at amortised cost**

Financial assets that are held to collect the contractual cash flows and that contain contractual terms that give rise to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest, such as most loans and advances to banks and customers and some debt securities, are measured at amortised cost. In addition, most financial liabilities are measured at amortised cost.

The Group may commit to provide a loan which has not yet been drawn. When the loan that arises from the lending commitment is expected to meet the criteria to be measured at amortised cost the undrawn commitment is also considered to be and is included in the impairment calculation below.

The carrying value of these financial assets at initial recognition includes any directly attributable transaction costs. If the initial fair value are lower than the cash amount advanced, such as in the case of some leveraged finance and syndicated lending activities, the difference is deferred and recognised over the life of the loan through the recognition of interest income, unless the loan is credit impaired.

**Financial assets measured at fair value through other comprehensive income (FVOCI)**

Financial assets held for a business model that is achieved by both collecting contractual cash flows and selling and that contain contractual terms that give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest are measured at FVOCI. They are recognised on the trade date when the Group enters into contractual arrangements to purchase and are normally derecognised when they are either sold or redeemed.

They are subsequently remeasured at fair value and changes therein (except for those relating to impairment, interest income and foreign currency exchange gains and losses) are recognised in other comprehensive income until the assets are sold. Upon disposal, the cumulative gains or losses in other comprehensive income are recognised in the income statement as 'Other income.'

Financial assets measured at FVOCI are included in the impairment calculations set out below and impairment is recognised in other comprehensive income.

**Impairment of financial assets held at amortised cost or FVOCI**

At each balance sheet date each financial asset or portfolio of advances categorised at amortised cost or at fair value through other comprehensive income, issued financial guarantee and loan commitment is measured for ECL impairment. Loss allowances are forward-looking, based on 12-month expected credit losses where there has not been a significant increase in credit risk-rating, otherwise allowances are based on lifetime expected losses.

Expected credit losses are a probability-weighted estimate of credit losses. The probability is determined

by the risk of default which is applied to the cash flow estimates. On a significant increase in credit risk, credit losses are rebased from 12-month to lifetime expectations. A change in credit risk is typically but not necessarily associated with a change in the expected cash flows.

The costs of loss allowances on assets held at amortised cost are presented as impairments in the income statement and at FVOCI are presented in the statement of other comprehensive income. Allowances in respect of financial guarantees and loan commitments are presented as other liabilities and charges recorded within income statement impairments.

Financial assets held at amortised cost or FVOCI are presented net of allowances except where the asset has been wholly or partially written off.

The change in loss allowance for debt instruments measured at FVOCI is recognised in profit or loss, with the corresponding amount recognised in fair value reserve, with no reduction in the carrying amount of the asset in balance sheet.

Financial assets where 12-month ECL is recognised are considered to be 'stage 1,' financial assets which are considered to have experienced a significant increase in credit risk are in 'stage 2,' and financial assets for which there is objective evidence of impairment are considered to be in default or otherwise credit-impaired are in 'stage 3.' A financial asset is 'credit-impaired' when one or more events that have a detrimental impact on the estimated future cash flows of the financial asset have occurred.

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

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

**Write off policy**

A loan or advance is normally written-off in full against the related ECL impairment allowance when the proceeds from realising any available security have been received or there is a reasonable amount of certainty that the exposure will not be recovered. This is considered on a case-by-case basis considering indication such as:

- Exposures with prolonged arrears amount;
- Exposures which are restructured; and
- Enforcement activities undertaken by the bank have not been successful or have a high probability of not being successful.

Financial assets that are written off could still be subject to enforcement activities in order to comply with the Group's procedures for recovery of amounts due.

NOTES TO THE ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
CONTINUED**2. Summary of material accounting policy information (continued)****Financial assets and liabilities held at fair value through profit or loss**

Financial instruments held at fair value through profit or loss include all instruments classified as those instruments designated as held at fair value through profit or loss and those financial assets which do not meet the criteria for amortised cost or FVOCI.

Financial instruments classified as FVTPL are initially recorded at fair value on the balance sheet with changes in fair value subsequently recognised in the income statement. Financial instruments designated as held at fair value through profit or loss are designated as such on initial recognition of the instrument and remain in this classification until derecognition.

Financial assets and liabilities are designated as held at fair value through profit or loss only if:

- They eliminate or significantly reduce a measurement or recognition inconsistency that would otherwise arise from measuring assets or liabilities or recognising the gains and losses on them on different bases;
- A Group of financial liabilities or both financial assets and financial liabilities is managed and its performances evaluated on a fair value basis in accordance with a documented risk management or investment strategy and information about the Group is provided internally on that basis to the Group's key management personnel;
- A financial liability contract contains one or more embedded derivatives (which significantly modifies the cash flows that would be required by the contract and is not clearly prohibited from separation from the host contract) and the Group has designated the entire hybrid contract as a financial instrument at fair value through profit or loss.

Own credit risk on financial liabilities designated at fair value is recognised in the income statement.

**Day-one profit or loss**

When the transaction price differs from the fair value of other observable current market transactions in the same instrument or based on the valuation technique whose variables include only data from observable markets, the difference between the transaction price and fair value is recognised immediately in the income statement. In cases where fair value is determined using data which is not observable, the difference between the transaction price and model value is only recognised in the income statement when the inputs become observable, when the instrument is derecognised or over the life of the transaction.

**Derecognition of financial assets and liabilities**

A financial asset, or a portion thereof, is derecognised when the Group's rights to cash flows have expired or when the Group has transferred its rights to cash flows relating to the financial assets and either: (a) the Group has transferred substantially all the risks and rewards associated with the financial assets or (b) the Group has neither transferred nor retained substantially all the risks and rewards associated with the financial assets but has transferred control of the assets.

The treatment of a renegotiation or modification of the contractual cash flows of a financial asset depends upon whether the modification is done for commercial reasons, in which case if they are significant the old asset is derecognised and a new asset recognised, or because of financial difficulties of the borrower.

A financial liability is derecognised when it is extinguished, that is when the obligation is discharged, cancelled or expired. When an existing financial liability is replaced or modified with substantially different terms, such a replacement or modification is treated as a derecognition of the original liability and the recognition of a new liability. The difference in the respective carrying amounts is recognised in the income statement.

**Reclassification of financial instruments**

Financial assets are only reclassified where there has been a change in business model. Financial liabilities can be reclassified to equity.

**Derivative instruments**

All derivative instruments of the Group are recorded on the balance sheet at fair value. Positive and negative fair values are reported as assets and liabilities, respectively.

Derivative positions are entered into as part of the Group's asset and liability management activities to manage exposures to interest rate and foreign currency risks. Both realised and unrealised profit or losses arising on derivatives are recognised in the income statement as part of trading income.

Credit derivatives are entered into for trading purposes. Credit derivatives are initially recognised at their fair values, being the transaction price of the derivative.

Subsequently the derivatives are carried at fair value, with movements in fair value through the income statement, based on the current market price or remeasured price. The counterparty risk from derivative transactions is taken into account when reporting the fair value of derivative positions.

Interest income earned on derivative financial assets and interest expense incurred on derivative financial liabilities are recorded under 'Trading income' in profit or loss

NOTES TO THE ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
CONTINUED**2. Summary of material accounting policy information (continued)****Embedded derivatives**

To the extent that a derivative may be embedded in a hybrid contract and the hybrid contract is not carried at fair value with changes in fair value recorded in the income statement, the embedded derivative is separated from the host contract and accounted for as a standalone derivative if and only if:

- The economic characteristics and risks of the embedded derivative are not closely related to the economic characteristics and risks of the host contract; and
- A separate instrument with the same terms as the embedded derivative would meet the definition of a derivative.

**Offsetting of financial assets and liabilities**

Financial assets and liabilities are offset when there is both an intention to settle on a net basis (or simultaneously) and a currently enforceable legal right to offset exists.

**Issued debt financial instruments**

Financial instruments issued by the Group are classified as liabilities if they contain a contractual obligation to deliver cash or another financial asset.

**Reverse repurchase agreements and repurchase agreements**

Securities sold subject to a commitment to repurchase, at a fixed price or a selling price plus a lender's return, remain on the balance sheet. Proceeds received are recorded as a liability on the balance sheet under 'Repurchase agreements'. Securities that are purchased under a commitment to resell the securities at a future date are not recognised on the balance sheet. The consideration paid is recognised as an asset under 'Reverse repurchase agreements'. The difference between the sale and repurchase prices is treated as interest expense and is accrued over the life of the agreement using the effective interest method.

Securities borrowing transactions that are not cash collateralised are not included on the balance sheet. Securities lending and borrowing transactions which are cash collateralised are accounted for in the same manner as securities sold or purchased subject to repurchase commitments.

The cash collateral from agency-based scrip lending transactions are disclosed on a net basis, in accordance with master netting agreements and the intention to settle net.

**Financial guarantees**

Financial guarantee contracts issued by the Group are those contracts that require a payment to be made to reimburse the holder for a loss it incurs because the specified debtor fails to make a payment when due, in accordance with the terms of a debt instrument. Financial guarantees are initially recognised at fair value, adjusted for the transaction costs that are directly attributable to the issuance of the guarantee.

Subsequent to initial recognition, each guarantee is measured at the higher of the amount recognised less cumulative amount of income recognised in accordance with IFRS 15 and the best estimate of the ECL calculated for the financial guarantee. Subsequent to initial measurement, all changes in the balance sheet carrying value are recognised in the income statement.

**Operating leases, rental agreements and right of use assets**

At inception of a contract, the Group assesses whether a contract is, or contains, a lease. A contract is, or contains, a lease if the contract conveys the right to control the use of an identified asset for a period of time in exchange for a consideration. To assess whether a contract conveys the right to control the use of an identified asset, the Group uses the definition of a lease in IFRS 16.

At commencement or on modification of a contract that contains a lease component, the Group allocates consideration in the contract to each lease component on the basis of its relative standalone price.

The right-of-use asset is subsequently depreciated using the straight-line method from the commencement date to the earlier of the end of the useful life of the right-of-use asset or the end of the lease term.

The lease liability is initially measured at the present value of the lease payments that are not paid at the commencement date, discounted using the interest rate implicit in the lease or, if that rate cannot be readily determined, and the Bank's incremental borrowing rate. The Group uses its incremental borrowing rate as the discount rate.

The lease liability is measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. It is re-measured when there is a change in future lease payments arising from a change in an index or rate, if there is a change in the Group's estimate of the amount expect to be payable under a residual value guarantee, if the Group changes the assessment of whether it will exercise a purchase, extension or termination option or if there is a revised in-substance fixed lease payment.

The Group presents right-of-use assets in property, plant and equipment and lease liabilities in 'other liabilities' in the statement of financial position. The right-of-use asset relates to buildings.

NOTES TO THE ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
CONTINUED**2. Summary of material accounting policy information (continued)****Renegotiated loans/modification of financial assets**

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

If the modification does not result in derecognition of the financial assets, then the Group first calculates the gross carrying amount of the financial assets using the original effective interest rate of the assets and recognise the resulting adjustment as a modification gain or loss in the statement of profit or loss.

**Collateral valuation**

The Bank seeks to use collateral, where possible, to mitigate its risks on financial assets. The collateral comes in various forms such as cash, securities, letters of credit/guarantees, real estate, receivables, inventories, other non-financial assets and credit enhancements such as netting agreements.

The fair value of collateral is generally assessed, at a minimum, at inception.

To the extent possible, the Group uses active market data for valuing financial assets held as collateral. Other financial assets which do not have a readily determinable market value are valued using models. Non-financial collateral, such as real estate, is valued based on data provided by third parties such as mortgage brokers, housing price indices, audited financial statements, and other independent sources.

**Offsetting financial instruments**

Financial assets and financial liabilities are offset and the net amount reported in the balance sheet if, and only if, there is a currently enforceable legal right to offset the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis, or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously. This is not generally the case with master netting agreements, and the related assets and liabilities are presented gross in the balance sheet.

**Recognition of income and expenses**

Revenue consists of interest income, fee and commission income, investment income, trading income arising from customer flow, trading income arising from balance sheet management and other trading activities and other operating income.

Revenue is recognised in accordance with five steps to: identify the contract; identify the performance obligations; determine the transaction price, allocate the transaction price to the performance obligations; and recognise revenue when the performance obligations are satisfied.

Interest income is recognised in the income statement using the effective interest method. Calculation of the effective interest rate takes into account fees payable or receivable that are an integral part of the instruments yield, premiums or discounts on acquisition or issue, early redemption fees and transactions costs.

The effective interest method is based on the estimated life of the underlying instrument and, where this estimate is not readily available, the contractual life.

Fee income includes fees earned from providing advisory services as well as portfolio management. Investment advisory and management fees are earned over the period in which the services are provided.

Fee expense relates mainly to transaction and service fees which are expensed as the services are received.

Investment income includes income, other than margin from securities held for the purpose of generating interest yield, dividends and capital appreciation.

Trading income arising from balance sheet management and other trading activities consists of other gains or losses arising from balance sheet management.

Dividend income is recognised when the Group's right to receive payment is established.

Operating costs associated with these investments are included in operating costs in the income statement.

**Cash and cash equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash in hand, current accounts with Central Banks (including the cash reserve balance in accordance with Section 49 of the Bank of Mauritius Banking Act) and amounts due from banks on demand or with an original maturity of three months or less.

**Investment in associates**

An associate is an entity in which the Group has significant influence and which is neither a subsidiary nor a joint venture.

The Group has equity accounted interests in associate. Subsequent to initial recognition, the Group and Banks share of profit and OCI in the associate are recognised in the income statement and statement of other comprehensive income.

The Group determines at each reporting date whether there is any objective evidence that the investment in the associate is impaired. If this is the case, the impairment is calculated as the difference between the recoverable amount of the investment and its carrying value, with the impairment being recognised in profit or loss under other operating loss.

NOTES TO THE ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
CONTINUED**2. Summary of material accounting policy information (continued)****Property, plant and equipment**

Property, plant and equipment is initially and subsequently measured at cost excluding the costs of day-to-day servicing, less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment in value. Changes in the expected useful life are accounted for by changing the depreciation period or method, as appropriate, and treated as changes in accounting estimates.

Depreciation is calculated using the straight-line method to write down the cost of property, plant and equipment to their residual values over their estimated useful lives. The estimated useful lives are as follows:

	Rate
Right-of-use assets	20%
Furniture and fittings	10%
Office equipment	20%
Computer equipment	33%
Motor vehicles	20%

An item of property, plant 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 recognised in the income statement in 'investment income' in the year the asset is derecognised.

Residual values and useful lives are reviewed at least at each financial year end.

**Impairment of non-financial assets**

The Group assesses at each reporting date whether there is an indication that an asset may be impaired. If any indication exists, or when annual impairment testing for an asset is required, the Group estimates the asset's recoverable amount. An asset's recoverable amount is the higher of an asset's or cash-generating unit's (CGU) fair value less costs to sell and its value in use. Where the carrying amount of an asset or CGU exceeds its recoverable amount, the asset is considered impaired and is written down to its recoverable amount.

In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset. In determining fair value less costs to sell, an appropriate valuation model is used.

These calculations are corroborated by valuation multiples, or other available fair value indicators.

For assets excluding goodwill, an assessment is made at each reporting date as to whether there is any indication that previously recognised impairment losses may no longer exist or may have decreased. If such indication exists, the Bank estimates the asset's or CGU's recoverable amount.

A previously recognised impairment loss is reversed only if there has been a change in the assumptions used to determine the asset's recoverable amount since the last impairment loss was recognised. The reversal is limited so that the carrying amount of the asset does not exceed its recoverable amount, nor exceeds the carrying amount that would have been determined, net of depreciation, had no impairment loss been recognised for the asset in prior years. Such reversals are recognised in the income statement in the period in which they are identified.

**Contingent liabilities**

Contingent liabilities, which include certain guarantees, other than financial guarantees, are possible obligations that arise from past events whose existence will be confirmed only by the occurrence, or non-occurrence, of one or more uncertain future events not wholly within the Bank's control. Contingent liabilities are not recognised in the financial statements but are disclosed in note 40 to the financial statements.

**Pension benefits**

The Group operates a defined contribution pension plan. The contribution payable to the defined contribution plan is in proportion to the services rendered to the Group by the employees and is recorded as an expense under 'personnel expenses.' Unpaid contributions are recorded as a liability.

**Provisions**

Provisions are recognised when the Group has a present obligation (legal or constructive) as a result of a past event, and it is probable that an outflow of resources embodying economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation.

The expense relating to any provision is presented in profit or loss net of any reimbursement.

NOTES TO THE ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
CONTINUED**2. Summary of material accounting policy information (continued)****Share-based payment transactions**

Employees of the Group receive remuneration in the form of share-based payment transactions which can only be settled in equity (equity-settled transactions).

The cost of equity-settled transactions is determined by the fair value of the shares or share options at the grant date.

The cost is expensed in personnel expenses over the period until the vesting date in note 9.

Where the terms of an equity-settled award are modified, the minimum expense recognised in staff costs is the expense as if the terms had not been modified. An additional expense is recognised for any modification which increases the total fair value of the share-based payment arrangement, or is otherwise beneficial to the employee as measured at the date of modification.

The loss of control of an employing subsidiary of the Group gives rise to an acceleration of the equity-settled share-based payments charge for the related employees and on loss of control, the Group recognises the amount that would have been recognised for the award if it remained in place on its original terms.

**Employee benefits**

The Group operates a defined contribution scheme. All employer contributions are charged to the income statement as incurred, in accordance with the rules of the scheme, and included under staff costs.

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

The long-term employment benefits liability relates to the obligation of Investec to deliver ordinary shares of Ninety One plc and Ninety One Limited to employees over a predetermined vesting period. The fair value of this liability is calculated by applying the Black-Scholes option pricing model at each reporting date. The liability is included in other liabilities on the balance sheet.

**Taxes****Current tax**

Current tax assets and liabilities for the current and prior years are measured at the amount expected to be recovered from or paid to the taxation authorities. The tax rates and tax laws used to compute the amount are those that are enacted or substantively enacted by the reporting date.

**Deferred tax**

Deferred tax is provided on temporary differences at the reporting date between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts for financial reporting purposes. Deferred tax liabilities are recognised for all taxable temporary differences, except, in respect of taxable temporary differences associated with investments in subsidiaries and associates, where the timing of the reversal of the temporary differences can be controlled and it is probable that the temporary differences will not reverse in the foreseeable future.

Deferred tax assets are recognised for all deductible temporary differences, carry forward of unused tax credits and unused tax losses, to the extent that it is probable that taxable profit will be available against which the deductible temporary differences, and the carry forward of unused tax credits and unused tax losses can be utilised except, in respect of deductible temporary differences associated with investments in subsidiaries and associates, deferred tax assets are recognised only to the extent that it is probable that the temporary differences will reverse in the foreseeable future and taxable profit will be available against which the temporary differences can be utilised.

The carrying amount of deferred tax assets is reviewed at each reporting date and reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that sufficient taxable profit will be available to allow all or part of the deferred tax asset to be utilised.

Unrecognised deferred tax assets are reassessed at each reporting date and are recognised to the extent that it has become probable that future taxable profit will allow the deferred tax asset to be recovered.

## NOTES TO THE ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS CONTINUED

### 2. Summary of material accounting policy information (continued)

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured at the tax rates that are expected to apply in the year when the asset is realised or the liability is settled, based on tax rates (and tax laws) that have been enacted or substantively enacted at the reporting date.

Deferred tax assets and deferred tax liabilities are offset if a legally enforceable right exists to set off current tax assets against current tax liabilities and the deferred taxes relate to the same taxable entity and the same taxation authority.

Current tax and deferred tax relating to items recognised outside profit or loss are recognised outside profit or loss. Deferred tax items are recognised in correlation to the underlying transaction either in other comprehensive income or directly in equity.

#### Value-added tax

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of value-added tax except:

- Where the value-added tax incurred on a purchase of assets or services is not recoverable from the taxation authority, in which case the value-added tax is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of the expense item as applicable; and
- Receivables and payables that are stated with the amount of value-added tax included.

The net amount of value-added tax recoverable from, or payable to, the taxation authority is included as part of 'other assets' or 'other liabilities' in the balance sheet.

#### Corporate social responsibility

Corporate social responsibility (CSR) was legislated by the Government of Mauritius in July 2009. In terms of the legislation, the Bank is required to allocate 2% of its Segment A chargeable income of the preceding financial year to government-approved CSR NGOs. This is recorded as part of income tax expense and 75% payable to the Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA).

#### Special levy on banks

A provision for the levy is recognised when the condition that triggers the payment of the levy is met.

The levy is based on 'leviable income' which is the sum of net interest income and other income from banking transactions with residents, other than companies holding a Global Business Licence, before deducting expenses. The rate of the levy is 5.5%.

#### Ordinary shares

Ordinary shares are classified as equity instruments. Dividends on ordinary shares are recognised as a liability and deducted from equity when they are approved by the Bank's board of directors. Interim dividends are deducted from equity when they are declared.

Dividends for the year that are approved after the reporting date are disclosed as an event after the reporting date.

#### Equity reserves

The reserves recorded in equity on the Bank's statement of financial position include:

- 'Statutory reserve' represents 15% of the net profit transferred in accordance with the Banking Act 2004 until the amount equals the stated capital of the Bank; and
- 'Regulatory general risks reserves' comprises:
  - the difference between the expected credit loss and the statutory general provision and the provision computed under the Prudential Norm which are both in line with the BOM Guideline on Credit Impairment Measurement and Income Recognition; and
  - country risk allowance computed in accordance with the BOM Guidelines on Country Risk Management.

#### Statutory segmental reporting

The Bank's segmental reporting is based on the requirements of the BOM Guideline on Public Disclosure of Information, which requires that segment information should be provided by resident and non-resident businesses. Neither the guideline nor IFRS8 accounting standards mandate the application of IFRS8 "Operating segments" to the financial statements of the Group and the Bank. The financial statements do not purport to comply with the requirements of IFRS8. All transactions between the business segments are conducted on an arm's length basis.

#### Resident

This segment relates to all banking transactions with entities and individuals resident in Mauritius, including GBLs (Global Business Licence) companies, both on the liability side and asset side.

#### Non-resident

This segment relates to the provision of international financial services that give rise to 'foreign source income.' Such services may be fund-based and/or non-fund-based. This segment's assets will generally consist of placements with and advances to foreign companies, institutions as well as individuals including stocks and debt instruments and claims on non-residents.

Liabilities will normally arise from deposits, borrowings, funds deposited by non-residents and capital.



NOTES TO THE ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
CONTINUED**3. Net interest income**

	Group					
	2024		2023 restated		2022 restated	
For the year ended 31 March US\$'000	Balance sheet value	Interest income	Balance sheet value	Interest income	Balance sheet value	Interest income
<b>Interest income calculated using effective interest rate method:</b>						
Cash and balances at central banks, due from banks and reverse repurchase agreement	485 879	33 532	796 259	23 278	677 991	2 556
Loans and advances to customers	1 285 587	96 735	1 128 269	62 776	1 061 222	37 637
Sovereign debt securities	432 229	20 715	416 856	5 183	—	—
Bank debt securities	75 141	5 258	51 751	2 424	31 962	1 779
Other debt securities	82 514	2 488	76 036	1 581	59 078	334
<b>Total interest-earning assets/ interest income</b>	<b>2 361 350</b>	<b>158 728</b>	<b>2 469 171</b>	<b>95 242</b>	<b>1 830 253</b>	<b>42 306</b>

	Group					
	2024		2023 restated		2022 restated	
For the year to 31 March US\$'000	Balance sheet value	Interest expense	Balance sheet value	Interest expense	Balance sheet value	Interest expense
Debt securities in issue	307 671	(17 783)	257 074	(9 488)	258 814	(3 809)
Repurchase agreements	53 939	(2 882)	53 048	(1 232)	—	—
Borrowings from banks	69 942	(15 711)	246 190	(6 230)	—	—
Deposits from customers	1 379 968	(42 355)	1 408 462	(22 413)	1 102 632	(4 131)
Other interest-bearing liabilities *	5 706	(66)	5 404	(1 098)	30 051	(986)
<b>Total interest-bearing liabilities/ interest expense</b>	<b>1 817 226</b>	<b>(78 797)</b>	<b>1 970 178</b>	<b>(40 461)</b>	<b>1 391 497</b>	<b>(8 926)</b>

<b>Net interest income</b>	<b>79 931</b>	<b>54 781</b>	<b>33 380</b>
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\*Other interest-bearing represents interest on amount due to group companies and unwinding interest on lease liability.

NOTES TO THE ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
CONTINUED**3. Net interest income (continued)**

	Bank					
	2024		2023 restated		2022 restated	
	Balance sheet value	Interest income	Balance sheet value	Interest income	Balance sheet value	Interest income
<b>For the year ended 31 March US\$'000</b>						
Cash and balances at central banks, due from banks and reverse repurchase agreement	485 879	33 546	796 259	23 281	677 991	2 542
Loans and advances to customers	1 285 587	96 735	1 128 269	62 776	1 061 222	37 637
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Bank debt securities	75 141	5 258	51 751	2 424	31 962	1 779
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<b>Total interest-earning assets/interest income</b>	<b>2 361 350</b>	<b>158 742</b>	<b>2 469 171</b>	<b>95 245</b>	<b>1 830 253</b>	<b>42 292</b>

	Bank					
	2024		2023 restated		2022 restated	
	Balance sheet value	Interest expense	Balance sheet value	Interest expense	Balance sheet value	Interest expense
<b>For the year to 31 March US\$'000</b>						
Debt securities in issue	307 671	(17 783)	257 074	(9 488)	258 814	(3 809)
Repurchase agreements	53 939	(2 882)	53 048	(1 232)	—	—
Borrowings from banks	69 942	(15 711)	246 190	(6 230)	—	—
Deposits from customers	1 383 930	(42 355)	1 411 573	(22 413)	1 105 211	(4 131)
Other interest-bearing liabilities *	5 706	(198)	5 404	(1 163)	30 051	(983)
<b>Total interest-bearing liabilities/interest expense</b>	<b>1 821 188</b>	<b>(78 929)</b>	<b>1 973 289</b>	<b>(40 526)</b>	<b>1 394 076</b>	<b>(8 923)</b>

<b>Net interest income</b>	<b>79 813</b>	<b>54 719</b>	<b>33 369</b>
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## 4. Net fee income

For the year ended 31 March US\$'000	Group			Bank		
	2024	2023	2022	2024	2023	2022
<b>Fee income</b>						
Credit related fees	6 596	7 974	8 269	6 596	7 974	8 269
Foreign exchange dealings	1 085	1 424	1 231	1 085	1 424	1 231
Client transactions and maintenance fees	1 387	1 266	1 267	1 387	1 266	1 267
Wealth management fees	1 246	1 173	1 164	—	—	—
	<b>10 314</b>	<b>11 837</b>	<b>11 931</b>	<b>9 068</b>	<b>10 664</b>	<b>10 767</b>
<b>Fee expense</b>						
Credit related fees paid	(2 233)	(1 743)	(1 350)	(2 233)	(1 743)	(1 350)
	<b>(2 233)</b>	<b>(1 743)</b>	<b>(1 350)</b>	<b>(2 233)</b>	<b>(1 743)</b>	<b>(1 350)</b>
<b>Net fee income</b>	<b>8 081</b>	<b>10 094</b>	<b>10 581</b>	<b>6 835</b>	<b>8 921</b>	<b>9 417</b>

## 5. Investment income/(loss)

For the year ended 31 March US\$'000	Group			Total
	Investment portfolio (listed and unlisted equities)	Debt securities (sovereign, bank and other)	Other asset categories *	
<b>2024</b>				
Unrealised	55	—	—	55
Realised	14	368	(28)	354
	<b>69</b>	<b>368</b>	<b>(28)</b>	<b>409</b>
<b>2023</b>				
Realised	(24)	—	15	(9)
	<b>(24)</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>(9)</b>
<b>2022</b>				
Realised	—	—	942	942
	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>942</b>	<b>942</b>

For the year ended 31 March US\$'000	Bank			Total
	Investment portfolio (listed and unlisted equities) *	Debt securities (sovereign, bank and other)	Other asset categories **	
<b>2024</b>				
Unrealised	1	—	—	1
Realised	14	368	(28)	354
	<b>15</b>	<b>368</b>	<b>(28)</b>	<b>355</b>
<b>2023</b>				
Realised	—	—	15	15
	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>2022</b>				
Realised	—	—	942	942
	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>942</b>	<b>942</b>

\* Included dividend received US\$ 8,982 (2023 and 2022: US\$nil)

\*\* In year 2022, profit shares were included.

In the year of realisation, any prior period mark-to-market gains/(losses) recognised are reversed in the realised item.

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For the year ended 31 March US\$'000	Group			Bank		
	2024	2023 restated	2022 restated	2024	2023 restated	2022 restated
Changes in fair value of derivative financial instruments	11 202	12 028	2 851	11 202	12 028	2 851
Net foreign exchange gain/(loss)	784	552	(101)	780	571	(94)
	<b>11 986</b>	<b>12 580</b>	<b>2 750</b>	<b>11 982</b>	<b>12 599</b>	<b>2 757</b>

**7. Other operating income**

For the year ended 31 March US\$'000	Group			Bank		
	2024	2023	2022	2024	2023	2022
Operational gain	—	—	25	—	—	25
	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>25</b>

**8. Expected credit loss (charge)/reversal**

For the year to 31 March US\$'000	Group and Bank		
	2024	2023	2022
Expected credit loss (ECL) impairment (charge)/reversal is recognised on the following assets:			
Loans and advances to customers	(1 170)	1 382	1 507
Other balance sheet assets	(240)	348	(841)
Off-balance sheet commitments and guarantees	(168)	324	(222)
	<b>(1 578)</b>	<b>2 054</b>	<b>444</b>
Bad debts written off	13	—	—
	<b>(1 565)</b>	<b>2 054</b>	<b>444</b>
Expected credit loss impairment (charge)/reversal comprises of:			
Stage 1	(886)	2 384	(764)
Stage 2	119	(148)	86
Stage 3	(811)	(182)	1 122
	<b>(1 578)</b>	<b>2 054</b>	<b>444</b>
Bad debts written off	13	—	—
	<b>(1 565)</b>	<b>2 054</b>	<b>444</b>

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US\$'000	Group and Bank			Total
	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	
Balance at 1 April 2023	3 073	236	769	4 078
Expected credit loss	886	(119)	811	1 578
Reclassification	62	(15)	(47)	—
ECL re-measurement arising from transfer of stage	—	—	999	999
Net new lending and repayments	330	(26)	(141)	163
Changes to risk parameters and models	494	(78)	—	416
Written off out of allowance	—	—	(195)	(195)
<b>Balance at 31 March 2024</b>	<b>3 959</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>1 385</b>	<b>5 461</b>
Balance at 1 April 2022	5 457	88	587	6 132
Expected credit loss	(2 384)	148	182	(2 054)
Reclassification	(127)	62	65	—
ECL re-measurement arising from transfer of stage	—	160	5	165
Net new lending and repayments	(455)	(74)	112	(417)
Changes to risk parameters and models	(1 802)	—	—	(1 802)
<b>Balance at 31 March 2023</b>	<b>3 073</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>769</b>	<b>4 078</b>
Balance at 1 April 2021	4 693	174	3 696	8 563
Expected credit loss	764	(86)	(1 122)	(444)
Reclassification	(37)	35	2	—
ECL re-measurement arising from transfer of stage	—	—	350	350
Net new lending and repayments	1 893	(121)	(1 474)	298
Changes to risk parameters and models	(1 092)	—	—	(1 092)
Written off out of allowance	—	—	(2 520)	(2 520)
Intergroup transfer	—	—	533	533
<b>Balance at 31 March 2022</b>	<b>5 457</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>587</b>	<b>6 132</b>

The contractual amount outstanding on financial assets that were written off during the year ended 31 March 2024 and that are still subject to enforcement activity is US\$ 136,461 (2023 and 2022: US\$nil).

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CONTINUED**9. Operating costs**

For the year ended 31 March US\$'000	Group			Bank		
	2024	2023	2022	2024	2023	2022
Personnel expenses	8 705	8 712	6 751	8 086	8 237	6 394
– Salaries (including directors' remuneration*)	7 686	7 805	6 003	7 093	7 379	5 691
– Training and other costs	215	202	168	209	202	167
– Share-based payments expense (Note 10)	583	551	447	572	507	405
– Pension fund contributions	221	154	133	212	149	131
Premises expenses	137	177	203	136	175	201
IT operational expenses	5 460	5 370	4 328	5 460	5 370	4 328
Business expenses	1 500	1 202	1 092	1 402	1 131	1 017
Marketing expenses	264	216	146	256	216	146
Depreciation on property, plant, and equipment (Note 29)	414	385	395	414	384	393
	<b>16 480</b>	<b>16 062</b>	<b>12 915</b>	<b>15 754</b>	<b>15 513</b>	<b>12 479</b>
<b>Auditors' fees (included in business expenses)</b>						
Fees payable to the Bank's auditors for the audit of the Bank accounts	208	216	227	203	211	222

\* Details of the directors' emoluments, pensions and their interests are disclosed in the corporate governance report on page 81.

**Retirement benefit costs**

The group operates a defined contribution plan for its employees. The assets of the plan are held separately from those of the Group in a fund under the control of the trustees and regulated under the Private Pension Scheme Act 2012.

The total cost charged to the income statement of US\$221,103 (2023: US\$154,161 and 2022: US\$133,247) represents contributions payable to the pension fund by the Group at rates specified in the rules of the fund.

The defined contribution made by the Group in respect of key management personnel amounts to US\$69,899 (2023: US\$52,883 and 2022: US\$46,608).

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The Group operates share option and long-term share incentive plans for employees, the majority of which are on an equity basis.

The purpose of the staff share scheme is to promote an “esprit de corps” within the organisation, create an awareness of the Investec Group performance and provide an incentive to maximise individual and Group performance by allowing all staff to share in the risks and rewards of the Group.

Awards made under the South African share schemes are settled in Investec Limited shares (INL).

These awards are contingent on the continued employment of employees up to the date of vesting.

The share incentive plans are granted in the following award types, each of which vest in line with the specified parameters.

**Equity-settled awards granted under Investec share plans**

Forfeitable share awards are shares held in the name of or for the benefit of an employee, for which the employee has dividend and voting rights. Equity settled share appreciation rights are conditional rights to acquire securities on vesting.

Conditional awards are the right to exercise a share at a future date once the conditions have been met.

Equity settled share appreciation rights are conditional rights to acquire securities on vesting.

Forfeitable and conditional awards and nil cost options are awarded to employees for no consideration. These are settled by grants from the Investec Limited’s share scheme trusts, which acquire shares through purchase of shares at market.

Share appreciation rights are awarded to employees with a strike price. These are settled by grants from the Investec Limited’s share scheme trusts, which acquire options through hedging with banks.

**Cash-settled awards**

Share appreciation rights are conditional rights to receive cash on vesting.

These rights are awarded to employees with a strike price and are settled by grants from Investec Limited, through the acquisition of call options from third parties.

**Equity-settled options**

For the year ended 31 March US\$'000	Group			Bank		
	2024	2023	2022	2024	2023	2022
Equity-settled share-based payment expense charged to the income statement	583	551	447	572	507	405
Fair value of awards at grant date	601	713	483	601	713	481

For the year ended 31 March	Group			Bank		
	2024	2023	2022	2024	2023	2022
<b>Number of awards and shares outstanding during the year</b>						
Outstanding at the beginning of the year	485 893	417 566	396 386	447 749	369 355	345 282
Relocation of employees during the year	126 940	24 339	2 782	126 940	24 339	2 782
Granted during the year	109 995	152 052	122 405	109 995	152 052	121 965
Exercised during the year*	(147 355)	(104 727)	(97 742)	(130 253)	(94 660)	(94 409)
Lapsed during the year	(5 889)	(3 337)	(6 265)	(5 889)	(3 337)	(6 265)
<b>Outstanding at the end of the year</b>	<b>569 584</b>	<b>485 893</b>	<b>417 566</b>	<b>548 542</b>	<b>447 749</b>	<b>369 355</b>
<b>Vested and exercisable at the end of the year</b>	<b>334</b>	<b>13 125</b>	<b>3 984</b>	<b>334</b>	<b>13 125</b>	<b>3 984</b>

\* The weighted average exercise price during the year was R93.31 (2023: R93.31 and 2022: R nil). In the current year, shares with a strike price, were granted to participants. In year 2023, both options with a strike price and with a zero strike price, were granted to participants while in year 2022, only shares with a zero strike price, were granted to participants.

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CONTINUED**10. Share-based payments and other long-term employee benefits (continued)****Equity-settled options (continued)**

For the year ended 31 March	Group			Bank		
	2024	2023	2022	2024	2023	2022
<b>Summary by award type</b>						
- Equity settled share appreciation rights	75 883	23 600	—	75 883	23 600	—
- Forfeitable shares	493 701	462 293	417 566	472 659	424 149	369 355
<b>Outstanding at the end of the year</b>	<b>569 584</b>	<b>485 893</b>	<b>417 566</b>	<b>548 542</b>	<b>447 749</b>	<b>369 355</b>
For the year ended 31 March	Group			Bank		
2024	2023	2022	2024	2023	2022	
The exercise price range and weighted average remaining contractual life for the options and shares granted during the year were as follows:						
<b>Long-term incentive options and long-term shares with strike price</b>						
Exercise price in ZAR	93.31	93.31	n/a	93.31	93.31	n/a
Weighted average remaining contractual life	2.44 years	3.16 years	n/a	2.44 years	3.16 years	n/a
<b>Long-term incentive options and long-term shares with no strike price</b>						
Exercise price in ZAR	R nil	R nil	R nil	R nil	R nil	R nil
Weighted average remaining contractual life	1.75 years	1.97 years	1.84 years	1.89 years	1.97 years	1.86 years
<b>The fair value of shares granted was calculated at market price.</b>						
<b>For shares granted during the year, the inputs were as follows:</b>						
- Share price at date of grant in ZAR	103.6	95.89	57.61	103.6	95.89	57.61
- Exercise price	R nil	R nil, R 93.31	R nil	R nil	R nil, R 93.31	R nil
- Expected volatility	n/a	0.2542	n/a	n/a	0.2542	n/a
- Option life	3.06 - 4.78 Years	4.75 Years	4.67 Years	3.06 - 4.78 Years	4.75 Years	4.67 Years
- Expected dividend yields	n/a	5.89% - 6.06%	n/a	n/a	5.89% - 6.06%	n/a
- Risk-free rate	n/a	7.07% - 7.52%	n/a	n/a	7.07% - 7.52%	n/a

**Long-term employment benefits liability-Ninety One shares**

In March 2020, as part of the Investec Asset Management (IAM) demerger, each participant of the Investec share option and long-term share incentive plan for employees, received one Ninety One share option for every two Investec share options they had. The Ninety One share options were granted on the same terms and vesting period as the Investec options they related to.

Investec has an obligation to deliver Ninety One shares to the holders of Investec share options; accordingly this obligation was classified and measured as an other long-term liability in terms of IAS 19 Employee Benefits. The total value of the liability represented past service cost and was accounted for in retained income and the liability was subsequently measured through profit and loss in the period in which they arise.

On 30 May 2022, Investec Limited's 15% shareholding in Ninety One DLC was distributed to ordinary shareholders. Each participant of the Investec share option and long-term share incentive plans for employees, received the right to receive 0.13751 Ninety One shares for every one Investec share option they had.

The IAS 19 long-term employment benefit liability movement recognised in the Group's income statement for the year ended 31 March 2024 was US\$nil (2023: US\$53,922 and 2022: US\$93,626).



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CONTINUED**10. Share-based payments and other long-term employee benefits (continued)****Long-term employment benefits liability-Ninety One shares (continued)**

For the year ended 31 March	Group			Bank		
	2024	2023	2022	2024	2023	2022
<b>Number of awards outstanding during the year</b>						
Outstanding at the beginning of the year	14 327	99 584	150 560	10 926	91 150	140 459
Re-location of employees during the year	—	5 372	—	—	5 372	—
Granted during the year	—	67 859	—	—	61 228	—
Exercised during the year	(14 327)	(156 819)	(48 925)	(10 926)	(145 155)	(47 258)
Lapsed during the year	—	(1 669)	(2 051)	—	(1 669)	(2 051)
<b>Outstanding at the end of the year</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>14 327</b>	<b>99 584</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>10 926</b>	<b>91 150</b>
<b>Exercisable at the end of the year</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>14 327</b>	<b>2 106</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>10 926</b>	<b>2 106</b>

For the year ended 31 March	Group			Bank		
	2024	2023	2022	2024	2023	2022
The exercise price range and weighted average remaining contractual life for the Ninety One share options outstanding were as follows:						
<b>Options with strike prices</b>						
Exercise price range in ZAR	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Weighted average remaining contractual life	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b>Long-term incentive grants and long-term share awards with no strike price</b>						
Exercise price range in ZAR	n/a	0	0	n/a	0	0
Weighted average remaining contractual life	n/a	0 years	0.95 years	n/a	0 years	0.96 years
<b>The fair value of the liability was calculated using the Black-Scholes option pricing model</b>						
<b>For the liability calculated, the inputs into the model were as follows:</b>						
– Share price at date of grant in ZAR	n/a	40.54	49.01	n/a	40.54	49.01
– Exercise price	n/a	Nil	Nil	n/a	Nil	Nil
– Expected volatility	n/a	31.27%	35.03%	n/a	31.27%	35.03%
– Option life	n/a	0.17 - 0.21 years	0.19 - 2.16 years	n/a	0.17 - 0.21 years	0.19 - 2.16 years
– Expected dividend yields	n/a	0	6.25%	n/a	0	6.25%
– Risk-free rate	n/a	7.66% - 7.70%	4.35% - 6.40%	n/a	7.66% - 7.70%	4.35% - 6.40%

Expected volatility was determined based on the implied volatility levels quoted by the equity derivatives trading desk. The expected volatility is based on the respective share price movement over the last six months but also includes an element of forward expectation. The expected attrition rates used were determined based on historical Group data with an adjustment to actual attrition on final vesting.

**Cash-settled options**

The cash-settled options awarded to employees was a one-off award in the year 2022 and has subsequently been replaced by the equity-settled award with a strike price.

During the year ended 31 March 2022, a net cash-settled option was awarded to eligible participants. The award is made in terms of a cash-settled option scheme with a strike price of R54.03. The award shall only be exercisable if the sum of the exercise date price and the share distribution amount exceeds the option price. At 31 March 2024, Investec Bank (Mauritius) Limited has 36 957 options in issue valued at US\$62,962.61 and this amount has been recognised in share-based payments expense within operating costs. The fair value of the liability was calculated by using the Black-Scholes option pricing model.

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CONTINUED**10. Share-based payments and other long-term employee benefits (continued)****Cash-settled options (continued)**

Cash settled liability fair value calculated as at 31 March, the inputs into the model were as follows:	Group and Bank		
	2024	2023	2022
- Share price in ZAR at 31 March	124.93	98.12	97.51
- Exercise price in ZAR	54.03	54.03	54.03
- Expected volatility	27.85% - 27.96%	30.61%	25.33%
- Option life	0.42 - 2.08 years	1.41 - 3.08 years	2.41 - 4.08 years
- Expected dividend yields	6.40% - 8.45%	5.94% - 6.34%	3.24% - 3.39%
- Risk-free rate	8.05% - 8.26%	7.75% - 7.92%	6.20% - 6.73%

**Retirement Benefit Obligations**

This disclosure has not been provided for 31 March 2022 as it was not material.

**Reconciliation of Net Defined Benefit Liability**

For the year ended 31 March US\$'000	Group and Bank	
	2024	2023
- Opening balance	1 456	1 010
- Amount recognised in P&L	(221)	513
- Amount recognised in OCI	782	(67)
- Closing balance	<b>2 017</b>	<b>1 456</b>

**Reconciliation of Present Value of Defined Benefit Obligation**

For the year ended 31 March US\$'000	Group and Bank	
	2024	2023
- Opening balance	1 456	1 010
- Current service cost	143	144
- Interest expense	88	70
- Past service cost	(452)	299
- Liability experience loss	199	148
- Liability loss/(gain) due to change in financial assumptions	583	(215)
- Closing balance	<b>2 017</b>	<b>1 456</b>

**Components of amount recognised in P&L**

For the year ended 31 March US\$'000	Group and Bank	
	2024	2023
- Current service cost	143	144
- Past service cost	(452)	299
- Total service cost	<b>(309)</b>	<b>443</b>
- Net interest on net defined benefit liability	88	70
Total	<b>(221)</b>	<b>513</b>

**Components of amount recognised in OCI**

For the year ended 31 March US\$'000	Group and Bank	
	2024	2023
- Liability experience loss	199	148
- Liability loss due to change in financial assumptions	583	(215)
- Total	<b>782</b>	<b>(67)</b>

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CONTINUED**10. Share-based payments and other long-term employee benefits (continued)****Retirement Benefit Obligations (continued)****Principal Assumptions used at End of Period**

For the year ended 31 March	Group and Bank	
	2024	2023
- Discount rate	5.3%	6.2%
- Rate of Pension increases	5.0%	4.5%
- Average retirement age (ARA)	65	65

**Sensitivity Analysis on Defined Benefit Obligation at End of Period**

For the year ended 31 March US\$'000	Group and Bank	
	2024	2023
- Increase due to 1% decrease in discount rate	432	352
- Decrease due to 1% increase in discount rate	(355)	(292)
- Increase due to 1% decrease in Future long-term Salary assumption	429	N/A
- Decrease due to 1% increase in Future long-term Salary assumption	(359)	N/A

The above sensitivity analysis has been carried out by recalculating the present value of obligation at end of period after increasing or decreasing the discount rate while leaving all other assumptions unchanged. Any similar variation in the other assumptions would have shown smaller variations in the defined benefit obligation.

**Future cash flows**

For the year ended 31 March US\$'000	Group and Bank	
	2024	2023
The funding policy is to pay benefits out of the reporting entity's cash flow as and when due.		
- Weighted average duration of the defined benefit obligation	17 years	19 years

The plan exposes the Group to normal risks described below:

**Interest risk**

A decrease in the bond interest rate will increase the plan liability; however, this may be partially offset by a decrease in inflationary pressures on salary increases.

**Salary risk**

The plan liability is calculated by reference to the future projected salaries of plan participants. As such, an increase in the salary of the plan participants above the assumed rate will increase the plan liability whereas an increase below the assumed rate will decrease the liability.

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## 11. Taxation

For the year to 31 March US\$'000	Group			Bank		
	2024	2023	2022	2024	2023	2022
<b>Income tax (liability)/asset</b>						
Current year	(11 927)	(7 301)	(2 078)	(11 878)	(7 269)	(2 042)
Tax paid under Advance Payment Scheme	4 957	1 391	1 084	4 936	1 371	1 068
<b>Net income tax (liability)/asset</b>	<b>(6 970)</b>	<b>(5 910)</b>	<b>(994)</b>	<b>(6 942)</b>	<b>(5 898)</b>	<b>(974)</b>
<b>As disclosed on the face of the balance sheet</b>						
Current tax liabilities	(6 970)	(5 910)	(994)	(6 942)	(5 898)	(974)
	<b>(6 970)</b>	<b>(5 910)</b>	<b>(994)</b>	<b>(6 942)</b>	<b>(5 898)</b>	<b>(974)</b>
<b>Income statement tax charge</b>						
Current taxation	11 917	7 110	2 127	11 875	7 086	2 092
_ in respect of the current year	11 927	7 301	2 078	11 878	7 269	2 042
_ in respect of prior year adjustments	(10)	(191)	49	(3)	(183)	50
Deferred taxation (Note27)	(427)	123	47	(427)	123	47
<b>Total taxation charge as per income statement</b>	<b>11 490</b>	<b>7 233</b>	<b>2 174</b>	<b>11 448</b>	<b>7 209</b>	<b>2 139</b>
<b>Tax rate reconciliation:</b>						
Profit before taxation as per income statement	82 504	63 272	35 362	81 808	62 629	34 630
Total taxation charge as per income statement	11 490	7 233	2 174	11 448	7 209	2 139
		—	—		—	—
<b>Effective rate of taxation</b>	14%	11%	6%	14%	11%	6%
At statutory income tax rate of 5% and 15% (2022: 5%)	9 777	6 261	1 768	9 675	6 164	1 732
Adjustment in respect of income tax of prior years	—	—	(24)	—	—	(24)
Special levy	—	—	33	—	—	33
Corporate social responsibility	—	7	18	—	7	18
Other deductible items*	(214)	(564)	(120)	(67)	(491)	(119)
Non-deductible expenses**	2 202	1 529	499	2 115	1 529	499
Adjustment in respect of deferred taxation of prior years	(275)	—	—	(275)	—	—
<b>Income tax expense reported in the income statement</b>	<b>11 490</b>	<b>7 233</b>	<b>2 174</b>	<b>11 448</b>	<b>7 209</b>	<b>2 139</b>

\* Other deductible items include foreign exchange and mark-to-market gains.

\*\* Non-deductible expenses include foreign exchange loss and interest paid on preference shares.

For financial years ended 31 March 2024 and 31 March 2023, the statutory corporate tax rate was provided at 5% for chargeable income up to MUR1.5 billion and 15% above that level, as the conditions to reduce the tax rate at 5% for chargeable income, have expired during the financial year ended 31 March 2023. However, for the financial year ended 31 March 2022 the statutory corporate tax rate was 5% for chargeable income up to MUR1.5 billion, 15% for chargeable income exceeding MUR1.5 billion up to the amount of chargeable income relating to the year 2017/18 and the remaining would be taxed at 5%.

**Tax paid under Advance Payment Scheme**

The Finance Act 2007 introduced an Advance Payment Scheme ("APS") whereby companies having a turnover of 100 million Mauritian Rupee or more are required to file a quarterly corporate tax return as from 1 July 2008.

**Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)**

Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) was legislated by the Government of Mauritius in July 2009. In terms of the legislation, the Bank is required to allocate 2% of its Segment A activities of the preceding financial year to Government approved CSR projects.

**Special Levy**

The Bank is liable for a special levy pursuant to the provisions of the Income Tax Act 1995.

Following changes to the Finance Act 2018, the special levy is calculated at 5.5% of leviable income derived from resident sources excluding GBLs in accordance with section 53J Liability to special levy of the VAT Act 2018.

The Bank did not have leviable income for the financial years ended 31 March 2023 and 31 March 2024.

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A dividend of US\$25 million (US\$0.44 per share) was declared and paid to the ordinary shareholder in the financial year ended 31 March 2024 (2023: US\$nil and 2022: US\$nil).

**13. Analysis of income and impairments by category of financial and non-financial instruments**

For the year to 31 March US\$'000	At fair value through profit or loss		At fair value through OCI		Amortised cost	Other fee income	Total
	Trading*	Non- trading*	Debt instruments				
<b>2024</b>							
Net interest income	—	550	28 097	51 284	—	79 931	
Fee income	—	—	—	9 068	1 246	10 314	
Fee expense	—	(27)	—	(2 206)	—	(2 233)	
Investment income	—	69	150	190	—	409	
Net trading income	11 202	—	—	784	—	11 986	
<b>Total operating income before impairment</b>	<b>11 202</b>	<b>592</b>	<b>28 247</b>	<b>59 120</b>	<b>1 246</b>	<b>100 407</b>	
Expected credit loss impairment reversal	—	—	100	(1 665)	—	(1 565)	
<b>Operating income</b>	<b>11 202</b>	<b>592</b>	<b>28 347</b>	<b>57 455</b>	<b>1 246</b>	<b>98 842</b>	
<b>2023 restated</b>							
Net interest income	—	556	8 370	45 855	—	54 781	
Fee income	—	—	—	10 664	1 173	11 837	
Fee expense	—	—	—	(1 743)	—	(1 743)	
Investment (loss)/income	—	(24)	—	15	—	(9)	
Net trading income	12 028	—	—	552	—	12 580	
<b>Total operating income/(loss) before impairment</b>	<b>12 028</b>	<b>532</b>	<b>8 370</b>	<b>55 343</b>	<b>1 173</b>	<b>77 446</b>	
Expected credit loss impairment reversal/ (charge)	—	—	150	1 904	—	2 054	
<b>Operating income/(loss)</b>	<b>12 028</b>	<b>532</b>	<b>8 520</b>	<b>57 247</b>	<b>1 173</b>	<b>79 500</b>	
<b>2022 restated</b>							
Net interest income	—	—	1 840	31 540	—	33 380	
Fee income	—	—	—	10 767	1 164	11 931	
Fee expense	—	—	—	(1 350)	—	(1 350)	
Investment income	—	—	—	942	—	942	
Net trading income/ (loss)	2 851	—	—	(101)	—	2 750	
Other operating income	—	—	—	25	—	25	
<b>Total operating income before impairment</b>	<b>2 851</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>1 840</b>	<b>41 823</b>	<b>1 164</b>	<b>47 678</b>	
Expected credit loss impairment (charge)/ reversal	—	—	(609)	1 053	—	444	
<b>Operating income</b>	<b>2 851</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>1 231</b>	<b>42 876</b>	<b>1 164</b>	<b>48 122</b>	

\* Trading consists of derivative financial instruments and non-trading consists of investment portfolio.

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CONTINUED**13. Analysis of income and impairments by category of financial and non-financial instruments (continued)**

Bank	For the year to 31 March US\$'000		At fair value through profit or loss	At fair value through OCI	Amortised cost	Total
	Trading*	Non- trading*	Debt instruments			
<b>2024</b>						
Net interest income	—	550	28 097	51 166	79 813	
Fee income	—	—	—	9 068	9 068	
Fee expense	—	(27)	—	(2 206)	(2 233)	
Investment income	—	15	150	190	355	
Net trading income	11 202	—	—	780	11 982	
<b>Total operating income before impairment</b>	<b>11 202</b>	<b>538</b>	<b>28 247</b>	<b>58 998</b>	<b>98 985</b>	
Expected credit loss impairment reversal/(charge)	—	—	100	(1 665)	(1 565)	
<b>Operating income</b>	<b>11 202</b>	<b>538</b>	<b>28 347</b>	<b>57 333</b>	<b>97 420</b>	
<b>2023 restated</b>						
Net interest income	—	555	8 370	45 794	54 719	
Fee income	—	—	—	10 664	10 664	
Fee expense	—	—	—	(1 743)	(1 743)	
Investment income	—	—	—	15	15	
Net trading income	12 028	—	—	571	12 598	
<b>Total operating income/(loss) before impairment</b>	<b>12 028</b>	<b>555</b>	<b>8 370</b>	<b>55 302</b>	<b>76 254</b>	
Expected credit loss impairment reversal	—	—	150	1 904	2 054	
<b>Operating income/(loss)</b>	<b>12 028</b>	<b>556</b>	<b>8 520</b>	<b>57 206</b>	<b>78 308</b>	
<b>2022 restated</b>						
Net interest income	—	—	1 841	31 528	33 369	
Fee income	—	—	—	10 767	10 767	
Fee expense	—	—	—	(1 350)	(1 350)	
Investment income	—	—	—	942	942	
Net trading income/(loss)	2 851	—	—	(94)	2 757	
Other operating income	—	—	—	25	25	
<b>Total operating income before impairment</b>	<b>2 851</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>1 841</b>	<b>41 818</b>	<b>46 510</b>	
Expected credit loss impairment (charge)/reversal	—	—	(609)	1 053	444	
<b>Operating income</b>	<b>2 851</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>1 232</b>	<b>42 871</b>	<b>46 954</b>	

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NOTES TO THE ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
CONTINUED**14. Analysis of assets and liabilities by category of financial and non-financial instrument**

At 31 March US\$'000	At fair value through profit or loss		At fair value through OCI	Total instruments at fair value	Amortised cost	Non-financial instruments or scoped out of IFRS 9	Total
	Trading*	Non-trading*	Debt instruments				
<b>2024</b>							
<b>Assets</b>							
Cash and balances at Central Banks	—	—	—	—	22 360	—	22 360
Due from banks	—	—	—	—	292 701	—	292 701
Reverse repurchase agreements	—	—	—	—	170 818	—	170 818
Sovereign debt securities	—	—	432 229	432 229	—	—	432 229
Bank debt securities	—	—	75 141	75 141	—	—	75 141
Other debt securities	—	—	82 514	82 514	—	—	82 514
Derivative financial instruments	3 368	—	—	3 368	—	—	3 368
Investment portfolio	—	11 356	—	11 356	—	—	11 356
Loans and advances to customers	—	6 293	—	6 293	1 279 294	—	1 285 587
Investment in associate	—	—	—	—	—	1 148	1 148
Deferred taxation asset	—	—	—	—	—	1 077	1 077
Other assets	—	—	—	—	2 849	4 522	7 371
Property, plant and equipment	—	—	—	—	—	2 224	2 224
	<b>3 368</b>	<b>17 649</b>	<b>589 884</b>	<b>610 901</b>	<b>1 768 022</b>	<b>8 971</b>	<b>2 387 894</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>							
Derivative financial instruments	5 792	—	—	5 792	—	—	5 792
Repurchase agreements	—	—	—	—	53 939	—	53 939
Borrowings from banks	—	—	—	—	69 942	—	69 942
Deposits from customers	—	—	—	—	1 379 968	—	1 379 968
Debt securities in issue	—	—	—	—	307 671	—	307 671
Amount due to group companies	—	—	—	—	5 706	—	5 706
Current taxation liabilities	—	—	—	—	—	6 970	6 970
Other liabilities	—	—	—	—	5 319	6 693	12 012
	<b>5 792</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>5 792</b>	<b>1 822 545</b>	<b>13 663</b>	<b>1 842 000</b>

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NOTES TO THE ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
CONTINUED**14. Analysis of assets and liabilities by category of financial and non-financial instrument (continued)**

At 31 March US\$'000	At fair value through profit or loss		At fair value through OCI	Total instruments at fair value	Amortised cost	Non-financial instruments or scoped out of IFRS 9	Total
	Trading*	Non-trading*	Debt instruments				
<b>2023</b>							
<b>Assets</b>							
Cash and balances at Central Banks	—	—	—	—	33 862	—	33 862
Due from banks	—	—	—	—	386 907	—	386 907
Reverse repurchase agreements	—	—	—	—	375 490	—	375 490
Sovereign debt securities	—	—	416 856	416 856	—	—	416 856
Bank debt securities	—	—	51 751	51 751	—	—	51 751
Other debt securities	—	—	55 824	55 824	20 212	—	76 036
Derivative financial instruments	5 690	—	—	5 690	—	—	5 690
Investment portfolio	—	4 130	—	4 130	—	—	4 130
Loans and advances to customers	—	7 847	—	7 847	1 120 422	—	1 128 269
Investment in associate	—	—	—	—	—	1 882	1 882
Deferred taxation asset	—	—	—	—	—	328	328
Other assets	—	—	—	—	4 281	3 138	7 419
Amount due from group companies	—	—	—	—	522	—	522
Property, plant and equipment	—	—	—	—	—	299	299
	<b>5 690</b>	<b>11 977</b>	<b>524 431</b>	<b>542 098</b>	<b>1 941 696</b>	<b>5 647</b>	<b>2 489 441</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>							
Derivative financial instruments	6 992	—	—	6 992	—	—	6 992
Repurchase agreements	—	—	—	—	53 048	—	53 048
Borrowings from banks	—	—	—	—	246 190	—	246 190
Deposits from customers	—	—	—	—	1 408 462	—	1 408 462
Debt securities in issue	—	—	—	—	257 074	—	257 074
Amount due to group companies	—	—	—	—	5 404	—	5 404
Current taxation liabilities	—	—	—	—	—	5 910	5 910
Other liabilities	—	—	—	—	2 944	5 809	8 753
	<b>6 992</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>6 992</b>	<b>1 973 122</b>	<b>11 719</b>	<b>1 991 833</b>

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NOTES TO THE ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
CONTINUED**14. Analysis of assets and liabilities by category of financial and non-financial instrument (continued)**

At 31 March US\$'000	At fair value through profit or loss		At fair value through OCI	Total instruments at fair value	Amortised cost	Non-financial instruments or scoped out of IFRS 9	Total
	Trading*	Non-trading*	Debt instruments				
<b>2022</b>							
<b>Assets</b>							
Cash and balances at Central Banks	—	—	—	—	36 553	—	36 553
Due from banks	—	—	—	—	516 427	—	516 427
Reverse repurchase agreements	—	—	—	—	125 011	—	125 011
Bank debt securities	—	—	31 962	31 962	—	—	31 962
Other debt securities	—	—	39 160	39 160	19 918	—	59 078
Derivative financial instruments	5 175	—	—	5 175	—	—	5 175
Investment portfolio	—	3 813	—	3 813	—	—	3 813
Loans and advances to customers	—	—	—	—	1 061 222	—	1 061 222
Investment in associate	—	—	—	—	—	2 120	2 120
Deferred taxation asset	—	—	—	—	—	451	451
Current taxation asset	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other assets	—	—	—	—	2 290	1 815	4 105
Amount due from group companies	—	—	—	—	1 293	—	1 293
Property, plant and equipment	—	—	—	—	—	404	404
	<b>5 175</b>	<b>3 813</b>	<b>71 122</b>	<b>80 110</b>	<b>1 762 714</b>	<b>4 790</b>	<b>1 847 614</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>							
Derivative financial instruments	2 512	—	—	2 512	—	—	2 512
Deposits from customers	—	—	—	—	1 102 632	—	1 102 632
Debt securities in issue	—	—	—	—	258 814	—	258 814
Amount due to group companies	—	—	—	—	30 051	—	30 051
Current taxation liabilities	—	—	—	—	—	994	994
Other liabilities	—	—	—	—	3 146	5 421	8 567
	<b>2 512</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>2 512</b>	<b>1 394 643</b>	<b>6 415</b>	<b>1 403 570</b>

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CONTINUED**14. Analysis of assets and liabilities by category of financial and non-financial instrument (continued)**

Bank	At fair value through profit or loss		At fair value through OCI	Total instruments at fair value	Amortised cost	Non-financial instruments or scoped out of IFRS 9	Total
	Trading*	Non-trading*	Debt instruments				
<b>2024</b>							
<b>Assets</b>							
Cash and balances at Central Banks	—	—	—	—	22 360	—	22 360
Due from banks	—	—	—	—	292 701	—	292 701
Reverse repurchase agreements	—	—	—	—	170 818	—	170 818
Sovereign debt securities	—	—	432 229	432 229	—	—	432 229
Bank debt securities	—	—	75 141	75 141	—	—	75 141
Other debt securities	—	—	82 514	82 514	—	—	82 514
Derivative financial instruments	3 368	—	—	3 368	—	—	3 368
Investment portfolio	—	10 890	—	10 890	—	—	10 890
Loans and advances to customers	—	6 293	—	6 293	1 279 294	—	1 285 587
Investment in associate	—	—	—	—	—	1 148	1 148
Deferred taxation asset	—	—	—	—	—	1 077	1 077
Other assets	—	—	—	—	2 797	4 514	7 311
Amount due from group companies	—	—	—	—	—	2 224	2 224
Property, plant and equipment	—	—	—	—	17	—	17
Investment in subsidiary	—	—	—	—	—	467	467
	<b>3 368</b>	<b>17 183</b>	<b>589 884</b>	<b>610 435</b>	<b>1 767 987</b>	<b>9 430</b>	<b>2 387 852</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>							
Derivative financial instruments	5 792	—	—	5 792	—	—	5 792
Repurchase agreements	—	—	—	—	53 939	—	53 939
Borrowings from banks	—	—	—	—	69 942	—	69 942
Deposits from customers	—	—	—	—	1 383 930	—	1 383 930
Debt securities in issue	—	—	—	—	307 671	—	307 671
Amount due to group companies	—	—	—	—	5 706	—	5 706
Current taxation liabilities	—	—	—	—	—	6 942	6 942
Other liabilities	—	—	—	—	5 311	6 128	11 439
	<b>5 792</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>5 792</b>	<b>1 826 499</b>	<b>13 070</b>	<b>1 845 361</b>

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CONTINUED**14. Analysis of assets and liabilities by category of financial and non-financial instrument (continued)**

Bank	At fair value through profit or loss		At fair value through OCI	Total instruments at fair value	Amortised cost	Non-financial instruments or scoped out of IFRS 9	Total
	Trading*	Non-trading*	Debt instruments				
<b>At 31 March US\$'000</b>							
<b>2023</b>							
<b>Assets</b>							
Cash and balances at Central Banks	—	—	—	—	33 862	—	33 862
Due from banks	—	—	—	—	386 907	—	386 907
Reverse repurchase agreements	—	—	—	—	375 490	—	375 490
Sovereign debt securities	—	—	416 856	416 856	—	—	416 856
Bank debt securities	—	—	51 751	51 751	—	—	51 751
Other debt securities	—	—	55 824	55 824	20 212	—	76 036
Derivative financial instruments	5 690	—	—	5 690	—	—	5 690
Investment portfolio	—	3 814	—	3 814	—	—	3 814
Loans and advances to customers	—	7 847	—	7 847	1 120 422	—	1 128 269
Investment in associate	—	—	—	—	—	1 882	1 882
Deferred taxation asset	—	—	—	—	—	328	328
Other assets	—	—	—	—	4 281	3 015	7 296
Amount due from group companies	—	—	—	—	540	—	540
Property, plant and equipment	—	—	—	—	—	298	298
Investment in subsidiary	—	—	—	—	—	467	467
	<b>5 690</b>	<b>11 661</b>	<b>524 431</b>	<b>541 782</b>	<b>1 941 714</b>	<b>5 990</b>	<b>2 489 486</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>							
Derivative financial instruments	6 992	—	—	6 992	—	—	6 992
Repurchase agreements	—	—	—	—	53 048	—	53 048
Borrowings from banks	—	—	—	—	246 190	—	246 190
Deposits from customers	—	—	—	—	1 411 573	—	1 411 573
Debt securities in issue	—	—	—	—	257 074	—	257 074
Amount due to group companies	—	—	—	—	5 404	—	5 404
Current taxation liabilities	—	—	—	—	—	5 898	5 898
Other liabilities	—	—	—	—	2 933	5 511	8 444
	<b>6 992</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>6 992</b>	<b>1 976 222</b>	<b>11 409</b>	<b>1 994 623</b>

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CONTINUED**14. Analysis of assets and liabilities by category of financial and non-financial instrument (continued)**

Bank	At fair value through profit or loss		At fair value through OCI	Total instruments at fair value	Amortised cost	Non-financial instruments or scoped out of IFRS 9	Total
	Trading*	Non-trading*	Debt instruments				
<b>2022</b>							
<b>Assets</b>							
Cash and balances at Central Banks	—	—	—	—	36 553	—	36 553
Due from banks	—	—	—	—	516 427	—	516 427
Reverse repurchase agreements	—	—	—	—	125 011	—	125 011
Bank debt securities	—	—	31 962	31 962	—	—	31 962
Other debt securities	—	—	39 160	39 160	19 918	—	59 078
Derivative financial instruments	5 175	—	—	5 175	—	—	5 175
Investment portfolio	—	3 813	—	3 813	—	—	3 813
Loans and advances to customers	—	—	—	—	1 061 222	—	1 061 222
Investment in associate	—	—	—	—	—	2 120	2 120
Deferred taxation asset	—	—	—	—	—	451	451
Current taxation asset	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other assets	—	—	—	—	2 139	1 752	3 891
Amount due from group companies	—	—	—	—	1 308	—	1 308
Property, plant and equipment	—	—	—	—	—	402	402
Investment in subsidiary	—	—	—	—	—	467	467
	<b>5 175</b>	<b>3 813</b>	<b>71 122</b>	<b>80 110</b>	<b>1 762 578</b>	<b>5 192</b>	<b>1 847 880</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>							
Derivative financial instruments	2 512	—	—	2 512	—	—	2 512
Deposits from customers	—	—	—	—	1 105 211	—	1 105 211
Debt securities in issue	—	—	—	—	258 814	—	258 814
Amount due to group companies	—	—	—	—	30 051	—	30 051
Current taxation liabilities	—	—	—	—	—	974	974
Other liabilities	—	—	—	—	3 146	5 234	8 380
	<b>2 512</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>2 512</b>	<b>1 397 222</b>	<b>6 208</b>	<b>1 405 942</b>

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CONTINUED**15. Financial instruments at fair value**

The table below analyses recurring fair value measurements for financial assets and financial liabilities. These fair value measurements are categorised into different levels in the fair value hierarchy based on the inputs to the valuation technique used. The different levels are identified as follows:

**Level 1** – quoted (unadjusted) prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.

**Level 2** – inputs other than quoted prices included within level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (i.e. as prices) or indirectly (i.e. derived from prices).

**Level 3** – inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs).

	Group				Bank			
	Total instruments at fair value	Fair value category			Total instruments at fair value	Fair value category		
Level 1		Level 2	Level 3	Level 1		Level 2	Level 3	
<b>US\$'000</b>								
<b>2024</b>								
<b>Assets</b>								
Sovereign debt securities	432 229	432 229	—	—	432 229	432 229	—	—
Bank debt securities	75 141	75 141	—	—	75 141	75 141	—	—
Other debt securities	82 514	82 514	—	—	82 514	82 514	—	—
Derivative financial instruments	3 368	—	3 368	—	3 368	—	3 368	—
Investment portfolio	11 356	470	—	10 886	10 890	4	—	10 886
Loans and advances to customers	6 293	—	6 293	—	6 293	—	6 293	—
	<b>610 901</b>	<b>590 354</b>	<b>9 661</b>	<b>10 886</b>	<b>610 435</b>	<b>589 888</b>	<b>9 661</b>	<b>10 886</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>								
Derivative financial instruments	5 792	—	5 792	—	5 792	—	5 792	—
	<b>5 792</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>5 792</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>5 792</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>5 792</b>	<b>—</b>
<b>Net financial assets at fair value</b>	<b>605 109</b>	<b>590 354</b>	<b>3 869</b>	<b>10 886</b>	<b>604 643</b>	<b>589 888</b>	<b>3 869</b>	<b>10 886</b>
<b>2023</b>								
<b>Assets</b>								
Sovereign debt securities	416 856	416 856	—	—	416 856	416 856	—	—
Bank debt securities	51 751	51 751	—	—	51 751	51 751	—	—
Other debt securities	55 824	55 824	—	—	55 824	55 824	—	—
Derivative financial instruments	5 690	—	5 690	—	5 690	—	5 690	—
Investment portfolio	4 130	320	—	3 810	3 814	4	—	3 810
Loans and advances to customers	7 928	—	7 928	—	7 928	—	7 928	—
	<b>542 179</b>	<b>524 751</b>	<b>13 618</b>	<b>3 810</b>	<b>541 863</b>	<b>524 435</b>	<b>13 618</b>	<b>3 810</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>								
Derivative financial instruments	6 992	—	6 992	—	6 992	—	6 992	—
	<b>6 992</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>6 992</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>6 992</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>6 992</b>	<b>—</b>
<b>Net financial assets at fair value</b>	<b>535 187</b>	<b>524 751</b>	<b>6 625</b>	<b>3 810</b>	<b>534 871</b>	<b>524 435</b>	<b>6 626</b>	<b>3 810</b>
<b>2022</b>								
<b>Assets</b>								
Bank debt securities	31 962	31 962	—	—	31 962	31 962	—	—
Other debt securities	39 160	39 160	—	—	39 160	39 160	—	—
Derivative financial instruments	5 175	—	5 175	—	5 175	—	5 175	—
Investment portfolio	3 813	3	—	3 810	3 813	3	—	3 810
	<b>80 110</b>	<b>71 125</b>	<b>5 175</b>	<b>3 810</b>	<b>80 110</b>	<b>71 125</b>	<b>5 175</b>	<b>3 810</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>								
Derivative financial instruments	2 512	—	2 512	—	2 512	—	2 512	—
	<b>2 512</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>2 512</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>2 512</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>2 512</b>	<b>—</b>
<b>Net financial assets at fair value</b>	<b>77 598</b>	<b>71 125</b>	<b>2 663</b>	<b>3 810</b>	<b>77 598</b>	<b>71 125</b>	<b>2 663</b>	<b>3 810</b>

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During the year ended 31 March 2023, there were no financial instruments transferred between level 1 and level 2 (2022 and 2021: US\$nil).

**Measurement of financial assets and liabilities at level 2**

The table below sets out information about the valuation techniques used at the end of the reporting year in measuring financial instruments categorised as level 2 in the fair value hierarchy:

	VALUATION BASIS/TECHNIQUES	MAIN ASSUMPTIONS
<b>Assets</b>		
Derivative financial instruments	Discounted cash flow model Black-Scholes	Yield curve Volatilities
Loans and advances to customers	Discounted cash flow model Black-Scholes	Yield curve Volatilities
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Derivative financial instruments	Discounted cash flow model Black-Scholes	Yield curve Volatilities

**Measurement of financial assets and liabilities at level 3**

The financial instruments in the investment portfolio are categorised as level 3 in the fair value hierarchy.

The Bank has performed an assessment for the fair value and it is not deemed materially different from cost.

**The reconciliation of level 3 instruments is as follows:**

US\$'000	2024	2023	2022
Opening balance	3 810	3 810	2 660
Additions	7 076	—	1 150
<b>Closing balance</b>	<b>10 886</b>	<b>3 810</b>	<b>3 810</b>

**Sensitivity of fair values to reasonably possible alternative assumptions by level 3 instrument type**

The fair value of financial instruments in level 3 is estimated to be equivalent of their cost. Refer to page 41 of the annual report for the sensitivity.

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CONTINUED**16. Fair value of financial instruments at amortised cost**

At 31 March US\$'000	Carrying amount	Fair value	Fair value category		
			Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
<b>Group</b>					
<b>2024</b>					
<b>Assets</b>					
Cash and balances at Central Banks	22 360	22 360	—	—	—
Due from banks	292 701	292 701	—	—	—
Reverse repurchase agreements	170 818	170 818	—	—	—
Other debt securities	—	—	—	—	—
Loans and advances to customers	1 279 294	1 279 553	—	—	1 279 553
Other assets	2 849	2 849	—	—	—
Amount due from group companies	—	—	—	—	—
	<b>1 768 022</b>	<b>1 768 281</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>1 279 553</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>					
Repurchase agreements	53 939	53 939	—	—	—
Borrowings from banks	69 942	69 942	—	—	—
Deposits from customers	1 379 968	1 379 462	—	1 379 462	—
Debt securities in issue	307 671	307 671	—	—	—
Amount due to group companies	5 706	5 706	—	—	—
Other liabilities	5 319	5 319	—	—	—
	<b>1 822 545</b>	<b>1 822 039</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>1 379 462</b>	<b>—</b>
<b>2023</b>					
<b>Assets</b>					
Cash and balances at central banks	33 862	33 862	—	—	—
Due from banks	386 907	386 907	—	—	—
Reverse repurchase agreements	375 490	375 490	—	—	—
Other debt securities	20 212	20 212	—	20 212	—
Loans and advances to customers	1 120 422	1 120 658	—	—	1 120 658
Other assets	4 281	4 281	—	—	—
Amount due from group companies	522	522	—	—	—
	<b>1 941 696</b>	<b>1 941 932</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>20 212</b>	<b>1 120 658</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>					
Repurchase agreements	53 048	53 048	—	—	—
Borrowings from banks	246 190	246 190	—	—	—
Deposits from customers	1 408 462	1 407 955	—	1 407 955	—
Debt securities in issue	257 074	257 074	—	—	—
Amount due to group companies	5 404	5 404	—	—	—
Other liabilities	2 944	2 944	—	—	—
	<b>1 973 122</b>	<b>1 972 615</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>1 407 955</b>	<b>—</b>
<b>2022</b>					
<b>Assets</b>					
Cash and balances at Central Banks	36 553	36 553	—	—	—
Due from banks	516 427	516 427	—	—	—
Reverse repurchase agreements	125 011	125 011	—	—	—
Other debt securities	19 918	19 918	—	19 918	—
Loans and advances to customers	1 061 222	1 062 738	—	—	1 062 738
Other assets	2 290	2 290	—	—	—
Amount due from group companies	1 293	1 293	—	—	—
	<b>1 762 714</b>	<b>1 764 230</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>19 918</b>	<b>1 062 738</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>					
Deposits from customers	1 102 632	1 102 968	—	1 102 968	—
Debt securities in issue	258 814	258 814	—	—	—
Amount due to group companies	30 051	30 051	—	—	—
Other liabilities	3 146	3 146	—	—	—
	<b>1 394 643</b>	<b>1 394 979</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>1 102 968</b>	<b>—</b>

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CONTINUED**16. Fair value of financial instruments at amortised cost (continued)**

At 31 March US\$'000	Carrying amount	Fair value	Fair value category		
			Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
<b>Bank</b>					
<b>2024</b>					
<b>Assets</b>					
Cash and balances at central banks	22 360	22 360	—	—	—
Due from banks	292 701	292 701	—	—	—
Reverse repurchase agreements	170 818	170 818	—	—	—
Other debt securities	—	—	—	—	—
Loans and advances to customers	1 279 294	1 279 553	—	—	1 279 553
Other assets	2 797	2 797	—	—	—
Amount due from group companies	17	17	—	—	—
	<b>1 767 987</b>	<b>1 768 246</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>1 279 553</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>					
Repurchase agreements	53 939	53 939	—	—	—
Borrowings from banks	69 942	69 942	—	—	—
Deposits from customers	1 383 930	1 383 786	—	1 383 786	—
Debt securities in issue	307 671	307 671	—	—	—
Amount due to group companies	5 706	5 706	—	—	—
Other liabilities	5 311	5 311	—	—	—
	<b>1 826 499</b>	<b>1 826 355</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>1 383 786</b>	<b>—</b>
<b>2023</b>					
<b>Assets</b>					
Cash and balances at central banks	33 862	33 862	—	—	—
Due from banks	386 907	386 907	—	—	—
Reverse repurchase agreements	375 490	375 490	—	—	—
Other debt securities	20 212	20 212	—	20 212	—
Loans and advances to customers	1 120 422	1 119 658	—	—	1 119 658
Other assets	4 281	4 281	—	—	—
Amount due from group companies	540	540	—	—	—
	<b>1 941 714</b>	<b>1 940 950</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>20 212</b>	<b>1 119 658</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>					
Repurchase agreements	53 048	53 048	—	—	—
Borrowings from banks	246 190	246 190	—	—	—
Deposits from customers	1 411 573	1 411 066	—	1 411 066	—
Debt securities in issue	257 074	257 074	—	—	—
Amount due to group companies	2 933	2 933	—	—	—
Other liabilities	708	708	—	—	—
	<b>1 971 526</b>	<b>1 971 019</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>1 411 066</b>	<b>—</b>
<b>2022</b>					
<b>Assets</b>					
Cash and balances at central banks	36 553	36 553	—	—	—
Due from banks	516 427	516 427	—	—	—
Reverse repurchase agreements	125 011	125 011	—	—	—
Other debt securities	19 918	19 918	—	19 918	—
Loans and advances to customers	1 061 222	1 062 738	—	—	1 062 738
Other assets	2 139	2 139	—	—	—
Amount due from group companies	1 308	1 308	—	—	—
	<b>1 762 578</b>	<b>1 764 094</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>19 918</b>	<b>1 062 738</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>					
Deposits from customers	1 105 211	1 105 548	—	1 105 548	—
Debt securities in issue	258 814	258 814	—	—	—
Amount due to group companies	30 051	30 051	—	—	—
Other liabilities	1 598	1 598	—	—	—
	<b>1 395 674</b>	<b>1 396 011</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>1 105 548</b>	<b>—</b>



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For financial assets and financial liabilities that are liquid or have a short-term maturity (less than three months) it is assumed that the carrying amounts approximate their fair value. This assumption also applies to demand deposits and savings accounts without a specific maturity date (included in customer deposits) and variable rate financial instruments.

The table below sets out information about the valuation techniques used at the end of the reporting period in measuring level 2 and level 3 financial instruments not held at fair value:

	VALUATION BASIS/TECHNIQUE	MAIN INPUTS
<b>Assets</b>		
Other debt securities	Discounted cash flow model	Discount rates
Loans and advances to customers	Discounted cash flow model	Interest rate yield curve
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Customer deposits	Discounted cash flow model	Interest rate yield curve
Debt securities in issue	Discounted cash flow model	Interest rate yield curve

**Fixed rate financial instruments**

The fair value of fixed rate financial instruments does not approximate carrying value. Hence, differences in amortised cost and fair value occur in fixed-rate instruments. The fair value of fixed-rate financial assets and financial liabilities carried at amortised cost are estimated by comparing spreads earned on the transactions with spreads earned on similar new transactions entered into by the Group. The estimated fair value of fixed interest-bearing deposits is based on discounted cash flows, using prevailing money market interest rates for debt instruments with similar credit risk and maturity. For quoted sub-debt issued, the fair values are calculated based on quoted market prices. For those notes issued where quoted market prices are not available, a discounted cash flow model is used based on a current interest rate yield curve appropriate for the remaining term to maturity.

**17. Cash and balances at central bank**

At 31 March US\$'000	Group and Bank		
	2024	2023	2022
Cash in hand	—	—	1
Cash balance with the central bank			
– Cash reserve balance*	13 076	13 935	13 870
– Unrestricted	9 284	19 927	22 682
	<b>22 360</b>	<b>33 862</b>	<b>36 553</b>

\* The cash reserve balance represents the minimum cash balance held with the Central Bank of Mauritius required in accordance with Section 49 of the Banking Act 2004.

**18. Due from banks**

At 31 March US\$'000	Group and Bank		
	2024	2023	2022
Intergroup banks <sup>^</sup> *	45 929	27 786	26 990
Other banks*	137 524	264 422	345 557
Loans and advances to banks	109 248	94 699	143 880
	<b>292 701</b>	<b>386 907</b>	<b>516 427</b>
Gross amount	293 248	387 090	516 665
Expected credit loss	(547)	(183)	(238)
	<b>292 701</b>	<b>386 907</b>	<b>516 427</b>
<b>All exposures and ECL are classified as stage 1.</b>			
Balance at the beginning of the year	(183)	(238)	(42)
Provision (charged)/released	(364)	54	(196)
<b>Balance at the end of the year</b>	<b>(547)</b>	<b>(183)</b>	<b>(238)</b>

<sup>^</sup> Intergroup banks include holding bank and fellow subsidiaries in the group.

\* Relates to cash held in operational bank accounts.

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At 31 March US\$'000	Group and Bank		
	2024	2023	2022
<b>Assets</b>			
Reverse repurchase agreements with:			
Group companies	—	25 039	25 043
Others	170 818	350 451	99 968
	<b>170 818</b>	<b>375 490</b>	<b>125 011</b>
Gross amount	170 831	375 505	125 054
Expected credit loss	(13)	(15)	(43)
<b>Reverse repurchase agreements</b>	<b>170 818</b>	<b>375 490</b>	<b>125 011</b>
<b>All exposures and ECL are classified as stage 1.</b>			
Balance at the beginning of the year	(15)	(43)	(21)
Provision released/(charged)	2	28	(22)
<b>Balance at the end of the year</b>	<b>(13)</b>	<b>(15)</b>	<b>(43)</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
<b>Repurchase agreements</b>	<b>(53 939)</b>	<b>(53 048)</b>	<b>—</b>

The assets transferred and not derecognised in the above repurchase agreements were US\$ 64 million as at the financial year ended 31 March 2024 and 31 March 2023 (2022: US\$nil). They are pledged as security for the term of the underlying repurchase agreement. The securities under the repurchase agreement comprise of bond instruments.

The Bank has a programme to sell securities under agreements to repurchase (repos).

The securities sold under agreements to repurchase are transferred to a third party and the Bank receives cash in exchange. These transactions are conducted under terms based on the applicable ISDA Collateral Guidelines. If the securities increase or decrease in value the Bank may, in certain circumstances, require, or be required, to pay additional cash collateral. The Bank has determined that it retains substantially all the risks and rewards of these securities, which include credit risk and market risk, and therefore it has not derecognised them. In addition, it recognises a financial liability for cash received as collateral.

**20. Sovereign debt securities**

At 31 March US\$'000	Group and Bank		
	2024	2023	2022
Treasury bonds and gilts	432 229	416 856	—
	<b>432 229</b>	<b>416 856</b>	<b>—</b>
The country risk of sovereign debt securities lies in the following geographies:			
United States of America	297 819	295 339	—
United Kingdom	134 410	121 517	—
	<b>432 229</b>	<b>416 856</b>	<b>—</b>
Cost	430 551	416 333	—
Fair value adjustments through OCI	1 678	523	—
<b>Fair value</b>	<b>432 229</b>	<b>416 856</b>	<b>—</b>

The sovereign debt securities, purchased during the current financial year, were measured at FVOCI with fair value movement of US\$1.2 million (2023: US\$ 0.5 million and 2022: US\$ nil), accounted in the fair value reserve, in other comprehensive income.

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At 31 March US\$'000	Group and Bank		
	2024	2023	2022
Bonds	75 141	51 751	31 962
	<b>75 141</b>	<b>51 751</b>	<b>31 962</b>
The country risk of bank debt securities lies in the following geographies:			
Africa	24 157	21 008	18 111
Europe (excluding UK)	39 887	30 743	13 851
Mauritius	11 097	—	—
	<b>75 141</b>	<b>51 751</b>	<b>31 962</b>
Cost	74 190	53 793	31 915
Fair value adjustments through OCI	951	(2 042)	47
Fair value	<b>75 141</b>	<b>51 751</b>	<b>31 962</b>

Bank debt securities are measured at FVOCI with fair value movement of US\$3.0 million (2023: US\$-2.0 million and 2022: US\$1.0 million) accounted in the fair value reserve, in other comprehensive income.

**22. Other debt securities**

At 31 March US\$'000	Group and Bank		
	2024	2023	2022
Bonds	82 514	76 036	59 078
	<b>82 514</b>	<b>76 036</b>	<b>59 078</b>
The country risk of other debt securities lies in the following geographies:			
UK	18 879	18 728	18 293
Europe (excluding UK)	2 959	30 459	30 282
South Africa			
United States	51 245	19 513	10 503
Asia	9 431	7 336	—
	<b>82 514</b>	<b>76 036</b>	<b>59 078</b>
<b>At amortised cost</b>	—	20 231	20 053
Expected credit loss	—	(19)	(135)
	<b>—</b>	<b>20 212</b>	<b>19 918</b>
<b>At fair value</b>	83 545	58 035	39 936
Fair value adjustments through OCI	(1 031)	(2 212)	(776)
	<b>82 514</b>	<b>55 824</b>	<b>39 160</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>82 514</b>	<b>76 036</b>	<b>59 078</b>

The other debt securities are measured at amortised cost and FVOCI with fair value movement of US\$1.2million (2023: US\$-1.4million and 2022: US\$0.8million) accounted in the fair value reserve, in other comprehensive income.

The assets pledged was US\$64 million as at the financial year ended 31 March 2024 and 31 March 2023 (2022: US\$nil) and the carrying amount approximates the fair value.

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The Bank enters into various contracts for derivatives as customer for hedging foreign exchange and interest rate exposures.

These include swaps and forward rate agreements.

The risks associated with derivative instruments are monitored in the same manner as for the underlying instruments. Risks are also measured across the product range in order to take into account possible correlations.

In the tables that follow, notional principal amounts indicate the volume of business outstanding at the balance sheet date and do not represent amounts at risk.

The fair value of a derivative financial instrument representing the present value of the positive or negative cash flows which would have occurred had the rights and obligations arising from that instrument been closed out by the Bank in an orderly market transaction at balance sheet date.

At 31 March US\$'000	Group and Bank								
	2024			2023			2022		
	Notional principal amounts	Positive fair value	Negative fair value	Notional principal amounts	Positive fair value	Negative fair value	Notional principal amounts	Positive fair value	Negative fair value
Forward foreign exchange contracts	835 233	97	(1 489)	750 195	465	(5 160)	656 381	1 691	(2 292)
Currency swaps	57 724	136	(2 472)	6 763	—	(1 629)	8 214	—	(52)
Credit default swaps	8 206	47	—	8 330	43	—	8 570	133	—
Interest rate swaps	267 992	3 088	(1 831)	193 139	5 182	(203)	167 797	3 351	(168)
	<b>1 169 155</b>	<b>3 368</b>	<b>(5 792)</b>	<b>958 427</b>	<b>5 690</b>	<b>(6 992)</b>	<b>840 962</b>	<b>5 175</b>	<b>(2 512)</b>

Most of the Bank's derivatives relate to deals with customers which are normally offset by transactions with other counterparties. The Bank may also take positions with the expectation of profiting from favourable movements in prices, rates and indices.

**Forwards**

Forwards are contractual agreements to buy or sell a specified financial instrument at a specific price and date in the future. Forwards are customised contracts transacted in the over-the-counter market. The Group and the Bank have credit exposure to the counterparties of forward contracts. Forward contracts are settled gross and are therefore considered to bear a high liquidity risk. Such contracts also result in market risk exposure.

**Swaps**

Swaps are contractual agreements between two parties to exchange streams of payment over time based on specified notional amounts in relation to movements in interest rate, foreign currency rate or equity index.

**24. Investment portfolio**

At 31 March US\$'000	Group			Bank		
	2024	2023	2022	2024	2023	2022
Listed equities	470	320	3	4	4	3
Unlisted equities	10 886	3 810	3 810	10 886	3 810	3 810
	<b>11 356</b>	<b>4 130</b>	<b>3 813</b>	<b>10 890</b>	<b>3 814</b>	<b>3 813</b>

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At 31 March US\$'000	Group and Bank		
	2024	2023	2022
<b>At amortised cost</b>	1 283 148	1 123 220	1 065 483
<b>At fair value through P&amp;L</b>	6 293	7 928	—
<b>Gross amount</b>	<b>1 289 441</b>	<b>1 131 148</b>	<b>1 065 483</b>
Expected credit loss	(3 854)	(2 879)	(4 261)
<b>Net loans and advances to customers</b>	<b>1 285 587</b>	<b>1 128 269</b>	<b>1 061 222</b>

At 31 March US\$'000	Group and Bank		
	2024	2023	2022
<b>Cost</b>	6 319	7 894	—
<b>Fair value adjustment</b>	(26)	34	—
<b>Fair value</b>	<b>6 293</b>	<b>7 928</b>	<b>—</b>

**Reconciliation of movements in expected credit loss**

At 31 March US\$'000	Group and Bank		
	2024	2023	2022
<b>Expected credit loss</b>			
Balance at beginning of year	2 879	4 261	7 755
Expected credit loss charge/(reversal)	1 170	(1 382)	(1 507)
Written off out of allowance	(195)	—	(2 520)
Transfers	—	—	533
<b>Balance at end of year</b>	<b>3 854</b>	<b>2 879</b>	<b>4 261</b>
<b>Interest income recognised on loans that have been impaired</b>	<b>1 880</b>	<b>634</b>	<b>179</b>
<b>Income statement (charge)/ reversal</b>	<b>(1 170)</b>	<b>1 382</b>	<b>2</b>
Gross amount of loans, individually determined to be impaired, before deducting any individually assessed impairment allowance	86 010	47 965	1 860

For further analysis on loans and advances refer to pages 26 to 37 in the risk management section.

**Expected credit loss**

When determining the expected credit loss, the Bank estimated the probability of default and loss given default on exposures classified as stage 1 and 2 exposures. The probability of default and loss given default include both quantitative and qualitative information, based on the Group's historical experience and forward-looking information. For the year ended 31 March 2024, the table below highlights the probability of default and loss given default, which have been used in the expected credit loss:

	Range	Sensitivity
Probability of default	0.3% to 4.0%	An increase/ decrease of 0.25% would result in an increase/decrease in ECL of US\$962,000
Loss given default	4.8% to 42.6%	An increase/ decrease of 10% would result in an increase/decrease in ECL of US\$1,248,000

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At 31 March US\$'000	Group and Bank		
	2024	2023	2022
Investment in associate consists of:			
Net asset value	1 148	1 882	2 120
	<b>1 148</b>	<b>1 882</b>	<b>2 120</b>
<b>Analysis of the movement in our share of net assets:</b>			
At beginning of year	1 882	2 120	2 130
Share of profit/(loss) in associate	142	(166)	155
Capital reduction	(915)	—	—
Foreign currency translation through OCI	225	(72)	(165)
Foreign currency loss on capital reduction recycled in income statement	(186)	—	—
<b>At end of year</b>	<b>1 148</b>	<b>1 882</b>	<b>2 120</b>

The Bank owns 36.19% (2023 and 2022: 34.54%) interest in Dolphin Coast Marina Estate Ltd (DCME), a company incorporated in Mauritius and operating an Integrated Resort Scheme (IRS) in Mauritius. The Bank's interest in DCME is accounted for using the equity accounting method.

The following table illustrates the summarised financial information of the Group's and the Bank's investment in the above associate.

At 31 March US\$'000	Group and Bank		
	2024	2023	2022
<b>Associate's balance sheet:</b>			
Current assets	3 337	5 792	7 996
Current liabilities	(164)	(344)	—
Non-current liabilities	—	—	(1 860)
Net assets	3 173	5 448	6 136
<b>Share of associate's net assets</b>	<b>1 148</b>	<b>1 882</b>	<b>2 120</b>
<b>Revenue</b>	440	2 889	5 387
<b>Profit/(Loss)</b>	392	(481)	448
<b>Share of associate's revenue and profit:</b>			
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>998</b>	<b>1 861</b>
<b>Share of profit/(loss)</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>(166)</b>	<b>155</b>

**27. Deferred taxation**

At 31 March US\$'000	Group and Bank		
	2024	2023	2022
Deferred taxation assets	1 077	365	501
Deferred taxation liabilities	—	(37)	(50)
<b>Net deferred taxation assets</b>	<b>1 077</b>	<b>328</b>	<b>451</b>
<b>The net deferred taxation assets/(liabilities) arise from:</b>			
Impairment of loans and advances to customers	785	134	319
Capital allowances	5	(1)	3
Retirement benefit obligations and expenditure accruals	287	195	129
<b>Net deferred taxation assets</b>	<b>1 077</b>	<b>328</b>	<b>451</b>
<b>Reconciliation of net deferred taxation assets</b>			
At beginning of year	328	451	498
Charge directly in other comprehensive income	322	—	—
Charge to income statement – current year taxation (Note 11)	427	(123)	(47)
<b>At year end</b>	<b>1 077</b>	<b>328</b>	<b>451</b>

Deferred taxation assets are recognised to the extent it is likely that profits will be available in future periods. The assessment of the likelihood of future profits is based on past performance and current projections. Deferred taxation assets are not recognised in respect of capital losses as crystallisation of capital gains and the eligibility of potential losses is uncertain.

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At 31 March US\$'000	Group			Bank		
	2024	2023	2022	2024	2023	2022
Settlement debtors	2 849	4 281	2 290	2 797	4 281	2 139
Prepayments and accruals	1 735	1 212	1 265	1 730	1 192	1 202
Other	2 787	1 926	550	2 784	1 823	550
	<b>7 371</b>	<b>7 419</b>	<b>4 105</b>	<b>7 311</b>	<b>7 296</b>	<b>3 891</b>

**29. Property, plant and equipment**

At 31 March US\$'000	Computer equipment	Furniture and fittings	Office equipment	Motor vehicles	Right-of-use assets*	Total
<b>Group</b>						
<b>2024</b>						
<b>Cost</b>						
At beginning of year	261	561	461	84	295	1 662
Additions	6	721	188	—	1 457	2 372
Disposals	(2)	(47)	(9)	—	(234)	(292)
Write-offs	(41)	(420)	(405)	—	—	(866)
<b>At end of year</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>815</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>1 518</b>	<b>2 875</b>
<b>Accumulated depreciation</b>						
At beginning of year	208	488	456	27	184	1 363
Disposals	(2)	(46)	(9)	—	(234)	(291)
Depreciation charge for year	37	37	17	16	307	414
Write-offs	(41)	(390)	(404)	—	—	(835)
<b>At end of year</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>651</b>
<b>Net carrying value</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>726</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>1 261</b>	<b>2 224</b>
<b>2023</b>						
<b>Cost</b>						
At beginning of year	349	562	468	83	968	2 430
Additions	12	—	—	33	—	45
Disposals	—	—	—	(32)	—	(32)
Write-offs	(100)	(1)	(7)	—	(673)	(781)
<b>At end of year</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>561</b>	<b>461</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>295</b>	<b>1 662</b>
<b>Accumulated depreciation</b>						
At beginning of year	251	467	443	46	819	2 026
Disposals	—	—	—	(32)	—	(32)
Depreciation charge for year	57	22	20	13	273	385
Write-offs	(100)	(1)	(7)	—	(908)	(1 016)
<b>At end of year</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>488</b>	<b>456</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>1 363</b>
<b>Net carrying value</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>299</b>

\* The 'right-of-use' includes the premises of the bank and the disposal relates to the previous lease matured during the financial year ended 31 March 2024.

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CONTINUED**29. Property, plant and equipment (continued)**

At 31 March US\$'000	Computer equipment	Furniture and fittings	Office equipment	Motor vehicles	Right-of-use assets	Total
<b>Group</b>						
<b>2022</b>						
<b>Cost</b>						
At beginning of year	317	563	484	83	1 165	2 612
Additions	33	1	1	—	—	35
<b>Disposals</b>						
Write-offs	(1)	(2)	(17)	—	(197)	(20)
<b>At end of year</b>	<b>349</b>	<b>562</b>	<b>468</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>968</b>	<b>2 430</b>
<b>Accumulated depreciation</b>						
At beginning of year	193	446	423	36	552	1 650
Disposals	—	—	—	—	—	—
Depreciation charge for year	59	22	37	10	267	395
Write-offs	(1)	(1)	(17)	—	—	(19)
<b>At end of year</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>467</b>	<b>443</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>819</b>	<b>2 026</b>
<b>Net carrying value</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>404</b>
<b>Bank</b>						
<b>2024</b>						
<b>Cost</b>						
At beginning of year	257	561	460	84	295	1 657
Additions	6	721	188	—	1 457	2 372
Disposals	(2)	(47)	(9)	—	(234)	(292)
Write-offs	(41)	(420)	(405)	—	—	(866)
<b>At end of year</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>815</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>1 518</b>	<b>2 871</b>
<b>Accumulated depreciation</b>						
At beginning of year	205	488	455	27	184	1 359
Disposals	(2)	(46)	(9)	—	(234)	(291)
Depreciation charge for year	37	37	17	16	307	414
Write-offs	(41)	(390)	(404)	—	—	(835)
<b>At end of year</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>647</b>
<b>Net carrying value</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>726</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>1 261</b>	<b>2 224</b>



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CONTINUED**29. Property, plant and equipment (continued)**

<b>At 31 March US\$'000</b>	Computer equipment	Furniture and fittings	Office equipment	Motor vehicles	Right-of-use assets	<b>Total</b>
<b>Bank</b>						
<b>2023</b>						
<b>Cost</b>						
At beginning of year	345	562	467	83	968	2 425
Additions	12	—	—	33	—	45
Disposals	—	—	—	(32)	—	(32)
Write-offs	(100)	(1)	(7)	—	(673)	(781)
<b>At end of year</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>561</b>	<b>460</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>295</b>	<b>1 657</b>
<b>Accumulated depreciation</b>						
At beginning of year	249	467	442	46	819	2 023
Disposals	—	—	—	(32)	—	(32)
Depreciation charge for year	56	22	20	13	273	384
Write-offs	(100)	(1)	(7)	—	(908)	(1 016)
<b>At end of year</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>488</b>	<b>455</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>1 359</b>
<b>Net carrying value</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>298</b>
<b>2022</b>						
<b>Cost</b>						
At beginning of year	313	563	483	83	1 165	2 607
Additions	33	1	1	—	—	35
Disposals	—	—	—	—	(197)	(197)
Write-offs	(1)	(2)	(17)	—	—	(20)
<b>At end of year</b>	<b>345</b>	<b>562</b>	<b>467</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>968</b>	<b>2 425</b>
<b>Accumulated depreciation</b>						
At beginning of year	192	446	423	36	552	1 649
Disposals	—	—	—	—	—	—
Depreciation charge for year	58	22	36	10	267	393
Write-offs	(1)	(1)	(17)	—	—	(19)
<b>At end of year</b>	<b>249</b>	<b>467</b>	<b>442</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>819</b>	<b>2 023</b>
<b>Net carrying value</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>402</b>

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At 31 March US\$'000	Group			Bank		
	2024	2023	2022	2024	2023	2022
<b>Assets</b>						
<b>Amount due from group companies</b>						
Holding company	—	—	1 293	—	—	1 293
Fellow subsidiaries	—	522	—	17	540	15
	<b>—</b>	<b>522</b>	<b>1 293</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>540</b>	<b>1 308</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>						
<b>Amount due to group companies</b>						
Holding company	307	183	20 937	307	183	20 937
Fellow subsidiaries	5 399	5 221	9 114	5 399	5 221	9 114
	<b>5 706</b>	<b>5 404</b>	<b>30 051</b>	<b>5 706</b>	<b>5 404</b>	<b>30 051</b>

**Terms and conditions of transactions with related parties**

The above-mentioned outstanding balances arose in the ordinary course of business. The interest charged to and by related parties are at normal commercial rates. For the year ended 31 March 2024, the Bank has not made any impairment loss relating to amounts owed by related parties (2023 and 2022: US\$nil).

**31. Investment in subsidiary**

Bank	Nature of business	Holding (%)	Number of issued ordinary shares			Shares at book value			Net indebtedness		
			2024	2023	2022	2024 US\$ '000	2023 US\$ '000	2022 US\$ '000	2024 US\$ '000	2023 US\$ '000	2022 US\$ '000
Investec Wealth & Investment (Mauritius) Limited	Investment manager	100	1 050	1 050	1 050	467	467	467	17	18	15
<b>Analysis of the movement in investment in subsidiary</b>											
At the beginning of the year			1 050	1 050	1 050	467	467	467			
Acquisition of shares			—	—	—	—	—	—			
<b>At the end of the year</b>			<b>1 050</b>	<b>1 050</b>	<b>1 050</b>	<b>467</b>	<b>467</b>	<b>467</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>15</b>

**Consolidated structured entities**

The investment is kept at cost and is consolidated as part of the results of the Group.

**32. Borrowings from banks**

At 31 March US\$'000	Group and Bank		
	2024	2023	2022
Syndicated funding	—	150 378	—
Borrowings from banks	69 942	95 812	—
	<b>69 942</b>	<b>246 190</b>	<b>—</b>

Terms of the borrowings:

- Syndicated funding has been matured during the year ended 31 March 2024.
- Borrowings from banks are interest bearing at SOFR plus margin with an average tenor of 3 years.

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At 31 March US\$'000	Group			Bank		
	2024	2023	2022	2024	2023	2022
<b>Private clients</b>						
– Call accounts	85 437	86 530	105 084	85 437	86 530	105 084
– Term deposits	131 416	92 921	77 188	131 416	92 921	77 188
<b>Corporates</b>						
– Current accounts	533 906	745 118	627 403	537 868	748 229	629 982
– Term deposits	629 209	483 893	292 957	629 209	483 893	292 957
	<b>1 379 968</b>	<b>1 408 462</b>	<b>1 102 632</b>	<b>1 383 930</b>	<b>1 411 573</b>	<b>1 105 211</b>

**34. Debt securities in issue**

At 31 March US\$'000	Group and Bank		
	2024	2023	2022
Redeemable cumulative non-participating preference shares of nominal value US\$191 525 000, EUR52 700 000 and ZAR1 000 000 000 at no par value (2023 and 2022: US\$191 525 000, EUR52 700 000 and ZAR120 000 000)			
	<b>307 671</b>	<b>257 074</b>	<b>258 814</b>

The 10-year redeemable preference shares are kept at amortised cost and they are redeemable at the issuer's option.

They bear interest as follows and are listed on the Johannesburg Stock Exchange.

IMRP1	3-month Euribor+1.20% up to 31 May 2024
IMRP2	3-month Euribor+1.20% up to 31 May 2024
IMRP3	3-month Euribor+1.20% up to 31 May 2024
IMRP4	3-month USD SOFR+1.20% up to 31 May 2024
IMRP5	3-month USD SOFR+1.04% up to 31 August 2026
IMRP6	3-month USD SOFR+1.20% up to 29 August 2026
IMRP7	3-month USD SOFR+1.04% up to 31 August 2026
IMPR8	3-month Jibar-0.06% up to 19 December 2024
IMRP9	3-month Jibar-0.06% up to 19 December 2024
IMRP10	3-month Jibar-0.10% up to 20 June 2028
IMRP11	3-month Jibar-0.0728% up to 20 December 2028
IMRP12	3-month Jibar-0.0728% up to 20 December 2028
IMRP13	3-month Jibar-0.0142% up to 20 December 2028
IMRP14	3-month Jibar-0.0142% up to 20 December 2028

The Bank did not have any default of principal or interest or breaches with respect to the above securities during the years ended 31 March 2024, 2023 and 2022. Jibar and Euribor are expected to transition to Zaronia and ESTR respectively in the future. However, the transition plans are still developing and the final cessation dates for Jibar and Euribor are yet to be determined.

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At 31 March US\$'000	Group			Bank		
	2024	2023	2022	2024	2023	2022
Settlement liabilities	43	147	676	43	147	676
Accruals	117	171	80	117	171	80
Provisions*	4 559	4 182	4 331	3 994	3 884	4 144
Retirement benefit obligations (Note 10)	2 017	1 456	1 010	2 017	1 456	1 010
Other non-interest-bearing liabilities	3 356	2 236	1 548	3 348	2 225	1 548
Lease liability**	1 312	121	158	1 312	121	158
Expected credit loss on undrawn commitments and guarantees	608	440	764	608	440	764
	<b>12 012</b>	<b>8 753</b>	<b>8 567</b>	<b>11 439</b>	<b>8 444</b>	<b>8 380</b>

**\*Reconciliation of provisions**

At 31 March US\$'000	Group			Bank		
	2024	2023	2022	2024	2023	2022
Balance at the beginning of the year	4 182	4 331	2 735	3 884	4 144	2 616
Provision charge for the year	2 495	1 046	2 500	2 123	825	2 319
Provision released	(2 118)	(1 195)	(904)	(2 013)	(1 085)	(791)
<b>Balance at the end of the year</b>	<b>4 559</b>	<b>4 182</b>	<b>4 331</b>	<b>3 994</b>	<b>3 884</b>	<b>4 144</b>

**\*\*Reconciliation of lease liability**

At 31 March US\$'000	Group and Bank		
	2024	2023	2022
Balance at the beginning of the year	121	158	637
Addition	1 457	—	—
IFRS16 adjustment *	—	235	(197)
Interest	49	11	12
Payment of lease liabilities	(315)	(283)	(294)
<b>Balance at the end of the year</b>	<b>1 312</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>158</b>

\* This relates to adjustment pertaining to renegotiation of rental.

**Maturity analysis of lease liability:**

At 31 March US\$'000	Group and Bank		
	2024	2023	2022
Less than one year	358	121	158
One to two years	273	—	—
Two to three years	303	—	—
Three to four years	336	—	—
Four to five years	118	—	—
Unearned finance income	(76)	—	—
	<b>1 312</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>158</b>

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At 31 March US\$'000	Group and Bank		
	2024	2023	2022
<b>Authorised</b>			
<b>Issued and fully paid at nil par value</b>			
56 478 463 (2022 and 2021: 56 478 463) ordinary shares	56 478	56 478	56 478

**Ordinary Shares**

Ordinary shares mean a share which confers on the holder:

- (a) the right to vote at meetings of Shareholders and on a poll to cast one vote for each Share held;
- (b) subject to the rights of any other Class of Shares, the right to an equal share in Dividends and other Distributions made by the Company; and
- (c) subject to the rights of any other Class of Shares, the right to an equal share in the Distribution of the surplus assets of the Company on its liquidation

**Other reserves**

Other reserves is made up of:

**-Fair value reserve**

This reserve comprises fair value movements recognised on financial assets at FVOCI financial assets after taking into consideration the deferred tax arising from such gains and losses.

**-Foreign currency translation reserve**

The reserve comprises foreign exchange differences arising from the translation of financial statements of the investment in associate.

**-Regulatory general risk reserve**

This reserve comprises amounts set aside for general banking risks, including future losses and other unforeseeable risks. It also includes the country risk provision as required by the BOM Guideline on country risk management and the Prudential Norm provision computed in accordance with the guideline on credit impairment measurement and income recognition.

**-Statutory reserve**

The reserve represents transfers from retained earnings in accordance with the Banking Act 2004. A sum equal to not less than 15% of the profit for the year is transferred each year until the balance is equal to the balance on stated capital.

**Retained income**

The reserve represents the accumulated earnings after accounting for dividends.

**Holding company**

The immediate holding company is Investec Bank Limited, and the ultimate holding company is Investec Limited, both incorporated in the Republic of South Africa.

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## 37. Notes to the cash flow statements

At 31 March US\$'000	Group			Bank		
	2024	2023	2022	2024	2023	2022
<b>Profit before taxation adjusted for non-cash and non-operating items is derived as follows:</b>						
<b>Profit before taxation</b>	82 504	63 272	35 362	81 808	62 629	34 630
Adjustment for non-cash and non-operating items included in net income before taxation:						
Foreign exchange gain on cash and cash equivalents	(1 180)	(5 702)	(2 304)	(1 180)	(5 702)	(2 304)
Loss on disposal of equipment	30	—	—	30	—	—
Depreciation of equipment (Note 29)	414	385	395	414	384	393
Expected credit loss charge/reversal)excluding ECL on cash and cash equivalents	1 565	(2 054)	(616)	1 565	(2 054)	(616)
Interest and net foreign exchange loss/(gain) on debt securities in issue	(1 697)	(1 740)	(3 213)	(1 697)	(1 740)	(3 213)
Interest and net foreign exchange loss/(gain) on debt and investment securities	2 682	2 321	1 400	2 682	2 321	1 400
Interest and net foreign exchange loss/(gain) on securities sold under repurchase agreement and borrowings	(1 576)	(2 539)	(9)	(1 576)	(2 539)	(9)
Profit on disposal of investments	(368)	—	—	(368)	—	—
Share of (gain)/ loss in associate	(142)	166	(155)	(142)	166	(155)
Changes in fair value of derivative financial instruments	(2)	(301)	(1 668)	(2)	(301)	(1 668)
<b>Profit before taxation adjusted for non-cash and non-operating items</b>	<b>82 230</b>	<b>53 808</b>	<b>29 192</b>	<b>81 534</b>	<b>53 164</b>	<b>28 458</b>
<b>Increase in operating assets</b>						
Due from banks – loans to banks	(13 995)	49 126	(108 745)	(13 995)	49 126	(108 745)
Loans and advances to customers	(158 883)	(64 993)	(176 946)	(158 883)	(64 993)	(176 946)
Derivative financial instruments	2 322	(214)	(1 903)	2 322	(214)	(1 903)
Other assets	49	(3 313)	15 837	(16)	(3 405)	15 891
Amount due from group companies	523	772	542	524	768	545
	<b>(169 984)</b>	<b>(18 622)</b>	<b>(271 215)</b>	<b>(170 048)</b>	<b>(18 718)</b>	<b>(271 158)</b>
<b>(Decrease)/Increase in operating liabilities</b>						
Derivative financial instruments	(1 200)	4 480	(2 153)	(1 200)	4 480	(2 153)
Deposits from customers	(28 494)	305 830	115 714	(27 643)	306 362	116 418
Amount due to group companies	302	(24 647)	3 571	302	(24 647)	3 571
Other liabilities	1 351	531	1 075	1 087	388	1 029
	<b>(28 041)</b>	<b>286 194</b>	<b>118 207</b>	<b>(27 454)</b>	<b>286 583</b>	<b>118 865</b>

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The table below shows an analysis of assets and liabilities based on when they are expected to be recovered or settled.

At 31 March US\$'000	Group			Bank		
	Less than 12 months	Over 12 months	Total	Less than 12 months	Over 12 months	Total
<b>2024</b>						
<b>Assets</b>						
Cash and balances at central banks	22 360	—	22 360	22 360	—	22 360
Due from banks	292 701	—	292 701	292 701	—	292 701
Reverse repurchase agreements	170 818	—	170 818	170 818	—	170 818
Sovereign debt securities	352 155	80 074	432 229	352 155	80 074	432 229
Bank debt securities	53 532	21 610	75 142	53 531	21 610	75 141
Other debt securities	—	82 514	82 514	—	82 514	82 514
Derivative financial instruments	1 399	1 969	3 368	1 399	1 969	3 368
Investment portfolio	—	11 356	11 356	—	10 890	10 890
Loans and advances to customers	662 690	622 897	1 285 587	662 690	622 897	1 285 587
Investment in associate	—	1 148	1 148	—	1 148	1 148
Deferred taxation assets	—	1 077	1 077	—	1 077	1 077
Other assets	7 371	—	7 371	7 311	—	7 311
Property, plant and equipment	—	2 224	2 224	—	2 224	2 224
Amount due from group companies	—	—	—	17	—	17
Investment in subsidiary	—	—	—	—	467	467
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 563 026</b>	<b>824 869</b>	<b>2 387 895</b>	<b>1 562 982</b>	<b>824 870</b>	<b>2 387 852</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>						
Derivative financial instruments	3 885	1 907	5 793	3 885	1 907	5 793
Repurchase agreements	53 939	—	53 939	53 939	—	53 939
Borrowings from banks	19 195	50 747	69 942	19 195	50 747	69 942
Deposits (customers)	1 374 855	5 113	1 379 968	1 378 817	5 113	1 383 931
Debt securities in issue	82 064	225 607	307 671	82 064	225 607	307 671
Amount due to group companies	5 706	—	5 706	5 706	—	5 706
Current taxation liabilities	6 970	—	6 970	6 942	—	6 942
Other liabilities	7 846	4 166	12 012	7 273	4 166	11 439
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 554 460</b>	<b>287 541</b>	<b>1 842 001</b>	<b>1 557 822</b>	<b>287 541</b>	<b>1 845 363</b>
<b>Net</b>	<b>8 565</b>	<b>537 329</b>	<b>545 894</b>	<b>5 161</b>	<b>537 330</b>	<b>542 489</b>
<b>2023</b>						
<b>Assets</b>						
Cash and balances at central banks	33 862	—	33 862	33 862	—	33 862
Due from banks	386 907	—	386 907	386 907	—	386 907
Reverse repurchase agreements	375 490	—	375 490	375 490	—	375 490
Sovereign debt securities	371 768	45 088	416 856	371 768	45 088	416 856
Bank debt securities	21 912	29 839	51 751	21 912	29 839	51 751
Other debt securities	—	76 036	76 036	—	76 036	76 036
Derivative financial instruments	1 166	4 524	5 690	1 166	4 524	5 690
Investment portfolio	—	4 130	4 130	—	3 814	3 814
Loans and advances to customers	652 817	475 452	1 128 269	652 817	475 452	1 128 269
Investment in associate	—	1 882	1 882	—	1 882	1 882
Deferred taxation assets	—	328	328	—	328	328
Other assets	7 419	—	7 419	7 296	—	7 296
Property, plant and equipment	—	299	299	—	298	298
Amount due from group companies	522	—	522	540	—	540
Investment in subsidiary	—	—	—	—	467	467
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 851 863</b>	<b>637 578</b>	<b>2 489 441</b>	<b>1 851 758</b>	<b>637 728</b>	<b>2 489 486</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>						
Derivative financial instruments	5 228	1 764	6 992	5 228	1 764	6 992
Repurchase agreements	53 048	—	53 048	53 048	—	53 048
Borrowings from banks	95 812	150 378	246 190	95 812	150 378	246 190
Deposits (customers)	1 408 325	137	1 408 462	1 411 436	137	1 411 573
Debt securities in issue	—	257 074	257 074	—	257 074	257 074
Amount due to group companies	5 404	—	5 404	5 404	—	5 404
Current taxation liabilities	5 910	—	5 910	5 898	—	5 898
Other liabilities	6 367	2 386	8 753	6 058	2 386	8 444
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 580 094</b>	<b>411 739</b>	<b>1 991 833</b>	<b>1 582 884</b>	<b>411 739</b>	<b>1 994 623</b>
<b>Net</b>	<b>271 769</b>	<b>225 839</b>	<b>497 608</b>	<b>268 874</b>	<b>225 989</b>	<b>494 863</b>

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At 31 March US\$'000	Group			Bank		
	Less than 12 months	Over 12 months	Total	Less than 12 months	Over 12 months	Total
<b>2022</b>						
<b>Assets</b>						
Cash and balances at central bank	36 553	—	36 553	36 553	—	36 553
Due from banks	516 427	—	516 427	516 427	—	516 427
Reverse repurchase agreements	125 011	—	125 011	125 011	—	125 011
Bank debt securities	—	31 962	31 962	—	31 962	31 962
Other debt securities	—	59 078	59 078	—	59 078	59 078
Derivative financial instruments	1 823	3 352	5 175	1 823	3 352	5 175
Investment portfolio	—	3 813	3 813	—	3 813	3 813
Loans and advances to customers	541 170	520 052	1 061 222	541 170	520 052	1 061 222
Investment in associate	—	2 120	2 120	—	2 120	2 120
Deferred taxation assets	—	451	451	—	451	451
Current tax assets	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other assets	4 105	—	4 105	3 891	—	3 891
Property, plant and equipment	—	404	404	—	402	402
Amount due from group companies	1 293	—	1 293	1 308	—	1 308
Investment in subsidiary	—	—	—	—	467	467
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 226 382</b>	<b>621 232</b>	<b>1 847 614</b>	<b>1 226 183</b>	<b>621 697</b>	<b>1 847 880</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>						
Derivative financial instruments	2 292	220	2 512	2 292	220	2 512
Deposits (customers)	1 091 241	11 391	1 102 632	1 093 820	11 391	1 105 211
Debt securities in issue	—	258 814	258 814	—	258 814	258 814
Amount due to group companies	9 505	20 546	30 051	9 505	20 546	30 051
Current taxation liabilities	994	—	994	974	—	974
Other liabilities	6 568	1 999	8 567	6 560	1 820	8 380
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 110 600</b>	<b>292 970</b>	<b>1 403 570</b>	<b>1 113 151</b>	<b>292 791</b>	<b>1 405 942</b>
<b>Net</b>	<b>115 782</b>	<b>328 262</b>	<b>444 044</b>	<b>113 032</b>	<b>328 906</b>	<b>441 938</b>



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To meet the financial needs of customers, the Bank enters into various irrevocable commitments. Even though the obligations may not be recognised on the reporting date they do contain credit risk and are therefore part of the overall risk of the bank. The table below sets out such commitments.

At 31 March US\$'000	Group and Bank		
	2024	2023	2022
Undrawn facilities	281 927	230 255	236 652
	<b>281 927</b>	<b>230 255</b>	<b>236 652</b>

**Undrawn commitments to lend**

Commitments to extend credit represent contractual commitments to make loans and revolving credits. Commitments generally have fixed expiry dates, or other termination clauses. Since commitments may expire without being drawn upon, the total contract amounts do not necessarily represent future cash requirements.

However, the potential credit loss is less than the total unused commitments since most commitments to extend credit are contingent upon customers maintaining specific standards. The Bank monitors the term to maturity of credit commitments because longer-term commitments generally have a greater degree of credit risk than shorter-term commitments.

**Operating lease commitments**

The Bank has entered into operating leases for office buildings with lease terms up to three years. Refer to Note 34.

**40. Contingent liabilities**

At 31 March US\$'000	Group and Bank		
	2024	2023	2022
Guarantees	8 542	26 003	27 815
	<b>8 542</b>	<b>26 003</b>	<b>27 815</b>

The amounts shown above are intended only to provide an indication of the volume of business outstanding at the balance sheet date. Guarantees are issued by Investec Bank (Mauritius) Limited on behalf of third parties. The guarantees are issued as part of the banking business.

**Guarantees**

Guarantees commit the Bank to make payments on behalf of customers on the occurrence or non-occurrence of a specific, uncertain future event.

**Legal and regulatory matters**

The Group and the Bank operate in a legal and regulatory environment that exposes it to legal, regulatory and litigation risks. As a result, the Group and the Bank are involved in disputes, legal proceedings and are subject to enquiries and examinations, requests for information, audits, investigations and other proceedings by regulators and competition authorities which arise in the ordinary course of business. The Group and the Bank evaluate all facts, the probability of the outcome of the proceedings and advice from internal and external legal counsel when considering the accounting implications. At the present time the Group does not expect the ultimate resolution of any of these other matters to have a material adverse effect on its financial position.

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## 41. Related party transactions

For the year to 31 March US\$'000	Group			Bank		
	2024	2023	2022	2024	2023	2022
<b>Compensation of key management personnel</b>						
Short-term employee benefits	3 108	2 609	2 207	2 858	2 364	1 984
Other benefits	321	300	327	308	272	274
<b>Transactions with key management personnel</b>						
Loans and advances to key management personnel	531	555	181	76	—	106
Deposits from key management personnel	1 585	1 143	1 107	1 585	1 143	1 107

The above transactions were made in the ordinary course of business. The transactions did not involve more than the normal risk of repayment. None of these loans have been impaired.

For the year to 31 March 2024 US\$'000	Holding company	Associate*	Fellow subsidiaries	Significant influence**	Pension Fund	Total
<b>Group</b>						
<b>Income statement</b>						
Interest income	1 121	—	617	50	—	1 788
Interest expense	(15 753)	(20)	(138)	(308)	(41)	(16 260)
Fee expense	(1 634)	—	(29)	—	—	(1 663)
Net trading income	10 426	—	—	—	—	10 426
Contribution	—	—	—	—	(221)	(221)
<b>Statement of financial position</b>						
<b>Assets</b>						
Due from banks	21 672	—	24 257	—	—	45 929
Derivative assets	3 185	—	—	—	—	3 185
Interest in associated undertakings	—	1 148	—	—	—	1 148
Amount due from group companies	—	—	—	—	—	—
Loans and advances	—	—	—	531	—	531
Other assets	1 013	—	—	—	—	1 013
<b>Liabilities</b>						
Derivative liabilities	(5 792)	—	—	—	—	(5 792)
Amount due to group companies	(307)	—	(5 399)	—	—	(5 706)
Deposits from customers	—	(3 300)	—	(1 585)	(1 113)	(5 998)
Debt securities in issue	(253 227)	—	—	—	—	(253 227)

\* Refers to associate as defined by IAS 28.

\*\* Refers to significant influence as defined by IAS 24 and further includes 'significant interest' as defined in the Banking Act 2004 as required by the Guideline on Public Disclosure of Information, which is not an IFRS requirement. This column provides information regarding transactions required by the definition of significant interest over and above the transactions with associates as defined by IAS 28.

Significant interest is defined by the Banking Act 2004 as:

- owning, directly or indirectly, alone or together with a related party, or otherwise having a beneficial interest amounting to, 10% or more of the capital or of the voting rights of a financial institution;
- having the ability, directly or indirectly, alone or together with a related party or the power, to support 20% or more of the members of the board of a financial institute;
- directly or indirectly exercising a significant influence over the management of a financial institution as the central bank may determine.

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CONTINUED**41. Related party transactions (continued)**

<b>For the year to 31 March 2023</b> <b>US\$'000</b>	Holding company	Associate*	Fellow subsidiaries	Significant influence**	Pension Fund	<b>Total</b>
<b>Group</b>						
<b>Income statement</b>						
Interest income	1 636	30	—	4	—	1 669
Interest expense	(9 863)	(25)	(584)	(76)	(19)	(10 567)
Fee expense	(1 408)	—	(37)	—	—	(1 445)
Net trading income	11 003	—	—	—	—	11 003
Contribution	—	—	—	—	(154)	(154)
<b>Statement of financial position</b>						
<b>Assets</b>						
Due from banks	27 786	—	—	—	—	27 786
Reverse repurchase agreements	—	—	25 039	—	—	25 039
Derivative assets	5 647	—	—	—	—	5 647
Interest in associated undertakings	—	1 882	—	—	—	1 882
Amount due from group companies	—	—	522	—	—	522
Loans and advances	—	—	—	555	—	555
Other assets	853	—	—	—	—	853
<b>Liabilities</b>						
Derivative liabilities	(5 358)	—	(4)	—	—	(5 362)
Amount due to group companies	(183)	—	(5 221)	—	—	(5 404)
Deposits from customers	—	(3 121)	—	(1 143)	(839)	(5 103)
Debt securities in issue	(253 662)	—	—	—	—	(253 662)

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## 41. Related party transactions (continued)

For the year to 31 March 2022 US\$'000	Holding company	Associate*	Fellow subsidiaries	Significant influence**	Pension Fund	Total
<b>Group</b>						
<b>Income statement</b>						
Interest income	409	70	12	8	—	499
Interest expense	(4 752)	—	(43)	(41)	—	(4 836)
Fee expense	(947)	—	(7)	—	—	(954)
Net trading income	2 410	—	—	—	—	2 410
Contribution	—	—	—	—	(133)	(133)
<b>Statement of financial position</b>						
<b>Assets</b>						
Due from banks	26 990	—	—	—	—	26 990
Reverse repurchase agreements	—	—	25 043	—	—	25 043
Derivative assets	4 911	—	131	—	—	5 042
Interest in associated undertakings	—	2 120	—	—	—	2 120
Amount due from group companies	1 293	—	—	—	—	1 293
Loans and advances	—	1 485	—	181	—	1 666
Other assets	671	—	—	—	—	671
<b>Liabilities</b>						
Derivative liabilities	(2 460)	—	—	—	—	(2 460)
Amount due to group companies	(20 937)	—	(9 114)	—	—	(30 051)
Deposits from customers	—	(3 079)	—	(1 107)	(836)	(5 022)
Debt securities in issue	(258 814)	—	—	—	—	(258 814)
<b>Off-balance sheet</b>						
Guarantees received	794	—	—	—	—	794

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NOTES TO THE ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
CONTINUED**41. Related party transactions (continued)**

<b>For the year to 31 March 2024</b> <b>US\$'000</b>	Holding company	Subsidiary	Associate*	Fellow subsidiaries	Significant influence**	Pension Fund	<b>Total</b>
<b>Bank</b>							
<b>Income statement</b>							
Interest income	1 121	15	—	617	8	—	1 761
Interest expense	(15 753)	(132)	(20)	(138)	(308)	(41)	(16 392)
Fee expense	(1 634)	—	—	(29)	—	—	(1 663)
Net trading income	10 426	—	—	—	—	—	10 426
Contribution	—	—	—	—	—	(212)	(212)
<b>Statement of financial position</b>							
<b>Assets</b>							
Due from banks	21 672	—	—	24 257	—	—	45 929
Derivative assets	3 185	—	—	—	—	—	3 185
Investment in associate	—	—	1 148	—	—	—	1 148
Investment in subsidiary	—	467	—	—	—	—	467
Amount due from group companies	—	17	—	—	—	—	17
Loans and advances	—	—	—	—	76	—	76
Other assets	1 009	—	—	—	—	—	1 009
<b>Liabilities</b>							
Derivative liabilities	(5 792)	—	—	—	—	—	(5 792)
Amount due to group companies	(307)	—	—	(5 399)	—	—	(5 706)
Deposits from customers	—	(3 962)	(3 300)	—	(1 585)	(1 113)	(9 960)
Debt securities in issue	(253 227)	—	—	—	—	—	(253 227)

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NOTES TO THE ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
CONTINUED**41. Related party transactions (continued)**

For the year to 31 March 2023 US\$'000	Holding company	Subsidiary	Associate*	Fellow subsidiaries	Significant influence**	Pension Fund	Total
<b>Bank</b>							
<b>Income statement</b>							
Interest income	1 636	—	30	—	3	—	1 669
Interest expense	(9 863)	(66)	(25)	(584)	(76)	(19)	(10 633)
Fee expense	(1 408)	—	—	(37)	—	—	(1 445)
Net trading income	11 003	—	—	—	—	—	11 003
Contribution	—	—	—	—	—	(149)	(149)
<b>Statement of financial position</b>							
<b>Assets</b>							
Due from banks	27 786	—	—	—	—	—	27 786
Reverse repurchase agreements	—	—	—	25 039	—	—	25 039
Derivative assets	5 647	—	—	—	—	—	5 647
Investment in associate	—	—	1 882	—	—	—	1 882
Investment in subsidiary	—	467	—	—	—	—	467
Amount due from group companies	—	18	—	522	—	—	540
Loans and advances	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other assets	833	—	—	—	—	—	833
<b>Liabilities</b>							
Derivative liabilities	(5 358)	—	—	(4)	—	—	(5 362)
Amount due to group companies	(183)	—	—	(5 221)	—	—	(5 404)
Deposits from customers	—	(3 111)	(3 121)	—	(1 143)	(839)	(8 214)
Debt securities in issue	(253 662)	—	—	—	—	—	(253 662)
<b>Off-balance sheet</b>							
Guarantees received	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

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CONTINUED**41. Related party transactions (continued)**

For the year to 31 March 2022 US\$'000	Holding company	Subsidiary	Associate*	Fellow subsidiaries	Significant influence**	Pension Fund	Total
<b>Bank</b>							
<b>Income statement</b>							
Interest income	409	—	70	12	6	—	497
Interest expense	(4 752)	(13)	—	(43)	(41)	—	(4 849)
Fee expense	(947)	—	—	(7)	—	—	(954)
Net trading income	2 410	—	—	—	—	—	2 410
Contribution	—	—	—	—	—	(131)	131
<b>Statement of financial position</b>							
<b>Assets</b>							
Due from banks	26 990	—	—	—	—	—	26 990
Reverse repurchase agreements	—	—	—	25 043	—	—	25 043
Derivative assets	4 911	—	—	131	—	—	5 042
Investment in associate	—	—	2 120	—	—	—	2 120
Investment in subsidiary	—	467	—	—	—	—	467
Amount due from group companies	1 293	15	—	—	—	—	1 308
Loans and advances	—	—	1 485	—	106	—	1 591
Other assets	608	—	—	—	—	—	608
<b>Liabilities</b>							
Derivative liabilities	(2 460)	—	—	—	—	—	(2 460)
Amount due to group companies	(20 937)	—	—	(9 114)	—	—	(30 051)
Deposits from customers	—	(2 580)	(3 079)	—	(1 107)	(836)	(7 602)
Debt securities in issue	(258 814)	—	—	—	—	—	(258 814)
Other liabilities	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Off-balance sheet</b>							
Guarantees received	—	—	794	—	—	—	794

\* Refers to associate as defined by IAS 28.

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- b) having the ability, directly or indirectly, alone or together with a related party or the power, to support 20% or more of the members of the board of a financial institute;
- c) directly or indirectly exercising a significant influence over the management of a financial institution as the central bank may determine.

**Terms and conditions of transactions with related parties**

The above-mentioned outstanding balances arose from the ordinary course of business. Outstanding balances at year-end are unsecured except for loans and advances where security is given. For the year ended 31 March 2024, the bank has not provided any impairment loss relating to amounts owed by related parties (2023 and 2022: Nil).

Refer to page 81 in the directors' remuneration report for other transactions relating to directors.

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CONTINUED**42. Liquidity analysis of financial liabilities based on undiscounted cash flows**

The balances in the below table will not agree directly to the balances in the consolidated balance sheet as the table incorporates all cash flow on an undiscounted basis relating to both principal and those associated with all future coupon payments (except for trading derivatives). Furthermore, loan commitments are generally not recognised on the balance sheet.

<b>At 31 March US\$'000</b>	Demand	Up to one month	One month to three months	Three months to six months	Six months to one year	One year to five years	Greater than five years	<b>Total</b>
<b>Group</b>								
<b>2024</b>								
<b>Liabilities</b>								
Derivative financial instruments	—	1 858	—	—	2 053	1 881	—	5 792
Repurchase agreements	—	—	54 714	—	—	—	—	54 714
Borrowings from banks	—	19 297	—	—	—	59 370	—	78 667
Deposits from customers	619 343	276 706	220 701	167 060	100 874	5 629	—	1 390 313
Debt securities in issue	—	76 367	—	—	6 775	256 751	—	339 893
Amount due to group companies	5 706	—	—	—	—	—	—	5 706
Other liabilities	1 134	3 034	3 223	97	357	2 140	2 027	12 012
<b>Total on balance sheet liabilities</b>	<b>626 183</b>	<b>377 263</b>	<b>278 638</b>	<b>167 158</b>	<b>110 060</b>	<b>325 771</b>	<b>2 027</b>	<b>1 887 096</b>
<b>2023</b>								
<b>Liabilities</b>								
Derivative financial instruments	—	5 228	—	—	—	1 764	—	6 992
Repurchase agreements	—	—	53 320	—	—	—	—	53 320
Borrowings from banks	—	72 658	2 321	27 693	4 643	150 464	—	257 779
Deposits from customers	831 648	173 158	266 615	61 891	81 183	146	—	1 414 641
Debt securities in issue	—	2 349	2 612	3 640	14 042	284 756	—	307 399
Amount due to group companies	5 404	—	—	—	—	—	—	5 404
Other liabilities	1 127	1 439	3 282	511	8	—	2 386	8 753
<b>Total on balance sheet liabilities</b>	<b>838 179</b>	<b>254 832</b>	<b>328 150</b>	<b>93 735</b>	<b>99 876</b>	<b>437 130</b>	<b>2 386</b>	<b>2 054 288</b>
<b>2022</b>								
<b>Liabilities</b>								
Derivative financial instruments	—	2 292	—	—	—	220	—	2 512
Deposits from customers	732 486	69 830	180 728	25 530	84 057	11 682	—	1 104 313
Debt securities in issue	—	238	821	1 058	2 117	270 599	—	274 833
Amount due to group companies	9 505	—	—	—	—	22 170	—	31 675
Other liabilities	1 878	773	3 008	868	41	970	1 029	8 567
<b>Total on balance sheet liabilities</b>	<b>743 869</b>	<b>73 133</b>	<b>184 557</b>	<b>27 456</b>	<b>86 215</b>	<b>305 641</b>	<b>1 029</b>	<b>1 421 900</b>



NOTES TO THE ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
CONTINUED**42. Liquidity analysis of financial liabilities based on undiscounted cash flows  
(continued)**

At 31 March US\$'000	Demand	Up to one month	One month to three months	Three months to six months	Six months to one year	One year to five years	Greater than five years	Total
<b>Bank</b>								
<b>2024</b>								
<b>Liabilities</b>								
Derivative financial instruments	—	1 858	—	—	—	1 881	—	3 739
Repurchase agreements	—	—	54 714	—	—	—	—	54 714
Borrowings from banks	—	19 297	—	—	—	59 370	—	78 667
Deposits from customers	623 305	276 706	220 701	167 060	100 874	5 629	—	1 394 275
Debt securities in issue	—	76 367	—	—	6 775	256 751	—	339 892
Amount due to group companies	5 706	—	—	—	—	—	—	5 706
Other liabilities	561	3 034	3 223	97	357	2 140	2 027	11 439
<b>Total on balance sheet liabilities</b>	<b>629 572</b>	<b>377 263</b>	<b>278 638</b>	<b>167 158</b>	<b>108 007</b>	<b>325 771</b>	<b>2 027</b>	<b>1 888 431</b>
<b>2023</b>								
<b>Liabilities</b>								
Derivative financial instruments	—	5 228	—	—	—	1 764	—	6 992
Repurchase agreements	—	—	53 320	—	—	—	—	53 320
Borrowings from banks	—	72 658	2 321	27 693	4 643	150 464	—	257 779
Deposits from customers	834 759	173 158	266 615	61 891	81 183	146	—	1 417 752
Debt securities in issue	—	2 349	2 612	3 640	14 042	284 756	—	307 399
Amount due to group companies	5 404	—	—	—	—	—	—	5 404
Other liabilities	818	1 439	3 282	511	8	—	2 386	8 444
<b>Total on balance sheet liabilities</b>	<b>840 981</b>	<b>254 832</b>	<b>328 150</b>	<b>93 735</b>	<b>99 876</b>	<b>437 130</b>	<b>2 386</b>	<b>2 057 090</b>
<b>2022</b>								
<b>Liabilities</b>								
Derivative financial instruments	—	2 292	—	—	—	220	—	2 512
Deposits from customers	735 065	69 830	180 728	25 530	84 057	11 682	—	1 106 892
Debt securities in issue	—	238	821	1 058	2 117	270 599	—	274 833
Amount due to group companies	9 505	—	—	—	—	22 170	—	31 675
Other liabilities	1 878	773	3 008	868	33	791	1 029	8 380
<b>Total on balance sheet liabilities</b>	<b>746 448</b>	<b>73 133</b>	<b>184 557</b>	<b>27 456</b>	<b>86 207</b>	<b>305 462</b>	<b>1 029</b>	<b>1 424 292</b>

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Fair value adjustments on certain derivate instruments, not formally designated in a hedge relationship, were accounted for in either "interest income" or "interest expense". The fair value adjustments were reclassified to "trading income arising from customer flow".

The impact of the above changes on the income statements is:

For the year ended 31 March 2023	Group			Bank		
	At 31 March 2023 as previously reported	Reclassifications between interest income, interest expense and trading income/(loss)	At 31 March 2023 restated	At 31 March 2023 as previously reported	Reclassifications between interest income, interest expense and trading income/(loss)	At 31 March 2023 restated
US\$'000						
Interest income	128 820	(33 578)	95 242	128 823	(33 578)	95 245
Interest expense	(62 313)	21 852	(40 461)	(62 378)	21 852	(40 526)
Net trading income	854	11 726	12 580	873	11 726	12 599

For the year ended 31 March 2022	Group			Bank		
	At 31 March 2022 as previously reported	Reclassifications between interest income, interest expense and trading income/(loss)	At 31 March 2022 restated	At 31 March 2022 as previously reported	Reclassifications between interest income, interest expense and trading income/(loss)	At 31 March 2022 restated
US\$'000						
Interest income	48 965	(6 659)	42 306	48 952	(6 660)	42 292
Interest expense	(14 402)	5 476	(8 926)	(14 400)	5 477	(8 923)
Net trading income	1 567	1 183	2 750	1 574	1 183	2 757

The impact of the above changes in the related party note 41 (holding company) is:

For the year ended 31 March 2023	Group			Bank		
	At 31 March 2023 as previously reported	Reclassifications between interest income, interest expense and trading income/(loss)	At 31 March 2023 restated	At 31 March 2023 as previously reported	Reclassifications between interest income, interest expense and trading income/(loss)	At 31 March 2023 restated
US\$'000						
Interest income	33 304	(31 668)	1 636	33 304	(31 668)	1 636
Interest expense	(29 862)	19 999	(9 863)	(29 862)	19 999	(9 863)
Net trading income *	—	11 003	11 003	—	11 003	11 003

\* Net trading income includes mark-to-market

For the year ended 31 March 2022	Group			Bank		
	At 31 March 2022 as previously reported	Reclassifications between interest income, interest expense and trading income/(loss)	At 31 March 2022 restated	At 31 March 2022 as previously reported	Reclassifications between interest income, interest expense and trading income/(loss)	At 31 March 2022 restated
US\$'000						
Interest income	7 069	(6 660)	409	7 069	(6 660)	409
Interest expense	(10 227)	5 475	(4 752)	(10 227)	5 475	(4 752)
Net trading income *	—	2 410	2 410	—	2 410	2 410

\* Net trading income includes mark-to-market

**44. Events after the reporting period**

In the ordinary course of business, events may occur that influence the credit quality of loans and advances. At the date of this report, we have concluded that no changes are required to our ECL provisions or there is insufficient new information available since 31 March 2024 of any conditions which existed at the balance sheet date to reliably estimate any adjustments to these ECL provisions.

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The Bank is organised into two operating business units based on products and services as follows:

- Private Banking – Individual and private banking customer loans
- Corporate Banking – Treasury function, corporate customer loans and investment banking services.

Management monitors the operating results of its business units separately for the purpose of making decisions about resource allocation and performance assessment. Performance is evaluated based on operating profit or loss which in certain respects is measured differently from operating profit or loss in the financial statements. Income taxes are managed on a group basis and are not allocated to operating business units.

The following table presents income and profit and certain asset and liability information regarding the Bank's operating business units.

US\$'000	Group			Bank		
	Private Banking	Corporate Banking	Total	Private Banking	Corporate Banking	Total
<b>For the year ended 31 March</b>						
<b>2024</b>						
Interest income	22 838	135 890	158 728	22 838	135 904	158 742
Interest expense	(15 939)	(62 858)	(78 797)	(15 939)	(62 990)	(78 929)
<b>Net interest income</b>	<b>6 899</b>	<b>73 032</b>	<b>79 931</b>	<b>6 898</b>	<b>72 915</b>	<b>79 813</b>
Fee income	744	9 570	10 314	744	8 323	9 068
Fee expense	(54)	(2 178)	(2 233)	(54)	(2 178)	(2 233)
<b>Net fee income</b>	<b>690</b>	<b>7 391</b>	<b>8 081</b>	<b>690</b>	<b>6 145</b>	<b>6 835</b>
Investment income	—	409	409	—	355	355
Net trading (loss)/income	(230)	12 216	11 986	(230)	12 212	11 982
<b>Total operating income</b>	<b>7 359</b>	<b>93 048</b>	<b>100 407</b>	<b>7 359</b>	<b>91 626</b>	<b>98 985</b>
Expected credit loss charge	(1 065)	(500)	(1 565)	(1 065)	(500)	(1 565)
<b>Net operating income</b>	<b>6 295</b>	<b>92 547</b>	<b>98 842</b>	<b>6 295</b>	<b>91 125</b>	<b>97 420</b>
Operating costs	(1 050)	(15 430)	(16 480)	(1 018)	(14 736)	(15 754)
<b>Operating profit</b>	<b>5 245</b>	<b>77 117</b>	<b>82 362</b>	<b>5 277</b>	<b>76 389</b>	<b>81 666</b>
Share of profit in associate	142	—	142	142	—	142
<b>Profit before taxation</b>	<b>5 387</b>	<b>77 117</b>	<b>82 504</b>	<b>5 419</b>	<b>76 389</b>	<b>81 808</b>
Taxation	(750)	(10 740)	(11 490)	(758)	(10 690)	(11 448)
<b>Profit attributable to equity holder of the Bank</b>	<b>4 637</b>	<b>66 377</b>	<b>71 014</b>	<b>4 661</b>	<b>65 699</b>	<b>70 360</b>

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## 45. Analysis by business units (continued)

US\$'000 For the year ended 31 March	Group			Bank		
	Private Banking	Corporate Banking	Total	Private Banking	Corporate Banking	Total
<b>2023</b>						
Interest income	16 611	78 631	95 242	16 611	78 634	95 245
Interest expense	(5 607)	(34 854)	(40 461)	(5 607)	(34 919)	(40 526)
<b>Net interest income</b>	<b>11 004</b>	<b>43 777</b>	<b>54 781</b>	<b>11 004</b>	<b>43 715</b>	<b>54 719</b>
Fee income	742	11 095	11 837	742	9 922	10 664
Fee expense	(32)	(1 711)	(1 743)	(32)	(1 711)	(1 743)
<b>Net fee income</b>	<b>710</b>	<b>9 384</b>	<b>10 094</b>	<b>710</b>	<b>8 211</b>	<b>8 921</b>
Investment (loss)/ income	—	(9)	(9)	—	15	15
Net trading (loss)/income	(166)	12 746	12 580	(166)	12 765	12 599
<b>Total operating income</b>	<b>11 548</b>	<b>65 898</b>	<b>77 446</b>	<b>11 548</b>	<b>64 706</b>	<b>76 254</b>
Expected credit loss reversal	742	1 312	2 054	742	1 312	2 054
<b>Net operating income</b>	<b>12 290</b>	<b>67 209</b>	<b>79 500</b>	<b>12 290</b>	<b>66 018</b>	<b>78 308</b>
Operating costs	(2 483)	(13 579)	(16 062)	(2 435)	(13 078)	(15 513)
<b>Operating profit</b>	<b>9 807</b>	<b>53 631</b>	<b>63 438</b>	<b>9 855</b>	<b>52 940</b>	<b>62 795</b>
Share of loss in associate	(166)	—	(166)	(166)	—	(166)
<b>Profit before taxation</b>	<b>9 641</b>	<b>53 631</b>	<b>63 272</b>	<b>9 689</b>	<b>52 940</b>	<b>62 629</b>
Taxation	(1 102)	(6 131)	(7 233)	(1 115)	(6 094)	(7 209)
<b>Profit attributable to equity holder of the Bank</b>	<b>8 539</b>	<b>47 500</b>	<b>56 039</b>	<b>8 574</b>	<b>46 846</b>	<b>55 420</b>
<b>2022</b>						
Interest income	13 671	28 635	42 306	13 671	28 621	42 292
Interest expense	(6 193)	(2 733)	(8 926)	(6 193)	(2 730)	(8 923)
<b>Net interest income</b>	<b>7 478</b>	<b>25 902</b>	<b>33 380</b>	<b>7 478</b>	<b>25 891</b>	<b>33 369</b>
Fee income	2 093	9 838	11 931	2 092	8 675	10 767
Fee expense	(13)	(1 337)	(1 350)	(13)	(1 337)	(1 350)
<b>Net fee income</b>	<b>2 080</b>	<b>8 501</b>	<b>10 581</b>	<b>2 079</b>	<b>7 338</b>	<b>9 417</b>
Investment income	942	—	942	942	—	942
Net trading (loss)/ income	(115)	2 865	2 750	(115)	2 872	2 757
Other operating income	—	25	25	—	25	25
<b>Total operating income</b>	<b>10 385</b>	<b>37 293</b>	<b>47 678</b>	<b>10 384</b>	<b>36 126</b>	<b>46 510</b>
Expected credit loss (charge)/reversal	(106)	550	444	(106)	550	444
<b>Operating income</b>	<b>10 279</b>	<b>37 842</b>	<b>48 122</b>	<b>10 278</b>	<b>36 676</b>	<b>46 954</b>
Operating costs	(2 731)	(10 184)	(12 915)	(2 731)	(9 748)	(12 479)
<b>Operating profit</b>	<b>7 548</b>	<b>27 659</b>	<b>35 207</b>	<b>7 547</b>	<b>26 928</b>	<b>34 475</b>
Share of profit in associate	155	—	155	155	—	155
<b>Profit before taxation</b>	<b>7 703</b>	<b>27 659</b>	<b>35 362</b>	<b>7 702</b>	<b>26 928</b>	<b>34 630</b>
Taxation	(474)	(1 700)	(2 174)	(476)	(1 663)	(2 139)
<b>Profit attributable to equity holder of the Bank</b>	<b>7 229</b>	<b>25 959</b>	<b>33 188</b>	<b>7 226</b>	<b>25 265</b>	<b>32 491</b>

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US\$'000	Group			Bank		
	Private Banking	Corporate Banking	Total	Private Banking	Corporate Banking	Total
<b>As at 31 March 2024</b>						
<b>Assets</b>						
Cash and balances at central bank	—	22 360	22 360		22 360	22 360
Due from banks	—	292 701	292 701		292 701	292 701
Reverse repurchase agreements	—	170 818	170 818		170 818	170 818
Sovereign debt securities	—	432 229	432 229		432 229	432 229
Bank debt securities	—	75 141	75 141		75 141	75 141
Other debt securities	—	82 514	82 514		82 514	82 514
Derivative financial instruments	—	3 368	3 368		3 368	3 368
Investment portfolio	2 260	9 096	11 356	2 260	8 630	10 890
Loans and advances to customers	292 602	992 985	1 285 587	292 602	992 985	1 285 587
Investment in associate	1 148	—	1 148	1 148	—	1 148
Deferred taxation asset	—	1 077	1 077		1 077	1 077
Other assets	1 244	6 127	7 371	1 244	6 067	7 311
Amount due from group companies	—	—	—		17	17
Property, plant and equipment	—	2 224	2 224		2 224	2 224
Investment in subsidiary	—	—	—		467	467
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>297 254</b>	<b>2 090 640</b>	<b>2 387 894</b>	<b>297 254</b>	<b>2 090 598</b>	<b>2 387 852</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>						
Derivative financial instruments	—	5 792	5 792		5 792	5 792
Repurchase agreements	—	53 939	53 939		53 939	53 939
Borrowings from banks	—	69 942	69 942		69 942	69 942
Deposits from customers	—	1 379 968	1 379 968		1 383 930	1 383 930
Debt securities in issue	—	307 671	307 671		307 671	307 671
Amount due to group companies	280 160	(274 454)	5 706	280 160	(274 454)	5 706
Current taxation liabilities	—	6 970	6 970		6 942	6 942
Other liabilities	951	11 061	12 012	951	10 488	11 439
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>281 111</b>	<b>1 560 889</b>	<b>1 842 000</b>	<b>281 111</b>	<b>1 564 250</b>	<b>1 845 361</b>
<b>Equity</b>						
Ordinary share capital	—	56 478	56 478		56 478	56 478
Other reserves	5 667	79 763	85 430	5 667	79 763	85 430
Retained income	10 477	393 510	403 986	10 477	390 106	400 583
	<b>16 144</b>	<b>529 750</b>	<b>545 894</b>	<b>16 144</b>	<b>526 347</b>	<b>542 491</b>
<b>Total liabilities and equity</b>	<b>297 254</b>	<b>2 090 640</b>	<b>2 387 894</b>	<b>297 254</b>	<b>2 090 598</b>	<b>2 387 852</b>

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US\$'000	Group			Bank		
	Private Banking	Corporate Banking	Total	Private Banking	Corporate Banking	Total
<b>As at 31 March 2023</b>						
<b>Assets</b>						
Cash and balances at central bank	—	33 862	33 862	33 862	33 862	33 862
Due from banks	—	386 907	386 907	386 907	386 907	386 907
Reverse repurchase agreements	—	375 490	375 490	375 490	375 490	375 490
Sovereign debt securities	—	416 856	416 856	416 856	416 856	416 856
Bank debt securities	—	51 751	51 751	51 751	51 751	51 751
Other debt securities	—	76 036	76 036	76 036	76 036	76 036
Derivative financial instruments	—	5 690	5 690	5 690	5 690	5 690
Investment portfolio	—	4 130	4 130	3 814	3 814	3 814
Loans and advances to customers	232 102	896 167	1 128 269	232 102	896 167	1 128 269
Investment in associate	1 882	—	1 882	1 882	—	1 882
Deferred taxation asset	—	328	328	—	328	328
Other assets	917	6 503	7 419	917	6 379	7 296
Amount due from group companies	—	522	522	—	540	540
Property, plant and equipment	—	299	299	—	298	298
Investment in subsidiary	—	—	—	—	467	467
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>234 900</b>	<b>2 254 541</b>	<b>2 489 441</b>	<b>234 900</b>	<b>2 254 586</b>	<b>2 489 486</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>						
Derivative financial instruments	—	6 992	6 992	—	6 992	6 992
Repurchase agreements	—	53 048	53 048	—	53 048	53 048
Borrowings from banks	—	246 190	246 190	—	246 190	246 190
Deposits from customers	—	1 408 462	1 408 462	—	1 411 573	1 411 573
Debt securities in issue	—	257 074	257 074	—	257 074	257 074
Amount due to group companies	217 783	(212 379)	5 404	217 783	(212 379)	5 404
Current taxation liabilities	—	5 910	5 910	—	5 898	5 898
Other liabilities	834	7 918	8 753	834	7 609	8 444
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>218 618</b>	<b>1 773 215</b>	<b>1 991 833</b>	<b>218 618</b>	<b>1 776 005</b>	<b>1 994 623</b>
<b>Equity</b>						
Ordinary share capital	—	56 478	56 478	—	56 478	56 478
Other reserves	2 070	71 464	73 534	2 070	71 464	73 534
Retained income	14 212	353 384	367 596	14 212	350 638	364 851
	<b>16 283</b>	<b>481 325</b>	<b>497 608</b>	<b>16 283</b>	<b>478 580</b>	<b>494 863</b>
<b>Total liabilities and equity</b>	<b>234 900</b>	<b>2 254 541</b>	<b>2 489 441</b>	<b>234 900</b>	<b>2 254 586</b>	<b>2 489 486</b>

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US\$'000	Group			Bank		
	Private Banking	Corporate Banking	Total	Private Banking	Corporate Banking	Total
<b>As at 31 March 2022</b>						
<b>Assets</b>						
Cash and balances at central bank	—	36 553	36 553		36 553	36 553
Due from banks	—	516 427	516 427		516 427	516 427
Reverse repurchase agreements	—	125 011	125 011		125 011	125 011
Bank debt securities	—	31 962	31 962		31 962	31 962
Other debt securities	—	59 078	59 078		59 078	59 078
Derivative financial instruments	—	5 175	5 175		5 175	5 175
Investment portfolio	—	3 813	3 813		3 813	3 813
Loans and advances to customers	382 107	679 115	1 061 222	382 107	679 115	1 061 222
Investment in associate	2 119	1	2 120	2 119	1	2 120
Deferred taxation asset	—	451	451		451	451
Other assets	2 341	1 763	4 105	2 341	1 550	3 891
Amount due from group companies	—	1 293	1 293		1 308	1 308
Property, plant and equipment	—	404	404		402	402
Investment in subsidiary	—	—	—		467	467
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>386 567</b>	<b>1 461 047</b>	<b>1 847 614</b>	<b>386 567</b>	<b>1 461 313</b>	<b>1 847 880</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>						
Derivative financial instruments	—	2 512	2 512		2 512	2 512
Deposits from customers	—	1 102 632	1 102 632		1 105 211	1 105 211
Debt securities in issue	—	258 814	258 814		258 814	258 814
Amount due to group companies	368 422	(338 371)	30 051	368 422	(338 371)	30 051
Current taxation liabilities	—	994	994		974	974
Other liabilities	1 821	6 746	8 567	1 821	6 559	8 380
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>370 243</b>	<b>1 033 327</b>	<b>1 403 570</b>	<b>370 243</b>	<b>1 035 699</b>	<b>1 405 942</b>
<b>Equity</b>						
Ordinary share capital	—	56 478	56 478		56 478	56 478
Other reserves	2 288	66 250	68 538	2 288	66 250	68 538
Retained income	14 036	304 992	319 028	14 036	302 886	316 922
	<b>16 324</b>	<b>427 720</b>	<b>444 044</b>	<b>16 324</b>	<b>425 614</b>	<b>441 938</b>
<b>Total liabilities and equity</b>	<b>386 567</b>	<b>1 461 047</b>	<b>1 847 614</b>	<b>386 567</b>	<b>1 461 313</b>	<b>1 847 880</b>

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For the year to 31 March US\$'000	Resident		
	2024	2023	2022
<b>Group</b>			
<b>Income statements</b>			
Interest income	6 242	7 796	4 528
Interest expense	(11 796)	(11 879)	(3 115)
<b>Net interest income</b>	<b>(5 554)</b>	<b>(4 083)</b>	<b>1 413</b>
Fee income	1 868	1 354	1 795
Fee expense	—	—	—
<b>Net fee income</b>	<b>1 868</b>	<b>1 354</b>	<b>1 795</b>
Investment income	(28)	15	—
Net trading (loss)/income	—	—	—
Other operating income/(loss)	—	—	25
<b>Total operating income before impairment</b>	<b>(3 714)</b>	<b>(2 714)</b>	<b>3 233</b>
Expected credit loss reversal/(loss)	(137)	301	143
<b>Operating income</b>	<b>(3 851)</b>	<b>(2 413)</b>	<b>3 376</b>
Operating costs	(791)	(1 104)	(1 426)
<b>Operating profit</b>	<b>(4 642)</b>	<b>(3 517)</b>	<b>1 950</b>
Share of profit/(loss) in associate	142	(166)	155
<b>Profit before taxation</b>	<b>(4 500)</b>	<b>(3 683)</b>	<b>2 105</b>
Taxation	—	—	(55)
<b>Profit after taxation</b>	<b>(4 500)</b>	<b>(3 683)</b>	<b>2 050</b>



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For the year to 31 March US\$'000	Non-resident			Total		
	2024	2023	2022	2024	2023	2022
<b>Group</b>						
<b>Income statements</b>						
Interest income	152 486	87 446	37 778	158 728	95 242	42 306
Interest expense	(67 001)	(28 582)	(5 811)	(78 797)	(40 461)	(8 926)
<b>Net interest income</b>	<b>85 485</b>	<b>58 864</b>	<b>31 967</b>	<b>79 931</b>	<b>54 781</b>	<b>33 380</b>
Fee income	8 446	10 483	10 136	10 314	11 837	11 931
Fee expense	(2 233)	(1 743)	(1 350)	(2 233)	(1 743)	(1 350)
<b>Net fee income</b>	<b>6 213</b>	<b>8 740</b>	<b>8 786</b>	<b>8 081</b>	<b>10 094</b>	<b>10 581</b>
Investment income	437	(24)	942	409	(9)	942
Net trading (loss)/income	11 986	12 580	2 750	11 986	12 580	2 750
Other operating income/(loss)	—	—	—	—	—	25
<b>Total operating income before impairment</b>	<b>104 121</b>	<b>80 160</b>	<b>44 445</b>	<b>100 407</b>	<b>77 446</b>	<b>47 678</b>
Expected credit loss reversal/(loss)	(1 428)	1 753	301	(1 565)	2 054	444
<b>Operating income</b>	<b>102 693</b>	<b>81 913</b>	<b>44 746</b>	<b>98 842</b>	<b>79 500</b>	<b>48 122</b>
Operating costs	(15 689)	(14 958)	(11 489)	(16 480)	(16 062)	(12 915)
<b>Operating profit</b>	<b>87 004</b>	<b>66 955</b>	<b>33 257</b>	<b>82 362</b>	<b>63 438</b>	<b>35 207</b>
Share of profit/(loss) in associate	—	—	—	142	(166)	155
<b>Profit before taxation</b>	<b>87 004</b>	<b>66 955</b>	<b>33 257</b>	<b>82 504</b>	<b>63 272</b>	<b>35 362</b>
Taxation	(11 490)	(7 233)	(2 119)	(11 490)	(7 233)	(2 174)
<b>Profit after taxation</b>	<b>75 514</b>	<b>59 722</b>	<b>31 138</b>	<b>71 014</b>	<b>56 039</b>	<b>33 188</b>

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As at 31 March US\$'000	Resident		
	2024	2023	2022
<b>Group</b>			
<b>Balance sheets</b>			
<b>Assets</b>			
Cash and balances at central bank	22 360	33 862	36 553
Due from banks	27 161	42 526	30 560
Reverse repurchase agreements	—	—	—
Sovereign debt securities	—	—	—
Bank debt securities	10 803	—	—
Other debt securities	—	—	—
Derivative financial instruments	—	—	—
Investment portfolio	4 416	—	—
Loans and advances to customer	178 781	112 937	100 462
Investment in associate	1 148	1 882	2 120
Deferred taxation asset	1 077	328	451
Other assets	524	94	96
Amount due from group companies	17	18	15
Property, plant and equipment	2 224	299	404
	<b>248 511</b>	<b>191 946</b>	<b>170 661</b>
<b>Liabilities and equity</b>			
Derivative financial instruments	—	—	—
Repurchase agreements	—	—	—
Borrowings from banks	—	62 156	—
Deposits from customers	638 360	786 839	640 671
Debt securities in issue	—	—	—
Amount due to group companies	—	—	—
Current taxation liabilities	6 970	5 910	994
Other liabilities	6 750	4 861	4 840
	<b>652 080</b>	<b>859 766</b>	<b>646 505</b>
<b>Equity</b>			
Ordinary share capital			
Other reserves			
Retained income			
<b>Total equity</b>			
<b>Total liabilities and equity</b>			

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CONTINUED**46. Statutory segmental reporting (continued)**

As at 31 March US\$'000	Non-resident			Total		
	2024	2023	2022	2024	2023	2022
<b>Group</b>						
<b>Balance sheets</b>						
<b>Assets</b>						
Cash and balances at central bank	—	—	—	22 360	33 862	36 553
Due from banks	265 540	344 381	485 867	292 701	386 907	516 427
Reverse repurchase agreements	170 818	375 490	125 011	170 818	375 490	125 011
Sovereign debt securities	432 229	416 856	—	432 229	416 856	—
Bank debt securities	64 338	51 751	31 962	75 141	51 751	31 962
Other debt securities	82 514	76 036	59 078	82 514	76 036	59 078
Derivative financial instruments	3 368	5 690	5 175	3 368	5 690	5 175
Investment portfolio	6 940	4 130	3 813	11 356	4 130	3 813
Loans and advances to customer	1 106 806	1 015 332	960 760	1 285 587	1 128 269	1 061 222
Investment in associate	—	—	—	1 148	1 882	2 120
Deferred taxation asset	—	—	—	1 077	328	451
Other assets	6 847	7 325	4 009	7 371	7 419	4 105
Amount due from group companies	(17)	504	1 278	—	522	1 293
Property, plant and equipment	—	—	—	2 224	299	404
	<b>2 139 383</b>	<b>2 297 495</b>	<b>1 676 953</b>	<b>2 387 894</b>	<b>2 489 441</b>	<b>1 847 614</b>
<b>Liabilities and equity</b>						
Derivative financial instruments	5 792	6 992	2 512	5 792	6 992	2 512
Repurchase agreements	53 939	53 048	—	53 939	53 048	—
Borrowings from banks	69 942	184 034	—	69 942	246 190	—
Deposits from customers	741 608	621 623	461 961	1 379 968	1 408 462	1 102 632
Debt securities in issue	307 671	257 074	258 814	307 671	257 074	258 814
Amount due to group companies	5 706	5 404	30 051	5 706	5 404	30 051
Current taxation liabilities	—	—	—	6 970	5 910	994
Other liabilities	5 262	3 892	3 727	12 012	8 753	8 567
	<b>1 189 920</b>	<b>1 132 067</b>	<b>757 065</b>	<b>1 842 000</b>	<b>1 991 833</b>	<b>1 403 570</b>
<b>Equity</b>						
Ordinary share capital				56 478	56 478	56 478
Other reserves				85 430	73 534	68 538
Retained income				403 986	367 596	319 028
<b>Total equity</b>				<b>545 894</b>	<b>497 608</b>	<b>444 044</b>
<b>Total liabilities and equity</b>				<b>2 387 894</b>	<b>2 489 441</b>	<b>1 847 614</b>

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For the year to 31 March US\$'000	Resident		
	2024	2023	2022
<b>Bank</b>			
<b>Income statements</b>			
Interest income	6 256	7 799	4 528
Interest expense	(12 045)	(11 967)	(3 148)
<b>Net interest income</b>	<b>(5 789)</b>	<b>(4 168)</b>	<b>1 380</b>
Fee income	1 868	1 354	1 795
Fee expense	—	—	—
<b>Net fee income</b>	<b>1 868</b>	<b>1 354</b>	<b>1 795</b>
Investment income	(27 895)	14 830	—
Net trading income/(loss)	—	—	—
Other operating income/(loss)	—	—	25 011
<b>Total operating income before impairment</b>	<b>(3 949)</b>	<b>(2 799)</b>	<b>3 200</b>
Expected credit loss impairment reversals/(loss)	(137)	301	143
<b>Operating income</b>	<b>(4 086)</b>	<b>(2 498)</b>	<b>3 343</b>
Operating costs	(762)	(1 078)	(1 417)
<b>Operating profit</b>	<b>(4 848)</b>	<b>(3 576)</b>	<b>1 926</b>
Share of profit/(loss) in associate	142	(166)	155
<b>Profit before taxation</b>	<b>(4 706)</b>	<b>(3 742)</b>	<b>2 081</b>
Taxation	—	—	(54)
<b>Profit after taxation</b>	<b>(4 706)</b>	<b>(3 742)</b>	<b>2 027</b>

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CONTINUED**46. Statutory segmental reporting (continued)**

For the year to 31 March US\$'000	Non-resident			Total		
	2024	2023	2022	2024	2023	2022
<b>Bank</b>						
<b>Income statements</b>						
Interest income	152 486	87 446	37 764	158 742	95 245	42 292
Interest expense	(66 884)	(28 559)	(5 775)	(78 929)	(40 526)	(8 923)
<b>Net interest income</b>	<b>85 602</b>	<b>58 887</b>	<b>31 989</b>	<b>79 813</b>	<b>54 719</b>	<b>33 369</b>
Fee income	7 200	9 310	8 972	9 068	10 664	10 767
Fee expense	(2 233)	(1 743)	(1 350)	(2 233)	(1 743)	(1 350)
<b>Net fee income</b>	<b>4 967</b>	<b>7 567</b>	<b>7 622</b>	<b>6 835</b>	<b>8 921</b>	<b>9 417</b>
Investment income	383	—	942	355	15	942
Net trading income/(loss)	11 982	12 599	2 757	11 982	12 599	2 757
Other operating income/(loss)	—	—	—	—	—	25
<b>impairment</b>	<b>102 934</b>	<b>79 053</b>	<b>43 310</b>	<b>98 985</b>	<b>76 254</b>	<b>46 510</b>
reversals/(loss)	(1 428)	1 753	301	(1 565)	2 054	444
<b>Operating income</b>	<b>101 506</b>	<b>80 806</b>	<b>43 611</b>	<b>97 420</b>	<b>78 308</b>	<b>46 954</b>
Operating costs	(14 992)	(14 435)	(11 062)	(15 754)	(15 513)	(12 479)
<b>Operating profit</b>	<b>86 514</b>	<b>66 371</b>	<b>32 549</b>	<b>81 666</b>	<b>62 795</b>	<b>34 475</b>
Share of profit/(loss) in associate	—	—	—	142	(166)	155
<b>Profit before taxation</b>	<b>86 514</b>	<b>66 371</b>	<b>32 549</b>	<b>81 808</b>	<b>62 629</b>	<b>34 630</b>
Taxation	(11 448)	(7 209)	(2 085)	(11 448)	(7 209)	(2 139)
<b>Profit after taxation</b>	<b>75 066</b>	<b>59 162</b>	<b>30 464</b>	<b>70 360</b>	<b>55 420</b>	<b>32 491</b>

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	2024	2023	2022
<b>Bank</b>			
<b>Balance sheets</b>			
<b>Assets</b>			
Cash and balances at central bank	22 360	33 862	36 553
Due from banks	27 161	42 526	30 560
Reverse repurchase agreements	—	—	—
Sovereign debt securities	—	—	—
Bank debt securities	10 803	—	—
Other debt securities	—	—	—
Derivative financial instruments	—	—	—
Investment portfolio	4 416	—	—
Loans and advances to customer	178 781	112 937	100 462
Investment in associate	1 148	1 882	2 120
Deferred taxation assets	1 077	328	451
Other assets	524	80	67
Amount due from group companies	17	18	15
Property, plant and equipment	2 224	299	404
Investment in subsidiary	467	467	467
	<b>248 978</b>	<b>192 399</b>	<b>171 099</b>
<b>Liabilities and equity</b>			
Derivative financial instruments	—	—	—
Repurchase agreements	—	—	—
Borrowings from banks	—	62 156	—
Deposits from customers	642 322	789 950	643 249
Debt securities in issue	—	—	—
Amount due to group companies	—	—	—
Current taxation liabilities	6 942	5 898	—
Other liabilities	6 358	4 571	4 680
	<b>655 622</b>	<b>800 481</b>	<b>647 929</b>
<b>Equity</b>			
Ordinary share capital			
Other reserves			
Retained income			
<b>Total equity</b>			
<b>Total liabilities and equity</b>			

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As at 31 March US\$'000	Non-resident			Total		
	2024	2023	2022	2024	2023	2022
<b>Bank</b>						
<b>Balance sheets</b>						
<b>Assets</b>						
Cash and balances at central bank	—	—	—	22 360	33 862	36 553
Due from banks	265 540	344 381	485 867	292 701	386 907	516 427
Reverse repurchase agreements	170 818	375 490	125 011	170 818	375 490	125 011
Sovereign debt securities	432 229	416 856	—	432 229	416 856	—
Bank debt securities	64 338	51 751	31 962	75 141	51 751	31 962
Other debt securities	82 514	76 036	59 078	82 514	76 036	59 078
Derivative financial instruments	3 368	5 690	5 175	3 368	5 690	5 175
Investment portfolio	6 474	3 814	3 813	10 890	3 814	3 813
Loans and advances to customer	1 106 806	1 015 332	960 760	1 285 587	1 128 269	1 061 222
Investment in associate	—	—	—	1 148	1 882	2 120
Deferred taxation assets	—	—	—	1 077	328	451
Other assets	6 787	7 216	3 824	7 311	7 296	3 891
Amount due from group companies	—	522	1 293	17	540	1 308
Property, plant and equipment	—	—	—	2 224	298	402
Investment in subsidiary	—	—	—	467	467	467
	<b>2 138 874</b>	<b>2 297 088</b>	<b>1 676 783</b>	<b>2 387 852</b>	<b>2 489 486</b>	<b>1 847 880</b>
<b>Liabilities and equity</b>						
Derivative financial instruments	5 792	6 992	2 512	5 792	6 992	2 512
Repurchase agreements	53 939	53 048	—	53 939	53 048	—
Borrowings from banks	69 942	184 034	—	69 942	246 190	—
Deposits from customers	741 608	621 623	461 962	1 383 930	1 411 573	1 105 211
Debt securities in issue	307 671	257 074	258 814	307 671	257 074	258 814
Amount due to group companies	5 706	5 404	30 051	5 706	5 404	30 051
Current taxation liabilities	—	—	974	6 942	5 898	974
Other liabilities	5 081	3 873	3 700	11 439	8 444	8 380
	<b>1 189 739</b>	<b>1 132 048</b>	<b>758 013</b>	<b>1 845 361</b>	<b>1 994 623</b>	<b>1 405 942</b>
<b>Equity</b>						
Ordinary share capital				56 478	56 478	56 478
Other reserves				85 430	73 534	68 538
Retained income				400 583	364 851	316 922
<b>Total equity</b>				<b>542 491</b>	<b>494 863</b>	<b>441 938</b>
<b>Total liabilities and equity</b>				<b>2 387 852</b>	<b>2 489 486</b>	<b>1 847 880</b>

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Kailash S Ramnauth  
Grant M Parsons

**Audit Committee**

Zarina BM Bassa (Chair)  
Ramdeo (Dev) Erriah  
Kailash S Ramnauth

**In attendance**

Lourens F Janse van Rensburg  
Grant M Parsons (CEO)  
Lara Ann Vaudin (COO)  
David Desvaux de Marigny (head of finance)  
Farzanah Nowbuth (head of risk)  
James A Catto (head of treasury)  
Ajam Joomun (head of compliance and MLRO)  
Helena Cloete (head of legal)  
David Deeb (head of lending)  
Group head of internal audit  
Group compliance officer  
External auditors

**Nomination and Remuneration Committee**

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**In attendance**

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Zarina BM Bassa

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