

Al Ain Finance PJSC

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

31 DECEMBER 2023

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' REPORT

For the year ended 31 December 2023

The Board of Directors is pleased to present its report and the audited financial statements of Al Ain Finance PJSC (the "Company") for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Principal activities

The principal activities of the Company are to perform financing business and activities according to the Decretal Federal Law No. (14) of 2018, as amended, regarding the Central Bank and organization of Financial Institution and Activities, and the regulation of finance companies, as per Central Bank Circular No. 3/2023 dated 23 May 2023. The Company is specialized in working capital finance to target Small and Medium Sized Enterprise (SME) by offering them range of receivables and supply chain finance solutions such as factoring, invoice discounting etc.

Results:

During the year, the Company has recognised operating income of AED 44,813,505 (2022: AED 33,190,978) with a profit of AED 22,979,691 (2022: profit of AED 21,268,323).

Directors:

As the end of reporting period, the Board of Directors comprises:

Mr. Mohamed Rashed Alketbi	-	Chairman
Mr. Abdul Aziz Rashed Alketbi	-	Member
Mr, Mansour Saeed Alketbi	-	Member
Mr. Ehab Abdul Latif Ahmed	-	Member
Mr. Mohammad Barraj	-	Member

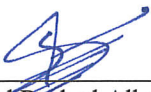
Release

The Directors release the management and the external auditors in connection with their duties for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Auditors

The Directors propose the re-appointment of Grand Thornton UAE as the auditors of the Company for the year ending 31 December 2024.

On behalf of Board of Directors


Mohamed Rashed Alketbi
Chairman

27 March 2024

P O Box 40283
Abu Dhabi
United Arab Emirates

Independent Auditor's Report To the Shareholders of Al Ain Finance PJSC

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Al Ain Finance PJSC (“the Company”), which comprise the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2023, and the statements of comprehensive income, changes in equity and cash flows for the year then ended and notes to the financial statements, including material accounting policy information.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company as at 31 December 2023, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS).

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISA). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report. We are independent of the Company in accordance International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' *International Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including International Independence Standards)* (IESBA Code), together with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the United Arab Emirates, 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.

Other Matter

The financial statements of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2022 were audited by another auditor who expressed an unmodified opinion on those financial statements on 30 March 2023.

Other Information

Management is responsible for the other information contained in the financial statements which comprises the information included in the Directors' Report which we obtained prior to the date of this auditors' report. The other information does not include the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and accordingly we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information identified above and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements, or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work we have performed, 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.

Independent Auditor's Report (continued)
To the Shareholders of Al Ain Finance PJSC (continued)
Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements (continued)

Responsibilities of Management and Board of Directors for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with IFRS and their preparation in compliance with the applicable provisions of the UAE Federal Law No. (32) of 2021, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISA 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 ISA, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

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

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

Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

As required by the UAE Federal Law No. (32) of 2021, we report that for the year ended 31 December 2023:

- i) we have obtained all the information we considered necessary for the purposes of our audit;
- ii) the financial statements have been prepared and comply, in all material respects, with the applicable provisions of the UAE Federal Law (32) of 2021;
- iii) the Company has maintained proper books of account;
- iv) the financial information included in the *Directors' report* is consistent with the books of account of the Company;
- v) based on the information that has been made available to us, the Company has not purchased or sold shares or stocks during the financial year ended 31 December 2023;
- vi) note 13 to the financial statements discloses material related party transactions and the terms under which they were conducted;
- vii) based on the information that has been made available to us, nothing has come to our attention which causes us to believe that the Company has contravened during the financial year ended 31 December 2023 any of the applicable provisions of the UAE Federal Law No. (32) of 2021, or of its Articles of Association, which would materially affect its activities or its financial position as at 31 December 2023; and
- viii) note 3 to the financial statements discloses social contributions made during the year ended 31 December 2023.

Further, as required by UAE Federal Law No. (14) of 2018, as amended, we report that we have obtained all the information and explanations we considered necessary for the purpose of our audit.



GRANT THORNTON UAE

Farouk Mohamed
Registration No: 86
Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

Date: 29 March 2024

Al Ain Finance PJSC

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For the year ended 31 December 2023

	<i>Notes</i>	<i>2023 AED</i>	<i>2022 AED</i>
Interest income on loans and advances		33,352,003	24,183,559
Interest expenses		<u>(915,775)</u>	<u>(487,933)</u>
Net interest income		32,436,228	23,695,626
Interest income on bank deposits		2,027,667	-
Fee and commission income		<u>10,349,610</u>	<u>9,495,352</u>
OPERATING INCOME		44,813,505	33,190,978
General and administrative expenses	3	(15,226,063)	(10,187,414)
Allowance for expected credit losses	5	(6,607,751)	(1,735,241)
Other income		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
PROFIT AND TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR		<u>22,979,691</u>	<u>21,268,323</u>

The attached notes 1 to 17 form part of these financial statements.

Al Ain Finance PJSC

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at 31 December 2023

	Notes	2023 AED	2022 AED
ASSETS			
Cash and bank balances	4	172,111,447	24,266,164
Loans and advances, net	5	256,389,892	188,535,887
Prepayments and other receivables	6	2,586,813	1,614,425
Furniture, fixtures and office equipment	7	1,112,316	958,787
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>432,200,468</u>	<u>215,375,263</u>
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY			
Liabilities			
Customer deposits	8	40,302,731	38,751,463
Other payables	9	3,879,119	2,668,550
Due to related parties	13	4,109,087	1,414,683
Provision for employees' end of service benefits	10	<u>330,878</u>	<u>173,169</u>
Total liabilities		<u>48,621,815</u>	<u>43,007,865</u>
Shareholders' equity			
Share capital	11	300,000,000	150,000,000
Share premium	11	38,231,564	-
Statutory reserve	12	4,992,373	2,694,404
Retained earnings		38,342,417	19,339,397
Impairment reserve	16	<u>2,012,299</u>	<u>333,597</u>
Total shareholders' equity		<u>383,578,653</u>	<u>172,367,398</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY		<u>432,200,468</u>	<u>215,375,263</u>


 Mohamed Rashed Alketbi
 Chairman


 Abdul Aziz Al Shareef
 Chief Executive Officer


 Saju Mathai
 Finance Manager

The attached notes 1 to 17 form part of these financial statements.

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

For the year ended 31 December 2023

	<i>Share capital AED</i>	<i>Share premium AED</i>	<i>Statutory reserve AED</i>	<i>Retained earnings AED</i>	<i>Impairment reserves AED</i>	<i>Total Equity AED</i>
At 1 January 2022	150,000,000	-	567,572	(1,031,163)	1,562,666	151,099,075
Additional share capital issued during the year	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	-	-	21,268,323	-	21,268,323
Transfer to statutory reserve	-	-	2,126,832	(2,126,832)	-	-
Transfer to impairment reserve (note 16)	-	-	-	1,229,069	(1,229,069)	-
Balance at 31 December 2022	<u>150,000,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,694,404</u>	<u>19,339,397</u>	<u>333,597</u>	<u>172,367,398</u>
Additional share capital issued	150,000,000	38,231,564	-	-	-	188,231,564
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	-	-	22,979,691	-	22,979,691
Transfer to statutory reserve	-	-	2,297,969	(2,297,969)	-	-
Transfer to impairment reserve (note 16)	-	-	-	(1,678,702)	1,678,702	-
At 31 December 2023	<u>300,000,000</u>	<u>38,231,564</u>	<u>4,992,373</u>	<u>38,342,417</u>	<u>2,012,299</u>	<u>383,578,653</u>

The attached notes 1 to 17 form part of these financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the year ended 31 December 2023

	Notes	2023 AED	2022 AED
OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Profit for the year		22,979,691	21,268,323
Adjustments for:			
Depreciation	7	357,216	80,995
Provision for employees' end of service benefits	10	157,709	226,165
Provision for impairment of loans and advances	5	6,607,751	1,735,241
Interest expense		915,775	487,933
Interest income on loans and advances		(33,352,003)	(24,267,606)
Interest income on bank deposit		(2,027,667)	-
		(4,361,528)	(468,949)
Working capital adjustments:			
Loans and advances, net		(73,868,012)	(48,133,156)
Customer deposits		1,551,269	33,732,661
Prepayments and other receivables		(1,566,132)	(264,933)
Other payables		1,210,568	661,256
Cash flows used in operations		(77,033,835)	(14,473,121)
Employees end of service benefits paid	10	-	(145,618)
Net cash flows used in operating activities		(77,033,835)	(14,618,739)
INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Interest income received on loans and advances		32,429,601	24,069,230
Interest income receivable from loans and advances		922,402	198,376
Interest income received on bank deposits		1,917,445	-
Interest income receivable from bank deposits		110,222	-
Purchase of furniture, fixtures and office equipment	7	(510,745)	(889,983)
Net cash flows from/(used in) investing activities		34,868,925	23,377,623
FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Interest expense paid		(915,775)	(487,933)
Cash received from shareholder		2,694,404	-
Proceeds from additional share capital	11	188,231,564	-
Net cash flows from/(used in) financing activities		190,010,193	(487,933)
NET INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		147,845,283	8,270,951
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the year		24,266,164	15,995,213
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT 31 DECEMBER	4	172,111,447	24,266,164

The attached notes 1 to 17 form part of these financial statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

31 December 2023

1 ACTIVITIES

Al Ain Finance PJSC (the “Company”) is a private joint stock company registered and incorporated in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates in accordance with the provisions of the applicable UAE law for Commercial Companies, the UAE Central Bank and under authority of resolutions of the Board of Directors of the UAE Central Bank relating to Finance Companies.

The Company was incorporated on 13 November 2016 and commenced operations on 15 March 2017.

The principal activities of the Company are to perform financing business and activities according to the decision issued by the Central Bank No. (58/3/96) on finance companies. The Company is specialized in working capital finance to target Small and Medium Sized Enterprise (SME) by offering them range of receivables and supply chain finance solutions such as factoring, invoice discounting, overdraft facility, term loans etc.

The registered office address of the Company is at P O Box 40283, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates (UAE).

The financial statements were authorized for issuance by the Board of Directors on 27 March 2023.

2.1 BASIS OF PREPARATION

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (“IFRSs”) as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (“IASB”) and the applicable requirements of the UAE Federal Law No. (32) of 2021. The Federal Law by Decree No 32 of 2021, which repeals and replaces Federal Law No. 2 of 2015 (as amended) on Commercial Companies, was issued on 20 September 2021, and is effective from 2 January 2022.

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis and under the historical cost convention.

The financial statements have been presented in United Arab Emirates Dirham (“AED”), which is the functional currency of the Company.

2.2 CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND DISCLOSURES

New and amended standards and interpretations

The accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are the same as those applied by the Company in the preparation of the financial statements as at and for the year ended 31 December 2022, except for the adoption of the following new standards and amendments effective as of 1 January 2023.

The following new and revised IFRSs have been adopted in these financial statements. Their adoption has not had any material impact on the disclosures or on the amounts reported in these financial statements.

- IFRS 17 requires insurance liabilities to be measured at a current fulfillment value and provides a more uniform measurement and presentation approach for all insurance contracts. These requirements are designed to achieve the goal of a consistent, principle-based accounting for insurance contracts. IFRS 17 supersedes IFRS 4 Insurance Contracts as of 1 January 2023
- Amendments to IFRS 17 to address concerns and implementation challenges that were identified after IFRS 17 Insurance Contracts was published in 2017
- Amendment to IFRS 17 Insurance Contracts Initial Application of IFRS 17 and IFRS 9 - Comparative Information
- Amendments to IFRS 4 Insurance Contracts Extension of the Temporary Exemption from Applying IFRS 9
- Amendments to IAS 1 Presentation of Financial Statements and IFRS Practice Statement 2
- Amendments to IAS 12 Income Taxes relating to Deferred Tax related to Assets and Liabilities arising from a Single Transaction
- Amendments to IAS 8 Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors

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2.3 FUTURE CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES – STANDARDS ISSUED BUT NOT YET EFFECTIVE

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

<u>New and revised IFRSs</u>	<u>Effective for annual periods beginning on or after</u>
Amendments to IFRS 16 Leases	1 January 2024
Amendments to IAS 1 Presentation of Financial Statements relating to Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-Current	1 January 2024
Amendments to IAS 1 Presentation of Financial Statements relating to Non-current Liabilities with Covenants	1 January 2024

The management anticipates that all of the above Standards and Interpretations will be adopted by the Company to the extent applicable to them from their effective dates. The Company is currently assessing the impact of the new standards and plans to adopt the new standards on the required effective dates.

2.4 MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES**Interest income and expense**

For all financial instruments measured at amortised cost and interest-bearing financial instruments, income is recorded at the effective interest rate, which is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash payments or receipts through the expected life of the financial instrument or a shorter period, where appropriate, to the net carrying amount of the financial asset or financial liability. The calculation takes into account all contractual terms of the financial instrument and includes any fees or incremental costs that are directly attributable to the instrument and are an integral part of the effective interest rate, but not future credit losses. The carrying amount of the financial asset or financial liability is adjusted if the Company revises its estimates of payments or receipts. The adjusted carrying amount is calculated based on the original effective interest rate and the change in carrying amount is recorded as interest income or expense.

Once the recorded value of a financial asset or a group of similar financial assets has been reduced due to an impairment loss, interest income continues to be recognised.

Fee and commission income

The Company earns fee and commission income from a diverse range of services it provides to its customers. Fee and commission income are recognized at a point in time or over a period of time depending on when the control is transferred to the Company.

Financial instruments

A financial instrument is any contract that gives rise to a financial asset of one entity and a financial liability or equity instrument of another entity.

Classification of financial assets and liabilities

All financial assets under the scope of IFRS 9 are required to be subsequently measured at amortised cost or fair value on the basis of the Company's business model for managing the financial assets and contractual cash flow characteristics of the financial assets.

A financial asset is measured at amortised cost, if both the following conditions are met:

- the financial asset is held within a business model whose objective is to hold financial assets in order to collect contractual cash flows; and
- 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.

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2.4 MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES continued

Financial instruments continued

Classification of financial assets and liabilities continued

A financial asset is measured at fair value through other comprehensive income, if both of the following conditions are met:

- the financial asset is held within a business model whose objective is achieved by both collecting contractual cash flows and selling financial assets; and
- 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.

A financial asset is measured at fair value through profit or loss, unless it is measured at amortised cost or at fair value through other comprehensive income. However, the Company may make an irrevocable election at initial recognition for particular investments in equity instruments that would otherwise be measured at fair value through profit or loss to present subsequent changes in fair value in other comprehensive income.

Business model assessment

The Company makes an assessment of the objective of a business model in which an 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. In particular, whether management's strategy focuses on earning contractual revenue, maintaining a particular interest rate profile, matching the duration of the financial assets to the duration of the liabilities that are funding those assets or realizing cash flows through the sale of the assets;
- how the performance of the portfolio is evaluated and reported to the Company'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; and
- the frequency, volume and timing of sales in prior periods, the reasons for such sales and its expectations about the future sales activity. However, information about sales activity is not considered in isolation, but as part of an overall assessment of how the Company's stated objective for managing the financial assets is achieved and how cash flows are realised.

Assessment whether contractual cash flows are solely payments of principal and interest:

For the purposes of this assessment, 'principal' is defined as the fair value of the financial asset on initial recognition and its related interest which is recognised using the effective interest rate method.

In assessing whether the contractual cash flows are solely payments of principal and interest, the Company 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 the assessment, the Company considers:

- contingent events that would change the amount and timing of cash flows;
- leverage features;
- prepayment and extension terms;
- terms that limit the Company's claim to cash flows from specified assets (e.g. non-recourse asset arrangements); and
- features that modify consideration of the time value of money – e.g. periodical reset of interest rate.

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2.4 MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES continued

Financial instruments continued

Financial liabilities

All financial liabilities are classified as subsequently measured at amortised cost, except for:

- financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss. Such liabilities, including derivatives that are liabilities, are subsequently measured at fair value;
- financial liabilities that arise when a transfer of a financial asset does not qualify for derecognition or when the continuing involvement approach applies;
- financial guarantee contracts; and
- commitments to provide a loan at a below-market interest rate.

At initial recognition, the Company may irrevocably designate a financial liability as measured at fair value through profit or loss when permitted, or when doing so results in more relevant information, because either:

- it eliminates or significantly reduces a measurement or recognition inconsistency (sometimes referred to as 'an accounting mismatch') that would otherwise arise from measuring assets or liabilities or recognising the gains and losses on them on different bases; or
- a group of financial liabilities or financial assets and financial liabilities is managed and its performance is evaluated on a fair value basis, in accordance with a documented risk management or investment strategy, and information about the Company is provided internally on that basis to the entity's key management personnel.

Reclassification of financial assets and financial liabilities

Where the Company changes its business model for managing financial assets, it reclassifies all affected financial assets. An entity shall not reclassify any financial liability.

Initial measurement

At initial recognition, financial assets and financial liabilities are measured at fair value plus or minus, in the case of a financial asset or financial liability not at fair value through profit or loss, transaction costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition or issue of the financial asset or financial liability.

Subsequent measurement of financial assets

After initial recognition, an entity shall measure a financial asset in accordance with its classification at:

- amortised cost less impairment;
- fair value through other comprehensive income less impairment; or
- fair value through profit or loss.

The Company's cash and bank balances, loans and advances and certain other assets as financial assets are measured at amortised cost. The Company does not hold any financial assets at fair value as at the reporting date.

Derecognition of financial assets and liabilities

A financial asset is de-recognised when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the financial asset expires or when it transfers the financial asset. A financial liability is de-recognised when it is extinguished i.e. when the obligation specified in the contract is discharged or cancelled or expires.

The Company derecognises financial liabilities when, and only when, the Company's obligations are discharged, cancelled or they expire.

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2.4 MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES continued

Offsetting

Financial assets and financial liabilities are offset when the Company has a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and intends to either settle on a net basis, or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Impairment of financial assets

Impairment assessment:

Company 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 financing by the Company on terms that the Company would not consider otherwise;
- it is becoming probable that the borrower will enter bankruptcy or other financial reorganization; or
- the disappearance of an active market for a security because of financial difficulties.

Measurement of expected credit losses (ECL):

The impairment of financial assets is calculated in accordance with IFRS 9 expected credit loss ("ECL") model. The ECL model contains a three-stage approach which is based on the change in credit quality of financial assets since initial recognition. The ECL model is forward looking and requires the use of reasonable and supportable forecasts of future economic conditions in the determination of significant increases in credit risk and measurement of ECL.

The Company measure loss allowances at an amount equal to lifetime ECL, except for the financial instruments on which credit risk has not increased significantly since their initial recognition. 12-month ECL are the portion of lifetime ECL that result from default events on a financial instrument that are possible within the 12 months after reporting date.

ECL is calculated by multiplying three main components, being the probability of default (PD), loss given default (LGD) and the exposure at default (EAD), and discounting at the initial effective profit rate.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash at bank and short-term deposits with original maturity of three months or less.

Furniture, fixtures and office equipment

Furniture, fixtures and office equipment are stated at historical cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses, if any. Historical cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to the acquisition of the asset.

Depreciation is calculated on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of the assets as follows:

Furniture and fixtures	4 years
Office and other equipment	4 years

The carrying values of furniture, fixtures and office equipment are reviewed for impairment when events or changes in circumstances indicate the carrying value may not be recoverable. If any such indication exists and where the carrying values exceed the estimated recoverable amount, the assets are written down to their recoverable amount.

Expenditure incurred to replace a component of an item of furniture, fixtures and office equipment that is accounted for separately is capitalised and the carrying amount of the component that is replaced is written off. Other subsequent expenditure is capitalised only when it increases future economic benefits of the related item of furniture, fixtures and office equipment. All other expenditure is recognised in the statement of comprehensive income as the expense is - incurred.

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2.4 MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES continued

Intangible assets

Intangible assets acquired separately are reported at cost less accumulated amortisation and accumulated impairment losses, if any. Amortisation is charged on a straight line basis over their estimated useful lives. The estimated useful lives are reviewed at the end of each annual reporting period, with effect of any changes in estimate being accounted for on a prospective basis. Intangible assets mainly include computer software with an estimated useful life of 4 years. Software licenses are amortised over the period of validity of the license.

Impairment of non-financial assets

The Company assesses at each reporting date or more frequently if events or changes in circumstances indicate that a non-financial asset may be impaired. If any such indication exists, or when annual impairment testing for an asset is required, the Company makes an estimate of the asset's recoverable amount. Where the carrying amount of an asset (or cash-generating unit) exceeds its recoverable amount, the asset (or cash-generating unit) is considered impaired and is written down to its recoverable amount.

Recoverable amount is the higher of fair value less costs to sell and value in use. In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using a discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset.

An assessment is made at each reporting date as to whether there is any indication that previously recognised impairment losses may no longer exist or may have decreased. If such indication exists, the recoverable amount is estimated. A previously recognised impairment loss is reversed only if there has been a change in the estimates used to determine the asset's recoverable amount since the last impairment loss was recognised. If that is the case, the carrying amount of the asset is increased to its recoverable amount.

Employees' end of service benefits

The Company provides end of service benefits for its employees. The entitlement to these benefits is usually based upon the employees' length of service and completion of a minimum service period. The expected costs of these benefits are usually accrued over the period of employment.

Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the Company has an obligation (legal or constructive) arising from a past event, and the costs to settle the obligation are both probable and able to be reliably measured.

Foreign currencies

The Company's financial statements are presented in AED, which is its functional currency. Transactions in foreign currencies are initially recorded at the functional currency rate prevailing at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are retranslated at the functional currency spot rate of exchange ruling at the financial position date. All differences are taken to the profit or loss.

Fair values

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. The fair value measurement is based on the presumption that the transaction to sell the asset or transfer the liability takes place either:

- In the principal market for the asset or liability, or
- In the absence of a principal market, in the most advantageous market for the asset or liability.

The principal or the most advantageous market must be accessible by the Company.

The fair value of an asset or a liability is measured using the assumptions that market participants would use when pricing the asset or liability, assuming that market participants act in their best economic benefit.

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2.4 MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES continued

Fair values continued

A fair value measurement of a non-financial asset takes into account a market participant's ability to generate economic benefits by using the asset in its highest and best use or by selling it to another market participant that would use the asset in its highest and best use.

The Company uses the following hierarchy for determining and disclosing the fair value of financial instruments:

- Level 1:* Quoted (unadjusted) market prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities;
- Level 2:* Valuation techniques for which the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement is directly or indirectly observable; and
- Level 3:* Valuation techniques for which the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement is unobservable.

2.5 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING JUDGEMENTS AND ESTIMATES

The preparation of financial statements requires the use of accounting estimates which, by definition, will seldom equal the actual results. Management also needs to exercise judgement in applying the company's accounting policies.

This note provides an overview of the areas that involve a higher degree of judgement or complexity, and major sources of estimation uncertainty that have a significant risk of resulting in a material adjustment within the next financial year. Detailed information about each of these estimates and judgements is included in the related notes together with information about the basis of calculation for each affected line item in the financial statements.

Business model assessment

The business model reflects how the Company manages financial assets in order to generate cash flows. That is, whether the Company's objective is solely to collect the contractual cash flows from the financial assets or is to collect both the contractual cash flows and cash flows arising from the sale of financial assets. Factors considered by the Company in determining the business model for a group of financial assets include past experience on how the cash flows for these financial assets were collected, how the financial asset's performance is evaluated and reported to key management personnel, how risks are assessed and managed and how managers are compensated. The Company's business model for the loan book is to hold to collect contractual cash flows.

Significant increase of credit risk

ECLs are measured as an allowance equal to 12-month ECL for stage 1 assets, or lifetime ECL assets for stage 2 or stage 3 assets. An asset moves to stage 2 when its credit risk has increased significantly since initial recognition. IFRS 9 does not define what constitutes a significant increase in credit risk. In assessing whether the credit risk of an asset has significantly increased the Company takes into account qualitative and quantitative forward-looking information.

Establishing groups of assets with similar credit risk characteristics

When ECLs are measured on a collective basis, the financial instruments are grouped on the basis of shared risk characteristics. The Company monitors the appropriateness of the credit risk characteristics on a timely basis to assess whether they continue to be similar. This is required in order to ensure that should credit risk characteristics change there is appropriate re-segmentation of the assets. This may result in new portfolios being created or assets moving to an existing portfolio that better reflects the similar credit risk characteristics of that group of assets. Re-segmentation of portfolios and movement between portfolios is more common when there is a significant increase in credit risk (or when that significant increase reverses) and so assets move from 12-month to lifetime ECL, or vice versa, but it can also occur within portfolios that continue to be measured on the same basis of 12-month or lifetime ECL but the amount of ECL changes because the credit risk of the portfolios differ.

Measurement of the expected credit loss allowance

The measurement of the expected credit loss allowance for financial assets measured at amortised cost is an area that requires the use of 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 are provided in note 16.

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2.5 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING JUDGEMENTS AND ESTIMATES continued

Measurement of the expected credit loss allowance continued

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;
- Choosing appropriate models and assumptions for the measurement of ECL;
- Establishing the number and relative weightings of forward-looking scenarios for each type of product/market and the associated ECL; and
- Establishing groups of similar financial assets for the purposes of measuring ECL.

Key sources of estimation uncertainty

The following are key estimations that the management has used in the process of applying the Company's accounting policies and that have the most significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements:

a) Forward-looking scenarios

When measuring ECL the Company uses forward looking information, which is based on assumptions for the future movement of different economic drivers and how these drivers will affect each other.

b) Probability of default (PD)

PD constitutes a key input in measuring ECL. PD is an estimate of the likelihood of default over a given time horizon, the calculation of which includes historical data, assumptions and expectations of future economic conditions.

c) Loss Given Default (LGD)

LGD is an estimate of the loss arising on default. It is based on the difference between the contractual cash flows due and those that the lender would expect to receive, taking into account cash flows from collateral and integral credit enhancements.

Impairment of property and equipment and intangible assets

The Company determines at each reporting date whether there is any objective evidence that the property and equipment and intangible assets are impaired. The carrying values of property and equipment and intangible assets are reviewed for impairment when events or changes in the circumstances indicate the carrying value may not be recoverable. If any such indication exists, and where the carrying value exceeds the estimated recoverable amount, the assets are written down to their recoverable amount being the higher of their fair value less costs to sell and value in use.

2.5 CORPORATE TAX LAW

On 9 December 2022, the United Arab Emirates (UAE) Ministry of Finance ("MoF") released Federal Decree-Law No 47 of 2022 on the Taxation of Corporations and Businesses, Corporate Tax Law ("CT Law") to implement a new CT regime in the UAE. The new CT regime is applicable for accounting periods beginning on or after 1 June 2023.

The UAE Cabinet of Ministry ("Cabinet") Decision No.116 of 2022 specifies the Threshold of the income over which the 9% tax rate would apply and accordingly, the CT Law is now considered to be substantively enacted from the perspective of IAS 12 – Income taxes. Current taxes will only be payable for financial years beginning on or after 1 June 2023 so the Company will be subject to current tax for the first time during the year ending 31 December 2024.

Based on the assessment conducted by the Company, it has been determined that the CT Law does not have any effect on deferred taxes in the financial statements for the period ending on 31 December 2023. Moving forward, the Company intends to continue to assess the potential influence of the CT Law on its financial statements, particularly focusing on both current and deferred tax implications, in light of any further explanations and instructions regarding the application of the CT Law.

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3 GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

	2023 AED	2022 AED
Staff costs	11,128,985	7,116,204
Software services fees	1,575,827	1,339,511
Office rent	642,792	381,140
Director's fees	-	300,000
Professional charges	249,533	263,025
Legal charges	50,753	246,907
Communication expenses	251,292	175,005
Depreciation and amortisation (notes 7 & 8)	357,216	80,995
Bank charges	38,603	51,788
Marketing expenses	47,083	4,365
Expenses related to launch of new financing product	471,864	-
Others *	<u>412,115</u>	<u>228,474</u>
	<u>15,226,063</u>	<u>10,187,414</u>

* Other includes credit and compliance cost AED 133,233 (2022: AED 84,400), water and Electricity expenses AED 36,947 (2022: AED 18,940) and office supplies AED 39,284 (2022: AED 18,194).

No social contributions were made during the year ended 31 December 2023 (2022: Nil).

4 CASH AND BANK BALANCES

	2023 AED	2022 AED
Cash in hand	23,152	14,947
Current accounts with banks	32,088,295	24,251,217
Fixed deposits with banks	<u>140,000,000</u>	<u>-</u>
Cash and bank balances as at 31 December	<u>172,111,447</u>	<u>24,266,164</u>
Cash and cash equivalents	<u>172,111,447</u>	<u>24,266,164</u>

Fixed deposits represent short term deposits held with local bank. These deposits carry interest ranging from **5% to 5.4%** (2022: Nil) per annum.

5 LOANS AND ADVANCES, NET

	2023 AED	2022 AED
Term loans	238,050,240	161,584,959
Invoice discounting	23,071,838	29,428,277
Overdrafts	2,148,335	3,276,525
Retail loans	5,471,664	584,304
Credit card usage	<u>593,744</u>	<u>-</u>
Loans and advances	<u>269,335,821</u>	<u>194,874,065</u>
Less: Allowance for expected credit losses	<u>(12,945,929)</u>	<u>(6,338,178)</u>
	<u>256,389,892</u>	<u>188,535,887</u>

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5 LOANS AND ADVANCES, NET continued

Movement in the allowance for expected credit losses:

	2023 AED	2022 AED
At 1 January	6,338,178	4,602,937
Charge for the year (note 16)	<u>6,607,751</u>	<u>1,735,241</u>
At 31 December	<u><u>12,945,929</u></u>	<u><u>6,338,178</u></u>

Loans and advances are provided to customers based in the UAE and are denominated in AED.

6 PREPAYMENTS AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

	2023 AED	2022 AED
Interest receivable, net	922,402	198,376
Prepayments	1,619,012	1,123,384
Others	<u>45,399</u>	<u>292,665</u>
	<u><u>2,586,813</u></u>	<u><u>1,614,425</u></u>

7 FURNITURE, FIXTURES AND OFFICE EQUIPMENT

	<i>Furniture and fixtures AED</i>	<i>Office and other equipment AED</i>	<i>Total AED</i>
2023			
Cost:			
At 1 January 2023	1,031,739	420,837	1,452,576
Additions	<u>248,064</u>	<u>262,681</u>	<u>510,745</u>
At 31 December 2023	<u><u>1,279,803</u></u>	<u><u>683,518</u></u>	<u><u>1,963,321</u></u>
Accumulated depreciation:			
At 1 January 2023	251,246	242,543	493,789
Charge for the year	<u>253,926</u>	<u>103,290</u>	<u>357,216</u>
At 31 December 2023	<u><u>505,172</u></u>	<u><u>345,833</u></u>	<u><u>851,005</u></u>
Net book value:			
At 31 December 2023	<u><u>774,631</u></u>	<u><u>337,685</u></u>	<u><u>1,112,316</u></u>
2022			
Cost:			
At 1 January 2022	251,025	311,568	562,593
Additions	<u>780,714</u>	<u>109,269</u>	<u>889,983</u>
At 31 December 2022	<u><u>1,031,739</u></u>	<u><u>420,837</u></u>	<u><u>1,452,576</u></u>
Accumulated depreciation:			
At 1 January 2022	205,656	207,138	412,794
Charge for the year	<u>45,590</u>	<u>35,405</u>	<u>80,995</u>
At 31 December 2022	<u><u>251,246</u></u>	<u><u>242,543</u></u>	<u><u>493,789</u></u>
Net book value:			
At 31 December 2022	<u><u>780,493</u></u>	<u><u>178,294</u></u>	<u><u>958,787</u></u>

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8 CUSTOMER DEPOSITS

	<i>2023</i> <i>AED</i>	<i>2022</i> <i>AED</i>
Term deposits	20,000,000	20,000,000
Other deposits	<u>20,302,731</u>	<u>18,751,463</u>
	<u>40,302,731</u>	<u>38,751,463</u>

Customer deposits carry an interest rate of 4.95% (2022: 3.5%) per annum with a maturity of one year. Other deposits in the amount of AED 20,302,731 (2022: AED 18,751,463) are held as collection money received from customers.

Included in customer deposits are deposits from related parties amounting to AED 20,000,000 (2022: AED 20,000,000) (note 13).

9 OTHER PAYABLES

	<i>2023</i> <i>AED</i>	<i>2022</i> <i>AED</i>
Other payables	961,559	830,434
Accrued expenses	<u>2,917,560</u>	<u>1,838,116</u>
	<u>3,879,119</u>	<u>2,668,550</u>

All amounts are short term and interest free. The carrying value of other payables approximate its fair value as at the date of financial position.

10 PROVISION FOR EMPLOYEES' END OF SERVICE BENEFITS

The movement in the provision for employees' end of service benefits is as follows:

	<i>2023</i> <i>AED</i>	<i>2022</i> <i>AED</i>
As at 1 January	173,169	92,622
Charge for the year	157,709	226,165
Payments during the year	<u>-</u>	<u>(145,618)</u>
At 31 December	<u>330,878</u>	<u>173,169</u>

11 SHARE CAPITAL

	<i>2023</i> <i>AED</i>	<i>2022</i> <i>AED</i>
<i>Authorised, issued and fully paid</i>		
300,000,000 (2022: 150,000,000) ordinary shares		
of AED 1 each fully paid in cash	<u>300,000,000</u>	<u>150,000,000</u>

On 28 August 2023, the shareholding of the Company was increased by AED 150,000,000 with an introduction of a new shareholder after obtaining necessary approval from the Ministry of Economy and Central Bank of the UAE. The increase in the share capital resulted in a share premium of AED 38,231,564.

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12 STATUTORY RESERVE

In accordance with the UAE Federal Law No. (32) of 2021, 10% of the net profit for the year is transferred to a statutory reserve, until such time as the balance in the reserve equals 50% of the issued share capital. This reserve is not available for distribution.

13 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS AND BALANCES

Related parties comprise of shareholders and directors of the Company and entities controlled, jointly controlled or significantly influenced by such parties and the key management personnel of the Company.

	2023 AED	2022 AED
<i>Due to related parties:</i>		
SAS International & Investment Co. LLC	1,414,683	1,414,683
Mr. Mohammad Rashid Mubarak Salem Al Ketbi*	2,020,803	-
Mr. Rashid Mubarak Salem Al Ketbi*	350,273	-
Other shareholders*	<u>323,328</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>4,109,087</u>	<u>1,414,683</u>

*These represent AED 2,694,404 credited to the existing shareholders being excess amount as part of new shareholding pattern of the Company.

During the year, two deposits of AED 15,000,000 and AED 5,000,000 which were deposited in year 2022, were rolled over by SAS International & Investment Co. LLC and Al Ahlia Investment Co LLC respectively with an annual interest rate of 4.95% and a maturity of 1 year.

Balance of SAS International & Investment Co., represents advances given in the normal course of business.

Transactions with related parties (shareholders and other related parties) included in the statement of comprehensive income are as follows:

	2023 AED	2022 AED
Director's fee	-	300,000
Interest expenses	915,775	440,589

Compensation of key management personnel

The compensation of key management personnel during the year was as follows:

	2023 AED	2022 AED
Salaries and other short-term employee benefits	<u>3,586,000</u>	<u>3,085,690</u>

14 COMMITMENTS

The Company has the following credit related contingencies and commitments:

	2023 AED	2022 AED
Contingent liabilities		
Letters of guarantee	<u>1,021,667</u>	<u>1,926,979</u>

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15 CAPITAL MANAGEMENT

The Company's objectives when managing capital, which is a broader concept than the 'equity' on the face of balance sheets, is:

- to comply with the capital requirements set by its regulator;
- to safeguard the Company's ability to continue as a going concern so that it can continue to provide returns for shareholders; and
- to maintain a strong capital base to support the development of its business

The objective of the Company's capital management is to ensure that it maintains a healthy capital ratio to support its business and maximise shareholder value. The Company is adhering compliance with minimum capital requirements of Central Bank of the UAE (CBUAE)

CBUAE supervises finance companies and sets minimum capital requirements for finance companies.

16 RISK MANAGEMENT

Risk is inherent in the Company's activities, but it is managed through a process of ongoing identification, measurement and monitoring, subject to risk limits and other controls. This process of risk management is critical to the Company's continuing profitability and each individual within the Company is accountable for the risk exposures relating to his or her responsibilities. The Company is exposed to credit risk, liquidity risk and market risk, the latter being profit rate risk. The Company has no significant exposure to currency risk as most of the Company's transactions are in UAE Dirham.

Market risk

Market risk is the risk that the fair value and future cash flows of financial instruments will fluctuate due to changes in market variables such as interest rates, foreign exchange rates and equity prices.

Interest rate risk

The Company is exposed to interest rate risk on its profit generating/earning assets.

The following table demonstrates the sensitivity of the statement of comprehensive income to reasonably possible changes in interest rates, with all other variables held constant.

The sensitivity of the income is the effect of the assumed changes in interest rates on the Company's income for one year, based on the floating interest rate financial assets and financial liabilities held at 31 December 2023.

	<i>Effect on profit (loss)</i>
2023	
+100 increase in basis point	3,887,421
-100 decrease in basis point	(3,887,421)
2022	
+100 increase in basis point	1,748,741
-100 decrease in basis point	(1,748,741)

Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that one party to a financial instrument will fail to discharge an obligation and cause the other party to incur a financial loss. The Company attempts to control credit risk by monitoring credit exposures and continually assessing the creditworthiness of customers. In addition to monitoring credit limits, the Company manages the credit exposure relating to its financing activities by entering into collateral arrangements with customers in appropriate circumstances and limiting the duration of exposure.

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16 RISK MANAGEMENT continued

Credit risk continued

Credit risk measurement

The Company's credit risk is measured in terms of expected credit loss ("ECL"), which is calculated by multiplying three main components, being the probability of default (PD), loss given default (LGD) and the exposure at default (EAD), and discounting at the initial effective profit rate.

ECL measurement

The assessment of credit risk and the estimation of ECL are unbiased, probability-weighted and incorporate all available information relevant to the assessment, including information about past events, current conditions and reasonable and supportable forecasts of economic conditions at the reporting date. In addition, the estimation of ECL takes into account the time value of money.

As per the IFRS 9 requirements, the Company calculates Expected credit loss (ECL) for a facility as a forward-looking probability weighted present value of the expected losses over the next 12 months or effective remaining life of the facility. Expected Credit Loss at any point in time of the life of the facility is calculated using the following formula:

$$\text{Expected Credit Loss (ECL)} = PD * EAD * LGD$$

For each facility the Company calculates ECL over two forecast periods:

- 12 Month: ECL is calculated using 12-month forward looking PD, LGD and EAD.
- Lifetime: ECL is calculated using Lifetime forward looking PD, LGD and EAD.

12 Month or Lifetime ECL for each facility is used depending on the stage of the facility, as explained below:

Stage1: where no significant increase in credit risk is observed, 12 month Expected Credit Loss (ECL) is recorded as impairment provision;

Stage2: where significant increase in credit risk have been observed, Lifetime ECL is recorded as impairment provision;

Stage3: where the exposure is defaulted or impaired, Lifetime ECL is recorded as impairment provision.

Significant increase in credit risk (SICR)

The stage allocation is determined by identifying a significant increase in credit risk since initial origination. The Company assesses when significant increase in credit risk has occurred based on the quantitative and qualitative assessments. When determining whether the risk of default on a financial contract has increased significantly since initial recognition, the Company consider reasonable and supportable information that is relevant and available without undue cost or effort. This includes both quantitative and qualitative information and analysis, based on the Company's historical experience and expert credit assessment including forward-looking information.

The criteria for determining whether credit risk has increased significantly vary on a portfolio level and include quantitative and qualitative factors, including days past due and risk rating.

Curing

Assets can move back to Stage 1 from Stage 2 when they no longer meet the significant increase in credit risk criteria and have completed a probation period, defined by the Company. Similarly, for the movement from Stage 3 to Stage 2, for certain portfolios the Company's policy includes probation periods whereby assets remain in Stage 3 for periods of between six to twelve months. The policy also ensures that none of the asset can move back directly to Stage 1 from Stage 3. There has been no movement from Stage 3 to Stage 1 during the current year (2022: Nil).

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16 RISK MANAGEMENT continued

Credit risk continued

Measuring ECL- Explanations of input, assumptions and estimation techniques

As per IFRS 9, the ECL calculated for a facility should incorporate both current and forward-looking economic outlook over 12 months to the remaining life of the facility.

The Company calculate Expected credit loss ("ECL") for a facility as a forward-looking probability weighted present value of the expected losses over forecast period (next 12 months or effective remaining life of the facility).

At the reporting date, a monthly ECL is estimated for each individual exposure for each month until the end of the forecast period. This is calculated as simple multiplication of PD, LGD and EAD at each month. These monthly ECLs are discounted to the reporting date using the effective interest rate and the summation of these discounted monthly ECLs gives the ECL estimate. The lifetime ECL is the sum of the monthly ECLs over the remaining life, while the 12-month ECL is limited to the first 12 months.

The estimation methodology for three main components, PD, LGD and EAD is explained below:

Probability of Default (PD):

Credit risk grades are a primary input into the determination of the term structure of PD for exposures. The Company collect performance and default information about its credit risk exposures analysed by credit risk grading for corporate portfolio. The Company employ statistical models for analysing the data collected and generate estimates of 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, across various geographies in which the Company has taken exposures.

Loss Given Default (LGD):

LGD is the magnitude of the likely loss if there is a default. The Company estimates LGD parameters based on the history of recovery rates of claims against defaulted counterparties, using both internal and external factors. The LGD is estimated using below factors:

Cure rate: Defined as the ratio of accounts which have fallen to default and have managed to move backward to the performing status.

Recovery rate: Defined as the ratio of liquidation value to market value of the underlying collateral at the time of default. This would also account for expected recovery rate from a general claim on the individual's assets for the unsecured portion of the exposure.

Discounting rate: Defined as the opportunity cost of the recovery value not being realised on the day of default adjusted for time value.

Exposure at Default (EAD):

The EAD is the amount which the bank expects an obligor to owe in the event of default. The EAD depends on the product type:

- For amortizing products, this is based on the contractual repayments over the forecast period.
- For revolving/off-balance products, this is estimated as a combination of current exposure and credit conversion factor applied on the undrawn portion of the limit.

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16 RISK MANAGEMENT continued

Credit risk continued

Forward-looking information incorporated in the ECL model

As per the IFRS 9 requirements, forward looking economic outlook has also been incorporated in the loss calculations. The Company employs statistical models to incorporate macro-economic factors on historical default rates. In case none of the macro-economic parameters are statistically significant or the results of forecasted PDs are significantly deviated from the present forecast for the economic conditions, quantitative PD overlay are used by the management after analysing the portfolio as per the diagnostic tool.

Incorporating forward-looking information increases the level of judgment as to how changes in these macro-economic factors will affect the ECL applicable to the Stage 1 and Stage 2 exposures which are considered as performing (Stage 3 are the exposures under default category). The methodologies and assumptions involved, including any forecasts of future economic conditions, are reviewed periodically.

Credit risk monitoring

For IFRS 9 ECL computation, credit exposures are monitored and reported as per IFRS 9 requirements. Stage migrations, any exceptions to SICR criteria, other credit and impairment related matters are reviewed and approved by an appropriate management committee.

Risks of the Company's credit portfolio is continuously assessed and monitored on the basis of exceptions, management information reports and returns generated by the business and credit units. Credit risk is also monitored on an ongoing basis with formal monthly and quarterly reporting to ensure that senior management is aware of shifts in the credit quality of the portfolio along with changing external factors.

Collateral management

Collaterals and guarantees are effectively used as mitigating tools by the Company. The quality of collateral is continuously monitored and assessed and the Company seeks to ensure enforceability of the collateral.

At 31 December 2023, the Company is holding collaterals in the form of customer deposits amounting to AED 20,302,731 (2022: AED 18,751,463) (Note 8) and mortgaged properties with an estimated fair value of AED 3,290,000 against these facilities (2022: AED 3,500,000).

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16 RISK MANAGEMENT continued**Credit risk** continued

The Company's exposure to credit risk on loans and advances has been analysed in the table below:

	<i>Stage 1 12 months ECL AED</i>	<i>Stage 2 lifetime ECL not credit impaired AED</i>	<i>Stage 3 lifetime ECL credit impaired AED</i>	<i>Total AED</i>
31 December 2023				
Gross amount	<u>235,508,084</u>	<u>16,317,337</u>	<u>17,510,400</u>	<u>269,335,821</u>
<i>Expected credit losses</i>				
Opening balance	2,604,200	133,616	3,600,362	6,338,178
Charge for the year	<u>(1,405,312)</u>	<u>155,203</u>	<u>7,857,860</u>	<u>6,607,751</u>
At 31 December	<u>1,198,888</u>	<u>288,819</u>	<u>11,458,222</u>	<u>12,945,929</u>
Net amount	<u>234,309,196</u>	<u>16,028,518</u>	<u>6,052,178</u>	<u>256,389,892</u>
31 December 2022				
Gross amount	<u>188,709,560</u>	<u>1,633,448</u>	<u>4,531,057</u>	<u>194,874,065</u>
<i>Expected credit losses</i>				
Opening balance	1,148,008	52,988	3,401,941	4,602,937
Impairment charge for the year	<u>1,456,192</u>	<u>80,628</u>	<u>198,421</u>	<u>1,735,241</u>
At 31 December	<u>2,604,200</u>	<u>133,616</u>	<u>3,600,362</u>	<u>6,338,178</u>
Net amount	<u>186,105,360</u>	<u>1,499,832</u>	<u>930,695</u>	<u>188,535,887</u>

Impairment reserve under the Central Bank of UAE (CBUAE) guidance

The CB UAE issued a guidance note to banks and finance companies on the implementation of IFRS 9 on 30 April 2018 via notice no. CBUAE/BS/2018/458 addressing various implementation challenges and practical implications for Banks adopting IFRS 9 in the UAE ("the guidance").

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16 RISK MANAGEMENT continued**Credit risk** continued*Collateral management* continued**Impairment reserve under the Central Bank of UAE (CBUAE) guidance** continued

Pursuant to clause 6.4 of the guidance a comparison between general and specific provision under Circular 28/2010 of CBUAE and IFRS 9 is as follows:

	<i>2023</i> <i>AED</i>	<i>2022</i> <i>AED</i>
Impairment reserve: General		
General provisions under Circular 28/2010 of CBUAE	3,627,587	2,737,816
Less: Stage 1 and Stage 2 provisions under IFRS 9	<u>(1,615,288)</u>	<u>(2,737,816)</u>
General provision transferred to the impairment reserve	<u>2,012,299</u>	<u>-</u>
Impairment reserve: Specific		
Specific provisions under Circular 28/2010 of CBUAE	9,210,460	3,933,959
Less: Stage 3 provisions under IFRS 9	<u>(11,330,641)</u>	<u>(3,600,362)</u>
Specific provision transferred to the impairment reserve*	<u>-</u>	<u>333,597</u>
Total provision transferred to the impairment reserve	<u>2,012,299</u>	<u>333,597</u>

*No amounts were transferred during 2023 since the total IFRS 9 provision exceeded CBUAE provision (2022: AED 333,597).

As per the guidance note, where provisions under circular 28/10 of the CBUAE exceed provisions under IFRS 9, difference amount is transferred to an impairment reserve within equity as an appropriation from retained earnings. This reserve is not available for dividend distribution.

Liquidity risk and funding management

Liquidity risk is the risk that an institution will be unable to meet its funding requirements. Liquidity risk can be caused by market disruptions or a credit downgrade which may cause certain sources of funding to dry up immediately. To guard against this risk, management has diversified funding sources and assets are managed with liquidity in mind, maintaining a healthy balance of cash.

The maturity profile of financial assets and liabilities is monitored by management to ensure adequate liquidity is maintained. Based on the fact that the Company's source of funding is internal (equity), there is no liquidity risk identified.

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16 RISK MANAGEMENT continued**Liquidity risk and funding management** continued

The table below summarises the maturity profile of the discounted cash flows of the Company's assets and liabilities as at 31 December 2023 and 2022.

	<i>Less than 3 months AED</i>	<i>3 months to 1 year AED</i>	<i>Over 1 year AED</i>	<i>Un-specified AED</i>	<i>Total AED</i>
2023					
ASSETS					
Cash and bank balances	172,111,447	-	-	-	172,111,447
Prepayments and other receivables	1,557,296	670,245	359,272	-	2,586,813
Loans and advances, net	48,622,382	44,972,700	162,794,810	-	256,389,892
Furniture, fixtures and office equipment	-	-	-	1,112,316	1,112,316
	<u>222,291,125</u>	<u>45,642,945</u>	<u>163,154,082</u>	<u>1,112,316</u>	<u>432,200,468</u>
LIABILITIES					
Due to related parties	-	-	4,109,087	-	4,109,087
Other payables	3,879,119	40,302,731	-	-	44,181,850
Provision for employees' end of service benefits	-	-	-	330,878	330,878
Shareholders' equity	-	-	-	383,578,653	383,578,653
	<u>3,879,119</u>	<u>40,302,731</u>	<u>4,109,087</u>	<u>383,909,531</u>	<u>432,200,468</u>
Guarantees	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,021,667</u>	<u>1,021,667</u>
2022					
ASSETS					
Cash and bank balances	24,266,164	-	-	-	24,266,164
Prepayments and other receivables	1,614,425	-	-	-	1,614,425
Loans and advances, net	50,415,579	51,062,977	87,057,331	-	188,535,887
	<u>76,296,168</u>	<u>51,062,977</u>	<u>87,057,331</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>214,416,476</u>
LIABILITIES					
Due to related parties	-	-	1,414,683	-	1,414,683
Other payables	2,668,551	-	38,751,462	-	41,420,013
Provision for employees' end of service benefits	-	-	-	173,169	173,169
Shareholders' equity	-	-	-	172,367,398	172,367,398
	<u>2,668,551</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>40,166,145</u>	<u>172,540,567</u>	<u>215,375,263</u>
Guarantees	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,926,979</u>	<u>1,926,979</u>

17 FAIR VALUES OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Financial instruments comprise of financial assets and financial liabilities that are level 3..

Financial assets consist of cash and bank balances, loans and advances and certain other receivables. Financial liabilities consist of customer deposits, due to related parties, and other payables.

The Company did not have any financial instruments at fair value as at 31 December 2023 (2022: Nil)..