

Diamond Bank Plc and Subsidiary Companies

Annual Report

31 December 2018

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Directors, officers and professional advisors

Directors

Prof. Chris Ike Ogbechie ¹	Chairman
Mr. Oluseyi T. Bickersest ²	Chairman
Mr. Dele Babade ⁸	Acting Chairman
Mr. Uzoma Dozie	Group Managing Director/CEO
Mrs. Caroline Anyanwu	Deputy Managing Director
Mr. Kabir Alkali Mohammed	Non-executive Director
Mr. Damian Dolland ³	Non-executive Director
Mr. Rotimi O. Oyekanmi ⁴	Independent Director
Mrs. Chizoma Okoli	Executive Director
Mr. Chiugo Ndubisi	Executive Director
Mrs Aisha Muhammed Oyebo ⁵	Non-executive Director
Mrs Juliet Anammah ⁶	Non-executive Director
Mr Christopher Ubosi	Non-executive Director
Mr. Idris M. Mohammed ⁷	Non-executive Director

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Directors' report

For the year ended 31 December 2018

The directors present their report on the affairs of Diamond Bank Plc (the Bank) and its subsidiary companies ("the Group"), together with the financial statements and auditor's report for the year ended 31 December 2018.

a Legal form

Diamond Bank was incorporated on 20 December 1990, and opened for business in March 1991 as a Private Limited Liability Company. In February 2001, the Bank became a universal bank. In January 2005, following a successful Private Placement and an Initial Public Offer (IPO), the Bank became a Public Limited Company and was subsequently listed on the Nigerian Stock Exchange in May 2005. In October 2005, the Bank acquired former Lion Bank of Nigeria Plc. The Bank was also listed on the Professional Securities Market of the London Stock Exchange in 2007, following a successful US\$500 million GDR offering. In 2013, following the Central Bank of Nigeria's regulation repealing the universal banking model, Diamond Bank converted its license to an international commercial banking license.

b Principal activity and business review

The principal activity of the Group continues to be the provision of banking and other financial services to corporate and individual customers. Such services include granting of loans and advances, corporate finance and money market activities. The Bank currently has one operating subsidiary: Diamond Pension Fund Custodian Limited in which it has 100% ownership, and a special purpose vehicle, Diamond Finance B.V. The Bank's consolidated financial statements include the results of the operating subsidiary.

Diamond Finance B.V. was incorporated on 26 February 2014 as a Structured Entity in the Netherlands for the purpose of providing subordinated foreign currency loans to Diamond Bank Plc by issuing Loan Participatory Notes to interested investors.

Diamond Bank's strategic objective is to be the fastest growing and most profitable technology driven retail banking franchise in Nigeria. This strategic intent requires the Bank to optimize the use of its resources which means, where necessary, divesting from its non-core assets, and focusing on the priority area, namely Nigerian retail banking.

Application for National Banking License

During the year, the Bank applied to the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) for a downgrade of its commercial banking license from International to National license. On November 29 2018, the CBN via its letter (ref: FPR/LAD/CON/DBN/01/034), stated a "no objection" to the Bank's application for the National Banking license. This was however subject to Diamond Bank Plc divesting from Diamond Bank UK..

c Events after the reporting period

Subsequent to year end, the Directors obtained the approval of the shareholders, the Federal High Court of Nigeria and the relevant regulators for a merger between the Bank and Access Bank Plc. The merger was effective on 19-March-2019. Following the approval of the merger by the Federal High Court of Nigeria on 19-March-2019, the Board of Diamond Bank Plc was dissolved. Access Bank Plc became the successor in title to the Bank subsequent to 19-March-2019. Consequently, the financial statements were also approved and issued by the Directors of Access Bank Plc on 17 April 2019 in addition to the approval by the Directors of Diamond Bank on 18 March 2019.

Further to this, an agreement for the sale of one of the Bank's foreign subsidiaries, Diamond Bank UK, was executed between Access Bank Plc ("the Seller") and BCTIB Holdings Limited ("the Purchaser") on 3 April 2019. This is in line with the Bank's plan to dispose of the subsidiary, which was classified as asset held for sale as at end of the year. See Note 52 for further details.

d Operating results

Gross earnings of the Group from continuing operations decreased from N189.6 billion to N187.0 billion and profit before income tax from continuing operations increased from a loss of N(11.5) billion in 2017 to a profit of N3.5 billion during the year ended 31 December 2018.

Highlights of the Group's operating results for the period under review are as follows:

<i>For the year ended 31 December</i>	Group	Group	Bank	Bank
<i>In thousands of naira</i>	2018	2017	2018	2017
Gross earnings	187,041,729	189,622,137	189,055,838	203,348,983
Profit/(loss) before income tax	3,538,428	(11,546,952)	6,115,428	2,190,907
Minimum tax credit/(charge)	1,299,774	(1,310,230)	1,299,774	(1,299,774)
Income tax expense	<u>(212,173)</u>	<u>(39,345)</u>	<u>(60,549)</u>	<u>(21,692)</u>
Profit/(loss) for the year from continuing operations	4,626,029	(12,896,527)	7,354,653	869,441
Profit from discontinued operations net of tax	<u>671,275</u>	<u>3,885,313</u>	-	-
Profit/(loss) for the year	5,297,304	(9,011,214)	7,354,653	869,441
Non-controlling interest	<u>(1,606)</u>	<u>(73,759)</u>	-	-
Profit/(loss) attributable to group shareholders	5,295,698	(9,084,973)	7,354,653	869,441
Earnings per share from continuing operations				
Basic earnings/(loss) per share (kobo)	<u>23</u>	<u>(56)</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>4</u>
Diluted earnings/(loss) per share (kobo)	<u>23</u>	<u>(56)</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>4</u>
Earnings per share from total operations				
Basic earnings/(loss) per share (kobo)	<u>20</u>	<u>(39)</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>4</u>
Diluted earnings/(loss) per share (kobo)	<u>20</u>	<u>(39)</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>4</u>
Total equity	<u>37,073,692</u>	<u>223,312,957</u>	<u>28,399,548</u>	<u>213,563,961</u>

Directors' report - (cont'd)

e Directors and their interests

The direct and indirect interests of directors in the issued share capital of the Bank as recorded in the register of directors' shareholding and/or as notified by the directors for the purposes of sections 275 and 276 of the Companies and Allied Matters Act and the listing requirements of the Nigerian Stock Exchange is noted below

	<u>Direct Shareholding</u>		<u>Indirect Shareholding</u>	
	Number of 50k ordinary shares held Dec-18	Number of 50k ordinary shares held Dec-17	Number of 50k ordinary shares held Dec-18	Number of 50k ordinary shares held Dec-17
Prof. Chris Ogbechie (Chairman) ¹	16,047,124	16,047,124	-	-
Mr. Oluseyi T. Bickersteth ²	-	-	-	-
Mr. Dele Babade ⁸	-	-	4,110,118,107****	4,110,118,107****
Mr. Uzoma Dozie (Managing Director)	26,489,005	26,489,005	2,141,349,189**	2,141,349,189**
Mrs. Caroline Anyanwu (Deputy Managing Director/CRO)	6,330,000	6,330,000	-	-
Mrs. Chizoma Okoli (Executive)	2,347,234	2,347,234	-	-
Mr. Chiugo Ndubisi(Executive)	1,509,210	1,509,210	-	-
Mr. Kabir Alkali Mohammed	8,784,519	8,784,519	227,700***	227,700***
Mr Idris M. Mohammed ⁷	-	-	-	-
Mr. Damian Dolland ³	-	-	848,872,310*	848,872,310*
Mr. Rotimi Olayiwola Oyekanmi ⁴	-	-	-	-
Mrs. Aisha Muhammed Oyebode ⁵	-	-	-	-
Mrs. Juliet Anammah ⁶	-	-	-	-
Mr. Christopher Ubosi	184,200	184,200	-	-

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* Represents Kunoch Limited

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*** GDR Holding

**** CSSAF DBN Holding

f Directors' interest in contracts

For the purpose of section 277 (1) and (3) of the Companies and Allied Matters Act of Nigeria, none of the directors had direct or indirect interests in contracts with the Bank during the year, except:

Related Director	Interest in entity	Name of Company	Services to the Bank
Mr. Uzoma Dozie	Director	Elpina Associates Limited	Supply and Maintenance

g Property and equipment

Information relating to changes in property and equipment is provided in Note 28 to the financial statements.

h (i) Shareholding analysis

The shareholding pattern of the Bank as at 31 December 2018 is as stated below:

Share Range	31 December 2018			
	No of Shareholders	Percentage (%) of Shareholders	No. of Holdings	Percentage (%) of Holdings
1 - 10,000	91,521	78.88	193,383,832	0.83
10,001 - 50,000	15,704	13.54	311,983,949	1.35
50,001 - 100,000	4,581	3.95	299,103,077	1.29
100,001 - 500,000	3,203	2.76	622,344,154	2.69
500,001 - 1,000,000	408	0.35	293,120,767	1.27
1,000,001 - 5,000,000	415	0.36	851,239,841	3.68
5,000,001 - 10,000,000	68	0.06	511,476,625	2.21
10,000,001 - 50,000,000	71	0.06	1,520,515,620	6.57
50,000,001 - 100,000,000	18	0.02	1,284,409,715	5.55
100,000,001 - 500,000,000	24	0.02	4,772,245,702	20.61
500,000,001 - 1,000,000,000	8	0.01	5,273,122,392	22.77
1,000,000,001 - 10,000,000,000	3	0.00	7,227,443,294	31.21
TOTAL	116,024	100.00	23,160,388,968	100.00

Share Range	31 December 2017			
	No of Shareholders	Percentage (%) of Shareholders	No. of Holdings	Percentage (%) of Holdings
1 - 10,000	91,255	78.80	193,384,877	0.83
10,001 - 50,000	15,743	13.59	310,830,659	1.34
50,001 - 100,000	4,546	3.93	295,865,315	1.28
100,001 - 500,000	3,235	2.79	626,808,990	2.71
500,001 - 1,000,000	411	0.35	300,577,739	1.30
1,000,001 - 5,000,000	426	0.37	878,628,004	3.79
5,000,001 - 10,000,000	71	0.06	503,664,247	2.17
10,000,001 - 50,000,000	72	0.06	1,556,250,389	6.72
50,000,001 - 100,000,000	15	0.01	1,096,123,992	4.73
100,000,001 - 500,000,000	24	0.02	5,520,094,821	23.83
500,000,001 - 1,000,000,000	7	0.01	4,661,935,093	20.13
1,000,000,001 - 10,000,000,000	3	0.00	7,216,224,842	31.16
TOTAL	115,808	100.00	23,160,388,968	100.00

(ii) Share Capital History

YEAR	AUTHORISED SHARE CAPITAL		ISSUED SHARE CAPITAL		CONSIDERATION
	INCREASE	CUMULATIVE	INCREASE	CUMULATIVE	
1991	25,000,000	25,000,000	25,000,000	25,000,000	Cash
1992	25,000,000	25,000,000	25,000,000	50,000,000	Cash
1993	50,000,000	100,000,000		50,000,000	Bonus issue of N20million and cash deposit of N25 million shares
1994	100,000,000	200,000,000	45,000,000	95,000,000	Bonus issue of N19million
1995		200,000,000	19,000,000	114,000,000	Bonus issue of N38million
1996		200,000,000	38,000,000	152,000,000	Bonus issue of N412.3million
1997	800,000,000	1,000,000,000	412,300,000	564,300,000	Rights issue of N156.75million
1998		1,000,000,000	156,750,000	721,050,000	
1999		1,000,000,000		721,050,000	
2000		1,000,000,000		721,050,000	
2001		1,000,000,000		721,050,000	
2002	1,000,000,000	2,000,000,000	360,525,000	1,081,575,000	Bonus issue of N360.52million
2003		2,000,000,000		1,081,575,000	
2004		2,000,000,000	458,230,033	1,539,805,033	Rights issue of N458.23million
2004	1,500,000,000	3,500,000,000	513,268,327	2,056,233,169	Bonus issue of N513.26 million
2004		3,500,000,000	3,159,809	2,056,233,169	Rights issue of N3.1million
2005		3,500,000,000	981,373,342	3,037,606,511	Private placement proceed of N12.3billion
2005	1,500,000,000	5,000,000,000	420,000,000	3,457,606,511	Share exchange between Diamond Bank and Lion Bank
2005		5,000,000,000	344,197,564	3,801,804,075	IPO proceed of N4.6billion
2006	2,000,000,000	7,000,000,000	898,152,632	4,699,956,707	Private placement proceed of N17.06billion (Actis Holding Limited)
2007		7,000,000,000	1,879,699,250	6,579,655,957	GDR proceeds of N59.05 billion
2008	3,000,000,000	10,000,000,000	657,965,596	7,237,621,553	Bonus issue of N657.96 million
2009		10,000,000,000		7,237,621,553	
2010		10,000,000,000		7,237,621,553	
2011		10,000,000,000		7,237,621,553	
2012		10,000,000,000		7,237,621,553	
2013	5,000,000,000	15,000,000,000		7,237,621,553	
2014		15,000,000,000	4,342,572,932	11,580,194,485	Rights issue of N50.4billion
2015		15,000,000,000		11,580,194,485	
2016		15,000,000,000		11,580,194,485	
2017		15,000,000,000		11,580,194,485	
2018		15,000,000,000		11,580,194,485	

i Substantive interest in shares

According to the register of members as at 31 December 2018, no shareholder held more than 5% of the issued share capital of the Bank except the following:

Shareholders	31 December 2018		31 December 2017	
	Number of shares held	Percentage of Shareholding %	Number of shares held	Percentage of Shareholding %
CSSAF DBN Holdings	4,110,118,107	17.75	4,110,118,107	17.75
Kunoch DB Limited	2,141,349,189	9.25	2,141,349,189	9.25
Stanbic Nominees Nigeria Limited	1,683,471,260	7.27	1,973,872,451	8.52
Diamond Partners Limited	1,411,694,266	6.10	1,411,694,266	6.10

j Charitable contributions

The Bank made contributions to charitable and non-political organizations amounting to N274 million (31 December 2017: N519 million) during the year. The schedule of charitable donations is shown below:

Donation and sponsorship	Amount
Depeening Financial Inclusion	50,000,000
Education and Youth development	29,384,185
Sponsorship of the Beauty Souk Fair	25,000,000
Sponsorship of IATF Trade Fair	18,300,000
Sponsorship of Business FINTECH Conference	17,500,015
Donation to St Saviour School Ikoyi	15,000,030
Sponsorship of Beat FM Xmas Concert	10,250,000
Sponsorship of PAU BET7 Capacity Building	8,850,000
Sponsorship of Ocean 8 Premiere	6,960,000
Donation of World Women Banking Africa Fin. Sector Development	6,561,000
Sponsorship of Women empowerment scheme	6,162,900
Sponsorship of Financial Inclusion Initiatives	6,000,015
Public Health and Welfare	5,358,750
Donation to Lagos State Kicks Against Drug Abuse	5,000,000
Sponsorship of Comm. Initiative for Safer Lagos	5,000,000
Sponsorship of Eclipse Live	5,000,000
Sponsorship of PWC Code Lagos Initiatives	5,000,000
Sponsorship of Social Media Week.	5,000,000
Sponsorship of Women in Development Conference	5,000,000
Sponsorship of Africa Business News	4,000,000
Sports and Cultural Development	3,990,650
Sponsorship of Golf Championship	3,500,000
Sponsorship of Digital Pay EXPO	3,000,000
Donation to ACEGID Center	2,000,000
Donation to NASS Committee on Capital Market	2,000,000
Sponsorship of FRSC	2,000,000
Sponsorship of 21st Annual Tax Conference	1,500,000
Sponsorship of Green lantern Summit	1,500,000
Sponsorship of Alibaba Concert	1,000,053
Donation to IGP Book Launch	1,000,000
Sponsorship of Africa FINTECH Festival	1,000,000
Sponsorship of Comedy Master Class	1,000,000
Sponsorship of Her Nights Events	1,000,000
Sponsorship of National FINTECH Conference	1,000,000
Sponsorship of Top 25 CEOs Award	1,000,000
Sponsorship of Jam Rock Festival	700,000
Donation to South African National Day	500,000
Sponsorship of African High Commission	500,000
Sponsorship of Agricbiz Food & Security	500,000
Sponsorship of APPOEMN 2018 Conference	500,000
Sponsorship of Bizdat Economic Outlook Conference	500,000
Sponsorship of EWDI Annual Conference	500,000
Sponsorship of Financial Markets Conference	500,000
Sponsorship of ICC Nigeria Event	500,000
Sponsorship of Networks Digital Summit	500,000
Security	400,000
Sponsorship of SME development	350,000
Sponsorship of African Trade Fair	98,222
Others	2,153,610
	<u>274,019,430</u>

k Human resources

Employment of disabled persons

The Group operates a non-discriminatory policy on recruitment. Applications by disabled persons are always fully considered, bearing in mind the respective aptitudes and abilities of the applicants concerned. In the event of members of staff becoming disabled, every effort is made to ensure that their employment with the Bank continues and that appropriate training is provided. It is the policy of the Bank that the training, career development and promotion of disabled persons should as far as possible, be identical with those of other employees.

The Group has 1 disabled person in its employment as at 31 December 2018 (31 December 2017: 1)

Analysis of women employed during the year

31 December 2018

DESCRIPTION	NUMBER	% TO TOTAL STAFF	% TO TOTAL NEW HIRE
Female new hire	183	5.7	55.5
Male new hire	147	4.6	44.5
Total new hire	330	10.3	100.0
Total staff			
Female	1,397	43.7	
Male	1,801	56.3	
	3,198	100.0	

31 December 2017

DESCRIPTION	NUMBER	% TO TOTAL STAFF	% TO TOTAL NEW HIRE
Female new hire	28	0.9	33.7
Male new hire	55	1.7	66.3
Total new hire	83	2.6	100.0
Total staff			
Female	1,384	42.2	
Male	1,896	57.8	
	3,280	100.0	

Analysis of top management positions by gender as at 31 December 2018

GRADE	FEMALE	MALE	TOTAL
General Manager	1	4	5
Deputy General Manager	1	5	6
Assistant General Manager	5	12	17
Total	7	21	28
<i>Percentage</i>	<i>25.0</i>	<i>75.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>

Analysis of top management positions by gender as at 31 December 2017

GRADE	FEMALE	MALE	TOTAL
General Manager	2	4	6
Deputy General Manager	1	5	6
Assistant General Manager	4	11	15
Total	7	20	27
<i>Percentage</i>	<i>25.9</i>	<i>74.1</i>	<i>100.0</i>

Analysis of executive and non executive Directors by gender as at 31 December 2018

GRADE	FEMALE	MALE	TOTAL
Executive Director	1	1	2
Managing Director	-	1	1
Deputy Managing Director	1	-	1
Non Executive Director	-	4	4
Independent Director	-	-	-
Total	2	6	8
<i>Percentage</i>	<i>25.0</i>	<i>75.0</i>	<i>100.0</i>

Analysis of executive and non executive Directors by gender as at 31 December 2017

GRADE	FEMALE	MALE	TOTAL
Executive Director	1	1	2
Managing Director	-	1	1
Deputy Managing Director	1	-	1
Non Executive Director	2	5	7
Independent Director	-	1	1
Total	4	8	12
Percentage	33.3	66.7	100.0

l Health, safety and welfare at work

The Bank's employees are adequately insured against occupational hazards. In addition, medical facilities to specified limits to employees and their immediate families at the Bank's expense

m Employee involvement and training

The Bank places considerable value on the involvement of its employee and has continued its practices of keeping them informed on matters affecting them as employees and the various factors affecting the performance of the Bank. This is achieved through regular meetings between management and staff.

The Bank has in-house facilities for staff training supplemented by facilities of local and foreign educational institutions.

n Complaints

In thousands of naira	NUMBER		AMOUNT CLAIMED		AMOUNT REFUNDED	
	2018	2017	2018 N'000	2017 N'000	2018 N'000	2017 N'000
Pending complaints, start of the year	15,869	26,833	1,866,327	5,998,654		
Received complaints	1,003,742	433,392	92,889,299	16,113,273		
Resolved complaints	(887,733)	(444,356)	(61,049,339)	(20,245,601)	14,312,066	12,669,064
Unresolved complaints pending end of the year	131,878	15,869	33,706,287	1,866,327		

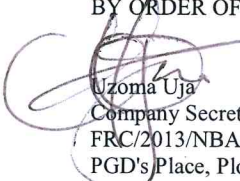
Automated Teller Machine (ATM) Complaints

Total Number of Complaints Received	318,247
Number Resolved:	266,934
Number Unresolved	51,313

o Number of cards issued

Card Type	Number of cards	
	2018	2017
Visa Debit Cards	10,256,258	8,505,196
Verve Debit Cards	651,819	501,870
Visa Credit Cards	112,332	109,273
Volume of transactions	234,993,440	162,773,536
Value of transactions	1,420,608,796,845	1,098,633,523,372

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD


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18 March 2019

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

Introduction

Diamond Bank Plc was conceived with the vision of creating a “strong financial services institution with effective presence in Nigeria, Africa and indeed all the key financial centers of the world.” We are pleased to state that over the years, as our vision has been fulfilled we have not lost sight of our core values of integrity, excellence, customer and stakeholder satisfaction.

Diamond Bank is managed in compliance with relevant Laws, Regulations, Codes of Corporate Governance and International Best Practices. Compliance is the joint responsibility of the Board, Management and the entire staff of the Bank, and there is an established system of controls to ensure strict adherence to these principles.

The Board

The primary mission of the Board is to effectively represent and promote the interest of shareholders and relevant stakeholders, by adding value to the Bank’s performance. To achieve this and other objectives, these highly accomplished individuals were on the Board of Directors of Diamond Bank Plc during the 2018 financial year.

Professor Chris Ike Ogbechie - Chairman

Chris Ogbechie has a First Class Honours degree in Mechanical Engineering from Manchester University and an MBA from Manchester Business School. Chris obtained a PhD from the Brunel University, Middlesex, England. He has wide experience in marketing and strategy derived from his work as Group Head Marketing at Ecobank Transnational, Lome, Togo; Head of marketing/sales at Nestle Nigeria, Xerox and from his consulting work with Nigerian firms over the years. While in Nestle he had wide international exposure in Malaysia, Singapore and Switzerland. He has been involved with several start-ups and is on the Board of several companies.

He is a faculty member of the Lagos Business School (Pan Atlantic University), where he teaches Strategy and Corporate Governance. He is a visiting Professor of Marketing and Strategy at the Strathmore Business School, Nairobi, Kenya. He has written scholarly articles and books on Corporate Governance, Board Effectiveness, Strategy and Leadership in a Turbulent Environment and Sustainability amongst others.

Prof. Ogbechie sits on the Board of the Society for Corporate Governance Nigeria amongst other Companies and Not-for-Profit organisations. He is a fellow of the Nigerian Institute of Marketing and the Advertising Practitioners Council of Nigeria, member of the American Academy of Management, International Corporate Governance Network and the Strategic Management Association.

He is a philanthropist and a Papal Knight of St. Sylvester conferred on him by Pope John Paul II. He joined the Board of Diamond Bank in 2005 and retired effective March 31, 2018.

Mr. Oluseyi Bickersteth - Independent Director/Chairman

Mr. Bickersteth has a B.Sc in Economics from the University of Ibadan and an M.Sc in Economics from the York University in Canada. He is a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nigeria (ICAN) and Chartered Institute of Taxation of Nigeria (CITN).

Mr. Bickersteth was involved in Vision 2010 of the Federal Government of Nigeria, which prepared a memorandum on the vision for Nigeria, by year 2010. He has also chaired a working group on “Nigerian Tax Reforms 2003 & Beyond” for the Federal Government of Nigeria. Mr. Bickersteth also served on the technical committee of the Federal Government that prepared the Petroleum Industry Bill (PIB) for the oil and gas sector. The Bill is to reform the sector and encourage local content and active participation of indigenous players in the Nigerian Oil and Gas Industry. He was appointed to the Board on June 26, 2018 and he resigned effective October 19, 2018.

Mr Dele Babade - Non-Executive Director (Acting Chariman)

Mr. Babade has over 30 year career that includes HSBC London, Nomura International of Japan and Citigroup of the United States during which he has been responsible for significant Merger & Acquisition and Debt & Equity capital raising transactions for blue chip corporates. He began his career in 1988 at Midland Montagu/HSBC Group in International and Merchant Banking in the UK and subsequently joined Citibank where he held numerous positions in London, Ivory Coast, Nigeria and South Africa over a thirteen (13) year tenor. Mr. Babade was also previously Investment Banking Director for Africa at Nomura International in London, where he had responsibility for advising African Governments and Companies on capital raising in the international capital markets for bonds, equity and convertible debt securities as well as on privatisations. Most recently, he held the position of CEO at Ecobank Capital whilst also being a member of Ecobank’s Group Executive Committee. He qualified as a Barrister of Lincoln’s Inn England as well as Barrister and Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Nigeria. He has a post-graduate degree specialising in Corporate Finance and Securities Laws from University College London. He is currently a Board Director of the African Risk Capacity Pan African Insurance Company and serves as the Chairman of its Finance and Investment Committee. Mr. Babade was appointed to the Board with effect from April 20, 2017.

Mr. Uzoma Dozie - Group Managing Director/Chief Executive Officer

Uzoma Dozie graduated in 1991 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry from the University of Reading, Berkshire England. He obtained a Master of Science degree in Chemical Research from University College, University of London in 1992 and an MBA with specialisation in Finance, from Imperial College Management School, London in 1998. He also attended the Program for Management Development at the Harvard Business School, Boston, Massachusetts, USA. Uzoma started his banking career in the Commercial Banking Unit at Guaranty Trust Bank Plc where he worked for some years and later moved to Citizens International Bank Limited where he worked in the Oil and Gas Division. Thereafter, he joined Diamond Bank Limited as Manager and Head of the Bank's Oil and Gas Unit. He was at a time Head, Financial Control, then Retail Banking (where he spear-headed the introduction of lifestyle-changing retail products in the Bank). He equally headed two distinctive strategic business units in the Bank before his appointment as an Executive Director in 2005, during which time he supervised the Retail Banking and Corporate Banking Divisions of the Bank. He at a time acted as the Bank’s Chief Financial Officer.

Mr. Dozie was the Executive Director in charge of Lagos Businesses between 2011 and 2013 until his appointment as a Deputy Managing Director in March, 2014 and charged with the responsibility to oversee the Retail Banking Directorate of the Bank. He has attended various specialist and executive development courses in Nigeria and overseas. Following the resignation of the immediate past Group Managing Director from the Board, Uzoma Dozie, a man who believes in using cutting edge technology to deliver services to customers, and improve the efficiency of how the enterprise functioned, was unanimously appointed by the Board as the Group Managing Director/Chief Executive Officer of the Bank effective from November 1, 2014. His appointment was approved by the Central Bank of Nigeria in January 2015.

Mrs. Caroline Anyanwu-Deputy Managing Director/Chief Risk Officer

Caroline Anyanwu is a first-class honors graduate of Statistics, a fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nigeria and a prize winner in the Professional Accounting qualifying examination. She commenced her professional career in Pricewaterhouse (Chartered Accountants) {now Pricewaterhouse Coopers} in 1985 where she trained and qualified as a Chartered Accountant and subsequently held the position of an Auditor Senior/Consultant.

Her exposure to the Nigerian Banking Industry commenced in African Continental Bank Limited in 1988 where she served as the Head, Strategic Planning. She subsequently worked in Oceanic Bank Plc and later United Bank for Africa Plc (UBA) where she rose to become Head, Credit Risk Management. She held this position until February 2006 before leaving to join Diamond Bank Plc as Group Head, Risk Management.

In September 2009, Caroline was appointed by the Central Bank of Nigeria as Executive Director, Risk Management in Finbank Plc. She returned to Diamond Bank in May 2011 as Executive Director/Chief Risk Officer of the Group.

Caroline's exposure in the banking industry spanned through several job functions including: Strategic Planning, Financial Control, Credit and Marketing, Banking Operations, Business Process Re-engineering and Risk Management. Mrs. Anyanwu was appointed a Deputy Managing Director of the Bank in April 2014.

Mrs. Chizoma Okoli – Executive Director, Business Development

Chizoma Okoli is a 1989 Law Graduate from the University of Benin and was called to the Nigerian Bar in December 1990. She is an Alumnus of the Lagos Business School having completed the Senior Management Program in 2006 and has an MBA from the Warwick Business School, Coventry, UK.

Chizoma started her banking career in Diamond Bank in April 1992 and has served the bank meritoriously for over 24 years, starting as an Executive Trainee in Operations and rising to become an Executive Director. Between 1994 and 1996, she was a cash officer at Marina Branch. By January 1996, she crossed over to Credit and Marketing, becoming the Head of Consumer and Commercial Banking between 1998 and 2000. She rose to become the Branch Manager of the Flagship Branch, Adeola Hopewell Branch, Victoria Island in 2003. Other key positions held by Mrs. Okoli in the Bank include: Group Head, National Corporate Victoria Island, Divisional Head Branch Banking Lagos 2 Division, Regional Manager Apapa Region, Divisional Head, Institutional Banking Group, Head, Corporate Banking Directorate and Head, Business Development.

Her appointment as an Executive Director was approved by the Central Bank of Nigeria on November 16, 2016.

Mr. Chiugo Ndubisi – Executive Director/Chief Financial Officer

Chiugo Ndubisi, functioned as the Acting Chief Financial Officer (CFO) until July 2016 when he was appointed the substantive Chief Financial Officer. He was previously the Head, Financial Management Division and formerly the Financial Controller. He has worked in several positions since joining the Bank in 1996 as an Executive Trainee.

Chiugo graduated in 1994 with a first-class honors degree in Engineering from the University of Nigeria, Nsukka and holds a Master of Business Administration degree (MBA) from the University of Lagos, Akoka.

He is a fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountant of Nigeria (ICAN), Chartered Institute of Bankers of Nigeria (CIBN) and the Chartered Institute of Taxation of Nigeria (CITN), Chiugo has attended various local and international courses including the HSBC International Bankers' Course in London and the Citibank Foreign Exchange Workshop (Bourse Game). He is also an alumnus of the Advanced Management Programme (AMP) of the Wharton Business School and the Senior Management Programme (SMP) of the Lagos Business School.

His appointment as an Executive Director was approved by the Central Bank of Nigeria on November 16, 2016.

Mr. Kabir Alkali Mohammed, mni, FCIS, FCMA,CGMA, FCA- Non-Executive Director

Mr. Kabir Alkali was 49th President of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nigeria, and hails from Argungu, Kebbi State. He attended Government College, Sokoto (1965-1969); Federal Training Centre, Kaduna (1970-1971); WestHam College, now East London University (1972-1973); Chelmer Institute of Higher Education, Chelmsford, Essex (1974-1977); London School of Accountancy (1977-1978) where he passed out as one of the Best Qualifying Students in 1978.

He also attended the National Institute for Policy & Strategic Studies (2007) Kuru, Jos (Policy & Strategy) mni; and Harvard Business School, Boston, USA (2009) (Corporate Governance). He has attended numerous senior Management Courses in Banking, Administration and Finance during his career in Nigeria and abroad. Mr. Mohammed was Cost Accountant, CRYOPLANTS, London; Assistant Chief Accountant, FRCN, Kaduna; Chief Internal Auditor FRCN, Kaduna Acting Bursar, University of Sokoto; Principal Manager, UBA Plc; Principal Manager, UBA Plc; General Manager (Finance & Accounts) NEPA; Executive Director, (Finance & Accounts) NEPA; He was appointed to the Board in 2013

Mr Damian Dolland - Non-Executive Director

Mr. Damian Dolland holds a B.Sc (Hons) in Biomedical & Electrical Engineering with Distinction and Cum Laude; he has Minor in Chemistry from Duke University, Durham, North Carolina. His career spans over 20 years in the Investment banking sector. Damian started his career with Morgan Stanley Dean Witter, New York as a Summer Analyst, Asset-backed Securities. Between 2000 and 2009, he was Executive Director, Investment Banking Division of Morgan Stanley, Johannesburg, South Africa where he built Morgan Stanley's Sub-Sahara Africa ex-SA Investment Banking Platform, which was awarded Best Foreign Investment Bank in Africa 2008 by EMEA Finance.

He was also a Managing Partner in Fidelis Advisory Partners, Johannesburg, South Africa, where he was responsible for client management, business development, transaction execution and management of day to day operations and staff. He was also Managing Director, Head of Investment Banking: Sub-Saharan Africa, J.P. Morgan between 2010 and 2012. He is presently the founder and Director of Darisami International Consultancy based in Port Louis Mauritius where he is involved in financial advisory and investments focused on Sub-Saharan Africa and the Caribbean specialising in Mergers & Acquisition, Debt & Equity financing and Real Estate. The Central Bank of Nigeria approved his appointment to the Board on November 24, 2015. He resigned from the Board effective October 3, 2018.

Mr. Rotimi Olayiwola Oyekanmi - Independent Non-Executive Director

Mr Rotimi Olayiwola Oyekanmi is a Chartered Accountant and a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nigeria. He holds a B.Sc (Hons) in Economics from the University of Ibadan and an M.Sc. from the London School of Economics and Political Science, London.

His career spans over 34 years in the Banking and investment sectors. He joined Arthur Andersen & Co (now KPMG Professional Services) in 1983 from where he moved to the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture as Chief Internal Auditor in 1988. He started his Banking career with Prime Merchant Bank Limited in 1991 as a Senior Manager. Between 2001 and 2009, he was Chairman, Venture Capital Association of Nigeria, a Director at African Venture Association and Chairman, African Venture Capital Association.

He was Group Head, Investment Banking at Ecobank Capital Nigeria from 2012 to 2013. Mr. Oyekanmi is currently the Chairman of Rendeavour Group and RenMoney MFB Limited and a Partner in Apis Partners LLP, a private equity asset manager Firm that supports growth stage financial services businesses in Africa and South Asia by providing them catalytic growth equity capital. His Appointment was approved by the Central Bank of Nigeria on December 1, 2016. He resigned from the Board effective October 19, 2018.

Mrs Aisha Muhammed Oyeboode - Non-Executive Director

Mrs. Oyeboode has an LL.M in Public International Law from King's College, University of London and an MBA in Finance from Imperial College, University of London. She is a Solicitor and Barrister at Law of the Supreme Court of Nigeria. She is also a member of the Nigerian Bar Association and the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators. Mrs. Oyeboode founded and serves as CEO of the Murtala Muhammed Foundation (MMF), one of Nigeria's largest charitable Foundations that promotes good governance and is dedicated to engendering socio economic change on the African continent with operational offices in Lagos, Kano and Abuja and programs across the six-geo political zones of the Federation. In December 2016, she was invited to join the Harvard Kennedy School's Women's Leadership Board (WLB) of the Women and Public Policy Program (WAPPP), a research center of the Kennedy School that specializes in gender research, teaching, training and outreach. Mrs. Oyeboode is the founder and Group CEO of Asset Management Group Limited (AMG), a company founded in 1991, specializing in real estate development and management. Her appointment was approved by the Central Bank of Nigeria on the July 17, 2017. She resigned from the Board effective October 19, 2018.

Mrs Juliet Anammah - Non-Executive Director

Mrs. Anammah holds a degree in B. Pharm from the University of Nigeria, Nsukka, and an MBA in Finance from the same Institution. In 2008, Mrs. Anammah attended the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton College Advanced Management Program. She is a fellow of the Yale University Nigeria Leaders Initiative and also a member of the Institute of Directors of Nigeria. Mrs. Anammah has over twenty five years of professional experience in Consumer Goods, Sales and Marketing Management Consulting and eCommerce (Retail and Marketplace). She commenced her career with Sanofi Aventis in 1991 and worked in key sales /marketing capacities till 1999. In 1999 she joined Accenture's Strategy service line as a senior consultant and worked on various engagements largely related to corporate strategy, business planning, marketing strategy, business architecture design and mergers and acquisition. Mrs. Anammah also worked on large scale organization design and implementation projects and aligning business processes and technology to support business objectives. In 2004 she launched Accenture's Products Operating Group which covers Accenture's consulting services for Fast Moving Consumer Goods, Retail and Transport Industries in West Africa. The Operating Group had not existed in the region at the time. Mrs. Anammah rose to become a Partner in Accenture (Managing Director) in 2013. Mrs. Anammah is presently the Chief Executive Officer of Jumia, Nigeria, a position she undertook in 2015. Her appointment was approved by the Central Bank of Nigeria on July 17, 2017. She resigned from the Board effective October 19, 2018.

Mr Christopher Ubosi - Non-Executive Director

Mr. Christopher Ubosi holds a B.Sc. in Quantity Surveying from the University of Ife and an M.Sc from the University of Lagos. Mr Ubosi has over twenty years experience in the Built Environment, Telecommunications and Broadcasting Industries in Nigeria. He has been actively involved in private Radio Broadcasting in Nigeria since 1993. Chris is a pioneer in private broadcasting and new media, having run, operated and consulted severally for various top private radio stations in the country. He consulted for the Federal Government in the establishment of 32 digital stations Nationwide. Chris is the founder and CEO of Megalectrics Limited which operates 12 radio stations in Nigeria. The Central Bank of Nigeria approved Mr. Ubosi's appointment on November 3, 2017.

Mr. Idris Mohammed - Non-Executive Director

Mr. Mohammed holds a B.Sc. degree in Industrial Engineering from Lehigh University, Bethlehem, PA. and an M.B.A. degree in Finance and Strategic Management from The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, U.S.A. Mr. Mohammed has over 27 years of experience in private equity investing, corporate finance and banking, spanning both the U.S. A. and Africa.

He was appointed Managing Director of Carlyle Sub-Saharan Africa Fund at The Carlyle Group L.P. in October 2017. At the firm, he focuses on West and North Africa. Mr. Mohammed was previously a Partner at Development Partners International, a leading Africa-focused private equity investment firm. Prior to that, Mr. Mohammed served as a Vice President of WPA, Inc. He also served as a Vice President in the Special Situations Group at Goldman Sachs, where he focused on making principal investments in the energy, power and infrastructure sectors. He began his career in finance in 1992 at CoreStates Financial Corp (now Wells Fargo and Company) in the asset management business. He also held positions in treasury and asset/liability management.

Mr. Mohammed has served on the Board of several Companies, amongst which are Letshego Holdings Limited and AXA Mansard Insurance Plc/Mansard Insurance Plc. He was appointed to the Board on August 13, 2018.

Training and Evaluation:

In order to further develop the skill level of the Board, members attend courses and training programmes suited to enhancing their functions. If the situation necessitates it, the Directors are entitled to seek independent professional advice on matters for which they require clarification. Diamond Bank has always placed emphasis on the performance of the Board as a whole as well as on the performance of individual members in relation to their contributions to the Board and the Bank. Evaluation of the Executive Directors is carried out by the Governance and Personnel Committee which is comprised entirely of Non-Executive Directors while the evaluation of the Non-Executive Directors is undertaken by an independent external consultant.

Functions of the Board:

The Board meets regularly (at least once every quarter) to perform its stewardship and oversight functions, primary among which are:

- Review of the Bank's goals as well as the strategy for achieving these goals.
- Evaluation of present and future strengths, weaknesses and opportunities of the Bank. Comparisons with competitors, locally and internationally, and best practice.
- Review and approval of the Bank's financial objectives, plans and actions and significant allocation and expenditure.
- Approval of the annual budget;
- Approval of the annual and half-yearly financial statements, annual report and reports to shareholders.
- Consideration and where appropriate, declaration or recommendation of the payment of dividends.
- Reviewing the Bank's audit requirements.
- Reviewing the performance of, necessity for, and composition of Board Committees.
- Approval of the remuneration of the Chairman, Non-Executive Directors and Management.
- Reviewing risk management policies and controls, including compliance with legal and regulatory requirements.
- Reviewing the Bank's code of conduct and ethical standards.
- Reviewing shareholder and client relationships.

The Board also performs certain of its functions through Board Committees and Management Committees. The delegation of these functions does not in any way derogate from the discharge by members of their duties and responsibilities.

Board Committees

The Board Governance and Personnel Committee: The Governance and Personnel Committee is made up of 4 (four) Non-Executive Directors. As the name suggests, this Committee is responsible for the overall governance and personnel function of the Bank. Some functions of the Committee are: To consider and make recommendations to the Board on its composition and that of the Committees and Subsidiaries; Review and recommend nomination of Directors to the Board based on a proper selection process; Ensure adequate succession planning for Board of Directors and the Chief Executive Officer; Ensure the orientation and continuous education of Directors; Monitor the procedures established for compliance with regulatory requirements for related party transactions; Monitor staff compliance with the Code of Ethics and Business Conduct of the Bank; Ensure compliance with regulatory standards of Corporate Governance and regularly identify international Best Practices of Corporate Governance and close any identified gaps; Recruitment or promotion of staff to Assistant General Manager level and above and to approve the remuneration, benefits and other terms and conditions of the service contracts of such officers; Recommend to the Board the terms and conditions of the service contract, including remuneration packages of the Executive Directors with a view to ensuring that these officers are fairly rewarded for their effort; Review cases of infractions of the Bank's policies committed by staff of Assistant General Manager level and above and apply appropriate sanctions where necessary; Review and approval of policies on staff welfare and fringe benefits; Annual review of the Board Charter; and ensuring the annual review of the Board and Board Committees' performance.

Members of the Board Governance and Personnel Committee are: Mrs. Juliet Anammah (Chairman), Mr. Rotimi Oyekanmi, Mr. Dele Babade and Mr. Christopher Ubosi.

The Board Risk Management Committee: The Committee is composed of three Non-Executive Directors and three Executive Directors. The functions of the Committee include amongst others, establishing the group's risk appetite; ensuring that business profile and plans are consistent with the group's risk appetite; establishing and communicating the group's risk management framework including responsibilities, authorities and control; establishing the process for identifying and analyzing business level risks; agreeing and implementing risk measurement and reporting standards and methodologies; establishing key control processes and practices, including limit structures, impairment, allowance criteria and reporting requirements; monitoring the operation of the controls and adherence to risk direction and limits; ensuring that the group's risk management practices and conditions are appropriate for the business environment.

Members of the Board Risk Management Committee are: Mr. Kabir Alkali Mohammed (Chairman), Mr. Damian Dolland* Mr. Damian Dolland resigned effective October 3, 2018, Mr. Dele Babade, Mrs. Aisha Oyebode, Mr. Uzoma Dozie, Mrs. Caroline Anyanwu and Mr. Chiugo Ndubisi.

The Board Audit Committee: The Committee is made up of three Non-Executive Directors. The functions of the Committee include but not limited to review of the financial reporting process with a view to ensuring the Bank's compliance with accounting and reporting standards other financial matters and the applicable laws and regulations; reviewing of the draft financial and interim management reports, prospectus and other financial documents. Reviewing critical accounting issues; reviewing accounting policies and practices used by the group and ensuring that the information presented by the group supports a balanced, clear and understandable view of its financial position and prospects, reviewing the integrity of the bank's financial reporting and oversee the independence of the external auditors, evaluating the performance, objectivity and independence of the external auditor; developing and implementing policy on the engagement of the external auditor to undertake non-audit services, reviewing the level of external audit fees and the scope of, approach to and findings from external audit work, discussing with the external auditors any proposed changes in accounting policies, reviewing and discussing the scope of the audit and audit plan; reviewing the objective scope of the internal audit function and the adequacy of available resources.

Members of the Board Audit Committee are: Mr. Rotimi Oyekanmi (Chairman), Mr. Kabir Alkali Mohammed, Mr. Damian Dolland* Mr. Damian Dolland resigned effective October 3, 2018 and Mrs. Aisha Oyebode

The Board Credit Committee: The Credit Committee is made up of 7 (Seven) members, 4 (Four) Non-Executive Directors and 3 (Three) Executive Directors. The primary function of this Committee is to consider all matters pertaining to the granting of credits by the Bank in accordance with approved policies and approval of credits in excess of the limits delegated to the Management Credit Committee, significant revisions to credit policies, and establish portfolio distribution guidelines in conformity with government regulations. In achieving this objective, the Committee ensures that the overall credit policies are aligned with the Bank's risk tolerance level. In addition, the Committee performs the following functions: Reviewing the policies and methodologies for assessing the Bank's credit risks and recommending appropriate exposure limits; and reviewing large exposures and impaired assets.

Members of the Board Credit Committee are: Mr. Dele Babade (Chairman) Mr. Kabir Alkali Mohammed, Mr. Damian Dolland, Mrs. Juliet Anammah, Mr. Christopher Ubosi, Mr. Uzoma Dozie, Mrs. Caroline Anyanwu and Mrs. Chizoma Okoli.

The Audit Committee: This Committee is established in accordance with the provisions of section 359(3)-(6) of the Companies and Allied Matters Act and in compliance with the provisions of the CBN Code of Corporate Governance for Banks and Discount Houses in Nigeria. The Committee consists of three (3) Shareholders' Representatives and Three (3) Non-Executive Directors. The Chairman of the Committee is a Shareholder and a Chartered Accountant. All members of the Committee are independent of the Bank's management. The Committee's primary functions are, to review and ensure the effectiveness of accounting systems and internal controls; review the scope and planning of audit requirements; make recommendations to the Board regarding the appointment, removal and remuneration of the external auditors; and to ensure that the accounting policies of the Bank are in accordance with legal requirements and agreed ethical principles.

Members of the statutory Audit Committee are Sir Nnamdi C. Oyeka, (Chairman) - Shareholder, Mr. Abayomi Olaofe – Shareholder, Alhaji Isma'Il M. Zakari and Mr. Damian Dolland, Mrs. Aisha Oyebode and Mr. Dele Babade.

Management Committees

Executive Committee (EXCO): The primary responsibility of this Committee is to ensure the implementation of the Bank's strategic and business plan as approved by the Board, efficient deployment and management of the Bank's resources; acts as a liaison between the Board and Management and provide leadership to the Management Team and Subsidiary Companies. The EXCO develops and reviews on an on-going basis, the Bank's business focus and strategy, subject to the approval of the Board; aligns the Bank's plan with the overall Group strategy; tracks and manages strategic and business performance against approved budget plans; makes proposals to the Board and Board Committees on major policies/policy changes and decisions; tracks and monitors progress and accomplishments on major initiatives and projects; develops high level policies to assist in the successful achievement of the Bank's overall business objectives.

Assets and Liabilities Committee (ALCO): The primary functions of this Committee are the creation of a balance sheet structure to allocate sources and utilization of funds in a manner that would improve the Bank's financial performance; maximizing the value of capital overtime whilst controlling risk exposures; and managing the Bank's liquidity with respect to the composition of portfolio of liquid assets, control of cash flow, control of short- term borrowing capacity, monitoring of undrawn commitments, and contingency funding plans.

Management Credit Committee (MCC): Primarily, the Management Credit Committee approves credits in line with the Bank's credit policy. All credits exceeding the approval limit of the MCC are recommended to the Board Credit Committee for approval. The MCC also regularly assesses the Bank's risk asset portfolio to determine the optimum mix; the amount of exposures per customer and related group of customers; and approves the limits of interbank placements. The MCC meets regularly to review watch-listed/non-performing accounts and approve specific provisions to be made on non-performing accounts.

Personnel Management Committee (PMC): The Personnel Management Committee reviews and makes recommendations on policies regarding Manpower Planning and Career Development; recruitment, selection and training of staff; performance management and staff appraisal; compensation, staff welfare and benefits schemes; Staff Movement and Audit; moderation of staff appraisal exercises and the implementation of the existing staff personnel policies and guidelines. The PMC reviews cases of infraction on the Bank's policies and procedures and applies adequate sanctions where necessary

IT Steering Committee: The Committee serves as a Think Tank for all Information Technology (IT) matters and determines IT strategy and policies and coordinates the implementation of these policies

Budget and Revenue Sharing Committee: This Committee prepares budget outlines for all the units of the Bank; carries out a half yearly review of the budget in order to prepare an updated budget for the remaining months of the year; evaluates and approves extra budgetary expenditure.

Cost Management Committee: The Committee periodically reviews the costs/expenses of the Bank and recommends appropriate cost reduction/control measures; reviews and streamlines the acquisition of capital expenditure and bulk purchases of consumables with a view to reducing cost without compromising quality; and generally reviews the procurement procedures of the Bank

Group Risk Management Committee: This Committee provides central oversight of risk management across the Group, formulates policies and standards for the management of risk within the Group, monitors implementation of risk policies and implements Board decisions across the Group.

Shareholder Relations

Diamond Bank believes in strengthening shareholder relations and has a dedicated Investor Relations Unit to cater to shareholders' needs. In addition to this, the entire staff of the Bank are always available to resolve any issues which our highly esteemed shareholders may bring forward. The establishment of Shareholders' Associations has further improved the lines of communication between shareholders and the Bank such that the duly appointed representatives are able to table the concerns of the shareholders to the Management of the Bank. Shareholders are also encouraged to express their opinions at General Meetings.

Directors' Remuneration Policy

The remuneration policy of Diamond Bank Plc and its subsidiary companies ("the Group") is designed to establish a framework for defining and structuring the remuneration of executive and non-executive directors noting the Group's scope of operations, productivity and performance as well as shareholder value creation. The remuneration policy also takes cognisance of the relevant Codes of Corporate Governance in Nigeria with a view to ensuring adherence to the highest standards of Corporate Governance

Remuneration Principles

1. Appropriately compensate directors for the services they provide to the Group;
2. Align director remuneration with shareholders' interest;
3. Attract and retain the right skills required to efficiently manage the operations and growth of our business;
4. Implement performance based incentive program to motivate directors to perform in the best interest of the Group; and
5. Ensure transparency, equity and consistency in remuneration matters across the Group.

Objectives of Remuneration Policy

The primary objectives of the Group's remuneration policy and practices are to:

- i) Motivate directors to pursue and promote balance between the short term and long term growth of the Group while maximising shareholders' return;
- ii) Enable the Group to attract and retain people of proven ability, experience and skills in the market in which it competes for talent;
- iii) Link rewards to the creation of value for shareholders;
- iv) Ensure an appropriate balance between fixed and variable remuneration while reflecting the short and long term objectives of the Group;
- v) Encourage fairness and demonstrate a clear relationship between remuneration and performance based on set targets on individual and corporate performance;
- vi) Encourage behaviour consistent with Diamond Bank's values, principles and Code of Business Conduct. This will lead to an appropriate balance in performance, governance, controls, risk management, customer service, people management, brand and reputation management;
- vii) Ensure that remuneration arrangements are equitable, transparent, well communicated and easily understood, aligned with the interest of shareholders and adequately disclosed;
- viii) Limit severance payments on termination to pre-approved contractual arrangements which does not commit the Group to paying for non-performance; and
- ix) Comply with the relevant legal and regulatory requirements.

Executive Directors' Remuneration

The remuneration of Executive Directors is designed to:

- Attract and retain directors;
- Align their interests with those of shareholders;
- Link rewards to set targets on individual and corporate performance; and
- Ensure total remuneration is competitive by market standards

Composition of Remuneration

- The remuneration packages of the Group Managing Director (GMD), Executive Directors and other executives in the subsidiary companies will be determined by the Governance and Personnel Committee and are subject to the Board's approval.
- The compensation of the GMD and the Executive Directors shall include incentive schemes to encourage continued improvement in performance against the criteria set and agreed by the Board.
- The Governance and Personnel Committee will set operational targets consisting of a number of key performance indicators (KPIs) covering both financial and non-financial measures of performance for the executives at the beginning of each year.

Typical KPIs and assessment criteria include:

- Achieving pre-determined growth in the Group's turnover, profit after tax, return on asset etc;
- Meeting strategic and operational objectives; and
- Assessment of personal effort and contribution

Remuneration of the GMD and other Executive Directors consist of both fixed and variable remuneration components. The components of remuneration for Executive Directors comprise base salary (a fixed sum payable monthly which is reviewed annually), benefits (including car allowances, medical allowance etc.), an annual bonus, long term incentives and pension contributions.

The performance of the executives directors are measured against these criteria at the end of the financial year and their evaluation result is used to determine the variable element of their remuneration

COMPLAINT MANAGEMENT POLICY & PROCEDURES

1. BACKGROUND

Diamond Bank is committed to delivering excellent customer service to its customers at all times. To this end, the Bank has put in place a Customer Charter to serve as a reminder of this commitment to our customers. With the above in mind, the Bank recognizes that mistakes will sometimes be made and when this happens, the Bank will aim to resolve any and every complaint in a fair and transparent manner.

Complaint handling is part of the promises included in the Customer Charter and to enable the fair and transparent treatment of complaints, the Bank has put in place policies and procedures to guide the handling of complaints. The Customer Complaints Process (CCP) details how complaints will be handled from receipt to resolution. It also includes the responsibilities of all involved. The CCP is supported by an automated Customer Complaint Management System (CCMS) which is a web-based application.

Similarly, the office of the Ombudsman has also been created to give opportunities to customers to further pursue the resolution of complaints not resolved to their satisfaction. The policies and procedures required for this system's use are as detailed below.

2. POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

(a) Complaints from customers can be received through any of the following means:

- The Online Complaints form (via Diamond Bank website or intranet for staff).
- Telephone (customer hotlines phones in the banking hall/ATM locations; Contact Centre numbers – 0700 300 0000, 01-2793500, 01-6283892, 08082255322; CRU's number – 01-7741214 or any of the Bank's telephone numbers).
- E-mail / any other mailbox in the Bank).
- The Customer Complaint form (paper-based form to be picked up in the banking hall).
- Surface mail [addressed to the Customer Relations Unit (CRU), a branch/ unit within the bank or any staff]. Face-to-face interaction (verbally).

(b) The complaint must be logged into the Customer Complaint Management System (CCMS) by the staff that received the complaint. The staff must also ensure that the contact details of the customer were included to enable direct communication with the customer upon resolution of the complaint by CRU. The application shall auto-assign the complaint based on category & issue types to the respective case owners (Resolving Unit).

Note: The information received via the online complaint form shall be automatically integrated in the CCMS. Complaints not logged on the CCMS shall be resolved by the relevant unit but penalties shall apply to the staff who received the complaint but did not log it.

(c) CCMS shall automatically forward a notification to the customer stating that the complaint has been received and will be resolved within 2 working days. The case reference number and other complaint details shall also be forwarded to the customer via email.

(d) The staff responsible for the complaint (Case Owner) shall attend to the complaint and resolve it in line with the Service Level Agreements (SLA) defined for the complaint category and issue. Detailed update actions shall also be entered into the CCMS until resolution is complete. A case owner is also responsible for ensuring that detailed resolution actions are entered into a case before case closure.

Note: Case Owners shall be as determined by Head of the Resolving Unit. Reassignment of complaint within the unit shall apply as advised by the Head of the Resolving Unit. Case Owners shall only have access to their case records.

(e) All complaints shall be resolved within the specified timeline (based on the SLA of the unit) from date of receipt. Complaints not resolved within stipulated timelines shall be duly escalated based on the SLA. For complaints that cannot be resolved within 2 working days, the first update will be sent within the first 2 working days and subsequently every 3 working days until resolved. However, complaints with immediate resolution shall be communicated to the customer same day of receipt, and logged as resolved on the CCMS.

(f) On satisfactory resolution of a complaint, the Case Owner shall provide comprehensive resolution details which shall also include possible root causes of the complaint as well as attach supporting documents to back up the decision or action taken and then close the case. (Auto notification shall be forwarded to the CRU to show that the case has been resolved).

(g) CRU shall monitor the complaint resolution process via the CCMS. All complaints shall be reviewed by CRU upon successful resolution of the complaints by the Case Owner. CRU staff shall notify the customer on the same day if received before close of business.

3. UNRESOLVED COMPLAINTS

1. Complaints not resolved to the customers' satisfaction were referred to the office of the Ombudsman, who shall be any officer designated by the Bank). Customers are expected to send feedback to the office of the Ombudsman not later than 14 days after receipt of resolution status.
2. The Ombudsman shall only accept complaints via email – telephone – 234-1-7412607 or a formal letter of complaint written to the office of the Ombudsman.
3. The Ombudsman shall make rulings within the shortest possible time after the complaint has been received. Feedback on decisions taken shall be forwarded to the customer and CRU.

4. REWARD AND PENALTY SCHEME FOR LOGGING OF COMPLAINTS

The Reward and Penalty Scheme for CCMS is designed to encourage staff to log complaints and also to boost staff confidence in the Bank's Complaint Management process. This will in turn increase customer satisfaction and loyalty.

i Categories

The following categories exist under the scheme:

- Staff that logs the most complaints
- Branch that logs the most complaints
- Region that logs the most complaints (Business Banking and Operations)

ii Reward Structure

A target will be set for every staff/branch and region in any of the categories mentioned above. The targets will be reviewed bi-annually by the Customer Relations Unit. Reward – To be determined and communicated by the Customer Relations Unit.

iii Penalty

Failure to log a complaint - This involves staff/branch's failure to log a complaint. This can be monitored if the duplicate copy of the complaint form (retained by the customer) is returned to the branch by the customer

A caution letter will be sent to the indicted staff and depending on the weight of the complaint and its impact on the business, the Head of Internal Control and Human Capital Management will determine the sanction to be applied.

Where a branch or region is indicted and depending on the weight of the complaint and its impact on the business, the Head of Internal Control and Human Capital Management will determine the sanction to be applied.

5 BENEFITS OF CUSTOMER COMPLAINTS MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (CCMS)

- i Enables a fair and transparent treatment of all customer complaints.
- ii Assist the Bank to redesign services with the customer as the focal point.
- iii The Bank will be in a better position to continuously re-assess customer's needs.
- iv The CCMS will highlight where there is a need to change organisational practices to better serve the customer. Staff can be re-trained on service delivery based on number of complaints and resolution of said complaints.
- v The CCMS will enable the tracking of complaints.

6 ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

i Staff

All staff of Diamond Bank shall take responsibility for complaints brought to their notice by customers until the complaint is logged in the CCMS. All complaints (in whatever form) received by staff MUST be logged into the CCMS to help the bank determine areas of improvement in policies, processes and product offerings.

ii Customer Relations Unit (CRU)

The CRU shall be responsible for:

- i Ensuring the prompt and appropriate resolution of customer complaints.
- ii Ensuring that all complaints were appropriately logged into the CCMS
- iii Provision of resolution status to customers and communication of the resolution outcome on all complaints.
- iv Ensuring the proper escalation of customer complaints.
- v Review of resolved cases to ensure appropriate resolution by case owners.
- vi Root cause analysis and initiation of service improvement actions as applicable
- vii Provision of reports for management and as requested
- viii Creating Case Owners in the CCMS application

iii Internal Control Unit, shall be responsible for ensuring adherence to the procedures and policies guiding the use of the CCMS

iv Ombudsman will be responsible for the following:

- (a) Review of cases that have not been resolved to the satisfaction of the customer
- (b) Serve as an adviser where a customer is uncertain about which policy, procedure, or regulation applies to his/her situation.
- (c) Mediate between a customer and the Bank where the customer feels that he/she has been unfairly or inequitably treated or that a policy, procedure, or regulation has been applied unfairly or erroneously, or is itself fundamentally unfair

INSIDER TRADING POLICY

This Policy is designed to prevent insider trading or allegations of insider trading by every person in possession of price sensitive information or other confidential information not yet in the public domain, and to protect the Bank's reputation for integrity and ethical conduct. It shall accordingly apply to every person as stated in the Investment and Securities Act 2007 (ISA) and the Securities and Exchange Commission Code of Corporate Governance for Public Companies in Nigeria of April 2011 (SEC Code).

By Section 17 SEC Code, "Directors of public companies, their immediate families, that is spouse, son, daughter, other or father, and other insiders as defined under Section 315 of the Investment and Securities Act (ISA), 2007 and SEC Rules and Regulations, in possession of price sensitive information or other confidential information shall not deal with the securities of the Company where such would amount to insider trading as defined under the ISA".

"Insider" according to Section 315 ISA 2007, means-

(a) Any person who is or is connected with the Bank in one or more of the following capacities-

- a director of the Bank or a related Company;
- an officer of the Bank or a related Company;
- an employer of the Bank or a related Company;
- an employee of the Bank, involved in a professional or business relationship
- any shareholder of the Bank who owns 5 per cent or more of any class of securities or any person who is or can be deemed to have any relationship with the Bank or member;
- members of the Audit Committee of a the Bank;

(b) "Any of the persons listed in paragraph (a), who by virtue of having been connected with any such person or connected with the Bank in any other way, possesses unpublished price sensitive information in relation to the securities of the Bank, and any reference to unpublished price sensitive information in relation to any securities of the Bank which

- i relates to specific matters relating or of concern (directly or indirectly) to the Bank, that is, is not of a general nature relating or of concern to the Bank; and
- ii is not generally known to those persons who are accustomed to or would be likely to deal in those securities but which would, if it were generally known to them be likely materially to affect the price of those securities;"

In general, any of the persons listed in Section 315 ISA may freely buy or sell the Bank's stock when the trading Window is open as long as they are not in possession of material non-public information and they first obtain pre-clearance for a proposed transaction from the Company Secretary.

Directors, officers, employees, consultants of the Bank and every person falling under the ambit of the SEC Code and ISA are prohibited from dealing in the securities of the Bank for a prescribed period (as stated in the Windows Related Procedure below) preceding the announcement of its financial results or in any period considered sensitive (for example, during a merger & acquisition and or any business combination). Windows will generally be closed during the following time periods and maybe closed during times that the officers of the Bank deem appropriate.

Quarterly /Annual Closed Window Periods.

To avoid the appearance of trading on the basis of material information, you shall not trade in the Bank's securities during the period beginning two weeks prior to the anticipated date for the release of earnings results or filing of the Quarterly Report with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and Nigerian Stock Exchange (NSE) and ending after the second full business day following the release of the Bank's earnings/financial results.

Directors, officers, employees, consultants of the Bank and every person affected by the SEC Code and ISA shall not trade in Diamond Bank Plc's securities unless the person is sure that he/she does not possess any material inside information.

Directors, officers, employees, consultants of the Bank and every person affected by this Policy shall not pass any material non-public information on to others or recommend to anyone the purchase or sale of any securities when you are aware of such information. This practice is a violation of this Policy even though you did not trade or gained any benefit from the trading engaged in by the person to whom the information was released. (No Tipping)

Directors, officers, employees, consultants of the Bank and every person affected by this Policy may not trade in securities of any other company unless they are sure that they do not possess any material inside information about that company, which they obtained as Directors, officers, employees, consultants of the Bank and every person affected by this Policy of Diamond Bank Plc, such as information about a major contract or merger being negotiated.

The existence of a personal financial emergency does not excuse compliance with this Policy.

Criminal liability: Do not try to resolve uncertainties on your own, as the rules relating to insider trading are often complex, not always intuitive and carry severe consequences. Breach of the provisions of this Policy is an offence punishable with imprisonment not exceeding seven years as prescribed by the ISA.

Corporate Governance Principles

Diamond Bank ensures compliance with the corporate governance principles established by the Code of Corporate Governance for Banks and Discount Houses in Nigeria, issued by the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) and the Securities and Exchange Code of Corporate Governance for Public Companies in Nigeria. In the quest to adopt best practices in the industry, the Bank established a Corporate Governance Framework which sets out a top-level framework for corporate governance in the Bank. This is revised from time to time to keep it in line with international best practices on good governance, corporate governance and extant regulations, codes and laws.

Financial Reporting and Accounting

The audit for the period under review was conducted by the firm of KPMG Professional Services which is independent of the Bank. In keeping with the provisions of section 359 subsections (3) & (4) of the Companies and Allied Matters Act, the report of the Auditors is submitted to the Audit Committee which examines the report and makes recommendations to the shareholders at each Annual General Meeting.

COMPLIANCE

The Compliance Division is vested with compliance risk management and maintaining relationships with regulators. The Compliance function is responsible for promoting compliance with statutory and regulatory requirements, internal policies and the Anti- Money Laundering program of the Bank. The Bank, in line with the constantly evolving nature of Information Technology has made substantial investments in Information Technology to provide the best services for its customers while ensuring compliance with statutory and regulatory requirements. To further strengthen its Corporate Governance structure, the Bank implemented a Compliance Risk Management framework, which highlights the strategies required to effectively manage the risk of non-compliance. This includes the following:

- Development of a regulatory universe comprising a rule book of all the laws, rules and regulations governing the banking industry with inbuilt controls to ensure business is conducted in consonance with the laws of the land.
- Establishment of a full-fledged compliance division and ensuring its independence by appointing a senior management staff who reports to the Board through the Board Risk Management Committee as the Bank's Chief Compliance Officer. Adequate human and financial resources are made available to ensure effective management of Compliance Risk.
- To effectively identify and assess Compliance Risks presented by customers, products and services, the Bank, through the Compliance function developed a risk measurement and monitoring information system that will provide management with timely and meaningful reports related to compliance with laws and regulations at the business unit and transaction levels.
- The Compliance function analyses rules, regulations and laws in order to ensure that these are incorporated into the Bank's processes and procedures on day-to-day relationship management and transactions.
- Supporting the Business, in particular, by providing training to employees on laws, regulations, internal policies and standards
- Establishment of a well-defined and clearly communicated process for ensuring that identified compliance risks and breaches are escalated to the appropriate level and corrective actions taken promptly.
- Deployment of an Anti-Money Laundering (AML) software for identifying, tracking and reporting of suspicious transactions in line with the Money Laundering (Prohibition) Act, 2011 as amended in 2012.

WHISTLE BLOWING COMPLIANCE STATUS – 2018

In line with the Bank's commitment to comply with Sections 3.3 and 3.4 of the Central bank of Nigeria Guidelines on Whistle Blowing for Banks and Other Financial Institutions in Nigeria, the Bank has established a robust whistle-blowing procedure, which encourages reporting of financial and ethical improprieties through dedicated and confidential channels.

In adherence to the guidelines on ongoing review of the whistle blowing policy, the bank reviewed its Whistle blowing policy during the year under review.

There was a coordinated awareness campaign during the year to improve the culture of reporting concerns relating to unethical behaviour or dishonesty by Employees, Management, Directors, Depositors, Service Providers, Creditors and all other stakeholders.

All whistle blowing reports received via the whistle-blowing channels were reviewed and reports of action taken presented to the Board Audit Committee and Central Bank of Nigeria.

The identity of Whistle Blowers is kept confidential in line with the Bank's Whistle Blowing policy. Below is the status of Whistle Blowing incidents reported in 2018

TOTAL NUMBER REPORTED	TOTAL ADDRESSED	OUTSTANDING
40	35	5*

*Investigation in respect of the outstanding incident is ongoing and yet to be concluded

Details of Related Companies/Persons engaged as Service Providers/Suppliers are as follows:

Name of Contractor/Vendor	Relationship	Name of Director	Nature of Contract
Elpina Associates Limited	Director	Uzoma Dozie	Supply and Maintenance

Analysis of Fraud and Forgeries Returns

Nature of Fraud	Actual Loss to the			Actual Loss to the		
	No.	% Loss	Bank (N) Jan-Dec 2018	No.	% Loss	Bank (N) Jan-Dec 2017
Fraudulent Cash Withdrawal	3	0.06	334,000	5	0.29	850,000
Fraudulent Mobile Money Transfer, ATM cash withdrawal, visa credit card, & SMS alert	32	83.29	486,370,658	9	3.94	11,756,662
Cash suppression & theft	83	3.67	21,403,475	64	6.15	18,344,512
Fraudulent Cheque Withdrawal	5	1.72	10,047,500	6	25.55	76,188,592
Impersonation	4	0.03	159,500	1	1.55	4,610,000
Fraudulent Internet Fund Transfer.	3	0.06	330,602	9	56.96	169,831,373
Fraudulent Western Union Money Transfer Liquidations	2	0.10	577,395	-	-	-
Fraudulent dividend warrant clearing	1	-	-	2	0.01	31,957
Fraudulent fund transfer	4	8.55	49,925,000	16	2.08	6,200,950
Uncredited cash deposit	-	-	-	1	0.02	47,000
Fraudulent cash deposit	2	0.02	100,000	-	-	-
Theft of valuables	1	0.04	225,000	-	-	-
Monegram fraud	2	-	-	-	-	-
Cloned/forged cheque	2	-	140,019	-	-	-
Other Fraudulent activities	17	2.46	14,338,500	14	3.46	10,319,303
	161	100	583,951,649	127	100	298,180,349

Attendance at Board Committee meetings

Directors' attendances at meetings are as shown below:

Full Board Meeting:

NAME	12-Mar	7-Jun	19-Jul	18-Oct	12-Nov	3-Dec	7-Dec	14-Dec	16-Dec
Prof. Chris Ogbechie ¹	√	Retired							
Mr. Oluseyi Bickersteth ²	Not yet appointed		√	√	Resigned				
Mr. Uzoma Dozie	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Mrs. Caroline Anyanwu	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Mrs. Chizoma Okoli	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Mr. Chiugo Ndubisi	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Mr. Kabir Alkali Mohammed	√	√	√	√	X	√	√	√	√
Mr. Damian Dolland ³	√	√	√	√	Resigned				
Mr. Rotimi Oyekanmi ⁴	√	√	√	√	Resigned				
Mr. Dele Babade	√	√	√	√	X	√	√	√	√
Mrs. Aisha M. Oyeboode ⁵	√	√	√	√	Resigned				
Mrs. Juliet Anammah ⁶	√	√	√	√	Resigned				
Mr. Christopher Ubosi ⁷	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Mr. Idris Mohammed	Not yet a appointed			√	√	√	√	√	√

1 Prof. Chris Ogbechie:

Retired with effect from March 31, 2018

2 Mr. Oluseyi Bickersteth:

Appointed with effect from June 26, 2018 and resigned October 19, 2018

3 Mr. Damian Dolland:

Resigned with effect from October 3, 2018

4 Mr. Rotimi Oyekanmi

Resigned with effect from October 19, 2018

5 Mrs. Aisha M. Oyeboode

Resigned with effect from October 19, 2018

6 Mrs. Juliet Anammah:

Resigned with effect from October 19, 2018

7 Mr. Idris Mohammed:

Appointed with effect from August 13, 2018

Board Governance & Personnel Committee:

NAME	9-Mar	1-Jun	11-Jul	16-Oct
Mrs. Juliet Anammah	√	√	√	√
Mr. Dele Babade	√	√	√	√
Mr. Rotimi Oyekanmi	√	√	√	√
Mr. Christopher Ubosi	√	√	√	√

Board Risk Management Committee:

NAME	7-Mar	5-Jun	18-Jul	17-Oct
Mr. Kabir Mohammed	√	√	√	√
Mr. Damian Dolland	√	√	√	X
Mr. Rotimi Oyekanmi	√	√	√	√
Mr. Dele Babade	√	√	√	√
Mrs. Aisha Oyebode	√	√	√	√
Mr. Uzoma Dozie	√	X	√	X
Mrs. Caroline Anyanwu	√	√	√	√
Mr. Chiugo Ndubisi	√	√	√	√

Board Audit Committee:

NAME	7-Mar	5-Jun	12-Jul	18-Jul	17-Oct
Mr. Rotimi Oyekanmi	X	√	√	√	√
Mr. Kabir Mohammed	√	√	√	√	√
Mr. Damian Dolland	√	√	X	√	X
Mrs. Aisha Oyebode	√	√	√	√	√

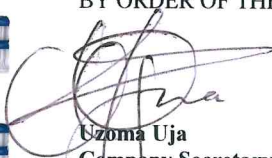
Board Credit Committee:

NAME	6-Mar	6-Jun	17-Jul	16-Oct
Mr. Dele Babade	√	√	√	√
Mr. Kabir Mohammed	√	√	√	√
Mr. Damian Dolland	√	√	√	X
Mrs. Juliet Anammah	√	√	√	√
Mr. Christopher Ubosi	√	√	X	√
Mr. Uzoma Dozie	√	√	√	√
Mrs. Caroline Anyanwu	√	√	√	√
Mrs. Chizoma Okoli	√	√	√	√

Statutory Audit Committee:

NAME	6-Mar	4-Jun	11-Jul	10-Oct
Sir. Nnamdi Oyeka	√	√	√	√
Mr. Abayomi Olaofe	√	√	√	√
Alhaji Isma'ila Zakari	√	√	√	√
Mr. Damian Dolland	√	√	√	X
Mrs. Aisha Oyebode	√	√	√	√
Mr. Dele Babade	√	√	√	√

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD


Uzoma Uja
Company Secretary/Legal Adviser
FRC/2013/NBA/00000001645
PGD's Place, Plot 4, Block V
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Lagos
18 March 2019

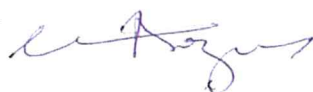
Statement of Directors' Responsibilities in Relation to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2018

The Directors accept responsibility for the preparation of the annual **consolidated and separate** financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with the International Financial Reporting Standards and in the manner required by the Companies and Allied Matters Act, Cap C.20, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, Financial Reporting Council of Nigeria Act, 2011, the Banks and Other Financial Institutions Act, Cap B3, Laws of Federation of Nigeria and relevant Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) Guidelines and Circulars.

The Directors further accept responsibility for maintaining adequate accounting records as required by the Companies and Allied Matters Act, Cap C.20, Laws of Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement whether due to fraud or error.

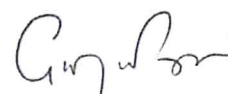
As indicated in note 2.2(e), the Federal High Court of Nigeria and the Shareholders, on 19 March 2019 and 6 March 2019 respectively, sanctioned the merger between Diamond Bank Plc and Access Bank Plc. The Bank is therefore not a going concern. However, given that the Bank is to be dissolved without being wound up, the financial statements have been prepared using applicable International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs) on the basis that the operations of the Bank will continue in the merged entity comprising the Bank and Access Bank Plc.

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS BY



Mr. Uzoma Dozie
Group Managing Director/CEO
FRC/2015/CIBN/00000011214

18 March 2019



Mr. Chiugo Ndubisi
ED/ Chief Financial Officer
FRC/2013/ICAN/00000001565

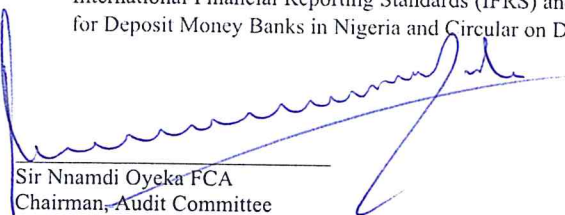
18 March 2019

Report of the Statutory audit committee

To the members of **Diamond Bank Plc:**

In compliance with Section 359(6) of the Companies and Allied Matters Act of Nigeria (1990), Cap C20 LFN 2004, we have reviewed the consolidated and separate financial statements of Diamond Bank Plc for the twelve (12) months ended 31 December 2018 and hereby state as follows:

- The scope and planning of the audit were adequate in our opinion;
- The accounting and reporting policies of the Group conformed with the statutory requirements and agreed ethical practices;
- The Internal Control and Internal Audit functions were operating effectively; and
- The External Auditor's findings as stated in the management letter are being dealt with satisfactorily by the management.
- Related party transactions and balances have been disclosed in note 46 to the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) and the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) directives as contained in the Prudential Guidelines for Deposit Money Banks in Nigeria and Circular on Disclosure of Insider-related credits in Financial Statements BSD/1/2004 .




Sir Nnamdi Oyeka FCA
Chairman, Audit Committee
FRC/2013/ICAN/00000002899
18 March 2019

Members of the Audit Committee are:

1. Sir Nnamdi Oyeka FCA
2. Mr Abayomi Olaofe
3. Alhaji Isma'ila M. Zakari, FCA
4. Mr Dele Babade

Chairman (Shareholder Representative)
Member (Shareholder Representative)
Member (Shareholder Representative)
Member (Director)



In attendance
Uzoma Uja - Company Secretary/ Legal Adviser
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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Shareholders of Access Bank Plc (Successor in title to Diamond Bank Plc)

Report on the Audit of the Consolidated and Separate Financial Statements**Opinion**

We have audited the consolidated and separate financial statements of Diamond Bank Plc ("the Bank") and its subsidiaries (together "the Group"), which comprise the consolidated and separate statements of financial position as at 31 December 2018, and the consolidated and separate statements of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, the consolidated and separate statements of changes in equity, and the consolidated and separate statements of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes, comprising significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, as set out on pages 29 to 165

In our opinion, the accompanying consolidated and separate financial statements give a true and fair view of the consolidated and separate financial position of the Bank and its subsidiaries as at 31 December 2018, and of its consolidated and separate financial performance and its consolidated and separate cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs) and in the manner required by the Companies and Allied Matters Act, Cap C.20, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, the Financial Reporting Council of Nigeria Act, 2011, the Banks and Other Financial Institutions Act, Cap B.3, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and relevant Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) Guidelines and Circulars .

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 are independent of the Group and Bank in accordance with the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (IESBA Code)* together with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the consolidated and separate financial statements in Nigeria and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and the IESBA Code. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Emphasis of Matter - Going Concern

Without qualifying our opinion, we draw attention to Note 2.2(e) of these financial statements which indicates that the Federal High Court on 19 March 2019 sanctioned the merger between Diamond Bank Plc and Access Bank Plc. Under the scheme of the merger, all the assets, liabilities and undertakings including real property and intellectual property rights of Diamond Bank were transferred to Access Bank. The entire share capital of Diamond Bank was cancelled, consequently Diamond Bank was dissolved without being wound up. The Directors have therefore determined that the going concern basis is not appropriate for the preparation of the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2018. This note further explains the basis of preparation of these financial statements. Our opinion is not modified in this regard

Key Audit Matters

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgment, 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.

i) Impairment of loans and advances to customers

The determination of the impairment of loans and advances requires a high level of subjectivity inherent in estimating the impact of key assumptions on the recoverability of loan balances, including the application of industry knowledge and prevailing economic conditions in arriving at the level of impairment allowance required.

During the year, the Group adopted IFRS 9 *Financial Instruments*, a new and complex accounting standard. The key change arising from the adoption of IFRS 9 was that the Group's impairment losses on financial assets are now based on an Expected Credit Loss (ECL) model which incorporates expected future losses due to macroeconomic variables rather than an incurred loss model, where only past and present loss events were considered.

Partners:



The determination of impairment allowance using the ECL model requires the application of certain financial indices which are estimated from financial data obtained within and outside the Group.

The key judgements and assumptions made in the application of the ECL model include:

- the possibility of a loan becoming past due and subsequently defaulting;
- the estimation of the realizable values of collaterals;
- determining whether a loan has shown a significant increase in credit risk affecting its classification;
- the rate of recovery on the loans that are past due and in default;
- the estimate of forward looking information such as inflation rate, foreign exchange rates and Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth rates

The level of subjectivity inherent in estimating the key assumptions on the recoverability of loan balances, the inputs estimated, the complexity of the estimation process and the significant judgment involved, make the impairment of loans and advances a matter of significance to the audit.

How the matter was addressed during the audit

Our audit procedures included the following with respect to the reporting periods as at 1 January 2018 and 31 December 2018:

- We tested the key control over the loan impairment process relating to the monitoring of the performance of loans and advances by the Bank.
- We tested the accuracy of loan grading and recoverability of loans in sectors assessed to be high risk by inspecting a sample of credit files.
- We challenged the Group's ECL methodology by considering whether it reflects unbiased and probability-weighted amounts that are determined by evaluating a range of possible outcomes, the time value of money and reasonable and supportable information at the reporting date about past events, current conditions and forecasts of future economic condition, as expected by the relevant accounting standards.
- We assessed the appropriateness of the Group's determination of significant increase in credit risk and the resultant classification of loans into the various stages. For loans and advances which have shown a significant increase in credit risk, we evaluated the level of past due obligations and qualitative factors such as cumulative industry knowledge about the obligors to determine whether the Group should make an estimate based on the losses expected to result from defined default events within a year or over the life of the loans and advances.
- With the assistance of our financial risk management specialists, we assessed the key data and assumptions for the data inputs into the ECL model used by the Group. Our procedures included the following:
 - We evaluated the appropriateness of the Group's forward looking assumptions such as inflation rate, foreign exchange rate and Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth rate used in the ECL calculations by using available information from external sources.
 - We re-performed the calculation of the recoverable amount of outstanding loan balances considering relevant inputs such as the estimated cash flows (including collateral), probability of foreclosure and time to recover the collateral.
 - We assessed the appropriateness of the Probability of Default (PD) used in the ECL calculations for reasonableness by checking the historical movement in facilities between default and non-default categories.
 - We assessed the reasonableness of the calculation of Loss Given Default (LGD) rates used by the Group in the ECL calculations, including the appropriateness of the use of collateral, by recomputing the LGD and reviewing the valuation of the collateral used. We also factored in the trend in the local credit environment into our LGD assessment.
- Our financial risk management specialists re-performed the calculations of impairment allowance for loans and advances using the Group's impairment model and validated key inputs.
- We checked that the difference between previously reported impairment allowance on loans and advances and the ECL impairment allowance was recognized in the opening retained earnings at 1 January 2018 in line with the requirements of the relevant accounting standards.
- We assessed whether disclosures in these financial statements appropriately reflect the Group's exposure to credit risk including collateral information in line with the requirements of the relevant accounting standards.

Refer to Note 2.8 (the Group's accounting policy on impairment), Note 4 (critical accounting judgements in applying the Group's accounting policies) and Note 3.2 (credit risk disclosures) to the consolidated and separate financial statements.



Other Information

The Directors are responsible for the other information which comprises the List of Directors, Officers and Professional Advisors, Directors' Report, Corporate Governance Report, Statement of Directors' responsibilities, Report of the Statutory Audit Committee and Other National Disclosures (but does not include the consolidated and separate financial statements and our audit report thereon), which we obtained prior to the date of this auditors' report. It also includes other information such as the Vision Statement, Mission Statement and Core Values, Corporate Profile, Notice of Annual General Meeting, Chairman's Statement, Chief Executive Officer's Review, Board of Directors' pictures, List of Management team, Corporate Social Responsibility Report and Board Performance Assessment (together the "outstanding reports") which are expected to be made available to us after that date.

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 that we obtained prior to the date of this auditor's report, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

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

Responsibilities of the Directors for the Consolidated and Separate Financial Statements

The Directors are responsible for the preparation of consolidated and separate financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with IFRSs and in the manner required by the Companies and Allied Matters Act, Cap C.20, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, the Financial Reporting Council of Nigeria Act, 2011, the Banks and Other Financial Institutions Act, Cap B.3, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and relevant Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) Guidelines and Circulars, and for such internal control as the Directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of 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 and 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 Bank or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated and Separate Financial Statements

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

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

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the 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 and 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 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 and 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 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 consolidated financial statements. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the group audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

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

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

From the matters communicated with the Audit Committee, 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

Compliance with the requirements of Schedule 6 of the Companies and Allied Matters Act, Cap C.20, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004

In our opinion, proper books of account have been kept by the Bank, so far as appears from our examination of those books and the Bank's statement of financial position and statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income are in agreement with the books of account.

Compliance with Section 27 (2) of the Banks and Other Financial Institutions Act, Cap B.3, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and the Central Bank of Nigeria circular BSD/1/2004

- i The Bank and Group paid penalties in respect of contraventions of the Bank and Other Financial Institutions Act during the year ended 31 December 2018. Details of penalties paid are disclosed in Note 51 to the financial statements.
- ii Related party transactions and balances are disclosed in Note 46 to the financial statements in compliance with the Central Bank of Nigeria circular BSD/1/2004.

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Kabir O. Okunlola, FCA
FRC/2012/ICAN/00000000428
For: KPMG Professional Services
Chartered Accountants
18 April 2019
Lagos, Nigeria



Consolidated and separate statements of financial position
As at 31 December

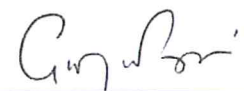
In thousands of Naira	Note	Group 31 December 2018	Group 31 December 2017	Bank 31 December 2018	Bank 31 December 2017
Assets					
Cash and balances with central banks	18	302,374,354	299,397,460	302,370,585	299,395,467
Financial assets FVTPL	19	10,673,463	38,333,109	10,673,463	38,333,109
Derivative assets	20	388,755	1,318,528	388,755	1,318,528
Assets pledged as collateral	21	119,029,468	95,488,267	139,923,315	116,357,892
Loans to banks	22	37,943,747	35,155,501	82,078,754	77,610,730
Loans and advances to customers	23	567,896,958	755,503,162	567,881,391	755,488,058
Investment securities					
- FVOCI	24(a)	39,085,170	148,279,372	39,085,170	148,039,154
- Amortised cost	24(b)	115,619,166	75,742,440	115,549,127	75,742,440
Investment in subsidiaries	25	-	-	2,000,000	2,000,000
Investments in associates		98,915	-	98,915	-
Investment properties held for sale	27	4,052,378	3,961,700	3,877,378	3,788,000
Property and Equipment	28	65,455,041	63,840,777	65,376,369	63,814,940
Intangible Assets	29	3,153,045	3,907,526	3,080,370	3,836,377
Deferred tax Assets	30	4,984,388	4,984,388	4,984,388	4,984,388
Other assets	31	29,008,864	96,966,851	28,944,189	96,873,210
		<u>1,299,763,712</u>	<u>1,622,879,081</u>	<u>1,366,312,169</u>	<u>1,687,582,293</u>
Assets included in disposal groups classified as held for sale	47(a)	71,445,024	91,928,185	7,976,260	7,976,260
Total assets		<u>1,371,208,736</u>	<u>1,714,807,266</u>	<u>1,374,288,429</u>	<u>1,695,558,553</u>
Liabilities					
Deposits from banks	32	48,765,050	10,958,909	65,153,150	25,861,109
Deposits from customers	33	1,043,976,729	1,161,594,129	1,047,764,975	1,164,726,773
Derivative Liabilities	34	6,375	740,724	6,375	740,724
Current income tax liability	16	472,868	1,620,950	327,525	1,592,413
Deferred tax liabilities	30	13,071	5,049	-	-
Other liabilities	35	46,887,715	48,897,903	46,855,246	48,878,175
Borrowings	36	121,876,210	161,297,212	130,780,058	169,680,170
Long term debt	37	55,001,552	70,515,228	55,001,552	70,515,228
		<u>1,316,999,570</u>	<u>1,455,630,104</u>	<u>1,345,888,881</u>	<u>1,481,994,592</u>
Liabilities included in disposal groups classified as held for sale	47(a)	17,135,474	35,864,205	-	-
Total liabilities		<u>1,334,135,044</u>	<u>1,491,494,309</u>	<u>1,345,888,881</u>	<u>1,481,994,592</u>
Equity					
Share Capital	38	11,580,195	11,580,195	11,580,195	11,580,195
Share Premium	39	134,532,974	134,532,974	134,532,974	134,532,974
Retained earnings	39	(146,583,376)	8,239,777	(148,332,792)	5,139,548
Other reserves					
- Statutory reserve	39	24,526,456	23,423,258	24,526,456	23,423,258
- Regulatory risk reserve	39	-	31,062,558	-	31,062,558
- Small scale industries (SSI) reserve	39	3,966,628	3,966,628	3,966,628	3,966,628
- Fair value reserve	39	2,164,787	3,886,328	2,126,087	3,858,800
- Foreign currency translation reserve	39	6,878,110	6,615,281	-	-
Total equity attributable to owners of the Bank		<u>37,065,774</u>	<u>223,306,999</u>	<u>28,399,548</u>	<u>213,563,961</u>
Non- controlling interest	40	7,918	5,958	-	-
Total shareholders equity		<u>37,073,692</u>	<u>223,312,957</u>	<u>28,399,548</u>	<u>213,563,961</u>
Total equity and liabilities		<u>1,371,208,736</u>	<u>1,714,807,266</u>	<u>1,374,288,429</u>	<u>1,695,558,553</u>

The accompanying notes and significant accounting policies are an integral part of these consolidated and separate financial statements.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 18 March 2019 and signed on its behalf by:



Mr. Uzoma Dozie
Group Managing Director/CEO
FRC/2015/CIBN/00000011214



Mr. Chiugo Nubisi
ED/ Chief Financial Officer
FRC/2013/ICAN/0000001565

Consolidated and separate statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income
For the year ended 31 December

<i>In thousands of Naira</i>	Note	Group 2018	Group 2017	Bank 2018	Bank 2017
Gross earnings		187,041,729	189,622,137	189,055,838	203,348,983
Interest income	7	139,804,508	145,322,604	142,295,197	146,905,435
Interest expense	8	(55,571,844)	(47,038,414)	(56,007,366)	(47,281,945)
Net interest income		84,232,664	98,284,190	86,287,831	99,623,490
Net impairment loss on financial assets	9	(20,553,824)	(56,830,411)	(19,923,798)	(56,830,411)
Net interest income after impairment loss on financial assets		63,678,840	41,453,779	66,364,033	42,793,079
Fees and commission income	10	39,722,561	37,068,422	39,246,218	36,636,136
Fees and commissions expense	10	(9,714,601)	(8,453,192)	(9,830,100)	(8,672,485)
Net fee and commission income		30,007,960	28,615,230	29,416,118	27,963,651
Net trading income	11	7,260,597	3,900,434	7,260,597	3,900,434
Other operating income	12	555,116	2,552,265	554,879	15,128,566
Net (loss)/gain from other financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss	13	(301,053)	778,412	(301,053)	778,412
Net operating income		101,201,460	77,300,120	103,294,574	90,564,142
Personnel expense	14	(22,857,032)	(23,787,509)	(22,698,919)	(23,622,675)
Depreciation and amortisation	28,29	(8,057,666)	(8,127,495)	(8,003,156)	(8,097,253)
Operating lease expense	15	(1,044,832)	(1,022,071)	(1,034,712)	(1,012,564)
Other operating expense	15	(65,703,502)	(55,909,997)	(65,442,359)	(55,640,743)
Total expenses		(97,663,032)	(88,847,072)	(97,179,146)	(88,373,235)
Profit/(loss) before income tax		3,538,428	(11,546,952)	6,115,428	2,190,907
Minimum tax	16	1,299,774	(1,310,230)	1,299,774	(1,299,774)
Income tax expense	16	(212,173)	(39,345)	(60,549)	(21,692)
Profit/(loss) from continuing operations		4,626,029	(12,896,527)	7,354,653	869,441
Discontinued operations					
Profit from discontinued operations (net of tax)	47(b)	671,275	3,885,313	-	-
Profit/(loss) for the year		5,297,304	(9,011,214)	7,354,653	869,441
<i>Other comprehensive income net of income tax:</i>					
<i>Items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss</i>					
From continuing operations					
Foreign currency translation differences		354	459	-	-
Fair value gain/(loss) on FVOCI investments		(1,697,688)	1,357,849	(1,697,689)	1,357,611
Total other comprehensive income from continuing operations		(1,697,334)	1,358,308	(1,697,689)	1,357,611
From discontinued operations					
Foreign currency translation differences		262,829	4,744,879	-	-
Fair value gain/(loss) on FVOCI investments		11,210	72,106	-	-
Total other comprehensive income from discontinued operations		274,039	4,816,985	-	-
Other comprehensive income for the year, net of tax		(1,423,295)	6,175,293	(1,697,689)	1,357,611
Total comprehensive income for the year		3,874,009	(2,835,921)	5,656,964	2,227,052
Profit/(loss) from continuing operations attributable to :					
Owners of the Bank		4,624,423	(12,970,286)	7,354,653	869,441
Non-controlling interest		1,606	73,759	-	-
		4,626,029	(12,896,527)	7,354,653	869,441

Profit/(loss) from discontinued operations attributable to:

Owners of the Bank	671,275	3,885,313	-	-
Non-controlling interest	-	-	-	-
	671,275	3,885,313	-	-

Profit/(loss) attributable to:

Owners of the Bank	5,295,698	(9,084,973)	7,354,653	869,441
Non-controlling interest	1,606	73,759	-	-
	5,297,304	(9,011,214)	7,354,653	869,441

Total comprehensive income from continuing operations attributable to :

Owners of the Bank	2,926,735	(11,678,155)	5,656,964	2,227,052
Non-controlling interest	1,960	139,936	-	-
	2,928,695	(11,538,219)	5,656,964	2,227,052

Total comprehensive income from discontinued operations attributable to:

Owners of the Bank	945,314	8,702,298	-	-
Non-controlling interest	-	-	-	-
	945,314	8,702,298	-	-

Total comprehensive income attributable to:

Owners of the Bank	3,872,049	(2,975,857)	5,656,964	2,227,052
Non-controlling interest	1,960	139,936	-	-
	3,874,009	(2,835,921)	5,656,964	2,227,052

Earnings per share- total operations

Basic earnings/(loss) per share (kobo)	17(a)	23	(39)	32	4
Diluted earnings/(loss) per share (kobo)	17(b)	23	(39)	32	4

Earnings per share- continuing operations

Basic earnings/(loss) per share (kobo)	17(a)	20	(56)	32	4
Diluted earnings/(loss) per share (kobo)	17(b)	20	(56)	32	4

Earnings per share- discontinued operations

Basic earnings/(loss) per share (kobo)	17(a)	3	17	-	-
Diluted earnings/(loss) per share (kobo)	17(b)	3	17	-	-

The accompanying notes and significant accounting policies are an integral part of these consolidated and separate financial statements.

Consolidated and separate statements of changes in equity
For the year ended 31 December

Group	<i>In thousands of Naira</i>										Non-controlling interest	Total equity
	Stated Capital	Share premium	Retained Earnings	Statutory reserve	Regulatory risk reserve	Small scale industry reserve	Fair value reserve	Foreign Currency translation reserve	Total			
Balance as at 1 January 2018	11,580,195	134,532,974	8,239,777	23,423,258	31,062,558	3,966,628	3,886,328	6,615,281	223,306,999	5,958	223,312,957	
Effect of retrospective restatement:												
IFRS 9 transition adjustments	-	-	(190,078,211)	-	-	-	(35,063)	-	(190,113,274)	-	(190,113,274)	
Transfer from regulatory risk reserve	-	-	31,062,558	-	(31,062,558)	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Restated balance as at 1 January 2018	11,580,195	134,532,974	(150,775,876)	23,423,258	-	3,966,628	3,851,265	6,615,281	33,193,725	5,958	33,199,683	
Profit for the year	-	-	5,295,698	-	-	-	-	-	5,295,698	1,606	5,297,304	
Other comprehensive income:												
Foreign currency translation differences	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	262,829	262,829	354	263,183	
Fair value movement on FVOCI financial assets	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1,686,478)	-	(1,686,478)	-	(1,686,478)	
Total comprehensive income	-	-	5,295,698	-	-	-	(1,686,478)	262,829	3,872,049	1,960	3,874,009	
Transfer between reserves												
Transfer from retained earnings	-	-	(1,103,198)	1,103,198	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	(1,103,198)	1,103,198	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Balance at 31 December 2018	11,580,195	134,532,974	(146,583,376)	24,526,456	-	3,966,628	2,164,787	6,878,110	37,065,774	7,918	37,073,692	
Balance at 1 January 2017	11,580,195	134,532,974	12,042,517	23,541,079	29,098,571	3,966,628	2,456,373	9,064,519	226,282,856	425,107	226,707,963	
Loss for the year	-	-	(9,084,973)	-	-	-	-	-	(9,084,973)	73,759	(9,011,214)	
Other comprehensive income:												
Foreign currency translation differences	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,679,161	4,679,161	66,177	4,745,338	
Fair value movement on FVOCI financial assets	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,429,955	-	1,429,955	-	1,429,955	
Total comprehensive income	-	-	(9,084,973)	-	-	-	1,429,955	4,679,161	(2,975,857)	139,936	(2,835,921)	
Transfer between reserves												
Transfer from retained earnings	-	-	(2,094,403)	130,416	1,963,987	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Transactions with equity holders recorded directly in equity												
Deconsolidation of disposed subsidiary	-	-	7,376,636	(248,237)	-	-	-	(7,128,399)	-	(559,085)	(559,085)	
	-	-	5,282,233	(117,821)	1,963,987	-	-	(7,128,399)	-	(559,085)	(559,085)	
Balance at 31 December 2017	11,580,195	134,532,974	8,239,777	23,423,258	31,062,558	3,966,628	3,886,328	6,615,281	223,306,999	5,958	223,312,957	

The accompanying notes and significant accounting policies are an integral part of these consolidated and separate financial statements.

Consolidated and separate statements of changes in equity
For the year ended 31 December

Bank	Shared Capital	Share premium	Retained earnings	Statutory reserve	Regulatory risk reserve	Small scale industry reserve	Fair value reserve	Total
Balance as at 1 January 2018	11,580,195	134,532,974	5,139,548	23,423,258	31,062,558	3,966,628	3,858,800	213,563,961
Effect of retrospective restatement:								
IFRS 9 transition adjustment	-	-	(190,786,353)	-	-	-	(35,024)	(190,821,377)
Transfer from regulatory risk reserve	-	-	31,062,558	-	(31,062,558)	-	-	-
Restated balance as at 1 January 2018	11,580,195	134,532,974	(154,584,247)	23,423,258	-	3,966,628	3,823,776	22,742,584
Profit for the year	-	-	7,354,653	-	-	-	-	7,354,653
Other comprehensive income:								
Fair value movement on FVOCI financial assets	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1,697,689)	(1,697,689)
Total comprehensive income	-	-	7,354,653	-	-	-	(1,697,689)	5,656,964
Transfer between reserves								
Transfer from retained earnings	-	-	(1,103,198)	1,103,198	-	-	-	-
	-	-	(1,103,198)	1,103,198	-	-	-	-
Balance at 31 December 2018	11,580,195	134,532,974	(148,332,792)	24,526,456	-	3,966,628	2,126,087	28,399,548
Balance at 1 January 2017	11,580,195	134,532,974	6,364,510	23,292,842	29,098,571	3,966,628	2,501,189	211,336,909
Profit for the year	-	-	869,441	-	-	-	-	869,441
Other comprehensive income:								
Fair value movement on FVOCI financial assets	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,357,611	1,357,611
Total comprehensive income	-	-	869,441	-	-	-	1,357,611	2,227,052
Transfer between reserves								
Transfer from retained earnings	-	-	(2,094,403)	130,416	1,963,987	-	-	-
	-	-	(2,094,403)	130,416	1,963,987	-	-	-
Balance at 31 December 2017	11,580,195	134,532,974	5,139,548	23,423,258	31,062,558	3,966,628	3,858,800	213,563,961

The accompanying notes and significant accounting policies are an integral part of these consolidated and separate financial statements.

Consolidated and separate statements of cash flows
For the year ended 31 December

	Note	Group 2018	Group 2017	Bank 2018	Bank 2017
Profit/(loss) after tax		5,297,304	(9,011,214)	7,354,653	869,441
<i>Add:</i>					
Minimum tax	16	(1,299,774)	1,310,230	(1,299,774)	1,299,774
Income tax expense	16	212,173	39,345	60,549	21,692
Profit before tax		4,209,703	(7,661,639)	6,115,428	2,190,907
<i>Adjustments for:</i>					
Depreciation and amortization		8,057,666	8,127,495	8,003,156	8,097,253
(Gain)/loss on disposal of property and equipment	12	(108,942)	161,351	(108,705)	161,351
Gain on disposal of subsidiary	12	-	(2,264,367)	-	(14,845,667)
Impairment charge on loans and advances	9	19,168,977	57,397,081	19,168,880	57,397,081
Impairment charge/(write back) on investment securities	9	(36,022)	(15,612)	(35,993)	(15,612)
Impairment charge/(write back) on cash and balances with central banks	9	(763)	-	(763)	-
Impairment charge/(write back) on loans to banks	9	(112,987)	-	(546,090)	-
Impairment charge/(write back) on assets pledged as collateral	9	398	-	(196,747)	-
Impairment charge on off balance sheet items	9	8,113	-	8,113	-
Impairment charge on other assets	9	5,669,798	2,415,657	5,670,088	2,415,657
Interest income	7	(139,804,508)	(145,322,604)	(142,295,197)	(146,905,435)
Interest expense	8	55,571,844	47,038,414	56,007,366	47,281,945
Contributions to defined benefit plans	14	661,089	701,447	657,780	698,136
Fair value loss/(gain) on financial assets FVTPL	11	(2,793,534)	(739,103)	(2,793,534)	(739,103)
Foreign exchange gains	11	(4,467,063)	(3,161,331)	(4,467,063)	(3,161,331)
Fair value gain on other financial instruments	13	301,053	(778,412)	301,053	(778,412)
Fair value (gain)/loss on investment properties	27	(87,083)	(75,023)	(87,083)	(70,023)
Dividend income	12	(69,978)	(47,209)	(69,978)	(47,209)
Loans written off as uncollectible	9	523,757	1,127,184	523,757	1,127,184
		(53,308,482)	(43,096,671)	(54,145,532)	(47,193,278)
Change in financial assets FVTPL	42(i)	30,453,180	(30,723,771)	30,453,180	(30,723,771)
Change in assets pledged as collateral	42(vii)	(23,587,262)	126,409,959	(23,686,775)	54,265,925
Change in mandatory reserve deposits	42(viii)	(22,422,119)	18,302,550	(22,422,119)	7,361,766
Change in derivative assets	42(ix)	929,773	769,680	929,773	607,249
Change in loans and advances to customers	42(ii)	(18,552,320)	181,306,691	(18,551,187)	(9,376,682)
Change in other assets	42(iii)	60,932,459	(23,236,038)	60,904,237	(49,219,516)
Changes in investment in associates	26	(98,915)	-	(98,915)	-
Change in assets classified as held for sale		20,483,161	(91,057,211)	-	-
Change in deposits from customers	42(iv)	(116,634,306)	(265,761,631)	(116,414,226)	27,186,679
Change in deposit from banks	42(v)	37,806,141	(92,450,388)	39,292,041	12,495,795
Change in derivative liabilities	42(x)	(1,035,402)	(668,643)	(1,035,402)	(607,250)
Change in other liabilities	42(xi)	(3,928,859)	(11,365,255)	(3,941,600)	8,611,080
Change in liabilities included in assets held for sale		(18,728,731)	35,864,205	-	-
		(107,691,682)	(195,706,524)	(108,716,525)	(26,592,003)
Interest received		139,804,508	145,322,604	142,295,197	146,905,435
Interest paid on customer deposits	42(iv)	(37,069,454)	(26,674,549)	(37,069,454)	(26,674,549)
Income tax paid	16	(60,481)	(1,756,573)	(25,663)	(1,327,914)
Retirement benefit obligations paid	14	(661,089)	(701,447)	(657,780)	(698,136)
Net cash flow (used in)/generated from operating activities		(5,678,198)	(79,516,489)	(4,174,225)	91,612,833
Investing activities					
Net sale/(purchase) of investment securities	42(vi)	67,566,634	12,988,644	67,396,464	(62,097,514)
Dividends received	12	69,978	47,209	69,978	47,209
Purchase of investment properties	27	(3,595)	(16,477)	(2,295)	(16,477)
Purchase of property and equipment	28	(10,873,587)	(13,357,885)	(10,827,746)	(9,258,856)
Proceeds from sale of property and equipment	42(xii)	2,618,780	338,186	2,659,609	110,546
Proceeds from disposal of subsidiary	42(xiii)	-	20,703,631	-	20,711,289
Purchase of intangible assets	29	(854,496)	(1,737,035)	(832,532)	(1,432,890)
Net cash generated from/(used in) used in investing activities		58,523,714	18,966,273	58,463,478	(51,936,693)

Financing activities

Proceeds from borrowings	42(xiv)	18,576,629	120,000	18,576,629	120,000
Net repayment of borrowings	42(xv)	(54,954,334)	(20,984,984)	(54,724,279)	(37,681,659)
Repayment of long term debts	42(xvi)	(33,128,312)	(5,082,108)	(33,128,312)	(5,066,113)
Net cash generated used in financing activities		<u>(69,506,017)</u>	<u>(25,947,092)</u>	<u>(69,275,962)</u>	<u>(42,627,772)</u>
Decrease in cash and cash equivalents		<u>(16,660,501)</u>	<u>(86,497,308)</u>	<u>(14,986,709)</u>	<u>(2,951,632)</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		<u>108,505,106</u>	<u>195,002,414</u>	<u>150,958,342</u>	<u>153,909,974</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	43	<u>91,844,605</u>	<u>108,505,106</u>	<u>135,971,633</u>	<u>150,958,342</u>

The accompanying notes and significant accounting policies are an integral part of these consolidated and separate financial statements.

Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements

1 Reporting entity

Diamond Bank Plc (the Bank) was incorporated in Nigeria as a private limited liability company on 20 December 1990. In February 2005, following a highly successful private placement share offer which substantially raised the Bank's equity base, Diamond Bank became a public limited liability company. The address of its corporate office is PGD's Place, Plot 4, Block V, BIS Way, Oniru Estate, Lekki, Lagos.

The principal activity of the Bank is the provision of banking and other financial services to corporate and individual customers. Diamond Bank provides a full range of financial services including investment, commercial and retail banking, securities dealing and custodian services.

Diamond Bank Plc operates through its subsidiaries, including Diamond Pension Fund Custodian Limited, and Diamond Bank UK Limited.

In addition, Diamond Bank Nigeria Plc incorporated two structured entities, Stitching Diamond Finance and Diamond Finance BV, for the purpose of facilitating foreign currency borrowing arrangements.

The consolidated and separate financial statements of the Bank for the year ended 31 December 2018 were authorised for issue on 18 March 2019 by the Board of Directors of Diamond Bank Plc

Following the approval of the merger by the Federal High Court of Nigeria on 19-March-2019, the Board of Diamond Bank Plc was dissolved. Access Bank Plc became the successor in title to the Bank subsequent to 19-March-2019. Consequently, the financial statements were also approved and issued by the Directors of Access Bank Plc on 17 April 2019 in addition to the approval by the Directors of Diamond Bank on 18 March 2019.

2 Changes in accounting policies

2.1 Introduction of summary of significant accounting policies

Except as noted below, the Group has consistently applied the accounting policies as set out in Note 2.2 to all periods presented in these consolidated and separate financial statements. The Group has adopted the following new standards and amendments including any consequential amendments to other standards with initial date of application of 1 January 2018.

i IFRS 9 Financial Instruments.

The Group has adopted IFRS 9, "Financial Instruments" as issued by the IASB in July 2014 with a date of transition of 1 January 2018, which resulted in changes in accounting policies and adjustments to the amounts previously recognised in the financial statements. The Group did not early adopt IFRS 9 in previous periods.

The major change in the current adoption relates to the impairment of financial assets. As permitted by the transitional provisions of IFRS 9, the Group elected not to restate comparative figures. Adjustments to the carrying amounts of financial assets and financial liabilities at the date of the transition were recognised in the opening retained earnings and other reserves of the current period.

The adoption of IFRS 9 also significantly amends other standards dealing with financial instruments such as IFRS 7 (Financial Instrument Disclosures). Consequently for notes disclosure, the consequential amendments to IFRS 7 disclosures will also only be applied in the current period, see note 3. The comparative period disclosures repeat those disclosure made in the prior year.

The key changes to the Group's accounting policies resulting from its adoption of IFRS 9 are summarized below.

Transition

As permitted by the transitional provisions of IFRS 9, comparative periods have not been restated. Differences in the carrying amounts of financial assets and financial liabilities resulting from the adoption of IFRS 9 are recognised in retained earnings and reserves as at 1 January 2018. Accordingly, the information presented for 2017 does not reflect the requirements of IFRS 9 and therefore is not comparable to the information presented to 2018 under IFRS 9.

- The following assessments have been made on the basis of the facts and circumstances that existed at the date of initial application.

- (i). The determination of the business model within which a financial asset is held.
- (ii). The designation and revocation of previous designations of certain financial assets and financial liabilities as measured at fair value through profit or loss
- (iii). The designation of certain investments in equity instruments not held for trading at fair value through other comprehensive income
- (iv). For financial liabilities designated as at fair value through profit or loss, the determination of whether presenting the effects of changes in the financial liability's credit risk in OCI would create or enlarge an accounting mismatch in profit and loss.

- If a debt security had low credit risk at the date of initial application of IFRS 9, then the Group has assumed that credit risk on the asset had not increased significantly since its initial recognition.

Classification of financial assets and financial liabilities

IFRS 9 contains three principal classification categories for financial assets: measured at amortised cost, fair value through other comprehensive income (FVOCI) and fair value through profit and loss (FVTPL). IFRS 9 classification is generally based on the business model in which a financial asset is managed and its contractual cash flows. The standard eliminates the existing IAS 39 categories of held-to-maturity, loans and receivables and available-for-sale. Under IFRS 9, derivatives embedded in contracts where the host is a financial asset in the scope of the standard are never bifurcated. Instead, the whole hybrid instrument is assessed for classification. For an explanation of how the Group classifies financial assets under IFRS 9, see Note 2.6(c).

IFRS 9 largely retains the existing requirements in IAS 39 for the classification of financial liabilities. However, although under IAS 39 all fair value changes of liabilities designated under the fair value option were recognised in profit and loss, under IFRS 9 fair value changes are generally presented as follows:

- the amount of change in the fair value that is attributable to changes in the credit risk of the liability is presented in OCI; and
- the remaining amount of change in the fair value is presented in profit and loss.

The following table shows the original measurement categories in accordance with IAS 39 and the new measurement categories under IFRS 9 for the Group's financial assets and financial liabilities

In thousands of Naira	Note	Original classification under IAS 39	New classification under IFRS 9	Group		Bank		
				Original carrying amount under IAS 39	Carrying amount under IFRS 9	Original carrying amount under IAS 39	Carrying amount under IFRS 9	
Financial assets								
Cash and balances with central banks	18	Loans and receivables	Amortised cost	299,397,460	299,396,346	299,395,467	299,394,353	
Financial assets FVTPL	19	FVTPL	FVTPL	38,333,109	38,333,109	38,333,109	38,333,109	
Derivative assets	20	FVTPL	FVTPL	1,318,528	1,318,528	1,318,528	1,318,528	
Assets pledged as collateral	21	Held to maturity	Amortised cost	94,420,486	94,388,705	94,420,486	94,388,705	
Assets pledged as collateral	21	Loans and receivables	Amortised cost	1,067,781	1,067,781	21,937,406	21,651,088	
Loans to banks	22	Loans and receivables	Amortised cost	35,155,501	35,039,324	77,610,730	77,057,240	
Loans and advances to customers	23	Loans and receivables	Amortised cost	755,503,162	569,037,372	755,488,058	569,022,841	
Investment securities	24(a)	Available-for-sale	FVOCI	148,279,372	148,244,309	148,039,154	148,004,130	
Investment securities	24(b)	Held to maturity	Amortised cost	75,742,440	75,688,327	75,742,440	75,688,327	
Other assets	31	Loans and receivables	Amortised cost	88,103,182	86,618,386	88,021,390	86,537,628	
				1,537,321,021	1,349,132,187	1,600,306,768	1,411,395,949	
Financial liabilities								
Deposits from banks	32	Other financial liabilities	Amortised cost	10,958,909	10,958,909	25,861,109	25,861,109	
Deposit from customers	33	Other financial liabilities	Amortised cost	1,161,594,129	1,161,594,129	1,164,726,773	1,164,726,773	
Derivative liability	34	FVTPL	FVTPL	740,724	740,724	740,724	740,724	
Other liabilities	35	Other financial liabilities	Amortised cost	44,460,729	44,460,729	44,449,077	44,449,077	
Borrowings	36	Other financial liabilities	Amortised cost	161,297,212	161,297,212	169,680,170	169,680,170	
Long term debt	37	Other financial liabilities	Amortised cost	70,515,228	70,515,228	70,515,228	70,515,228	
				1,449,566,931	1,449,566,931	1,475,973,081	1,475,973,081	

The Group's accounting policies on the classification of financial instruments under IFRS 9 are set out in Note 2.6(c)(i). The application of these policies resulted in the classification set out in the table above and explained below.

- (a) Before the adoption of IFRS 9, the Group classified its bank balances and loan portfolios that are not quoted as loans and receivables. On transitioning to IFRS 9, the Bank assessed these loan portfolios to have contractual terms that are consistent with basic lending arrangements, and to have a business model of holding to collect contractual cash flows which meet the SPPI test. Accordingly, these loans have been classified as measured at amortised cost. These loan portfolios are still presented in the statement of financial position as 'Loans and advances to banks' and 'Loans and advances to customers'.
- (b) Before the adoption of IFRS 9, the Bank classified debt instruments such as treasury bills and bonds as available-for-sale investment securities. Under IFRS 9, the Bank has classified these debt instruments as fair value through other comprehensive income (FVOCI), as these assets were assessed to have a business model whose objective is achieved by both collecting contractual cash flows and selling financial assets as well as contractual cash flows that meet the SPPI test. These investments are still presented in the statement of financial position as 'Investment Securities' and classified as 'debt instruments measured at FVOCI' in the notes.
- (c) Before the adoption of IFRS 9, the Bank classified certain debt instruments as held to maturity investment securities. Under IFRS 9, these assets have been assessed as having a business model of holding to collect contractual cash flows which comprise of solely payments of principal and interest. Accordingly, these debt instruments are classified as measured at amortised cost. These investments are still presented in the statement of financial position as 'Investment Securities' and classified as 'debt instruments measured at amortised cost' in the notes.
- (d) Before the adoption of IFRS 9, the Bank classified equity instruments which are not held for trading as available-for-sale investment securities. At the date of transition to IFRS 9, the Bank has elected to apply the fair value through other comprehensive income option. Accordingly, the assets will remain accounted for at FVOCI with no subsequent recycling of realised gains or losses permitted. These investments are still presented in the statement of financial position as 'Investment Securities' and classified as 'equity instruments measured at FVOCI' in the notes.

In thousands of Naira	Group				Bank			
	IAS 39 carrying amount 31 December 2017	Reclassification	Remeasurement	IFRS 9 carrying amount 1 January 2018	IAS 39 carrying amount 31 December 2017	Reclassification	Remeasurement	IFRS 9 carrying amount 1 January 2018
Financial assets								
<i>FVOCI</i>								
Investment securities								
Brought forward: Available for sale	148,279,372				148,039,154			
Reclassified to: FVOCI-debt		142,454,228				142,214,010		
FVOCI Unquoted equity		5,825,144				5,825,144		
Remeasurement			(35,063)				(35,024)	
Carried forward: FVOCI				148,244,309				148,004,130
Total FVOCI	148,279,372	148,279,372	(35,063)	148,244,309	148,039,154	148,039,154	(35,024)	148,004,130
<i>FVTPL</i>								
Financial assets FVTPL								
Brought forward: FVTPL	38,333,109				38,333,109			
Remeasurement			-				-	
Carried forward: FVTPL				38,333,109				38,333,109
Derivative assets								
Brought forward: FVTPL	1,318,528				1,318,528			
Remeasurement			-					
Carried forward: FVTPL				1,318,528				1,318,528
Total FVTPL	39,651,637		-	39,651,637	39,651,637		-	39,651,637

In thousands of Naira	Group				Bank			
	IAS 39 carrying amount 31 December 2017	Reclassification	Remeasurement	IFRS 9 carrying amount 1 January 2018	IAS 39 carrying amount 31 December 2017	Reclassification	Remeasurement	IFRS 9 carrying amount 1 January 2018
Financial assets								
Amortised cost								
Cash and balances with central banks								
Brought forward: Loans and receivables	299,397,460				299,395,467			
Remeasurement			(1,114)				(1,114)	
Carried forward: Amortised cost				299,396,346				299,394,353
Assets pledged as collateral								
Brought forward: Held to maturity	94,420,486				94,420,486			
Remeasurement			(31,781)				(31,781)	
Carried forward: Amortised cost				94,388,705				94,388,705
Assets pledged as collateral								
Brought forward: Loans and receivables	1,067,781				21,937,406			
Remeasurement			(13,882)				(286,318)	
Carried forward: Amortised cost				1,067,781				21,651,088
Loans to banks								
Brought forward: Loans and receivables	35,155,501				77,610,730			
Remeasurement			(116,177)				(553,490)	
Carried forward: Amortised cost				35,039,324				77,057,240
Loans and advances to customers								
Brought forward: Loans and receivables	755,503,162				755,488,058			
Remeasurement			(186,465,790)				(186,465,217)	
Carried forward: Amortised cost				569,037,372				569,022,841
Investment securities								
Brought forward: Held to maturity	75,742,440				75,742,440			
Remeasurement			(54,113)				(54,113)	
Carried forward: Amortised cost				75,688,327				75,688,327
Other assets								
Brought forward: Loans and receivables	88,103,182				88,021,390			
Remeasurement			(1,484,796)				(1,483,762)	
Carried forward: Amortised cost				86,618,386				86,537,628
Total amortised cost	1,349,390,012		(188,167,653)	1,161,236,241	1,412,615,977		(188,875,795)	1,223,740,182

Impairment of financial assets

IFRS 9 replaces the 'incurred loss' model in IAS 39 with an 'expected credit loss' model. The new impairment model also applies to certain loan commitments and financial guarantee contracts but not to equity investments. Under IFRS 9, credit losses are recognised earlier than under IAS 39, see Note 2.8.5.

For assets in the scope of the IFRS 9 impairment model, impairment losses are generally expected to increase and become more volatile. The following table analyses the impact of transition to IFRS 9 on fair value and retained earnings. The impact relates to fair value reserve and retained earnings. There is no impact on other components of equity.

In thousands of Naira	Impact of adopting IFRS 9 at 1 January 2018	
	Group	Bank
Fair value reserve		
Closing balance under IAS 39 (31 December 2017)	3,886,328	3,858,800
Recognition of expected credit loss under IFRS 9 for financial assets FVOCI	(35,063)	(35,024)
Opening balance under IFRS 9 (1 January 2018)	3,851,265	3,823,776
Retained earnings		
Closing balance under IAS 39 (31 December 2017)	8,239,777	5,139,548
Recognition of expected credit losses under IFRS 9 for loans and advances	(186,465,790)	(186,465,217)
Recognition of expected credit losses under IFRS 9 for off balance sheets commitments and undrawn commitments	(1,910,558)	(1,910,558)
Recognition of expected credit losses under IFRS 9 for cash and balances with central banks	(1,114)	(1,114)
Recognition of expected credit losses under IFRS 9 for assets pledged as collateral	(45,663)	(318,099)
Recognition of expected credit losses under IFRS 9 for investment securities amortised cost	(54,113)	(54,113)
Recognition of expected credit losses under IFRS 9 for other financial assets	(1,484,796)	(1,483,762)
Recognition of expected credit losses under IFRS 9 for loans to banks	(116,177)	(553,490)
Recognition of effect of IFRS 9 transitional adjustment under regulatory risk reserve	31,062,558	31,062,558
Opening balance under IFRS 9 (1 January 2018)	(150,775,876)	(154,584,247)

ii. IFRS 15: Revenue from contracts with customers

In May 2014, the IASB issued IFRS 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers, effective for periods beginning on 1 January 2018 with early adoption permitted. IFRS 15 defines principles for recognizing revenue and will be applicable to all contracts with customers. However, interest and fee income integral to financial instruments and leases will continue to fall outside the scope of IFRS 15 and will be regulated by the other applicable standards (e.g. IFRS 9, and IFRS 16 Leases). Revenue under IFRS 15 will need to be recognised as goods and services are transferred, to the extent that the transferor anticipates entitlement to goods and services. The following five step model in IFRS 15 is applied in determining when to recognize revenue, and at what amount:

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

The Group has adopted the following new standards and amendments including any consequential amendments to other standards with initial date of application of January 1, 2018. The adoption of IFRS 15 did not impact the timing or amount of fee and commission income from contracts with customers and the related assets and liabilities recognised by the Group. Accordingly the impact on the comparative information is limited to new disclosure requirements.

iii IFRIC 22 Foreign currency transactions and advance consideration

The amendment clarifies the transaction date to be used in determining the exchange rate for translation of foreign currency transactions involving an advance payment or receipt.

The amendment clarifies that the transaction date is the date on which the Group initially recognises the prepayment or deferred income arising from the advance consideration.

For transactions involving multiple payments or receipts, each payment or receipt gives rise to a separate transaction date.

The interpretation applies when the Group:

- pays or receives consideration in a foreign currency; and
- recognises a non-monetary asset or liability – eg. non-refundable advance consideration – before recognising the related item.

2.2 Basis of preparation

(a) Statement of compliance

These financial statements are the consolidated and separate financial statements of the Bank, and its subsidiaries (together, "the Group"). The consolidated and separate financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2018 have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB"). The financial statements comply with the Companies and Allied Matters Act, Cap C.20, Banks and other Financial Institutions Act, Financial Reporting Council of Nigeria Act 2011 and the relevant Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) guidelines and circulars.

(b) Functional and presentation currency

These financial statements are presented in Naira, which is the Bank's functional currency. Except where indicated, financial information presented in Naira has been rounded to the nearest thousand.

(c) Basis of measurement

These financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis except for the following items

- derivative financial instruments which are measured at fair value.
- non-derivative financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss which are measured at fair value.
- FVOCI financial assets which are measured at fair value.
- investment properties held for sale which are measured at fair value.
- Financial assets which are measured at amortized cost using effective interest rate.
- loans to customers and loans to banks which are measured at amortized cost using effective interest rate.
- other financial liabilities that are not classified as at fair value through profit or loss which are measured at amortized cost using the effective interest rate method.

(d) Use of judgements and estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with the IFRS requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise its judgement in the process of applying the Group's accounting policies. Changes in assumptions may have a significant impact on the financial statements in the year the assumptions changed. Management believes that the underlying assumptions are appropriate and that the Group's financial statements therefore present the financial position and results fairly. Actual results may differ from these estimates. The areas involving a higher degree of judgement or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the consolidated financial statements, are disclosed in Note 4 - (critical accounting judgments).

(e) Going Concern

Subsequent to year end, the Directors obtained the approval of the shareholders, the Federal High Court of Nigeria and the relevant regulators for a merger between Diamond Bank Plc ("the bank") and Access Bank Plc. In accordance with the Scheme of Merger, the Bank has been dissolved without being wound up. See Note 52 for further details.

The Directors have determined that following the merger between Diamond Bank and Access Bank, Diamond Bank will not continue as a going concern in the foreseeable future and the financial statements have therefore not been prepared on a going concern basis.

The Directors have therefore prepared the financial statements using applicable International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs) on the basis that the operations of the Bank will continue in the merged entity comprising the Bank and Access Bank Plc.

2.3 New Standards, interpretations and amendments to existing standards that are not yet effective

(i) IFRS 16: Leases

This standard sets out the principles for the recognition, measurement, presentation and disclosure of leases for both parties to a contract, i.e the customer ('lessee') and the supplier ('lessor'). IFRS 16 eliminates the classification of leases as required by IAS 17 and introduces a single lease accounting model. Applying that model, a lessee is required to recognise:

- assets and liabilities for leases with a term of more than 12 months, unless the underlying assets is of low value;
- depreciation of lease assets separately from interest on lease liabilities in profit or loss

For the lessor, IFRS 16 substantially carries forward the lessor accounting requirements in IAS 17. Accordingly, a lessor continues to classify its leases or finance leases, and to account for these two types of lessors differently.

(ii) IFRIC 23 Uncertainty over income tax treatments

These amendments provide clarity on the accounting for income tax treatments that have yet to be accepted by the tax authorities.

The amendments clarifies that the key test for determining the amounts to be recognised in the financial statements is whether it is probable that the tax authority will accept the chosen tax treatment; this could result in an increase in the tax liability or a recognition of an asset depending on the current practice of the Group.

2.4 Consolidation

(a) *Subsidiaries*

Subsidiaries are investees controlled by the Group. The Group controls an investee if it is exposed to, 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. The Group reassesses whether it has control if there are changes to one or more of the elements of control. This includes circumstances in which protective rights held (e.g. those resulting from a lending relationship) become substantive and lead to the Group having power over an investee.

The financial statements of subsidiaries are consolidated from the date on which control is acquired by the Group. They are de-consolidated from the date on which control ceases. The results of the subsidiaries acquired or disposed of during the period are included in the consolidated statement of profit or loss from the effective acquisition date or up to the effective date on which control ceases, as appropriate.

Changes in the Group's interest in a subsidiary that do not result in a loss of control are accounted for as equity transactions (transactions with owners). Any difference between the amount by which the non-controlling interest is adjusted and the fair value of the consideration paid or received is recognised directly in equity.

(b) *Business combinations*

The Group applies IFRS 3 *Business Combinations* in accounting for business combinations.

Business combinations are accounted for using the acquisition method as at the acquisition date, which is the date on which the Group obtains control. The consideration transferred in the acquisition is generally measured at fair value, as are the identifiable net assets acquired. Any goodwill that arises is tested annually for impairment. Any gain on bargain purchase is recognised in profit or loss immediately.

The Group measures goodwill at the acquisition date as the total of:

- the fair value of the consideration transferred, which is generally measured at fair value; plus
- the recognized amount of any non-controlling interests in the acquiree; plus if the business combination is achieved in stages, the fair value of the existing equity interest in the acquiree; less
- the net recognised amount (generally fair value) of the identifiable assets acquired and liabilities assumed.

Goodwill is measured at cost less accumulated impairment losses.

The consideration transferred does not include amounts related to the settlement of pre-existing relationships. Such amounts are generally recognised in profit or loss.

Transaction costs related to the acquisition, other than those associated with the issue of debt or equity securities, that the Group incurs in connection with a business combination are expensed as incurred.

Any contingent consideration payable is measured at fair value at the acquisition date. If the contingent consideration is classified as equity, then it is not re-measured and settlement is accounted for within equity. Otherwise, subsequent changes in the fair value of the contingent consideration are recognised in profit or loss.

In the separate financial statements of the Bank, investments in subsidiaries are accounted for at cost.

(c) *Transactions eliminated on consolidation*

Intra-group transactions, balances and any unrealised incomes and expenses on transactions between companies within the Group (except for foreign currency transactions gains or losses) are eliminated in preparing the consolidated financial statements. Unrealised losses are also eliminated in the same manner as unrealised gains, but only to the extent that there is no evidence of impairment. Accounting policies of subsidiaries have been changed where necessary to ensure consistency with the policies adopted by the Group.

(d) *Acquisition from entities under common control*

Common control transactions are business combination in which all of the combining entities or businesses are ultimately controlled by the same party or parties both before and after the combination, and such control acquired is not transitory.

Business combinations arising from transfers of interests in entities that are under the control of the shareholder that controls the group are accounted for as if the acquisition had occurred at the beginning of the earliest comparative period presented or, if later, at the date that common control was established; for this purpose comparatives are restated. The assets and liabilities acquired are recognised at the carrying amounts recognised previously in the Group controlling shareholder's consolidated financial statements. The components of equity of the acquired entities are added to the same components within Group equity and any gain/loss arising is recognised directly in equity.

(e) *Non controlling interests (NCI)*

NCI are measured at their proportionate share of the acquiree's identifiable net assets at the acquisition date

(f) *Loss of control*

When the Group loses control over a subsidiary, it derecognises the assets and liabilities of the subsidiary and any related NCI and other components of equity. Any resulting gain or loss is recognised in profit or loss. Any interest retained in the former subsidiary is measured at fair value when control is lost and it is accounted for as an investment per IFRS 10, or using equity accounting if the retained interest is an associate.

(g) Associates

Associates are those entities in which the Group has significant influence, but not control or joint control, over the financial and operating policies. This is generally represented by a shareholding of between 20% and 50% or other qualitative factors.

Investments in associates are accounted for using the equity method of accounting. They are initially recognised at cost, which includes transaction costs. The Group's investment in associates includes goodwill (net of any accumulated impairment loss) identified on acquisition.

Subsequent to initial recognition, the Group's share of its associates' post-acquisition profits or losses is recognised in the consolidated profit or loss; its share of post-acquisition movements in other comprehensive income is recognised in other comprehensive income. The cumulative post-acquisition movements are adjusted against the carrying amount of the investment. When the Group's share of losses in an associate equals or exceeds its interest in the associate, including any other unsecured receivables, the Group does not recognise further losses, unless it has incurred obligations or made payments on behalf of the associate.

Intra-group gains on transactions between the Group and its associates are eliminated to the extent of the Group's interest in the associates. Intra-group losses are also eliminated unless the transaction provides evidence of an impairment of the asset transferred. For preparation of consolidated financial statements, equal accounting policies for similar transactions and other events in similar circumstances are used. Dilution gains and losses in associates are recognised in the consolidated profit or loss.

In the separate financial statements of the Bank, investments in associates are accounted for at cost.

(h) Structured Entities

A structured entity is an entity that has been designed so that voting or similar rights are not the dominant factor in deciding who controls the entity, such as when any voting rights relate to administrative tasks only and the relevant activities are directed by means of contractual arrangements.

The financial statements of structured entities are included in the Group's financial statements where the substance of the relationship is that the Group controls the special purpose entity. The Group established one structured entity, Diamond Finance BV, for the purpose of facilitating foreign currency borrowing arrangements through the issuance of loan notes to borrowers. Accordingly the financial statements of Diamond Finance B.V. have been consolidated as the Group has control over the entity.

2.5 Foreign currency translation

(a) Foreign transactions and balances

Foreign currency transactions (i.e. transactions denominated, or that require settlement, in a currency other than the functional currency) are translated into the functional currency using the exchange rates prevailing at the dates of the transactions or valuation where items are re-measured (i.e. spot exchange rate).

The local currency (Nigerian Naira) is the functional and presentation currency for the Group's financial statement, thus foreign currency balances are translated by using the current exchange rate at the reporting date. The translation rate applied by the Bank is the rate per the Nigerian Inter- bank Foreign exchange market (NAFEX) as published by the FMDQ OTC. The translation rates for third currencies are derived by multiplying the interbank rate (i.e. the USDollar/Naira) with applicable cross rates of those currencies.

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies at the reporting date are translated into the functional currency at the spot exchange rate at that date. The foreign currency gain or loss on monetary items is the difference between the carrying amount of the asset or liability in the functional currency at the beginning of the year, adjusted for any movements during the year due to effective interests, payments, additions, fair value changes etc. and the carrying amount in the foreign currency translated at the spot exchange rate at the end of the year.

Non-monetary assets and liabilities that are measured at fair value in a foreign currency are translated into functional currency at the spot exchange rate at the date on which the fair value was determined. Non-monetary items that are measured based on historical cost denominated in a foreign currency are translated with the spot exchange rate as at the date of the transaction.

Foreign currency differences arising on translation are generally recognised in profit or loss. However, foreign currency differences arising from the translation of the following items are recognised in OCI:

- FVOCI equity instruments

(b) Foreign Operations

The results and financial position of all the Group entities (none of which has the currency of a hyper-inflationary economy) that have a functional currency different from the presentation currency are translated into the presentation currency as follows:

- assets and liabilities including goodwill and fair value adjustments arising on acquisition, are translated to Naira at the closing spot exchange rate at the reporting date;
- income and expenses of each foreign operation are translated at average exchange rates (unless this average is not a reasonable approximation of the cumulative effect of the rates prevailing on the transaction dates, in which case income and expenses are translated at the rate on the dates of the transactions); and
- all resulting exchange differences are recognised in other comprehensive income (OCI) and accumulated in the foreign currency translation reserve.

When a foreign operation is disposed such that control is lost, the cumulative amount in the translation reserve related to that foreign operation is reclassified to retained earnings on disposal. If the Group disposes of only part of its interest in a subsidiary that includes a foreign operation while retaining control, then the relevant proportion of the cumulative exchange difference recognised in OCI is reattributed to NCI.

If the settlement of a monetary item receivable from or payable to a foreign operation is neither planned nor likely in the foreseeable future, then foreign currency differences arising on the item form part of the net investment in the foreign operation and are recognised in OCI, and accumulated in the translation reserve within equity.

2.6 Financial assets and liabilities

(a) Initial recognition and measurement

Financial instruments are recognised initially when the Group becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instruments.

Financial instruments carried at fair value through profit or loss are initially recognised at fair value with transaction costs, which are directly attributable to the acquisition or issue of the financial instruments, being recognised immediately through profit or loss. Financial instruments that are not carried at fair value through profit or loss are initially measured at fair value plus or minus transaction costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition or issue of the financial instruments.

Financial assets are recognised or de-recognised on the date the Group commits to purchase or sell the instruments (trade day accounting).

(b) Subsequent measurement

Subsequent to initial measurement, financial instruments are measured either at amortised cost or fair value depending on their classification category

(c) Classification

(i) Financial assets

Policy applicable from 1 January 2018

Subsequent to initial recognition, all financial assets within the Group are measured at:

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

The Group's financial assets are subsequently measured at amortised cost if they meet both of the following criteria and are not designated as at FVTPL:

- 'Hold to collect' business model test - The asset is held within a business model whose objective is to hold the financial asset in order to collect contractual cash flows; and
- 'SPPI' contractual cash flow characteristics test - The contractual terms of the financial asset give rise to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest (SPPI) on the principal amount outstanding on a specified date.

Interest in this context is the consideration for the time value of money and for the credit risk associated with the principal amount outstanding during a particular period of time.

Debt instruments are measured at fair value through other comprehensive income (FVOCI) by the Group if they meet both of the following criteria and are not designated as FVTPL:

- 'Hold to collect and sell' business model test: The asset is held within a business model whose objective is achieved by both holding the financial asset in order to collect contractual cash flows and selling the financial asset; and
- 'SPPI' contractual cash flow characteristics test: The contractual terms of the financial asset give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding.

All other financial assets (equity investments) are measured at fair value through other comprehensive income.

A financial asset is classified and measured at fair value through profit or loss (FVTPL) by the Group if the financial asset is:

- A debt instrument that does not qualify to be measured at amortised cost or FVOCI;
- An equity investment which the Group has not irrevocably elected to classify as at FVOCI and present subsequent changes in fair value in OCI;
- A financial asset where the Group has elected to measure the asset at FVTPL under the fair value option.

Business model assessment

The Group makes an assessment of the objective of the business model in which a financial asset is held at a portfolio level because this best reflects the way the business is managed and information is provided to management. The information considered includes:

- the stated policies and objectives for the portfolio and the operation of those policies in practice. These includes whether management's strategy focuses on earning contractual interest income, maintaining a particular interest rate profile, matching the duration of the financial assets to the duration of any related liabilities or expected cash outflows or realising cash flows through the sale of the assets;
- how the performance of the portfolio is evaluated and reported to the Group's management;
- the risks that affect the performance of the business model (and the financial assets held within that business model) and how those risks are managed;
- how managers of the business are compensated - e.g. whether compensation is based on the fair value of the assets managed or the contractual cash flows collected; and
- the frequency, volume and timing of sales of financial assets in prior periods, the reasons for such sales and expectations about future sales activity.

Transfers of financial assets to third parties in transactions that do not qualify for derecognition are not considered sales for this purpose, consistent with the Group's continuing recognition of the assets.

Assessment whether contractual cash flows are solely payments of principal and interest: Policy applicable from 1 January 2018

For the purpose of this assessment, 'principal' is defined as the fair value of the financial asset on initial recognition. 'Interest' is defined as consideration for the time value of money and for the credit risk associated with the principal amount outstanding during a particular period of time and for other basic lending risks and costs (e.g. liquidity risk and administrative costs), as well as a profit margin.

In assessing whether the contractual cash flows are solely payments of principal and interest, the Group considers the contractual terms of the instrument. This includes assessing whether the financial asset contains a contractual term that could change the timing or amount of contractual cash flows such that it would not meet this condition. In making this assessment, the Group considers:

- contingent events that would change the amount or timing of cash flows;
- terms that may adjust the contractual coupon rate, including variable-rate features;
- prepayment and extension features; and
- terms that limit the Group's claim to cash flows from specified assets (e.g. non-recourse features)

A prepayment feature is consistent with the solely payments of principal and interest criterion if the prepayment amount substantially represents unpaid amounts of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding, which may include reasonable additional compensation for early termination of the contract. Additionally, for a financial asset acquired at a discount or premium to its contractual par amount, a feature that permits or requires prepayment at an amount that substantially represents the contractual par amount plus accrued (but unpaid) contractual interest (which may also include reasonable additional compensation for early termination) is treated as consistent with this criterion if the fair value of the prepayment feature is insignificant at initial recognition

Policy applicable before 1 January 2018

The Group classified its financial assets into one of the following categories

- loans and receivables
- held to maturity
- available for sale; and
- at FVTPL, and within this category as:
 - held for trading
 - designated as at FVTPL

(ii) Financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are either classified by the Group as:

- Financial liabilities at amortised cost; or
- Financial liabilities as at fair value through profit or loss (FVTPL).

Financial liabilities are measured at amortised cost by the Group unless either:

- The financial liability is held for trading and is therefore required to be measured at FVTPL, or
- The Group elects to measure the financial liability at FVTPL (using the fair value option).

(iii) Financial guarantees contracts and loan commitments

A financial guarantee contract is a contract that requires the Group (issuer) to make specified payments to reimburse the holder for a loss it incurs because a specified debtor fails to make payment when due in accordance with the original or modified terms of a debt instrument.

Loan commitments' are firm commitments to provide credit under pre-specified terms and conditions. Financial guarantees issued or commitments to provide a loan at a below-market interest rate are initially measured at fair value. Subsequently, they are measured as follows:

- from 1 January 2018: at the higher of the loss allowance determined in accordance with IFRS 9 (see note 3.2.18) and the amount initially recognised less, when appropriate, the cumulative amount of income recognised in accordance with the principles of IFRS 15; and
- before 1 January 2018: at the higher of the amount representing the initial fair value amortised over the life of the guarantee or the commitment and the present value of any expected payment to settle the liability when a payment under the contract has become probable.

The Group has issued no loan commitments that are measured at FVTPL.

For other loan commitments:

- from 1 January 2018: the Group recognises a loss allowance
- before 1 January 2018: the Group recognised a provision in accordance with IAS 37 if the contract was considered to be onerous.

Liabilities arising from financial guarantees and loan commitments are included within provisions.

The Group conducts business involving commitments to customers. The majority of these facilities are set-off by corresponding obligations of third parties. Contingent liabilities and commitments comprise usance lines and letters of credit.

Usance and letters of credit are agreements to lend to a customer in the future subject to certain conditions. An acceptance is an undertaking by a bank to pay a bill of exchange drawn on a customer.

Letters of credit are given as security to support the performance of a customer to third parties. As the Group will only be required to meet these obligations in the event of the Customer's default, the cash requirements of these instruments are expected to be considerably below their nominal amounts.

Contingent liabilities and commitments are initially recognized at fair value which is also generally equal to the fees received and amortized over the life of the commitment. The carrying amount of contingent liabilities are subsequently measured at the higher of the present value of any expected payment when a payment under the contingent liability has become probable and the unamortised fee.

(d) Derecognition

(i) Financial assets

The Group derecognises a financial asset when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the financial asset expire (see also (e)), or it transfers the rights to receive the contractual cash flows in a transaction in which substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership of the financial asset are transferred or in which the Group neither transfers nor retains substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership and it does not retain control of the financial asset.

On derecognition of a financial asset, the difference between the carrying amount of the asset (or the carrying amount allocated to the portion of the asset derecognised) and the sum of (i) the consideration received (including any new asset obtained less any new liability assumed) and (ii) any cumulative gain or loss that had been recognised in OCI is recognised in profit or loss.

Any cumulative gain/loss recognised in OCI in respect of equity investment securities designated as at FVOCI is not recognised in profit or loss on derecognition of such securities. Any interest in transferred financial assets that qualify for derecognition that is created or retained by the Group is recognised as a separate asset or liability.

The Group sometimes enters into transactions whereby it transfers assets recognised on its statement of financial position, but retains either all or substantially all of the risks and rewards of the transferred assets or a portion of them. In such cases, the transferred assets are not derecognised. Examples of such transactions are securities lending and sale-and repurchase transactions.

When assets are sold to a third party with a concurrent total rate of return swap on the transferred assets, the transaction is accounted for as a secured financing transaction similar to sale-and-repurchase transactions, because the Group retains all or substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership of such assets.

In transactions in which the Group neither retains nor transfers substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership of a financial asset and it retains control over the asset, the Group continues to recognise the asset to the extent of its continuing involvement, determined by the extent to which it is exposed to changes in the value of the transferred asset.

In certain transactions, the Group retains the obligation to service the transferred financial asset for a fee. The transferred asset is derecognised if it meets the derecognition criteria. An asset or liability is recognised for the servicing contract if the servicing fee is more than adequate (asset) or is less than adequate (liability) for performing the servicing.

(ii) Financial liabilities

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

(e) Modifications of financial assets and financial liabilities

Financial assets

If the terms of a financial asset are modified, then the Group evaluates whether the cash flows of the modified asset are substantially different.

If the cash flows are substantially different, then the contractual rights to cash flows from the original financial asset are deemed to have expired. In this case, the original financial asset is derecognized (see (d)) and a new financial asset is recognised at fair value plus any eligible transaction costs. Any fees received as part of the modification are accounted for as follows: - fees that are considered in determining the fair value of the new asset and fees that represent reimbursement of eligible transaction costs are included in the initial measurement of the asset; and - other fees are included in profit or loss as part of the gain or loss on derecognition.

If cash flows are modified when the borrower is in financial difficulties, then the objective of the modification is usually to maximize recovery of the original contractual terms rather than to originate a new asset with substantially different terms. If the Group plans to modify a financial asset in a way that would result in forgiveness of cash flows, then it first considers whether a portion of the asset should be written off before the modification takes place (see below for write off policy). This approach impacts the result of the quantitative evaluation and means that the derecognition criteria are not usually met in such cases.

If the modification of a financial asset measured at amortised cost or FVOCI does not result in derecognition of the financial asset, then the Group first recalculates the gross carrying amount of the financial asset using the original effective interest rate of the asset and recognises the resulting adjustment as a modification gain or loss in profit or loss. For floating-rate financial assets, the original effective interest rate used to calculate the modification gain or loss is adjusted to reflect current market terms at the time of the modification. Any costs or fees incurred and fees received as part of the modification adjust the gross carrying amount of the modified financial asset and are amortised over the remaining term of the modified financial asset.

(f) Offsetting financial instruments

Financial assets and financial liabilities are offset and the net amount reported in the consolidated statement of financial position when, and only when, the Group has a legally enforceable right to offset the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Income and expenses are presented on a net basis only when permitted under IFRS, or for gains and loss arising from a group of similar transactions such as in the Group's trading activity.

(g) Amortised cost measurement

The amortised cost of a financial asset or financial liability is the amount at which the financial asset or financial liability is measured at initial recognition, minus principal repayments, plus or minus the cumulative amortisation using the effective interest method of any difference between the initial amount recognised and the maturity amount, minus any reduction for impairment.

(h) 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.

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

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

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

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

The Group recognises transfers between levels of the fair value hierarchy as of the end of the reporting period during which the change has occurred

(i) Pledge of assets as collateral

Financial assets transferred to external parties that do not qualify for de-recognition are reclassified in the statement of financial position from investment securities to assets pledged as collateral, if the transferee has received the right to sell or re-pledge them in the event of default from agreed terms.

Initial recognition of assets pledged as collateral is at fair value, whilst subsequent measurement is based on the classification of the financial asset. Assets pledged as collateral are either designated at amortised cost or fair value through other comprehensive income (FVOCI). Where assets pledged as collateral are designated as FVOCI, subsequent measurement is at fair value through other comprehensive income. Other financial assets pledged as collateral are measured at amortised cost.

2.7 Embedded derivatives

Derivatives may be embedded in another contractual arrangement (a host contract). The Group accounts for an embedded derivative separately from the host contract when:

- the host contract is not itself carried at fair value through profit or loss;
- the terms of embedded derivative would meet the definition of a derivative if they were contained in a separate contract and;
- the economic characteristics and risks of the embedded derivative are not closely related to the economic characteristics and risks of the host contract

Separated embedded derivatives are measured at fair value, with all changes in fair value recognised in profit or loss unless they form part of a qualifying cash flow or net investment hedging relationship. Separated embedded derivatives are presented in the statement of financial position together with the host contract.

2.8 Impairment

Policy applicable before 1 January 2018

2.8.1 Objective evidence of impairment

At each reporting date, the Group assessed whether there was objective evidence that financial assets not carried at FVTPL were impaired. A financial asset or a group of financial assets was 'impaired' when objective evidence demonstrated that a loss event had occurred after the initial recognition of the asset(s) and that the loss event had an impact on the future cash flows of the asset(s) that could be estimated reliably.

Objective evidence that financial assets were impaired included:

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

2.8.2 Individual or collective assessment

The Group first assessed whether objective evidence of impairment existed individually for financial assets that are individually significant, and individually or collectively for financial assets that are not individually significant. If the Group determined that no objective evidence of impairment exists for an individually assessed financial asset, whether significant or not, it included the asset in a group of financial assets with similar credit risk characteristics and collectively assessed them for impairment. Assets that were individually assessed for impairment and for which an impairment loss existed were not included in a collective assessment of impairment.

2.8.3 Measurement of impairment

The amount of impairment loss for financial assets carried at amortised cost was measured as the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flows (excluding future credit losses that had not been incurred) discounted at the financial asset's original effective interest rate. The carrying amount of the asset was reduced through the use of an allowance account and the amount of the loss was recognised in profit or loss. If a financial instrument had variable interest rates, the discount rate for measuring any impairment loss was the current effective interest rate determined under the contract.

The calculation of the present value of the estimated future cash flows of a collateralised financial asset reflected the cash flows that may have resulted from foreclosure less costs of obtaining and selling the collateral, whether or not foreclosure was probable.

For the purposes of a collective evaluation of impairment, financial assets were grouped on the basis of similar credit risk characteristics (i.e. on the basis of the Group's grading process that considered asset type, industry, geographical location, collateral type, past-due status and other relevant factors). Those characteristics were relevant to the estimation of future cash flows for groups of such assets by being indicative of the debtors' ability to pay all amounts due according to the contractual terms of the assets being evaluated.

Future cash flows in a group of financial assets that were collectively evaluated for impairment were estimated on the basis of the contractual cash flows of the assets in the group and historical loss experience for assets with credit risk characteristics similar to those in the group. Historical loss experience was adjusted on the basis of current observable data to reflect the effects of current conditions that did not affect the period on which the historical loss experience was based and to remove the effects of conditions in the historical period that did not currently exist.

Estimates of changes in future cash flows for groups of assets were reflected and directionally consistent with changes in related observable data from period to period (for example, changes in unemployment rates, property prices, payment status, or other factors indicative of changes in the probability of losses in the group and their magnitude). The methodology and assumptions used for estimating future cash flows were reviewed regularly by the Group to reduce any differences between loss estimates and actual loss experience.

When a loan was uncollectible, it was written off against the related provision for loan impairment. Such loans were written off after all the necessary procedures including regulatory appraisal where necessary had been completed and the amount of the loss had been determined.

Amount reported as other financial assets were tested for impairment on an individual basis at the reporting date. In testing for impairment, the Group assessed whether there was objective evidence that a loss event had occurred. If it was established that a loss event had occurred and the loss event had an impact on the recoverable amount of the asset, an impairment charge was taken against the asset carrying amount.

2.8.4 Reversal of impairment

If, in a subsequent period, the amount of the impairment loss decreased and the decrease could be related objectively to an event occurring after the impairment was recognised (such as an improvement in the debtor's credit rating), the previously recognised impairment loss was reversed by adjusting the allowance account. The amount of the reversal was recognised in profit or loss under impairment charge for credit losses.

2.8.5 Policy applicable from 1 January 2018

The Group recognises loss allowances for expected credit loss (ECL) on the following financial instruments that are not measured at FVTPL:

- Financial assets that are debt instruments;
- Lease receivables;
- Financial guarantee contracts issued; and
- Loan commitments issued.

No impairment loss is recognised on equity investments.

The Group measures loss allowances at an amount equal to lifetime ECL, except for the following, for which they are measured as 12-month ECL:

- Debt investment securities that are determined to have low credit risk at the reporting date; and
- Other financial instruments on which credit risk has not increased significantly since their initial recognition

12-month ECL are the portion of ECL that result from default events on a financial instrument that are possible within the 12 months after the reporting date.

2.8.6 Measurement of ECL

ECL are a probability-weighted estimate of credit losses. They are measured as follows:

- Financial assets that are not credit-impaired at the reporting date: as the present value of all cash shortfalls (i.e. the difference between the cash flows due to the entity in accordance with the contract and the cash flows that the Group expects to receive);
- Financial assets that are credit-impaired at the reporting date: as the difference between the gross carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flows;
- Undrawn loan commitments: as the present value of the difference between the contractual cash flows that are due to the Group if the commitment is drawn down and the cash flows that the Group expects to receive; and
- Financial guarantee contracts: the expected payments to reimburse the holder less any amount that the Group expects to recover.

2.8.7 Credit-impaired financial assets

At each reporting date, the Group assesses whether financial assets carried at amortised cost are credit-impaired. A financial asset is 'credit-impaired' when one or more events that have a detrimental impact on the estimated future cash flows of the financial asset have occurred.

Evidence that a financial asset is credit-impaired includes the following observable data:

- Significant financial difficulty of the borrower or issuer;
- A breach of contract such as a default or past due event;
- The restructuring of a loan or advance by the Group on terms that the Group would not consider otherwise;
- It is becoming probable that the borrower will enter bankruptcy or other financial reorganisation; or
- The disappearance of an active market for a security because of financial difficulties.

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

In making an assessment of whether an investment in sovereign debt is credit-impaired, the Group considers the following factors.

- The market's assessment of creditworthiness as reflected in the bond yields.
- The rating agencies' assessments of creditworthiness.
- The country's ability to access the capital markets for new debt issuance.
- The probability of debt being restructured, resulting in holders suffering losses through voluntary or mandatory debt forgiveness.
- The international support mechanisms in place to provide the necessary support as 'lender of last resort' to that country, as well as the intention, reflected in public statements, of governments and agencies to use those mechanisms. This includes an assessment of the depth of those mechanisms and, irrespective of the political intent, whether there is the capacity to fulfil the required criteria.

2.8.8 Presentation of allowance for ECL in the statement of financial position

Loss allowances for ECL are presented in the statement of financial position as follows:

- Financial assets measured at amortised cost: as a deduction from the gross carrying amount of the assets;
- Loan commitments and financial guarantee contracts: generally, as a provision;
- Where a financial instrument includes both a drawn and an undrawn component, and the Group cannot identify the ECL on the loan commitment component separately from those on the drawn component: the Group presents a combined loss allowance for both components. The combined amount is presented as a deduction from the gross carrying amount of the drawn component. Any excess of the loss allowance over the gross amount of the drawn component is presented as a provision for debt instruments measured at FVOCI, no loss allowance is recognised in the statement of financial position because the carrying amount of the asset is their fair value. However, the loss allowance is disclosed and recognised in the fair value reserve.

2.9 Reclassification of financial instruments

Financial assets are required to be reclassified in certain rare circumstances among the amortised cost, FVOCI and FVTPL categories. When the Group changes its business model for managing financial assets, the Group reclassifies all affected financial assets in accordance with the new model. The reclassification is applied prospectively from the reclassification date. Accordingly, any previously recognised gains, losses or interest are not to be reinstated. Changes in the business model for managing financial assets are expected to be very infrequent.

2.10 Restructuring of financial instruments

Financial instruments are restructured when the contractual terms are renegotiated or modified or when an existing financial instrument is replaced with a new one due to financial difficulties of the borrower. Restructured loans represent loans whose repayment periods have been extended due to changes in the business dynamics of the borrowers. For such loans, the borrowers are expected to pay the principal amounts in full within extended repayment period and all interest, including interest for the original and extended terms.

If the terms of a financial asset is restructured due to financial difficulties of the borrower, then an assessment is made of whether the financial asset should be derecognized:

- If the expected restructuring will not result in derecognition of the existing asset, then the expected cash flows arising from the modified financial asset is included in calculating the cash shortfalls from the existing asset.
- If the expected restructuring will result in derecognition of the existing asset, then the expected fair value of the new asset is treated as the final cash flow from the existing financial asset at the time of derecognition. This amount is included in calculating the cash shortfalls from the existing financial asset that is discounted from the expected date of derecognition to the reporting date using the original effective interest rate of the existing financial asset.

2.11 Collateral

The Group obtains collateral where appropriate, from customers to manage their credit risk exposure to the customers. The collateral normally takes the form of a lien over the customer's assets and gives the Group a claim on these assets for customers in the event that the customer defaults.

The Group may also use other credit instruments, such as derivative contracts in order to reduce their credit risk.

Collateral received in the form of securities is not recorded on the statement of financial position. Collateral received in the form of cash is recorded on the statement of financial position with a corresponding liability see note 3.2(b)(i).

2.12 Revenue recognition

(i) Interest income and expense

Policy prior to 1 January 2018

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

The effective interest method is a method of calculating the amortised cost of a financial asset or a financial liability and of allocating the interest income or interest expense over the relevant period. The effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash payments or receipts through the expected life of the financial instrument or, when appropriate, a shorter period to the net carrying amount of the financial asset or financial liability. When calculating the effective interest rate, the Group estimates cash flows considering all contractual terms of the financial instrument (for example, prepayment options) but does not consider future credit losses. The calculation includes all fees and points paid or received between parties to the contract that are an integral part of the effective interest rate, transaction costs and all other premiums or discounts. Where the estimated cash flows on financial assets are subsequently revised, other than impairment losses, the carrying amount of the financial assets is adjusted to reflect actual and revised estimated cash flows.

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

Policy from 1 January 2018

Effective interest rate

Interest income and expense are recognised in profit or loss using the effective interest method. The 'effective interest rate' is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash payments or receipts through the expected life of the financial instrument to:

- the gross carrying amount of the financial asset; or
- the amortised cost of the financial liability.

When calculating the effective interest rate for financial instruments other than purchased or originated credit-impaired assets, the Group estimates future cash flows considering all contractual terms of the financial instrument, but not ECL. For purchased or originated credit impaired financial assets, a credit adjusted effective interest rate is calculated using estimated future cash flows including ECL.

The calculation of the effective interest rate includes transaction costs and fees and points paid or received that are an integral part of the effective interest rate. Transaction costs include incremental costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition or issue of a financial asset or financial liability.

Amortised cost and gross carrying amount

The 'amortised cost' of a financial asset or financial liability is the amount at which the financial asset or financial liability is measured on initial recognition minus the principal repayments, plus or minus the cumulative amortisation using the effective interest method of any difference between that initial amount and the maturity amount and, for financial assets, adjusted for any expected credit loss allowance (or impairment allowance before 1 January 2018).

The 'gross carrying amount of a financial asset' is the amortised cost of a financial asset before adjusting for any expected credit loss allowance.

Calculation of interest income and expense

The effective interest rate of a financial asset or financial liability is calculated on initial recognition of a financial asset or a financial liability. In calculating interest income and expense, the effective interest rate is applied to the gross carrying amount of the asset (when the asset is not credit impaired) or to the amortised cost of the liability. The effective interest rate is revised as a result of periodic re-estimation of cash flows of floating rate instruments to reflect movements in market rate of interest.

However, for financial assets that have become credit-impaired subsequent to initial recognition, interest income is calculated by applying the effective interest rate to the amortised cost of the financial asset. If the asset is no longer credit impaired, then the calculation of interest income reverts to the gross basis.

For financial assets that were credit-impaired on initial recognition, interest income is calculated by applying the credit adjusted effective interest rate to the amortised cost of the asset. The calculation of interest income does not revert to a gross basis, even if the credit risk of the asset improves.

For information on when financial assets are credit-impaired, see Note 2.8.7.

Presentation

Interest income calculated using the effective interest method presented in the statement of profit or loss and OCI includes only interest on financial assets and financial liabilities measured at amortised cost.

Interest expense presented in the statement of profit or loss and OCI includes only interest on financial liabilities measured at amortised cost.

(ii) Fees and commission income

Fees and commissions are generally recognised on an accrual basis when the service has been provided. Loan commitment fees for loans that are likely to be drawn down are deferred (together with related direct costs) and recognised as an adjustment to the effective interest rate on the loan. If it is unlikely that the loan will be drawn down, the commitment fee is recognised on a straight line basis over the commitment period. Loan syndication fees are recognised as revenue when the syndication has been completed and the Group has retained no part of the loan package for itself or has retained a part at the same effective interest rate as the other participants. Commission and fees arising from negotiating, or participating in the negotiation of, a transaction for a third party, are recognised on completion of the underlying transaction. Included in the Group's fee and commission income is income from custodial services provided over pension and non-pension assets which are generally recognized on accrual basis when the services have been provided.

(iii) Income from bonds, financial guarantees and letters of credit

Income from bonds or financial guarantees and letters of credit are initially measured at fair value and subsequently recognised on a straight line basis over the life of the bond or guarantee.

(iv) Dividend income

Dividend income is recognised when the entity's right to receive payment is established. Dividends are reflected as a component of net trading income, net income from other financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss or other operating income based on the underlying classification of the equity investments.

(v) Net trading income

Net trading income comprises gains less losses related to trading assets and liabilities, and includes all realised and unrealised fair value changes, interest, dividends and foreign exchange differences.

(vi) Net income from other financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss

Net income from other financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss relates to non-trading derivatives held for risk management purposes that do not form part of qualifying hedge relationships and financial assets and financial liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss. It includes all realised and unrealised fair value changes, interest, dividends and foreign exchange differences.

2.13 Impairment of non-financial assets

At each reporting date, the carrying amount of non-financial assets (other than investment properties held for sale and deferred tax assets) are reviewed to determine whether there is any indication of impairment. If any such indication exists, then the asset's recoverable amount is estimated. Additionally, assets that have an indefinite useful life (including goodwill) and are not subject to amortisation are tested annually for impairment.

An impairment loss is recognised for the amount by which the asset's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount. The recoverable amount is the greater of the asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use. Value-in-use is based on the estimated future cash flows, 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 or cash generating unit (CGU).

For the purpose of assessing impairment, assets are grouped at the lowest levels for which there are separately identifiable cash inflows (cash-generating units). Goodwill arising from business combination is allocated to CGUs or groups of CGUs that are expected to benefit from the synergies of the combination. The impairment test may also be performed on a single asset when the fair value less cost to sell or the value in use can be determined reliably.

Impairment losses are recognised in profit or loss. They are allocated first to reduce the carrying amount of any goodwill allocated to the CGU, and then to reduce the carrying amounts of the other assets in the CGU on a pro rata basis.

Impairment losses recognised in prior periods are assessed at each reporting date for any indications that the loss has decreased or no longer exists. An impairment loss is reversed if there has been a change in the estimates used to determine the recoverable amount. An impairment loss is reversed only to the extent that the asset's carrying amount does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined, net of depreciation or amortisation, if no impairment loss had been recognised. An impairment loss in respect of goodwill is not reversed.

2.14 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash comprises cash in hand and demand deposits. Cash equivalents are short term liquid investments that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and that are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value.

Cash equivalents comprise deposits held at call with banks and other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less.

For the purposes of the cash flow statement, cash and cash equivalents include cash and non-restricted balances with central banks, loans to banks and other short term investments classified as held to maturity, with original maturities of 3 months or less.

Cash and cash equivalents are carried at amortized cost in the statement of financial position.

2.14.1 Statement of cash flows

The statement of cash flows shows the changes in cash and cash equivalents arising during the period from operating activities, investing activities and financing activities.

The cash flows from operating activities are determined using the indirect method. Profit for the year is therefore adjusted by income/expense and non-cash items, such as measurement gains or losses, changes in impairment allowances, as well as changes from operating assets. In addition, all income and expenses from cash transactions that are attributable to investing or financing activities are eliminated.

The Group's assignment of the cash flows to operating, investing and financing category depends on the Bank's business model (management approach). Interest and dividends received on investment securities are classified as investing activities; interest paid on customer deposits are classified as operating cash flows, while dividends paid to shareholders are included in financing activities.

2.15 Leases

Leases are divided into finance leases and operating leases.

(a) **The Group is a lessee**

(i) **Operating lease**

Leases in which a significant portion of the risks and rewards of ownership are retained by another party, the lessor, are classified as operating leases. Payments, including prepayments, made under operating leases (net of any incentives received from the lessor) are charged to the profit or loss on a straight-line basis over the period of the lease. When an operating lease is terminated before the lease period has expired, any payment required to be made to the lessor by way of penalty is recognised as an expense in the period in which termination takes place.

(ii) **Finance lease**

Leases of assets where the Group has substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership are classified as finance leases. Finance leases are capitalised at the lease's commencement at the lower of the fair value of the leased property and the present value of the minimum lease payments. Each lease payment is allocated between the liability and finance charges so as to achieve a constant rate on the finance balance outstanding. The corresponding rental obligations, net of finance charges, are included in 'Deposits from banks' or 'Deposits from customers' depending on the counter party. The interest element of the finance cost is charged to the income statement over the lease period so as to produce a constant periodic rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability for each period. The investment properties acquired under finance leases are measured subsequently at their fair value.

(b) **The Group is a lessor**

(i) **Operating lease**

When assets are subject to an operating lease, the assets continue to be recognised as property and equipment based on the nature of the asset. Lease income is recognised on a straight line basis over the lease term.

Lease incentives are recognised as a reduction of rental income on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

(ii) **Finance lease**

When assets are held subject to a finance lease, the related asset is derecognised and the present value of the lease payments (discounted at the interest rate implicit in the lease) is recognised as a receivable. The difference between the gross receivable and the present value of the receivable is recognised as unearned finance income. Lease income is recognised over the term of the lease using the net investment method (before tax), which reflects a constant periodic rate of return.

2.16 Investment properties held for sale

Investment properties held for sale represent investment properties which are held for long-term rental yields or for capital appreciation or both, but not for sale in the ordinary course of business, use in the supply of services or for administrative purposes.

Recognition of these properties takes place only when it is probable that the future economic benefits that are associated with the properties will flow to the entity and the cost can be measured reliably.

Investment properties held for sale are measured initially at cost, including transaction costs. The carrying amount includes the cost of replacing parts of an existing investment property held for sale at the time the cost was incurred if the recognition criteria are met; and excludes the costs of day-to-day servicing of such properties. Subsequent to initial recognition, properties held for sale are stated at fair value, which reflects market conditions at the reporting date. Gains or losses arising from changes in the fair value of these properties are included in the profit or loss in the period in which they arise. Subsequent expenditure is included in the asset's carrying amount only when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to the Group and the cost of the item can be measured reliably.

All other repairs and maintenance costs are charged to profit or loss during the financial period in which they are incurred. Any gain or loss on disposal of these properties (calculated as the difference between the net proceeds from disposal and the carrying amount of the item) is recognized in profit or loss.

The fair value of these properties is based on the nature, location and condition of the specific asset. The fair value is obtained from professional third party valuers contracted to perform valuations on behalf of the Group. The fair value of these properties do not reflect future capital expenditure that will improve or enhance the property and does not reflect the related future benefits from this future expenditure. These valuations are performed annually by external appraisers.

When the use of a property changes such that it is reclassified as property and equipment, its fair value at the date of reclassification becomes its cost for subsequent accounting.

2.17 Property and equipment

(i) Recognition and measurement

The cost of an item of property and equipment is initially recognized by the Group if and only if it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to the Group; and the cost of the item can be measured reliably. All property and equipment used by the Group is stated at historical cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. Historical cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to the acquisition of the items. If significant parts of a property and equipment have different useful lives, then they are accounted for as separate items (major components) of property and equipment.

(ii) Subsequent costs

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

(iii) Depreciation

Freehold land is not depreciated. Depreciation of items of property and equipment is calculated using the straight-line method to allocate their cost to their residual values over their estimated useful lives, as follows:

• Land	Not depreciated
• Leaseholds improvements:	over the unexpired lease term.
• Buildings	twenty five years
• Motor vehicles:	four years
• Office equipment:	three years
• Computer	three years
• Furniture and fittings:	four years

The assets' residual values, depreciation methods and useful lives are reviewed annually, and adjusted if appropriate.

(iv) De-recognition

An item of property and equipment is derecognised on disposal or when no future economic benefits are expected from its use or disposal. Any gain or loss arising on de-recognition of the assets (calculated as the difference between the net disposal proceeds and the carrying amount of the asset) is included in profit or loss in the period the asset is recognised.

(v) Other requirements

Construction cost and improvements in respect of offices are carried at cost as capital work in progress. On completion of construction or improvements, the related amounts are transferred to the appropriate category of property and equipment. Payments in advance for items of property and equipment are included as prepayments in "other assets" and upon delivery are reclassified as additions in the appropriate category of property and equipment.

2.18 Intangible assets

The cost of an intangible asset is initially recognized by the Group if and only if it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to the Group; and the cost of the item can be measured reliably. Subsequent measurement is as detailed below:

Goodwill

Goodwill that arises on the acquisition of subsidiaries is presented with intangible assets. For the measurement of goodwill at initial recognition, see 2.4(b). Subsequent to initial recognition, goodwill is measured at cost less accumulated impairment losses. Goodwill is assessed for impairment annually.

Software

Software acquired by the Group is measured at cost less accumulated amortisation and any accumulated impairment losses.

Costs associated with maintaining computer software programmes are recognised as an expense when incurred. Development costs that are directly attributable to the design and testing of identifiable and unique software products controlled by the Group, are recognised as intangible assets when the following criteria are met:

- it is technically feasible to complete the software product so that it will be available for use;
- management intends to complete the software product and use or sell it;
- there is an ability to use or sell the software product;

- it can be demonstrated how the software product will generate probable future economic benefits;
- adequate technical, financial and other resources to complete the development and to use or sell the software product are available; and
- the expenditure attributable to the software product during its development can be reliably measured.

Subsequent expenditure on computer software is capitalised only when it increases the future economic benefits embodied in the specific asset to which it relates and the cost can be measured reliably. All other expenditure is expensed when incurred.

Software is amortised on a straight line in profit or loss over its estimated useful life, from the date on which it is available for use. The estimated useful life of software for the current and comparative periods is three years.

Software under development which are not available for use are tested for impairment annually.

Amortisation methods, useful lives and residual values are reviewed at each reporting date and adjusted if appropriate

An intangible asset shall be derecognized by the Group on disposal; or when no future economic benefits are expected from its use or disposal. Any gain or loss arising on de-recognition of the assets (calculated as the difference between the net disposal proceeds and the carrying amount of the asset) is included in profit or loss in the period the asset is recognised.

2.19 Non-current assets classified as held for sale and discontinued operations

Non-current assets, or disposal groups comprising assets and liabilities, are classified as held-for-sale if it is highly probable that they will be recovered primarily through sale rather than through continuing use.

Such assets, or disposal groups, are generally measured at the lower of their carrying amount and fair value less costs to sell. Any impairment loss on a disposal group is allocated first to goodwill, and then to the remaining assets and liabilities on a pro rata basis, except that no loss is allocated to inventories, financial assets, deferred tax assets, employee benefit analysis or investment property, which continue to be measured in accordance with the Group's other accounting policies. Impairment losses on initial classification as held-for-sale or held-for-distribution and subsequent gains and losses on remeasurement are recognised in profit or loss.

Once classified as held-for-sale, intangible assets and property, plant and equipment are no longer amortised or depreciated, and any equity accounted investee is no longer equity accounted.

A discontinued operation is a component of the Group's business, the operations and cash flows of which can be clearly distinguished from the rest of the Group and which:

- represents a major line of business or geographical area of operations;
- is part of a single co-ordinated plan to dispose of a separate major line of business or geographical area of operations; or
- is a subsidiary acquired exclusively with a view to re-sale

Classification as discontinued operation occurs on disposal, or when the operation meets the criteria to be classified as held for sale. When an operation is classified as a discontinued operation, the comparative income statement is represented as if the operation had been discontinued from the start of the comparative year.

2.20 Income taxation

The tax expense for the period comprises current and deferred tax. It is recognised in profit or loss, except to the extent that it relates to items recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity.

(a) Current income tax

The current income tax comprises the expected tax payable or receivable on the taxable income or loss for the year and any adjustment to the tax payable or receivable in respect of previous years. The amount of current tax payable or receivable is the best estimate of the tax amount expected to be paid or received that reflects uncertainty related to income taxes, if any. It is measured using tax rates enacted or substantively enacted at the reporting date in the respective jurisdiction. Current tax also includes any tax arising from dividends received.

Current tax assets and liabilities are offset only when the Group has a legally enforceable right to set off the recognized amounts, or when it intends to settle on a net basis, or to realize the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

(b) Deferred tax

Deferred tax is recognised on temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities in the consolidated financial statements and the corresponding tax bases used in the computation of taxable profit.

Deferred tax liabilities are generally recognised for all taxable temporary differences. Deferred tax assets are generally recognised for all deductible temporary differences to the extent that it is probable that taxable profits will be available against which those deductible differences can be utilised. Such deferred tax assets and liabilities are not recognised if:

- the temporary differences on the initial recognition of assets or liabilities in a transaction that is not a business combination and that affects neither accounting nor taxable profit or loss;
- the temporary differences related to investments in subsidiaries to the extent that it is probable that they will not reverse in the foreseeable future and where the Group is able to control the reversal of the temporary difference; and
- the taxable temporary differences arising on the initial recognition of goodwill.

The carrying amount of deferred tax assets is reviewed at the end of each reporting period and reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that sufficient taxable profits will be available to allow all or part of the asset to be recovered.

Deferred tax liabilities and assets are measured at the tax rates that are expected to apply in the period in which the liability is settled or the asset realised, based on tax rates (and tax laws) that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the end of the reporting period.

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

For the purposes of measuring deferred tax liabilities and deferred tax assets for investment properties held for sale that are measured using the fair value model, the carrying amount of such properties are presumed to be recovered entirely through the sale unless the presumption is rebutted. The presumption is rebutted when the investment properties held for sale is depreciable and is held within a business model whose objective is to consume substantially all of the economic benefits embodied in the investment property over time, rather than through sale. Management has reviewed the Group's investment properties held for sale portfolio and concluded that none of the Group's investment properties held for sale are held under a business model whose objective is to consume substantially all of the economic benefits embodied in the investment properties over time, rather than through sale. Although, Management has determined that the 'sale' presumption set out in the amendments to IAS 12 is not rebutted, the Group has elected to recognise deferred tax on changes in fair value of the investment properties held for sale as the Group is subject to capital gains taxes on disposal of its investment properties.

2.21 Employee benefits

(a) *Defined contribution scheme*

For defined contribution plans, the Group pays contributions to publicly or privately administered pension insurance plans on a contractual basis. The Group contributes 12% of basic salary, rent and transport allowances, with the employee contributing a further 8% in line with the provisions of the Pension Reforms Act 2014. The Group has no further payment obligations once the contributions have been paid. The contributions are recognised as employee benefit expense when they are due. Prepaid contributions are recognised as an asset to the extent that a cash refund or a reduction in the future payments is available.

(b) *Short term employee benefits*

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.

(c) *Other employee benefits*

Other employee benefits are expensed when they are incurred. Other personnel expenses relate to one-off discretionary payments and other benefits paid to staff of the Group. There is no other constructive or contractual obligations on the Group aside from the actual amount incurred.

2.22 Provisions

A provision is recognised if, as a result of a past event, the Group has a present legal or constructive obligation that can be estimated reliably, and it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation. Provisions are determined by discounting the expected future cash flows at a pre-tax rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and, where appropriate, the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognized as finance cost.

(a) *Levies*

A provision for levies is recognised when the condition that triggers the payment of the levy is met. If a levy obligation is subject to a minimum activity threshold so that the obligating event is reaching a minimum activity, then a provision is recognised when that minimum activity threshold is reached.

2.23 Share capital

(a) *Share issue costs*

Incremental costs that are directly attributable to the issue of an equity instrument are deducted from the initial measurement of the equity instruments.

(b) *Dividends on ordinary shares*

Dividends on ordinary shares are recognised in equity in the period in which they are approved by the Bank's shareholders.

Dividends for the period that are declared after the date of the statement of financial position are disclosed in the subsequent events note. Dividends proposed by the Directors but not yet approved by members are disclosed in the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Company and Allied Matters Act of Nigeria.

2.24 Share premium

Share premium account warehouses excess of share issue proceeds over the par value of the shares.

2.25 Earnings per share

The Group presents basic and diluted earnings per share (EPS) data for its ordinary shares. Basic EPS is calculated by dividing the profit or loss that is attributable to ordinary shareholders of the Bank by the weighted-average number of ordinary shares outstanding during the period. Diluted EPS is determined by adjusting the profit or loss that is attributable to ordinary shareholders and the weighted-average number of ordinary shares outstanding for the effects of all dilutive potential ordinary shares, which comprise options to convert the outstanding notional amount of borrowing with conversion options.

Where the Group reports a discontinued operation, it shall disclose the basic and diluted earnings per share for both continuing and total operations in the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income

2.26 Statutory reserve

The Nigerian Banking industry regulations require banks to make an annual appropriation to a statutory reserve. An appropriation of 30% of profit after tax is made if the statutory reserve is less than paid-up share capital and 15% of profit after tax if the statutory reserve is greater than the paid up share capital.

2.27 Regulatory risk reserve

The regulatory risk reserve represents a reserve created when credit impairment on loans and advances as accounted for under IFRS using the incurred loss model differ from the prudential provisioning requirements set by the Central Bank of Nigeria

2.28 Fair value reserve

The fair value reserve warehouses cumulative fair value gains/losses on financial assets classified as fair value through other comprehensive income. Fair value gains on financial assets (excluding equity investments) are reclassified to profit or loss account on disposal of the assets.

2.29 Foreign currency translation reserves

This reserve warehouses foreign currency gains or losses on translation of foreign subsidiaries at the closing rate. On disposal of the foreign subsidiary, the cumulative foreign currency gains or losses in relation to that subsidiary is reclassified to retained earnings

2.30 Segment reporting

Operating segments are reported in a manner consistent with the internal reporting provided to the chief operating decision-maker. The chief operating decision-maker is the person or group that allocates resources to and assesses the performance of the operating segments of an entity. The Group has determined the Executive Management Committee as its chief operating decision maker.

All transactions between business segments are conducted on an arm's length basis, with intra-segment revenue and costs being eliminated in head office. Income and expenses directly associated with each segment are included in determining business segment performance. Refer to Note 5 for the Group segment report.

2.31 Fiduciary activities

The Group acts as trustees and in other fiduciary capacities through Diamond Pension Fund Custodian Limited, a subsidiary company that results in the holding of assets on behalf of individuals, trusts, retirement benefit plans and other institutions. The carrying value of the assets as at reporting date are disclosed in the financial statements (see Note 45.3). The carrying value of the assets under custody were determined as follows:

- Real estate and real estate investment trust, equity and equity fund are carried at fair value.
- all other classes of assets under custody are carried at cost.

Fees and commissions earned from providing such services are generally recognised on an accrual basis in line with the agreement between the Group and the party for which the Group holds its assets.

3. Financial risk management

3.1 Introduction and overview

This note presents information about the Group's exposure to financial risks and the Group's management of capital.

Enterprise risk review

The underlying premise of Enterprise Risk Management is that every entity exists to provide value for its stakeholders. All organizations face uncertainty, uncertainty presents both risks and opportunities, with the potential to erode or enhance value.

In recent years, managing an enterprise's risk in a consistent, efficient and sustainable manner has become a critical priority, as the business environment faces unprecedented levels of complexity changing geopolitical threats, new regulations and increasing shareholders' demand.

The Diamond Bank Group seeks to achieve an appropriate balance between risk and reward in its business strategy, and continues to build and enhance the risk management capabilities that will assist it in delivering its growth plans in a controlled environment.

The Group has made significant progress in its vision to become world-class at managing risk. The Group's Enterprise Risk Management (ERM) framework addresses specific risk areas such as credit, market, liquidity, operational, strategic and reputational risks.

Full implementation of the requirements of the ERM Framework is on-going under the oversight of the Board Risk Management Committee (BRMC), which is tasked with monitoring the implementation on behalf of the Board.

The Group's Enterprise Risk Management (ERM) Framework ensures risks are managed using a structured and disciplined approach that aligns strategy, processes, people, technology and knowledge with the purpose of evaluating and managing the opportunities and threats faced. The Group's "Enterprise-wide" Risk Management methodology ensures the removal of functional, divisional, departmental or cultural barriers to managing risks.

The main benefits and objectives to the Group of the ERM implementation include the following:

- It provides a platform for the Board and Management to confidently make informed decisions regarding the trade-off between risk and reward;
- It aligns business decisions at the operating level to the Group's appetite for risk;
- It balances operational control with the achievement of strategic objectives;
- It enables Executives to systematically identify and manage significant risks on an aggregate basis;
- It enables the evaluation of new and existing investments on both a standalone and portfolio basis; and
- It minimizes operational surprises and related costs or losses.

Diamond Bank's Enterprise Risk Management vision is "to build a world-class risk management culture".

Risk Management governance structure

The following management committees, comprising of senior management staff, support the Executive Committee in performing its risk management roles:

(i) *Asset and Liability Management Committee (ALCO)*

The Asset and Liability Committee (ALCO) is responsible for market and liquidity risk management.

(ii) *Management Credit Committee (MCC)*

The Management Committee (MCC) is responsible for managing credit risks in the Group. The Committee focuses on Management of the Group's credit risk exposures. The Management Credit Committee (MCC) deliberates on issues concerning the credit risk. These include issues from credit approval, restructure, write off, and approval of credit policies.

(iii) *Group Risk Management Committee (RMC)*

The Group Risk Management Committee (RMC) has oversight responsibility for all other risk categories except credit, market and liquidity risks. Risk categories within the purview of the committee include, but are not limited to, the following: Operational risk; Strategic risk; Legal risk; Compliance risk; Reputational risk; Accounting & Taxation risk; Human Capital risk; and Information Security risk.

Business units

Business Units and their staff, as primary risk owners/managers, are responsible for the day-to-day identification, mitigation, management and monitoring of risks within their respective functions.

Business Units and their staff are also responsible for the following:

- Implementing the Group's risk management strategies;
- Managing day-to-day risk exposures by using appropriate procedures and controls in line with the Group's risk management framework;
- Identifying risk issues and implementing remedial action to address these issues; and
- Reporting and escalating material risks and associated issues to appropriate authorities.

Units and functions with primary responsibility for independent risk oversight and monitoring

These units and function include the following:

- Risk Management & Control Division;
- Legal Unit;
- Corporate Communications Units
- Strategic Planning & Research Unit; and
- Financial Control Unit.
- Human Capital Management Unit and
- Compliance Unit

Units and functions with primary responsibility for evaluating and providing independent assurance.

This is made up of the

- Internal Auditors (i.e. Corporate Audit function); and
- The External Auditors.

3.2 Credit risk

The Group takes on exposure to credit risk, which is the risk that a counter party will cause a financial loss for the Group by failing to discharge an obligation. Credit risk is the most important risk for the Group's business; management therefore carefully manages its exposure to credit risk. Credit exposures arises principally from lending activities that lead to loans and advances, and investment activities that bring debt securities and other bills into the Group's asset portfolio. There is also credit risk in the off-balance sheet financial instruments. The credit risk management is centralized in Risk Management and Control at the group level and reports to the board of directors and interacts with the head of each business segment regularly.

Diamond Bank has a credit risk management framework approved by its Board. The credit risk management objectives are:

- (1) To provide a clear and consistent direction for the Bank for creating and managing credit exposures;
- (2) To maintain a high quality risk assets portfolio and minimize credit losses arising from errors of judgement.
- (3) To achieve the lowest non-performing loans in the industry while maximizing returns on assets created;
- (4) To maximize stakeholder value;
- (5) To develop a strong credit risk culture where all staff actively participate in the risk management process.

The credit risk appetite of the bank is defined by its expression or willingness to accept risk up to a level that minimizes erosion of earnings or capital due to avoidable losses from credit activities. The Bank's Credit Risk Management Strategy is driven by its objectives and includes adoption of the following strategies for the management of credit risk;

- (i) A selective and disciplined approach to credit origination and focus on customers that will create attractive value for the Bank;
- (ii) Adherence by all lending and approval individuals to the Bank's credit risk policies, developed to enable staff identify, measure and manage credit risk exposures;
- (iii) The Board and Senior Management set the tone for the right risk culture in the Bank;
- (iv) Adequate pricing for the risks taken by the Bank;
- (v) Establishment and enforcement of the Bank's exposure and provisioning policies in accordance with the International Financial Reporting Standards and other regulatory requirements; and
- (vi) Broadening of the knowledge and skills of all credit personnel through training and capacity building programmes.

(a) Credit risk measurement

(i) Loans and advances

In measuring credit risk of loan and advances to customers and banks at a counterparty level, the Group reflects the following components (i) the client or counterparty's character and capacity to pay off its contractual obligations; (ii) current exposures to the counterparty and its likely future development; (iii) credit history of the counterparty; and (iv) the likely recovery ratio in case of default obligations - value of collateral and other ways out.

The Group's rating scale, the Diamond Master Rating (DMR), reflects the range of default probabilities defined for each rating class. This means that, in principle, exposures migrate between classes as the assessment of their probability of default changes. The rating tools are kept under review and upgraded as necessary. The Group regularly validates the performance of the rating and their predictive power with regard to default events.

Diamond Master Rating Table

DIAMOND BANK	CBN	CBN MID WEIGHT	DB REMARK	CBN REMARK
D01	AAA	1.5	Investment Grade	Extremely low risk
D02	AA	2.5	Investment Grade	Very low
D03	A	3.5	Investment Grade	Low risk
D04	BBB	4.5	Sub investment Grade	Acceptable risk
D05	BB	5.5	Sub investment Grade	Moderately High risk
D06	B	6.6	Sub investment Grade	High risk
D07	CCC	7.5	Sub investment Grade	Very high risk
D08	CC	8.5	Watchlist	Extremely high risk
D09	C	9.5	Watchlist	High likelihood of default
D10	D		Default	Default

(ii) *Debt securities and other bills*

For credit risk associated with debt securities, ratings assessments by external agencies such as Standard & Poor's, Moody's, Agosto & Co and Fitch are taken into consideration. In addition to this, limits have been put in place to monitor credit risk exposures per issue, issuer and sector.

(b) *Risk limit control and mitigation policies*

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

The Group structures the level of credit risk it undertakes by placing limits on the amount of risk accepted in relation to one borrower, or groups of borrowers (single obligor limits), and to geographical and industry segments. Such risks are monitored on a revolving basis and subject to an annual or more frequent review, when considered necessary. Limits on the level of credit risk by product, industry sector and by country are approved quarterly by the Board of Directors.

The exposure to any one borrower including banks and brokers is further restricted by sub-limits covering on and off-balance sheet exposures, and daily delivery risk limits in relation to trading items such as forward foreign exchange contracts. Actual exposures against limits are monitored daily.

The Group also sets internal credit approval limits for various levels in the credit process and are shown in the table below:

Authorizing level

Approver	Band 1	Band 2	Band 3
	D01 - D03 (Investment Grade) (PD < 0.55%)	D04- D07 (Sub-Investment Grade) (0.55% < PD < 14.06%)	D08 – D10 (Watchlist/Default) PD > 14.06%
	N'Million	N'Million	N'Million
Full Board-Ratification	>10,000 up to SOL***	>4,000 up to SOL***	>1,500 up to SOL***
BCC*	10,000	4,000	1,500
MCC**	4,000	2,000	500
MINI-MCC	2,000	1,000	250
Group Managing Director	500	300	150
Executive Director, RB, Lagos & West	300	200	100
Executive Director, RB, North	300	200	100
Executive Director, CFO	100	50	15
Divisional Head, Regional Business- South	200	150	Nil

* Board Credit Committee

** Management Credit Committee

*** Single Obligor Limit

Approval limits are set by the Board of Directors and reviewed from time to time as the circumstances of the Group demand. Exposure to credit risk is also managed through regular analysis of the ability of borrowers and potential borrowers to meet interest and capital repayment obligations and by changing these lending limits where appropriate.

Some other specific control and mitigation measures are outlined below.

(i) *Collateral*

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

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

Longer-term finance and lending to corporate entities are generally secured; revolving individual credit facilities are generally unsecured. In addition, in order to minimise the credit loss the Group will seek additional collateral from the counterparty as soon as loss indicators are noticed for the relevant individual loans and advances.

Collateral held as security for financial assets other than loans and advances is determined by the nature of the instrument. Debt securities, treasury and other eligible bills are generally unsecured, with the exception of asset-backed securities and similar instruments, which are secured by portfolios of financial instruments.

The guiding principles behind collateral acceptability are adequacy and realizability. The Management Credit Committee (MCC) approves the guidelines for acceptability of credit collateral. The committee also provides a clear articulation of:

- Acceptable collateral in respect of each credit product including description, location restrictions in respect of landed property, guidelines in respect of minimum realizable value of such collateral;
- Required documentation/perfection of collateral;
- Conditions for waivers of collateral requirement and guidelines for approval of collateral waiver;
- Acceptability of cash and other forms of collateral denominated in foreign currency;

All items pledged as security for credit facilities are usually registered in the name of the Bank. Additional criteria including insurance cover as may be defined in the Bank's risk management policy provisions are usually met. Collateral as security in respect of approved credit exposures include mortgage on landed property, quoted stocks/shares of actively traded blue chip companies only, charge on assets (fixed and/or floating), guarantees issued by other banks acceptable to Diamond Bank, lien on asset being financed and others.

Collateral must be appreciating or at least stable. Estimate of open market value of the collateral item(s) should be adequate to ensure full recovery of the Bank's principal credit exposure.

The fair values of collaterals are based upon the latest valuation undertaken by independent valuers on behalf of the Bank. The valuation techniques adopted for properties are based upon fair values of similar properties in the neighborhood taking into cognizance the advantages and disadvantages of the comparatives over the subject property and any other factor which can have effect on the valuation e.g. subsequent movements in house prices, after making allowance for dilapidations. The fair values of non-property collaterals (such as equities, bond, treasury bills, etc.) are determined with reference to market quoted prices or market values of similar instrument and other acceptable valuation methodologies.

The same fair value approach is used in determining the collaterals value in the course of sale or realization. The Bank does not take physical possession of properties or other assets held as collateral and uses external agents to realize the value as soon as practicable, generally at auction, to settle indebtedness. Any surplus funds are returned to the borrower.

Also, recently approved policy includes the additional extract below;

1. Assessment of collateral value shall reflect standard internal bank discounts in appropriating lending value. These valuation guidelines are only for use in estimating or reporting collateral margins. These standards are intended to optimize our collateral analysis and shall not be construed to imply any limited opinions of realizable market values. A maximum exposure of 75% of the "Forced Sale Value" of the property is allowed per client while further discount shall reflect the bank's policy on collateral coverage for other assets. For all types of collateral the internal assessment discounts shall be applied to reduce collateral values before further reducing said values by the amount of debts owed to senior lien holders, if any.
2. Daily mark-to-market shall be carried out on all equity shares in line with fair value accounting standards and provisioning shall be applied monthly on shortfalls.
However, as proactive measures towards preventing total diminution and control asset delinquency, four margin limits are instituted as follows:
 - i Initial Margin of 200%;
 - ii First Maintenance Margin of 175%; and
 - iii Second Maintenance Margin of 150%
 - iv Below 150%

(c) *Credit-related commitments*

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

Methodology for risk rating

Diamond Bank Plc uses the Moody's rating tool as the core rating for all its corporate credits. In addition to the core rating, the Bank has recently developed a new rating framework for rating all corporate exposure in its credit portfolio. Through the new corporate framework, each corporate borrowers will be given a rating on the 10-grade Diamond Master Rating Scale, which signifies the borrower's creditworthiness and risk of default. These ratings will be used to determine pricing, availability of credit, required collateral and other important decisions such as in relation to the extension of loans.

The new rating framework takes the core rating (i.e. Moody's) as a foundation and uses other factors such as the Group/country rating, early warning signals and any relevant new information to arrive at a more realistic rating for the borrower.

3.2.1 Maximum exposure to credit risk before collateral held or other credit enhancements

The Group's maximum exposure to credit risk at 31 December 2018 and 31 December 2017 respectively, is represented by the net carrying amounts of the financial assets set out in Note 6 below, with the exception of financial guarantees issued by the Group for which the maximum exposure to credit risk is represented by the maximum amount the Group would have to pay if the guarantees are called on (refer to Note 45 Contingent Liabilities and Commitments).

Group

31 December 2018

<i>In thousands of Naira</i>	Loans and Advances to customers				Total
	Term loans	Overdrafts	Staff loans	Finance leases	
12 months ECL	328,247,239	43,869,580	5,000,231	3,221,233	380,338,283
Lifetime ECL not credit impaired	136,155,891	1,756,959	77,785	80,307	138,070,942
Lifetime ECL credit impaired	118,716,027	150,403,092	39,042	235,184	269,393,345
Gross loans and advances	583,119,157	196,029,631	5,117,058	3,536,724	787,802,570
Less allowance for impairment					
12 - months ECL	(17,292,508)	(4,683,952)	(455,753)	(413,137)	(22,845,350)
Lifetime ECL not credit impaired	(21,361,116)	(262,140)	(26,798)	(7,637)	(21,657,691)
Lifetime ECL credit impaired	(79,718,725)	(95,505,674)	(27,194)	(150,978)	(175,402,571)
Total allowance for impairment	(118,372,349)	(100,451,766)	(509,745)	(571,752)	(219,905,612)
Net loans and advances	464,746,808	95,577,865	4,607,313	2,964,972	567,896,958

Bank

31 December 2018

<i>In thousands of Naira</i>	Loans and Advances to customers				Total
	Term loans	Overdrafts	Staff loans	Finance leases	
12 months ECL	328,247,239	43,869,580	4,983,995	3,221,233	380,322,047
Lifetime ECL not credit impaired	136,155,891	1,756,959	77,785	80,307	138,070,942
Lifetime ECL credit impaired	118,716,027	150,403,092	39,042	235,184	269,393,345
Gross loans and advances	583,119,157	196,029,631	5,100,822	3,536,724	787,786,334
Less allowance for impairment					
12 - months ECL	(17,292,508)	(4,683,952)	(455,084)	(413,137)	(22,844,681)
Lifetime ECL not credit impaired	(21,361,116)	(262,140)	(26,798)	(7,637)	(21,657,691)
Lifetime ECL credit impaired	(79,718,725)	(95,505,674)	(27,194)	(150,978)	(175,402,571)
Total allowance for impairment	(118,372,349)	(100,451,766)	(509,076)	(571,752)	(219,904,943)
Net loans and advances	464,746,808	95,577,865	4,591,746	2,964,972	567,881,391

31 December 2017

<i>In thousands of Naira</i>	Note	Loans and advances to customers	
		Group	Bank
D01 - D07		467,972,708	467,957,604
D08		71,909,919	71,909,919
D09 - D10		274,484,868	274,484,868
Gross loans and advances		814,367,495	814,352,391
Less allowance for impairment	23	(58,864,333)	(58,864,333)
		755,503,162	755,488,058

Credit rating - 12 month ECL: All financial asset excluding loans and advances

Group

31 December 2018

In thousands of Naira

	Cash and balances with central banks	Financial assets at FVTPL	Assets pledged as collateral	Loans to banks	Investment securities	Derivative assets	Other financial assets
12 months ECL	53,904,751	10,673,463	119,075,528	37,946,938	154,776,964	388,755	27,785,342
Lifetime ECL not credit impaired	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lifetime ECL credit impaired	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gross amount	53,904,751	10,673,463	119,075,528	37,946,938	154,776,964	388,755	27,785,342
ECL - impairment	(352)	-	(46,060)	(3,191)	(72,628)	-	(6,815,752)
Carrying amount	53,904,399	10,673,463	119,029,468	37,943,747	154,704,336	388,755	20,969,590

Bank

31 December 2018

In thousands of Naira

	Cash and balances with central banks	Financial assets at FVTPL	Assets pledged as collateral	Loans to banks	Investment securities	Derivative assets	Other financial assets
12 months ECL	53,900,982	10,673,463	140,044,667	82,086,153	154,706,916	388,755	27,729,397
Lifetime ECL not credit impaired	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lifetime ECL credit impaired	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gross amount	53,900,982	10,673,463	140,044,667	82,086,153	154,706,916	388,755	27,729,397
ECL - impairment	(352)	-	(121,352)	(7,399)	(72,619)	-	(6,812,472)
Carrying amount	53,900,630	10,673,463	139,923,315	82,078,754	154,634,297	388,755	20,916,925

Credit exposure neither past due nor impaired

The credit quality of investments in debt securities that were neither past due nor impaired are assessed by reference to external credit ratings information about counterparty default rates.

Group

<i>In thousands of naira</i>	Note	Debt securities			Total
		Treasury bills	Bonds	Placements with other banks	
31 December 2017					
Financial assets at FVTPL	19	37,688,365	644,744	-	38,333,109
Investment securities at amortised cost	24	48,142,679	25,643,399	-	73,786,078
Investment securities at FVOCI	24	140,968,940	1,485,288	-	142,454,228
Assets pledged as collateral	21	35,274,517	59,145,969	1,067,781	95,488,267
		262,074,501	86,919,400	1,067,781	350,061,682

Bank

<i>In thousands of naira</i>	Note	Debt securities			Total
		Treasury bills	Bonds	Placements with other banks	
31 December 2017					
Financial assets at FVTPL	19	37,688,365	644,744	-	38,333,109
Investment securities at amortised cost	24	48,142,679	27,599,761	-	75,742,440
Investment securities at FVOCI	24	140,728,722	1,485,288	-	142,214,010
Assets pledged as collateral	21	35,274,517	59,145,969	21,937,406	116,357,892
		261,834,283	88,875,762	21,937,406	372,647,451

The table below shows the contractual expiry by maturity of the Bank's contingent liabilities and commitments. For issued financial guarantee contracts, the maximum amount of the guarantee is allocated to the earliest period in which the guarantee could be called.

Group									
<i>In thousands of naira</i>									
31 December 2018	Note	Carrying value	Gross nominal value	0 - 30 days	31 - 90 days	91 - 180 days	181 - 365 days	Over 1 year but less than 5 years	Over 5 years
Financial guarantees	45.2	52,096,012	52,096,012	449,604	2,549,077	6,696,829	19,499,415	12,158,877	10,742,210
Contingent letters of credit	45.2	35,560,153	35,562,153	6,774,017	16,804,287	1,686,127	10,297,722	-	-
		87,656,165	87,658,165	7,223,621	19,353,364	8,382,956	29,797,137	12,158,877	10,742,210

Group									
<i>In thousands of naira</i>									
31 December 2017	Note	Carrying value	Gross nominal value	0 - 30 days	31 - 90 days	91 - 180 days	181 - 365 days	Over 1 year but less than 5 years	Over 5 years
Financial guarantees	45.2	22,038,160	22,038,160	1,245,154	927,280	2,571,679	1,378,427	15,465,620	450,000
Contingent letters of credit	45.2	21,219,102	21,219,104	1,629,003	1,152,677	3,668,128	14,172,122	597,174	-
		43,257,262	43,257,264	2,874,157	2,079,957	6,239,807	15,550,549	16,062,794	450,000

Bank									
<i>In thousands of naira</i>									
31 December 2018	Note	Carrying value	Gross nominal value	0 - 30 days	31 - 90 days	91 - 180 days	181 - 365 days	Over 1 year but less than 5 years	Over 5 years
Financial guarantees	45.2	52,096,012	52,096,012	449,604	2,549,077	6,696,829	19,499,415	12,158,877	10,742,210
Contingent letters of credit	45.2	35,560,153	35,562,153	6,774,017	16,804,287	1,686,127	10,297,722	-	-
		87,656,165	87,658,165	7,223,621	19,353,364	8,382,956	29,797,137	12,158,877	10,742,210

Bank									
<i>In thousands of naira</i>									
31 December 2017	Note	Carrying value	Gross nominal value	0 - 30 days	31 - 90 days	91 - 180 days	181 - 365 days	Over 1 year but less than 5 years	Over 5 years
Financial guarantees	45.2	22,038,160	22,038,160	1,245,154	927,280	2,571,679	1,378,427	15,465,620	450,000
Contingent letters of credit	45.2	21,219,102	21,219,104	1,629,003	1,152,677	3,668,128	14,172,122	597,174	-
		43,257,262	43,257,264	2,874,157	2,079,957	6,239,807	15,550,549	16,062,794	450,000

The Bank expects that not all of the contingent liabilities or commitments will be drawn before expiry of the commitments

3.2.2 Credit concentrations

(a) Geographical sectors

The following table breaks down the Group's main credit exposure at their carrying amounts, as categorised by geographical region as of 31 December 2018 and 31 December 2017. For this table, the Group has allocated exposures to regions based on the region of domicile of the counterparties.

Group

In thousands of naira

31 December 2018	Cash and balances with Central Bank	Financial assets at FVTPL	Assets pledged as collateral	Loans to Banks	Loans & Advances to Customers	Investment securities	Derivative assets	Other assets	Total
In Nigeria:									
North East	-	-	-	-	494,484	-	-	-	494,484
North Central	-	-	-	-	11,173,326	-	-	-	11,173,326
North West	-	-	-	-	6,515,201	-	-	-	6,515,201
South East	-	-	-	-	32,353,286	-	-	-	32,353,286
South South	-	-	-	-	26,445,661	-	-	-	26,445,661
South West	302,374,354	10,673,463	114,594,619	-	490,915,000	154,704,336	388,755	29,008,864	1,102,659,391
Rest of West Africa	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Europe	-	-	4,434,849	37,943,747	-	-	-	-	42,378,596
Total	302,374,354	10,673,463	119,029,468	37,943,747	567,896,958	154,704,336	388,755	29,008,864	1,222,019,945

Bank

In thousands of naira

31 December 2018	Cash and balances with Central Bank	Financial assets at FVTPL	Assets pledged as collateral	Loans to Banks	Loans & Advances to Customers	Investment securities	Derivative assets	Other assets	Total
In Nigeria:									
North East	-	-	-	-	494,484	-	-	-	494,484
North Central	-	-	-	-	11,173,326	-	-	-	11,173,326
North West	-	-	-	-	6,515,201	-	-	-	6,515,201
South East	-	-	-	-	32,353,286	-	-	-	32,353,286
South South	-	-	-	-	26,445,661	-	-	-	26,445,661
South West	302,370,585	10,673,463	114,594,618	-	490,899,433	154,634,297	388,755	28,944,189	1,102,505,340
Rest of West Africa	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Europe	-	-	25,328,697	82,078,754	-	-	-	-	107,407,451
Total	302,370,585	10,673,463	139,923,315	82,078,754	567,881,391	154,634,297	388,755	28,944,189	1,286,894,749

Group

In thousands of naira

31 December 2017	Cash and balances with Central Bank	Financial assets at FVTPL	Assets pledged as collateral	Loans to Banks	Loans & Advances to Customers	Investment securities	Derivative assets	Other assets	Total
In Nigeria:									
North East	-	-	-	-	451,216	-	-	-	451,216
North Central	-	-	-	-	13,978,168	-	-	-	13,978,168
North West	-	-	-	-	6,587,267	-	-	-	6,587,267
South East	-	-	-	-	23,866,253	-	-	-	23,866,253
South South	-	-	-	-	24,221,249	-	-	-	24,221,249
South West	299,397,460	38,333,109	94,420,486	9,938,183	669,483,637	224,021,812	1,318,528	96,966,851	1,433,880,066
Rest of West Africa	-	-	-	-	3,814,461	-	-	-	3,814,461
Europe	-	-	1,067,781	25,217,318	13,100,911	-	-	-	39,386,010
Total	299,397,460	38,333,109	95,488,267	35,155,501	755,503,162	224,021,812	1,318,528	96,966,851	1,546,184,690

Bank

In thousands of naira

31 December 2017	Cash and balances with Central Bank	Financial assets at FVTPL	Assets pledged as collateral	Loans to Banks	Loans & Advances to Customers	Investment securities	Derivative assets	Other assets	Total
In Nigeria:									
North East	-	-	-	-	451,216	-	-	-	451,216
North Central	-	-	-	-	13,978,168	-	-	-	13,978,168
North West	-	-	-	-	6,587,267	-	-	-	6,587,267
South East	-	-	-	-	23,866,253	-	-	-	23,866,253
South South	-	-	-	-	24,221,249	-	-	-	24,221,249
South West	299,395,467	38,333,109	94,420,486	9,938,183	669,468,533	223,781,594	1,318,528	96,873,210	1,433,529,110
Rest of West Africa	-	-	-	-	3,814,461	-	-	-	3,814,461
Europe	-	-	21,937,406	67,672,547	13,100,911	-	-	-	102,710,864
Total	299,395,467	38,333,109	116,357,892	77,610,730	755,488,058	223,781,594	1,318,528	96,873,210	1,609,158,588

(b) Industry sectors

Group

In thousands of naira

31 December 2018	Cash and balances with Central Bank	Financial assets at FVTPL	Assets pledged as collateral	Loans to Banks	Loans & Advances to Customers	Investment securities	Derivative assets	Other assets	Total
Agriculture	-	-	-	-	9,828,539	-	-	-	9,828,539
Communication	-	-	-	-	5,594,269	-	-	-	5,594,269
Education	-	-	-	-	1,025,648	-	-	-	1,025,648
Finance and insurance	302,374,354	-	4,434,849	37,943,747	2,102,824	6,331,333	388,755	-	353,575,862
General commerce	-	-	-	-	122,225,657	-	-	-	122,225,657
Government	-	10,673,463	114,594,619	-	-	148,373,003	-	29,008,864	302,649,949
Manufacturing	-	-	-	-	85,280,062	-	-	-	85,280,062
Oil and gas	-	-	-	-	278,363,585	-	-	-	278,363,585
Power	-	-	-	-	30,217,237	-	-	-	30,217,237
Real estate and construction	-	-	-	-	25,897,832	-	-	-	25,897,832
Other	-	-	-	-	2,494,085	-	-	-	2,494,085
Transportation	-	-	-	-	4,867,220	-	-	-	4,867,220
Total	302,374,354	10,673,463	119,029,468	37,943,747	567,896,958	154,704,336	388,755	29,008,864	1,222,019,945

Bank

In thousands of naira

31 December 2018	Cash and balances with Central Bank	Financial assets at FVTPL	Assets pledged as collateral	Loans to Banks	Loans & Advances to Customers	Investment securities	Derivative assets	Other assets	Total
Agriculture	-	-	-	-	9,828,539	-	-	-	9,828,539
Communication	-	-	-	-	5,594,269	-	-	-	5,594,269
Education	-	-	-	-	1,025,648	-	-	-	1,025,648
Finance and insurance	302,370,585	-	25,328,697	82,078,754	2,087,257	6,331,333	388,755	-	418,585,381
General commerce	-	-	-	-	122,225,657	-	-	-	122,225,657
Government	-	10,673,463	114,594,618	-	-	148,302,964	-	28,944,189	302,515,234
Manufacturing	-	-	-	-	85,280,062	-	-	-	85,280,062
Oil and gas	-	-	-	-	278,363,585	-	-	-	278,363,585
Power	-	-	-	-	30,217,237	-	-	-	30,217,237
Real estate and construction	-	-	-	-	25,897,832	-	-	-	25,897,832
Other	-	-	-	-	2,494,085	-	-	-	2,494,085
Transportation	-	-	-	-	4,867,220	-	-	-	4,867,220
Total	302,370,585	10,673,463	139,923,315	82,078,754	567,881,391	154,634,297	388,755	28,944,189	1,286,894,749

Group

In thousands of naira

31 December 2017	Cash and balances with Central Bank	Financial assets at FVTPL	Assets pledged as collateral	Loans to Banks	Loans & Advances to Customers	Investment securities	Derivative assets	Other assets	Total
Agriculture	-	-	-	-	12,234,594	-	-	-	12,234,594
Communication	-	-	-	-	10,242,215	-	-	-	10,242,215
Education	-	-	-	-	1,354,389	-	-	-	1,354,389
Finance and insurance	299,397,460	-	1,067,781	35,155,501	4,256,153	7,781,506	1,318,528	27,652,176	376,629,105
General commerce	-	-	-	-	105,375,254	-	-	-	105,375,254
Government	-	38,333,109	94,420,486	-	-	216,240,306	-	69,314,675	418,308,576
Manufacturing	-	-	-	-	88,056,506	-	-	-	88,056,506
Oil and gas	-	-	-	-	396,117,391	-	-	-	396,117,391
Power	-	-	-	-	70,437,393	-	-	-	70,437,393
Real estate and construction	-	-	-	-	34,911,170	-	-	-	34,911,170
Other	-	-	-	-	26,847,391	-	-	-	26,847,391
Transportation	-	-	-	-	5,670,706	-	-	-	5,670,706
Total	299,397,460	38,333,109	95,488,267	35,155,501	755,503,162	224,021,812	1,318,528	96,966,851	1,546,184,690

Bank

In thousands of naira

31 December 2017	Cash and balances with Central Bank	Financial assets at FVTPL	Assets pledged as collateral	Loans to Banks	Loans & Advances to Customers	Investment securities	Derivative assets	Other assets	Total
Agriculture	-	-	-	-	12,234,594	-	-	-	12,234,594
Communication	-	-	-	-	10,242,215	-	-	-	10,242,215
Education	-	-	-	-	1,354,389	-	-	-	1,354,389
Finance and insurance	299,395,467	-	21,937,406	77,610,730	4,241,049	7,781,506	1,318,528	27,558,535	439,843,221
General commerce	-	-	-	-	105,375,254	-	-	-	105,375,254
Government	-	38,333,109	94,420,486	-	-	216,000,088	-	69,314,675	418,068,358
Manufacturing	-	-	-	-	88,056,506	-	-	-	88,056,506
Oil and gas	-	-	-	-	396,117,391	-	-	-	396,117,391
Power	-	-	-	-	70,437,393	-	-	-	70,437,393
Real estate and construction	-	-	-	-	34,911,170	-	-	-	34,911,170
Other	-	-	-	-	26,847,391	-	-	-	26,847,391
Transportation	-	-	-	-	5,670,706	-	-	-	5,670,706
Total	299,395,467	38,333,109	116,357,892	77,610,730	755,488,058	223,781,594	1,318,528	96,873,210	1,609,158,588

3.2.3 Collateral held and other credit enhancements, and their financial assets

The Group holds collateral and other credit enhancements against certain of its credit exposures. The table below sets out the principal types of collateral held against loans and advances to customers.

Group <i>In thousands of naira</i>	Loans and advances to customers	
	December 2018	December 2017
Stage 1	252,938,781	372,312,487
Stage 2	38,758,961	4,204,487
Stage 3	154,818,520	281,965,538
Total	446,516,262	658,482,512

Group <i>In thousands of naira</i>	Loans and advances to customers	
	December 2018	December 2017
Stage 1		
Property	236,446,375	240,515,871
Equity stake in specified assets	-	60,708,002
Equipment and machinery	13,895,085	28,596,531
Cash	1,395,446	16,712,941
Pledged goods/receivables	833,217	3,444,987
Others	368,658	22,334,155
	252,938,781	372,312,487

Stage 2		
Property	38,703,171	4,204,487
Equipment and machinery	42,614	-
Pledged goods/receivables	13,176	-
	38,758,961	4,204,487

Stage 3		
Property	143,480,237	77,318,957
Equity stake in specified assets	-	62,320,174
Equipment and machinery	5,373,614	140,632,502
Pledged goods/receivables	112,554	84,460
Others	5,852,115	1,609,445
	154,818,520	281,965,538

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Loans and advances to customers

The general creditworthiness of a corporate customer tends to be the most relevant indicator of credit quality of a loan extended to it. However, collateral provides additional security and the Group generally requests that corporate borrowers provide it. The Group may take collateral in the form of a first charge over real estate, floating charges over all corporate assets and other liens and guarantees.

The Group is focused on corporate customers' creditworthiness. However, the Group does not routinely update the valuation of collateral held against all loans to corporate customers. Valuation of collateral is updated when the credit risk of a loan deteriorates significantly and the loan is monitored more closely. For impaired loans, the Group obtains appraisals of collateral because the current value of the collateral is an input to the impairment measurement. At 31 December 2018, the gross and net carrying amount of impaired loans and advances to customers, and the value of identifiable collateral held against those loans and advances are shown below:

<i>In thousands of Naira</i>	31 December 2018	31 December 2017
Gross carrying amount	269,393,345	119,976,134
Net carrying amount	93,990,774	66,044,927
Identifiable collateral	93,990,774	66,044,927

Other types of collateral and credit enhancements

In addition to the collateral included in the tables above, the Group also holds other types of collateral and credit enhancements such as second charges and floating charges for which specific values are not generally available.

Assets obtained by taking possession of collateral

The Group's policy is to pursue timely realisation of the collateral in an orderly manner and dispose these assets as soon as possible in line with the legal framework surrounding the possession of collaterals. The Group does not generally use the non-cash collateral for its operations.

3.2.4 Amount arising from ECL

For inputs, assumptions arising and techniques used for estimating impairment see accounting policy in note 2.8

Corporate exposures	Retail exposures	All exposures
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Information obtained during periodic review of customer files – e.g. audited financial statements, management accounts, budgets and projections. Examples of areas of particular focus are: gross profit margins, financial leverage ratios, debt service coverage, compliance with covenants, quality of management, senior management changes – Data from credit reference agencies, press articles, changes in external credit ratings – Quoted bond and credit default swap (CDS) prices for the borrower where available – Actual and expected significant changes in the political, regulatory and technological environment of the borrower or in its business activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Internally collected data on customer behaviour – e.g. utilisation of credit card facilities – Affordability metrics – External data from credit reference agencies, including industry-standard credit scores 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Payment record – this includes overdue status as well as a range of variables about payment ratios – Utilisation of the granted limit – Requests for and granting of forbearance – Existing and forecast changes in business, financial and economic conditions

The Group allocates each exposure to a credit risk grade based on a variety of data that is determined to be predictive of the risk of default and applying experienced credit judgement. Credit risk grades are defined using qualitative and quantitative factors that are indicative of risk of default. These factors vary depending on the nature of the exposure and the type of borrower.

Credit risk grades are defined and calibrated such that the risk of default occurring increases exponentially as the credit risk deteriorates so, for example, the difference in risk of default between credit risk grades 1 and 2 is smaller than the difference between credit risk grades 2 and 3.

Each exposure is allocated to a credit risk grade at initial recognition based on available information about the borrower. Exposures are subject to ongoing monitoring, which may result in an exposure being moved to a different credit risk grade.

3.2.5 Generating the term structure of PD

Credit risk grades are a primary input into the determination of the term structure of PD for exposures. The Group collects performance and default information about its credit risk exposures analysed by jurisdiction or region and by type of product and borrower as well as by credit risk grading. For some portfolios, information purchased from external credit reference agencies is also used.

The Group employs statistical models to analyse the data collected and generate estimates of the remaining lifetime PD of exposures and how these are expected to change as a result of the passage of time.

This analysis includes the identification and calibration of relationships between changes in default rates and changes in key macro-economic factors as well as in-depth analysis of the impact of certain other factors (e.g. forbearance experience) on the risk of default. For most exposures, key macro-economic indicators include: GDP growth, benchmark interest rates and unemployment. For exposures to specific industries and/or regions, the analysis may extend to relevant commodity and/or real estate prices.

Based on advice from the Group Risk Management Committee and economic experts and consideration of a variety of external actual and forecast information, the Group formulates a 'base case' view of the future direction of relevant economic variables as well as a representative range of other possible forecast scenarios (see discussion below on incorporation of forward-looking information). The Group then uses these forecasts to adjust its estimates of PDs.

In determining the ECL for other assets, the Group applies the simplified model to estimate ECLs, adopting a provision matrix to determine the lifetime ECLs. The provision matrix estimates ECLs on the basis of historical default rates, adjusted for current and future economic conditions (expected changes in default rates) without undue cost and effort.

3.2.6 Significant increase in credit risk

The criteria for determining whether credit risk has increased significantly vary by portfolio and include quantitative changes in PDs and qualitative factors, including a backstop based on delinquency.

The credit risk of a particular exposure is deemed to have increased significantly since initial recognition if, based on the Group's quantitative modelling, the remaining lifetime PD is determined to have increased by more than a predetermined percentage/range.

Using its expert credit judgement and, where possible, relevant historical experience, the Group may determine that an exposure has undergone a significant increase in credit risk based on particular qualitative indicators that it considers are indicative of such and whose effect may not otherwise be fully reflected in its quantitative analysis on a timely basis.

As a backstop, the Group considers that a significant increase in credit risk occurs no later than when an asset is more than 30 days past due. Days past due are determined by counting the number of days since the earliest elapsed due date in respect of which full payment has not been received. Due dates are determined without considering any grace period that might be available to the borrower.

If there is evidence that there is no longer a significant increase in credit risk relative to initial recognition, then the loss allowance on an instrument returns to being measured as 12-month ECL. Some qualitative indicators of an increase in credit risk, such as delinquency or forbearance, may be indicative of an increased risk of default that persists after the indicator itself has ceased to exist. In these cases, the Group determines a probation period during which the financial asset is required to demonstrate good behaviour to provide evidence that its credit risk has declined sufficiently. When contractual terms of a loan have been modified, evidence that the criteria for recognising lifetime ECL are no longer met includes a history of up-to-date payment performance against the modified contractual terms.

The Group monitors the effectiveness of the criteria used to identify significant increases in credit risk by regular reviews to confirm that:

- the criteria are capable of identifying significant increases in credit risk before an exposure is in default;
- the criteria do not align with the point in time when an asset becomes 30 days past due; and
- there is no unwarranted volatility in loss allowance from transfers between 12-month PD (stage 1) and lifetime PD (stage 2).

The contractual terms of a loan may be modified for a number of reasons, including changing market conditions, customer retention and other factors not related to a current or potential credit deterioration of the customer. An existing loan whose terms have been modified may be derecognised and the renegotiated loan recognised as a new loan at fair value in accordance with the accounting policy set out in the accounting policy.

When the terms of a financial asset are modified and the modification does not result in derecognition, the determination of whether the asset's credit risk has increased significantly reflects comparison of:

- its remaining lifetime PD at the reporting date based on the modified terms; with
- the remaining lifetime PD estimated based on data at initial recognition and the original contractual terms.

The Group renegotiates loans to customers in financial difficulties (referred to as 'forbearance activities') to maximise collection opportunities and minimise the risk of default. Under the Group's forbearance policy, loan forbearance is granted on a selective basis if the debtor is currently in default on its debt or if there is a high risk of default, there is evidence that the debtor made all reasonable efforts to pay under the original contractual terms and the debtor is expected to be able to meet the revised terms.

The revised terms usually include extending the maturity, changing the timing of interest payments and amending the terms of loan covenants. Both retail and corporate loans are subject to the forbearance policy. The Group Audit Committee regularly reviews reports on forbearance activities

For financial assets modified as part of the Group's forbearance policy, the estimate of PD reflects whether the modification has improved or restored the Group's ability to collect interest and principal and the Group's previous experience of similar forbearance action. As part of this process, the Group evaluates the borrower's payment performance against the modified contractual terms and considers various behavioural indicators

Generally, forbearance is a qualitative indicator of a significant increase in credit risk and an expectation of forbearance may constitute evidence that an exposure is credit-impaired/in default. A customer needs to demonstrate consistently good payment behaviour over a period of time before the exposure is no longer considered to be credit-impaired/in default or the PD is considered to have decreased such that the loss allowance reverts to being measured at an amount equal to 12-month ECL.

3.2.7 Definition of default

The Group considers a financial asset to be in default when:

- the borrower is unlikely to pay its credit obligations to the Group in full, without recourse by the Group to actions such as realising security (if any is held); or

- the borrower is past due more than 90 days on any material credit obligation to the Group. Overdrafts are considered as being past due once the customer has breached an advised limit or been advised of a limit smaller than the current amount outstanding. In assessing whether a borrower is in default, the Group considers indicators that are:
- qualitative - e.g. breaches of covenant;
- quantitative - e.g. overdue status and non-payment on another obligation of the same issuer to the Group; and
- based on data developed internally and obtained from external sources.

Inputs into the assessment of whether a financial instrument is in default and their significance may vary over time to reflect changes in circumstances.

The definition of default largely aligns with that applied by the Group for regulatory capital purposes, except where there is regulatory waiver on specifically identified loans and advances.

3.2.8 Incorporating forward-looking information

The Group incorporates forward-looking information into both its assessment of whether the credit risk of an instrument has increased significantly since its initial recognition and its measurement of ECL. Based on advice from the Group Risk Management Committee and economic experts and consideration of a variety of external actual and forecast information, the Group formulates a 'base case' view of the future direction of relevant economic variables as well as a representative range of other possible forecast scenarios. This process involves developing two or more additional economic scenarios and considering the relative probabilities of each outcome. External information includes economic data and forecasts published by governmental bodies and monetary authorities in the countries where the Group operates, supranational organisations such as the OECD and the International Monetary Fund, and selected private-sector and academic forecasters.

The base case represents a most-likely outcome and is aligned with information used by the Group for other purposes such as strategic planning and budgeting. The other scenarios represent more optimistic and more pessimistic outcomes. Periodically, the Group carries out stress testing of more extreme shocks to calibrate its determination of these other representative scenarios.

The Group has identified and documented key drivers of credit risk and credit losses for each portfolio of financial instruments and, using an analysis of historical data, has estimated relationships between macro-economic variables and credit risk and credit losses. The key drivers for credit risk are: oil prices, USD exchange rate - Inter-bank rate and GDP growth.

Predicted relationships between the key indicators and default and loss rates on various portfolios of financial assets have been developed based on analysing historical data over the past 5 years.

These parameters are generally derived from internally developed statistical models and other historical data. They are adjusted to reflect forward-looking information as described above.

3.2.9 Measurement of ECL

The key inputs into the measurement of ECL are the term structure of the following variables:

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

ECL for exposures in stage 1 (12-months ECL) is calculated by multiplying the 12-months PD by LGD and EAD. Lifetime ECL is calculated by multiplying the lifetime PD by LGD and EAD.

These parameters are generally derived from internally developed statistical models and other historical data and they are adjusted to reflect forward-looking information as described above.

PD is an estimate of the likelihood of default over a given time horizon, which are calculated based on statistical rating models, and assessed using rating tools tailored to the various categories of counterparties and exposures. These statistical models are based on internally compiled data comprising both quantitative and qualitative factors. Where it is available, market data may also be used to derive the PD for large corporate counterparties. If a counterparty or exposure migrates between rating classes, then this will lead to a change in the estimate of the associated PD. PDs are estimated considering the contractual maturities of exposures and estimated prepayment rates. The methodology of estimating PD is discussed in note 3.2.5

LGD is the magnitude of the likely loss if there is a default. The Group estimates LGD parameters based on the history of recovery rates of claims against defaulted counterparties. The LGD models consider the structure, collateral, seniority of the claim, counterparty industry and recovery costs of any collateral that is integral to the financial asset. LGD estimates are recalibrated for different economic scenarios and, for lending, to reflect possible changes in the economies. They are calculated on a discounted cash flow basis using the effective interest rate as the discount.

EAD represents the expected exposure in the event of a default. The Group derives the EAD from the current exposure to the counterparty and potential changes to the current amount allowed under the contract including amortisation. The EAD of a financial asset is its gross carrying amount at the time of default. For lending commitments, the EAD includes the amount drawn, as well as potential future amounts that may be drawn under the contract, which are estimated based on historical observations and forward-looking forecasts. For financial guarantees, the EAD represents the amount of the guaranteed exposure when the financial guarantee becomes payable. For some financial assets, EAD is determined by modelling the range of possible exposure outcomes at various points in time using scenario and statistical techniques.

As described above, and subject to using a maximum of a 12-month PD for financial assets for which credit risk has not significantly increased, the Group measures ECL considering the risk of default over the maximum contractual period (including any borrower's extension options) over which it is exposed to credit risk, even if, for risk management purposes, the Group considers a longer period. The maximum contractual period extends to the date at which the Group has the right to require repayment of an advance or terminate a loan commitment or guarantee.

However, for overdrafts and revolving facilities that include both a loan and an undrawn commitment component, the Group measures ECL over a period longer than the maximum contractual period if the Group's contractual ability to demand repayment and cancel the undrawn commitment does not limit the Group's exposure to credit losses to the contractual notice period. These facilities do not have a fixed term or repayment structure and are managed on a collective basis. The Group can cancel them with immediate effect but this contractual right is not enforced in the normal day-to-day management, but only when the Group becomes aware of an increase in credit risk at the facility level. This longer period is estimated taking into account the credit risk management actions that the Group expects to take and that serve to mitigate ECL. These include a reduction in limits, cancellation of the facility and/or turning the outstanding balance into a loan with fixed repayment terms.

Where modelling of a parameter is carried out on a collective basis, the financial instruments are grouped on the basis of shared risk characteristics that include:

- instrument type
- credit risk gradings
- collateral type
- Past due information
- date of initial recognition
- remaining term to maturity
- industry
- geographic location of the borrower

The groupings are subject to regular review to ensure that exposures within a particular group remain appropriately homogeneous.

3.2.10 Loss allowance

Measurement basis under IFRS 9

The following tables show reconciliations from the opening to the closing balance of the loss allowance by class of financial instrument. Comparative amounts for 2017 represent allowance account for credit losses and reflect measurement basis under IAS 39.

Group	31 December 2018				31 December 2017		
	12 - month ECL	Lifetime ECL not-credit-impaired	Lifetime ECL credit-impaired	Total	Specific allowance	Collective allowance	Total
<i>In thousands of Naira</i>							
Loans to banks							
Balance as at 1 January	116,178	-	-	116,178	-	-	-
Net measurement of loss allowances (see note 9)	(112,987)	-	-	(112,987)	-	-	-
Foreign exchange and other movements	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Closing balance	3,191	-	-	3,191	-	-	-
Gross amount	37,946,938	-	-	37,946,938	-	-	-
<i>In thousands of Naira</i>							
Cash and balances with central banks							
Balance as at 1 January	1,114	-	-	1,114	-	-	-
Net measurement of loss allowances (see note 9)	(763)	-	-	(763)	-	-	-
Write-offs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Closing balance	351	-	-	351	-	-	-
Gross amount	53,904,751	-	-	53,904,751	-	-	-

<i>In thousands of Naira</i>	31 December 2018				31 December 2017		
	12 - month ECL	Lifetime ECL not-credit-impaired	Lifetime ECL credit-impaired	Total	Specific allowance	Collective allowance	Total
Assets pledged as collateral at amortised cost							
Balance as at 1 January	45,662	-	-	45,662	-	-	-
Net measurement of loss allowances (see note 9)	398	-	-	398	-	-	-
Write-offs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Closing balance	46,060	-	-	46,060	-	-	-
Gross amount	119,075,528	-	-	119,075,528	-	-	-

<i>In thousands of Naira</i>	31 December 2018				31 December 2017		
	12 - month ECL	Lifetime ECL not-credit-impaired	Lifetime ECL credit-impaired	Total	Specific allowance	Collective allowance	Total
Loans and advances to customers at amortised cost							
Balance as at 1 January	72,543,448	10,158,917	162,627,758	245,330,123	41,719,089	15,745,862	57,464,951
Net measurement of loss allowances (see note 9)	(49,698,098)	11,498,774	57,368,301	19,168,977	59,469,325	(2,072,244)	57,397,081
Write-offs	-	-	(44,593,488)	(44,593,488)	(50,227,540)	-	(50,227,540)
Transfer to collective impairment	-	-	-	-	8,402,937	(8,402,937)	-
Disposal of subsidiary	-	-	-	-	(5,990,017)	(437,988)	(6,428,005)
Foreign exchange and other movements	-	-	-	-	557,413	100,433	657,846
Closing balance	22,845,350	21,657,691	175,402,571	219,905,612	53,931,207	4,933,126	58,864,333
Gross amount	380,338,283	138,070,942	269,393,345	787,802,570	119,976,134	694,391,361	814,367,495

<i>In thousands of Naira</i>	31 December 2018				31 December 2017		
	12 - month ECL	Lifetime ECL not-credit-impaired	Lifetime ECL credit-impaired	Total	Specific allowance	Collective allowance	Total
Investment securities at amortised cost							
Balance as at 1 January	54,113	-	-	54,113	-	-	-
Net measurement of loss allowances (see note 9)	13,191	-	-	13,191	-	-	-
Foreign exchange and other movements	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Closing balance	67,304	-	-	67,304	-	-	-
Gross amount	115,686,479	-	-	115,686,479	-	-	-

<i>In thousands of Naira</i>	31 December 2018				31 December 2017		
	12 - month ECL	Lifetime ECL not-credit-impaired	Lifetime ECL credit-impaired	Total	Specific allowance	Collective allowance	Total
Investment securities at FVOCI							
Balance as at 1 January	35,024	-	-	35,024	-	-	-
Net measurement of loss allowances (see note 9)	(29,709)	-	-	(29,709)	-	-	-
Foreign exchange and other movements	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Closing balance	5,315	-	-	5,315	-	-	-
Gross amount	33,413,625	-	-	33,413,625	-	-	-

<i>In thousands of Naira</i>	31 December 2018				31 December 2017		
	12 - month ECL	Lifetime ECL not-credit-impaired	Lifetime ECL credit-impaired	Total	Specific allowance	Collective allowance	Total
Other financial assets							
Balance as at 1 January	4,513,545	-	-	4,513,545	2,812,110	-	2,812,110
Net measurement of loss allowances (see note 9)	5,669,798	-	-	5,669,798	2,415,657	-	2,415,657
Write-offs	(3,367,591)	-	-	(3,367,591)	(2,199,018)	-	(2,199,018)
Foreign exchange and other movements	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Closing balance	6,815,752	-	-	6,815,752	3,028,749	-	3,028,749
Gross amount	27,785,342	-	-	27,785,342	91,131,931	-	91,131,931

<i>In thousands of Naira</i>	31 December 2018				31 December 2017		
	12 - month ECL	Lifetime ECL not-credit-impaired	Lifetime ECL credit-impaired	Total	Specific allowance	Collective allowance	Total
Off-balance sheet exposure							
Balance as at 1 January	1,910,558	-	-	1,910,558	-	-	-
Net measurement of loss allowances (see note 9)	8,113	-	-	8,113	-	-	-
Write-offs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Closing balance	1,918,671	-	-	1,918,671	-	-	-
Gross amount	87,656,165	-	-	87,656,165	-	-	-

<i>In thousands of Naira</i>	31 December 2018				31 December 2017		
	12 - month ECL	Lifetime ECL not-credit-impaired	Lifetime ECL credit-impaired	Total	Specific allowance	Collective allowance	Total
Bank							
Loans to banks							
Balance as at 1 January	553,489	-	-	553,489	-	-	-
Net measurement of loss allowances (see note 9)	(546,090)	-	-	(546,090)	-	-	-
Foreign exchange and other movements	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Closing balance	7,399	-	-	7,399	-	-	-
Gross amount	82,086,153	-	-	82,086,153	-	-	-

<i>In thousands of Naira</i>	31 December 2018				31 December 2017		
	12 - month ECL	Lifetime ECL not-credit-impaired	Lifetime ECL credit-impaired	Total	Specific allowance	Collective allowance	Total
Cash and balances with central banks							
Balance as at 1 January	1,114	-	-	1,114	-	-	-
Net measurement of loss allowances (see note 9)	(763)	-	-	(763)	-	-	-
Write-offs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Closing balance	351	-	-	351	-	-	-
Gross amount	53,900,982	-	-	53,900,982	-	-	-

<i>In thousands of Naira</i>	31 December 2018				31 December 2017		
	12 - month ECL	Lifetime ECL not-credit-impaired	Lifetime ECL credit-impaired	Total	Specific allowance	Collective allowance	Total
Assets pledged as collateral at amortised cost							
Balance as at 1 January	318,099	-	-	318,099	-	-	-
Net measurement of loss allowances (see note 9)	(196,747)	-	-	(196,747)	-	-	-
Write-offs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Closing balance	121,352	-	-	121,352	-	-	-
Gross amount	140,044,667	-	-	140,044,667	-	-	-

<i>In thousands of Naira</i>	31 December 2018				31 December 2017		
	12 - month ECL	Lifetime ECL not-credit-impaired	Lifetime ECL credit-impaired	Total	Specific allowance	Collective allowance	Total
Loans and advances to customers at amortised cost							
Balance as at 1 January	72,542,876	10,158,917	162,627,758	245,329,551	36,286,485	15,408,310	51,694,795
Net measurement of loss allowances (see note 9)	(49,698,195)	11,498,774	57,368,301	19,168,880	59,469,325	(2,072,244)	57,397,081
Write-offs	-	-	(44,593,488)	(44,593,488)	(50,227,540)	-	(50,227,540)
Transfer to collective impairment	-	-	-	-	8,402,937	(8,402,937)	-
Closing balance	22,844,681	21,657,691	175,402,571	219,904,943	53,931,207	4,933,129	58,864,336
Gross amount	380,322,047	138,070,942	269,393,345	787,786,334	119,976,134	694,376,257	814,352,391

<i>In thousands of Naira</i>	31 December 2018				31 December 2017		
	12 - month ECL	Lifetime ECL not-credit-impaired	Lifetime ECL credit-impaired	Total	Specific allowance	Collective allowance	Total
Investment securities at amortised cost							
Balance as at 1 January	54,113	-	-	54,113	-	-	-
Net measurement of loss allowances (see note 9)	13,191	-	-	13,191	-	-	-
Foreign exchange and other movements	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Closing balance	67,304	-	-	67,304	-	-	-
Gross amount	115,616,431	-	-	115,616,431	-	-	-

<i>In thousands of Naira</i>	31 December 2018				31 December 2017		
	12 - month ECL	Lifetime ECL not-credit-impaired	Lifetime ECL credit-impaired	Total	Specific allowance	Collective allowance	Total
Investment securities at FVOCI							
Balance as at 1 January	35,024	-	-	35,024	-	-	-
Net measurement of loss allowances (see note 9)	(29,709)	-	-	(29,709)	-	-	-
Foreign exchange and other movements	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Closing balance	5,315	-	-	5,315	-	-	-
Gross amount	33,408,310	-	-	33,408,310	-	-	-

<i>In thousands of Naira</i>	31 December 2018				31 December 2017		
	12 - month ECL	Lifetime ECL not-credit-impaired	Lifetime ECL credit-impaired	Total	Specific allowance	Collective allowance	Total
Other financial assets							
Balance as at 1 January	4,509,975	-	-	4,509,975	2,778,193	-	2,778,193
Net measurement of loss allowances (see note 9)	5,670,088	-	-	5,670,088	2,415,657	-	2,415,657
Write-offs	(3,367,591)	-	-	(3,367,591)	(2,167,634)	-	(2,167,634)
Foreign exchange and other movements	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Closing balance	6,812,472	-	-	6,812,472	3,026,216	-	3,026,216
Gross amount	27,729,397	-	-	27,729,397	91,047,606	-	91,047,606

<i>In thousands of Naira</i>	31 December 2018				31 December 2017		
	12 - month ECL	Lifetime ECL not-credit-impaired	Lifetime ECL credit-impaired	Total	Specific allowance	Collective allowance	Total
Off-balance sheet exposure							
Balance as at 1 January	1,910,558	-	-	1,910,558	-	-	-
Net measurement of loss allowances (see note 9)	8,113	-	-	8,113	-	-	-
Write-offs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Closing balance	1,918,671	-	-	1,918,671	-	-	-
Gross amount	87,656,165	-	-	87,656,165	-	-	-

Summary of loss allowance by class of financial instruments also showing the ECL coverage ratio

Group	Gross Carrying Amount				ECL Provision				ECL Coverage Ratio				
	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Total	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Stage 3	Stage 1 %	Stage 2 %	Stage 3 %	Stage 3 %	
Financial statements items <i>In thousands of Naira</i>													
On-balance sheet items													
Cash and balances with central banks	53,904,751	-	-	53,904,751	351	-	-	351	0.00	-	-	-	0.00
Assets pledged as collateral	119,075,528	-	-	119,075,528	46,060	-	-	46,060	0.04	-	-	-	0.04
Loans to banks	37,946,938	-	-	37,946,938	3,191	-	-	3,191	0.01	-	-	-	0.01
Loans and advances to customers at amortised costs	380,338,283	138,070,942	269,393,345	787,802,570	22,845,350	21,657,691	175,402,571	219,905,612	6.01	15.69	65.11	86.81	
Debt investment securities at amortised cost	115,686,479	-	-	115,686,479	67,304	-	-	67,304	0.06	-	-	-	0.06
Debt investment securities at FVOCI	33,413,625	-	-	33,413,625	5,315	-	-	5,315	0.02	-	-	-	0.02
Other financial assets measured at amortised cost	27,785,342	-	-	27,785,342	6,815,752	-	-	6,815,752	24.53	-	-	-	24.53
	714,246,195	138,070,942	269,393,345	1,121,710,482	29,782,972	21,657,691	175,402,571	226,843,234	30.67	15.69	65.11	111.47	
Off balance sheet items													
Loans and other credit related commitments													
Letters of credit	35,560,153	-	-	35,560,153	3,999,416	-	-	3,999,416	11.25	-	-	-	11.25
Financial guarantee and similar contracts													
Financial guarantees	52,096,012	-	-	52,096,012	87,707	-	-	87,707	0.17	-	-	-	0.17
	87,656,165	-	-	87,656,165	4,087,123	-	-	4,087,123	11.42	-	-	-	11.42
Total	801,902,360	138,070,942	269,393,345	1,209,366,647	33,870,095	21,657,691	175,402,571	230,930,357	42.09	15.69	65.11	122.89	
Bank													
Financial statements items <i>In thousands of Naira</i>													
On-balance sheet items													
Cash and balances with central banks	53,900,982	-	-	53,900,982	351	-	-	351	0.00	-	-	-	0.00
Assets pledged as collateral	140,044,667	-	-	140,044,667	121,352	-	-	121,352	0.09	-	-	-	0.09
Loans to banks	82,086,153	-	-	82,086,153	7,399	-	-	7,399	0.01	-	-	-	0.01
Loans and advances to customers at amortised costs	380,322,047	138,070,942	269,393,345	787,786,334	22,844,681	21,657,691	175,402,571	219,904,943	6.01	15.69	65.11	86.81	
Debt investment securities at amortised cost	115,616,431	-	-	115,616,431	67,304	-	-	67,304	0.06	-	-	-	0.06
Debt investment securities at FVOCI	33,408,310	-	-	33,408,310	5,315	-	-	5,315	0.02	-	-	-	0.02
Other financial assets measured at amortised cost	27,729,397	-	-	27,729,397	6,812,472	-	-	6,812,472	24.57	-	-	-	24.57
	779,207,005	138,070,942	269,393,345	1,186,671,292	29,858,523	21,657,691	175,402,571	226,918,785	30.76	15.69	65.11	111.56	
Off balance sheet items													
Loans and other credit related commitments													
Letters of credit Usance	35,560,153	-	-	35,560,153	3,999,416	-	-	3,999,416	11.25	-	-	-	11.25
Financial guarantee and similar contracts													
Financial guarantees	52,096,012	-	-	52,096,012	87,707	-	-	87,707	0.17	-	-	-	0.17
	87,656,165	-	-	87,656,165	4,087,123	-	-	4,087,123	11.42	-	-	-	11.42
Total	866,863,170	138,070,942	269,393,345	1,274,327,457	33,945,646	21,657,691	175,402,571	231,005,908	42.18	15.69	65.11	122.98	

3.3 Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Group is unable to meet its payment obligations associated with its financial liabilities when they fall due and to replace funds when they are withdrawn. The consequence may be the failure to meet obligations to repay depositors and fulfill commitments to lend.

Liquidity risk management process

The Group's liquidity management process is primarily the responsibility of the Assets and Liabilities Committee (ALCO). Treasury is the executory arm of ALCO and its functions include:

- Day-to-day funding, managed by monitoring future cash flows to ensure that requirements can be met. This includes replenishment of funds as they mature or are borrowed by customers. The Group maintains an active presence in money markets to enable this to happen;
- Maintaining a portfolio of highly marketable assets that can easily be liquidated as protection against any unforeseen interruption to cash flows
- Monitoring balance sheet liquidity ratios against internal and regulatory requirements (in conjunction with financial control unit); and
- Managing the concentration and profile of debt maturities.

Funding approach

Sources of liquidity are regularly reviewed by Treasury to maintain a wide diversification by currency, geography, provider, product and term.

3.3.1 Management of liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the potential for loss to the Bank arising from either its inability to meet its obligations or to fund increases in assets as they fall due without incurring unacceptable cost or losses. Liquidity risk arises when the cushion provided by liquid assets is not sufficient to meet outstanding obligations. The Bank has liquidity and funding risk management process that ensures that all foreseeable funding commitments can be met when due and that access to wholesale market is coordinated and cost effective. Treasury Group manages liquidity on a daily basis while ALCO tracks and reviews the liquidity situation every 2 weeks.

- Ensure that an adequate liquidity cushion is maintained to meet all maturing obligations on an on-going basis.
- Control the Bank's dependence on high cost of funds by building an effective contingency funding plan.
- Set and comply with liquidity risk limits.
- Monitor the gap profile structure and the funding sources.
- Ensure a sufficient liquidity reserve of unencumbered liquid assets and the efficient usage of it.
- Ensure availability of timely information for liquidity management decisions.
- Ensure compliance with regulatory liquidity management and reporting requirements.

Liquidity Risk management processes

The Bank has methodology and procedures for the identification, assessment, measurement, monitoring, controlling and reporting of liquidity risks within the Bank. Diamond Bank adopts both qualitative and quantitative approaches to identify and measure liquidity risk, which include: Funding and liquidity plan

Diamond bank developed and maintains a comprehensive, up-to-date, liquidity contingency plan. The contingency plan includes early warning indicators of potential funding problems, specific action plans to prepare for and manage funding problems, and appropriate monitoring provisions to ensure that prudent levels of contingent or standby liquidity are available at all times.

Ratio analysis (Indicators)

The bank uses liquidity ratios to indicate its ability to meet short term obligations with liquid assets, reveal mismatches between tenured funding sources and uses, review the ability of the Bank to fund loans through customer deposits and allow management to monitor changes in liquidity.

Liquidity Gap analysis

Liquidity gap analysis is used to monitor the current liquidity position of the Bank. It quantifies the cumulative gap in the Bank's business- as-usual environment. The gap for any given tenor bucket represents the borrowings from or placements to the markets required to replace maturing liabilities or assets. The underlying assumptions are documented and used consistently.

Concentration in sources and application of funds

The Bank monitors concentration in the sources and application of funds to ensure that the funding bases are stable and diversified. A well diversified funding base makes the Bank less vulnerable to adverse changes in the perception of a group of depositors/investors, whose actions or inactions could significantly affect the Bank.

Liquidity Ratios

Liquidity ratios are used to monitor changes in the Bank's liquidity in business environment. The ratios are designed to indicate the Bank's ability to meet short-term obligations with liquid assets.

Liquidity risk monitoring

Trigger points in the form of targets and limits on liquidity positions are monitored and deviations from "normal" ranges of operation reported to management. Trigger points and early warning indicators are based on industry standards. The Bank's liquidity management policies and procedures highlight and escalate exceptions promptly.

Liquidity Risk Reporting

Liquidity risks are communicated to the applicable business units, senior management and the Board. The Market Risk Group maintains an independent liquidity risk reporting which effectively and consistently communicate liquidity risk information to ALCO for appropriate decision making.

Exposure to liquidity risk

The key measure used by the Group for managing liquidity risk is the ratio of net liquid assets to deposits from customers. For this purpose, net liquid assets are considered as including cash and cash equivalents and investment grade debt securities for which there is an active and liquid market less any deposits from banks, debt securities issued, other borrowings and commitments maturing within the next month. A similar calculation is used to measure the Group's compliance with the liquidity limit established by the Bank's lead regulator (The Central Bank of Nigeria).

Details of the reported Bank ratio of net liquid assets to deposits from customers at the reporting date and during the reporting period were as follows;

Group

	2018	2017
At the end of the year	33.75%	31.27%
Average for the year	36.88%	41.47%
Maximum for the year	41.98%	51.27%
Minimum for the year	33.75%	31.27%

Bank

	2018	2017
At the end of the year	31.30%	44.36%
Average for the year	39.22%	38.64%
Maximum for the year	43.49%	47.70%
Minimum for the year	31.28%	30.08%

3.3.2 Maturity analysis

(a) Contractual maturity of financial assets and liabilities

The table below summarizes the maturity profile of the undiscounted cash flows of the Group's financial assets and liabilities into relevant time bands, groupings based on the remaining period to the contractual maturity as at the reporting date. The table includes both principal and interest cash flows. Contractual maturities do not necessarily reflect actual repayments or cash flow

Group									
<i>In thousands of naira</i>									
31 December 2018	Note	Carrying value	Gross nominal value	0 - 30 days	31 - 90 days	91 - 180 days	181 - 365 days	Over 1 year but less than 5 years	Over 5 years
<i>Financial assets by type</i>									
<i>Non derivative assets</i>									
Cash and balances with central banks	18	302,374,354	302,374,706	285,167,772	13,754,163	1,633,744	778,804	1,040,223	-
Financial assets FVTPL	19	10,673,463	11,386,437	1,037,485	1,699,592	1,092,974	7,556,386	-	-
Assets pledged as collateral	21	119,029,468	165,880,386	12,758,037	10,320,248	4,711,233	15,018,564	60,220,963	62,851,341
Loans to banks	22	37,943,747	38,535,868	38,535,868	-	-	-	-	-
Loans and advances to customers	23	567,896,958	757,905,260	127,020,582	54,605,203	60,583,505	87,602,458	177,977,147	250,116,365
Investments securities	24(a)	154,704,336	211,862,204	37,765,832	27,160,517	890,362	67,341,177	32,953,415	45,750,901
Other assets (less prepayments)	31	20,969,590	20,969,590	20,969,590	-	-	-	-	-
Total non derivative assets		1,213,591,916	1,508,914,451	523,255,166	107,539,723	68,911,818	178,297,389	272,191,748	358,718,607
Derivative assets	20	388,755	388,755	-	-	-	388,755	-	-
Total financial assets		1,213,980,671	1,509,303,206	523,255,166	107,539,723	68,911,818	178,686,144	272,191,748	358,718,607
<i>Financial liabilities by type</i>									
<i>Non derivative liabilities</i>									
Deposits from banks	32	48,765,050	49,076,248	32,570,419	16,505,829	-	-	-	-
Deposits from customers	33	1,043,976,729	1,053,347,714	908,826,207	87,309,868	25,658,428	27,396,939	4,156,272	-
Borrowings	36	121,876,210	124,151,844	3,151,273	8,410,362	80,716,521	3,523,626	683,873	27,666,189
Other liabilities	35	40,440,518	40,440,518	40,440,518	-	-	-	-	-
Long term debt	37	55,001,552	68,059,202	-	1,576,163	38,152,807	3,203,134	25,127,098	-
Total non derivative liabilities		1,310,060,059	1,335,075,526	984,988,417	113,802,222	144,527,756	34,123,699	29,967,243	27,666,189
Derivative liabilities	34	6,375	6,375	-	-	-	6,375	-	-
Total financial liabilities		1,310,066,434	1,335,081,901	984,988,417	113,802,222	144,527,756	34,130,074	29,967,243	27,666,189
Liquidity gap		(96,085,763)	174,221,305	(461,733,251)	(6,262,499)	(75,615,938)	144,556,070	242,224,505	331,052,418
Cumulative liquidity gap				(461,733,251)	(467,995,750)	(543,611,688)	(399,055,618)	(156,831,113)	174,221,305

Group

In thousands of naira

31 December 2017	Note	Carrying value	Gross nominal value	0 - 30 days	31 - 90 days	91 - 180 days	181 - 365 days	Over 1 year but less than 5 years	Over 5 years
Financial assets by type									
<i>Non derivative assets</i>									
Cash and balances with central banks	18	299,397,460	299,807,964	147,205,120	55,392,216	8,632,437	1,031,903	918,694	86,627,594
Financial assets at FVTPL	19	38,333,109	40,975,080	1,744,729	14,306,649	12,927,025	10,740,154	1,256,523	-
Assets pledged as collateral	21	95,488,267	147,822,495	9,982,938	15,916,785	15,654,200	3,967,588	49,260,888	53,040,096
Loans to banks	22	35,155,501	37,013,673	35,337,175	1,676,498	-	-	-	-
Loans and advances to customers	23	755,503,162	1,063,172,132	106,061,975	90,142,448	58,754,153	106,083,607	348,283,020	353,846,929
Investments securities	24(a)	224,021,812	265,275,976	22,663,662	26,695,212	84,464,604	75,052,533	24,156,443	32,243,522
Other assets (less prepayments)	31	88,103,182	88,103,182	25,785,908	8,787,979	53,529,295	-	-	-
Total non derivative assets		1,536,002,493	1,942,170,502	348,781,507	212,917,787	233,961,714	196,875,785	423,875,568	525,758,141
Derivative assets	20	1,318,528	1,318,528	281,968	154,917	875,314	6,329	-	-
Total financial assets		1,537,321,021	1,943,489,030	349,063,475	213,072,704	234,837,028	196,882,114	423,875,568	525,758,141
Financial liabilities by type									
<i>Non derivative liabilities</i>									
Deposits from banks	32	10,958,909	11,929,712	11,929,712	-	-	-	-	-
Deposits from customers	33	1,161,594,129	1,168,703,305	983,994,024	148,990,620	22,404,979	9,878,800	3,411,831	23,051
Borrowings	36	161,297,212	172,138,190	1,858,786	12,088,133	59,144,432	3,199,045	71,068,311	24,779,483
Other liabilities	35	44,460,729	44,460,729	44,460,729	-	-	-	-	-
Long term debt	37	161,297,212	84,754,152	-	1,086,113	742,433	2,876,974	80,048,632	-
Total non derivative liabilities		1,539,608,191	1,481,986,088	1,042,243,252	162,164,866	82,291,844	15,954,819	154,528,774	24,802,534
Derivative liabilities	34	740,724	740,724	254,776	153,825	-	283,328	48,795	-
Total financial liabilities		1,540,348,915	1,482,726,812	1,042,498,028	162,318,691	82,291,844	16,238,147	154,577,569	24,802,534
Liquidity gap		(3,027,894)	460,762,217	(693,434,553)	50,754,013	152,545,184	180,643,967	269,297,999	500,955,607
Cumulative liquidity gap				(693,434,553)	(642,680,540)	(490,135,356)	(309,491,389)	(40,193,390)	460,762,217

Bank

In thousands of naira

31 December 2018	Note	Carrying value	Gross nominal value	0 - 30 days	31 - 90 days	91 - 180 days	181 - 365 days	Over 1 year but less than 5 years	Over 5 years
Financial assets by type									
<i>Non derivative assets</i>									
Cash and balances with central banks	18	302,370,585	302,370,937	285,164,003	13,754,163	1,633,744	778,804	1,040,223	-
Financial assets at FVTPL	19	10,673,463	11,386,437	1,037,485	1,699,592	1,092,974	7,556,386	-	-
Assets pledged as collateral	21	139,923,315	186,774,233	33,651,884	10,320,248	4,711,233	15,018,564	60,220,963	62,851,341
Loans to banks	22	82,078,754	82,670,875	82,670,875	-	-	-	-	-
Loans and advances to customers	23	567,881,391	757,889,694	127,005,016	54,605,203	60,583,505	87,602,458	177,977,147	250,116,365
Investments securities	24(a)	154,634,297	211,792,165	37,695,793	27,160,517	890,362	67,341,177	32,953,415	45,750,901
Other assets (less prepayments)	31	20,916,925	20,916,925	20,916,925	-	-	-	-	-
Total non derivative assets		1,278,478,730	1,573,801,266	588,141,981	107,539,723	68,911,818	178,297,389	272,191,748	358,718,607
Derivative assets	20	388,755	388,755	-	-	-	388,755	-	-
Total financial assets		1,278,867,485	1,574,190,021	588,141,981	107,539,723	68,911,818	178,686,144	272,191,748	358,718,607
Financial liabilities by type									
<i>Non derivative liabilities</i>									
Deposits from banks	32	65,153,150	65,464,348	48,958,519	16,505,829	-	-	-	-
Deposits from customers	33	1,047,764,975	1,057,135,960	912,614,453	87,309,868	25,658,428	27,396,939	4,156,272	-
Borrowings	36	130,780,058	133,055,692	3,365,765	9,001,097	86,380,457	3,792,780	736,110	29,779,483
Other liabilities	35	40,433,727	40,433,727	40,433,727	-	-	-	-	-
Long term debt	37	55,001,552	68,059,202	-	1,576,163	38,152,807	3,203,134	25,127,098	-
Total non derivative liabilities		1,339,133,462	1,364,148,929	1,005,372,464	114,392,957	150,191,692	34,392,853	30,019,480	29,779,483
Derivative liabilities	34	6,375	6,375	-	-	-	6,375	-	-
Total financial liabilities		1,339,139,837	1,364,155,304	1,005,372,464	114,392,957	150,191,692	34,399,228	30,019,480	29,779,483
Liquidity gap		(60,272,352)	210,034,717	(417,230,483)	(6,853,234)	(81,279,874)	144,286,916	242,172,268	328,939,124
Cumulative liquidity gap				(417,230,483)	(424,083,717)	(505,363,591)	(361,076,675)	(118,904,407)	210,034,717

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31 December 2017	Note	Carrying value	Gross nominal value	0 - 30 days	31 - 90 days	91 - 180 days	181 - 365 days	Over 1 year but less than 5 years	Over 5 years
Financial assets by type									
Non derivative assets									
Cash and balances with central banks	18	299,395,467	299,804,288	147,343,159	59,573,777	8,632,437	1,031,903	918,694	82,304,317
Financial assets at FVTPL	19	38,333,109	40,975,080	1,744,729	14,306,649	12,927,025	10,740,154	1,256,523	-
Assets pledged as collateral	21	116,357,892	169,638,334	25,877,200	15,916,785	15,654,200	3,967,588	53,703,951	54,518,610
Loans to banks	22	77,610,730	79,472,350	77,795,852	1,676,498	-	-	-	-
Loans and advances to customers	23	755,488,058	1,061,524,352	106,688,380	90,501,964	62,104,699	108,031,750	340,350,630	353,846,929
Investments securities	24(a)	223,781,594	265,035,758	22,663,662	26,695,212	84,224,386	75,052,533	24,156,443	32,243,522
Other assets (less prepayments)	31	88,021,390	88,021,390	25,704,116	8,787,979	53,529,295	-	-	-
Total non derivative assets		1,598,988,240	2,004,471,551	407,817,098	217,458,864	237,072,042	198,823,928	420,386,241	522,913,378
Derivative assets	20	1,318,528	1,318,528	281,968	154,917	875,314	6,329	-	-
Total financial assets		1,600,306,768	2,005,790,079	408,099,066	217,613,781	237,947,356	198,830,257	420,386,241	522,913,378
Financial liabilities by type									
Non derivative liabilities									
Deposits from banks	32	25,861,109	27,056,849	10,922,324	16,134,525	-	-	-	-
Deposits from customers	33	1,164,726,773	1,171,835,950	987,126,669	148,990,620	22,404,979	9,878,800	3,411,831	23,051
Borrowings	36	169,680,170	182,051,546	2,536,225	12,658,286	62,497,422	8,511,819	71,068,311	24,779,483
Other liabilities	35	44,449,081	44,449,081	44,449,081	-	-	-	-	-
Long term debt	37	70,515,228	84,754,152	-	1,086,113	742,433	2,876,974	80,048,632	-
Total non derivative liabilities		1,475,232,361	1,510,147,578	1,045,034,299	178,869,544	85,644,834	21,267,593	154,528,774	24,802,534
Derivative liabilities	34	740,724	740,724	254,776	153,825	-	283,328	48,795	-
Total financial liabilities		1,475,973,085	1,510,888,302	1,045,289,075	179,023,369	85,644,834	21,550,921	154,577,569	24,802,534
Liquidity gap		124,333,683	494,901,777	(637,190,009)	38,590,412	152,302,522	177,279,336	265,808,672	498,110,844
Cumulative liquidity gap				(637,190,009)	(598,599,597)	(446,297,075)	(269,017,739)	(3,209,067)	494,901,777

(b) Behavioural maturity of financial assets and liabilities

The table below summarizes the behavioural maturity profile of the undiscounted cash flows of the Group's financial assets and liabilities into relevant time bands as at the reporting date. In practice, certain liability instruments behave differently from their contractual terms. Typically, short-term deposits often extend to a longer period than their contractual maturity

Group									
<i>In thousands of naira</i>									
31 December 2018	Note	Carrying value	Gross nominal value	0 - 30 days	31 - 90 days	91 - 180 days	181 - 365 days	Over 1 year but less than 5 years	Over 5 years
<i>Financial assets by type</i>									
<i>Non derivative assets</i>									
Cash and balances with central banks	18	302,374,354	302,374,706	96,221,788	38,883,273	8,007,168	778,804	26,992,145	131,491,528
Financial assets at FVTPL	19	10,673,463	11,386,437	1,037,485	1,699,592	1,092,974	7,556,386	-	-
Assets pledged as collateral	21	119,029,468	165,880,385	12,758,036	10,320,248	4,711,233	15,018,564	60,220,963	62,851,341
Loans to banks	22	37,943,747	38,535,868	38,535,868	-	-	-	-	-
Loans and advances to customers	23	567,896,958	757,905,262	58,713,414	64,337,378	65,449,581	87,602,458	182,843,223	298,959,208
Investments securities	24(a)	154,704,336	211,862,204	37,765,832	27,160,517	890,362	67,341,177	32,953,415	45,750,901
Other assets (less prepayments)	31	20,969,590	20,969,590	20,969,590	-	-	-	-	-
Total non derivative assets		1,213,591,916	1,508,914,452	266,002,013	142,401,008	80,151,318	178,297,389	303,009,746	539,052,978
Derivative assets	20	388,755	388,755	-	-	-	388,755	-	-
Total financial assets		1,213,980,671	1,509,303,207	266,002,013	142,401,008	80,151,318	178,686,144	303,009,746	539,052,978
<i>Financial liabilities by type</i>									
<i>Non derivative liabilities</i>									
Deposits from banks	32	48,765,050	49,076,248	32,570,419	16,505,829	-	-	-	-
Deposits from customers	33	1,043,976,729	1,053,347,716	308,195,789	167,084,897	48,834,516	47,006,041	4,156,273	478,070,200
Borrowings	36	121,876,210	124,151,844	3,151,273	8,410,362	80,716,521	3,523,626	683,873	27,666,189
Other liabilities	35	40,440,518	40,440,518	40,440,518	-	-	-	-	-
Long term debt	37	55,001,552	68,059,202	-	1,576,163	38,152,807	3,203,134	25,127,098	-
Total non derivative liabilities		1,310,060,059	1,335,075,528	384,357,999	193,577,251	167,703,844	53,732,801	29,967,244	505,736,389
Derivative liabilities	34	6,375	6,375	-	-	-	6,375	-	-
Total financial liabilities		1,310,066,434	1,335,081,903	384,357,999	193,577,251	167,703,844	53,739,176	29,967,244	505,736,389
Liquidity gap		(96,085,763)	174,221,304	(118,355,986)	(51,176,243)	(87,552,526)	124,946,968	273,042,502	33,316,589
Cumulative liquidity gap				(118,355,986)	(169,532,229)	(257,084,755)	(132,137,787)	140,904,715	174,221,304

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31 December 2017	Note	Carrying value	Gross nominal value	0 - 30 days	31 - 90 days	91 - 180 days	181 - 365 days	Over 1 year but less than 5 years	Over 5 years
Financial assets by type									
<i>Non derivative assets</i>									
Cash and balances with central banks	18	299,397,460	299,807,964	147,205,120	55,392,216	8,632,437	1,031,903	918,694	86,627,594
Financial assets at FVTPL	19	38,333,109	40,975,080	1,744,729	14,306,649	12,927,025	10,740,154	1,256,523	-
Assets pledged as collateral	21	95,488,267	147,822,495	9,982,938	15,916,785	15,654,200	3,967,588	49,260,888	53,040,096
Loans to banks	22	35,155,501	37,013,673	35,337,175	1,676,498	-	-	-	-
Loans and advances to customers	23	755,503,162	1,063,172,132	50,512,766	98,078,034	62,721,946	106,083,607	352,250,813	393,524,966
Investments securities	24(a)	224,021,812	265,275,976	22,663,662	26,695,212	84,464,604	75,052,533	24,156,443	32,243,522
Other assets (less prepayments)	31	88,103,182	87,087,262	24,769,988	8,787,979	53,529,295	-	-	-
Total non derivative assets		1,536,002,493	1,941,154,582	292,216,378	220,853,373	237,929,507	196,875,785	427,843,361	565,436,178
Derivative assets	20	1,318,528	1,318,528	281,968	154,917	875,314	6,329	-	-
Total financial assets		1,537,321,021	1,942,473,110	292,498,346	221,008,290	238,804,821	196,882,114	427,843,361	565,436,178
Financial liabilities by type									
<i>Non derivative liabilities</i>									
Deposits from banks	32	10,958,909	11,929,712	11,929,712	-	-	-	-	-
Deposits from customers	33	1,161,594,129	1,168,703,305	371,310,369	230,101,086	42,424,099	44,921,208	3,411,831	476,534,712
Borrowings	36	161,297,212	172,138,190	1,858,786	12,088,133	59,144,432	3,199,045	71,068,311	24,779,483
Other liabilities	35	44,460,729	43,467,052	43,467,052	-	-	-	-	-
Long term debt	37	70,515,228	84,754,152	-	1,086,113	742,433	2,876,974	80,048,632	-
Total non derivative liabilities		1,448,826,207	1,480,992,411	428,565,919	243,275,332	102,310,964	50,997,227	154,528,774	501,314,195
Derivative liabilities	34	740,724	740,724	254,776	153,825	-	283,328	48,795	-
Total financial liabilities		1,449,566,931	1,481,733,135	428,820,695	243,429,157	102,310,964	51,280,555	154,577,569	501,314,195
Liquidity gap		87,754,090	460,739,975	(136,322,349)	(22,420,867)	136,493,857	145,601,559	273,265,792	64,121,983
Cumulative liquidity gap				(136,322,349)	(158,743,216)	(22,249,359)	123,352,199	396,617,991	460,739,974

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31 December 2018	Note	Carrying value	Gross nominal value	0 - 30 days	31 - 90 days	91 - 180 days	181 - 365 days	Over 1 year but less than 5 years	Over 5 years
<i>Financial assets by type</i>									
<i>Non derivative assets</i>									
Cash and balances with central banks	18	302,370,585	302,370,937	96,218,019	38,883,273	8,007,168	778,804	26,992,145	131,491,528
Financial assets at FVTPL	19	10,673,463	11,386,437	1,037,485	1,699,592	1,092,974	7,556,386	-	-
Assets pledged as collateral	21	139,923,315	186,774,233	33,651,884	10,320,248	4,711,233	15,018,564	60,220,963	62,851,341
Loans to banks	22	82,078,754	82,670,875	82,670,875	-	-	-	-	-
Loans and advances to customers	23	567,881,391	757,889,695	58,697,847	64,337,378	65,449,581	87,602,458	182,843,223	298,959,208
Investments securities	24(a)	154,634,297	211,792,165	37,695,793	27,160,517	890,362	67,341,177	32,953,415	45,750,901
Other assets (less prepayments)	31	20,916,925	20,916,925	20,916,925	-	-	-	-	-
Total non derivative assets		1,278,478,730	1,573,801,267	330,888,828	142,401,008	80,151,318	178,297,389	303,009,746	539,052,978
Derivative assets	20	388,755	388,755	-	-	-	388,755	-	-
Total financial assets		1,278,867,485	1,574,190,022	330,888,828	142,401,008	80,151,318	178,686,144	303,009,746	539,052,978
<i>Financial liabilities by type</i>									
<i>Non derivative liabilities</i>									
Deposits from banks	32	65,153,150	65,464,348	48,958,519	16,505,829	-	-	-	-
Deposits from customers	33	1,047,764,975	1,057,135,961	311,984,034	167,084,897	48,834,516	47,006,041	4,156,273	478,070,200
Borrowings	36	130,780,058	133,055,692	3,365,765	9,001,097	86,380,457	3,792,780	736,110	29,779,483
Other liabilities	35	40,433,727	40,433,727	40,433,727	-	-	-	-	-
Long term debt	37	55,001,552	68,059,202	-	1,576,163	38,152,807	3,203,134	25,127,098	-
Total non derivative liabilities		1,339,133,462	1,364,148,930	404,742,045	194,167,986	173,367,780	54,001,955	30,019,481	507,849,683
Derivative liabilities	34	6,375	6,375	-	-	-	6,375	-	-
Total financial liabilities		1,339,139,837	1,364,155,305	404,742,045	194,167,986	173,367,780	54,008,330	30,019,481	507,849,683
Liquidity gap		(60,272,352)	210,034,717	(73,853,217)	(51,766,978)	(93,216,462)	124,677,814	272,990,265	31,203,295
Cumulative liquidity gap				(73,853,217)	(125,620,195)	(218,836,657)	(94,158,843)	178,831,422	210,034,717

Bank									
<i>In thousands of naira</i>									
31 December 2017	Note	Carrying value	Gross nominal value	0 - 30 days	31 - 90 days	91 - 180 days	181 - 365 days	Over 1 year but less than 5 years	Over 5 years
<i>Financial assets by type</i>									
<i>Non derivative assets</i>									
Cash and balances with central banks	18	299,395,467	299,804,287	147,343,159	59,573,777	8,632,437	1,031,903	918,694	82,304,317
Financial assets at FVTPL	19	38,333,109	40,975,080	1,744,729	14,306,649	12,927,025	10,740,154	1,256,523	-
Assets pledged as collateral	21	116,357,892	169,638,334	25,877,200	15,916,785	15,654,200	3,967,588	53,703,951	54,518,610
Loans to banks	22	77,610,730	79,472,350	77,795,852	1,676,498	-	-	-	-
Loans and advances to customers	23	755,488,058	1,061,524,353	51,139,171	98,437,551	66,072,492	108,031,750	344,318,423	393,524,966
Investments securities	24(a)	223,781,594	265,035,758	22,663,662	26,695,212	84,224,386	75,052,533	24,156,443	32,243,522
Other assets (less prepayments)	31	88,021,390	88,021,390	25,704,116	8,787,979	53,529,295	-	-	-
Total non derivative assets		1,598,988,240	2,004,471,552	352,267,889	225,394,451	241,039,835	198,823,928	424,354,034	562,591,415
Derivative assets	20	1,318,528	1,318,528	281,968	154,917	875,314	6,329	-	-
Total financial assets		1,600,306,768	2,005,790,080	352,549,857	225,549,368	241,915,149	198,830,257	424,354,034	562,591,415
<i>Financial liabilities by type</i>									
<i>Non derivative liabilities</i>									
Deposits from banks	32	25,861,109	27,056,849	10,922,324	16,134,525	-	-	-	-
Deposits from customers	33	1,164,726,773	1,171,835,950	372,897,019	230,307,219	42,424,099	44,921,208	3,411,831	477,874,574
Borrowings	36	169,680,170	182,051,546	2,536,225	12,658,286	62,497,422	8,511,819	71,068,311	24,779,483
Other liabilities	35	44,449,081	44,449,081	44,449,081	-	-	-	-	-
Long term debt	37	70,515,228	84,754,152	-	1,086,113	742,433	2,876,974	80,048,632	-
Total non derivative liabilities		1,475,232,361	1,510,147,578	430,804,649	260,186,143	105,663,954	56,310,001	154,528,774	502,654,057
Derivative liabilities	34	740,724	740,724	254,776	153,825	-	283,328	48,795	-
Total financial liabilities		1,475,973,085	1,510,888,302	431,059,425	260,339,968	105,663,954	56,593,329	154,577,569	502,654,057
Liquidity gap		124,333,683	494,901,778	(78,509,568)	(34,790,600)	136,251,195	142,236,928	269,776,465	59,937,358
Cumulative liquidity gap		-	-	(78,509,568)	(113,300,168)	22,951,027	165,187,954	434,964,419	494,901,778

The table below shows the behavioural expiry by maturity of the Bank's contingent liabilities and commitments. For issued financial guarantee contracts, the maximum amount of the guarantee is allocated to the earliest period in which the guarantee could be called

Group									
<i>In thousands of naira</i>									
31 December 2018	Note	Carrying value	Gross nominal value	0 - 30 days	31 - 90 days	91 - 180 days	181 - 365 days	Over 1 year but less than 5 years	Over 5 years
Performance bonds and financial guarantees	45.2	52,096,012	52,096,012	449,604	2,549,077	6,696,829	19,499,415	12,158,877	10,742,210
Contingent letters of credit	45.2	35,560,153	35,562,153	6,774,017	16,804,287	1,686,127	10,297,722	-	-
		87,656,165	87,658,165	7,223,621	19,353,364	8,382,956	29,797,137	12,158,877	10,742,210

Group									
<i>In thousands of naira</i>									
31 December 2017	Note	Carrying value	Gross nominal value	0 - 30 days	31 - 90 days	91 - 180 days	181 - 365 days	Over 1 year but less than 5 years	Over 5 years
Performance bonds and financial guarantees	45.2	22,038,160	22,038,160	1,245,154	927,280	2,571,679	1,378,427	15,465,620	450,000
Contingent letters of credit	45.2	21,219,102	21,219,102	1,629,001	1,152,677	3,668,128	14,172,122	597,174	-
		43,257,262	43,257,262	2,874,155	2,079,957	6,239,807	15,550,549	16,062,794	450,000

Bank									
<i>In thousands of naira</i>									
31 December 2018	Note	Carrying value	Gross nominal value	0 - 30 days	31 - 90 days	91 - 180 days	181 - 365 days	Over 1 year but less than 5 years	Over 5 years
Performance bonds and financial guarantees	45.2	52,096,012	52,096,012	449,604	2,549,077	6,696,829	19,499,415	12,158,877	10,742,210
Contingent letters of credit	45.2	35,560,153	35,562,153	6,774,017	16,804,287	1,686,127	10,297,722	-	-
		87,656,165	87,658,165	7,223,621	19,353,364	8,382,956	29,797,137	12,158,877	10,742,210

Bank									
<i>In thousands of naira</i>									
31 December 2017	Note	Carrying value	Gross nominal value	0 - 30 days	31 - 90 days	91 - 180 days	181 - 365 days	Over 1 year but less than 5 years	Over 5 years
Performance bonds and financial guarantees	45.2	22,038,160	22,038,160	1,245,154	927,280	2,571,679	1,378,427	15,465,620	450,000
Contingent letters of credit	45.2	21,219,102	21,219,102	1,629,001	1,152,677	3,668,128	14,172,122	597,174	-
		43,257,262	43,257,262	2,874,155	2,079,957	6,239,807	15,550,549	16,062,794	450,000

The Bank expects that not all of the contingent liabilities or commitments will be drawn before expiry of the commitments. The amounts in the tables above have been compiled as follows:

Type of financial instrument	Basis on which amounts are compiled
Financial assets and financial liabilities	Undiscounted cash flows, which include estimated interest payments
Issued financial guarantee contracts, and unrecognized loan commitments	Earliest possible contract maturity. For issued financial guarantee contracts, the maximum amount of the guarantee is allocated to the earliest period in which the guarantee could be called
Derivative financial liabilities (Currency swap)	Contractual undiscounted cash flows. The amounts shown are the gross nominal inflows and outflows for derivatives that have simultaneous gross settlement (e.g. forward exchange contracts and currency swaps) and the net amounts for derivatives that are net settled.
Derivative financial liabilities (Options)	Fair values at the date of the statement of financial position. This is because contractual maturities are not reflective of the liquidity risk exposure arising from these positions.

The Group's expected cash flows on some financial assets and liabilities vary significantly from the contractual cash flows. For example, demand deposits from customers are expected to remain stable or increase and unrecognised loan commitments are not all expected to be drawn down immediately.

As part of the management of liquidity risk arising from financial liabilities, the Group holds liquid assets comprising cash and cash equivalents, and debt securities issued by Federal Government, which can be readily sold to meet liquidity requirements. In addition, the Group maintains agreed lines of credit with other banks and holds unencumbered assets eligible for use as collateral with central banks

3.4 Market risk

The Group takes on exposure to market risks, which is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market prices such as interest rates, foreign exchange rates, equity prices and commodity

3.4.1 Management of market risk

Market risk is the risk that movements in market factors, including foreign exchange rates and interest rates, credit spreads and equity prices, will reduce the Bank's income or the value of its portfolios. Diamond Bank classifies its market risk into asset & liability management (ALM) risk, investment risk and trading risk.

The objectives of the Bank's market risk management are to protect the Bank's capital and earnings from fluctuations caused by currency rates and interest rate movements, manage and control market risk exposures in order to optimize return while complying with existing regulatory guidelines.

Market risk management process

The Bank has robust methodology and procedures for the identification, assessment, measurement, control, monitoring and reporting of market risks within the Bank's trading portfolio and the rest of the Bank's balance sheet. The Market Risk Management Group is responsible for measuring market risk exposures in accordance with the policies defined by the Board, monitoring and reporting the exposures against the prescribed limits.

Diamond Bank uses a range of tools for managing market risk which include:

Sensitivity analysis

Sensitivity analysis is used to determine the impact of changes in risk factors such as interest rates, foreign exchange rates, equity prices on the earnings or portfolio values. Market risk management compares the potential impact of changes in the risk factors on the Bank's net income and equity against the levels it deems necessary to maintain profitability, remain solvent and comply with banking regulations.

Value at risk (VaR)

VaR measures the worst expected loss the Bank can suffer on risk positions at a given confidence level over a given time interval under normal market conditions. Diamond Bank calculates its VaR using market rates and prices with associated volatilities at a 99 percent confidence level and for a one-day holding period time band gives an indication of the Bank's interest rate risk exposure.

Interest rate gap analysis

The Bank manages the impact of interest rate changes within self-imposed parameters set after careful consideration of a range of possible rate environments and business scenarios. These parameters in combination define the Bank's market risk tolerance.

Limits are used to control the Bank's interest rate risk exposure within its risk tolerance. Risk limits are set by product and risk types. They are usually approved by ALCO and endorsed by the Board. Limits are sets for position taken, value at risk, stop loss and profit take as well as counter party risks. The overall risk appetite of the Bank, size, complexity and capital adequacy of the Bank, profitability of business/product areas, complexity of products, liquidity of specific markets and volatility of markets are considered while setting the limits.

The market risk is managed by the market risk management function under the Risk management directorate. The monitoring includes establishment and monitoring of treasury limit, rendering market intelligent reports and mark to market valuation of the Bank's trading position.

Duration Gap analysis

Duration Gap Analysis compares the price sensitivity of the Bank's total assets with the price sensitivity of its total liabilities to assess whether the market value of assets or liabilities changes more when rates change. Diamond Bank uses duration gap (DGAP) for managing its value of equity, recognizing the timing of all cash flows for every security on the statement of financial

Economic Value of Equity (EVE) sensitivity analysis

Economic Value of Equity sensitivity analysis indicates how much the Bank's economic value of equity will change in different rates environments. The Bank's exposure to changes in net economic value of equity is evaluated for six alternative interest rate shock scenarios and monitored.

Monitoring exposure limits and triggers

The Bank manages the impact of changes in market factors – equity prices, interest rates and currency rates within self-imposed limits and triggers set after careful consideration of a range of possible rate environments and business scenarios. These limits are used to control the Bank's market risk exposures within its risk tolerance.

Risk Reporting

Market Risk Management Group ensures that the Bank maintains an accurate risk reporting framework that effectively and consistently communicate market risk information across the Bank. Market Risk Management use independently sourced data to generate reports, which provides the Board and Senior management with clear, concise and timely recommendations and supporting information needed to make decisions.

3.4.2 Exposure to market risk between trading and non-trading portfolios

The table below sets out the allocation of assets and liabilities subject to market risk between trading and non-trading portfolios.

31 December 2018	Note	Group			Bank		
		Market risk measure			Market risk measure		
		Carrying amount	Trading portfolios	Non-trading portfolios	Carrying amount	Trading portfolios	Non-trading portfolios
<i>In thousands of naira</i>							
Assets subject to market risk							
Cash and balances with central banks	18	302,374,354	-	302,374,354	302,370,585	-	302,370,585
Financial assets at FVTPL	19	10,673,463	10,673,463	-	10,673,463	10,673,463	-
Derivative assets	20	388,755	-	388,755	388,755	-	388,755
Assets pledged as collateral	21	119,029,468	-	119,029,468	139,923,315	-	139,923,315
Loans to banks	22	37,943,747	-	37,943,747	82,078,754	-	82,078,754
Loans and advances to customers	23	567,896,958	-	567,896,958	567,881,391	-	567,881,391
Investments securities	24	154,704,336	-	154,704,336	154,634,297	-	154,634,297
Other assets	31	20,969,590	-	20,969,590	20,916,925	-	20,916,925
		1,213,980,671	10,673,463	1,203,307,208	1,278,867,485	10,673,463	1,268,194,022
Liabilities subject to market risk							
Deposits from banks	32	48,765,050	-	48,765,050	65,153,150	-	65,153,150
Deposits from customers	33	1,043,976,729	-	1,043,976,729	1,047,764,975	-	1,047,764,975
Derivative liability	34	6,375	-	6,375	6,375	-	6,375
Other liabilities	35	40,440,518	-	40,440,518	40,433,727	-	40,433,727
Borrowings	36	121,876,210	-	121,876,210	130,780,058	-	130,780,058
Long term debt	37	55,001,552	-	55,001,552	55,001,552	-	55,001,552
		1,310,066,434	-	1,310,066,434	1,339,139,837	-	1,339,139,837
31 December 2017							
Assets subject to market risk							
Cash and balances with central banks	18	299,397,460	-	299,397,460	299,395,467	-	299,395,467
Financial assets at FVTPL	19	38,333,109	38,333,109	-	38,333,109	38,333,109	-
Derivative assets	20	1,318,528	-	1,318,528	1,318,528	-	1,318,528
Assets pledged as collateral	21	95,488,267	-	95,488,267	116,357,892	-	116,357,892
Loans to banks	22	35,155,501	-	35,155,501	77,610,730	-	77,610,730
Loans and advances to customers	23	755,503,162	-	755,503,162	755,488,058	-	755,488,058
Investments securities	24	224,021,812	-	224,021,812	223,781,594	-	223,781,594
Other assets	31	88,103,182	-	88,103,182	88,021,390	-	88,021,390
		1,537,321,021	38,333,109	1,498,987,912	1,600,306,768	38,333,109	1,561,973,659
Liabilities subject to market risk							
Deposits from banks	32	10,958,909	-	10,958,909	25,861,109	-	25,861,109
Deposits from customers	33	1,161,594,129	-	1,161,594,129	1,164,726,773	-	1,164,726,773
Derivative liability	34	740,724	-	740,724	740,724	-	740,724
Other liabilities	35	44,460,729	-	44,460,729	44,449,081	-	44,449,081
Borrowings	36	161,297,212	-	161,297,212	169,680,170	-	169,680,170
Long term debt	37	161,297,212	-	161,297,212	70,515,228	-	70,515,228
		1,540,348,915	-	1,540,348,915	1,475,973,085	-	1,475,973,085

3.4.3 Measurement of market risk

The Group's major measurement technique used to measure and control market risk is outlined below.

Value at risk (VaR)

One of the major tools used by the Group to monitor and limit market risk exposure is Value at Risk. Value at Risk estimates the potential maximum decline in the value of a position or portfolio, under normal market conditions, over a one-day holding period, at 99% confidence level. The Diamond Bank Value-at-Risk method incorporates the factor sensitivities of the trading portfolio, the volatilities and correlations of the market risk factors. The group uses the variance covariance method which derives likely future changes in market value from historical market volatility. Value at risk is estimated on the basis of exposures outstanding at the close of business and therefore might not factor in the intra-day exposures. However, the Bank does not only base its risk estimates on Value at Risk, it uses sensitivity and what-if analysis to further complement it.

The Value at Risk of the trading book is as stated below:

Trading

The Group trades on bonds, treasury bills and foreign exchange. Market risk in trading portfolios is monitored and controlled using tools such as position limits, value at risk and present value of an assumed basis points change in yields or exchange rates coupled with concentration limits.

1 Day VaR summary

Group	December 2018			
	Average	High	Low	At reporting date
<i>In thousands of naira</i>				
Foreign exchange risk	29,415	77,933	2,235	74,287
Interest rate risk	128,641	229,530	51,694	65,830
Total VaR exposure	158,056	247,474	88,570	140,117

Bank	December 2018			
	Average	High	Low	At reporting date
<i>In thousands of naira</i>				
Foreign exchange risk	29,415	77,933	2,235	74,287
Interest rate risk	128,641	229,530	51,694	65,830
Total VaR exposure	158,056	247,474	88,570	140,117

Group	December 2017			
	Average	High	Low	At reporting date
<i>In thousands of naira</i>				
Foreign exchange risk	36,963	187,315	2,900	4,738
Interest rate risk	97,399	314,628	34,174	206,431
Total VaR exposure	134,362	363,142	59,261	211,169

Bank	December 2017			
	Average	High	Low	At reporting date
<i>In thousands of naira</i>				
Foreign exchange risk	36,963	187,315	2,900	4,738
Interest rate risk	97,399	314,628	34,174	206,431
Total VaR exposure	134,362	363,142	59,261	211,169

Highest and Lowest VaR for each risk factor are independent and usually occur on different days.

Non-trading book: Other sensitivity analysis

Market risk in the non-trading book emanates mainly from adverse movement in future net interest income, resulting from changes in interest rates. Analysis of this risk involves the breaking down of demand and saving deposits as well as overdraft into different maturity time bands based on past observed trends with the use of a constructive model. Interest rate risk in non-trading portfolios is measured with maturity/repricing gap analysis, interest rate sensitivity and ratios analysis. The sensitivity of earnings to specified upward and downward instantaneous parallel 100 basis point shift in the yield curve, over one-year horizons under business-as-usual conditions assuming static portfolio indicates the potential risk.

3.4.4 Foreign exchange (FX) risk

Structural FX exposures arise because of balance sheet mismatches between foreign currency assets and foreign currency liabilities. These are mainly foreign currency loans and deposits, balances with foreign banks, customers' FX transactions, and borrowings in foreign currencies. FX trading exposures are discretionary (intentional) and typically short term FX exposures resulting from treasury trades to profit from currency movements. They contribute to the Bank's overall trading risk and are managed under the trading risk management framework.

The Group structural foreign currency exposure is managed by the Group ALCO. The primary objectives of the Bank's foreign exchange risk management are to protect the Bank's capital base and earnings from fluctuations caused by currency rates movements in excess of approved limits, and to ensure that our open position limit is managed within existing regulatory guidelines. The Central Bank of Nigeria assign NOP limits to banks as a percentage of their shareholders' funds. These limits change from time to time based on how the regulator wants to affect the market. However, the Bank has an internal policy to further constraint the CBN assigned NOP limit by allowing traders an aggregate open position of 90% of the CBN limit.

The Group trades and closes each day with either long or short positions within the approved internal limit. If for any reason the Group anticipates that the net open limit might be breached, an anticipatory approval must be sought and obtained from the Deputy Managing Director/Chief Risk Officer and Executive Director/Chief Financial Officer with appropriate justification. Under no circumstance, however, shall the CBN limit be breached.

For the purpose of financial reporting, the Group adopts NAFEX rates in translating its foreign currency denominated assets and liabilities as that is the most probable rate at which the assets and liabilities are expected to be realized and settled respectively.

The following shows the Group and the Bank's structural foreign currency exposures for the year.

Group

<i>In thousands of Naira</i>	31 December 2018					
	Naira	USD	GBP	Euro	Others	Total
Financial assets						
Cash and balances with central banks	289,122,353	9,837,981	2,271,546	1,141,807	667	302,374,354
Financial assets at FVTPL	10,673,463	-	-	-	-	10,673,463
Assets pledged as collateral	117,781,516	1,247,952	-	-	-	119,029,468
Derivative assets	-	388,755	-	-	-	388,755
Loans to banks	-	33,698,072	1,828,901	1,767,094	649,680	37,943,747
Loans and advances to customers	347,268,816	217,699,640	191,637	2,736,865	-	567,896,958
Investments securities	154,704,336	-	-	-	-	154,704,336
Other assets	16,639,575	4,103,060	33,495	193,460	-	20,969,590
Total	936,190,059	266,975,460	4,325,579	5,839,226	650,347	1,213,980,671
Financial liabilities						
Deposits from banks	48,614,472	116,055	34,523	-	-	48,765,050
Deposits from customers	851,844,728	177,650,382	6,886,095	7,595,475	49	1,043,976,729
Derivative liability	-	6,375	-	-	-	6,375
Borrowings	31,588,623	89,450,892	191,585	645,110	-	121,876,210
Other liabilities	14,481,684	23,967,163	936,317	571,341	484,013	40,440,518
Long term debt	-	55,001,552	-	-	-	55,001,552
Total	946,529,507	346,192,419	8,048,520	8,811,926	484,062	1,310,066,434
Net Open Position	(10,339,448)	(79,216,959)	(3,722,941)	(2,972,700)	166,285	(96,085,763)

Group

	31 December 2017					
<i>In thousands of Naira</i>	Naira	USD	GBP	Euro	Others	Total
Financial assets						
Cash and balances with central banks	290,543,864	4,421,400	3,171,517	1,260,051	629	299,397,460
Financial assets at FVTPL	38,333,109	-	-	-	-	38,333,109
Assets pledged as collateral	94,420,486	1,067,781	-	-	-	95,488,267
Derivative assets	-	1,318,528	-	-	-	1,318,528
Loans to banks	8,281,233	25,447,155	288,618	989,074	149,421	35,155,501
Loans and advances to customers	411,510,021	340,098,167	55	3,894,919	-	755,503,162
Investments securities	224,021,812	-	-	-	-	224,021,812
Other assets	19,973,311	66,277,192	1,191,891	840,768	-	88,103,182
Total	1,087,083,836	438,630,223	4,652,081	6,984,812	150,050	1,537,321,021
Financial liabilities						
Deposits from banks	10,365,923	558,463	34,523	-	-	10,958,909
Deposits from customers	940,627,729	209,814,635	5,445,479	5,706,239	47	1,161,594,129
Derivative liability	-	740,724	-	-	-	740,724
Borrowings	25,867,160	133,986,696	-	1,443,356	-	161,297,212
Other liabilities	14,650,594	28,676,189	261,419	828,299	44,228	44,460,729
Long term debt	-	70,515,228	-	-	-	70,515,228
Total	991,511,406	444,291,935	5,741,421	7,977,894	44,275	1,449,566,931
Net Open Position	95,572,430	(5,661,712)	(1,089,340)	(993,082)	105,775	87,754,091

Bank

	31 December 2018					
<i>In thousands of Naira</i>	Naira	USD	GBP	Euro	Others	Total
Financial assets						
Cash and balances with central banks	289,118,583	9,837,981	2,271,546	1,141,807	668	302,370,585
Financial assets at FVTPL	10,673,463	-	-	-	-	10,673,463
Assets pledged as collateral	117,781,516	22,141,799	-	-	-	139,923,315
Derivative assets	-	388,755	-	-	-	388,755
Loans to banks	-	77,840,478	1,828,901	1,767,094	649,680	82,078,754
Loans and advances to customers	347,253,249	217,699,640	191,637	2,736,865	-	567,881,391
Investments securities	154,634,297	-	-	-	-	154,634,297
Other assets	16,586,910	4,103,060	33,495	193,460	-	20,916,925
Total	936,048,018	332,011,713	4,325,579	5,839,226	650,348	1,278,867,485
Financial liabilities						
Deposits from banks	48,614,473	16,533,363	5,314	-	-	65,153,150
Deposits from customers	855,632,974	177,650,382	6,886,095	7,595,475	49	1,047,764,975
Derivative liability	-	6,375	-	-	-	6,375
Borrowings	31,588,623	98,354,740	191,585	645,110	-	130,780,058
Other liabilities	14,474,893	23,967,163	936,317	571,341	484,013	40,433,727
Long term debt	-	55,001,552	-	-	-	55,001,552
Total	950,310,963	371,513,575	8,019,311	8,811,926	484,062	1,339,139,837
Net Open Position	(14,262,945)	(39,501,862)	(3,693,732)	(2,972,700)	166,286	(60,272,352)

Bank

<i>In thousands of Naira</i>	31 December 2017					
	Naira	USD	GBP	Euro	Others	Total
Financial assets						
Cash and balances with central banks	290,541,870	4,421,400	3,171,517	1,260,051	629	299,395,467
Financial assets at FVTPL	38,333,109	-	-	-	-	38,333,109
Assets pledged as collateral	94,420,486	21,937,406	-	-	-	116,357,892
Derivative assets	-	1,318,528	-	-	-	1,318,528
Loans to banks	8,281,233	67,902,384	288,618	989,074	149,421	77,610,730
Loans and advances to customers	411,494,917	340,098,167	55	3,894,919	-	755,488,058
Investments securities	223,781,594	-	-	-	-	223,781,594
Other assets	18,695,619	66,277,192	1,191,891	840,768	-	88,021,390
Total	1,085,548,828	501,955,077	4,652,081	6,984,812	150,050	1,600,306,768
Financial liabilities						
Deposits from banks	10,365,923	15,460,663	34,523	-	-	25,861,109
Deposits from customers	943,760,373	209,814,635	5,445,479	5,706,239	47	1,164,726,773
Derivative liability	-	740,724	-	-	-	740,724
Borrowings	25,867,160	142,369,654	-	1,443,356	-	169,680,170
Other liabilities	14,638,946	28,676,189	261,419	828,299	44,228	44,449,081
Long term debt	-	70,515,228	-	-	-	70,515,228
Total	994,632,402	467,577,093	5,741,421	7,977,894	44,275	1,475,973,085
Net Open Position	90,916,426	34,377,984	(1,089,339)	(993,082)	105,775	124,333,683

3.4.5 Foreign exchange risk sensitivity analysis

Due to the the Group and the Bank's structural foreign currency exposures, the Group and the Bank may be exposed to further losses in the event of a significant decline in the value of the Group's local currency (Nigerian Naira). This may occur in the event of a devaluation of the exchange rate of the Naira to the US Dollars in the official exchange market by the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN). This will have a direct impact on the Nigerian Inter-bank Foreign exchange market (NAFEX), the market where the Bank obtains its translation rates for the US Dollar (see Note 2.5(a))

The losses which are likely to occur in the event of devaluation of the Naira will affect the reported equity in the following ways:

- Retained earnings - increase or decrease in the carrying amount of assets or liabilities held by Bank from changes in the value of the Naira (excluding financial assets measured at fair value through other comprehensive income (FVOCI)) reported in the profit or loss
- Fair value reserves - increase or decrease in the carrying amount of financial assets measured at FVOCI from changes in the value of the Naira reported directly in equity.
- Foreign currency translation reserves - increase or decrease in the carrying amount of assets and liabilities of foreign subsidiaries from changes in the value of the Naira reported directly in equity.

The table below sets out the impact on the Bank's net open position as at 31 December 2018 in USDollars, Pounds Sterling, Euros and other currencies in the event of a 10% and 20% devaluation of the Naira in relation to other currencies.

Group
Foreign exchange risk sensitive analysis - 31 December 2018
Impact of percentage changes in foreign currency rates

Currency	Net Open Position		Net Gain/(Loss) on decline of the value of Naira	
	In Naira	In USD	10% decrease in the value of Naira	20% decrease in the value of Naira
<i>In thousands</i>		\$1= N364.18	\$1= N401	\$1= N437
US Dollars	(79,216,959)	(217,521)	(7,921,696)	(15,843,392)
Pounds Sterling	(3,722,941)	(10,223)	(372,294)	(744,588)
Euros	(2,972,700)	(8,163)	(297,270)	(594,540)
Other Currencies	166,285	457	16,629	33,257
	(85,746,315)	(235,450)	(8,574,631)	(17,149,263)

Bank
Foreign exchange risk sensitive analysis - 31 December 2018
Impact of percentage changes in foreign currency rates

Currency	Net Open Position		Net Gain/(Loss) on decline of the value of Naira	
	In Naira	In USD	10% decrease in the value of Naira	20% decrease in the value of Naira
<i>In thousands</i>		\$1= N364.18	\$1= N401	\$1= N437
US Dollars	(39,501,862)	(108,468)	(3,950,186)	(7,900,372)
Pounds Sterling	(3,693,732)	(10,143)	(369,373)	(738,746)
Euros	(2,972,700)	(8,163)	(297,270)	(594,540)
Other Currencies	166,286	457	16,629	33,257
	(46,002,008)	(126,317)	(4,600,200)	(9,200,401)

Group
Foreign exchange risk sensitive analysis -31 December 2017
Impact of percentage changes in foreign currency rates

The table below sets out the impact on the Bank's net open position as at 31 December 2017 in USDollars, Pounds Sterling, Euros and other currencies in the event of a 10% and 20% devaluation of the Naira in relation to other currencies.

Currency	Net Open Position		Net Gain/(Loss) on decline of the value of Naira	
	In Naira	In USD	10% decrease in the value of Naira	20% decrease in the value of Naira
<i>In thousands</i>		\$1= N331.16	\$1= N364	\$1= N397
US Dollars	(5,661,713)	(17,097)	(566,171)	(1,132,343)
Pounds Sterling	(1,089,339)	(3,289)	(108,934)	(217,868)
Euros	(993,081)	(2,999)	(99,308)	(198,616)
Other Currencies	105,775	319	10,578	21,155
	(7,638,357)	(23,065)	(763,836)	(1,527,672)

Bank
Foreign exchange risk sensitive analysis - 31 December 2017
Impact of percentage changes in foreign currency rates

Currency	Net Open Position		Net Gain/(Loss) on decline of the value of Naira	
	In Naira	In USD	10% decrease in the value of Naira	20% decrease in the value of Naira
<i>In thousands</i>		\$1= N331.16	\$1= N364	\$1= N397
US Dollars	34,377,984	103,811	3,437,798	6,875,597
Pounds Sterling	(1,089,340)	(3,289)	(108,934)	(217,868)
Euros	(993,082)	(2,999)	(99,308)	(198,616)
Other Currencies	105,775	319	10,578	21,155
	32,401,339	97,842	3,240,134	6,480,268

3.4.6 Interest rate risk

The following is a summary of the Group's interest rate gap position on non-trading portfolio

Group

31 December 2018	Interest Bearing					Non- Interest bearing	Total
	Up to 1 month	1-3 months	3-12 months	1-5 years	Over 5 years		
<i>In thousands of Naira</i>							
Financial assets							
<i>Non derivative assets</i>							
Cash and balances with central banks	-	-	-	-	-	302,374,354	302,374,354
Financial assets at FVTPL	1,038,158	1,671,198	7,964,107	-	-	-	10,673,463
Assets pledged as collateral	29,960,951	9,696,609	31,909,880	13,781,468	30,400,560	3,280,000	119,029,468
Loans to banks	-	-	-	-	-	37,943,747	37,943,747
Loans and advances to customers	57,511,589	81,070,538	118,607,351	100,123,756	210,583,724	-	567,896,958
Investments securities	37,309,724	25,405,084	46,113,469	20,299,072	19,900,126	5,676,861	154,704,336
Other assets	-	-	-	-	-	20,969,590	20,969,590
Total non derivative assets	125,820,422	117,843,429	204,594,807	134,204,296	260,884,410	370,244,552	1,213,591,916
Derivative assets	-	-	-	-	-	388,755	388,755
Total financial assets	125,820,422	117,843,429	204,594,807	134,204,296	260,884,410	370,633,307	1,213,980,671
Financial liabilities							
<i>Non derivative liabilities</i>							
Deposits from banks	42,322,466	47,536	-	-	-	6,395,048	48,765,050
Deposits from customers	170,084,546	132,887,038	75,816,705	3,618,823	278,113,062	383,456,555	1,043,976,729
Borrowings	3,716,113	8,026,889	80,087,603	5,443,386	24,602,219	-	121,876,210
Other liabilities	-	-	-	-	-	40,440,518	40,440,518
Long term debt	-	-	36,452,651	18,548,901	-	-	55,001,552
Total non derivative liabilities	216,123,125	140,961,463	192,356,959	27,611,110	302,715,281	430,292,121	1,310,060,059
Derivative liabilities	-	-	-	-	-	6,375	6,375
Total financial liabilities	216,123,125	140,961,463	192,356,959	27,611,110	302,715,281	430,298,496	1,310,066,434
Total interest rate gap	(90,302,703)	(23,118,034)	12,237,848	106,593,186	(41,830,871)	(59,665,189)	(96,085,763)

Group

31 December 2017	Interest Bearing					Non- Interest bearing	Total
	Up to 1 month	1-3 months	3-12 months	1-5 years	Over 5 years		
<i>In thousands of Naira</i>							
Financial assets							
<i>Non derivative assets</i>							
Cash and balances with central banks	7,505,548	-	-	-	-	291,891,912	299,397,460
Financial assets at FVTPL	1,737,465	14,009,786	21,967,364	101,480	517,014	-	38,333,109
Assets pledged as collateral	10,839,753	13,826,463	13,788,240	35,896,899	21,136,912	-	95,488,267
Loans to banks	8,985,279	1,656,950	-	-	-	24,513,272	35,155,501
Loans and advances to customers	69,657,633	76,960,548	85,024,763	217,274,540	306,585,678	-	755,503,162
Investments securities	22,569,849	25,964,977	143,684,976	12,162,767	13,814,099	5,825,144	224,021,812
Other assets	-	-	-	-	-	88,103,182	88,103,182
Total non derivative assets	121,295,527	132,418,724	264,465,343	265,435,686	342,053,703	410,333,510	1,536,002,493
Derivative assets	-	-	-	-	-	1,318,528	1,318,528
Total financial assets	121,295,527	132,418,724	264,465,343	265,435,686	342,053,703	411,652,038	1,537,321,021
Financial liabilities							
<i>Non derivative liabilities</i>							
Deposits from banks	36,585	-	-	-	-	10,922,324	10,958,909
Deposits from customers	183,510,815	185,355,051	51,010,990	3,021,108	240,240,718	498,455,447	1,161,594,129
Borrowings	2,883,957	66,589,661	1,601,907	67,535,545	22,686,142	-	161,297,212
Other liabilities	-	-	-	-	-	44,460,729	44,460,729
Long term debt	-	329,625	81,481	70,104,122	-	-	70,515,228
Total non derivative liabilities	186,431,357	252,274,337	52,694,378	140,660,775	262,926,860	553,838,500	1,448,826,207
Derivative liabilities	-	-	-	-	-	740,724	740,724
Total financial liabilities	186,431,357	252,274,337	52,694,378	140,660,775	262,926,860	554,579,224	1,449,566,931
Total interest rate gap	(65,135,830)	(119,855,613)	211,770,965	124,774,911	79,126,843	(142,927,186)	87,754,090

Bank	Interest Bearing						Non- Interest bearing	Total
	Up to 1 month	1-3 months	3-12 months	1-5 years	Over 5 years			
31 December 2018								
<i>In thousands of Naira</i>								
Financial assets								
<i>Non derivative assets</i>								
Cash and balances with central banks	-	-	-	-	-	302,370,585	302,370,585	
Financial assets at FVTPL	1,038,158	1,671,198	7,964,107	-	-	-	10,673,463	
Assets pledged as collateral	29,960,951	9,696,609	35,330,152	31,255,043	30,400,560	3,280,000	139,923,315	
Loans to banks	42,851,201	-	-	-	-	39,227,553	82,078,754	
Loans and advances to customers	57,511,589	81,070,538	118,607,351	100,123,756	210,568,157	-	567,881,391	
Investments securities	37,309,724	25,405,084	46,113,469	20,299,072	19,830,087	5,676,861	154,634,297	
Other assets	-	-	-	-	-	20,916,925	20,916,925	
Total non derivative assets	168,671,623	117,843,429	208,015,079	151,677,871	260,798,804	371,471,924	1,278,478,730	
Derivative assets	-	-	-	-	-	388,755	388,755	
Total financial assets	168,671,623	117,843,429	208,015,079	151,677,871	260,798,804	371,860,679	1,278,867,485	
Financial liabilities								
<i>Non derivative liabilities</i>								
Deposits from banks	42,322,466	16,435,636	-	-	-	6,395,048	65,153,150	
Deposits from customers	173,872,792	132,887,038	75,816,705	3,618,823	278,113,062	383,456,555	1,047,764,975	
Borrowings	4,557,542	8,985,262	87,191,649	5,443,386	24,602,219	-	130,780,058	
Other liabilities	-	-	-	-	-	40,433,727	40,433,727	
Long term debt	-	-	36,452,651	18,548,901	-	-	55,001,552	
Total non derivative liabilities	220,752,800	158,307,936	199,461,005	27,611,110	302,715,281	430,285,330	1,339,133,462	
Derivative liabilities	-	-	-	-	-	6,375	6,375	
Total financial liabilities	220,752,800	158,307,936	199,461,005	27,611,110	302,715,281	430,291,705	1,339,139,837	
Total interest rate gap	(52,081,177)	(40,464,507)	8,554,074	124,066,761	(41,916,477)	(58,431,026)	(60,272,352)	

Bank	Interest Bearing						Non- Interest bearing	Total
	Up to 1 month	1-3 months	3-12 months	1-5 years	Over 5 years			
31 December 2017								
<i>In thousands of Naira</i>								
Financial assets								
<i>Non derivative assets</i>								
Cash and balances with central banks	7,505,548	-	-	-	-	291,889,919	299,395,467	
Financial assets at FVTPL	1,737,465	14,009,786	21,967,364	101,480	517,014	-	38,333,109	
Assets pledged as collateral	9,771,972	13,826,463	13,788,240	45,637,105	33,334,112	-	116,357,892	
Loans to banks	47,009,279	1,656,950	-	-	-	28,944,501	77,610,730	
Loans and advances to customers	70,338,378	77,317,321	91,918,877	209,278,633	306,634,849	-	755,488,058	
Investments securities	22,569,849	25,964,977	143,444,758	12,162,767	13,814,099	5,825,144	223,781,594	
Other assets	-	-	-	-	-	88,021,390	88,021,390	
Total non derivative assets	158,932,491	132,775,497	271,119,239	267,179,985	354,300,074	414,680,954	1,598,988,240	
Derivative assets	-	-	-	-	-	1,318,528	1,318,528	
Total financial assets	158,932,491	132,775,497	271,119,239	267,179,985	354,300,074	415,999,482	1,600,306,768	
Financial liabilities								
<i>Non derivative liabilities</i>								
Deposits from banks	14,938,785	-	-	-	-	10,922,324	25,861,109	
Deposits from customers	184,582,134	185,355,051	51,010,990	3,021,108	240,240,718	500,516,772	1,164,726,773	
Borrowings	2,578,803	66,612,010	10,267,670	67,535,545	22,686,142	-	169,680,170	
Other liabilities	-	-	-	-	-	44,449,081	44,449,081	
Long term debt	-	329,625	81,481	70,104,122	-	-	70,515,228	
Total non derivative liabilities	202,099,722	252,296,686	61,360,141	140,660,775	262,926,860	555,888,177	1,475,232,361	
Derivative liabilities	-	-	-	-	-	740,724	740,724	
Total financial liabilities	202,099,722	252,296,686	61,360,141	140,660,775	262,926,860	556,628,901	1,475,973,085	
Total interest rate gap	(43,167,231)	(119,521,189)	209,759,098	126,519,210	91,373,214	(140,629,419)	124,333,683	

3.4.7 Interest rate sensitivity analysis

The table below sets out the impact on net interest income of a 100 basis points parallel fall or rise in all yields. A parallel increase in yields by 100 basis points would lead to an increase in net interest income while a parallel falls in yields by 100 basis points would lead to a decline in net interest income. The interest rate sensitivities are based on simplified scenarios and assumptions, including that all positions will be retained and rolled over upon maturity. The figures represent the effect of movements in net interest income based on the 100 basis point shift in interest rate and subject to the current interest rate exposures. However, the effect has not taken into account the possible risk management measures undertaken by the Bank to mitigate interest rate risk. In practice, ALCO seeks proactively to change the interest rate risk profile to minimize losses and optimise net revenues. The projections also assume that interest rates on various maturities will move within similar ranges, and therefore do not reflect any potential effect on net interest income in the event that some interest rates may change and others remain unchanged.

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Interest sensitivity analysis - 31 December 2018

Impact of 100 basis points changes in rates over a one year period (N'000) on profit or loss and equity

Time Band	Size of Gap	100 basis points decline in rates	100 basis points increase in rates
<1 month	(90,302,703)	865,401	(865,401)
1-3 months	(23,118,034)	192,650	(192,650)
3-12 months	12,237,848	(45,892)	45,892
	(101,182,889)	1,012,159	(1,012,159)

Interest sensitivity analysis - 31 December 2017

Impact of 100 basis points changes in rates over a one year period (N'000) on profit or loss and equity

Time Band	Size of Gap	100 basis points decline in rates	100 basis points increase in rates
<1 month	(65,135,830)	624,218	(624,218)
1-3 months	(119,855,613)	998,797	(998,797)
3-12 months	211,770,965	(794,141)	794,141
	26,779,522	828,874	(828,874)

Bank

Interest sensitivity analysis - 31 December 2018

Impact of 100 basis points changes in rates over a one year period (N'000) on profit or loss and equity

Time Band	Size of Gap	100 basis points decline in rates	100 basis points increase in rates
<1 month	(52,081,177)	499,111	(499,111)
1-3 months	(40,464,507)	337,204	(337,204)
3-12 months	8,554,074	(32,078)	32,078
	(83,991,610)	804,237	(804,237)

Interest sensitivity analysis -31 December 2017

Impact of 100 basis points changes in rates over a one year period (N'000) on profit or loss and equity

Time Band	Size of Gap	100 basis points decline in rates	100 basis points increase in rates
<1 month	(43,167,231)	413,687	(413,687)
1-3 months	(119,521,189)	996,010	(996,010)
3-12 months	209,759,098	(786,597)	786,597
	47,070,678	623,100	(623,100)

Interest rate movements affect reported equity in the following ways:

- Retained earnings - increases or decreases in net interest income and fair values of derivatives reported in profit or loss
- Fair value reserves - increase or decreases in fair values of FVOCI financial instruments reported directly in equity.

The table below sets out information on the exposure to fixed and variable interest instruments.

Group
Exposure to fixed and variable interest rate risk
31 December 2018

Assets	Fixed	Floating	Total
<i>In thousands of naira</i>			
Cash and balances with central banks	-	-	-
Financial assets at FVTPL	10,673,463	-	10,673,463
Assets pledged as collateral	115,749,468	-	115,749,468
Loans to banks	-	-	-
Loans and advances to customers	486,023,517	81,873,441	567,896,958
Investments securities	149,027,475	-	149,027,475
	761,473,923	81,873,441	843,347,364
Liabilities	Fixed	Floating	Total
Deposits from banks	42,370,002	-	42,370,002
Deposits from customers	660,520,174	-	660,520,174
Borrowings	121,876,210	-	121,876,210
Long term debt	18,548,901	36,452,651	55,001,552
	843,315,287	36,452,651	879,767,938

31 December 2017

Assets	Fixed	Floating	Total
<i>In thousands of naira</i>			
Cash and balances with central banks	7,505,548	-	7,505,548
Financial assets at FVTPL	38,333,109	-	38,333,109
Assets pledged as collateral	95,488,267	-	38,333,109
Loans to banks	10,642,229	-	10,642,229
Loans and advances to customers	650,999,498	104,503,664	755,503,162
Investments securities	218,196,668	-	218,196,668
	1,021,165,319	104,503,664	1,068,513,825
Liabilities	Fixed	Floating	Total
Deposits from banks	36,585	-	36,585
Deposits from customers	663,138,682	-	663,138,682
Borrowings	98,487,933	62,809,279	161,297,212
Long term debt	16,867,083	53,648,145	70,515,228
	778,530,283	116,457,424	894,987,707

Bank
Exposure to fixed and variable interest rate risk
31 December 2018

Assets	Fixed	Floating	Total
<i>In thousands of naira</i>			
Cash and balances with central banks	-	-	-
Financial assets at FVTPL	10,673,463	-	10,673,463
Assets pledged as collateral	136,643,315	-	136,643,315
Loans to banks	42,851,201	-	42,851,201
Loans and advances to customers	486,007,950	81,873,441	567,881,391
Investments securities	148,957,436	-	148,957,436
	825,133,365	81,873,441	907,006,806
Liabilities	Fixed	Floating	Total
Deposits from banks	58,758,102	-	58,758,102
Deposits from customers	664,308,420	-	664,308,420
Borrowings	130,780,058	-	130,780,058
Long term debt	18,548,901	36,452,651	55,001,552
	872,395,481	36,452,651	908,848,132

31 December 2017

Assets	Fixed	Floating	Total
<i>In thousands of naira</i>			
Cash and balances with central banks	7,505,548	-	7,505,548
Financial assets at FVTPL	38,333,109	-	38,333,109
Assets pledged as collateral	116,357,892	-	116,357,892
Loans to banks	48,666,229	-	48,666,229
Loans and advances to customers	650,984,394	104,503,664	755,488,058
Investments securities	217,956,450	-	217,956,450
	1,079,803,622	104,503,664	1,184,307,286
Liabilities	Fixed	Floating	Total
Deposits from banks	14,938,785	-	14,938,785
Deposits from customers	664,210,001	-	664,210,001
Borrowings	106,870,891	62,809,279	169,680,170
Long term debt	16,867,083	53,648,145	70,515,228
	802,886,760	116,457,424	919,344,184

3.4.8 Price sensitivity analysis on bonds and treasury bills

The table below shows the impact of likely movement in yields on the value of bonds and treasury bills. This relates to the positions of financial instruments measured at FVPTL and FVOCI. Since an increase in yields would lead to decline in market values of bonds and treasury bills, the analysis was carried out to show the likely impact of 100 basis points increase/(decrease) in market yields. The impact of financial instruments measured at FVTPL is on the income statement while the impact of financial instruments measured at FVOCI is on the statement of other comprehensive income.

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31 December 2018	Carrying Value	Impact of 100 basis points decrease in yields	Impact of 100 basis points increase in yields
Financial assets at FVTPL	10,673,463	52,066	(52,147)
Financial assets at FVOCI	33,408,310	101,440	(101,440)
Total	44,081,773	153,506	(153,587)

31 December 2017	Carrying Value	Impact of 100 basis points decrease in yields	Impact of 100 basis points increase in yields
<i>In thousands of naira</i>			
Financial assets at FVTPL	38,333,109	172,275	(170,438)
Financial assets at FVOCI	142,454,228	897,150	(924,392)
Total	180,787,337	1,069,425	(1,094,830)

BANK

31 December 2018	Carrying Value	Impact of 100 basis points decrease in yields	Impact of 100 basis points increase in yields
<i>In thousands of naira</i>			
Financial assets at FVTPL	10,673,463	52,066	(52,147)
Financial assets at FVOCI	33,408,310	101,440	(101,440)
Total	44,081,773	153,506	(153,587)

31 December 2017	Carrying Value	Impact of 100 basis points decrease in yields	Impact of 100 basis points increase in yields
<i>In thousands of naira</i>			
Financial assets at FVTPL	38,333,109	172,275	(170,438)
Financial assets at FVOCI	142,214,010	896,556	(924,392)
Total	180,547,119	1,068,831	(1,094,830)

3.5 Fair value of financial assets and liabilities

(a) Financial instruments measured at fair value

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

- Level 1 - Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities. This level includes listed equity securities and debt instruments on exchanges.
- 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), This level includes equity investments and debt instruments with significant unobservable components.

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

The table below analysis financial instruments measured at fair value at the end of each reporting period, by the level in the fair value hierarchy into which the fair value measurement is categorised:

Group

In thousands of naira

31 December 2018	Note	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Financial assets					
Derivative assets	20	-	388,755	-	388,755
Financial assets at FVTPL	19				
- Debt securities		10,673,463	-	-	10,673,463
Financial assets at FVOCI	24				
- Investment securities - debt		33,408,310	-	-	33,408,310
- Investment securities - unlisted equities		-	-	5,483,528	5,483,528
Total assets		44,081,773	388,755	5,483,528	49,954,056
Financial Liabilities					
Derivative liability	34	-	6,375	-	6,375
Total liabilities		-	6,375	-	6,375

31 December 2017

In thousands of naira

31 December 2017	Note	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Financial assets					
Derivative assets	20	-	1,318,528	-	1,318,528
Financial assets at FVTPL	19				
- Debt securities		38,333,109	-	-	38,333,109
Financial assets at FVOCI	24				
- Investment securities - debt		142,454,228	-	-	142,454,228
- Investment securities - unlisted equities		-	-	5,675,283	5,675,283
		180,787,337	1,318,528	5,675,283	187,781,148
Financial liabilities					
Derivative liability	34	-	740,724	-	740,724
Total liabilities		-	740,724	-	740,724

Bank

In thousands of naira

31 December 2018	Note	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Financial assets					
Derivative assets	20	-	388,755	-	388,755
Financial assets FVTPL	19				
- Debt securities		10,673,463	-	-	10,673,463
Financial assets FVOCI	24				
- Investment securities - debt		33,408,310	-	-	33,408,310
- Investment securities - unlisted equities		-	-	5,483,528	5,483,528
Total assets		44,081,773	388,755	5,483,528	49,954,056
Financial Liabilities					
Derivative liability	34	-	6,375	-	6,375
Total liabilities		-	6,375	-	6,375

31 December 2017

In thousands of naira

	Note	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Financial assets					
Derivative assets	20	-	1,318,528	-	1,318,528
Financial assets FVTPL	19				
- Debt securities		38,333,109	-	-	38,333,109
Financial assets FVOCI	24				
- Investment securities - debt		142,214,010	-	-	142,214,010
- Investment securities - unlisted equities		-	-	5,675,283	5,675,283
		180,547,119	1,318,528	5,675,283	187,540,930
Financial liabilities					
Derivative liability	34	-	740,724	-	740,724
Total liabilities		-	740,724	-	740,724

Reconciliation of items in level 3

In thousands of Naira

	Group		Bank	
	31 Dec 2018	31 Dec 2017	31 Dec 2018	31 Dec 2017
Opening balance	5,675,283	5,659,342	5,675,283	5,659,342
Fair value gain in OCI	(191,755)	15,941	(191,755)	15,941
Closing balance	5,483,528	5,675,283	5,483,528	5,675,283

(b) Fair valuation methods and assumptions

	Methodology	Key assumptions
<p>Trading securities Treasury bills and Government Bonds</p>	<p>For financial instruments traded in active markets, the determination of fair values is based on quoted market prices or dealer price quotations. This includes quoted debt instruments on major exchanges (for example NSE) and broker quotes from the Nigerian Financial Markets Dealer Association. These are classified as Level 1 of the fair value hierarchy.</p>	<p>The prices quoted on the major exchanges are representative of an active market and represent actual and regularly occurring market transactions on an arm's length basis.</p>
<p>Investment securities Treasury bills and Government Bonds Unquoted Equities - FVOCI</p>	<p>Investment securities measured at fair value through other comprehensive income (FVOCI) are measured at fair value using the following methods:</p> <p>For financial instruments traded in active markets, the determination of fair values is based on quoted market prices or dealer price quotations. This includes quoted debt instruments on major exchanges (for example NSE) and broker quotes from the Nigerian Financial Markets Dealer Association. These are classified as Level 1 of the fair value hierarchy.</p> <p>For equity investments in funds, the fair value is based on the Bank's share of the Fund's fair value, as advised by the Fund manager.</p>	
<p>Derivative liability OTC futures contracts Option (Equity) Derivative liability (cont'd) Option (Equity) (contd.)</p>	<p>For the CBN OTC futures contracts, the fair value is estimated from the strike price and the estimated foreign exchange rate as at maturity date.</p> <p>The Group estimated forward interest rate curves from a zero rate curve obtained by linear interpolation of zero rates.</p> <p>The Group estimated all coupons using forecasted forward interest rates and discounted all cash flows using credit-adjusted discount factors curve to obtain the value of the loan</p> <p>The convertible value was estimated using an adapted methodology from Bardhan, Bergier, Derman, Dosembet and Kani (1994) in which the discounting rate is a function of variable conversion probability</p> <p>The Group modeled the evolution of the stock price using a binomial stock price tree</p> <p>The Group estimated stock price volatility by analyzing historical stock price volatility with one year rolling volatility and six month rolling volatility and applied expert judgement to determine an appropriate forward looking volatility estimate to adopt for the valuation date. Expert judgement was required because of the lack of options market (ETO or OTC) and therefore the inability to back-solve implied volatilities for the respective maturities and money-ness</p>	<p>The strike price were obtained from the contract. The Group performed linear interpolation of the NAFEX rate to obtain the estimated foreign exchange rate at maturity</p> <p>The stock price is assumed to follow a random walk i.e. in each step it is assumed there is a constant probability of moving up by a fixed percentage and a constant probability of moving down by a fixed percentage</p> <p>Interest rates are modelled using deterministic models from observable market data</p> <p>The option value is found by working through the binomial tree. At nodes with conversion option, the option value is the maximum of the conversion value and probability-weighted discounted option value</p>

Other unlisted equity investments relate to Tinapa Resorts Limited and ATM consortium which have nil carrying amounts. These investments have been measured at cost less impairment because there is no available financial and operational information hence their fair values cannot be reliably measured. The instruments were fully impaired based on the evidence that there is no estimated future cash flow from these instruments and also because the cost of the investment in the equity instrument may not be recovered.

(c) **Financial instruments not measured at fair value**

The following table summarises the carrying amounts and fair values of those financial assets and liabilities not presented on the Group's statement of financial position at their fair value:

Group	31 December 2018					31 December 2017				
	Carrying value	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Fair value	Carrying value	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Fair value
In thousands of Naira										
Financial assets										
Cash and balances with central banks	302,374,354	-	302,374,354	-	302,374,354	299,397,460	-	299,397,460	-	299,397,460
- Cash in hand	43,909,243	-	43,909,243	-	43,909,243	41,600,417	-	41,600,417	-	41,600,417
- Balances with central banks other than mandatory reserve deposits	9,995,156	-	9,995,156	-	9,995,156	31,749,188	-	31,749,188	-	31,749,188
- Mandatory reserve deposits with central banks	248,469,955	-	248,469,955	-	248,469,955	226,047,855	-	226,047,855	-	226,047,855
Loans to banks	75,890,685	-	75,890,685	-	75,890,685	59,668,773	-	59,668,773	-	59,668,773
- Current balances with banks within Nigeria	37,946,938	-	37,946,938	-	37,946,938	24,513,272	-	24,513,272	-	24,513,272
- Current balances with banks outside Nigeria	37,943,747	-	37,943,747	-	37,943,747	24,513,272	-	24,513,272	-	24,513,272
- Placements with banks and discount houses	-	-	-	-	-	10,642,229	-	10,642,229	-	10,642,229
Loans and advances to customers	567,896,958	-	567,896,958	-	567,896,958	755,503,162	80,639,896	755,503,162	-	755,503,162
- Overdrafts	95,577,865	-	95,577,865	-	95,577,865	74,340,760	-	74,340,760	-	74,340,760
- Term loans	464,746,808	-	464,746,808	-	464,746,808	673,149,929	-	673,149,929	-	673,149,929
- Staff loans	4,607,313	-	4,607,313	-	4,607,313	4,862,905	-	4,862,905	-	4,862,905
- Advances under finance lease	2,964,972	-	2,964,972	-	2,964,972	3,149,568	-	3,149,568	-	3,149,568
Asset pledged as collateral	119,029,468	109,658,904	4,527,952	-	114,186,856	95,488,267	90,113,032	1,067,781	-	91,180,813
Other assets	20,969,590	-	20,969,590	-	20,969,590	88,103,182	-	88,103,182	-	88,103,182
Investment securities	115,812,498	110,263,038	-	193,332	110,456,370	75,892,301	74,939,937	-	149,861	75,089,798
- Measured at amortised cost	115,619,166	110,263,038	-	-	110,263,038	75,742,440	74,939,937	-	-	74,939,937
- Measured at FVOCI	193,332	-	-	193,332	193,332	149,861	-	-	149,861	149,861
- unlisted equities										
Total financial assets	1,201,973,553	219,921,942	971,659,539	193,332	1,191,774,813	1,374,053,145	245,692,865	1,203,740,358	149,861	1,368,943,188
Financial liabilities										
Deposits from banks	48,765,050	-	48,765,050	-	48,765,050	10,958,909	-	10,958,909	-	10,958,909
- Items in the course of collection	6,395,048	-	6,395,048	-	6,395,048	10,922,324	-	10,922,324	-	10,922,324
- Interbank takings	42,370,002	-	42,370,002	-	42,370,002	36,585	-	36,585	-	36,585
Deposits from customers	1,043,976,729	-	1,043,976,729	-	1,043,976,729	1,161,594,129	-	1,161,594,129	-	1,161,594,129
- Current	383,394,670	-	383,394,670	-	383,394,670	498,455,447	-	498,455,447	-	498,455,447
- Savings	463,521,770	-	463,521,770	-	463,521,770	400,382,385	-	400,382,385	-	400,382,385
- Term	197,060,289	-	197,060,289	-	197,060,289	262,756,297	-	262,756,297	-	262,756,297
Other liabilities	40,440,518	-	40,440,518	-	40,440,518	44,460,729	-	40,440,518	-	40,440,518
Long term debt	55,001,552	-	55,001,552	-	55,001,552	70,515,228	-	70,515,228	-	70,515,228
Borrowings	121,876,210	-	121,876,210	-	121,876,210	161,297,212	-	161,297,212	-	161,297,212
Total financial liabilities	1,310,060,059	-	1,310,060,059	-	1,310,060,059	1,444,805,996	44,460,729	1,444,805,996	-	1,404,365,478
Off-balance sheet financial instruments	87,656,165	-	87,656,165	-	87,656,165	43,257,262	-	43,257,262	-	43,257,262
Performance bonds and guarantees	52,096,012	-	52,096,012	-	52,096,012	22,038,160	-	22,038,160	-	22,038,160
Unconfirmed and unfunded Letters of Credit	35,560,153	-	35,560,153	-	35,560,153	21,219,102	-	21,219,102	-	21,219,102

Bank
In thousands of Naira

	31 December 2018					31 December 2017				
	Carrying value	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Fair value	Carrying value	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Fair value
Financial assets										
Cash and balances with central banks	302,370,585	-	302,370,585	-	302,370,585	299,395,467	-	299,395,467	-	299,395,467
- Cash in hand	43,905,474	-	43,905,474	-	43,905,474	41,598,424	-	41,598,424	-	41,598,424
- Balances with central banks other than mandatory reserve deposits	9,995,156	-	9,995,156	-	9,995,156	31,749,188	-	31,749,188	-	31,749,188
- Mandatory reserve deposits with central banks	248,469,955	-	248,469,955	-	248,469,955	226,047,855	-	226,047,855	-	226,047,855
Loans to banks	121,306,307	-	121,306,307	-	121,306,307	106,555,231	-	106,555,231	-	106,555,231
- Current balances with banks within Nigeria	39,227,553	-	39,227,553	-	39,227,553	28,944,501	-	28,944,501	-	28,944,501
- Current balances with banks outside Nigeria	39,224,218	-	39,224,218	-	39,224,218	28,944,501	-	28,944,501	-	28,944,501
- Placements with banks and discount houses	42,854,536	-	42,854,536	-	42,854,536	48,666,229	-	48,666,229	-	48,666,229
Loans and advances to customers	567,881,391	-	567,881,391	-	567,881,391	755,488,058	-	755,488,058	-	755,488,058
- Overdrafts	95,577,865	-	95,577,865	-	95,577,865	74,340,760	-	74,340,760	-	74,340,760
- Term loans	464,746,808	-	464,746,808	-	464,746,808	673,149,929	-	673,149,929	-	673,149,929
- Staff loans	4,591,746	-	4,591,746	-	4,591,746	4,847,801	-	4,847,801	-	4,847,801
- Advances under finance lease	2,964,972	-	2,964,972	-	2,964,972	3,149,568	-	3,149,568	-	3,149,568
Asset pledged as collateral	139,923,315	109,658,904	25,421,799	-	135,080,703	116,357,892	90,113,032	21,937,406	-	112,050,438
Other assets	20,916,925	-	20,916,925	-	20,916,925	88,021,390	-	88,021,390	-	88,021,390
Investment securities	115,742,459	110,192,999	-	193,332	110,386,331	75,892,301	74,939,937	149,861	-	75,089,798
- Measured at amortised cost	115,549,127	110,192,999	-	-	110,192,999	75,742,440	74,939,937	-	-	74,939,937
- Measured at FVOCI										
- unlisted equities	193,332	-	-	193,332	193,332	149,861	-	149,861	-	149,861
Total financial assets	1,268,140,982	219,851,903	1,037,897,007	193,332	1,257,942,242	1,441,710,339	165,052,969	1,271,547,413	-	1,436,600,382
Financial liabilities										
Deposits from banks	65,153,150	-	65,153,150	-	65,153,150	25,861,109	-	25,861,109	-	25,861,109
- Items in the course of collection	6,395,048	-	6,395,048	-	6,395,048	10,922,324	-	10,922,324	-	10,922,324
- Interbank takings	58,758,102	-	58,758,102	-	58,758,102	14,938,785	-	14,938,785	-	14,938,785
Deposits from customers	1,047,764,975	-	1,047,764,975	-	1,047,764,975	1,164,726,773	-	1,164,726,773	-	1,164,726,773
- Current	383,456,556	-	383,456,556	-	383,456,556	500,516,772	-	500,516,772	-	500,516,772
- Savings	463,521,770	-	463,521,770	-	463,521,770	400,382,385	-	400,382,385	-	400,382,385
- Term	200,786,649	-	200,786,649	-	200,786,649	263,827,616	-	263,827,616	-	263,827,616
Other liabilities	40,433,727	-	40,433,727	-	40,433,727	44,449,077	-	44,449,077	-	44,449,077
Long term debt	55,001,552	-	55,001,552	-	55,001,552	70,515,228	-	70,515,228	-	70,515,228
Borrowings	130,780,058	-	130,780,058	-	130,780,058	169,680,170	-	169,680,170	-	169,680,170
Total financial liabilities	1,339,133,462	-	1,339,133,462	-	1,339,133,462	1,475,232,357	-	1,475,232,357	-	1,475,232,357
Off-balance sheet financial instruments	87,656,165	-	87,656,165	-	87,656,165	43,257,262	-	43,257,262	-	43,257,262
Performance bonds and guarantees	52,096,012	-	52,096,012	-	52,096,012	22,038,160	-	22,038,160	-	22,038,160
Unconfirmed and unfunded Letters of Credit	35,560,153	-	35,560,153	-	35,560,153	21,219,102	-	21,219,102	-	21,219,102

3.5 Fair value of financial assets and liabilities (cont'd)

- (i) Cash and balances with central banks include cash and restricted and non - restricted deposits with Central Bank of Nigeria. The carrying amount of balances with other banks is a reasonable approximation of fair value which is the amount receivable on demand.
- (ii) Loans to banks includes balances with other banks within and outside Nigeria and short term placements.
 - The carrying amount of balances with other banks is a reasonable approximation of fair value which is the amount receivable on demand.
 - The estimated fair value of fixed interest bearing placement is based on discounted cash flows using prevailing money-market interest rates for the debts. The carrying amount represents the fair value which is receivable on maturity.
- (iii) Loans and advances to customers are net of charges for impairment. The estimated fair value of loans and advances represents the market value of the loans, arrived at by recalculating the carrying amount of the loans using the estimated market rate for the various loan types
- (iv) Deposits from banks and customers
 - The estimated fair value of deposits, with no stated maturity, is the amount repayable on demand.
 - The estimated fair value of fixed interest-bearing deposits not quoted in an active market is based on discounted cash flows using interest rates for new debts with similar remaining maturity.
- (v) Carrying amounts of all other financial assets and liabilities are reasonable approximation of their fair values which are payable on demand.
- (vi) Off-balance sheet financial instruments
The estimated fair values of the off-balance sheet financial instruments are based on markets prices for similar facilities. When this information is not available, fair value is estimated using discounted cash flow analysis.

3.6 Capital management

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

- (a) To comply with the capital requirements set by the regulators of the banking markets where the entities within the Group operate;
- (b) To safeguard the Group's ability to continue as a going concern so that it can continue to provide returns for shareholders and benefits for other stakeholders and;
- (c) To maintain a strong capital base to support the development of its business.

Diamond Bank maintains capital as a cushion towards the risk of loss in value of exposure, businesses, etc., to protect the interest of stakeholders, more particularly, depositors. The Bank has a comprehensive system in place for assessing capital requirements based on current and future business activities and monitoring same on an ongoing basis. Beyond supervisory concern and disclosure issues, the Bank considers that capital availability is the central theme in the whole process, thus its computation is applied to policy, strategy and business level composition. The adoption of IFRS 9 with effect from January 2018 impacted the capital adequacy ratio (CAR) due to the resultant additional impairment charge. The impact is however moderated with the introduction of a relieve-based Transitional Arrangements for treatment of expected credit loss by the Central Bank. This is meant to spread the IFRS 9 Impact over a four (4) years period ending 31 December 2020. However, the impact resulted in the reduction of the CAR below the Regulatory limit of 15%.

In line with Central Bank of Nigeria guidelines, the bank has adopted the following approaches for implementation of Basel II Capital Adequacy Framework:

1. The Bank has adopted Standardized Approach for credit risk. Under this approach, the Bank applies the risk weights issued by the CBN for the various categories of exposures.
2. The market risk capital charge arises from interest rate risk in the trading book and foreign exchange risk. The Bank has adopted the standardized approach for the computation of Market Risk capital charge.
3. The Bank adopted the Basic Indicator Approach for determining capital charge for operational risk. This was estimated as 15% of average gross annual income for the previous three financial years.

The Bank undertakes the Internal Capital Adequacy Assessment Process (ICAAP) on an annual basis in line with the extant guidelines of CBN. The ICAAP details the capital planning process and carries out an assessment covering risk measurement, monitoring, controls, reporting and stress testing of balance sheet for all risks.

The CBN requires each bank to: (a) hold the minimum level of the regulatory capital of N50 billion and (b) maintain a ratio of total regulatory capital to the risk-weighted asset at or above the minimum of 15%. In addition, those individual banking subsidiaries or similar financial institutions not incorporated in Nigeria are directly regulated and supervised by their local banking supervisor, which may differ from country to country.

The Group's regulatory capital as managed by its Financial Control and Treasury units is divided into two tiers:

- Tier 1 capital: share capital, retained earnings and reserves created by appropriations of retained earnings. The book value of goodwill and deferred tax is deducted in arriving at Tier 1 capital; and
- Tier 2 capital: preference shares, qualifying debt stock, fair value reserves, fixed assets revaluation reserves, foreign currency revaluation reserves, hybrid instruments, convertible bonds and subordinated debts with original tenor of 5 years and above.

Investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries are split equally and deducted from Tier 1 and Tier 2 capital to arrive at the regulatory capital.

Credit risk exposures

Credit risk exposure comprises on-balance sheet, off balance sheet and regulatory risk exposures and is calculated by applying the required regulatory risk weighting adjustment on the on-balance sheet and off-balance sheet exposures. The regulatory risk reserve is deducted from the sum of the risk-adjusted on-balance sheet and off-balance sheet exposures to arrive at the total on balance sheet and off balance sheet exposures for the purpose of capital adequacy computation.

Operational risk exposure

The Group determines its operational risk exposure using the basic indicator approach. The basic indicator approach for operational risk entails holding capital for operational risk equal to a 3-year average of a fixed percentage of gross annual operating income. The Group adopts a fixed percentage of 15 in calculating its operational risk exposure.

The table below summarises the composition of regulatory capital and the ratios of the Bank for the years ended 31 December 2018 and 31 December 2017. During those years, the Bank complied with the externally imposed capital requirements.

Basel II Basis				
<i>In thousands of naira</i>				
		31 December	Adjusted impact	31 December
		2018	of IFRS 9	2017
		2018	transition on 31	2017
		2018	December 2018	2017
Tier 1 capital				
Share capital	38	11,580,195	11,580,195	11,580,195
Share premium	39	134,532,974	134,532,974	134,532,974
Statutory reserves	39	24,526,456	24,526,456	23,423,258
SMEIS reserve	39	3,966,628	3,966,628	3,966,628
Retained earnings	39	(148,332,792)	(148,332,792)	5,139,548
IFRS 9 transition adjustment		-	95,834,277	-
Total qualifying Tier 1 Capital		26,273,461	122,107,738	178,642,603
Less: Deferred tax, intangible assets and goodwill	30,29	(8,064,758)	(8,064,758)	(8,820,765)
Less: Investment in subsidiaries		(1,000,000)	(1,000,000)	(1,000,000)
Less: Unsecured Lending to Subsidiary		-	-	-
Total qualifying Tier 1 capital		17,208,703	113,042,980	168,821,838
Tier 2 capital				
Fair value reserve	39	2,126,087	2,126,087	3,858,800
Foreign currency translation reserve	39			
Subordinated debt		7,283,600	7,283,600	22,139,551
Less: Investment in subsidiaries		(1,000,000)	(1,000,000)	(1,000,000)
Less: Unsecured Lending to Subsidiary		-	-	-
Less: Unsecured Lending to Subsidiary				
Total qualifying Tier 2 capital		8,409,687	8,409,687	24,998,351
Total regulatory capital		25,618,390	121,452,667	193,820,189
Risk-weighted assets:				
Credit Risk				
On-balance sheet		690,995,213	690,995,213	876,982,889
Off-balance sheet		45,198,908	45,198,908	24,254,986
Regulatory risk reserves		-	-	(31,062,558)
Total on balance sheet assets and off balance sheet exposures		736,194,121	736,194,121	870,175,317
Operational risk exposures		258,827,202	258,827,202	273,002,992
Market risk exposures		24,545,055	24,545,055	14,304,221
Total risk-weighted assets		1,019,566,378	1,019,566,378	1,157,482,530
Risk-weighted Capital Adequacy Ratio (CAR)		2.51%	11.91%	16.74%

Operational risk

Operational risk is the risk of loss resulting from inadequate or failed internal processes, people and systems or from external events.

Operational risk arise from the execution of an organization's business functions.

Operational risk is the risk that occurs as a result of doing business and includes: technology failures, breaches in internal controls, frauds, unforeseen catastrophes, or other operational problems which may result in unexpected losses.

Operational risks exist in all products and business activities.

Business units and support functions in the Bank have primary responsibility and accountability for the management of operational risks in their units. The various units and functions are supported by an Operational Risk Management Unit which reports to the Group Risk Management Committee through the Head of Risk Management and Control, while Corporate Audit Group performs an independent assessment of the implementation of the Bank's operational risk management framework.

Strategy Risk

Strategy risk is the risk of current or prospective impact on the Group's earnings, capital, reputation or standing arising from the changes in the operating environment and from adverse strategic decisions, improper implementation of decisions, or lack of responsiveness to industry, economic or technological changes. It is a function of the compatibility of the Group's strategic goals, strategies developed to achieve these goals, the resources deployed to meet these goals, and the quality of the implementation of the strategic plan.

The Group strategic risk management focus is to proactively identify, understand, promptly analyse and appropriately manage strategic risks that could affect the achievement of the Group's strategic intent. In the process the Group:

- (a) Ensures that exposures reflect strategic goals that are not overly aggressive and are also compatible with developed business strategies.
- (b) Avoids products, markets and business for which it cannot objectively measure and manage their associated risk; and
- (c) Strives to maintain a balance between risk/opportunities and revenue consideration within the Group's risk appetite. Thus, risk-related issues are considered in all business decisions.

The Board of directors has the ultimate responsibility for establishing and approving the Group's strategy in an integrated manner that aligns strategies, goals, tactics and resources. The Board members participate in the Bank's Annual Strategy Session towards the review of the Strategic Plan. When approved, such plans are cascaded to the various business units/subsidiaries for creating business unit/subsidiary plans and budgets. It is the responsibilities of the Executive Management Committee to assist the Board in developing and formulating strategies to meet the Group's strategic goals and objectives, and ensuring adequate implementation of the Group's strategic plan as approved by the Board.

The Group Risk Management Committee is responsible for establishing a suitable reporting system which will ensure timely monitoring of strategic risk exposures, and undertaking measures for the elimination of any possible problems pertaining to internal and external factors. The strategic planning group has the primary responsibility for supporting the Board and Senior Management in managing the Group's strategic risk and facilitating change in corporate strategic plan that contribute to the Group's organizational development and continuous improvement.

4 Critical accounting judgements in applying the Group's accounting policies

In preparing these consolidated financial statements, management has made judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of the Group's accounting policies and the reported amount of assets, liabilities, income and expenses. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

Estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to estimates are recognised prospectively

(a) Impairment losses on loans and advances

(i) Determination of default prior to the measurement of expected credit loss

The Group considers an objective evidence of default for the purpose of determining its stage classification of impairment. It considers all default event terms no matter if it is obligatory or facultative to constitute objective evidence of impairment in accordance to IFRS 9.

All financial assets with objective evidence of impairment will be further referred to as defaulted (or in default status). Exposure is considered defaulted, if the obligatory payments on the exposure have been passed due for at least 90 days.

An exposure is considered to be individually significant if the total amount exceeds a significance threshold expressed in percentage as of reporting date. Significance thresholds are established and reviewed at regular intervals. Significant threshold can be determined separately for each risk portfolio or for groups of portfolios. However exposures considered by the Group as having specific risk, are deemed as individually significant exposures and have to be assessed individually.

An exposure is comprised of the following components as at the reporting date:

- i) Overdue principal receivable
- ii) Undue principal receivable
- iii) Overdue contract interest receivable
- iv) Undue accrued interest
- v) Other outstanding exposure
- vi) Unconditional and conditional off-balance sheet exposure, in particular available limit
- vii) Unamortized discount or premium.

(ii) Measurement of the expected credit loss allowance for financial assets

The measurement of the expected credit loss allowance for financial assets measured at amortised cost and FVOCI is an area that requires the use of complex models and significant assumptions about future economic conditions and credit behaviour (e.g. the likelihood of customers defaulting and the resulting losses). Explanation of the inputs, assumptions and estimation techniques used in measuring ECL is further detailed in note 3.2.4 to 3.2.10.

A number of significant judgements are also required in applying the accounting requirements for measuring ECL, such as:

- Determining criteria for significant increase in credit risk;
- Determining the credit risk grades;
- Generating the term structure of the probability of default;
- Determining whether credit risk has increased significantly;
- Incorporation of forward-looking information;
- Establishing groups of similar financial assets for the purposes of measuring ECL.

Detailed information about the judgements and estimates made by the Group in the above areas is set out in note 3.2.4 to 3.2.10.

(b) Fair value of financial instruments

Fair values are subject to a control framework that aims to ensure that they are either determined, or validated, by a function independent of the risk taker. To this end, ultimate responsibility for the determination of fair values lies within the Market Risk function, which reports functionally to the Chief Risk Officer. Financial Control establishes the accounting policies and procedures governing valuation, and is responsible for ensuring that these comply with all relevant accounting standards. Fair value activities/processes are carried out by Market Risk Management. The revaluation process are carried out independent of Treasury or other risk-takers in the front office. The pricing factors used for revaluation are also obtained from a source which is independently verifiable. Market Risk Management revalue all exposures categorized under the trading and available for sale portfolio. The revaluation gain or loss are communicated to management at every ALCO meeting.

The fair value of financial instruments where no active market exists or where quoted prices are not otherwise available are determined by using valuation techniques. In these cases, the fair values are estimated from observable data in respect of similar financial instruments or using models. Where market observable inputs are not available, they are estimated based on appropriate assumptions. Where valuation techniques (for example, models) are used to determine fair values, they are validated and periodically reviewed by qualified personnel independent of those that sourced them. All models are certified before they are used, and models are calibrated to ensure that outputs reflect actual data and comparative market prices. To the extent practical, models use only observable data; however, areas such as credit risk (both own credit risk and counterparty risk), volatilities and correlations require management to make estimates.

(c) Depreciation and carrying value of property & equipment

The estimation of the useful lives of assets is based on management's judgement. Any material adjustment to the estimated useful lives of items of property and equipment will have an impact on the carrying value of these items.

(d) Determination of impairment of property and equipment, and intangible assets excluding goodwill

Management is required to make judgements concerning the cause, timing and amount of impairment. In the identification of impairment indicators, management considers the impact of changes in current competitive conditions, cost of capital, availability of funding, technological obsolescence, discontinuance of services and other circumstances that could indicate that impairment exists. The Group applies the impairment assessment to its separate cash generating units. This requires management to make significant judgements and estimates concerning the existence of impairment indicators, separate cash generating units, remaining useful lives of assets, projected cash flows and net realisable values. Management's judgement is also required when assessing whether a previously recognised impairment loss should be reversed.

(e) Income taxes

The Group is subject to income taxes in numerous jurisdictions. Significant estimates are required in determining the group wide provision for income taxes. There are many transactions and calculations for which the ultimate tax determination is uncertain during the ordinary course of business. The Group recognises liabilities for anticipated tax audit issues based on estimates of whether additional taxes will be due. Where the final tax outcome of these matters is different from the amounts that were initially recorded, such differences will impact the income tax and deferred tax provisions in the period in which such determination is made.

(f) Determination of control over investees

Management applies its judgement to determine whether the control indicators set out in Note 2.4(a) indicate that the Group controls a special purpose entity.

Certain special purpose entities sponsored by the Group for the purpose of facilitating foreign borrowing arrangements are run according to predetermined criteria that are part of the initial design of the vehicles. In addition, the Group is exposed to variability of returns from the vehicles through its holding of debt securities in the vehicles and by issuing financial guarantees. Outside the day-to-day servicing of the receivables, key decisions are usually required only when receivables in the vehicles go into default. Therefore, in considering whether it has control, the Group considers whether it manages the key decisions that most significantly affect these vehicles' returns. As a result, the Group has concluded that it controls some of these vehicles. (for more information on consolidated vehicles, see Note 26)

For further disclosure in respect of unconsolidated structured entities in which the Group has an interest or for which it is a sponsor, see Note 41.

(g) Determination of significant influence over investees

Management applies its judgement to determine whether the Group has significant influence over an investee company as set out in Note 2.4(g).

The Group has determined that it exercises significant influence over certain investee companies due to its representation on the Board of such companies and its significant participation in the Companies' operating and financial policies.

(h) Recognition of deferred tax assets

The Group recognizes deferred tax assets based on management's profit forecasts (which are based on the available evidence, including historical levels of profitability), which indicates that it is probable that the Group's entities will have future taxable profits against which these assets can be utilized.

Where there are deductible temporary differences for which the Group has determined that future taxable profits will not be available against which they can be utilized, the deferred tax asset is not recognized, but is disclosed as unrecognized deferred tax asset in the notes to the financial statements.

(i) Recognition and measurement of provisions and contingencies

A provision is recognized if, as a result of a past event, the Group has a present legal or constructive obligation that can be estimated reliably, and it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation. Provisions are determined by discounting the expected future cash flows at a pre-tax rate that reflects the current market assessment of the time value of money and, where appropriate, the risks specific to the liability.

5 Operating segments

Following the management approach of IFRS 8, operating segments are reported in accordance with the internal reports provided to the Group's Executive Committee (the chief operating decision maker), who is responsible for allocating resources to the operating segments and assesses its performance.

The Group has four main reportable segments on a worldwide basis. The Group's business is organized along the following business segments:

1. **Treasury** - The treasury department of the Group is responsible for the profitable management of the group's liquidity ensuring a balance between liquidity and profitability. In addition, Financial Institutions are also reported under Treasury for the purpose of performance measurement.
2. **Business Banking** - These are all banking activities relating to medium scale enterprises with monthly business turnover of more than N40 million and up to N1 billion. It covers banking activities relating to the following entities: Tertiary Institutions, government accounts and large local companies. It includes companies that are not multinationals, and are not audited by any of the top six international audit firms.
3. **Retail banking** - This covers all banking activities relating to individuals (consumer banking) and MSME banking. Small businesses with monthly turnover of not more than N40 million (or N480 million per annum) are also reported as Retail Banking.
4. **Corporate banking** - incorporating all banking activities relating to Multinationals; other large/well-structured companies in Oil & Gas, Power & Infrastructures, Maritime & Transportation, Telecommunications/General Services, Manufacturing/Trade and Construction, having monthly business turnover of greater than N1.2 billion; and subsidiary activities.

Management monitors the operating results of the business units separately for the purpose of making decisions about resource allocation and performance assessment. Segment performance is assessed based on operating profit or loss which in certain respects is measured differently from operating profit or loss in the consolidated financial statements. Income taxes are managed at individual company basis and are not allocated to operating segments.

- Funds are ordinarily allocated between segments, resulting in funding cost transfers disclosed in operating income. Interest charged for these funds is based on the Group's cost of capital. There are no other material items of income or expense between the business segments.
- Internal charges and transfer pricing adjustments have been reflected in the performance of each business segment. Revenue sharing agreements are used to allocate external customer revenues to business segments on a reasonable basis.
- No revenue from transaction with a single external customer or a group of connected economic entities or counterparty amounted to 10% or more of the group's total revenue during the year ended 31 December 2018.

The Bank's management reporting is based on an internal reporting framework which differs from IFRS in treatment and in presentation. In addition, the balance sheet of the operating segments is usually limited to only segments' interest earning assets and interest bearing liabilities. Therefore, these differences between the Group's IFRS financial statements and the results of operating segments are as a result of the Bank's conversion to IFRS from Nigerian Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (NGAAP) and unallocated income and expenses held in head office.

Discontinuing Operations - Diamond Bank WAMU and Diamond Bank UK made up the discontinued operations balances for the comparative period 31 December 2017 while the balances of Diamond Bank UK makes up the discontinued operations balances for the period ended 31 December 2018. Diamond Bank WAMU balance sheet balances has been deducted from December 2017 leaving only Diamond Bank UK for ease of comparison to December 2018 balances.

Basis of Preparation

Operating segments report included in these financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and in line with the Group's internal reporting framework. The key accounting policies applied are discussed below.

(a) Recognition of income

Interest income is recognized on an accrual basis, except for interest overdue by more than 90 days, which is suspended and recognized only to the extent of cash received. Fees and commission, where material are amortized over the life of the related service. Lease finance income is recognized on a basis that provides a constant yield on the outstanding principal over the lease term.

Income from bonds or guarantee and letters of credit (clean line) are recognized as earned on issuance of the bond or guarantee, or at the time the service or transaction is effected.

(b) Loan Loss provision/Impairment Charges

Provision is made in accordance with prudential guidelines for licensed banks issued by the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) for each account that is not performing in line with the agreed terms of the related facility as follows:

Substandard	10%
Doubtful	50%
Lost	100%

The Group also makes provision of at least 2% for performing risk assets to recognize risk inherent in any credit portfolio.

(c) Transfer pricing

The Group operates an inter-segment transfer pricing practice that is used to remunerate segments that lend to, or borrow from each other. The Group uses a centralized pool system to recognize the side of the balance sheet where each segment plays. Segments assets and liabilities included in the operating segment report (except those belonging to the subsidiaries) are restricted to interest earning assets and interest bearing liabilities. Other components on the group balance sheet have been reported as unallocated assets or liabilities.

Segments that have net contribution to the pool are remunerated at a pool rate benchmarked on the highest deposit rate in operation while segments that have net borrowing from the pool are charged at the pool rate plus 3%. The result of this compensation practice are reported as interest revenue derived from other segments, and interest expense paid to other segments in the operating segment reports above.

Operating segments (Continued)

Information about operating segments

PROFIT OR LOSS

Group

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In thousands of Naira

	Treasury	Business Banking	Retail Banking	Corporate Banking	Total continuing operations	Discontinued operations	Total
Interest income derived from external customers	60,408,644	16,307,828	7,243,032	53,414,252	137,373,756	4,423,423	141,797,179
Interest income derived from other segments	14,181,142	13,508,546	86,691,353	17,745,593	132,126,634	-	132,126,634
Total interest income	74,589,786	29,816,374	93,934,385	71,159,845	269,500,390	4,423,423	273,923,813
Interest paid to external customers	26,190,316	(3,817,762)	(19,878,128)	(7,299,306)	(57,185,512)	(2,914,898)	(60,100,410)
Interest paid to other segments	(22,474,788)	(13,009,650)	(21,718,960)	66,980,737	(124,184,135)	-	(124,184,135)
Total interest expenses	(48,665,104)	(16,827,412)	(41,597,088)	(74,280,043)	(181,369,647)	(2,914,898)	(184,284,545)
Other Income	2,420,231	4,396,585	30,616,793	4,082,873	41,516,482	164,469	41,680,951
Operating income	28,344,913	17,385,547	82,954,090	962,675	129,647,225	1,672,994	131,320,219
Impairment charges for credit losses	-	1,158,161	(3,374,026)	(15,139,445)	17,355,310	(256,554)	(17,611,864)
Operating expenses	(2,681,179)	(7,282,882)	(47,452,769)	(47,958,072)	05,374,902	(3,188,123)	(108,563,025)
Operating profit before tax	25,663,734	11,260,826	32,127,295	(62,134,842)	6,917,013	(1,771,683)	5,145,330

31 December 2017

	Treasury	Business Banking	Retail Banking	Corporate Banking	Total continuing operations	Discontinued operations	Total
Interest income derived from external customers	56,329,621	19,605,894	6,686,543	65,815,325	48,437,383	27,242,436	175,679,819
Interest income derived from other segments	11,005,273	13,918,281	86,130,991	8,050,061	19,104,606	-	119,104,606
Total interest income	67,334,894	33,524,175	92,817,534	73,865,386	267,541,989	27,242,436	294,784,425
Interest paid to external customers	22,030,380	(3,486,237)	(15,551,763)	(3,459,878)	44,528,258	(12,452,095)	(56,980,353)
Interest paid to other segments	22,626,902	15,181,655)	(16,142,923)	52,120,727)	06,072,207)	-	(106,072,207)
Total interest expenses	(44,657,282)	(18,667,892)	(31,694,686)	(55,580,605)	(150,600,465)	(12,452,095)	(163,052,560)
Other Income	(121,806)	5,592,145	27,936,641	4,991,926	38,398,906	7,222,133	45,621,039
Operating income	22,555,806	20,448,428	89,059,489	23,276,707	155,340,430	22,012,474	177,352,904
Impairment charges for credit losses	-	(6,255,508)	(14,203,791)	(20,052,069)	40,511,368	(2,485,313)	(42,996,681)
Operating expenses	(1,910,175)	(7,708,146)	(52,341,723)	(5,050,501)	67,010,545)	(17,381,145)	(84,391,690)
Operating profit before tax	20,645,631	6,484,774	22,513,975	(1,825,863)	47,818,517	2,146,016	49,964,533

Reconciliation of segment results of operations to consolidated results of operations

Group	31 December 2018			31 December 2017		
	Total continuing operations	Discontinued operations	Total	Total continuing operations	Discontinued operations	Total
<i>In thousands of naira</i>						
Interest income earned by the reporting segments (See note below)	269,500,390	4,423,423	273,923,813	267,541,989	27,242,436	294,784,425
Interest expense (See (b) below)	(181,369,647)	(2,914,898)	(184,284,545)	(150,600,465)	(12,452,095)	(163,052,560)
Impairment charge for credit losses (See (c) below)	(17,355,310)	(256,554)	(17,611,864)	(40,511,368)	(2,485,313)	(42,996,681)
Other operating income (See (d) below)	41,516,482	164,469	41,680,951	38,398,906	7,222,133	45,621,039
Operating expenses (See (e) below)	(105,374,902)	(3,188,123)	(108,563,025)	(67,010,545)	(17,381,145)	(84,391,690)
Operating profit	6,917,013	(1,771,683)	5,145,330	47,818,517	2,146,016	49,964,533

Reconciliation of segment results of operations to consolidated results of operations

31 December 2018

In thousands of naira

	Total management reporting	Differences	Total consolidated
Interest income from external customers	273,923,813	(134,119,305)	139,804,508
Interest expense	(184,284,545)	128,712,701	(55,571,844)
Impairment charge for credit losses	(17,611,864)	(2,941,960)	20,553,824
Other operating income	41,680,951	(11,117,875)	30,563,076
Net trading income	-	7,260,597	7,260,597
Net gain from other financial instruments through profit or loss	-	(301,053)	(301,053)
Operating expenses	(105,374,902)	7,711,870	(97,663,032)
Operating profit/(loss)	8,333,453	(4,795,025)	3,538,428
Taxation	-	1,087,601	1,087,601

	Total management reporting	Differences	Total consolidated
Interest income from external customers	294,784,425	(149,461,821)	145,322,604
Interest expense	(163,052,560)	116,014,146	(47,038,414)
Impairment charge for credit losses	(42,996,681)	(13,833,730)	(56,830,411)
Other operating income	45,621,039	(14,453,544)	31,167,495
Net trading income	-	3,900,434	3,900,434
Net gain from other financial instruments through profit or loss	-	778,412	778,412
Operating expenses	(84,391,690)	(4,455,382)	(88,847,072)
Operating profit	49,964,533	(61,511,485)	(11,546,952)
Taxation	-	(1,349,575)	(1,349,575)

(a) Interest income

Under operating segment reporting, interest on loans is recognized using the contractual rate on the outstanding balance of the loan. When a loan is classified as impaired, interest is usually accrued, but suspended. Under IFRS, interest is calculated on the amortized cost of the loans using effective interest method. Effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts the expected future cash flows of a loan to its carrying amount. When a loan is impaired, the carrying amount is reduced to the recoverable amount which is the future cash flow discounted at the original effective interest rate of the instrument. Interest is recognized on the loan by unwinding the discount. Interest on impaired loans is recognized using the original effective interest rate.

Reconciliation of interest income

In thousands of naira

	Note	31 December 2018	31 December 2017
Total interest income earned by reportable segment		273,923,813	294,784,425
Consolidation and adjustments			
- Due to differences in accounting policies		(1,992,671)	(30,357,215)
- Due to elimination of inter-segment revenue		(132,126,634)	(119,104,606)
Total consolidated interest income	7	139,804,508	145,322,604

(b) Interest expense

Under operating segment reporting, on-lending fees relating to borrowings from foreign financial institutions are usually paid in advance, warehoused in a receivable account and amortized to operating expenses on a straightline basis over the tenor of the borrowing. Under IFRS, the amortized position of the upfront fees have been reclassified to interest expense since the liabilities are measured at amortized cost and the upfront fees have been considered in calculating the effective interest rate.

Reconciliation of interest expense	Note	31 December 2018	31 December 2017
<i>In thousand of naira</i>			
Total interest expense incurred by reportable segments		184,284,545	163,052,560
Consolidated and adjustments			
- Due to differences in accounting policies		(4,528,566)	(9,941,939)
- Due to elimination of inter-segment costs		(124,184,135)	(106,072,207)
Total consolidated interest expense	8	55,571,844	47,038,414

(c) Impairment charge for credit losses

Under operating segment reporting, impairment on loans and advances is determined using the Central Bank of Nigeria's Prudential Guidelines based on each customer's account and the number of days' interest/principal outstanding. International Financial Reporting Standards requires the use of an incurred loss model where the loss event must have an effect on the estimated future cash flows of the financial asset.

Reconciliation of impairment charges	Note	31 December 2018	31 December 2017
<i>In thousand of naira</i>			
Total impairment charges reported by reportable segments		17,611,864	42,996,681
Consolidated and adjustments			
- Due to differences in accounting policies		14,161,535	25,053,305
- Due to unallocated impairment charges		(11,219,575)	(11,219,575)
Total consolidated impairment charges	9	20,553,824	56,830,411

(d) Other operating income

(i) Fees and commission income

Under operating segment reporting, credit related fee income should be deferred and amortized over the life of the related credit facility in proportion to the outstanding credit risk. IFRS requires that credit related fees form part of the effective interest rate calculation of the related credit facility.

(ii) Net gains/(losses) from financial assets measured at fair value through profit or loss (FVTPL)

Financial assets designated as FVTPL is not a financial instrument category under the operating segments report and there is no authoritative guidance available. Under IFRS, a financial asset is measured at fair value through profit or loss (FVTPL) if acquired principally for the purpose of selling or repurchasing in the near term or if it is part of a portfolio of identified instruments that are managed together and for which there is evidence of a recent actual pattern of short-term profit-taking. A portion of the income reported as trading income or profit on sale of investments relate to financial instruments measured at FVTPL, which have been reclassified under IFRS as net gains/(losses) from financial assets measured at FVTPL.

(e) Operating expenses

Under operating segment reporting, staff loans are usually granted at a concessionary rate, without recognizing the embedded staff benefit and amortizing it over the tenor of the loan. Under IFRS, such benefits are determined and amortized to staff expense over the life of the loan. In some cases where impairment charges for unrecoverable portion of "other assets" have been included in provision for losses, these were reclassified to operating expenses in IFRS.

Reconciliation of operating expenses	Note	31 December 2018	31 December 2017
<i>In thousand of naira</i>			
Total operating expenses incurred by reportable segments		105,374,902	84,391,690
Consolidated and adjustments			
- Due to differences in accounting policies		(37,517,687)	(25,350,435)
- Due to unallocated expenses		29,805,817	29,805,817
Total consolidated operating expenses	15	97,663,032	88,847,072

BALANCE SHEET Group

31 December 2018

In thousands of Naira

	Treasury	Business Banking	Retail Business	Corporate banking	Total Continuing operations	Discontinued operations	Total
Segment assets							
Loans to customers	-	86,561,806	60,593,288	593,657,097	740,812,191	34,573,066	775,385,257
Loans to banks/Investments in treasury bills and bonds	250,460,730	-	-	209,390,275	459,851,005	58,397,623	518,248,628
Total assets	250,460,730	86,561,806	60,593,288	803,047,372	1,200,663,196	92,970,689	1,293,633,885
Segment liabilities							
Deposit from customers	51,637,655	115,293,330	820,933,553	70,810,827	1,058,675,365	-	1,058,675,365
Takings and treasury bills sold - others	113,315,100	-	-	112,762,906	226,078,006	-	226,078,006
Total liabilities	164,952,755	115,293,330	820,933,553	183,573,733	1,284,753,371	-	1,284,753,371

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In thousands of Naira

	Treasury	Business Banking	Retail Business	Corporate banking	Total Continuing operations	Discontinued operations	Total
Segment assets							
Loans to customers	-	82,349,214	52,348,232	533,520,394	668,217,840	250,664,108	918,881,948
Loans to banks/Investments in treasury bills and bonds	393,337,118	-	-	92,535,235	485,872,353	383,648,505	869,520,858
Total assets	393,337,118	82,349,214	52,348,232	626,055,629	1,154,090,193	634,312,613	1,788,402,806
Segment liabilities							
Deposit from customers	1	176,115,915	758,327,283	85,135,413	1,019,578,612	320,207,255	1,339,785,867
Takings and treasury bills sold - others	10,958,909	-	-	113,379,986	124,338,895	276,400,666	400,739,561
Total liabilities	10,958,910	176,115,915	758,327,283	198,515,399	1,143,917,507	596,607,921	1,740,525,428

Reconciliation of segment assets and liabilities to consolidated statement of financial position

Group	31 December 2018			31 December 2017		
	Total continuing operations	Discontinued operations	Total	Total continuing operations	Discontinued operations	Total
Segment assets	1,200,663,196	92,970,689	1,293,633,885	1,154,090,193	634,312,613	1,788,402,806
Total consolidated assets	1,299,763,712	71,445,024	1,371,208,736	1,622,879,081	91,928,185	1,714,807,266
Total assets	99,100,516	(21,525,665)	77,574,851	468,788,888	(542,384,428)	(73,595,540)
Segment liabilities	1,284,753,371	-	1,284,753,371	1,143,917,507	596,607,921	1,740,525,428
Total consolidated liabilities	1,316,999,570	17,135,474	1,334,135,044	1,455,630,104	35,864,205	1,491,494,309
Total liabilities	32,246,199	17,135,474	49,381,673	311,712,597	(560,743,716)	(249,031,119)

Assets

Short-term investments are measured at lower of cost and market value and long-term at cost or at a revalued amount under Segment report. Under IFRS, all financial instruments are measured initially at fair value. Subsequently, all financial instruments remain measured at fair value except for financial instruments measured at amortised cost and unquoted equity instruments whose fair values cannot be measured reliably. The application of fair value measurement and changes in accounting policy relating to impairment of loans account for the difference between segment assets and the consolidated statement of financial position.

Liabilities

Under IFRS, financial liabilities at amortized cost (deposits from customers, deposit from banks and borrowings) have been restated to meet the definition of amortized cost, by adjusting the carrying amounts to include unamortized upfront fees and transaction costs. In addition, accrued interest payable has been reclassified to the underlying financial liability. The deferred tax liability in these IFRS financial statements is calculated using the IFRS carrying amounts of assets and liabilities. The segment liabilities does not include borrowings, long term debts and other liabilities.

Major customer

No single customer of the Group represented 10% of the Group's total revenue

Segment result of operations by geography

The Group's business segments operate in Nigeria which is the home country of the parent bank, and which is also the main operating company. The areas of operation include all the primary business segments. Revenue from external customers is based on the country in which the customer is located. Assets are also shown by the geographical location of the assets.

31 December 2018

In thousands of Naira

	Nigeria	Rest of West Africa	Europe	Total continuing operations	Discontinued operations	Total
Interest revenue derived from external customers	137,373,756	-	-	137,373,756	4,423,423	141,797,179
Interest revenue derived from other segments	132,126,634	-	-	132,126,634	-	132,126,634
Total interest revenue	269,500,390	-	-	269,500,390	4,423,423	273,923,813
Interest paid to external customers	(57,185,512)	-	-	(57,185,512)	(2,914,898)	(60,100,410)
Interest paid to other segments	(124,184,135)	-	-	(124,184,135)	-	(124,184,135)
Total interest expense	(181,369,647)	-	-	(181,369,647)	(2,914,898)	(184,284,545)
Other income	41,516,482	-	-	41,516,482	164,469	41,680,951
	129,647,225	-	-	129,647,225	1,672,994	131,320,219
Impairment charges for credit losses	(17,355,310)	-	-	(17,355,310)	(256,554)	(17,611,864)
Operating expenses	(105,374,902)	-	-	(105,374,902)	(3,188,123)	(108,563,025)
Operating profit before tax	6,917,013	-	-	6,917,013	(1,771,683)	5,145,330

	Nigeria	Rest of West Africa	Europe	Total continuing operations	Discontinued operations	Total
Segment assets	1,200,663,196	-	-	1,200,663,196	-	1,200,663,196
Other unallocated assets	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total asset	1,200,663,196	-	-	1,200,663,196	-	1,200,663,196
Segment liabilities	1,284,753,371	-	-	1,284,753,371	-	1,284,753,371
Other unallocated liabilities	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total liabilities	1,284,753,371	-	-	1,284,753,371	-	1,284,753,371

31 December 2017

In thousands of Naira

	Nigeria	Rest of West Africa	Europe	Total continuing operations	Discontinued operations	Total
Interest revenue derived from external customers	148,437,383	-	-	148,437,383	27,242,436	175,679,819
Interest revenue derived from other segments	119,104,606	-	-	119,104,606	-	119,104,606
Total interest revenue	267,541,989	-	-	267,541,989	27,242,436	294,784,425
Interest paid to external customers	(44,528,258)	-	-	(44,528,258)	(12,452,095)	(56,980,353)
Interest paid to other segments	(106,072,207)	-	-	(106,072,207)	-	(106,072,207)
Total interest expense	(150,600,465)	-	-	(150,600,465)	(12,452,095)	(163,052,560)
Other income	38,398,906	-	-	38,398,906	7,222,133	45,621,039
	155,340,430	-	-	155,340,430	22,012,474	177,352,904
Impairment charges for credit losses	(40,511,368)	-	-	(40,511,368)	(2,485,313)	(42,996,681)
Operating expenses	(67,010,545)	-	-	(67,010,545)	(17,381,145)	(84,391,690)
Operating profit before tax	47,818,516	-	-	47,818,516	2,146,016	49,964,532

	Nigeria	Rest of West Africa	Europe	Total continuing operations	Discontinued operations	Total
Segment assets	1,229,880,551	-	-	1,229,880,551	-	1,229,880,551
Other unallocated assets	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total asset	1,229,880,551	-	-	1,229,880,551	-	1,229,880,551
Segment liabilities	1,047,748,714	-	-	1,047,748,714	-	1,047,748,714
Other unallocated liabilities	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total liabilities	1,047,748,714	-	-	1,047,748,714	-	1,047,748,714

Seasonality of operations

The Group's main business segments are not subject to seasonal fluctuations. The results of the Group are relatively stable and accrue fairly evenly throughout the period except for unusual items which may adversely or positively impact on the earnings of the Group. During the period under review, there was no unusual transaction that impacted the earning capacity of the Group.

6 Classification of financial assets and financial liabilities

See accounting policies in Note 2.6(c)

The table below provides a reconciliation between line items in the statement of financial position and categories of financial instrument

Group

In thousands of Naira

31 December 2018	Note	Financial assets			Financial liabilities		Total Carrying amount
		Fair value through profit or loss	Fair value through other comprehensive income	Amortised cost	Fair value through profit or loss	Amortised cost	
Financial assets							
Cash and balances with central banks	18	-	-	302,374,354	-	-	302,374,354
Financial assets at FVTPL	19	10,673,463	-	-	-	-	10,673,463
Derivative assets	20	388,755	-	-	-	-	388,755
Assets pledged as collateral	21	-	-	119,075,528	-	-	119,075,528
Loans to banks	22	-	-	37,943,747	-	-	37,943,747
Loans and advances to customers	23	-	-	567,896,958	-	-	567,896,958
Investment securities	24(a)	-	39,085,170	115,619,166	-	-	154,704,336
Other assets	31	-	-	20,969,590	-	-	20,969,590
		11,062,218	39,085,170	1,163,879,343	-	-	1,214,026,731
Financial liabilities							
Deposits from banks	32	-	-	-	-	48,765,050	48,765,050
Deposit from customers	33	-	-	-	-	1,043,976,729	1,043,976,729
Derivative liability	34	-	-	-	6,375	-	6,375
Other liabilities	35	-	-	-	-	42,359,190	42,359,190
Borrowings	36	-	-	-	-	121,876,210	121,876,210
Long term debt	37	-	-	-	-	55,001,552	55,001,552
		-	-	-	6,375	1,311,978,731	1,311,985,106

Group

In thousands of Naira

31 December 2017	Note	Financial assets			Financial liabilities		Total Carrying amount
		Fair value through profit or loss	Fair value through other comprehensive income	Amortised cost	Fair value through profit or loss	Amortised cost	
Financial assets							
Cash and balances with central banks	18	-	-	299,397,460	-	-	299,397,460
Financial assets at FVTPL	19	38,333,109	-	-	-	-	38,333,109
Derivative assets	20	1,318,528	-	-	-	-	1,318,528
Assets pledged as collateral	21	-	-	95,488,267	-	-	95,488,267
Loans to banks	22	-	-	35,155,501	-	-	35,155,501
Loans and advances to customers	23	-	-	755,503,162	-	-	755,503,162
Investment securities	24(a)	-	148,279,372	75,742,440	-	-	224,021,812
Other assets	31	-	-	88,103,182	-	-	88,103,182
		39,651,637	148,279,372	1,349,390,012	-	-	1,537,321,021
Financial liabilities							
Deposits from banks	32	-	-	-	-	10,958,909	10,958,909
Deposit from customers	33	-	-	-	-	1,161,594,129	1,161,594,129
Derivative liability	34	-	-	-	740,724	-	740,724
Other liabilities	35	-	-	-	-	44,460,729	44,460,729
Borrowings	36	-	-	-	-	161,297,212	161,297,212
Long term debt	37	-	-	-	-	70,515,228	70,515,228
		-	-	-	740,724	1,448,826,207	1,449,566,931

Bank

In thousands of Naira

31 December 2018	Note	Financial assets			Financial liabilities		Total Carrying amount
		Fair value through profit or loss	Fair value through other comprehensive income	Amortised cost	Fair value through profit or loss	Amortised cost	
Financial assets							
Cash and balances with central banks	18	-	-	302,370,585	-	-	302,370,585
Financial assets at FVTPL	19	10,673,463	-	-	-	-	10,673,463
Derivative assets	20	388,755	-	-	-	-	388,755
Assets pledged as collateral	21	-	-	140,044,667	-	-	140,044,667
Loans to banks	22	-	-	82,078,754	-	-	82,078,754
Loans and advances to customers	23	-	-	567,881,391	-	-	567,881,391
Investment securities	24(a)	-	39,085,170	115,549,127	-	-	154,634,297
Other assets	31	-	-	20,916,925	-	-	20,916,925
		11,062,218	39,085,170	1,228,841,449	-	-	1,278,988,837
Financial liabilities							
Deposits from banks	32	-	-	-	-	65,153,150	65,153,150
Deposit from customers	33	-	-	-	-	1,047,764,975	1,047,764,975
Derivative liability	34	-	-	-	6,375	-	6,375
Other liabilities	35	-	-	-	-	42,352,399	42,352,399
Borrowings	36	-	-	-	-	130,780,058	130,780,058
Long term debt	37	-	-	-	-	55,001,552	55,001,552
		-	-	-	6,375	1,341,052,134	1,341,058,509

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31 December 2017	Note	Financial assets			Financial liabilities		Total Carrying amount
		Fair value through profit or loss	Fair value through other comprehensive income	Amortised cost	Fair value through profit or loss	Amortised cost	
Financial assets							
Cash and balances with central banks	18	-	-	299,395,467	-	-	299,395,467
Financial assets at FVTPL	19	38,333,109	-	-	-	-	38,333,109
Derivative assets	20	1,318,528	-	-	-	-	1,318,528
Assets pledged as collateral	21	-	-	116,357,892	-	-	116,357,892
Loans to banks	22	-	-	77,610,730	-	-	77,610,730
Loans and advances to customers	23	-	-	755,488,058	-	-	755,488,058
Investment securities	24(a)	-	148,039,154	75,742,440	-	-	223,781,594
Other assets	31	-	-	88,021,390	-	-	88,021,390
		39,651,637	148,039,154	1,412,615,977	-	-	1,600,306,768
Financial liabilities							
Deposits from banks	32	-	-	-	-	25,861,109	25,861,109
Deposit from customers	33	-	-	-	-	1,164,726,773	1,164,726,773
Derivative liability	34	-	-	-	740,724	-	740,724
Other liabilities	35	-	-	-	-	44,449,077	44,449,077
Borrowings	36	-	-	-	-	169,680,170	169,680,170
Long term debt	37	-	-	-	-	70,515,228	70,515,228
		-	-	-	740,724	1,475,232,357	1,475,973,081

7. Interest income

*For the year ended 31 December
In thousands of Naira*

	Group 2018	Group 2017	Bank 2018	Bank 2017
Interest income				
Loans and advances to customers	90,973,997	96,935,618	90,973,630	97,098,310
Loans to banks	874,864	2,489,165	3,406,137	4,465,366
Investments securities				
• Asset pledged as collateral	20,025,993	12,207,210	20,025,993	12,207,210
• At amortised cost	20,228,039	10,348,469	20,187,822	9,792,407
• At FVOCI	5,836,833	18,386,223	5,836,833	18,386,223
• At FVTPL	1,864,782	4,955,919	1,864,782	4,955,919
Total interest income	139,804,508	145,322,604	142,295,197	146,905,435

Interest income for the year ended 31 December 2018 includes N1.71 billion (31 December 2017: 1.40 billion accrued on impaired loans and advances to customers).

8. Interest expense

*For the year ended 31 December
In thousands of Naira*

	Group 2018	Group 2017	Bank 2018	Bank 2017
Deposit from customers	36,086,360	29,340,782	36,521,882	29,353,176
Deposit from banks	893,784	6,163	893,784	237,300
Borrowings	7,928,912	9,704,021	7,928,912	9,704,021
Long-term debt	10,662,788	7,987,448	10,662,788	7,987,448
Total interest expense	55,571,844	47,038,414	56,007,366	47,281,945

Total interest expense reported above relate to financial liabilities not carried at fair value through profit or loss and are calculated using effective interest method.

9 Impairment loss/write back on financial and non-financial instruments

*For the year ended 31 December
In thousands of Naira*

	Group 2018	Group 2017	Bank 2018	Bank 2017
Impairment charge on financial assets				
Total impairment charge on loans and advances	19,168,977	57,397,081	19,168,880	57,397,081
Cash and balances with central banks	(763)	-	(763)	-
Loans to banks	112,987	-	546,090	-
Investment securities	(36,022)	(15,612)	(35,993)	(15,612)
Investment in associates (See Note 26)	(96,661)	-	(96,661)	-
Assets pledged as collateral	398	-	196,747)	-
Other financial assets	5,669,798	2,415,657	5,670,088	2,415,657
Recoveries on loans previously written off	(4,570,786)	(4,093,899)	(4,570,786)	(4,093,899)
Loans written off as uncollectible	523,757	1,127,184	523,757	1,127,184
Total impairment charge on financial instruments	20,545,711	56,830,411	19,915,685	56,830,411
Impairment charge on non-financial assets				
Off balance sheet impairment	8,113	-	8,113	-
	20,553,824	56,830,411	19,923,798	56,830,411

10. Net fee and commission income

<i>For the year ended 31 December In thousands of Naira</i>	Group 2018	Group 2017	Bank 2018	Bank 2017
Service fee and charges	8,552,058	6,953,619	8,098,196	6,541,807
Card fees and charges	5,485,876	4,937,517	5,485,876	4,937,517
DBA product fees and charges	7,635,173	7,779,927	7,635,173	7,779,927
Account maintenance fee	3,650,426	3,957,648	3,650,426	3,957,648
Letters of credit commission	1,425,964	1,439,801	1,425,964	1,439,801
Advisory fees	17,768	52,482	17,768	52,482
Funds transfer commissions	6,127,902	5,604,577	6,127,902	5,604,577
Short term loan processing fee	5,604,947	4,692,082	5,604,947	4,692,082
Other fees and commissions	1,222,447	1,650,769	1,199,966	1,630,295
Total fee and commission income	39,722,561	37,068,422	39,246,218	36,636,136
Fee and commission expense (see (a) below)	(9,714,601)	(8,453,192)	(9,830,100)	(8,672,485)
Net fee and commission income	30,007,960	28,615,230	29,416,118	27,963,651

The net fee and commission income above does not include any amounts included in determining the effective interest rate on financial assets and financial liabilities that are not at fair value through profit or loss

The net fee and commission income include N492,877,000 (2017: N464,209,000) arising from trust and fiduciary activities that result in the holding of assets on behalf of individuals, retirement benefits plans and other institutions.

(a) Fee and commission expense

	Group 2018	Group 2017	Bank 2018	Bank 2017
Visa expense	5,529,842	5,275,381	5,529,842	5,275,381
ATM fees	1,841,728	1,738,485	1,841,728	1,738,485
Bank charges	1,275,208	942,938	1,275,208	942,938
Fees on borrowings	613,903	340,959	613,903	340,959
Other fee expenses	453,920	155,429	569,419	374,722
Total fee and commission expense	9,714,601	8,453,192	9,830,100	8,672,485

11. Net trading income

<i>For the year ended 31 December In thousands of Naira</i>	Group 2018	Group 2017	Bank 2018	Bank 2017
Foreign exchange income	4,467,063	3,161,331	4,467,063	3,161,331
Financial assets FVTPL	2,793,534	739,103	2,793,534	739,103
Net trading income	7,260,597	3,900,434	7,260,597	3,900,434

Net trading income on foreign exchange and financial assets held for trading includes the gains and losses arising both on the purchase and sale of trading instruments and from changes in fair value

12. Other operating income

<i>For the year ended 31 December In thousands of Naira</i>	Group 2018	Group 2017	Bank 2018	Bank 2017
Net gain on sale of FVOCI equity transactions	-	-	-	-
Dividends on FVOCI equity securities	69,978	47,209	69,978	47,209
Gain/(loss) on disposal of property and equipment	108,942	(161,351)	108,705	(161,351)
Fair value gain/(loss) on investment properties held for sale	87,083	75,023	87,083	70,023
Gain on disposal of subsidiary (See note 47(c))	-	2,264,367	-	14,845,667
Other income	289,113	327,017	289,113	327,018
	555,116	2,552,265	554,879	15,128,566

13. Net(loss)/ gain from other financial instruments through profit or loss

*For the year ended 31 December
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	Group 2018	Group 2017	Bank 2018	Bank 2017
Fair value loss on currency swap	-	(1,005,468)	-	(1,005,468)
Fair value gain on non-derivative forwards	(301,053)	626,598	(301,053)	626,598
Fair value gain on FX forward with Afrexim (See Note 20)	-	1,157,282	-	1,157,282
	(301,053)	778,412	(301,053)	778,412

14. Personnel expenses

*For the year ended 31 December
In thousands of Naira*

	Group 2018	Group 2017	Bank 2018	Bank 2017
Wages and salaries	21,615,585	22,731,041	21,483,326	22,602,646
Contributions to defined contribution plans (see (a) below)	661,089	701,447	657,780	698,136
Other personnel benefits (see (b) below)	580,358	355,021	557,813	321,893
	22,857,032	23,787,509	22,698,919	23,622,675

(a) Contributions to defined contribution plans include the Group's contribution of 12% of each employee's basic salary, rent and transport allowances to the employee's defined contribution plans during the year in line with the Pension Reforms Act 2014. As at the reporting date, the Group had settled all liabilities from employees' defined contribution scheme

(b) Other personnel expenses relate to one-off discretionary payments and other benefits paid to staff of the Group.

15. Other operating expenses

*For the year ended 31 December
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	Group 2018	Group 2017	Bank 2018	Bank 2017
General administrative expenses	7,762,121	6,771,696	7,685,273	6,687,630
Advertising and promotion expenses	3,651,463	2,999,511	3,642,018	2,994,557
Cash-in-transit expense	1,095,997	950,297	1,095,997	950,297
Channels Service Expenses	1,808,468	1,655,926	1,808,468	1,655,926
Contributions and Donations	274,020	518,986	274,020	518,986
I.T.F levy	231,080	294,600	226,989	292,901
Medical Expenses	922,594	628,583	922,594	628,583
Office Stationery and Supplies	640,377	755,608	634,960	749,680
Customer Address Verification Exercise	437,690	305,109	437,690	305,109
Insurance Expense	455,168	606,583	450,260	603,561
Leased Circuits and Hosting Fees	1,044,169	1,101,750	1,044,168	1,101,750
Motor Vehicle Running Expenses	599,857	684,342	598,877	683,801
NDIC premium	5,861,808	5,570,351	5,861,808	5,570,351
Service staff salaries	6,760,035	6,792,811	6,723,232	6,749,093
Security and power	8,775,992	5,464,585	8,759,298	5,448,016
AMCON resolution fund	9,666,820	8,312,544	9,666,820	8,312,544
Repairs and maintenance	8,619,046	7,606,598	8,605,873	7,590,389
Professional fees	5,828,912	3,691,684	5,804,247	3,657,845
Business travels	794,046	707,143	786,637	701,345
Directors and emoluments	257,461	271,290	203,130	224,379
Auditors remuneration	216,378	220,000	210,000	214,000
	65,703,502	55,909,997	65,442,359	55,640,743

(b) Operating lease expenses

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	Group 2018	Group 2017	Bank 2018	Bank 2017
Operating lease expense	1,044,832	1,022,071	1,034,712	1,012,564

16. Taxation

<i>For the year ended 31 December</i> <i>In thousands of Naira</i>	Group 2018	Group 2017	Bank 2018	Bank 2017
Minimum tax (see note (a) below)	(1,299,774)	1,310,230	(1,299,774)	1,299,774
Income tax expense				
Corporate income tax	130,012	9,918	-	-
Tertiary education tax	9,888	1,910	-	-
NITDA levy	72,273	27,517	60,549	21,692
	212,173	39,345	60,549	21,692
Deferred tax expense				
Deferred tax charge	-	-	-	-
Total income expense	212,173	39,345	60,549	21,692
Total tax expense	(1,087,601)	1,349,575	(1,239,225)	1,321,466

The movement in the current income tax liability is as follows:

	Group 2018	Group 2017	Bank 2018	Bank 2017
Balance, beginning of year	1,620,950	2,027,948	1,592,413	1,598,861
Tax paid	(60,481)	(1,756,573)	(25,663)	(1,327,914)
Tax expense	(1,087,601)	1,349,575	(1,239,225)	1,321,466
Exchange difference	-	-	-	-
Balance, end of year	472,868	1,620,950	327,525	1,592,413

Reconciliation of effective tax rate

<i>For the year ended 31 December</i> <i>In thousands of Naira</i>		Group 2018		Group 2017
Profit before income tax		3,538,428		(11,546,952)
Income tax using the domestic corporation tax rate	30%	1,061,528	30%	(3,464,087)
Effect of tax rates in foreign jurisdictions	-%	-	0%	(182)
Non-deductible expenses	47%	1,661,674	-10%	1,175,405
NITDA levy	1%	45,892	0%	19,217
Minimum tax	-37%	(1,299,774)	-11%	1,310,230
Tax exempt income	-448%	(15,862,568)	133%	(15,348,866)
Tertiary Education Fund	-%	9,888	-%	-
Impact of transition adjustment	-655%	(23,179,963)	-%	-
Unrecognized deferred taxation	1,031%	36,475,722	-153%	17,657,858
	-31%	(1,087,601)	-13%	1,349,575

Reconciliation of effective tax rate

<i>For the year ended 31 December</i> <i>In thousands of Naira</i>		Bank 2018		Bank 2017
Profit before income tax		6,115,428		2,190,907
Income tax using the domestic corporation tax rate	30%	1,834,628	30%	657,272
NITDA levy	1%	42,384	1%	15,185
Non-deductible expenses	27%	1,660,199	54%	1,175,405
Tax exempt income	-274%	(16,772,421)	-889%	(19,484,028)
Minimum tax	-21%	(1,299,774)	59%	1,299,774
Impact of transition adjustment	-379%	(23,179,963)	-%	-
Unrecognized deferred taxation	596%	36,475,722	806%	17,657,858
	-20%	(1,239,225)	61%	1,321,466

- (a) During the year, the Federal Inland Revenue Service granted the Bank an exemption from tax for the 2017 financial year. This was in line with section 33 of the Companies Income Tax Act (CITA), LFN 2004, which stipulates that Companies with at least 25% of imported equity capital would be exempted from minimum tax. Sequel to the exemption, the Bank had reversed the prior year provision for minimum tax of N1.30 billion. Also, the Bank had not recognized any provision for income/minimum tax in the current year since it had no taxable profit, and the exemption status on minimum tax still applies.

17. Earnings per share

(a) Basic earnings per share

Basic earnings per share is calculated by dividing the net profit attributable to equity holders of the Bank by the weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue during the year, excluding the average number of ordinary shares purchased by the Bank and held as treasury shares. The calculation of basic earnings per share at 31 December 2018 was based on the profit attributable to ordinary shareholders and the weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding.

	Group 2018	Group 2017	Bank 2018	Bank 2017
Profit/(loss) attributable to equity holders of the Bank (Basic) from continuing operations	4,626,029	(12,896,527)	7,354,653	869,441
Profit/(loss) attributable to equity holders of the Bank (Basic) from discontinued operations	671,275	3,885,313	-	-
Profit/(loss) attributable to equity holders of the Bank (Basic) from total operations	5,297,304	(9,011,214)	7,354,653	869,441
Weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue (in thousand)	23,160,389	23,160,389	23,160,389	23,160,389
Basic earnings/(loss) per share (expressed in Kobo per share) from continuing operations	20	(56)	32	4
Basic earnings/(loss) per share (expressed in Kobo per share) from discontinued operations	3	17	-	-
Basic earnings/(loss) per share (expressed in Kobo per share) from total operations	23	(39)	32	4

(b) Diluted earnings per share

The calculation of diluted earnings per share has been based on the following profit attributable to ordinary shareholders and weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding after adjustments for the effects of all dilutive potential ordinary shares.

	Group 2018	Group 2017	Bank 2018	Bank 2017
Profit/(loss) attributable to equity holders of the Bank (Basic) from continuing operations	4,626,029	(12,896,527)	7,354,653	869,441
Profit/(loss) attributable to equity holders of the Bank (Basic) from discontinued operations	671,275	3,885,313	-	-
Profit/(loss) attributable to equity holders of the Bank (Basic) from total operations	5,297,304	(9,011,214)	7,354,653	869,441
Effect of conversion of potential ordinary shares	-	3,323,089	-	3,323,089
Profit/(loss) attributable to equity holders of the Bank (diluted) from continuing operations	4,626,029	(9,573,438)	7,354,653	4,192,530
Profit/(loss) attributable to equity holders of the Bank (diluted) from discontinued operations	671,275	7,208,402	-	-
Profit/(loss) attributable to equity holders of the Bank (diluted) from total operations	5,297,304	(5,688,125)	7,354,653	4,192,530
Weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue (in thousand)	23,160,389	23,160,389	23,160,389	23,160,389
Additional number of ordinary shares assuming conversion of dilutive potential ordinary shares (in thousands)	-	5,405,283	-	5,405,283
	23,160,389	28,565,672	23,160,389	28,565,672
Diluted earnings/(loss) per share (expressed in Kobo per share) from continuing operations	20	(56)	32	4
Diluted earnings/(loss) per share (expressed in Kobo per share) from discontinued operations	3	17	-	-
Diluted earnings/(loss) per share (expressed in Kobo per share) from total operations	23	(39)	32	4

The basic earnings per share and diluted earnings per share are equal. This is because the potential ordinary shares have anti dilutive effect.

18 Cash and balances with central banks

<i>In thousands of Naira</i>	Group 2018	Group 2017	Bank 2018	Bank 2017
Cash on hand	43,909,243	41,600,417	43,905,474	41,598,424
Balances with central banks other than mandatory deposits	9,995,508	31,749,188	9,995,508	31,749,188
Impairment allowance	(352)	-	(352)	-
Total balance for cash flow statements (Note 43)	53,904,399	73,349,605	53,900,630	73,347,612
Mandatory reserve deposits with central banks (See note (a) below)	208,522,015	186,099,896	208,522,015	186,099,896
Special intervention reserve deposits with central bank (See note (b) below)	39,947,940	39,947,959	39,947,940	39,947,959
	302,374,354	299,397,460	302,370,585	299,395,467

- (a) Mandatory reserve deposits with central banks represents a percentage of customers' deposits (prescribed from time to time by the central bank) which are not available for daily use.
- (b) The Special Intervention Reserve deposit represents the Bank's contribution to the CBN's Real Sector Support Facility (RSSF) programme.
- For the purpose of the statement of cashflow, these balances are excluded from cash and cash equivalents.

19. Financial assets at FVTPL

<i>In thousands of Naira</i>	Group 2018	Group 2017	Bank 2018	Bank 2017
Treasury bills	10,631,133	37,688,365	10,631,133	37,688,365
Government bonds	42,330	644,744	42,330	644,744
	10,673,463	38,333,109	10,673,463	38,333,109
Current	10,673,463	38,333,109	10,673,463	38,333,109
Non-current	-	-	-	-
	10,673,463	38,333,109	10,673,463	38,333,109

20. Derivative assets

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<i>In thousands of Naira</i>	2018		2017	
	Assets	Liabilities	Assets	Liabilities
Foreign exchange contracts (see (a) below)	-	-	1,157,282	-
OTC Futures contracts (see (b) below)	9,500	-	161,246	-
Cross currency swap	379,255	-	-	-
	388,755	-	1,318,528	-

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<i>In thousands of Naira</i>	2018		2017	
	Assets	Liabilities	Assets	Liabilities
Foreign exchange contracts (see (a) below)	-	-	1,157,282	-
OTC Futures contracts (see (b) below)	9,500	-	161,246	-
Cross currency swap	379,255	-	-	-
	388,755	-	1,318,528	-

Notional Contract Amount

<i>In thousands of Naira</i>	Group 2018	Group 2017	Bank 2018	Bank 2017
FX forwards	-	64,302,000	-	64,302,000
OTC Futures contracts	4,489,000	39,963,000	4,489,000	39,963,000
Cross currency swap	16,555,729	-	16,555,729	-
	21,044,729	104,265,000	21,044,729	104,265,000

- (a) The Group uses FX forward transactions to hedge foreign currency risk.
- (b) The derivatives arose from futures contracts entered into on behalf of customers, which were still open at the reporting date. The Bank entered into futures contracts to buy fixed amounts of foreign currencies at fixed exchange rates at future dates. These futures contracts are customized contracts that were transacted in the over-the-counter market. The futures contracts resulted in both derivative assets and liabilities positions at the reporting date.

The notional amount recorded gross is the amount that is used to calculate the fair value of the derivative assets or liabilities in response to the movement in the underlying derivative contracts which is the NAFEX foreign exchange rates.

At their inception, these derivatives involve only a mutual exchange of promises with no transfer of consideration. All the derivatives are current.

21. Assets pledged as collateral

Treasury bills and bonds are pledged to the Bank of Industry (BOI), ValuCard, Interswitch, Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN), African Export-Import Bank (AFREXIM), Nigerian Inter Bank Settlement System Company (NIBSS) and Federal Inland Revenue Service (FIRS) in respect of the Bank's ongoing participation in the Nigerian settlement system and as an agent in respect of tax collection for FIRS respectively. Treasury bills and bonds are also pledged as collateral to other financial institutions on amounts borrowed. These assets are measured at amortized cost.

The nature and carrying amounts of the assets pledged as collaterals are as follows:

<i>In thousands of Naira</i>	Group 2018	Group 2017	Bank 2018	Bank 2017
Government bonds	66,878,125	59,145,969	66,878,125	59,145,969
Treasury bills	47,744,743	35,274,517	47,744,743	35,274,517
Placements with other banks	4,452,660	1,067,781	25,421,799	21,937,406
Assets pledged impairment allowance	(46,060)	-	(121,352)	-
	119,029,468	95,488,267	139,923,315	116,357,892

Assets pledged as collateral include N116.9 billion pledged as collateral for borrowings from financial institutions (2017: 84.1 billion).

As at 31 December 2018, the Bank held no collateral which it was permitted to sell or repledge in the absence of default by the owner of the collateral (2017 nil).

Current	52,197,403	36,342,298	73,166,542	57,211,923
Non-current	66,878,125	59,145,969	66,878,125	59,145,969
	119,075,528	95,488,267	140,044,667	116,357,892

22. Loans to banks

<i>In thousands of Naira</i>	Group 2018	Group 2017	Bank 2018	Bank 2017
Current balances with banks outside Nigeria	37,946,938	24,513,272	39,227,553	28,944,501
Placements with banks and discount houses	-	10,642,229	42,858,600	48,666,229
Impairment allowance	(3,191)	-	(7,399)	-
	37,943,747	35,155,501	82,078,754	77,610,730
Current	37,943,747	35,155,501	82,078,754	77,610,730
Non-current	-	-	-	-
	37,943,747	35,155,501	82,078,754	77,610,730

23. Loans and advances to customers

<i>In thousands of Naira</i>	Group 2018	Group 2017	Bank 2018	Bank 2017
Overdrafts	97,321,515	79,355,859	97,321,515	79,355,859
Term loans	681,950,653	726,944,823	681,950,653	726,944,823
Staff loans	5,118,134	4,862,905	5,101,898	4,847,801
Advances under finance lease	3,412,268	3,203,908	3,412,268	3,203,908
Gross loans and advances to customers	787,802,570	814,367,495	787,786,334	814,352,391
Less: Allowance for impairment	(219,905,612)	(58,864,333)	(219,904,943)	(58,864,333)
	567,896,958	755,503,162	567,881,391	755,488,058
Current	230,808,959	282,204,859	230,793,392	282,189,755
Non-current	337,087,999	473,298,303	337,087,999	473,298,303
	567,896,958	755,503,162	567,881,391	755,488,058

(a) Loans and advances to customers

Group

<i>In thousands of Naira</i>	31 December 2018			31 December 2017		
	Gross amount	ECL allowance	Carrying amount	Gross amount	Impairment allowance	Carrying amount
Overdrafts	196,029,631	(100,451,766)	95,577,865	79,355,859	(5,015,099)	74,340,760
Term loans	583,119,157	(118,372,349)	464,746,808	726,944,823	(53,794,894)	673,149,929
Staff loans	5,117,058	(509,745)	4,607,313	4,862,905	-	4,862,905
	784,265,846	(219,333,860)	564,931,986	811,163,587	(58,809,993)	752,353,594
Advances under finance lease (Note 23.2)	3,536,724	(571,752)	2,964,972	3,203,908	(54,340)	3,149,568
	787,802,570	(219,905,612)	567,896,958	814,367,495	(58,864,333)	755,503,162

Bank

<i>In thousands of Naira</i>	31 December 2018			31 December 2017		
	Gross amount	ECL allowance	Carrying amount	Gross amount	Impairment allowance	Carrying amount
Overdrafts	196,029,631	(100,451,766)	95,577,865	79,355,859	(5,015,099)	74,340,760
Term loans	583,119,157	(118,372,349)	464,746,808	726,944,823	(53,794,894)	673,149,929
Staff loans	5,100,822	(509,076)	4,591,746	4,847,801	-	4,847,801
	784,249,610	(219,333,191)	564,916,419	811,148,483	(58,809,993)	752,338,490
Advances under finance lease (Note 23.2)	3,536,724	(571,752)	2,964,972	3,203,908	(54,340)	3,149,568
	787,786,334	(219,904,943)	567,881,391	814,352,391	(58,864,333)	755,488,058

23.1 Reconciliation of impairment allowance on loans and advances to customers:

Group

<i>In thousands of Naira</i>	31 December 2018				31 December 2017		
	12 month ECL	Lifetime ECL not credit impaired	Lifetime ECL credit impaired	Total	Specific impairment	Collective Impairment	Total
Balance at 1 January	72,543,448	10,158,917	162,627,758	245,330,123	41,719,089	15,745,862	57,464,951
Net remeasurement of loss allowances (see note 9)	(49,698,098)	11,498,774	57,368,301	19,168,977	59,469,325	(2,072,244)	57,397,081
Financial assets that have been derecognised write-off	-	-	(44,593,488)	(44,593,488)	(50,227,540)	-	(50,227,540)
Transfer to collective impairment	-	-	-	-	8,402,937	(8,402,937)	-
Disposal of subsidiary	-	-	-	-	(5,990,017)	(437,988)	(6,428,005)
Foreign exchange and other movements	-	-	-	-	557,413	100,433	657,846
	22,845,350	21,657,691	175,402,571	219,905,612	53,931,207	4,933,126	58,864,333

Bank

<i>In thousands of Naira</i>	31 December 2018				31 December 2017		
	12 month ECL	Lifetime ECL not credit impaired	Lifetime ECL credit impaired	Total	Specific impairment	Collective Impairment	Total
Balance at 1 January	72,542,876	10,158,917	162,627,758	245,329,551	36,286,485	15,408,310	51,694,795
Net remeasurement of loss allowances (see note 9)	(49,698,195)	11,498,774	57,368,301	19,168,880	59,469,325	(2,072,244)	57,397,081
Financial assets that have been derecognised write-off	-	-	(44,593,488)	(44,593,488)	(50,227,540)	-	(50,227,540)
Transfer to collective impairment	-	-	-	-	8,402,937	(8,402,937)	-
	22,844,681	21,657,691	175,402,571	219,904,943	53,931,207	4,933,129	58,864,336

23.2 Advances under finance lease may be analysed as follows:

<i>In thousands of Naira</i>	Group 2018	Group 2017	Bank 2018	Bank 2017
Gross investment				
- No later than 1 year	826,152	1,234,068	826,152	1,234,068
- Later than 1 year and no later than 5 years	2,710,573	1,969,840	2,710,573	1,969,840
- More than 5 years	-	-	-	-
	<u>3,536,725</u>	<u>3,203,908</u>	<u>3,536,725</u>	<u>3,203,908</u>
Allowance for advances under finance lease	(571,752)	(54,340)	(571,752)	(54,340)
Balance, end of year	<u>2,964,973</u>	<u>3,149,568</u>	<u>2,964,973</u>	<u>3,149,568</u>

23.3 The net investment may be analyzed as follows:

<i>In thousands of Naira</i>	Group 2018	Group 2017	Bank 2018	Bank 2017
- No later than 1 year	654,325	1,211,064	654,325	1,211,064
- Later than 1 year and no later than 5 years	2,310,648	1,938,504	2,310,648	1,938,504
	<u>2,964,973</u>	<u>3,149,568</u>	<u>2,964,973</u>	<u>3,149,568</u>

(b) Other loans and receivables

<i>In thousands of Naira</i>	Group 2018	Group 2017	Bank 2018	Bank 2017
Other loans and receivables	7,535,232	7,535,232	7,535,232	7,535,232
Impairment allowance (see Note b(i) below)	(7,535,232)	(7,535,232)	(7,535,232)	(7,535,232)
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

(b)(i) The reconciliation of impairment allowance for other loans and advances is as follows:

<i>In thousands of Naira</i>	Group 2018	Group 2017	Bank 2018	Bank 2017
Balance, beginning of year	7,535,232	7,535,232	7,535,232	7,535,232
Impairment charge for the year	-	-	-	-
Balance, end of year	<u>7,535,232</u>	<u>7,535,232</u>	<u>7,535,232</u>	<u>7,535,232</u>

24. Investment securities

In thousands of Naira

(a) Investment securities at FVOCI

Debt securities

	Group 2018	Group 2017	Bank 2018	Bank 2017
Treasury bills	33,413,625	140,968,940	33,413,625	140,728,722
Government bonds	-	1,485,288	-	1,485,288
Other bonds	-	-	-	-
	<u>33,413,625</u>	<u>142,454,228</u>	<u>33,413,625</u>	<u>142,214,010</u>
Impairment allowance	(5,315)	-	(5,315)	-
Net debt securities at FVOCI	<u>33,408,310</u>	<u>142,454,228</u>	<u>33,408,310</u>	<u>142,214,010</u>

Equity securities - at fair value

- Listed	-	-	-	-
- Unlisted	5,483,528	5,675,283	5,483,528	5,675,283
<i>Equity securities - at cost</i>				
-Unlisted	193,332	149,861	193,332	149,861

Equity securities	<u>5,676,860</u>	<u>5,825,144</u>	<u>5,676,860</u>	<u>5,825,144</u>
	<u>39,085,170</u>	<u>148,279,372</u>	<u>39,085,170</u>	<u>148,039,154</u>

(b) Investment securities at amortised cost				
Treasury bills	70,827,713	48,142,679	70,757,665	48,142,679
Government bonds	44,204,293	25,643,399	44,204,293	25,643,399
Other bonds	654,473	1,956,362	654,473	1,956,362
	<u>115,686,479</u>	<u>75,742,440</u>	<u>115,616,431</u>	<u>75,742,440</u>
Impairment allowance	(67,313)	-	(67,304)	-
	<u>115,619,166</u>	<u>75,742,440</u>	<u>115,549,127</u>	<u>75,742,440</u>
Total investment securities	<u>154,704,336</u>	<u>224,021,812</u>	<u>154,634,297</u>	<u>223,781,594</u>
Current	104,241,338	189,111,619	104,171,290	188,871,401
Non-current	50,462,998	34,910,193	50,463,007	34,910,193
	<u>154,704,336</u>	<u>224,021,812</u>	<u>154,634,297</u>	<u>223,781,594</u>

24.1 For the purpose of the statement of cash flow, the following investment securities have been included as cash and cash equivalents (see Note 43)

<i>In thousands of Naira</i>	Group 2018	Group 2017	Bank 2018	Bank 2017
Investment securities at amortised cost				
Treasury Bills (with original of 3 months or less).	-	-	-	-

25. Investment in subsidiaries

<i>In thousands of Naira</i>	2018	2017
Diamond Bank du Benin (S.A.)	-	-
Diamond Bank Fund Custodian Ltd (DPFC)	2,000,000	2,000,000
Diamond Bank UK	-	-
Diamond Bank B.V.	-	-
	<u>2,000,000</u>	<u>2,000,000</u>

The subsidiary companies comprise the following:

Nature of business	Country of incorporation	Year End	Ownership interest (%)	
			31 December 2018	31 December 2017
Diamond Pension Fund Custodian Ltd (DPFC)	Pension Fund			
(see (a) below).	Custody	Nigeria	31 December	100.00
Diamond Finance BV. (see (b) below)	Structured Entity	Netherlands	30 March	-
Diamond Bank UK (see (c) below)	Banking	United Kingdom	31 December	-

(a) Diamond Pension Fund Custodian (DPFC) Ltd provides fund custodial services to licensed Pension Fund Administrators. The Group has 100% ownership in DPFC and accordingly, it has consolidated the transactions and financial performance of DPFC in its financial statements. Diamond Pension Fund Custodian (DPFC) Ltd provides fund custodial services to licensed Pension Fund Administrators. The Group has 100% ownership in DPFC and accordingly, it has consolidated the transactions and financial performance of DPFC in its financial statements.

(b) Diamond Finance B.V. is a structured entity, incorporated on Diamond Bank's behalf by Intertrust (a Netherlands Corporate Finance company), for the sole purpose of issuing loan participatory notes to interested parties for the purpose of funding a subordinated facility to Diamond Bank. The Bank has determined that it has control over the entity, due to the power it has to direct relevant activities of the entity. The Bank has no direct holdings in the entity.

(c) The Group is in the process of divesting its investment in Diamond Bank UK. The Board of Directors committed to disposing the Group's investment in the subsidiary and as consequently, the investments in Diamond Bank UK have been classified as assets held for sale (see note 47).

(d) Significant restrictions

The Group does not have significant restrictions on its ability to access or use its assets and settle its liabilities other than those resulting from the supervisory frameworks within which banking subsidiaries operate. The supervisory frameworks require banking subsidiaries to maintain certain levels of regulatory capital and liquid assets, limit their exposure to other parts of the Group and comply with other ratios. The carrying amounts of banking subsidiaries' assets and liabilities are N71 billion and N17 billion respectively (2017:N92 billion and N36 billion respectively).

(a) Condensed results of consolidated entities

The condensed financial data of the consolidated entities as at 31 December 2018, are as follows:

Condensed profit or loss

	31 December 2018				
	Group balances	Elimination entries	Diamond Bank Plc	Diamond Pension Fund Custodian	Diamond Finance B.V.
<i>In thousands of Naira</i>					
Operating income	121,755,284	(2,454,790)	123,218,372	969,221	22,481
Operating expenses	(97,663,032)	-	(97,179,146)	(463,412)	(20,474)
Net impairment of financial assets	(20,553,824)	(630,249)	(19,923,798)	223	-
Profit before tax	3,538,428	(3,085,039)	6,115,428	506,032	2,007
Minimum tax	1,299,774	-	1,299,774	-	-
Taxation	(212,173)	-	(60,549)	(151,224)	(401)
Profit for the period from continuing operations	4,626,029	(3,085,039)	7,354,653	354,808	1,606
Profit from discontinued operations (net of tax)	671,275	-	-	-	-
Profit for the year	5,297,304	(3,085,039)	7,354,653	354,808	1,606

Condensed financial position

	31 December 2018				
	Group balances	Elimination entries	Diamond Bank Plc	Diamond Pension Fund Custodian	Diamond Finance B.V.
<i>In thousands of Naira</i>					
Assets					
Cash and balances with central banks	302,374,354	-	302,370,585	18	3,751
Financial assets FVTPL	10,673,463	-	10,673,463	-	-
Derivative assets	388,755	-	388,755	-	-
Asset pledged as collateral	119,029,468	(20,893,847)	139,923,315	-	-
Loans to banks	37,943,747	(66,462,636)	82,078,754	3,782,255	18,545,374
Loans and advances to customers	567,896,958	-	567,881,391	15,567	-
Investment securities					
- At FVOCI	39,085,170	-	39,085,170	-	-
- At amortised cost	115,619,166	-	115,549,127	70,039	-
Investment in subsidiaries	-	(2,000,000)	2,000,000	-	-
Investment in associates	98,915	-	98,915	-	-
Investment properties held for sale	4,052,378	-	3,877,378	175,000	-
Property and equipment	65,455,041	-	65,376,369	78,672	-
Intangible assets	3,153,045	-	3,080,370	72,675	-
Deferred taxation	4,984,388	-	4,984,388	-	-
Other assets	29,008,864	-	28,944,189	64,675	-
	1,299,763,712	(89,356,483)	1,366,312,169	4,258,901	18,549,125
Assets classified as held for sale	71,445,024	63,468,764	7,976,260	-	-
	1,371,208,736	(25,887,719)	1,374,288,429	4,258,901	18,549,125
Financed by:					
Deposit from banks	48,765,050	(16,388,100)	65,153,150	-	-
Deposit from customers	1,043,976,729	(3,788,246)	1,047,764,975	-	-
Derivative liability	6,375	-	6,375	-	-
Current income tax liability	472,868	-	327,525	144,510	833
Deferred taxation	13,071	-	-	13,071	-
Other liabilities	46,887,715	-	46,855,246	32,469	-
Borrowings	121,876,210	(8,903,848)	130,780,058	-	-
Long term debt	55,001,552	(18,540,374)	55,001,552	-	18,540,374
Liabilities classified as held for sale	17,135,474	17,135,474	-	-	-
Equity and reserves	37,073,692	4,597,375	28,399,548	4,068,851	7,918
	1,371,208,736	(25,887,719)	1,374,288,429	4,258,901	18,549,125

(b) Condensed results of consolidated entities

The condensed financial data of the consolidated entities as at 31 December 2017, are as follows:

Condensed profit or loss

	31 December 2017				
	Group balances	Elimination entries	Diamond Bank Plc	Diamond Pension Fund Custodian	Diamond Finance B.V.
<i>In thousands of Naira</i>					
Operating income	134,130,531	(14,322,683)	147,394,553	1,038,187	20,474
Operating expenses	(88,847,072)	-	(88,373,235)	(455,191)	(18,646)
Net impairment of financial assets	(56,830,411)	-	(56,830,411)	-	-
Profit before tax	(11,546,952)	(14,322,683)	2,190,907	582,996	1,828
Minimum tax	(1,310,230)	-	(1,299,774)	(10,456)	-
Taxation	(39,345)	-	(21,692)	(17,287)	(366)
Profit for the period from continuing operations	(12,896,527)	(14,322,683)	869,441	555,253	1,462
Profit from discontinued operations (net of tax)	3,885,313	-	-	-	-
Profit for the year	(9,011,214)	(14,322,683)	869,441	555,253	1,462

Condensed financial position

	31 December 2017				
	Group balances	Elimination entries	Diamond Bank Plc	Diamond Pension Fund Custodian	Diamond Finance B.V.
<i>In thousands of Naira</i>					
Assets					
Cash and balances with central banks	299,397,460	-	299,395,467	7	1,986
Financial assets at FVTPL	38,333,109	-	38,333,109	-	-
Derivative assets	1,318,528	-	1,318,528	-	-
Asset pledged as collateral	95,488,267	(20,869,625)	116,357,892	-	-
Loans to banks	35,155,501	(62,510,153)	77,610,730	3,132,644	16,922,280
Loans and advances to customers	755,503,162	-	755,488,058	15,104	-
Investment securities					
- At fair value through other comprehensive income	148,279,372	-	148,039,154	240,218	-
- At amortised cost	75,742,440	-	75,742,440	-	-
Investment in subsidiaries	-	(2,000,000)	2,000,000	-	-
Investment in associates	-	-	-	-	-
Investment properties held for sale	3,961,700	(1,300)	3,788,000	175,000	-
Property and equipment	63,840,777	(41,065)	63,814,940	66,902	-
Intangible assets	3,907,526	(5)	3,836,377	71,154	-
Deferred taxation	4,984,388	-	4,984,388	-	-
Other assets	96,966,851	-	96,873,210	93,641	-
	1,622,879,081	(85,422,148)	1,687,582,293	3,794,670	16,924,266
Assets classified as held for sale	91,928,185	83,951,925	7,976,260	-	-
	1,714,807,266	(1,470,223)	1,695,558,553	3,794,670	16,924,266
Financed by:					
Deposit from banks	10,958,909	(14,902,200)	25,861,109	-	-
Deposit from customers	1,161,594,129	(3,132,644)	1,164,726,773	-	-
Derivative liability	740,724	-	740,724	-	-
Current income tax liability	1,620,950	-	1,592,413	27,743	794
Deferred taxation	5,049	-	-	5,049	-
Other liabilities	48,897,903	(20,126)	48,878,175	39,854	-
Borrowings	161,297,212	(8,382,958)	169,680,170	-	-
Long term debt	70,515,228	(16,917,514)	70,515,228	-	16,917,514
Liabilities classified as held for sale	35,864,205	35,864,205	-	-	-
Equity and reserves	223,312,957	6,021,014	213,563,961	3,722,024	5,958
	1,714,807,266	(1,470,223)	1,695,558,553	3,794,670	16,924,266

26. Investment in associates

The gross investment in associates is shown below:

<i>In thousands of Naira</i>	% Holding	Group 31 December 2018	Group 31 December 2017	Bank 31 December 2018	Bank 31 December 2017
Flavours Foods Limited	40.0%	-	50,000	-	50,000
PCI Resins Limited	7.6%	-	52,500	-	52,500
PCI Paints Limited	33.0%	-	35,000	-	35,000
Savannah Chum Chum & Fries Limited	41.3%	-	45,000	-	45,000
Pek Industries Limited	34.0%	-	34,000	-	34,000
Credit Reference Company Nigeria Limited	7.6%	98,915	96,661	98,915	96,661
APL Electric Limited	25.0%	426,587	426,587	426,587	426,587
Geometric Power Aba Limited	25.0%	2,491,413	2,491,413	2,491,413	2,491,413
		3,016,915	3,231,161	3,016,915	3,231,161
Cummulative impairment		(2,918,000)	(3,231,161)	(2,918,000)	(3,231,161)
		98,915	-	98,915	-

A reconciliation of the movement in impairment on investment in associates is detailed below:

<i>In thousands of Naira</i>	Group 31 December 2018	Group 31 December 2017	Bank 31 December 2018	Bank 31 December 2017
Balance at the beginning of the year	3,231,161	3,231,161	3,231,161	3,231,161
Write-off	(216,500)	-	(216,500)	-
Reversal of impairment allowance	(96,661)	-	(96,661)	-
Balance at the end of the year	2,918,000	3,231,161	2,918,000	3,231,161

There were no published price quotations for the associate companies. There are no significant restrictions on the ability of the associates to transfer funds to the group in the form of cash dividends, or repayments of loans or advances.

The Bank exercises significant influence in PCI Resins Limited and Credit Reference Company Nigeria Limited even though its shareholding is less than 20%. This is based on representation of at least one director on the board of the companies and significant participation in the companies' operating and financial policies.

The Group has recognized all losses in relation to its interests in associates, to the extent of its obligation in respect to these losses.

27. Investment Properties held for sale

(a) Reconciliation of carrying amount

<i>In thousands of Naira</i>	Group 31 December 2018	Group 31 December 2017	Bank 31 December 2018	Bank 31 December 2017
Balance, beginning of year	3,961,700	3,870,200	3,788,000	3,701,500
Additional expenditure	3,595	16,477	2,295	16,477
Fair value gain/(loss)	87,083	75,023	87,083	70,023
Balance, end of year	4,052,378	3,961,700	3,877,378	3,788,000

Property held for sale of N3.88 billion (2017: N3.79 billion), for the Bank, represents the value of landed property and a real estate which are carried and measured as investment properties. Management has assessed that the cost incurred to date is a reflection of the value of the property. There was no rental income from such properties during the period and no restrictions on the realisability of the property.

Valuation technique used for fair valuation of investment properties

Investment properties are stated at fair value, which has been determined based on valuations performed by Messers Ubosi Eleh & Co., Estate Surveyors and Valuers (FRC/2014/NIESV/0000003997), Jide Taiwo & Co, Estate Surveyor & Valuers (NIESV Reg No 396543), and Chris Ogbonna and Partners (FRC/2015/NIESV/00000012246) on 12 December 2018, 6 December 2018 and 10 December 2018 respectively. The valuers are industry specialists in valuing these types of investment properties. The fair value is supported by market evidence and represents the amount that would be received to sell the properties in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date in the principal market to which the Group has access at the date of valuation, in accordance with standard issued by the International Valuation Standards Committee. Valuations are performed on an annual basis and the fair value gains and losses are reported in profit or loss. The profits or losses on disposal are also reported in the profit or loss as they occur.

The details of valuation techniques and observable inputs used in determining the fair value of investment properties are presented below:

Location of property	Fair value as at 31 December 2018 (N'000)	Valuation techniques	Significant unobservable inputs	Range of estimates (average) for unobservable inputs	Fair value measurement sensitivity for unobservable inputs
Property at Block 2, Ayoola Makanjuola Drive, Lekki Peninsula Scheme II, Ajah, Eti-Osa Local Government Area, Lagos State.	510,000	Comparison of the subject property with identical or similar properties for which evidence of recent transaction is available or alternatively identical or similar properties that are available in the market for sale, making adequate adjustments on the price information to reflect differences in the terms and actual time of transaction including legal, physical and economic characteristics of the properties.	Estimated market values of similar properties in Sangotedo Ajah and Badore Ajah in Lagos State.	N357 million - N520 million	The estimated market value would increase/decrease if the rate of development in the area increases/decreases, quality of the building increases/decreases, influx of people, and/or business to the area increases/decreases.
Property along Elioparawa Road in Obio Local Government, Port Harcourt, Rivers State.	3,150,000	Property was valued using the direct market comparison approach. This approach compares a subject property's characteristics with those of comparable properties which have recently sold in similar transactions to arrive at the value. The process uses one of several techniques to adjust the prices of the comparable transactions according to the presence, absence or degree of characteristics which influence value.	Estimated market value of similar property in Port- Harcourt, Rivers State	N2.8 billion - N3.2 billion	The estimated market value would increase/decrease if the rate of development in the area increases/decreases, quality of the building increases/decreases, influx of people, and/or business to the area increases/decreases.
Property at Area "Y", New Owerri	217,000	Property was valued using the open market approach, by comparing the property with similar properties currently put up for sale in the property market, having considered peculiarities and the state of the subject property in arriving at a valuation.	Estimated market values of similar properties in Owerri	N145 million - N220 million	The estimated market value would increase/decrease if the rate of development in the area increases/decreases, quality of the building increases/decreases, influx of people, and/or business to the area increases/decreases.

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(a) Reconciliation of carrying amount

	Land	Leasehold improvements	Building	Furniture & fittings	Office equipment	Computer equipment	Motor vehicles	Capital work in progress	Total
Cost									
Balance at 1 January 2018	20,535,545	4,364,377	26,145,949	1,594,038	24,879,799	6,119,931	6,422,213	11,881,697	101,943,549
Additions	-	97,573	254,766	128,274	2,394,476	583,651	1,033,756	6,381,091	10,873,587
Reclassifications	1,025,315	-	16,329,781	(489)	368,303	(231)	161,490	(18,013,235)	(129,066)
Disposals	(2,510,297)	-	-	(81,981)	(1,314,007)	(131,928)	(933,147)	-	(4,971,360)
Reclassified to assets held for sale	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balance as 31 December 2018	19,050,563	4,461,950	42,730,496	1,639,842	26,328,571	6,571,423	6,684,312	249,553	107,716,710
Accumulated depreciation									
Balance at 1 January 2018	768,605	3,458,940	6,539,279	1,273,230	16,093,602	5,002,930	4,966,186	-	38,102,772
Charge for the year	-	203,210	1,107,523	170,880	3,646,167	683,698	816,193	-	6,627,671
Reclassification	-	(2,785)	-	(489)	(3,747)	(231)	-	-	(7,252)
Disposals	(75,348)	-	-	(81,244)	(1,293,296)	(139,503)	(872,131)	-	(2,461,522)
Reclassified to assets held for sale	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balance as 31 December 2018	693,257	3,659,365	7,646,802	1,362,377	18,442,726	5,546,894	4,910,248	-	42,261,669
Cost									
Balances at 1 January 2017	17,920,022	9,885,576	24,632,759	2,449,891	21,522,088	8,167,158	7,860,512	13,890,439	106,328,445
Additions	-	418,723	923,361	206,776	3,210,113	1,265,475	1,121,651	6,211,786	13,357,885
Reclassified from intangible assets	-	-	-	-	330,658	32,856	-	-	363,514
Reclassifications	2,698,805	39,272	1,724,048	28,194	561,808	20,957	4,859	(5,077,943)	-
Disposals	-	(112,066)	(50,081)	(103,741)	(287,032)	(38,285)	(902,972)	(71,164)	(1,565,341)
Disposal of subsidiary	(83,282)	(5,705,216)	(1,084,138)	(890,481)	(457,836)	(2,783,710)	(1,661,837)	(3,071,421)	(15,737,921)
Reclassified to assets held for sale	-	(161,912)	-	(96,601)	-	(544,520)	-	-	(803,033)
Balance at 31 December 2017	20,535,545	4,364,377	26,145,949	1,594,038	24,879,799	6,119,931	6,422,213	11,881,697	101,943,549
Accumulated depreciation									
Balances at 1 January 2017	757,614	5,920,076	5,532,755	2,019,003	13,370,782	6,208,331	5,373,748	-	39,182,309
Charge for the year	10,991	797,773	1,008,610	279,982	3,367,340	1,269,923	1,090,391	-	7,825,010
Disposals	-	(81,829)	(18,958)	(85,434)	(275,762)	(32,645)	(571,176)	-	(1,065,804)
Disposal of subsidiary	-	(3,033,426)	16,872	(851,907)	(368,758)	(1,994,258)	(926,777)	-	(7,158,254)
Reclassified to assets held for sale	-	(143,654)	-	(88,414)	-	(448,421)	-	-	(680,489)
Balance at 31 December 2017	768,605	3,458,940	6,539,279	1,273,230	16,093,602	5,002,930	4,966,186	-	38,102,772
Balance at 31 December 2018	18,357,306	802,585	35,083,694	277,465	7,885,845	1,024,529	1,774,064	249,553	65,455,041
Balance at 31 December 2017	19,766,940	905,437	19,606,670	320,808	8,786,197	1,117,001	1,456,027	11,881,697	63,840,777

There were no capitalised borrowing costs related to the acquisition of property and equipment during the year (December 2017 : nil).

There were no contractual commitments for the acquisition of property and equipment as at 31 December 2018 (December 2017: N3.95 billion)

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(a) **Reconciliation of carrying amount**
In thousands of Naira

	Land	Leasehold improvements	Building	Furniture & fittings	Office equipment	Computer equipment	Motor vehicles	Capital work in progress	Total
Cost									
Balance at 1 January 2018	20,535,547	4,300,769	26,145,950	1,584,783	24,851,046	6,049,699	6,366,909	11,881,699	101,716,402
Additions	-	97,573	254,765	128,274	2,394,174	572,214	999,655	6,381,091	10,827,746
Reclassified to others	-	-	-	(489)	(5,376)	(231)	-	(122,970)	(129,066)
Reclassified from intangibles	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Reclassifications from WIP	1,025,315	-	16,329,781	-	373,679	-	161,490	(17,890,265)	-
Disposals	(2,510,297)	-	-	(81,981)	(1,313,768)	(131,578)	(910,029)	-	(4,947,653)
Write-offs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balance as 31 December 2018	19,050,565	4,398,342	42,730,496	1,630,587	26,299,755	6,490,104	6,618,025	249,555	107,467,429
Accumulated depreciation									
Balance at 1 January 2018	739,617	3,395,639	6,539,279	1,266,375	16,072,167	4,954,887	4,933,498	-	37,901,462
Charge for the year	-	203,044	1,107,523	169,817	3,643,433	667,169	802,613	-	6,593,599
Reclassification	-	(2,785)	-	(489)	(3,747)	(231)	-	-	(7,252)
Disposals	(46,357)	-	-	(81,245)	(1,293,056)	(127,077)	(849,014)	-	(2,396,749)
Balance as 31 December 2018	693,260	3,595,898	7,646,802	1,354,458	18,418,797	5,494,748	4,887,097	-	42,091,060
Cost									
Balances at 1 January 2017	17,836,742	4,280,663	24,265,567	1,547,380	21,080,159	5,230,975	6,152,676	12,931,866	93,326,028
Additions	-	42,247	206,416	72,820	3,165,418	798,932	804,513	4,168,510	9,258,856
Reclassified to others	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(140,734)	(140,734)
Reclassified from intangible assets	-	-	-	-	330,658	32,856	-	-	363,514
Reclassifications from WIP	2,698,805	39,272	1,724,048	28,194	561,808	20,957	4,859	(5,077,943)	-
Disposals	-	(61,413)	(50,081)	(63,611)	(286,997)	(34,021)	(595,139)	-	(1,091,262)
Balance at 31 December 2017	20,535,547	4,300,769	26,145,950	1,584,783	24,851,046	6,049,699	6,366,909	11,881,699	101,716,402
Accumulated depreciation									
Balances at 1 January 2017	739,617	3,238,818	5,549,627	1,135,072	13,067,622	4,162,968	4,484,038	-	32,377,762
Charge for the year	-	218,233	1,008,610	184,962	3,280,307	823,141	827,812	-	6,343,065
Disposals	-	(61,412)	(18,958)	(53,659)	(275,762)	(31,222)	(378,352)	-	(819,365)
Balance at 31 December 2017	739,617	3,395,639	6,539,279	1,266,375	16,072,167	4,954,887	4,933,498	-	37,901,462
Balance at 31 December 2018	18,357,305	802,444	35,083,694	276,129	7,880,958	995,356	1,730,928	249,555	65,376,369
Balance at 31 December 2017	19,795,930	905,130	19,606,671	318,408	8,778,879	1,094,812	1,433,411	11,881,699	63,814,940

There were no capitalised borrowing costs related to the acquisition of property and equipment during the year (December 2017 : nil).

There were no contractual commitments for the acquisition of property and equipment as at 31 December 2018 (December 2017: N3.95 billion)

29 Intangible assets

<i>In thousands of Naira</i>	Group				Bank		
	Goodwill	Purchased Software		Total	Purchased Software		Total
		Assets under construction	Completed	Total	Assets under construction	Completed	
Cost							
31 December 2018							
Balance at 1 January 2018	-	1,276,927	10,388,216	11,665,143	1,276,926	10,264,206	11,541,132
Additions	-	461,731	392,765	854,496	461,731	370,801	832,532
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Reclassification	-	(755,868)	755,868	-	(755,868)	755,868	-
Reclassified to PPE and others	-	(178,982)	-	(178,982)	(178,982)	-	(178,982)
Reclassified to assets held for sale	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Translation differences	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balance at 31 December 2018	-	803,808	11,536,849	12,340,657	803,807	11,390,875	12,194,682
31 December 2017							
Balances at 1 January 2017	870,974	2,039,962	9,761,040	12,671,976	2,039,962	8,431,794	10,471,756
Additions	-	661,456	1,075,579	1,737,035	608,869	824,021	1,432,890
Disposals	-	-	(116)	(116)	-	-	-
Reclassification	-	(1,008,391)	1,008,391	-	(1,008,391)	1,008,391	-
Reclassified to PPE and others	-	(416,100)	-	(416,100)	(363,514)	-	(363,514)
Disposal of subsidiary	-	-	(1,176,532)	(1,176,532)	-	-	-
Reclassified to assets held for sale	(870,974)	-	(280,146)	(1,151,120)	-	-	-
Translation difference	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balance at 31 December 2017	-	1,276,927	10,388,216	11,665,143	1,276,926	10,264,206	11,541,132
Amortisation and impairment losses							
31 December 2018							
Balance at 1 January 2018	-	-	7,757,617	7,757,617	-	7,704,755	7,704,755
Charge for the year	-	-	1,429,995	1,429,995	-	1,409,557	1,409,557
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Reclassifications	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Disposal of subsidiary	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Reclassified to assets held for sale	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Translation differences	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balance at 31 December 2018	-	-	9,187,612	9,187,612	-	9,114,312	9,114,312
31 December 2017							
Balances at 1 January 2017	-	-	6,960,032	6,960,032	-	5,950,567	5,950,567
Charge for the year	-	-	1,878,089	1,878,089	-	1,754,188	1,754,188
Reclassification	-	-	(11)	(11)	-	-	-
Disposal of subsidiary	-	-	(842,312)	(842,312)	-	-	-
Reclassified to assets held for sale	-	-	(238,181)	(238,181)	-	-	-
Balance at 31 December 2017	-	-	7,757,617	7,757,617	-	7,704,755	7,704,755
Carrying amounts:							
31 December 2018	-	803,808	2,349,237	3,153,045	803,807	2,276,563	3,080,370
31 December 2017	-	1,276,927	2,630,599	3,907,526	1,276,926	2,559,451	3,836,377

There were no capitalised borrowing costs related to the internal development of software during the year. (December 2017: nil)

Assets under construction represent the software acquired by the Group, which are still under the implementation stage. These are not amortised until the implementation is completed and the asset is available for use.

30 Deferred taxation

(a) Deferred income taxes are calculated on all temporary differences under the liability method using an effective tax rate of 30% (2017: 30%).

Deferred income tax assets and liabilities are attributable to the following items:

<i>In thousands of Naira</i>	Group			Bank		
	Deferred tax assets	Deferred tax liabilities	Net	Deferred tax assets	Deferred tax liabilities	Net
31 December 2018						
Allowance for loan losses	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tax losses carried forward	-	-	-	-	-	-
Property and equipment	8,420,222	(13,071)	8,407,151	8,420,223	-	8,420,223
Investment property held for sale	57,221	-	57,221	57,221	-	57,221
Other temporary difference	(3,378,341)	-	(3,378,341)	(3,378,341)	-	(3,378,341)
Derivative liability	(114,714)	-	(114,714)	(114,714)	-	(114,714)
Deferred tax assets/(liabilities) before set off	4,984,388	(13,071)	4,971,317	4,984,389	-	4,984,389
Set off of deferred tax	-	-	-	-	-	-
Deferred tax assets (liabilities)	4,984,388	(13,071)	4,971,317	4,984,389	-	4,984,389

<i>In thousands of Naira</i>	Group			Bank		
	Deferred tax assets	Deferred tax liabilities	Net	Deferred tax assets	Deferred tax liabilities	Net
31 December 2017						
Allowance for loan losses	1,479,938	-	1,479,938	1,479,938	-	1,479,938
Tax losses carried forward	4,582,868	-	4,582,868	4,582,868	-	4,582,868
Property and equipment	1,280,573	(4,049)	1,276,524	1,280,573	-	1,280,573
Investment property held for sale	65,929	(1,000)	64,929	65,929	-	65,929
Other temporary difference	(2,251,578)	-	(2,251,578)	(2,251,578)	-	(2,251,578)
Derivative liability	(173,342)	-	(173,342)	(173,342)	-	(173,342)
Deferred tax assets/(liabilities) before set off	4,984,388	(5,049)	4,979,339	4,984,388	-	4,984,388
Set off of deferred tax	-	-	-	-	-	-
Deferred tax assets (liabilities)	4,984,388	(5,049)	4,979,339	4,984,388	-	4,984,388

(b) Reconciliation for recognized deferred tax assets

<i>In thousands of Naira</i>	Group 31 December 2018	Group 31 December 2017	Bank 31 December 2018	Bank 31 December 2017
Deferred tax asset (net) at the beginning of the year	4,984,388	4,984,388	4,984,388	4,984,388
<i>Origination/(reversal) of temporary differences</i>				
Allowance for loan losses	(1,479,938)	(263,624)	(1,479,938)	(263,624)
Tax losses carried forward	(4,582,868)	778,079	(4,582,868)	778,079
Property and equipment	7,139,649	-	7,139,649	-
Investment property held for sale	(8,708)	(7,002)	(8,708)	(7,002)
Other temporary difference	(1,126,763)	(328,384)	(1,126,763)	(328,384)
Derivative transactions	58,628	(179,069)	58,628	(179,069)
Closing balance	4,984,388	4,984,388	4,984,388	4,984,388

30. Deferred taxation

(c) Movement in deferred tax balances

<i>In thousands of Naira</i>	Group 31 December 2018	Group 31 December 2017	Bank 31 December 2018	Bank 31 December 2017
Net balance as at 1 January 2018	4,979,339	4,977,430	4,984,388	4,984,388
Recognized in profit or loss	(8,022)	1,909	-	-
Net balance as at 31 December 2018	4,971,317	4,979,339	4,984,388	4,984,388

- (d) Recognition of deferred tax assets of N4.98 billion (2017: N4.98 billion) was based on the Bank's recoverable temporary differences in the merged entity, which indicates that it is probable that the Bank will have future taxable profits against which these assets can be utilised. The directors are of the opinion that the assumptions underlying the preparation of the forecast, are reasonable and achievable.

Deferred tax assets have not been recognized in respect of the following items because it is not probable that future taxable profit will be available against which the Bank can utilise the benefits. The items attributable to the unrecognized deferred tax assets are as follows:

<i>In thousands of Naira</i>	Group 31 December 2018	Group 31 December 2017	Bank 31 December 2018	Bank 31 December 2017
Allowance for loan losses	12,967,960	-	12,967,960	-
Tax losses carried forward	65,939,852	37,391,660	65,939,852	37,391,660
Property and equipment, and software	740,590	5,783,730	740,590	5,783,730
Other temporary differences	575,602.00	-	575,602	-
Net balance as at 31 December 2018	80,224,004	43,175,390	80,224,004	43,175,390

31 Other assets

<i>In thousands of Naira</i>	Group 31 December 2018	Group 31 December 2017	Bank 31 December 2018	Bank 31 December 2017
<i>Non-financial assets</i>				
Prepayments	8,039,274	8,863,669	8,027,264	8,851,820
<i>Financial assets:</i>				
Account receivable	16,692,594	87,004,855	16,656,034	86,951,968
Other receivables	11,092,748	4,127,076	11,073,363	4,095,638
	35,824,616	99,995,600	35,756,661	99,899,426
Impairment allowance	(6,815,752)	(3,028,749)	(6,812,472)	(3,026,216)
	29,008,864	96,966,851	28,944,189	96,873,210

Movement in allowance for impairment on other assets

Balance, beginning of the year	3,028,749	2,812,110	3,026,216	2,778,193
IFRS 9 transition adjustment	1,484,796	-	1,483,762	-
Net measurement of loss allowance (see Note 9)	5,669,798	2,415,657	5,670,088	2,415,657
Financial assets that have been derecognised	(3,367,591)	(2,199,018)	(3,367,594)	(2,167,634)
Exchange difference	-	-	-	-
Balance, end of the year	6,815,752	3,028,749	6,812,472	3,026,216
Current	29,008,864	96,966,851	28,944,189	96,873,210
Non-current	-	-	-	-
	29,008,864	96,966,851	28,944,189	96,873,210

32. Deposits from banks

<i>In thousands of Naira</i>	Group 31 December 2018	Group 31 December 2017	Bank 31 December 2018	Bank 31 December 2017
Items in the course of collection	6,395,048	10,922,324	6,395,048	10,922,324
Interbank takings	42,370,002	36,585	58,758,102	14,938,785
	48,765,050	10,958,909	65,153,150	25,861,109
Deposits from banks only financial instruments classified as liabilities at amortised cost				
Current	48,765,050	10,958,909	65,153,150	25,861,109
Non-current	-	-	-	-
	48,765,050	10,958,909	65,153,150	25,861,109

33. Deposits from customers

<i>In thousands of Naira</i>	Group 31 December 2018	Group 31 December 2017	Bank 31 December 2018	Bank 31 December 2017
Demand deposits	383,394,670	498,455,447	383,456,556	500,516,772
Term deposits	197,060,289	262,756,297	200,786,649	263,827,616
Savings deposits	463,521,770	400,382,385	463,521,770	400,382,385
	1,043,976,729	1,161,594,129	1,047,764,975	1,164,726,773
Deposits from banks only financial instruments classified as liabilities at amortised cost				
Current	846,916,440	898,837,832	846,978,326	900,899,157
Non-current	197,060,289	262,756,297	200,786,649	263,827,616
Net balance as at 31 December 2018	1,043,976,729	1,161,594,129	1,047,764,975	1,164,726,773

34. Derivative liabilities

The table below analyses derivative liabilities by type of instrument

<i>In thousands of Naira</i>	Group 31 December 2018	Group 31 December 2017	Bank 31 December 2018	Bank 31 December 2017
Cross Currency Swap (See (a) below)	-	534,155	-	534,155
Option in Convertible Debt - IFC (See (b) below)	-	157,774	-	157,774
Option in Convertible DebtKunnoch Holdings (See (c) below)	-	48,795	-	48,795
OTC futures contracts (see (d) below)	6,375	-	6,375	-
	6,375	740,724	6,375	740,724
Current	6,375	534,155	6,375	534,155
Non-current	-	206,569	-	206,569
Net balance as at 31 December 2018	6,375	740,724	6,375	740,724

(a) Cross Currency Swap

<i>In thousands of Naira</i>	Group 31 December 2018	Group 31 December 2017
Cross Currency Swap	-	534,155
	-	534,155
<i>In thousands of Naira</i>	Group 31 December 2018	Group 31 December 2017
Notional Contract Amount	-	39,963,000
	-	39,963,000

The time periods in which the cash flows are expected to occur and affect profit or loss are as follows:

<i>In thousands of Naira</i>	Group 31 December 2018	Group 31 December 2017
Within 1 year	-	534,155
	-	534,155

(b) Option in Convertible Debt - IFC

This represents the embedded options to convert the outstanding notional amount of the borrowing granted by the International Finance Corporation (IFC), into shares (see further details in Note 37(b)). The fair value of the derivative liability as at reporting date was N-million (2017: N157.8 million).

Movement in Option in Convertible Debt - IFC

<i>In thousands of Naira</i>	Group 31 December 2018	Group 31 December 2017	Bank 31 December 2018	Bank 31 December 2017
Opening Balance	157,774	157,818	157,774	157,818
Fair value gain/(loss)	(157,774)	(44)	(157,774)	(44)
	-	157,774	-	157,774

(c) Option in Convertible Debt - Kunnoch Holdings

This represents the embedded options to convert the outstanding notional amount of the borrowing granted by Kunnoch Holding Limited, into shares (see further details in 37(c)). The fair value of the derivative liability as at reporting date was Nil (2017: N48.8 million) as at reporting date.

Movement in Option in Convertible Debt - Kunnoch Holdings

<i>In thousands of Naira</i>	Group 31 December 2018	Group 31 December 2017	Bank 31 December 2018	Bank 31 December 2017
Opening Balance	48,795	42,791	48,795	42,791
Fair value gain/(loss)	(48,795)	6,004	(48,795)	6,004
	-	48,795	-	48,795

(d) OTC futures contracts

<i>In thousands of Naira</i>	Group 31 December 2018	Group 31 December 2017	Bank 31 December 2018	Bank 31 December 2017
OTC futures contracts	6,375	-	6,375	-
	6,375	-	6,375	-

<i>In thousands of Naira</i>	Group 31 December 2018	Group 31 December 2017	Bank 31 December 2018	Bank 31 December 2017
Notional Contract Amount	4,489,000	-	4,489,000	-
	4,489,000	-	4,489,000	-

The derivatives arose from futures contracts entered into with counterparties, which were still open at the reporting date. The Bank entered into futures contracts to sell fixed amounts of foreign currencies at fixed exchange rates at future dates.

The notional amount recorded gross is the amount that is used to calculate the fair value of the derivative assets or liabilities in response to the movement in the underlying derivative contracts which is the NAFEX foreign exchange rates.

35. Other liabilities

<i>In thousands of Naira</i>	Group 31 December 2018	Group 31 December 2017	Bank 31 December 2018	Bank 31 December 2017
Customer deposit for letters of credit	18,006,599	19,150,111	18,006,599	19,150,111
Accounts payable	16,008,043	15,244,672	16,001,252	15,240,307
Accruals	4,528,525	4,437,174	4,502,847	4,429,098
Legal perfection charges	531,845	695,562	531,845	695,562
Unclaimed items	3,592,332	4,031,985	3,592,332	4,031,985
Deferred income	18	16,795	18	9,509
Settlement accounts	401,368	3,110,878	401,368	3,110,878
Sundry funds transfer	280,592	1,217,123	280,592	1,217,123
Other current liabilities	1,619,721	993,603	1,619,721	993,602
Off balance sheet items and undrawn commitments	1,918,672	-	1,918,672	-
	46,887,715	48,897,903	46,855,246	48,878,175
Current	46,887,715	48,897,903	46,855,246	48,878,175
Non-current	-	-	-	-
	46,887,715	48,897,903	46,855,246	48,878,175

36. Borrowings

<i>In thousands of Naira</i>	Group 31 December 2018	Group 31 December 2017	Bank 31 December 2018	Bank 31 December 2017
Borrowings comprises:				
Bank of Industry (CBN Intervention Fund) (see note (a))	20,318,626	24,174,662	20,318,626	24,174,662
CBN Commercial Agricultural Credit Scheme (see (b))	10,994,789	1,337,376	10,994,789	1,337,376
MSME Development Fund	275,208	355,122	275,208	355,122
Foreign financial institutions (see (c))	80,909,767	129,076,934	80,909,767	129,076,934
Refinanced letters of credit (see (d))	9,277,424	6,353,118	18,181,272	14,736,076
Financial guarantee liability	100,396	-	100,396	-
	121,876,210	161,297,212	130,780,058	169,680,170
Current	9,277,424	70,142,045	18,181,272	78,525,003
Non-current	112,598,786	91,155,167	112,598,786	91,155,167
	121,876,210	161,297,212	130,780,058	169,680,170

- (a) The amount of N20.32billion represents the outstanding balance on intervention credit granted to the Bank by the Bank of Industry (BOI), a company incorporated in Nigeria. The total facility has a maximum tenor of 15 years. A management fee of 1% deductible at source is paid by the Bank under the on-lending agreement and the Bank is under obligation to on-lend to customers at an all-in interest rate of 7%. Though the facility is meant for on-lending to borrowers in specified sectors, the Bank remains the primary obligor to the BOI and therefore assumes the risk of default of customers.
- (b) The amount of N10.99 billion represents the outstanding balance on the on-lending facility granted to the Bank by Central Bank of Nigeria in collaboration with the Federal Government of Nigeria in respect of Commercial Agriculture Credit Scheme (CACS) established by both CBN and the Federal Government for promoting commercial agricultural enterprises in Nigeria and the outstanding balance on the N10 billion disbursed from the N300 billion real sector support facility lending fund (RSSF) granted during the year by the Central Bank of Nigeria as part of the efforts to unlock the potential of the real sector to engender output growth, value added growth, value added productivity and job creation. The on-lending facility is for a maximum tenor of 7 years at a zero percent interest rate to the Bank while the RSSF facility is for a maximum tenor of 15 years at zero percent interest rate to the Bank. The principal amount of the on-lending facility is repayable on a quarterly basis over the tenor of the borrowing which will expire in September 2025 while the RSSF facility is also repayable on a quarterly basis but over the tenor of the borrowing which will expire in December 2030.
- (c) The amount of N80.91 billion represents the outstanding balances on the Bank's Euro bond liability of N66.3 billion. The eurobond liability relates to a USD200 million, 5 year-tenored bond issued by the Bank in May 2014, at a yield of 8.75%. The eurobond has maturity date of May 2019. The borrowing is unsecured.
- (d) This represents letters of credit (LCs) issued by the Bank to its customers, but which have been refinanced by the correspondent banks. The correspondent Banks involved are Diamond Bank UK and Standard Chartered Bank (SCB) London. The transactions were refinanced at interest rates ranging from 4% to 15% and the Group pledged federal government bonds worth N7 billion to HSBC and SCB in respect of the refinanced LCs.

37. Long term debt

<i>In thousands of Naira</i>	Group 31 December 2018	Group 31 December 2017	Bank 31 December 2018	Bank 31 December 2017
African Export-Import Bank (see note (a))	36,452,651	33,136,542	36,452,651	33,136,542
International Finance Corporation (see (b))	-	18,314,063	-	18,314,063
Kunnoch Holdings (see (c) below)	-	2,197,540	-	2,197,540
Anambra State Government (see (d) below)	18,548,901	16,867,083	-	-
Diamond Finance B.V (see (d) below)	-	-	18,548,901	16,867,083
	55,001,552	70,515,228	55,001,552	70,515,228

	Tenor (yrs)	Interest rate
African Export-Import Bank (see note (a))	7	5.75% + 3M LIBOR
International Finance Corporation (see (b))	7	5% + 6M LIBOR
Kunnoch Holdings (see (c) below)	7	5% + 6M LIBOR
Anambra State Government/Diamond Finance BV (see (d) below)	7	7%

(a) Long term borrowings from Afrexim

The Bank obtained a loan of \$100 million (N33.1 billion) from Afrexim Bank. The loan was obtained on 3 March 2012 ("the agreement date") at an interest rate of 5.75% plus 3 month Libor for a tenor of 7 years. Interest is payable quarterly while principal is to be repaid at maturity.

(b) Convertible subordinated loan with IFC

The Bank obtained a loan of \$69.79 million (N21.3 billion) from the International Finance Corporation. The loan was obtained on 19 July 2012 ("the agreement date") at an interest rate of 5% plus 6 month Libor for a duration of 7 years. The loan has an embedded derivative (a conversion option) whereby each of the IFC entities have the right to convert all or a portion of the outstanding principal amount into the equivalent number of shares of the Bank. This option may be exercised 3 years from the agreement date or in the event of a change in control or sale of a substantial part of the Bank's assets or business.

The loan which is a compound financial instrument was split into debt and derivative liability components based on subsequent measurement is as follows:

<i>In thousands of Naira</i>	31 December 2018	31 December 2017
Long term debt measured at amortized cost (see (b)(i) below)	-	18,314,063
Derivative liability measured at fair value (see 34(b))	-	157,774
Carrying value	-	18,471,837

(i) Movement in Debt Portion of Convertible subordinated loan in IFC

During the year, the Bank fully liquidated the outstanding loan balance, therefore expunging its indebtedness to the International Finance Corporation (IFC). See movement below.

<i>In thousands of Naira</i>	31 December 2018	31 December 2017
Opening balance	18,314,063	13,349,310
Interest expense	1,561,320	4,091,909
Interest paid	(21,432,514)	(1,378,829)
Exchange difference	1,557,131	2,251,673
Closing balance	-	18,314,063

(c) **Convertible subordinated loan with Kunnoch Holdings**

The Bank obtained a loan of \$7.15 million (N2.19 billion) from Kunnoch Holdings on 28 June 2013 ("the agreement date") at an interest rate of 5% plus 6 month Libor for a duration of 7 years and is unsecured. The loan has an embedded derivative (a conversion option) whereby Kunnoch Holdings has the right to convert all or a portion of the outstanding principal amount into the equivalent number of shares of the Bank. This option may be exercised 3 years from the agreement date or in the event of a change in control or sale of a substantial part of the Bank's assets or business.

The loan which is a compound financial instrument was split into debt and derivative liability components are as follows:

<i>In thousands of Naira</i>	31 December 2018	31 December 2017
Long term debt measured at amortized cost (see (c)(i) below)	-	2,197,540
Derivative liability measured at fair value (see 34(c))	-	48,795
Carrying value	-	2,246,335

(i) **Movement in Debt portion of Convertible subordinated loan with Kunnoch Holdings**

During the year, the Bank fully liquidated the outstanding loan balance, therefore expunging its indebtedness to Kunnoch Holdings. See movement below.

<i>In thousands of Naira</i>	31 December 2018	31 December 2017
Opening balance	2,197,540	1,912,441
Interest expense	213,590	223,368
Repayment	(2,626,759)	(140,892)
Exchange difference	215,629	202,623
Closing balance	-	2,197,540

(d) **Long term loan with Anambra State Government through Diamond Finance BV**

The Group issued dollar denominated loan participatory notes of \$50 million (N9.95 billion) through a structured entity, Diamond Finance BV, Netherlands, on 27 March 2014, which is due on 27 March 2021. The principal amount is payable at the end of the tenor while interest on the notes is payable semi-annually at 7% per annum.

The net proceeds from the issue of the Loan Participatory Notes, was used by the Issuer (Diamond Finance BV) for the sole purpose of providing a loan to Diamond Bank, which was in turn used by the Bank to support its business expansion and development.

Diamond Bank, unconditionally and irrevocably guaranteed the due payment of all sums by the Issuer (Diamond Finance BV) in respect of the Notes.

The Group has not had any defaults of principal or interest with respect to its subordinated liabilities during the year ended 31 December 2018

38. Share Capital

<i>In thousands of Naira</i>	Group 31 December 2018	Group 31 December 2017	Bank 31 December 2018	Bank 31 December 2017
Authorised				
30 billion ordinary shares of 50k each (2017: 30 billion)	15,000,000	15,000,000	15,000,000	15,000,000
Issued and fully paid				
23.2 billion ordinary shares of 50k each (2017: 23.2 billion)	11,580,195	11,580,195	11,580,195	11,580,195

The holders of ordinary shares are entitled to receive dividends as declared from time to time and are entitled to one vote per share at meetings of the Bank. All shares rank equally with regard to the Bank's residual assets.

<i>In thousands of Naira</i>	Group 31 December 2018	Group 31 December 2017	Bank 31 December 2018	Bank 31 December 2017
Movement in share capital during the year:				
Balance, beginning of year	11,580,195	11,580,195	11,580,194	11,580,194
New issues during the year	-	-	-	-
Balance, end of year	11,580,195	11,580,195	11,580,194	11,580,194

39. Share premium and reserves

The nature and purpose of the reserves in equity are as follows

Share premium: Premiums from the issue of shares are reported in share premium.

	Group 31 December 2018	Group 31 December 2017	Bank 31 December 2018	Bank 31 December 2017
Movement in share premium during the year:				
Balance, beginning of year	134,532,974	134,532,974	134,532,974	134,532,974
Premium on shares issued	-	-	-	-
Issuing costs	-	-	-	-
Balance, end of year	134,532,974	134,532,974	134,532,974	134,532,974

Retained earnings: Retained earnings are the carried forward recognised income net of expenses plus current year profit attributable to shareholders.

	Group 31 December 2018	Group 31 December 2017	Bank 31 December 2018	Bank 31 December 2017
Movement in retained earnings during the year:				
Balance, beginning of year	8,239,777	12,042,517	5,139,548	6,364,510
Profit/(loss) for the year	5,295,698	(9,084,973)	7,354,653	869,441
IFRS 9 transition adjustment (See note a below)	(190,078,211)	-	(190,786,353)	-
Transfer from regulatory risk reserve	31,062,558	-	31,062,558	-
Transfer to statutory reserves	(1,103,198)	(130,416)	(1,103,198)	(130,416)
Transfer to regulatory risk reserve	-	(1,963,987)	-	(1,963,987)
Deconsolidation of disposed subsidiary	-	7,376,636	-	-
Balance, end of year	(146,583,376)	8,239,777	(148,332,792)	5,139,548

- (a) Amount represents the expected credit loss (ECL) transition adjustments on financial assets in line with the provisions of IFRS 9 'Financial Instruments'.

Statutory reserve: Nigerian banking regulations require the Bank to make an annual appropriation to a statutory reserve. As stipulated by section 16(1) of the Bank and Other Financial Institutions Act of 1991 (amended), an appropriation of 30% of profit after tax is made if the statutory reserve is less than the paid-up share capital and 15% of profit after tax if the statutory reserve is greater than the paid-up share capital.

Small Scale Industry (SSI) reserve: The SSI reserve is maintained to comply with the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) requirement that all licensed banks set aside a portion of the profit after tax in a fund to be used to finance equity investment in qualifying small and medium scale enterprises. Under the terms of the guideline (amended by CBN letter dated 11 July 2006), the contributions will be 10% of profit after tax and shall continue after the first 5 years but banks' contributions shall thereafter reduce to 5% of profit after tax. However, this is no longer mandatory. As such, the Bank made no additional reserves during the year. The small and medium scale industries equity investment scheme reserves are non-distributable.

Fair value reserve: The fair value reserve includes the net cumulative change in the fair value of available-for-sale investments until the investment is derecognised or impaired.

Foreign currency translation reserve: Comprises exchange differences resulting from the translation to Naira of the results and financial position of entities within the group that have a functional currency other than Naira.

Regulatory risk reserve : This represents the difference between the allowance for impairment losses on balance on loans and advances based on Central Bank of Nigeria prudential guidelines and Central Bank of the foreign subsidiaries regulations, compared with the loss incurred model used in calculating the impairment under IFRSs.

40. Non-controlling interest

The entities accounting for the non-controlling interest balance is shown below:

<i>In thousands of Naira</i>	31 December 2018	31 December 2017
Diamond Finance BV	7,918	5,958
	7,918	5,958

41. Involvement with unconsolidated structured entities

One of the Group's subsidiaries, Stitching Diamond Finance, a foundation incorporated in Netherlands, was established for the purpose of incorporating Diamond Finance BV, Netherlands, holding the shares of the company and exercising the rights of shareholders of the entity.

The Group does not have any direct financial involvement with the entity as at year end.

The Group concluded that it does not control, and therefore should not consolidate, the entity. The entity was established for the purpose of legally establishing Diamond Finance BV a consolidated structured entity. The Group does not hold any financial instruments issued by the Stitching Diamond Finance and it did not offer any form of support to the entity during the year. Taken as a whole, the Group does not have any power over the relevant activities of the entity.

42. Reconciliation notes to consolidated and separate statement of cashflows

(i) Net changes in financial assets at FVTPL

<i>In thousands of Naira</i>	Note	Group 31 December 2018	Group 31 December 2017	Bank 31 December 2018	Bank 31 December 2017
Opening balance for the year	19	38,333,109	6,870,235	38,333,109	6,870,235
Fair value (gains)/losses recognised in profit or loss	11	2,793,534	739,103	2,793,534	739,103
Closing balance for the year	19	(10,673,463)	(38,333,109)	(10,673,463)	(38,333,109)
Total changes in financial assets at FVTPL		30,453,180	(30,723,771)	30,453,180	(30,723,771)

(ii) Net changes in loans and advances to customers

<i>In thousands of Naira</i>		Group 31 December 2018	Group 31 December 2017	Bank 31 December 2018	Bank 31 December 2017
Opening balance for the year	23	755,503,162	995,334,118	755,488,058	804,635,641
Impairment on loans and advances to customers	9	(19,168,977)	(57,397,081)	(19,168,880)	(57,397,081)
Net matured letters of credit recognized during the year		-	-	-	-
IFRS 9 transition adjustment		(186,465,790)	-	(186,465,217)	-
Write offs	9	(523,757)	(1,127,184)	(523,757)	(1,127,184)
Closing balance for the year	23	(567,896,958)	(755,503,162)	(567,881,391)	(755,488,058)
Total changes in loans and advances to customers		(18,552,320)	181,306,691	(18,551,187)	(9,376,682)

(iii) Net changes in other assets

<i>In thousands of Naira</i>		Group 31 December 2018	Group 31 December 2017	Bank 31 December 2018	Bank 31 December 2017
Opening balance for the year	31	96,966,851	76,146,470	96,873,210	49,928,617
Impairment charges recognised in profit or loss	9	(5,669,798)	(2,415,657)	(5,670,088)	(2,415,657)
IFRS 9 transition adjustment		(1,484,796)	-	(1,483,762)	-
Reclassifications/write off	28	129,066	-	129,066	140,734
Closing balance for the year	31	(29,008,864)	(96,966,851)	(28,944,189)	(96,873,210)
Total changes in other assets		60,932,459	(23,236,038)	60,904,237	(49,219,516)

(iv) Net changes in deposits from customers

<i>In thousands of Naira</i>		Group 31 December 2018	Group 31 December 2017	Bank 31 December 2018	Bank 31 December 2017
Opening balance for the year	33	1,161,594,129	1,424,689,527	1,164,726,773	1,134,861,466
Interest expense	8	36,086,360	29,340,782	36,521,882	29,353,176
Interest paid		(37,069,454)	(26,674,549)	(37,069,454)	(26,674,549)
Closing balance for the year	33	(1,043,976,729)	(1,161,594,129)	(1,047,764,975)	(1,164,726,773)
Total changes in deposits from customers		116,634,306	265,761,631	116,414,226	(27,186,680)

(v) Net changes in deposits from banks

<i>In thousands of Naira</i>		Group 31 December 2018	Group 31 December 2017	Bank 31 December 2018	Bank 31 December 2017
Opening balance for the year	32	10,958,909	103,409,297	25,861,109	13,365,314
Closing balance for the year	32	(48,765,050)	(10,958,909)	(65,153,150)	(25,861,109)
Total changes in deposits from banks		(37,806,141)	92,450,388	(39,292,041)	(12,495,795)

(vi) Net changes in investments

<i>In thousands of Naira</i>		Group 31 December 2018	Group 31 December 2017	Bank 31 December 2018	Bank 31 December 2017
Opening balance for the year	24	148,279,372	23,119,904	148,039,154	9,169,048
Fair value changes on FVOCI		(1,697,688)	1,429,955	(1,697,689)	1,357,611
Impairment write back/(allowance) recognised in profit or loss	9	36,022	15,612	35,993	15,612
IFRS 9 transition adjustment		(89,176)	-	(89,137)	-
Closing balance for the year	24	(39,085,170)	(148,279,372)	(39,085,170)	(148,039,154)
Total changes in FVOCI instruments		107,443,360	(123,713,901)	107,203,151	(137,496,883)
Opening balance for the year		75,742,440	212,444,985	75,742,440	151,141,809
Treasury bills with original maturity of 3 months or less reclassified to cash (see note 24.1)		-	-	-	-
Closing balance for the year (Per SoFP)	24	(115,619,166)	(75,742,440)	(115,549,127)	(75,742,440)
Net closing balance for the year		(115,619,166)	(75,742,440)	(115,549,127)	(75,742,440)
Total changes in instruments at amortised cost		(39,876,726)	136,702,545	(39,806,687)	75,399,369
Net (purchase)/sale of investment securities recognised in statement of cashflows		67,566,634	12,988,644	67,396,464	(62,097,514)

(vii) Net changes in assets pledged as collateral

<i>In thousands of Naira</i>		Group 31 December 2018	Group 31 December 2017	Bank 31 December 2018	Bank 31 December 2017
Opening balance for the year	21	95,488,267	221,898,226	116,357,892	170,623,817
Impairment (charge)/write back recognised in profit or loss	9	(398)	-	196,747	-
IFRS 9 transition adjustment		(45,663)	-	(318,099)	-
Closing balance for the year	21	(119,029,468)	(95,488,267)	(139,923,315)	(116,357,892)
Total changes in assets pledged as collateral		(23,587,262)	126,409,959	(23,686,775)	54,265,925

(viii) Net changes in mandatory reserve deposits

<i>In thousands of Naira</i>		Group 31 December 2018	Group 31 December 2017	Bank 31 December 2018	Bank 31 December 2017
Opening balance for the year	18	186,099,896	204,402,446	186,099,896	193,461,662
Closing balance for the year	18	(208,522,015)	(186,099,896)	(208,522,015)	(186,099,896)
Total changes in mandatory reserve deposits		(22,422,119)	18,302,550	(22,422,119)	7,361,766

(ix) Net changes in derivative assets

<i>In thousands of Naira</i>		Group 31 December 2018	Group 31 December 2017	Bank 31 December 2018	Bank 31 December 2017
Opening balance for the year	20	1,318,528	2,088,208	1,318,528	1,925,777
Fair value gain on OTC futures contracts		-	-	-	-
Closing balance for the year	20	(388,755)	(1,318,528)	(388,755)	(1,318,528)
Total changes in deivative assets		929,773	769,680	929,773	607,249

(x) Net changes in derivative liabilities

<i>In thousands of Naira</i>		Group 31 December 2018	Group 31 December 2017	Bank 31 December 2018	Bank 31 December 2017
Opening balance for the year	34	740,724	2,187,779	740,724	2,126,386
Net loss on derivatives	13	301,053	(778,412)	301,053	(778,412)
Fair value loss on OTC futures contracts		-	-	-	-
Closing balance for the year	34	(6,375)	(740,724)	(6,375)	(740,724)
Total changes in derivative liabilities		1,035,402	668,643	1,035,402	607,250

(xi) *Net changes on other liabilities*

<i>In thousands of Naira</i>		Group 31 December 2018	Group 31 December 2017	Bank 31 December 2018	Bank 31 December 2017
Opening balance for the year	35	48,897,903	60,263,158	48,878,175	40,267,095
Impairment charge on off balance sheet items	9	8,113	-	8,113	-
IFRS 9 impairment adjustment on off balance sheet items		1,910,558	-	1,910,558	-
Closing balance for the year	35	(46,887,715)	(48,897,903)	(46,855,246)	(48,878,175)
Total changes in other liabilities		3,928,859	11,365,255	3,941,600	(8,611,080)

(xii) *Proceeds from sale of property and equipment*

<i>In thousands of Naira</i>		Group 31 December 2018	Group 31 December 2017	Bank 31 December 2018	Bank 31 December 2017
Loss/(Gain) on sale of property and equipment	12	108,942	(161,351)	108,705	(161,351)
Cost of property and equipment disposed	28	4,971,360	1,565,341	4,947,653	1,091,262
Accumulated depreciation on property and equipment disposed	28	(2,461,522)	(1,065,804)	(2,396,749)	(819,365)
Proceeds from sale of property and equipment		2,618,780	338,186	2,659,609	110,546

(xiii) *Proceeds from disposal of investment in subsidiary*

<i>In thousands of Naira</i>		Group 31 December 2018	Group 31 December 2017	Bank 31 December 2018	Bank 31 December 2017
Gain on disposal of investment in subsidiary	47	-	2,264,367	-	14,845,667
Carrying value of investment in subsidiary	47	-	18,439,264	-	5,865,622
Proceeds from disposal of subsidiary		-	20,703,631	-	20,711,289

(xiv) *Proceeds from new borrowings*

<i>In thousands of Naira</i>		Group 31 December 2018	Group 31 December 2017	Bank 31 December 2018	Bank 31 December 2017
Proceeds from CBN Agricultural Credit Scheme		-	120,000	-	120,000
Proceeds from CBN Micro Small and Medium Enterprises Development Fund		54,679	-	54,679	-
Proceeds from AFREXIM and other borrowings		8,476,750	-	8,476,750	-
Proceeds from BOI on Lending		45,200	-	45,200	-
Proceeds from Real Sector Support Lending Facility		10,000,000	-	10,000,000	-
Proceeds from borrowings		18,576,629	120,000	18,576,629	120,000

(xv) *Repayment of borrowings*

<i>In thousands of Naira</i>		Group 31 December 2018	Group 31 December 2017	Bank 31 December 2018	Bank 31 December 2017
Repayment of principal on borrowings		55,501,059	3,753,587	55,501,059	3,753,587
Repayment of interest on borrowings		11,240,950	6,079,512	11,240,950	6,079,512
Impact of exchange rate change		(8,572,534)	(7,230,071)	(8,572,534)	(10,613,101)
Movement in refinanced LCs		(3,215,141)	18,381,956	(3,445,196)	38,461,661
Net repayment of borrowings		54,954,334	20,984,984	54,724,279	37,681,659

(xvi) *Repayment of long term debts*

<i>In thousands of Naira</i>		Group 31 December 2018	Group 31 December 2017	Bank 31 December 2018	Bank 31 December 2017
Opening balance for the year	37	70,515,228	61,323,847	70,515,228	61,307,852
Interest expense during the year	8	10,662,788	7,987,448	10,662,788	7,987,448
Exchange difference		6,951,848	6,286,041	6,951,848	6,286,041
Closing balance for the year	37	(55,001,552)	(70,515,228)	(55,001,552)	(70,515,228)
Net repayment of long term debts		33,128,312	5,082,108	33,128,312	5,066,113

43. Cash and cash equivalents

For the purposes of the statement of cash flow, cash and cash equivalents include cash and non-restricted balances with central banks, amounts due from other banks and investment securities with a maturity date of 3 months or less upon acquisition

<i>In thousands of Naira</i>		Group 31 December 2018	Group 31 December 2017	Bank 31 December 2018	Bank 31 December 2017
Cash and balances with central banks (less mandatory reserves)	18	53,904,399	73,349,605	53,900,630	73,347,612
Impairment (charge)/write back on cash and balances with central banks	9	763	-	763	-
Impairment (charge)/write back on loans to banks	9	112,987	-	546,090	-
IFRS 9 transition adjustment - loans to banks		(116,177)	-	(553,490)	-
IFRS 9 transition adjustment - cash and balances with central banks		(1,114)	-	(1,114)	-
Loans to banks	22	37,943,747	35,155,501	82,078,754	77,610,730
Treasury bills (with original maturity of 3 months or less)	24.1	-	-	-	-
		91,844,605	108,505,106	135,971,633	150,958,342

44. Operating lease commitments

The Group leases offices, branches and other premises under operating lease arrangements. The leases have various terms and renewal rights. The lease rentals are paid in advance and recognised on straight line basis over the lease period. The outstanding balance is accounted for as prepaid lease rentals and are reported in the statement of financial position as other assets - prepayments. Non-cancellable operating lease rentals are payable as follows:

<i>In thousands of Naira</i>	Group 31 December 2018	Group 31 December 2017	Bank 31 December 2018	Bank 31 December 2017
Within one year	161,365	266,753	161,365	260,006
Between one and five years	684,471	1,154,333	684,471	1,154,333
More than five year	326,860	418,629	326,860	418,629
	1,172,696	1,839,715	1,172,696	1,832,968

45. Contingent liabilities and commitments

45.1 Claims and litigations

The Bank, in its ordinary course of business, is presently involved in 822 (December 2017: 975) cases as a defendant and 151 (December 2017: 283) cases as a plaintiff. The total amount claimed in the 424 cases instituted by the Bank is estimated at N139,985,802,232 (December 2017: N154,182,466,002) while the total amount claimed in the 583 cases instituted against the Bank is N265,361,161,454 (December 2017: N129,738,574,539) for which provisions amounting to N715,202,492 (December 2017: N473,101,698) have been made. The actions are being vigorously contested and the Directors are of the opinion that no significant liability will arise therefrom in excess of the provision made in the financial statements.

45.2 Credit related commitments

In the normal course of business, the Bank is party to financial instruments with off-balance sheet risk. The instruments are used to meet the credit and other financial requirements of customers. The contractual amounts of the off-balance sheet financial instruments are:

<i>In thousands of Naira</i>	Group 31 December 2018	Group 31 December 2017	Bank 31 December 2018	Bank 31 December 2017
Performance bonds and guarantees	52,096,012	22,038,160	52,096,012	22,038,160
Letters of credit	35,560,153	21,219,102	35,560,153	21,219,102
	87,656,165	43,257,262	87,656,165	43,257,262
Current	-	26,744,470	-	26,744,470
Non-current	87,656,165	16,512,792	87,656,165	16,512,792
	87,656,165	43,257,262	87,656,165	43,257,262

45.3 Fiduciary Activities

The Group carries out custodial activities through Diamond Pension Fund Custodian Limited. The amount of N322,436,686,000 (December 2017: N317,432,182,000) represents the full amount of the Group's guarantee for the assets held under custody as at year end.

45.4 Unclaimed dividend

The total unclaimed dividend as at 31 December 2018 is N1,211,744,000 (31 December 2017: N1,328,924,000)

In line with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC)'s rule, which requires a paying company to invest the pool of unclaimed dividend in a guaranteed income investment outside the company with all the benefits accruing to it, but retaining the obligation to pay upon shareholders' request, the Bank entrusted the sum transferred to it by its Registrars with Diamond Securities Limited who will ensure safekeeping of the unclaimed dividend pool and manage the funds.

As at 31 December 2018, the funds were invested by Diamond Securities Limited as follows:

<i>In thousands of Naira</i>	31 December 2018	31 December 2017
Unclaimed dividend managed by Diamond Securities Limited	1,211,744	1,328,924
Interest accrued	26,642	28,423
Total value of unclaimed dividend fund with Diamond Securities Limited	1,211,744	1,328,924
Unclaimed dividend balance with Centurion Registrars Limited	92,701	65,840

46. Related party transactions

The Group's key management personnel, and persons connected with them, are also considered to be related parties. The definition of key management includes the close members of family of key personnel and any entity over which key management exercise control. The key management personnel have been identified as the executive and non-executive directors of the Group. Close members of family are those family members who may be expected to influence, or be influenced by that individual in their dealings with Diamond Bank Plc and its subsidiaries. All transactions with the subsidiaries have been eliminated upon preparation of the financial statements, see Note 48 for the compensations to key management personnel.

Key management personnel and their immediate relatives engaged in the following transactions with the Group during the year:

<i>In thousands of Naira</i>	31 December 2018	31 December 2017
Loans and advances to entities related to key management personnel	-	45,821,588
Loans and advances to key management personnel	301,872	519,176
Deposits	970,793	2,931,881

The secured loans granted to directors during the year are collateralised mostly by salary domiciliation. As at year end, the Bank did not recognize impairment on loans granted to key management personnel and their immediate family members (December 2017 : Nil).

46.1 Details of loans to related parties

As at 31 December 2018, the carrying amount of credit facilities to Directors and companies in which certain Directors have interests was Nil (31 December 2017: N45.82 billion). The balances as at 31 December 2018 were as follows:

	NAME OF BORROWER	FACILITY TYPE	RELATIONSHIP	DIRECTOR	DATE GRANTED	EXPIRY DATE	AMOUNT GRANTED	OUTSTANDING BALANCE	IFRS CLASSIFICATION	NATURE OF SECURITY/STATUS
1	GEOMETRIC POWER LIMITED	TERM LOAN	DIRECTOR	UZOMA DOZIE	14-11-2011	20-01-2026	49,359,449,673	-	STAGE 3	MORTGAGE DEBENTURE MANAGED BY FIRST TRUSTEE
2	ALUM EXTRUSION IND. PLC	OVERDRAFT	DIRECTOR	UZOMA DOZIE	01-06-2016	01-08-2018	155,000,000	-	FULLY LIQUIDATED	ALL ASSET DEBENTURE
							<u>49,514,449,673</u>	<u>-</u>		

47. Discontinued operations

The Directors committed to dispose of the Group's investment in one of its subsidiaries, Diamond Bank UK, as part of their overall recapitalization plan and strategy realignment. Accordingly, the subsidiary has been presented as a disposal group held for sale as at the end of the year. Subsequent to year end, an agreement was executed for sale of the subsidiary on 3 April 2019. See note 52 for details.

No impairment losses have been recognized with respect to the assets of the disposal group held for sale.

(a) Assets and liabilities of a disposal group held for sale and discontinued operations

Assets and liabilities of disposal group held for sale comprise the assets and liabilities of Diamond Bank UK as at 31 December 2018.

At 31 December 2018, the disposal group was stated at carrying amount and comprised the following assets and liabilities

Group	Group			Bank
	Diamond Bank UK 31 Dec 2018	Intragroup Adjustments	Group balances 31 Dec 2018	31 Dec 2018
ASSETS				
<i>In thousands of naira</i>				
Cash and balances with central banks	1,901,359	-	1,901,359	-
Derivative financial instruments	-	-	-	-
Loans and advances to banks	41,446,927	(16,388,100)	25,058,827	-
Loans and advances to customers	34,573,066	(8,903,848)	25,669,218	-
Investment in subsidiaries	-	-	-	7,976,260
FVOCI investments	16,950,696	-	16,950,696	-
Property and equipment	134,789	-	134,789	-
Intangible assets	30,747	-	30,747	-
Goodwill	-	870,974	870,974	-
Other assets	828,414	-	828,414	-
Total assets held for sale	95,865,998	(24,420,974)	71,445,024	7,976,260
LIABILITIES				
Deposits from banks	67,199,886	(65,113,356)	2,086,530	-
Deposits from customers	2,221	-	2,221	-
Derivative liability	312,552	-	312,552	-
Current tax liabilities	-	-	-	-
Other liabilities	560,426	-	560,426	-
Borrowings	14,173,745	-	14,173,745	-
Total liabilities held for sale	82,248,830	(65,113,356)	17,135,474	-

In the opinion of the Directors, assets held for sale have been recognized at the lower of their carrying amounts and fair value less cost to sell as they have designated the net assets value as a conservative estimate of fair value less cost to sell.

Group	Group			Bank
	Diamond Bank UK 31 Dec 2017	Intragroup Adjustments	Group balances 31 Dec 2017	31 Dec 2017
ASSETS				
<i>In thousands of naira</i>				
Cash and balances with central banks	36,624,199	-	36,624,199	-
Derivative financial instruments	98	-	98	-
Loans and advances to banks	36,836,067	(14,902,200)	21,933,867	-
Loans and advances to customers	22,684,109	(8,382,958)	14,301,151	-
Investment in subsidiaries	-	-	-	7,976,260
FVOCI investments	16,843,567	-	16,843,567	-
Property and equipment	131,671	-	131,671	-
Intangible assets	45,682	-	45,682	-
Goodwill	-	870,974	870,974	-
Other assets	1,176,976	-	1,176,976	-
Total assets held for sale	114,342,369	(22,414,184)	91,928,185	7,976,260
LIABILITIES				
Deposits from banks	88,418,313	(63,329,620)	25,088,693	-
Deposits from customers	349,331	-	349,331	-
Derivative liability	-	-	-	-
Current tax liabilities	-	-	-	-
Other liabilities	866,609	-	866,609	-
Borrowings	9,559,572	-	9,559,572	-
Total liabilities held for sale	99,193,825	(63,329,620)	35,864,205	-

- (b) Results of Discontinued operation
Included in discontinued operations are the results of Diamond Bank UK

<i>In thousands of Naira</i>	Group 31 December 2018	Group 31 December 2017
Gross earnings	3,957,601	33,399,127
Interest and similar income	4,423,423	27,011,299
Interest expense	(383,625)	(10,312,680)
Net interest income	4,039,798	16,698,619
Fee and commission income	248,723	5,236,269
Fee and commission expense	(101,990)	(65,077)
Net fee and commission income	146,733	5,171,192
Provision for losses	(256,554)	(2,485,313)
Net trading income	(714,545)	1,151,559
Other operating income	655,796	732,485
Net operating income	3,871,228	21,268,542
Personnel expenses	(2,120,907)	(7,933,017)
Depreciation & Amortization	(92,529)	(1,575,604)
Operating lease expenses	(200,690)	(185,059)
Other operating expenses	(773,997)	(7,687,465)
Total operating expenses	(3,188,123)	(17,381,145)
Profit before tax	683,105	3,887,397
Income tax expense	(11,830)	(2,084)
Profit for the year	671,275	3,885,313
Other comprehensive income		
Foreign currency translation differences	262,829	4,744,879
Fair value gains on FVOCI investments	11,210	72,106
Total other comprehensive income	274,039	4,816,985
Total comprehensive income for the year	945,314	8,702,298

(c) **Condensed results of discontinued operations**

The condensed financial data of the discontinued operations as follow:

<i>In thousands of Naira</i>	As at 31 December 2018		
	Diamond Bank UK	Intragroup Adjustment	Group Total
Statement of comprehensive income			
Gross earnings	5,443,441	(115,499)	5,327,942
Interest and similar income	4,423,423	-	4,423,423
Interest expense	(2,914,898)	2,531,273	(383,625)
Net interest income	1,508,525	2,531,273	4,039,798
Fee and commission income	364,222	(115,499)	248,723
Fee and commission expense	(141,004)	39,014	(101,990)
Net fee and commission income	223,218	(76,485)	146,733
Provision for losses	(256,554)	-	(256,554)
Net trading income	(714,545)	-	(714,545)
Other operating income	655,796	-	655,796
Net operating income	1,416,440	2,454,788	3,871,228
Personnel expenses	(2,120,907)	-	(2,120,907)
Depreciation & Amortization	(92,529)	-	(92,529)
Operating lease expenses	(200,690)	-	(200,690)
Other operating expenses	(773,997)	-	(773,997)
Total operating expenses	(3,188,123)	-	(3,188,123)
Profit before tax	(1,771,683)	2,454,788	683,105
Income tax expense	(11,830)	-	(11,830)
Profit for the year	(1,783,513)	2,454,788	671,275

<i>In thousands of Naira</i>	As at 31 December 2017			
	Diamond Bank UK	Diamond Bank WAMU	Intragroup Adjustment	Group Total
Statement of comprehensive income				
Gross earnings	4,914,905	28,934,652	(450,430)	33,399,127
Interest and similar income	4,449,340	22,793,096	(231,137)	27,011,299
Interest expense	(2,390,765)	(10,061,330)	2,139,415	(10,312,680)
Net interest income	2,058,575	12,731,766	1,908,278	16,698,619
Fee and commission income	426,386	5,029,176	(219,293)	5,236,269
Fee and commission expense	(75,858)	(41,616)	52,397	(65,077)
Net fee and commission income	350,528	4,987,560	(166,896)	5,171,192
Provision for losses	-	(2,485,313)	-	(2,485,313)
Net trading income	39,179	1,112,380	-	1,151,559
Other operating income	292,594	439,891	-	732,485
Net operating income	2,740,876	16,786,284	1,741,382	21,268,542
Personnel expenses	(1,953,959)	(5,979,058)	-	(7,933,017)
Depreciation & Amortization	(83,777)	(1,491,827)	-	(1,575,604)
Operating lease expenses	(185,059)	-	-	(185,059)
Other operating expenses	(889,451)	(6,798,014)	-	(7,687,465)
Total operating expenses	(3,112,246)	(14,268,899)	-	(17,381,145)
Profit before tax	(371,370)	2,517,385	1,741,382	3,887,397
Income tax expense	(2,084)	-	-	(2,084)
Profit for the year	(373,454)	2,517,385	1,741,382	3,885,313

(d) Cash flows from/(used in) discontinued operations

<i>In thousands of Naira</i>	31 Dec 2018	31 Dec 2017
Net cash from operating activities	(23,003,629)	23,892,287
Net cash used in investing activities	4,241,285	(2,996,562)
Net cash from financing activities	4,398,269	9,559,572
Impact of foreign exchange differences	(15,747,905)	2,695,228
Net cash flows for the year	(30,111,980)	33,150,525

48. Key management personnel compensation

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Remuneration paid to the Bank's directors was:

<i>For the year ended 31 December</i> <i>In thousands of Naira</i>	31 December 2018	31 December 2017
Directors' Fees	159,000	155,216
Sitting allowances	32,230	30,915
Short term employee benefits		
• Executive compensation	92,843	96,927
• Other allowances	11,900	38,248
• Post-employment benefits	11,408	11,166
	<u>307,381</u>	<u>332,472</u>

Fees and other emoluments disclosed above include amounts paid to:

Chairman	8,200	29,430
Highest paid director	44,128	35,317

The number of directors who received fees and other emoluments (excluding pension contributions and certain benefit) in the following ranges was:

	Number	
	31 December 2018	31 December 2017
Below N1,600,000	-	-
N3,400,000 and above	13	16
	<u>13</u>	<u>16</u>

Loans to key management personnel represent mortgage loans which are given under terms that are no more favourable than those given to other staff. No specific impairment has been recognized in respect of loans granted to key management (2017: Nil). Mortgage loans amounting to N are secured by salary domiciliation and underlying assets (December 2017: N360,583,561). All other loans are unsecured.

49. Employees

The average number of persons employed during the year was as follows:

	Group		Bank	
	31 December 2018	31 December 2017	31 December 2018	31 December 2017
Executive directors	4	5	4	5
Management	125	110	115	108
Non-management	3,093	3,184	3,079	3,167
	<u>3,222</u>	<u>3,299</u>	<u>3,198</u>	<u>3,280</u>

The number of employees of the Group, other than directors, who received emoluments in the following ranges (excluding pension contributions and other benefits) were:

<i>In thousands of Naira</i>	Group		Bank	
	31 December 2018	31 December 2017	31 December 2018	31 December 2017
N300,000 - N2,000,000	8	3	2	-
N2,000,001 - N2,800,000	246	15	238	8
N2,800,001 - N3,500,000	267	897	265	896
N3,500,001 - N4,000,000	1	7	-	6
N4,000,001 - N5,500,000	1,435	1,023	1,434	1,022
N5,500,001 - N6,500,000	69	773	67	773
N6,500,001 - N7,800,000	675	243	672	241
N7,800,001 - N9,000,000	112	2	111	1
N9,000,001 and above	405	330	405	326
	<u>3,218</u>	<u>3,293</u>	<u>3,194</u>	<u>3,273</u>

50. Statement of Prudential Adjustments

	Note	Group 31 December 2018	Group 31 December 2017
Loans and advances to customers			
Specific impairment allowance on loans to customers	23(a)	-	53,931,207
Collective impairment allowance on loans to customers	23(a)	-	4,933,126
12-month ECL	23(a)	22,845,350	-
Lifetime ECL not credit impaired	23(a)	21,657,691	-
Lifetime ECL credit impaired	23(a)	175,402,571	-
Impairment allowance on other loans and receivables	23(b)	7,535,232	7,535,232
Total impairment allowance on loans to customers (a)		227,440,844	66,399,565
Other financial assets:			
Specific impairment allowance on unlisted equity securities	24	-	4,866,987
12 month ECL		6,819,294	-
Lifetime ECL		-	-
Impairment allowance on investment in associates	26	2,918,000	3,231,161
Specific impairment allowance on other assets	31	-	3,028,749
Total impairment allowance on other financial assets (b)		9,737,294	11,126,897
Investment securities			
12-month ECL		118,679	-
(c)		118,679	-
Off-balance sheet exposures			
12-month ECL		4,087,123	-
(d)		4,087,123	-
Total impairment allowance (e)		241,383,940	77,526,462
Total impairment based on prudential guidelines (f)		189,257,021	108,589,020
Difference (g) = e - f		52,126,919	(31,062,558)

	Note	Bank 31 December 2018	Bank 31 December 2017
Loans and advances to customers			
Specific impairment allowance on loans to customers	23(a)	-	53,931,207
Collective impairment allowance on loans to customers	23(a)	-	4,933,126
12-month ECL	23(a)	22,844,681	-
Lifetime ECL not credit impaired	23(a)	21,657,691	-
Lifetime ECL credit impaired	23(a)	175,402,571	-
Impairment allowance on other loans and receivables	23(b)	7,535,232	7,535,232
Total impairment allowance on loans to customers (a)		227,440,175	66,399,565
Other financial assets:			
Specific impairment allowance on unlisted equity securities	24	-	4,866,987
12 month ECL		6,820,222	-
Lifetime ECL		-	-
Impairment allowance on investment in associates	26	2,918,000	3,231,161
Specific impairment allowance on other assets	31	-	3,028,749
Total impairment allowance on other financial assets (b)		9,738,222	11,126,897
Investment securities			
12-month ECL		193,971	-
(c)		193,971	-
Off-balance sheet exposures			
12-month ECL		4,087,123	-
(d)		4,087,123	-
Total impairment allowance (e)		241,459,491	77,526,462
Total impairment based on prudential guidelines (f)		189,257,021	108,589,020
Difference (g) = e - f		52,202,470	(31,062,558)

51. Compliance with banking regulations

During the year, the Bank was penalised by the regulators for the following infractions

Contraventions	Penalties
• Remittance of foreign exchange with irregular Certificate of Capital Importation (CCIs) issued on behalf of some offshore investors of MTN Nigeria Limited.	250,000,000
• Late submission of 2017 audited and Q1 2018 unaudited financial statements to Nigerian Stock Exchange (NSE)	4,900,000
• Exceptions raised against the bank for contravention noted during the Foreign Exchange Supervisory Examination as at March 31, 2017	4,000,000
• Late submission of 2017 audited and Q1 2018 unaudited financial statements to the Securites and Exchange Commission (SEC)	3,300,000
• Unauthorised publication of information on directors and information regarding capital injection.	3,087,000
• Delay in rendition of the 2018 recovery and resolution plan	2,310,000
• Publication on NSE portal regarding 2017 financial statements	2,000,000
• Failure to report dismissed staff on the grounds of fraud and forgeries	2,000,000
• Non-compliance with Banker's declaration	2,000,000
• Non-display of Statement of Affairs at Bank branches	877,800
• Late payment of periodic fee to Financial Conduct Authority (FCA)	205,767
• Late processing fee for NOTAP certificate	100,000
• Failure to render e-Fass report	50,000
	274,830,567

52. Events after the end of the reporting period

i) Bank Merger

Subsequent to year-end, the shareholders approved a merger between Diamond Bank Plc ("the Bank") and Access Bank Plc based on a Scheme of Merger dated 24 January 2019 ("the Scheme") under Part XII of the Investments and Securities Act No. 29, 2007. Under the terms of the Scheme, all the assets, liabilities and undertakings including real property and intellectual property rights of Diamond Bank were transferred to Access Bank. Diamond Bank was subsequently dissolved without being wound up.

Under the terms of the Scheme, Diamond Bank Shareholders received a cash consideration of N1.00 per share as well as share consideration comprising 2 Access Bank shares for every 7 Diamond Bank shares held as at 24 January 2019.

As a result of the merger, the entire issued share capital of Diamond Bank comprising 23,160,388,968 ordinary shares of 50 Kobo each was cancelled.

Following the approval of the merger by the Federal High Court of Nigeria on 19-March-2019, the Board of Diamond Bank Plc was dissolved. Access Bank Plc became the successor in title to the Bank subsequent to 19-March-2019. Consequently, the financial statements were also approved and issued by the Directors of Access Bank Plc on 18 April 2019 in addition to the approval by the Directors of Diamond Bank on 18 March 2019.

ii) Sale of Diamond Bank UK

Following the merger between the Bank and Access Bank Plc resulting in the undertakings of the Bank being vested in Access Bank Plc, an agreement for the sale of Diamond Bank UK was executed between Access Bank Plc ("the Seller") and BCTIB Holdings Limited ("the Purchaser") on 3 April 2018. The Seller has agreed to sell forty-seven million, nine hundred and ninety-nine thousand, nine hundred and ninety-nine (47,999,999) ordinary shares, and procure the sale by Uzoma Dozie ("Mr. Dozie") of one (1) ordinary share, in each case of nominal value one pound sterling (£1.00) each in the capital of the Company, together comprising the entire issued share capital of the Company (the "Shares") and the Purchaser has agreed to purchase the Shares, on the terms and subject to the conditions of this Agreement.

Except for the events above, there were no other events after the reporting date which could have had a material effect on the financial position of the Bank as at 31 December 2018 and the profit for the year then ended which have not been adequately provided for.

53. Financial Reporting Council's Certification Requirement for Professionals Engaged in Financial Reporting Process

In line with Financial Reporting Council of Nigeria certification requirement for professionals engaged in financial reporting process: External Auditors, Officers of reporting entities and other professional providing assurance to reporting entities. Below are list of professionals engaged in the financial reporting process relating to financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2018.

S/N	Name of Professional	FRC number	Role
1	Achoru Associates	FRC/2016/NIESV/00000013731,FRC/2015/00000007097	Property & Valuation Experts
2	Agu & Associates	FRC/2013/00000000001699	Property & Valuation Experts
3	Alagbe & Partners	FRC/2014/NIESV/00000004788	Property & Valuation Experts
4	Andrew Okon & Co	FRC/2014/NIESV/00000005925	Property & Valuation Experts
5	Andy Bassey & Assoc	FRC/2012/00000000363	Property & Valuation Experts
6	Azuka Iheabunike And Partners	FRC/2013/NIESV/00000002206	Property & Valuation Experts
7	Bayo Adeyemo & Associates	FRC/2013/NIESV/00000005193	Property & Valuation Experts
8	Ben Chika & Co	FRC/2014/NIESV/00000005215	Property & Valuation Experts
9	Chika Egwuatu & Partners	FRC/2013/NIESV/00000000862	Property & Valuation Experts
10	Dapo Olaiya Consulting	FRC/2013/NIESV/00000004238	Property & Valuation Experts
11	Ebunilo Associates	FRC/2012/NIESV/00000000130	Property & Valuation Experts
12	Emeka Onuorah & Co	FRC/2013/NIESV/00000003338	Property & Valuation Experts
13	Ezeh, Ezeh & Co	FRC/2013/NIESV/00000002855	Property & Valuation Experts
14	I Idi & Partners	FRC/2013/00000000001625	Property & Valuation Experts
15	Ismail & Partners	FRC/2012/NIESV/00000000245	Property & Valuation Experts
16	Iwuba Ifediora & Associates	FRC/2013/NIESV/00000001711	Property & Valuation Experts
17	J Ajayi Patunola & Co.	FRC/2012/NIESV/00000000123	Property & Valuation Experts
18	Jide Taiwo & Co	FRC/2012/0000000000254	Property & Valuation Experts
19	Kene Onuora & Co	FRC/2013/NIESV/00000000752	Property & Valuation Experts
20	Mark Odu & Co	FRC/2014/NIESV/00000006005	Property & Valuation Experts
21	Nwosu & Partners	FRC/2014/NIESV/00000007246	Property & Valuation Experts
22	Obi Udeh & Co	FRC/2015/NIESV/00000010677	Property & Valuation Experts

23	Odudu & Co	FRC/2012/NIESV/0000000198	Property & Valuation Experts
24	Ofoma Associates	FRC/2013/0000000001693	Property & Valuation Experts
25	Ora Egbunike & Co	FRC/2012/NIESV/00000000244	Property & Valuation Experts
26	Osas & Oseji	FRC/2012/00000000522	Property & Valuation Experts
27	Osita Okoli & Co	FRC/2014/00000003008	Property & Valuation Experts
28	Oyetunji Oyetunji & Partners	FRC/2013/NIESV/00000003658	Property & Valuation Experts
29	Sam Nwosu & Co	FRC/2013/NIESV/00000002538	Property & Valuation Experts
30	Tope & Tunde	FRC/2012/0000000000421	Property & Valuation Experts
31	Utchay Okoroji & Associates	FRC/2013/NIESV/00000001591	Property & Valuation Experts
32	Ubosi Eleh & Co	FRC/2014/NIESV/00000003997	Property & Valuation Experts
33	William & Partners	FRC/2015/NIESV/00000012593	Property & Valuation Experts
34	Tripple K Tax Consultants	FRC/2013/ICAN/00000002763	Tax Consultants

54. Provision of Non Audit Services

The details of non-audit services and the applicable fees paid during the period ended 31 December 2018 were

	Description of Non Audit Services	Fee paid
i	Vulnerability assessment and penetration testing	5,250,000
ii	Diamond Xtra Remuneration survey	3,150,000
iii	IFC loan covenant certification	1,575,000
iv	Banking Industry Remuneration survey	1,050,000

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Value added statement

<i>For the year ended 31 December In thousands of Naira</i>	Group 2018	%	Group 2017	%	Bank 2018	%	Bank 2017	%
Gross earnings	187,041,729		189,622,137		189,055,838		203,348,983	
Interest expense	<u>(55,571,844)</u>		<u>(47,038,414)</u>		<u>(56,007,366)</u>		<u>(47,281,945)</u>	
	131,469,885		142,583,723		133,048,472		156,067,038	
Net impairment loss on financial assets	(20,553,824)		(56,830,411)		(19,923,798)		(56,830,411)	
Bought-in-materials and services (local)	(75,791,660)		(61,499,947)		(76,307,171)		(65,325,792)	
Value added	<u><u>35,124,401</u></u>		<u><u>24,253,365</u></u>		<u><u>36,817,503</u></u>		<u><u>33,910,835</u></u>	
Distribution of Value Added		%		%		%		%
To Employees:								
Employee costs	22,857,032	66	23,787,509	98	22,698,919	62	23,622,675	70
To Government:								
Government as taxes	(1,087,601)	(4)	1,349,575	6	(1,239,225)	(4)	1,321,466	4
Retained in business:								
- For replacement of property and equipment	6,627,671	19	6,369,384	26	6,593,599	18	6,343,065	19
- For replacement of intangible assets	1,429,995	4	1,758,111	7	1,409,557	4	1,754,188	5
- To (deplete)/augment reserves	5,297,304	15	(9,011,214)	(37)	7,354,653	20	869,441	3
	<u><u>35,124,401</u></u>	100	<u><u>24,253,365</u></u>	100	<u><u>36,817,503</u></u>	100	<u><u>33,910,835</u></u>	100

Financial Summary

Group	31 December 2018	31 December 2017	31 December 2016	31 December 2015	31 December 2014
<i>In thousands of Naira</i>					
Assets					
Cash and balances with central banks	302,374,354	299,397,460	329,906,916	361,166,936	301,393,080
Financial assets FVTPL	10,673,463	38,333,109	6,870,235	13,116,843	3,481,299
Derivative assets	388,755	1,318,528	2,088,208	161,622	50,012
Loans to banks	37,943,747	35,155,501	100,342,964	60,103,340	296,098,561
Loans and advances to customers	567,896,958	755,503,162	995,334,118	763,634,827	791,094,667
Investment securities					
- FVOCI	39,085,170	148,279,372	23,119,904	26,803,076	10,312,395
- Amortised cost	115,619,166	75,742,440	212,444,985	240,534,130	332,522,242
Assets pledged as collateral	119,029,468	95,488,267	221,898,226	172,100,785	103,397,647
Investments in associates	98,915	-	-	-	2,918,000
Investment properties held for sale	4,052,378	3,961,700	3,870,200	4,409,085	4,333,658
Property and equipment	65,455,041	63,840,777	67,146,137	62,396,081	55,062,140
Intangible assets	3,153,045	3,907,526	5,646,005	5,122,300	3,538,556
Deferred taxation	4,984,388	4,984,388	4,984,388	4,984,544	4,987,386
Other assets	29,008,864	96,966,851	76,146,470	38,698,711	23,933,731
	1,299,763,712	1,622,879,081	2,049,798,756	1,753,232,280	1,933,123,374
Assets classified as held for sale	71,445,024	91,928,185	-	-	-
Total assets	1,371,208,736	1,714,807,266	2,049,798,756	1,753,232,280	1,933,123,374
Liabilities					
Deposits from banks	48,765,050	10,958,909	103,409,297	115,819,590	68,760,427
Deposits from customers	1,043,976,729	1,161,594,129	1,424,689,527	1,233,591,063	1,493,081,203
Derivative liabilities	6,375	740,724	2,187,779	1,349,595	12,608,232
Current income tax liability	472,868	1,620,950	2,027,948	1,697,816	2,448,756
Deferred tax liabilities	13,071	5,049	6,958	194,660	194,660
Other liabilities	46,887,715	48,897,903	60,263,158	44,673,003	40,509,537
Borrowings	121,876,210	161,297,212	169,182,279	102,719,571	74,637,231
Long term debt	55,001,552	70,515,228	61,323,847	38,577,527	31,858,561
	1,316,999,570	1,455,630,104	1,823,090,793	1,538,622,825	1,724,098,607
Liabilities classified as held for sale	17,135,474	35,864,205	-	-	-
Total liabilities	1,334,135,044	1,491,494,309	1,823,090,793	1,538,622,825	1,724,098,607
Equity					
Share capital	11,580,195	11,580,195	11,580,195	11,580,195	11,580,195
Share premium	134,532,974	134,532,974	134,532,974	134,532,974	134,532,974
Retained earnings	(146,583,376)	8,239,777	12,042,517	48,220,596	35,240,967
Other components of equity	37,535,981	68,954,053	68,127,170	20,011,027	27,452,591
Non controlling interest	7,918	5,958	425,107	264,663	218,040
Total equity	37,073,692	223,312,957	226,707,963	214,609,455	209,024,767
Total liabilities and equity	1,371,208,736	1,714,807,266	2,049,798,756	1,753,232,280	1,933,123,374
Commitments and contingents	87,656,165	43,257,262	98,542,290	121,707,463	237,982,530
Group Financial summary					
	31 December 2018	31 December 2017	31 December 2016	31 December 2015	31 December 2014
Gross earnings	187,041,729	189,622,137	184,056,357	217,091,803	208,402,153
Profit/(loss) before taxation	3,538,428	(11,546,952)	3,368,578	7,092,731	28,101,232
Profit from continuing operations	4,626,029	(12,896,527)	2,000,278	5,656,623	25,485,219
Discontinued operations					
Profit from discontinued operations (net of tax)	671,275	3,885,313	1,498,687	-	-
Profit for the year	5,297,304	(9,011,214)	3,498,965	5,656,623	25,485,219
Non controlling interest	1,606	73,759	27,826	41,033	76,523
Profit attributable to equity holders	5,295,698	(9,084,973)	3,471,139	5,615,590	25,408,696
Earnings per share- total operations					
Basic (loss)/earnings per share (kobo)	23	(39)	15	24	166
Diluted (loss)/earnings per share (kobo)	23	(39)	15	23	143
Earnings per share- continuing operations					
Basic (loss)/earnings per share (kobo)	20	(56)	9	24	166
Diluted (loss)/earnings per share (kobo)	20	(56)	9	23	143

Financial summary

Bank	31 December 2018	31 December 2017	31 December 2016	31 December 2015	31 December 2014
<i>In thousands of Naira</i>					
Assets					
Cash and balances with central banks	302,370,585	299,395,467	289,663,505	319,168,003	288,953,932
Financial assets FVTPL	10,673,463	38,333,109	6,870,235	13,116,843	3,481,299
Derivative assets	388,755	1,318,528	1,925,777	157,493	-
Assets pledged as collateral	139,923,315	116,357,892	170,623,817	159,390,905	109,775,177
Loans to banks	82,078,754	77,610,730	88,553,151	66,820,934	214,538,349
Loans and advances to customers	567,881,391	755,488,058	804,635,641	648,971,379	712,064,692
Investment securities					
- FVOCI	39,085,170	148,039,154	9,169,048	19,164,422	6,965,670
- Amortised cost	115,549,127	75,742,440	151,141,809	213,991,141	316,650,635
Investment in subsidiaries	2,000,000	2,000,000	15,841,882	15,841,882	15,841,882
Investments in associates	98,915	-	-	-	2,918,000
Investment properties held for sale	3,877,378	3,788,000	3,701,500	4,240,385	4,164,958
Property and equipment	65,376,369	63,814,940	60,948,266	58,433,678	51,551,080
Intangible assets	3,080,370	3,836,377	4,521,189	4,171,967	2,579,750
Deferred taxation	4,984,388	4,984,388	4,984,388	4,984,388	4,984,388
Other assets	28,944,189	96,873,210	49,928,617	26,729,647	15,800,611
Assets classified as held for sale	7,976,260	7,976,260	-	-	-
Total assets	1,374,288,429	1,695,558,553	1,662,508,825	1,555,183,067	1,750,270,423
Liabilities					
Deposits from banks	65,153,150	25,861,109	13,365,314	57,175,088	9,686,315
Deposits from customers	1,047,764,975	1,164,726,773	1,134,861,465	1,075,622,532	1,354,814,914
Derivative liabilities	6,375	740,724	2,126,386	1,251,675	12,608,232
Current income tax liability	327,525	1,592,413	1,598,861	1,599,970	2,189,956
Provisions	-	-	-	-	-
Retirement benefit obligations	-	-	-	-	-
Other liabilities	46,855,246	48,878,175	40,267,095	31,481,835	30,085,267
Borrowings	130,780,058	169,680,170	197,644,943	141,398,056	103,366,411
Long term debt	55,001,552	70,515,228	61,307,852	38,577,527	31,858,561
Total liabilities	1,345,888,881	1,481,994,592	1,451,171,916	1,347,106,683	1,544,609,656
Equity					
Share capital	11,580,195	11,580,195	11,580,194	11,580,194	11,580,194
Share premium	134,532,974	134,532,974	134,532,974	134,532,974	134,532,974
Retained earnings	(148,332,792)	5,139,548	6,364,510	44,043,684	32,845,896
Other components of equity	30,619,171	62,311,244	58,859,230	17,919,531	26,701,702
Total equity	28,399,548	213,563,961	211,336,908	208,076,383	205,660,766
Total liabilities and equity	1,374,288,429	1,695,558,553	1,662,508,824	1,555,183,066	1,750,270,422
Commitments and contingents	87,656,165	43,257,262	64,289,122	130,258,939	204,109,107

Bank	31 December 2018	31 December 2017	31 December 2016	31 December 2015	31 December 2014
Financial summary					
Gross earnings	189,055,838	203,348,983	187,279,015	196,867,016	190,952,742
Profit/(loss) before taxation	6,115,428	2,190,907	3,290,487	5,171,592	24,413,014
Profit/(loss) after taxation	7,354,653	869,441	1,970,044	3,833,749	22,057,198
Total comprehensive income	5,656,964	2,227,052	3,260,525	4,731,656	22,453,893
Basic earnings per share (kobo)	32	4	9	17	144
Diluted earnings per share (kobo)	32	4	9	16	125