# Yuanta Savings Bank Philippines, Inc.

(A wholly-owned subsidiary of Yuanta Commercial Bank Co., Ltd.)

**Financial Statements**
**As at and for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022**

## Independent Auditor's Report

To the Board of Directors and Shareholders of
**Yuanta Savings Bank Philippines, Inc.**
(A wholly-owned subsidiary of Yuanta Commercial Bank Co., Ltd.)
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***Report on the Audits of the Financial Statements***

### Our Opinion

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Yuanta Savings Bank Philippines, Inc. (the "Bank") as at December 31, 2023 and 2022, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with Philippine Financial Reporting Standards (PFRS).

*What we have audited*

The financial statements of the Bank comprise:

- the statements of financial position as of December 31, 2023 and 2022;
- the statements of comprehensive income for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022;
- the statements of changes in equity for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022;
- the statements of cash flows for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022; and
- the notes to the financial statements, including material accounting policy information.

### Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audits in accordance with Philippine Standards on Auditing (PSA). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report.

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

*Independence*

We are independent of the Bank in accordance with the Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants in the Philippines (Code of Ethics), together with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the Philippines, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and Code of Ethics.

**Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements**

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with PFRS, 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 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 management either intends to liquidate the Bank or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Bank'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 PSA 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 PSA, we exercise professional judgment 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 those charged with governance 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 those charged with governance 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.

***Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements***

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The supplementary information required by the Banko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) under Circular No. 1074 and by the Bureau of Internal Revenue under Revenue Regulations No. 15-2010 as disclosed in Note 22 and 23, respectively, to the financial statements is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements in accordance with PFRS. Such supplementary information is the responsibility of the management of the Bank. The supplementary information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

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**Yuanta Savings Bank Philippines, Inc.**
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Statements of Financial Position
As at December 31, 2023 and 2022
(All amounts in Philippine Peso)

| | Notes | 2023 | 2022 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Assets** | | | |
| Cash and other cash items | 2 | 15,014,301 | 13,458,192 |
| Due from Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) | 2 | 41,919,291 | 331,128,225 |
| Due from other banks | 2,3 | 53,015,687 | 123,538,590 |
| Investment securities at fair value through other comprehensive income (FVOCI) | 4 | 1,120,050,618 | 1,351,951,146 |
| Investment securities at amortized cost | 4 | 265,272,149 | 260,522,196 |
| Loans and receivables, net | 5 | 830,182,397 | 290,486,857 |
| Bank premises, furniture, fixtures and equipment, net | 6 | 111,909,938 | 110,172,899 |
| Deferred tax assets, net | 15 | 26,070,427 | 26,860,191 |
| Other assets, net | 7 | 37,637,144 | 39,148,358 |
| **Total assets** | | 2,501,071,952 | 2,547,266,654 |
| **Liabilities and Equity** | | | |
| **Liabilities** | | | |
| Deposit liabilities | 8 | 430,969,371 | 513,572,195 |
| Interbank loan payable | 4 | 50,000,000 | - |
| Accrued interest and other expenses | 9 | 17,311,345 | 13,641,192 |
| Manager's checks | | 8,184,527 | 3,785,972 |
| Retirement benefit obligation | 16 | 4,958,255 | 6,408,303 |
| Income tax payable | | - | 3,914,012 |
| Other liabilities | 10 | 9,180,134 | 5,905,866 |
| Total liabilities | | 520,603,632 | 547,227,540 |
| **Equity** | | | |
| Share capital | 11 | 2,400,000,000 | 2,400,000,000 |
| Additional paid-in capital | 11 | 9,000,000 | 9,000,000 |
| Accumulated deficit | | (388,677,955) | (338,934,377) |
| Accumulated other comprehensive loss, net | 12 | (39,853,725) | (70,026,509) |
| Total equity | | 1,980,468,320 | 2,000,039,114 |
| **Total liabilities and equity** | | 2,501,071,952 | 2,547,266,654 |

(The notes on pages 1 to 45 are integral part of these financial statements)

**Yuanta Savings Bank Philippines, Inc.**
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Statements of Comprehensive Income
For the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022
(All amounts in Philippine Peso)

| | Notes | 2023 | 2022 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Interest income** | | | |
| Investment securities at FVOCI, net | 4 | 44,641,897 | 58,344,090 |
| Loans and receivables | 5 | 43,888,996 | 15,332,326 |
| Investment securities at amortized cost | 4 | 14,358,070 | 10,389,549 |
| Due from BSP and other banks | 2,3 | 9,913,467 | 8,151,807 |
| | | 112,802,430 | 92,217,772 |
| **Interest expense** | | | |
| Deposit liabilities | 8 | 5,003,177 | 59,763 |
| Interbank loan payable | | 548,073 | - |
| | | 5,551,250 | 59,763 |
| **Net interest income** | | 107,251,180 | 92,158,009 |
| **Provision for (reversal of) credit losses** | | | |
| Loans and receivables | 5 | 29,630,166 | (1,772,632) |
| Investment securities at FVOCI | 4 | (63,155) | (24,228) |
| Investment securities at amortized cost | 4 | (10,397) | (16,169) |
| | | 29,556,614 | (1,813,029) |
| **Net interest income after provision for credit losses** | | 77,694,566 | 93,971,038 |
| **Other income** | | | |
| Service charges and fees | 13 | 2,916,207 | 3,129,071 |
| Foreign exchange gain, net | | 643,713 | 6,941,557 |
| Miscellaneous income, net | | 4,176,514 | 1,632,829 |
| | | 7,736,434 | 11,703,457 |
| **Operating expenses** | | | |
| Compensation and employee benefits | 16 | 54,675,952 | 47,648,917 |
| Depreciation and amortization | 6,7 | 21,897,330 | 23,606,321 |
| Taxes and licenses | | 8,413,626 | 4,864,854 |
| Other expenses | 14 | 46,864,709 | 47,378,420 |
| | | 131,851,617 | 123,498,512 |
| **Loss before income tax** | | (46,420,617) | (17,824,017) |
| Income tax expense | 15 | (5,283,961) | (16,508,249) |
| **Net loss for the year** | | (51,704,578) | (34,332,266) |
| **Other comprehensive income (loss)** | | | |
| Items subsequently reclassified to profit or loss | | | |
| Unrealized fair value gain (loss) on investment in debt securities measured at FVOCI, net of tax | 4,12 | 28,983,120 | (62,227,633) |
| Items not reclassified to profit or loss | | | |
| Unrealized fair value gain on investments in equity securities measured at FVOCI, net of tax | 4,12 | 1,847,100 | 2,933,180 |
| Remeasurement gain on retirement benefits, net of tax | 12,16 | 1,303,564 | 767,330 |
| | | 32,133,784 | (58,527,123) |
| **Total comprehensive loss for the year** | | (19,570,794) | (92,859,389) |

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Statements of Changes in Equity
For the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022
(All amounts in Philippine Peso)

| | Share capital (Note 11) | Additional paid-in capital (Note 11) | Accumulated other comprehensive (loss) income, net (Note 12) | Accumulated deficit | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Balance at January 1, 2022** | 2,400,000,000 | 9,000,000 | (11,499,386) | (304,602,111) | 2,092,898,503 |
| **Total comprehensive loss** | | | | | |
| Net loss for the year | - | - | - | (34,332,266) | (34,332,266) |
| Other comprehensive loss | - | - | (58,527,123) | - | (58,527,123) |
| Total comprehensive loss for the year | - | - | (58,527,123) | (34,332,266) | (92,859,389) |
| **Balance at December 31, 2022** | 2,400,000,000 | 9,000,000 | (70,026,509) | (338,934,377) | 2,000,039,114 |
| **Total comprehensive (loss) income** | | | | | |
| Net loss for the year | - | - | - | (51,704,578) | (51,704,578) |
| Other comprehensive income | - | - | 32,133,784 | - | 32,133,784 |
| Total comprehensive (loss) income for the year | - | - | 32,133,784 | (51,704,578) | (19,570,794) |
| **Other movements** | | | | | |
| Item subsequently reclassified to profit or loss | | | | | |
| Realized gain on disposal of financial asset at FVOCI, net of tax | - | - | (1,961,000) | 1,961,000 | - |
| **Balance at December 31, 2023** | 2,400,000,000 | 9,000,000 | (39,853,725) | (388,677,955) | 1,980,468,320 |

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Statements of Cash Flows
For the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022
(All amounts in Philippine Peso)

| | Notes | 2023 | 2022 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Cash flows from operating activities** | | | |
| Loss before income tax | | (46,420,617) | (17,824,017) |
| Adjustments for: | | | |
| Interest received | | 115,545,403 | 92,249,689 |
| Interest income | 2,3,4,5 | (112,802,430) | (92,217,772) |
| Depreciation and amortization | 6,7 | 21,897,330 | 23,606,321 |
| Interest paid | | (2,942,881) | (39,121) |
| Interest expense | 8 | 5,551,250 | 59,763 |
| Provision for (reversal of) credit losses | 4,5 | 29,556,614 | (1,813,029) |
| Net unrealized foreign exchange gain | 20 | 428,928 | (5,592,422) |
| Retirement benefits expense | 16 | 1,871,635 | 1,780,548 |
| Gain on sale of retired bank premises, furniture, fixtures and equipment | 6,7 | (285,500) | (15,000) |
| Operating income before changes in operating assets and liabilities | | 12,399,732 | 194,960 |
| Changes in operating assets and liabilities | | | |
| (Increase) decrease in: | | | |
| Loans and receivables | | (569,037,073) | 78,713,515 |
| Other assets | | (7,103,981) | 2,067,025 |
| (Decrease) increase in: | | | |
| Deposit liabilities | | (82,602,824) | (426,012,981) |
| Manager's check | | 4,398,555 | 2,457,863 |
| Accrued interest and other expenses | | 1,061,784 | 308,709 |
| Other liabilities | | 3,274,268 | (445,683) |
| Net cash absorbed by operations | | (637,609,539) | (342,716,592) |
| Income taxes paid | | (18,532,231) | (15,290,019) |
| Contribution paid to retirement plan | 16 | (1,583,597) | (1,124,712) |
| Net cash used in operating activities | | (657,725,367) | (359,131,323) |
| **Cash flows from investing activities** | | | |
| Acquisitions of: | | | |
| Investment securities at FVOCI | 4 | - | (200,000,000) |
| Investment securities at amortized cost | 4 | (46,630,000) | (100,000,000) |
| Bank premises, furniture, fixtures and equipment | 6 | (15,259,175) | (21,190,555) |
| Computer software | 7 | 240,000 | (5,771,625) |
| Proceeds from: | | | |
| Maturities of investment securities at FVOCI | 4 | 268,000,000 | 250,000,000 |
| Maturities of investment security at amortized cost | 4 | 40,045,705 | 11,618,047 |
| Disposal of investment securities at FVOCI | 4 | 2,427,000 | - |
| Sale of retired bank premises, furniture, fixtures and equipment | | 285,500 | 18,033 |
| Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities | | 249,109,030 | (65,326,100) |
| **Cash flows from financing activities** | | | |
| Availment of interbank loan payable | 4 | 50,000,000 | - |
| **Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents** | | (358,616,337) | (424,457,423) |
| Cash and cash equivalents at January 1 | | 468,125,007 | 883,463,277 |
| Effect of foreign exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents | | 440,609 | 9,119,153 |
| **Cash and cash equivalents at December 31** | 2 | 109,949,279 | 468,125,007 |

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Notes to Financial Statements
As at and for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022
(All amounts in Philippine Peso, unless otherwise stated)

## 1 General information

Yuanta Savings Bank Philippines, Inc. (the "Bank") was incorporated in the Philippines and registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) on August 1, 1997. The Bank was authorized by the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) to operate as a thrift bank on October 24, 1997 and started its commercial operations on November 5, 1997.

The Bank is engaged in the general business of savings and mortgage banking and exercises all the rights, attributes, powers and privileges, together with the assumption of all the duties and obligations of a savings and mortgage bank. As a banking institution, the Bank's operations are regulated and supervised by the BSP. On June 14, 2007, the Monetary Board of the BSP granted the Bank the authority to operate a Foreign Currency Deposit Unit (FCDU). On August 1, 2007, the Bank started its FCDU operations.

On November 26, 2019, the Bank applied for an increase in authorized capital stock with SEC and Yuanta Commercial Bank Co., Ltd. (YCB) invested additional capital to subscribe to 1.4 billion shares at P1 par. On December 9, 2021, SEC approved the Bank's application for increase in authorized shares. As at December 31, 2023 and 2022, the Bank is a wholly-owned subsidiary of YCB.

The Bank's registered address is at G-1A/B, Chatham House Condominium, Rufino corner Valero Streets, Salcedo Village, Makati City. As at December 31, 2023, the Bank has 49 employees (2022 - 51).

*Approval of the financial statements*

The financial statements of the Bank have been approved and authorized for issue by the Board of Directors (BOD) on April 3, 2024. There are no material events that occurred from April 3 to April 5, 2024.

## 2 Cash and cash equivalents; Due from BSP

Details of cash and cash equivalents presented in the statement of cash flows as at December 31 follow:

| | Note | 2023 | 2022 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Cash and other cash items | | 15,014,301 | 13,458,192 |
| Due from BSP | | 41,919,291 | 331,128,225 |
| Due from other banks | 3 | 53,015,687 | 123,538,590 |
| | | 109,949,279 | 468,125,007 |

Due from BSP as at December 31 consists of:

| | 2023 | 2022 |
|---|---|---|
| BSP - Time deposit facility (TDF) | - | 250,000,000 |
| BSP - Reverse repurchase facility (RRP) | 11,982,232 | 29,932,941 |
| Demand deposit account (DDA) | 9,937,059 | 12,195,284 |
| Overnight deposit facility (ODF) | 20,000,000 | 39,000,000 |
| | 41,919,291 | 331,128,225 |

TDF represents placement with the key liquidity absorption facility of the BSP with maturity ranging from 7 to 28 days.

RRP represents placement with the reverse repurchase facility of the BSP. With the implementation of the Interest Rate Corridor System, RRP was modified to a purely overnight RRP.

DDA represents reserve requirements as provided under Section 94 of Republic Act (RA) No. 7653. It also includes the Bank's respective working funds to settle transactions due to/from BSP and with other banks, which are subject to payment in legal tender upon demand, by the presentation of checks as provided under Section 58 of RA No. 7653.

ODF represents settlement account with an average maturity of seven (7) days.

For the year ended December 31, 2023, interest income from due from BSP amounts to P7,644,354 (2022 - P6,317,522).

## 3 Due from other banks

The account as at December 31 consists of:

| | 2023 | 2022 |
|---|---|---|
| Placements | 25,665,035 | 84,370,579 |
| Deposit accounts | 27,350,652 | 39,168,011 |
| | 53,015,687 | 123,538,590 |

Deposit accounts generally earn interest based on daily bank deposit rates.

The Bank's placements with other banks consist of time deposits with local banks denominated in US dollar for a period of one month to three months with interest at prevailing market rates and are considered as cash equivalents (Note 2) in the statement of cash flows.

For the year ended December 31, 2023, interest income with other banks amounts to P2,269,113 (2022 - P1,834,285).

## 4 Investment securities

### 4.1 Investment securities at fair value through other comprehensive income (FVOCI)

The account at December 31 consists of:

| | 2023 | 2022 |
|---|---|---|
| Debt securities | | |
| Government | 1,026,400,500 | 1,191,521,000 |
| Private | 88,650,118 | 154,830,146 |
| Proprietary shares - country club shares | 5,000,000 | 5,600,000 |
| | 1,120,050,618 | 1,351,951,146 |

Government and private debt securities as of December 31, 2023 and 2022 will mature in various dates from 2024 to 2031.

| | 2023 | 2022 |
|---|---|---|
| Current (within 12 months) | 148,691,000 | 265,818,640 |
| Non-current (over 12 months) | 966,359,618 | 1,080,532,506 |
| | 1,115,050,618 | 1,346,351,146 |

The movements in investment securities at FVOCI follow:

| | 2023 | 2022 |
|---|---|---|
| At beginning of year | 1,351,951,146 | 1,476,800,417 |
| Additions | - | 200,000,000 |
| Disposals | (466,000) | - |
| Maturities | (268,000,000) | (250,000,000) |
| Amortization of premium, net | (1,544,260) | (2,440,800) |
| Reversal of impairment loss | 63,155 | 24,228 |
| Effect of foreign exchange rate changes | (512,143) | 7,125,201 |
| Fair value adjustment | 38,558,720 | (79,557,900) |
| At end of year | 1,120,050,618 | 1,351,951,146 |

As at December 31, 2023, government security amounting to P200 million is used as security for interbank loan payable amounting to P50 million. As at December 31, 2023, interbank loan payable represents funds borrowed from other banking institution which will mature on March 12, 2024. Interest expense on the interbank loan payable for the year ended December 31, 2023 amounts to P548,073.

For the year ended December 31, 2023, interest income from government debt securities and other debt securities amounts to P44,641,897 (2022 - P58,344,090).

In 2023, proceeds from disposal of financial assets at FVOCI amount to P2,427,000. Realized gain on sale of financial assets at FVOCI presented in the statement of changes in equity amounts to P1,961,000.

### 4.2 Investment securities at amortized cost

The account at December 31 consists of:

| | 2023 | 2022 |
|---|---|---|
| Government debt securities | | |
| Current (within 12 months) | 2,865,028 | 40,045,705 |
| Non-current (over 12 months) | 212,185,674 | 170,121,110 |
| | 215,050,702 | 210,166,815 |
| Corporate debt securities | | |
| Non-current (over 12 months) | 50,221,447 | 50,355,381 |
| | 265,272,149 | 260,522,196 |

Debt securities carry interest at rates ranging 4.75% to 8.60% as at December 31, 2023 and 2022, and mature in various dates from 2024 to 2028.

The movements in investment securities at amortized cost follow:

| | 2023 | 2022 |
|---|---|---|
| At beginning of year | 260,522,196 | 167,473,394 |
| Additions | 46,630,000 | 100,000,000 |
| Maturities | (40,045,705) | (11,618,048) |
| Amortization of (premium) discount, net | (1,487,346) | 117,694 |
| Reversal of impairment loss | 10,397 | 16,169 |
| Effect of foreign exchange rate changes | (357,393) | 4,532,987 |
| At end of year | 265,272,149 | 260,522,196 |

For the year ended December 31, 2023, interest income from these investments amounts to P14,358,070 (2022 - P10,389,549).

As mandated by the BSP under Manual of Regulations for Banks (MORB) Section 341, all banks are required to set aside an amount equivalent to at least twenty five percent (25%) of their loanable funds for agricultural credit in general, of which an amount equivalent to at least ten percent (10%) of the loanable funds shall be available for agrarian reform credit. As an eligible alternative compliance, the Bank acquired Agrarian Reform Bonds of the Philippine Government with issue dates after April 20, 2010. As at December 31, 2023, the Bank holds bonds issued by Land Bank of the Philippines (LBP), as alternative compliance to agricultural credit, amounting to P18,477,251 (2022 - P28,522,956), presented as part of investment securities at amortized cost in the statement of financial position.

## 5 Loans and receivables, net

The account as at December 31 consists of:

| | 2023 | 2022 |
|---|---|---|
| Receivable from customers | | |
| Commercial | 809,530,139 | 267,122,044 |
| Consumption | 3,733,408 | 1,403,343 |
| Real estate | 43,128,887 | 18,860,920 |
| | 856,392,434 | 287,386,307 |
| Other receivables | | |
| Accrued interest receivables | 13,269,188 | 12,980,554 |
| Accounts receivables | 383,699 | 636,252 |
| | 13,652,887 | 13,616,806 |
| | 870,045,321 | 301,003,113 |
| Allowance for credit losses | | |
| Stage 1 | (7,463,947) | (4,479,951) |
| Stage 2 | (82,727) | (3,549,450) |
| Stage 3 | (32,316,250) | (2,486,855) |
| | (39,862,924) | (10,516,256) |
| | 830,182,397 | 290,486,857 |

Interest income on loans and receivables for the years ended December 31 consists of:

| | 2023 | 2022 |
|---|---|---|
| Receivables from customers | | |
| Commercial | 39,369,071 | 11,184,640 |
| Consumption | 2,568,529 | 3,181,622 |
| Real estate | 1,951,396 | 966,064 |
| | 43,888,996 | 15,332,326 |

Below is the breakdown of allowance for credit losses as December 31:

| | 2023 | 2022 |
|---|---|---|
| Receivable from customers | 39,457,106 | 10,332,314 |
| Accrued interest receivables | 405,818 | 183,942 |
| | 39,862,924 | 10,516,256 |

The allowance for credit losses recognized is impacted by a variety of factors, as described below:

- Transfers between Stage 1 and Stages 2 or 3 due to financial instruments experiencing significant increases (or decreases) of credit risk or becoming credit-impaired in the period, and the consequent “step up” (or “step down”) between 12-month and lifetime expected credit loss (ECL);
- Additional allowances for new financial instruments recognized during the period, as well as releases for financial instruments derecognized in the period;
- Impact on the measurement of ECL due to changes in probability of default (PD), exposure at default (EAD) and loss given default (LGD) in the period;
- Foreign exchange translations for assets denominated in foreign currencies and other movements; and,

- Financial assets derecognized during the period and write-offs of allowances related to assets that were written off during the period.

The following tables summarize the changes in the loss allowance for loans and receivables between the beginning and the end of the annual period:

| Allowance for credit losses | Stage 1<br>12-month<br>ECL | Stage 2<br>Lifetime<br>ECL | Stage 3<br>Lifetime<br>ECL | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| At January 1, 2023 | 4,479,951 | 3,549,450 | 2,486,855 | 10,516,256 |
| Provision for credit losses for the year | | | | |
| Transfers: | | | | |
| Transfer in (out of) Stage 1 | | | | |
| Transfer in (out of) Stage 2 | 18,215 | (18,215) | - | - |
| Transfer in (out of) Stage 3 | - | (7,500,000) | 7,500,000 | - |
| New financial assets originated | 7,412,714 | - | - | 7,412,714 |
| Financial assets derecognized during the period | (4,454,748) | (1,113) | (102,823) | (4,558,684) |
| Changes in PD, EAD and LGD | 7,815 | 4,052,605 | 22,715,714 | 26,776,134 |
| | 2,983,366 | (3,466,723) | 30,112,891 | 29,630,164 |
| Write-off | - | - | (283,496) | (283,496) |
| | 2,983,996 | (3,466,723) | 29,829,395 | 29,346,668 |
| At December 31, 2023 | 7,463,947 | 82,727 | 32,316,250 | 39,862,924 |

| Allowance for credit losses | Stage 1<br>12-month<br>ECL | Stage 2<br>Lifetime<br>ECL | Stage 3<br>Lifetime<br>ECL | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| At January 1, 2023 | 5,183,660 | 3,969,354 | 3,616,765 | 12,769,779 |
| Provision for credit losses for the year | | | | |
| Transfers: | | | | |
| Transfer in (out of) Stage 1 | (22,235) | 22,235 | - | - |
| Transfer in (out of) Stage 2 | 171,783 | (175,921) | 4,138 | - |
| Transfer in (out of) Stage 3 | - | - | - | - |
| New financial assets originated | 4,342,019 | 3,495,932 | 1,279,209 | 9,117,160 |
| Financial assets derecognized during the period | (5,009,945) | (3,536,736) | (1,782,767) | (10,329,448) |
| Changes in PD, EAD and LGD | (185,331) | (225,414) | (630,490) | (1,041,235) |
| | (703,709) | (419,904) | (1,129,910) | (2,253,523) |
| At December 31, 2022 | 4,479,951 | 3,549,450 | 2,486,855 | 10,516,256 |

With the foregoing level of allowance for credit losses, management believes that amount is sufficient to cover any losses that may be incurred from the non-collection or non-realization of its receivables and other risk assets.

## 6 Bank premises, furniture, fixtures and equipment, net

The movements and the components of the account follow:

| | Bank premises | Leasehold improve-ment | Furniture, fixtures and equipment | Transportation equipment | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Cost | | | | | |
| Balance at beginning of year | 152,136,645 | - | 85,517,446 | 1,900,100 | 239,554,191 |
| Additions | - | - | 13,841,116 | - | 13,841,116 |
| Retirement | - | - | - | - | - |
| Reclassification | - | - | 1,418,059 | - | 1,418,059 |
| Balance at end of year | 152,136,645 | - | 100,776,621 | 1,900,100 | 254,813,366 |
| Accumulated depreciation | | | | | |
| Balance at beginning of year | 69,751,942 | - | 58,123,669 | 1,505,681 | 129,381,292 |
| Depreciation | 3,280,254 | - | 9,944,196 | 297,686 | 13,522,136 |
| Retirement | - | - | - | - | - |
| Balance at end of year | 73,032,196 | - | 68,067,865 | 1,803,367 | 142,903,428 |
| Net carrying amounts, December 31, 2023 | 79,104,449 | - | 32,708,756 | 96,733 | 111,909,938 |

| | Bank premises | Leasehold improve-ment | Furniture, fixtures and equipment | Transportation equipment | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Cost | | | | | |
| Balance at beginning of year | 151,993,584 | - | 65,644,334 | 1,900,100 | 219,538,018 |
| Additions | 143,061 | - | 21,047,494 | - | 21,190,555 |
| Retirement | - | | (1,174,382) | - | (1,174,382) |
| Balance at end of year | 152,136,645 | - | 85,517,446 | 1,900,100 | 239,554,191 |
| Accumulated depreciation | | | | | |
| Balance at beginning of year | 66,472,871 | - | 51,518,684 | 1,125,661 | 119,117,216 |
| Depreciation | 3,279,071 | - | 7,776,334 | 380,020 | 11,435,425 |
| Retirement | - | | (1,171,349) | - | (1,171,349) |
| Balance at end of year | 69,751,942 | - | 58,123,669 | 1,505,681 | 129,381,292 |
| Net carrying amounts, December 31, 2022 | 82,384,703 | - | 27,393,777 | 394,419 | 110,172,899 |

Management believes that there are no indications that the bank premises, furniture, fixture and equipment are impaired.

Certain furniture, fixtures and equipment completed in 2023 are reclassified from construction-in-progress under Other assets (Note 7).

In 2023, certain retired furniture, fixtures and equipment and transportation equipment were sold. Proceeds from sale amount to P285,500 (2022 - P15,000)

## 7 Other assets, net

The account as at December 31 consists of:

| | 2023 | 2022 |
|---|---|---|
| Computer software, net | 12,925,216 | 19,156,907 |
| Prepaid expenses | 10,585,752 | 8,158,657 |
| Miscellaneous deposits | 5,473,729 | 5,423,729 |
| Construction in progress | 4,001,950 | 3,072,881 |
| Real and other properties acquired (ROPA) | 3,477,872 | 2,376,780 |
| Miscellaneous assets | 1,172,625 | 959,404 |
| | 37,637,144 | 39,148,358 |

The movements of computer software follow:

| | 2023 | 2022 |
|---|---|---|
| Cost | | |
| At beginning of year | 76,184,050 | 72,120,140 |
| Additions | 240,000 | 5,771,625 |
| Reclassification | 1,572,872 | (1,707,715) |
| At end of year | 77,996,922 | 76,184,050 |
| Accumulated amortization | | |
| At beginning of year | 57,027,143 | 45,659,868 |
| Amortization during the year | 8,044,563 | 11,969,906 |
| Reclassification | - | (602,631) |
| At end of year | 65,071,706 | 57,027,143 |
| Net carrying amount | 12,925,216 | 19,156,907 |

The cost of certain computer software completed in 2023 are reclassified from construction-in-progress under Other assets.

Miscellaneous deposits pertain to rental deposits and other deposits to various suppliers.

Miscellaneous assets consist mainly of documentary stamp taxes and office supplies.

## 8 Deposit liabilities

The account as at December 31 consists of:

| | Note | 2023 | 2022 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Special savings | 18 | 212,152,284 | 216,200,248 |
| Demand | | 151,767,281 | 188,475,372 |
| Savings | | 67,049,806 | 108,896,575 |
| | | 430,969,371 | 513,572,195 |

The Bank’s deposits bear annual interest at rates ranging from 0% to 4.50% in 2023 (2022 - 0% to 0.01%).

As at December 31, 2023, the Bank has complied with the required statutory and legal reserves amounting to P6.83 million (2022 - P15.41 million) (Note 2).

The details of interest expense on deposit liabilities for the years ended December 31 are as follows:

| | 2023 | 2022 |
|---|---|---|
| Special savings | 4,892,215 | 57,499 |
| Demand | 92,783 | - |
| Savings | 18,179 | 2,264 |
| | 5,003,177 | 59,763 |

## 9 Accrued interest and other expenses

The account as December 31 consists of:

| | 2023 | 2022 |
|---|---|---|
| Accrued interest | 2,705,035 | 96,666 |
| Accrued expenses | | |
| Staff benefits | 5,395,199 | 3,895,646 |
| Taxes | 1,836,091 | 2,475,439 |
| Management and other professional fees | 1,080,146 | 2,218,500 |
| Others | 6,294,874 | 4,954,941 |
| | 17,311,345 | 13,641,192 |

Others include accrual for general and administrative expenses other than staff benefits and management and other professional fees.

## 10 Other liabilities

The account as at December 31 consists of:

| | 2023 | 2022 |
|---|---|---|
| Accounts payable and other liabilities | 8,082,299 | 4,921,335 |
| Withholding tax | 641,507 | 302,521 |
| SSS, Philhealth, and Pag-ibig contributions payable | 427,128 | 181,600 |
| Others | 29,200 | 500,410 |
| | 9,180,134 | 5,905,866 |

Accounts payable include unclaimed balances and unpaid purchases from various suppliers. The unclaimed balances refer to the deposits held by the Bank in favor of depositors known to be dead or unheard for ten years or more which have not been turned over to the Treasurer of the Philippines pursuant to the provisions of the Unclaimed Balances Act (Act No. 3936, as amended).

## 11 Share capital

The account as at December 31 consists of:

| | 2023 | 2022 |
|---|---|---|
| Authorized capital stock | 3,000,000,000 | 3,000,000,000 |
| Issued and outstanding (at P1 par value per share) | 2,400,000,000 | 2,400,000,000 |

Under MORB Section 111.1, the Bank has complied with the minimum capitalization set by the BSP which is P750 million for thrift banks with head office in Metro Manila with up to ten (10) branches.

## 12 Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss), net

The account as at December 31 consists of:

| | 2023 | 2022 |
|---|---|---|
| Cumulative actuarial losses on retirement | 1,348,105 | 44,541 |
| Unrealized fair value income on investment securities at FVOCI | (41,201,830) | (70,071,050) |
| | (39,853,725) | (70,026,509) |

The amounts above are presented net of deferred tax effect.

The movement in unrealized fair value income (loss) on investment securities at FVOCI follow:

| | Notes | 2023 | 2022 |
|---|---|---|---|
| At beginning of year | | (70,071,050) | (10,776,597) |
| Fair value gain (loss) on OCI | 4 | 40,519,720 | (79,557,900) |
| Tax effect | 15 | (9,689,500) | 20,263,447 |
| Reclassed to deficit due to gain on disposal | 4 | (1,961,000) | - |
| At end of year | | (41,201,830) | (70,071,050) |

## 13 Service charges and fees

Details of service charges and fees for the years ended December 31 are as follows:

| | 2023 | 2022 |
|---|---|---|
| Penalties | 1,267,484 | 677,178 |
| Service charges and fees from: | | |
| Remittances | 741,049 | 1,251,895 |
| Deposits | 402,653 | 974,072 |
| Loan issuances | 319,509 | 41,839 |
| Others | 185,512 | 184,087 |
| | 2,916,207 | 3,129,071 |

## 14 Other expenses

Details of other expenses for the years ended December 31 are as follows:

| | 2023 | 2022 |
|---|---|---|
| Repairs and maintenance | 15,067,099 | 13,954,688 |
| Postage, telephone, cable and telegram | 8,039,708 | 7,918,694 |
| Professional fees | 6,140,423 | 7,244,417 |
| Power, light and water | 3,064,526 | 3,234,267 |
| Security, messenger and janitorial | 2,427,177 | 2,299,891 |
| Director's fees | 2,160,000 | 2,160,000 |
| Insurance | 1,745,010 | 2,532,439 |
| Banking fees | 1,488,859 | 1,361,735 |
| Membership fees and dues | 1,425,251 | 2,157,341 |
| Supervision fees | 802,914 | 672,683 |
| Travel and representation | 714,644 | 621,807 |
| Fines and penalties | 88,360 | 1,394,825 |
| Others | 3,700,738 | 1,825,633 |
| | 46,864,709 | 47,378,420 |

Others consist mainly of trainings and seminar, stationery and supplies used, rental, inquiry and verification fees, and fuel.

## 15 Income tax expense; Deferred tax assets (DTA), net

The following are the components of income tax expense for the years ended December 31:

| | 2023 | 2022 |
|---|---|---|
| Current | 14,618,219 | 15,394,084 |
| Deferred | (9,334,258) | 1,114,165 |
| | 5,283,961 | 16,508,249 |

A reconciliation between the income tax expense at the statutory rates and income tax expense at effective tax rate follows:

| | 2023 | 2022 |
|---|---|---|
| Loss before income tax | (46,420,617) | (17,824,017) |
| Tax benefit on pretax loss at 25% | (11,605,154) | (4,456,004) |
| Tax effects of: | | |
| Unrecognized NOLCO and MCIT | 19,213,839 | 23,668,253 |
| Non-deductible expenses | 9,597,388 | 1,640,918 |
| Income subjected to lower income tax rates | (3,048,552) | (4,508,958) |
| Others | (8,873,560) | 164,040 |
| Effective income tax expense | 5,283,961 | 16,508,249 |

The components of the Bank's deferred tax assets and liabilities as at December 31 are as follows:

| | 2023 | 2022 |
|---|---|---|
| Deferred tax assets | | |
| Unrealized fair value loss on bond investment at FVOCI | 14,602,289 | 24,311,889 |
| Allowance for credit losses | 10,023,968 | 2,705,756 |
| Retirement liability | 1,239,563 | 1,602,076 |
| MCIT | 523,645 | 84,946 |
| Unrealized foreign exchange loss | 107,232 | - |
| | 26,496,697 | 28,704,667 |
| Deferred tax liabilities | | |
| Unrealized fair value gain on equity investments | (426,270) | (446,370) |
| Unrealized foreign exchange gain | - | (1,398,106) |
| Deferred tax assets, net | 26,070,427 | 26,860,191 |

Deferred income tax assets are recognized only to the extent that taxable income will be available against which the deferred income tax assets can be used. The Bank did not recognize deferred income tax assets on its NOLCO since the Bank does not expect that it will generate sufficient taxable income to allow all or part of its NOLCO to be utilized.

The details of the Bank's unexpired NOLCO are as follows:

| Year of Incurrence | Year of Expiration | 2023 | 2022 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2023 | 2026 | 72,164,997 | - |
| 2022 | 2025 | 93,699,852 | 93,699,852 |
| 2021 | 2026 | 90,697,567 | 90,697,567 |
| 2020 | 2025 | 86,106,183 | 86,106,183 |
| 2019 | 2022 | - | 65,323,158 |
| | | 342,668,599 | 335,826,760 |
| Expired during the period | | - | (65,323,158) |
| NOLCO not recognized | | (342,668,599) | (270,503,602) |
| | | - | - |
| Tax rate | | 25% | 25% |
| Deferred income tax asset on NOLCO | | - | - |

The NOLCO incurred in 2021 and 2020 can be carried over as a deduction for the next five consecutive years pursuant to the provisions of RR. 25-2020 and Section 4 COVID-19 Response and Recovery Interventions of Bayanihan Act II. Ordinarily, the NOLCO incurred in prior years can be carried over as a deduction for the next three consecutive years following the year the loss was incurred.

As at December 31, the Bank has MCIT that can be claimed as deduction from future income tax payable as follows:

| Year of Incurrence | Year of Expiration | 2023 | 2022 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2023 | 2026 | 523,645 | - |
| 2022 | 2025 | 84,946 | 84,946 |
| 2021 | 2024 | 233,700 | 233,700 |
| 2020 | 2023 | 558,840 | 558,840 |
| 2019 | 2022 | - | 835,799 |
| | | 1,401,131 | 1,713,285 |
| Used portion/expired during the year | | (558,840) | (835,799) |
| MCIT not recognized | | (318,646) | (792,540) |
| | | 523,645 | 84,946 |

## 16 Employee benefits

### 16.1 Compensation and employee benefits

Compensation and employee benefits for the years ended December 31 consist of:

| | 2023 | 2022 |
|---|---:|---:|
| Salaries and wages | 34,403,243 | 30,191,495 |
| Retirement benefits expense | 1,871,635 | 1,780,548 |
| Other employee benefits | 18,401,074 | 15,676,874 |
| | 54,675,952 | 47,648,917 |

Other employee benefits mainly include fringe benefits and SSS, Pag-ibig and Philhealth contributions.

### 16.2 Retirement benefits

The Bank accrues retirement benefits based on an annual actuarial valuation report covering regular and qualified employees.

The Bank maintains a non-contributory defined benefit type plan which provides a retirement benefit equal to 100% of Plan Salary for every year of credited service. Benefits are paid in lump-sum upon retirement or separation in accordance with the terms of the Plan.

The Bank's latest actuarial valuation was performed as at December 31, 2023.

Details of the retirement benefits obligation recognized in the statement of financial position as at December 31 are as follows:

| | 2023 | 2022 |
|---|---:|---:|
| Present value of benefit obligations | 7,133,034 | 7,936,938 |
| Fair value of plan assets | (2,174,779) | (1,528,635) |
| Retirement benefit obligation | 4,958,255 | 6,408,303 |

Details of the retirement benefits expense recognized in profit or loss for the years ended December 31 are as follows:

| | 2023 | 2022 |
|---|---:|---:|
| Current service cost | 1,442,279 | 1,478,257 |
| Net interest cost | 429,356 | 302,291 |
| | 1,871,635 | 1,780,548 |

The movements in the present value of retirement benefits obligation are as follows:

| | 2023 | 2022 |
|---|---:|---:|
| At beginning of year | 7,936,938 | 8,215,292 |
| Current service cost | 1,442,279 | 1,478,257 |
| Interest cost | 531,775 | 370,510 |
| Remeasurements | | |
| Loss (gain) from changes in financial assumptions | 329,045 | (383,325) |
| Loss from experience adjustments | (2,143,109) | (764,890) |
| Benefits paid | (963,894) | (978,906) |
| At end of year | 7,133,034 | 7,936,938 |

The movements in the fair value of plan assets are as follows:

| | 2023 | 2022 |
|---|---|---|
| At beginning of year | 1,528,635 | 1,439,718 |
| Contributions | 1,583,597 | 1,124,712 |
| Interest income | 102,419 | 68,219 |
| Remeasurement loss on return on plan asset | (75,978) | (125,108) |
| Benefits paid | (963,894) | (978,906) |
| At end of year | 2,174,779 | 1,528,635 |

Plan assets at December 31, 2023 and 2022 comprise mainly of investments in trust fund which the carrying amount approximates its fair value at said dates.

The actuarial assumptions used to determine retirement benefit obligation as at December 31 are as follows:

| | 2023 | 2022 |
|---|---|---|
| Discount rate | 6.12% | 6.70% |
| Salary increase rate | 3.00% | 3.00% |

### 16.3 Discount rate sensitivity

The following illustrates the sensitivity to a reasonably possible change in each key assumption, with all other variable held constant, of the Bank's accrued retirement benefits. The sensitivity analysis is prepared assuming the fair value of asset does not vary during the period. The methods and assumptions are the same in prior years. A 100 bps increase, or decrease is used when reporting this risk internally to key management personnel and represents management's assessment of the reasonably possible change in discount rate and salary increase. The impact on the Bank's retirement benefits obligation which affects the Bank's cash flow is as follows:

| | Increase in assumption | Decrease in assumption |
|---|---|---|
| December 31, 2023 | | |
| Discount rate | (552,865) | 644,533 |
| Salary growth rate | 683,562 | (593,974) |
| December 31, 2022 | | |
| Discount rate | (160,640) | 169,385 |
| Salary growth rate | 173,913 | (167,842) |

Expected maturity analysis of retirement obligation follow:

| | Less than 1 year | Between 1-5 years | Over 5 years |
|---|---|---|---|
| December 31, 2023 | 128,895 | 6,082,617 | 54,095,233 |
| December 31, 2022 | 6,678,985 | 1,771,102 | 11,552,512 |

The expected contribution to the retirement benefit plan in 2024 amounts to P2,933,003.

Except for the disclosure above and the preceding pages, no other transaction occurred with the retirement plan as at December 31, 2023 and 2022.

## 17 Related parties

The Bank, in the normal course of business, has transactions with related parties. The following are the specific relationships, amount of transactions, account balances, the terms and conditions and the nature of the consideration to be provided in the settlement.

## 17.1 Loans and credit accommodations to directors, officers, stockholders and other related interests (DOSRI)

The Bank, from time to time, provides financial assistance to officers and employees, as part of the Bank's benefit program, to meet housing, transportation, household and personal needs of officers and employees subject to the terms and conditions approved by the BSP. As at December 31, 2023, the Bank has interest-bearing, unsecured and unimpaired outstanding loans with DOSRI amounting to P1,051,389 (2022 - P9,375). The Bank has fully complied with BSP rules on DOSRI loans.

## 17.2 Remuneration of key management personnel

The salaries and employee benefits given to the Bank's key management personnel for the year ended December 31, 2023 amount to P25,102,331 (2022 - P22,026,747). Key management personnel include managerial and higher-level positions.

# 18 Significant contracts

On August 8, 2006, the Bank executed a memorandum of agreement with the Philippine Retirement Authority (PRA) which qualified the Bank as a depository or trustee for the requisite deposit of the retirees under the Retirement Program of the PRA. Under the program, the qualified retirees are required to open a time deposit, trust account or any other instrument that the Bank offers and will earn interest at a rate of 2% per annum. Upon maturity, unless otherwise directed by the retiree, the net interest earned will then become part of the principal.

As at December 31, 2023, total special savings deposits pertaining to this program amount to P51.8 million (2022 - P195.3 million) and included under "Special savings" in deposit liabilities (Note 8). Under the agreement, certain conditions should be met for the Bank to qualify as a depository unit of PRA, these include, but not limited to the following: maintenance of a capital adequacy, asset quality, management, earnings, liquidity risk, and sensitivity to market risk (CAMELS) rating of at least "3" from the BSP. As at December 31, 2023 and 2022, the Bank had satisfactorily complied with these PRA requirements.

As at December 31, 2023, PRA management fees amount to nil (2022 - P1,595,166), and is shown as part of Professional fees (Note 14).

# 19 Critical accounting judgments and estimates

The preparation of the financial statements in compliance with the Philippine Financial Reporting Standards (PFRS) requires management to make judgments and estimates that affect amounts reported in the financial statements. The judgments and estimates used in the financial statements are based upon management's evaluation of facts and circumstances at the end of the reporting period. Actual results could differ materially from such estimates.

Estimates and judgments are continuously evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events, which are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

## 19.1 Critical accounting judgments

*Realization of deferred income tax assets (Note 15)*

Management reviews at each reporting date the carrying amounts of deferred tax assets. The carrying amount of deferred tax assets is reduced to the extent that the related tax assets cannot be utilized due to insufficient taxable profit against which the deferred tax losses will be applied.

## 19.2 Critical accounting estimates

*Measurement of the expected credit loss for loans and receivables under PFRS 9 (Note 5)*

The measurement of the expected credit loss (ECL) for loans and receivables is an area that requires the use of complex models and significant assumptions about future economic conditions and credit behavior (e.g. the likelihood of customers defaulting and the resulting losses).

A number of significant judgments 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 and the associated ECL; and
- Establishing groups of similar financial assets for the purposes of measuring ECL.

Allowance for credit losses on loans and receivables amounts to P39,862,924 and P10,516,256 as at December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

*Estimated useful lives of bank premises, furniture, fixtures and equipment, and computer software (Notes 6 and 7)*

The Bank estimates the useful lives of its bank premises, furniture, fixtures and equipment, and computer software based on the period over which the assets are expected to be available for use. The estimated useful lives are reviewed at least annually and are updated if expectations differ from previous estimates due to physical wear and tear. The estimation of the useful lives of the bank premises, furniture, fixtures and equipment and computer software are based on a collective assessment of industry practice and experience with similar assets. It is possible, however, that future results of operations could be materially affected by changes in estimates brought about by changes in the factors mentioned above.

The amounts and timing of recorded expenses for any period would be affected by changes in these factors and circumstances. A reduction in the estimated useful lives of the bank premises, furniture, fixtures and equipment and computer software would increase recorded operating expenses and decrease the related assets.

*Estimated retirement benefits obligation (Note 16)*

The determination of the Bank's obligation and cost of pension and other retirement benefits is dependent on the selection of certain assumptions used by actuaries in calculating such amounts. Those assumptions are described in Note 16 and include, among others, discount rates and salary increase rate. In accordance with PFRS, actual results that differ from the assumptions are accumulated and amortized over future periods and therefore, generally affect the recognized expense and recorded obligation in such future periods.

Retirement benefit obligation as at December 31, 2023 and 2022 is disclosed in Note 16.

# 20 Financial risk and capital management

## 20.1 Financial risk management objectives and policies

The Bank’s operation involves the traditional banking activities of deposit-taking and lending to qualified individual or corporate borrowers and use of financial instruments. The Bank is exposed to the following risks from its use of financial instruments: (a) credit; (b) liquidity; (c) interest rate; (d) foreign currency; and (e) price risks.

The Bank is exposed to a variety of financial risks which results from its operating and investing activities. The Bank’s risk management focuses on actively securing the Bank’s short to medium term cash flows by minimizing the exposure to financial markets. Long-term financial investments are managed to generate lasting returns.

*Risk management structure and process*

The Bank has established sound risk management practices which include appropriate and reasonable contingency plans in handling risks and to guide the Bank's management and BOD to understand, measure, monitor and control the risk assumed, adopt risk management practices whose sophistication and effectiveness are commensurate to the risk being monitored and controlled, and maintain capital commensurate with the risk exposure assumed.

The BOD and Senior Management of the Bank are ultimately responsible for the oversight of the Bank's risk management process. The BOD is responsible for understanding the nature and the level of risks taken by the Bank. The Senior Management is responsible for ensuring that risks are adequately managed both long-term and day-to-day basis. The Bank's BOD is in-charge of the implementation of the risk management process which includes, among others, the development of various risk strategies and principles, control guidelines, policies and procedures, implementation of risk measurement tools, monitoring of key risk indicators, and the imposition and monitoring of risk limits.

To effectively manage the risks, the Bank identifies current and prospective risk exposures by understanding the sources of risks arising from the Bank's existing or new business initiatives. The head of each department identifies various risks on their current and future operations/products or services. Identifying risk includes identifying the Bank's desired level of risk exposure (risk appetite) based on its ability and willingness to assume the risk.

Risk appetite is set by the Bank's BOD after discussion of the impact, likelihood and alternative ways to manage risk with various department heads. Risk identification is a continuing process and occurs at both the transaction and portfolio level.

Once the sources of risks have been identified, risk measurement models are applied to quantify the Bank's risk exposures. Risk measurement systems and methodologies are integrated in the Bank's risk management process and results are interpreted in coordination with other risk exposures. The Bank's Asset and Liability Committee (ALCO) is responsible for the assessment of possible liquidity risks by establishing indicators of potential risk, assessment and matching potential sources of funds, and monitoring of internal as well as market indicators of liquidity problems of the Bank. ALCO is also responsible for communicating potential exposure of the Bank to interest risk and foreign currency risk to the Senior Management and BOD. The Bank has also created a Credit Committee (CRECOM) which is responsible for the stringent evaluation and approval of loans and for remedial actions on problematic loan accounts.

The Bank maintains an adequate system of internal controls to ensure the integrity of its risk management process. These internal controls are integral part of the Bank's overall system of control. An independent internal audit review on the risk management process is performed on an annual basis. The Internal Audit Department is mandated to conduct annual review and results are reported to the Audit Committee and Senior Management for proper action. The ALCO also conducts review of the guidelines and introduces revisions on the risk management process. The review of risk management process also includes assessment of the assumptions, parameters, and measures used.

**20.2 Impairment assessment**

The references below show where the Bank's impairment assessment and measurement approach is set out in this report. It should be read in conjunction with the summary of significant accounting policies.

- The Bank's definition and assessment of default and cure (Note 20.2.1)
- An explanation of the Bank's internal grading system (Note 20.5.5)
- How the Bank defines, calculates and monitors the probability of default, exposure at default and loss given default (Note 20.3)
- When the Bank considers there has been a significant increase in credit risk of an exposure (Note 20.2.2)
- The Bank's policy of segmenting financial assets where ECL is assessed on a collective basis (Note 20.2.3)
- The details of the ECL calculations for Stage 1, Stage 2 and Stage 3 assets (Note 20.5.5)

*20.2.1 Definition of default and cure*

The Bank considers a financial instrument defaulted and therefore Stage 3 (credit-impaired) for ECL calculations when one or more events that have a detrimental impact on the estimated future cash flows of that financial asset have occurred. The following enumerates the events triggering default for each financial asset:

(a) Receivables from customers

i. Principal or interest payments over 3 months (90 days) past due, or the bank has begun collection procedures or liquidation of collateral
ii. Cases where the court has initiated reorganization or liquidation proceedings
iii. Declaration of bankruptcy in court
iv. Debtor's loans from other banking institutions have been recognized as nonperforming, and reclassified as non-accrual or written off as bad debts.
v. Debtor has filed for bankruptcy, reorganization, or other debt clearance proceedings
vi. Loans classified as "in default" according to the Bank's internal credit rating model

(b) Investments in debt instruments/ Due from BSP and other banks

i. External credit ratings of the instrument are "in default"
ii. Principal or interest payments over 3 months (90 days) past due, or are not made in accordance with the agreement
iii. Bankruptcy, reorganization, or other debt clearance proceedings has been filed
iv. Other breaches of contract by the debtor as assessed on a case-by-case basis

(c) Other financial assets

i. Miscellaneous deposits: At the balance sheet date, the deposit has not been returned at maturity or overdue from the collection date, unless the contractual terms specify it.
ii. Remaining receivables: At the balance sheet date, the borrower is more than 90 days past due on its contractual payments.

It is the Bank's policy to consider a financial instrument as 'cured' and therefore re-classified out of Stage 3 when none of the default criteria have been present. The decision whether to classify an asset as Stage 2 or Stage 1 once cured depends on the updated indicators at the time of the cure, and the asset no longer showing significant increase in credit risk compared to initial recognition.

*20.2.2 Significant increase in credit risk (SICR)*

The Bank continuously monitors all assets subject to ECL. In order to determine whether an instrument or a portfolio of instruments is subject to 12-month ECL or lifetime ECL, the Bank assesses whether there has been a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition.

At every balance sheet date, the Bank assesses the change in default risk over the lifetime of each financial asset to determine whether there has been a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition. The Bank considers reasonable and supportable information (including forward-looking information) when determining whether there has been significant increase in credit risk. The main indicators taken into account for each financial asset are as follows:

(a) Receivables from customers

i. The borrower is over 30 days past due.
ii. The Bank's internal credit rating of the asset is equivalent to a non-investment grade rating by an external agency, and the rating has dropped by more than two scales since initial recognition.
iii. Records of bad credit are confirmed after assessment

(b) Investments in debt instruments/ Due from BSP and other banks.

i. The Bank's internal credit rating of the asset is equivalent to a non-investment grade rating by an external agency, and the rating has dropped by more than two scales since initial recognition.
ii. The contractual payments of counterparties are more than 30 days past due.

(c) Other financial assets

i. Miscellaneous deposits: At the balance sheet date, the deposit has not been returned at maturity.
ii. Other receivables: At the balance sheet date, the borrower is more than 30 days past due on its contractual payment.

*20.2.3 Grouping of financial assets measured on a collective basis*

Depending on the factors below, the Bank calculates ECL either on a collective or an individual basis.

Financial assets subject to ECL that have been assessed individually but for which no impairment is required and all individually insignificant exposure are then assessed collectively, in groups of assets with similar credit risk characteristics.

The Bank groups these exposure into smaller homogeneous portfolios, based on a combination of internal and external characteristics of the loans.

**20.3 Analysis of inputs to the ECL model under multiple economic scenarios**

An overview of the approach to estimating ECLs is set out in Note 21 Summary of material accounting policies and in Note 19 Critical accounting judgments and estimates.

The following table shows the forecast of the key forward-looking economic variables used in each of the economic scenarios for the ECL calculations for financial year ended December 31, 2023 and 2022. The figures for "Subsequent years" represent a long-term average and the same are applied for each scenario.

| Key variables (2023) | ECL scenario | Assigned probabilities (%) | Next 12 months | 2 to 5 years (Average) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| GDP (in billion pesos) | Base scenario | 25 | 10,161.79 | 10,161.79 |
| | Upside | 25 | 10,031.65 | 10,031.65 |
| | Downside | 50 | 6,750.63 | 6,750.63 |
| Unemployment (%) | Base scenario | 25 | 4.70 | 4.70 |
| | Upside | 25 | 5.10 | 5.10 |
| | Downside | 50 | 10.30 | 10.30 |
| Trade balance (as % of GDP | Base scenario | 50 | (10.30) | (10.30) |
| | Upside | 20 | (3.60) | (3.60) |
| | Downside | 30 | (18.10) | (18.10) |
| Net foreign direct investments flows (Growth rate in %) | Base scenario | 50 | (49.80) | (49.80) |
| | Upside | 20 | 46.90 | 46.90 |
| | Downside | 30 | (53.40) | (53.40) |
| Overall balance of payments (In million US$) | Base scenario | 50 | 568.00 | 568.00 |
| | Upside | 20 | (4,730.00) | (4,730.00) |
| | Downside | 30 | 9,144.00 | 9,144.00 |
| Overall surplus/deficit (as % of GDP) | Base scenario | 50 | (9.30) | (9.30) |
| | Upside | 20 | 1.00 | 1.00 |
| | Downside | 30 | (11.50) | (11.50) |
| Exports (Growth rate in %) | Base scenario | 50 | 8.60 | 8.60 |
| | Upside | 20 | (25.60) | (25.60) |
| | Downside | 30 | 36.60 | 36.60 |

| Key variables (2022) | ECL scenario | Assigned probabilities (%) | Next 12 months | 2 to 5 years (Average) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| GDP (in billion pesos) | Base scenario | 50 | 9,326 | 9,839 |
| | Upside | 20 | 9,751 | 9,839 |
| | Downside | 30 | 8,666 | 7,594 |
| Unemployment (%) | Base scenario | 50 | 7.80 | 7.80 |
| | Upside | 20 | 5.10 | 5.10 |
| | Downside | 30 | 10.30 | 10.30 |
| Trade balance (as % of GDP | Base scenario | 50 | (15.80) | (18.10) |
| | Upside | 20 | (3.60) | (3.60) |
| | Downside | 30 | (15.10) | (18.10) |
| Net foreign direct investments flows (Growth rate in %) | Base scenario | 50 | 37.78 | (44.80) |
| | Upside | 20 | 93.20 | 61.10 |
| | Downside | 30 | (53.40) | (53.40) |
| Overall balance of payments (In million US$) | Base scenario | 50 | (1,456) | (4,730) |
| | Upside | 20 | (3,032) | (4,730) |
| | Downside | 30 | 9,144 | 9,144 |
| Overall surplus/deficit (as % of GDP) | Base scenario | 50 | (6.50) | (6.50) |
| | Upside | 20 | 1.00 | 1.00 |
| | Downside | 30 | (11.50) | (11.50) |
| Exports (Growth rate in %) | Base scenario | 50 | 0.40 | 0.40 |
| | Upside | 20 | (25.60) | (25.60) |
| | Downside | 30 | 36.60 | 36.60 |

*Sensitivity analysis*

The loan portfolios have different sensitivities to movements in macroeconomic variables, so the above three scenarios have varying impact on the expected credit losses of the Bank's portfolios. The allowance for impairment is calculated as the weighted average of expected credit losses under the baseline, upside and downside scenarios. The impact of weighting these multiple scenarios was a decrease in the allowance for impairment by P3,131,588 from the baseline scenario as of December 31, 2023 (2022 - P569,303).

### 20.4 Financial instrument by category

| 2023 | Fair value through other comprehensive income | At amortized cost | Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| Cash and other cash items | - | 15,014,301 | 15,014,301 |
| Due from BSP | - | 41,919,291 | 41,919,291 |
| Due from other banks | - | 53,015,687 | 53,015,687 |
| Investments securities at FVOCI | 1,120,050,618 | - | 1,120,050,618 |
| Investment securities at amortized cost | - | 265,272,149 | 265,272,149 |
| Loans and receivables, net | - | 830,182,397 | 830,182,397 |
| Miscellaneous deposits | - | 5,473,729 | 5,473,729 |
| | 1,120,050,618 | 1,210,877,554 | 2,330,928,172 |

| | At amortized cost | Total |
|---|---|---|
| Deposit liabilities | 430,969,371 | 430,969,371 |
| Interbank loan payable | 50,000,000 | 50,000,000 |
| Accrued interest and other expenses | 17,311,345 | 17,311,345 |
| Manager's checks | 8,184,527 | 8,184,527 |
| Accounts payable and other liabilities | 8,082,299 | 8,082,299 |
| | 514,547,542 | 514,547,542 |

| 2022 | Fair value through other comprehensive income | At amortized cost | Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| Cash and other cash items | - | 13,458,192 | 13,458,192 |
| Due from BSP | - | 331,128,225 | 331,128,225 |
| Due from other banks | - | 123,538,590 | 123,538,590 |
| Investments securities at FVOCI | 1,351,951,146 | - | 1,351,951,146 |
| Investment securities at amortized cost | - | 260,522,196 | 260,522,196 |
| Loans and receivables, net | - | 290,486,857 | 290,486,857 |
| Miscellaneous deposits | - | 5,423,729 | 5,423,729 |
| | 1,351,951,146 | 1,024,557,789 | 2,376,508,935 |

| | At amortized cost | Total |
|---|---|---|
| Deposit liabilities | 513,572,195 | 513,572,195 |
| Accrued interest and other expenses | 13,641,192 | 13,641,192 |
| Manager's checks | 3,785,972 | 3,785,972 |
| Accounts payable and other liabilities | 4,921,335 | 4,921,335 |
| | 535,920,694 | 535,920,694 |

## 20. 5 Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk of financial loss arising from the borrowers' inability to meet their contractual obligation. The Bank's operation involves the traditional banking activities of deposit-taking and lending to qualified individual or corporate borrowers. Financial problems may arise from lending activities specifically from failure of the borrowers to pay their obligation on time, poor monitoring of documentary requirements that are required to be submitted annually, or failure to regularly monitor the submission of updated reports for active accounts.

### *20.5.1 Credit risk management*

The following guidelines are being implemented by the Bank to mitigate credit risk:

(a) Collection management guidelines

This defines the collection or recovery process of delinquent accounts, the policies on loan loss provisioning, restructuring of accounts, writing off delinquent accounts, compromise agreements and other matters on collection.

(b) Credit guidelines for loans

This defines the requirements, features, qualifications of loan products being offered by the Bank. It includes the process from loan application to approval and monitoring. The following were performed by the Bank to manage credit risk:

- The Bank offers loan products to qualified individuals and corporate clients based on sound and prudent bank practices and in accordance with its existing policies;
- Extending loan facilities to qualified individuals, by taking into consideration the character, capacity, collateral and condition of each borrower;
- For loans that are secured by collaterals, the Bank ensures that it can annotate its mortgage and therefore, protect its legal interest thereto; and
- The Bank ensures that loans are approved by the CRECOM and BOD based on set limits.

Credit rating of corporate finance is categorized into 10 levels according to the risk assessment on each credit extension case. When a loan is granted, in addition to the credit quality of the client, fund purpose, and repayment source, the protection of claims and credit prediction should be considered, and credit risk by credit account and facility should also be respectively assessed and rated based on the corporate or consumer risk rating referencing standards.

Credit risk rating of consumer finance is categorized by client category, client profession and the rating of collateral threshold.

### *20.5.2 Maximum exposure to credit risk*

The table below shows the maximum exposure to credit risk of the Bank as at December 31:

| | 2023 | 2022 |
|---|---|---|
| On-balance sheet | | |
| Due from Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas | 41,919,291 | 331,128,225 |
| Due from other banks | 53,015,687 | 123,538,590 |
| Investment debt securities at FVOCI | 1,115,050,618 | 1,346,351,146 |
| Investment securities at amortized cost | 265,370,587 | 260,631,293 |
| Loans and receivables | 870,045,321 | 301,003,113 |
| Miscellaneous deposits | 5,473,729 | 5,423,729 |
| Off-balance sheet | | |
| Undrawn loan commitments | 50,000,000 | - |
| | 2,400,875,233 | 2,368,076,096 |

Loans and receivables is presented gross of allowance for credit losses.

### *20.5.3 Credit risk concentration profile*

Credit risk exposure is also analysed by industry as of December 31 in respect of the Bank’s on-balance and off-balance sheet financial assets as set out below:

| 2023 | Due from BSP | Due from other banks | Investment securities at FVOCI | Investment securities at amortized cost | Loans and receivables | Miscellaneous deposit | Commitment and contingent accounts | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Financial institutions | 41,919,291 | 53,015,687 | 51,542,272 | 18,472,366 | 727,500,000 | - | 50,000,000 | 942,449,616 |
| Sovereign | - | - | 1,026,400,500 | 196,633,164 | - | - | - | 1,223,033,664 |
| Electricity, gas, steam and airconditioning supply | - | - | 37,107,846 | - | - | - | - | 37,107,846 |
| Community, social and personal activities | - | - | - | - | 1,917,905 | - | - | 1,917,905 |
| Service activities | - | - | - | - | 1,572,870 | - | - | 1,572,870 |
| Agriculture,forestry and fishing | - | - | - | - | 50,000,000 | - | - | 50,000,000 |
| Construction | - | - | - | 50,265,057 | - | - | - | 50,265,057 |
| Wholesale and retail | - | - | - | - | 27,690,628 | - | - | 27,690,628 |
| Real estate, renting and business activities | - | - | - | - | 47,711,031 | 726,378 | - | 48,437,409 |
| Others | - | - | - | - | 13,652,887 | 4,747,351 | - | 18,400,238 |
| | 41,919,291 | 53,015,687 | 1,115,050,618 | 265,370,587 | 870,045,321 | 5,473,729 | 50,000,000 | 2,400,875,233 |

| 2022 | Due from BSP | Due from other banks | Investment securities at FVOCI | Investment securities at amortized cost | Loans and receivables | Miscellaneous deposit | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Financial institutions | 331,128,225 | 123,538,590 | 50,524,623 | 28,437,589 | 200,000,000 | - | 733,629,027 |
| Sovereign | - | - | 1,191,521,000 | 181,794,922 | - | - | 1,373,315,922 |
| Electricity, gas, steam and airconditioning supply | - | - | 36,521,883 | - | - | - | 36,521,883 |
| Community, social and personal activities | - | - | - | - | 1,403,343 | - | 1,403,343 |
| Service activities | - | - | - | - | 1,572,870 | - | 1,572,870 |
| Agriculture,forestry and fishing | - | - | - | - | 30,363,138 | - | 30,363,138 |
| Construction | - | - | 67,783,640 | 50,398,782 | | - | 118,182,422 |
| Wholesale and retail | - | - | - | - | 29,621,556 | - | 29,621,556 |
| Real estate, renting and business activities | - | - | - | - | 24,425,400 | 726,378 | 25,151,778 |
| Others | - | - | - | - | 13,616,806 | 4,697,351 | 18,314,157 |
| | 331,128,225 | 123,538,590 | 1,346,351,146 | 260,631,293 | 301,003,113 | 5,423,729 | 2,368,076,096 |

*20.5.4 Collateral*

The Bank holds collateral against specific type of loans and receivables in the form of chattel and mortgage interests, other registered securities over assets, hold-out agreements and guarantees such as post-dated checks. Estimates of fair value (for determining loanable amount) are based on the value of collateral assessed at the time of borrowing. Collateral generally is not held over loans and receivables to other banks, except when securities are held as part of reverse repurchase and securities borrowing activity.

The fair value of real and chattel mortgage held as collateral against loans and receivables amounts to P226 million and P311 million as at December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

*20.5.5 Credit quality of financial assets*

(a) Loans and receivables, net

In response to the characteristics and scale of business, the Bank sets up credit quality rating for risk management purposes (such as implementing internal evaluation model of credit risk, setting up credit rating table or other relevant regulations).

The Bank, using statistical methods and expert professional judgment, as well as the consideration of client information, developed a business credit rating model for the purpose of evaluating the credit risk of corporate clients. The model is regularly reviewed to check if the calculation result is consistent with the actual situation, and adjustment of various inputs is calibrated to optimize the calculation result.

The credit quality of borrowers can be divided into four risk categories, which are set out and defined below, from very low to high, apart from impaired:

| | Corporate | Consumer |
|---|---|---|
| Credit risk rating | Internal credit ratings mapped to S&P's ratings | Internal credit ratings |
| Very low | AAA to A- | Obligors rated in this category have an excellent capacity to meet financial commitments with very low credit risk. |
| Low | BBB+ to BB+ | Obligors rated in this category have a good capacity to meet financial commitments with low credit risk. |
| Medium | BB- to B+ | Obligors rated in this category have a fairly acceptable capacity to meet financial commitments with moderate credit risk. |
| High | B- to CCC | Obligors rated in this category have uncertain capacity to meet financial commitments and are subject to high credit risk. |

Other than the above rated risk categories, other categories used internally are as follows:

Impaired/default - Obligors with objective evidence of impairment as a result of one or more events that have an impact on the estimated future cash flows of the obligors that can be reliably estimated. The detailed definition is further disclosed in Note 20.2.1.

Unrated - Refer to obligors which are currently not assigned with obligors' ratings due to unavailability of ratings models.

(b) Investment debt securities

The risk management of the Bank's debt instruments is based on credit rating of external institutions, credit quality of bonds, condition by geographical location and counterparty risk to identify the credit risk.

The Bank assesses the credit quality of debt instrument investments similar to corporate loans from very low to high risk based on their external credit ratings.

(c) Due from BSP and other banks

The Bank assesses the credit status of each counterparty before any transaction, and ratings assigned by domestic and foreign external ratings agencies are used in determining internal credit grades on which various credit risk exposure limits are set and then granted to different counterparties.

(d) Other financial assets at amortized cost

For other financial assets (accounts receivable and miscellaneous deposits), the Bank applies the PFRS 9 simplified approach to measuring expected credit losses which uses a lifetime expected credit loss methodology. These financial assets are grouped based on shared risk characteristics and aging profile. For some of these, impairment is assessed individually at a counterparty level.

The following table sets out the credit quality of financial assets by category:

*Loans and receivables*

| | 2023 ECL Staging | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Stage 1 12-month ECL | Stage 2 Lifetime ECL | Stage 3 Lifetime ECL | Total |
| Credit risk | | | | |
| Low | 36,140,114 | 388,646 | - | 36,528,760 |
| Medium | 798,401,365 | 1,792,543 | - | 800,193,908 |
| High | - | - | - | - |
| Impaired | - | 4,596 | 33,318,057 | 33,322,653 |
| Gross carrying amount | 834,541,479 | 2,185,785 | 33,318,057 | 870,045,321 |
| Loss allowance | (7,463,947) | (82,727) | (32,316,250) | (39,862,924) |
| Carrying amount | 827,077,532 | 2,103,058 | 1,001,807 | 830,182,397 |

| | 2022 ECL Staging | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Stage 1 12-month ECL | Stage 2 Lifetime ECL | Stage 3 Lifetime ECL | Total |
| Credit risk | | | | |
| Low | 46,540,914 | - | - | 46,540,914 |
| Medium | 209,915,260 | 3,699,777 | - | 213,615,037 |
| High | 4,414,075 | 7,622 | 2,223,472 | 6,645,169 |
| Impaired | - | 32,821,655 | 1,380,338 | 34,201,993 |
| Gross carrying amount | 260,870,249 | 36,529,054 | 3,603,810 | 301,003,113 |
| Loss allowance | (4,479,951) | (3,549,450) | (2,486,855) | (10,516,256) |
| Carrying amount | 256,390,298 | 32,979,604 | 1,116,955 | 290,486,857 |

*Investment in debt securities and other financial assets*

| | 2023 ECL Staging | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Stage 1 12-month ECL | Stage 2 Lifetime ECL | Stage 3 Lifetime ECL | Total |
| Low | | | | |
| Due from BSP | 41,919,291 | - | - | 41,919,291 |
| Due from other banks | 53,015,687 | - | - | 53,015,687 |
| Investment securities at FVOCI | 1,115,050,618 | - | - | 1,115,050,618 |
| Investment securities at amortized cost | 265,370,587 | - | - | 265,370,587 |
| Unrated | | | | |
| Miscellaneous deposits | 5,473,729 | - | - | 5,473,729 |
| Gross carrying amount | 1,480,829,912 | - | - | 1,480,829,912 |
| Loss allowance | (98,438) | - | - | (98,438) |
| Carrying amount | 1,480,731,474 | - | - | 1,480,731,474 |

| | 2022 ECL Staging | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Stage 1 12-month ECL | Stage 2 Lifetime ECL | Stage 3 Lifetime ECL | Total |
| Low | | | | |
| Due from BSP | 331,128,225 | - | - | 331,128,225 |
| Due from other banks | 123,538,590 | - | - | 123,538,590 |
| Investment securities at FVOCI | 1,346,351,146 | - | - | 1,346,351,146 |
| Investment securities at amortized cost | 260,631,293 | - | - | 260,631,293 |
| Unrated | | | | |
| Miscellaneous deposits | 5,423,729 | - | - | 5,423,729 |
| Gross carrying amount | 2,067,072,983 | - | - | 2,067,072,983 |
| Loss allowance | (109,097) | - | - | (109,097) |
| Carrying amount | 2,066,963,886 | - | - | 2,066,963,886 |

*20.5.6 Impaired financial assets (Stage 3)*

Financial assets that are credit-impaired are shown below:

| | 2023 | 2022 |
|---|---|---|
| Gross exposure | 33,318,057 | 3,603,810 |
| Allowance for impairment loss | (32,316,250) | (2,486,855) |
| | 1,001,807 | 1,116,955 |
| Fair value of collateral | - | - |

### 20.6 Liquidity risk

Liquidity represents the ability to fund assets and meet obligations as they become due. It is essential for banks to compensate for expected and unexpected balance sheet fluctuations and provide funds for growth. To manage liquidity risk, the Bank has established Liquidity Risk Management Practices (LRMP) to ensure that the Bank is able to maintain a level of liquidity sufficient to meet its financial obligations in a timely manner. The Bank's LRMP also reflects the ability of the Bank to manage unplanned changes in funding sources, as well as to react to changes in market conditions that affect the ability to quickly liquidate assets with minimal loss. It also includes evaluating various funding sources and the costs associated with the sources identified.

Funding diversification allows the Bank to maintain access to different funding lines and allows more flexibility in selecting the appropriate funding source.

The Bank uses the following risk measurement methodologies to measure liquidity risk exposure:

*a) Risk impact and likelihood rating guide*

- No. 1 rating - may occur only in exceptional circumstances
- No. 2 rating - could occur at some time (low probability of occurrence)
- No. 3 rating - might occur at some time (moderate probability)
- No. 4 rating - will probably occur in most circumstances
- No. 5 rating - is expected to occur in most circumstances and has occurred several times in the unit

*b) Daily cash level report (in Philippine peso and US dollar)*

The Bank uses daily cash level report to measure excess funds on a daily basis and exposure on day to day (short term) funding liquidity risk. It is also used to determine the sufficiency of the Bank's reserves land excess funds available for BSP overnight lend.

*c) Maturity matching*

The Bank measures the exposure on liquidity risk arising from mismatched maturities of assets and liabilities, otherwise known as "tenor gaps". In this method, the Bank's financial assets and liabilities are divided into time bands and then slots each cash inflow and outflow items according to maturity dates. The overall objective is to determine and control liquidity "gaps" and highlight long term build ups in cash inflows and outflows. A gap per time band is computed by getting the difference between the inflows and outflows within the time band. A positive liquidity gap is an estimate of the Bank's net excess funds for the time band. A negative liquidity gap is an estimate of the future funding requirements of the Bank.

The table below presents an analysis of the maturity groupings of resources and liabilities in accordance with BSP account classifications. The liability balances disclosed in the following tables are based on contractual undiscounted cash flows, which may differ from the amounts included in the statement of financial position due to certain items which are based on discounted cash flows.

| December 31, 2023 | 1-3 months | 3 months-1 year | over 1-5 years | over 5 years | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Assets | | | | | |
| Cash and other cash items | 15,014,301 | - | - | - | 15,014,301 |
| Due from BSP | 41,919,291 | - | - | - | 41,919,291 |
| Due from other banks | 53,015,687 | - | - | - | 53,015,687 |
| Investment securities at FVOCI | 100,000,000 | 50,000,000 | 994,670,000 | 27,685,000 | 1,172,355,000 |
| Investment securities at amortized cost | 660,096 | 8,594,123 | 250,149,033 | - | 259,403,252 |
| Loans and receivables | 32,842,833 | 3,174,815 | 734,994,806 | 98,222,814 | 869,235,268 |
| Miscellaneous deposits | - | - | 5,473,729 | - | 5,473,729 |
| | 243,452,208 | 61,768,938 | 1,985,287,568 | 125,907,814 | 2,416,416,528 |
| Liabilities | | | | | |
| Deposit liabilities | 126,423,006 | 106,696,347 | 197,850,018 | - | 430,969,371 |
| Interbank loan payable | 50,000,000 | - | - | - | 50,000,000 |
| Manager's check | 8,184,527 | - | - | - | 8,184,527 |
| Accrued interest other expenses | 17,311,345 | - | - | - | 17,311,345 |
| Other financial liabilities | 8,082,299 | - | - | - | 8,082,299 |
| | 210,001,177 | 106,696,347 | 197,850,018 | 0 | 514,547,542 |
| Gap | 33,451,031 | (44,927,409) | 1,787,437,550 | 125,907,814 | 1,901,868,986 |

| December 31, 2022 | 1-3 months | 3 months-<br>1 year | over 1-5 years | over 5 years | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Assets | | | | | |
| Cash and other cash items | 13,458,192 | - | - | - | 13,458,192 |
| Due from BSP | 331,128,225 | - | - | - | 331,128,225 |
| Due from other banks | 123,538,590 | - | - | - | 123,538,590 |
| Investment securities at FVOCI | 118,000,000 | 150,000,000 | 895,055,000 | 277,877,500 | 1,440,932,500 |
| Investment securities at amortized cost | 31,124,824 | 8,920,881 | 113,081,252 | 100,000,000 | 253,126,957 |
| Loans and receivables | 12,572,004 | 204,196,699 | 44,969,557 | 38,203,176 | 299,941,436 |
| Miscellaneous deposits | - | - | 5,423,729 | - | 5,423,729 |
| | 629,821,835 | 363,117,580 | 1,058,529,538 | 416,080,676 | 2,467,549,629 |
| Liabilities | | | | | |
| Deposit liabilities | 163,797,377 | 66,929,190 | 282,845,629 | - | 513,572,196 |
| Manager's check | 3,785,972 | - | - | - | 3,785,972 |
| Accrued interest other expenses | 13,641,192 | - | - | - | 13,641,192 |
| Other financial liabilities | 4,921,335 | - | - | - | 4,921,335 |
| | 186,145,876 | 66,929,190 | 282,845,629 | - | 535,920,695 |
| Gap | 443,675,959 | 296,188,390 | 775,683,909 | 416,080,676 | 1,931,628,934 |

The Bank performs the following to mitigate exposure to liquidity risk:

- Avoiding extreme concentration of transactions in a single market and loan exposure in a single industry;
- Diversification of loan / asset exposures in different industries, the types of transactions in which the Bank will engage in and establish exposure limits per industry/per individual type of products;
- Lending and investing only in highly liquid markets;
- Consideration of the availability of alternative markets as protection against the possibility of losing access to one or more markets during periods of overall market stress;
- Requiring treasury personnel to continuously observe market conditions and notify Risk Managers/Senior Management of any indications of market illiquidity (including suspension of availment on existing credit lines);
- Requiring Account Officers and Loan Officers to continuously observe market conditions and report to Risk Managers/Senior Management any indications of stress or problems in any industry/borrower;
- Consideration of the possible need to rebalance portfolios, provide extra collateral and manage potential defaults;
- Establishment of procedures that will identify and address timing mismatches in offsetting payment and delivery obligations, such as early terminations of deposits. This will be achieved through the preparation and analysis of various reports; and
- Observation of various control limits set by the BOD to minimize exposure on liquidity risk.

In addition to the developed procedures that mitigate liquidity risk exposure, the Bank has established a contingency plan to deal with temporary and long-term liquidity disruptions.

*Minimum Liquidity Ratio*

On February 8, 2018, the BSP issued Circular No. 996 series of 2018 entitled Amendments to the Liquidity Coverage Ratio Framework and Minimum Prudential Liquidity requirements for stand-alone thrift banks, rural banks, cooperative banks and Quasi-bank. Under the circular, covered banks shall maintain a prudential Minimum Liquidity Ratio (MLR) of 20% which consists of liquid assets to cover qualified liabilities including off-balance sheet liabilities.

As of December 31, 2023 and 2022, the Banks MLR compliance are as follows:

| | 2023 | 2022 |
|---|---|---|
| Stock of liquid assets | 1,332,944,231 | 1,841,401,904 |
| Qualifying liabilities | 511,532,201 | 541,073,968 |
| MLR compliance | 261% | 340% |

The Bank's stock of liquid assets consists of cash and cash equivalents, due from BSP and other banks and government debt securities.

## 20.7 Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in market interest rates will reduce current or future earnings and/or the economic value of a financial institution. Accepting interest rate risk is a normal part of the Bank's operation and is a major source of profitability and shareholder value. Excessive or inadequately understood and controlled interest rate risk, however, can pose a significant threat to the Bank's earnings and capital. Thus, an effective risk management process that maintains interest rate risk within prudent levels is essential to ensure the safety and soundness of the Bank. The Bank classifies sources of interest rate risk as option risk and repricing.

*Prepayment option risk*

Option risk is presented by optionality that is embedded in some assets and liabilities. The most common example is the mortgage loan. This type of loan presents significant option risk due to prepayment option available to clients.

For salary loans and other types of loans, the clients have the option to prepay the loan or they can extend the term of the loan which has the effect of slowing down the repayment. In terms of deposit products, clients have the option to terminate deposit accounts which in turn would lessen deposit liabilities of the Bank. As at December 31, 2023, loans subject to prepayment risk represents commercial, consumption and real estate loans with an aggregate amount of P856,392,434 (2022 - P287,386,307) (Note 5). The effect of prepayment option is deemed not significant as the option price normally approximates the amortized cost of the financial instruments at option date.

*Repricing risk*

The simplest technique for measuring interest rate risk exposure starts with a maturity or repricing schedule that distributes interest-sensitive assets, liabilities and off-balance sheet positions into a certain number of predefined time bands according to their maturity or time remaining to their next repricing. The Bank has condominium loan products in which borrowers may choose to avail of the fixed interest rate from one (1) to five (5) years. The market rate may tend to go up or down which exposes the Bank to repricing risk. As at December 31, 2023, the Bank's condominium loans under Real estate classification which are subject to repricing risk amount to P43,128,887 (2022 - P18,860,920) (Note 5).

The Bank follows a prudent policy in managing its assets and liabilities so as to ensure that its exposure to fluctuations in interest rate is kept within acceptable limits.

The Bank adopts repricing gap analysis in analyzing its resources and liabilities based on expected interest realization and recognition.

If the analysis shows a positive gap, the Bank is exposed to the risk that interest rates will go down; however, if the analysis shows a negative gap, the Bank is exposed to the risk that interest rates will go up.

The interest rate risk profile of the Bank's assets and liabilities is as follows:

| | Repricing | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| December 31, 2023 | 1-3 months | 3 months-1 year | 1-5 years | Non-repricing | Total |
| Assets | | | | | |
| Cash and other cash items | - | - | - | 15,014,301 | 15,014,301 |
| Due from BSP | 31,982,232 | - | - | 9,937,059 | 41,919,291 |
| Due from other banks | 25,665,035 | - | - | 27,350,652 | 53,015,687 |
| Investment securities at FVOCI | 100,000,000 | 50,000,000 | 1,022,355,000 | - | 1,172,355,000 |
| Investment securities at amortized cost | 18,456,250 | - | - | 246,815,899 | 265,272,149 |
| Loans and receivables | 735,721,573 | 49,307,126 | 71,363,735 | - | 856,392,434 |
| Miscellaneous deposits | - | - | - | 5,473,729 | 5,473,729 |
| | 911,825,090 | 99,307,126 | 1,093,718,735 | 304,591,640 | 2,409,442,591 |
| Liabilities and equity | | | | | |
| Deposit liabilities | 17,014,463 | 106,696,347 | 88,441,474 | 218,817,087 | 430,969,371 |
| Interbank loan payable | 50,000,000 | - | - | - | 50,000,000 |
| Manager's check | - | - | - | 8,184,527 | 8,184,527 |
| Other financial liabilities | - | - | - | 8,082,299 | 8,082,299 |
| | 67,014,463 | 106,696,347 | 88,441,474 | 235,083,913 | 497,236,197 |
| Gap | 844,810,627 | (7,389,221) | 1,005,277,261 | 69,507,727 | 1,912,206,394 |

| | Repricing | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| December 31, 2022 | 1-3 months | 3 months-1 year | 1-5 years | Non-repricing | Total |
| Assets | | | | | |
| Cash and other cash items | - | - | - | 13,458,192 | 13,458,192 |
| Due from BSP | 318,932,941 | - | - | 12,195,284 | 331,128,225 |
| Due from other banks | 84,370,579 | - | - | 39,168,011 | 123,538,590 |
| Investment securities at FVOCI | 118,000,000 | 150,000,000 | 1,172,932,500 | - | 1,440,932,500 |
| Investment securities at amortized cost | 28,410,918 | - | - | 232,111,279 | 260,522,197 |
| Loans and receivables | 11,701,730 | 236,788,346 | 38,896,231 | - | 287,386,307 |
| Miscellaneous deposits | - | - | - | 5,423,729 | 5,423,729 |
| | 561,416,168 | 386,788,346 | 1,211,828,731 | 302,356,495 | 2,462,389,740 |
| Liabilities and equity | | | | | |
| Deposit liabilities | 15,111,403 | 66,929,190 | 134,159,655 | 297,371,947 | 513,572,195 |
| Manager's check | - | - | - | 3,785,972 | 3,785,972 |
| Other financial liabilities | - | - | - | 4,921,335 | 4,921,335 |
| | 15,111,403 | 66,929,190 | 134,159,655 | 306,079,254 | 522,279,502 |
| Gap | 546,304,765 | 319,859,156 | 1,077,669,076 | (3,722,759) | 1,940,110,238 |

The Bank can tolerate a cumulative positive or negative gap of at least 35% for regular banking unit and 85% for the FCDU's total interest rate sensitive assets or liabilities and equity. Any excess thereon is communicated to the ALCO who courses through to Senior Management and BOD for proper action.

The table below represents the sensitivity of the Bank's financial assets to a ±100 basis points possible interest rate changes with all other variables held constant as at December 31:

| Effect of reasonably possible shift in profit and loss | Change in interest rate | 2023 | 2022 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Interest rate-sensitive financial assets | | | |
| Due from BSP | ±100 bps | ±319,822 | ±3,189,329 |
| Due from other banks | ±100 bps | ±256,650 | ±843,706 |
| Investment securities at amortized cost | ±100 bps | ±184,563 | ±270,598 |
| Loans and receivables, net | ±100 bps | ±8,563,924 | ±2,873,863 |
| | | ±9,324,959 | ±7,177,496 |
| Interest rate-sensitive financial liability | | | |
| Deposit liabilities | ±100 bps | ±2,121,523 | ±2,162,002 |
| Interbank loan payable | ±100 bps | ±500,000 | - |
| | | ±2,621,523 | ±2,162,002 |

### 20.8 Foreign currency exchange risk

Foreign currency exchange risk is the risk to earnings or capital arising from changes in foreign exchange rates. In contracting to meet clients' foreign currency needs or simply buying and selling foreign exchange for its own account, the Bank undertakes a risk that exchange rates might change subsequent to the time the contract is consummated.

Most of the Bank's transactions are carried out in Philippine peso. Exposures to foreign currency exchange risk arise mainly from the foreign currency denominated due from other banks maintained by the Bank.

Foreign currency denominated financial assets as at December 31 are translated into Philippine peso at closing rate as follows:

| | 2023 | | 2022 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | In US Dollar | In Philippine Peso | In US Dollar | In Philippine Peso |
| Financial assets | | | | |
| Cash and other cash items | 29,994 | 1,660,768 | 47,897 | 2,670,497 |
| Due from other banks | 599,388 | 33,188,138 | 1,867,891 | 104,144,263 |
| Investment securities at FVOCI | 1,430,870 | 79,227,272 | 1,406,190 | 78,402,123 |
| Investment securities at amortized cost | 902,374 | 49,964,452 | 928,274 | 51,755,897 |
| Loans and receivables | 17,666 | 978,172 | 21,479 | 1,197,569 |
| Other assets | 213 | 11,794 | 292 | 16,280 |
| | 2,980,505 | 165,030,596 | 4,272,023 | 238,186,629 |
| Financial liabilities | | | | |
| Deposit liabilities | 1,600,066 | 88,595,655 | 3,044,431 | 169,742,232 |
| Accrued interest payable | 647 | 35,819 | 18 | 977 |
| | 1,600,713 | 88,631,474 | 3,044,449 | 169,743,209 |
| Total net exposure | 1,379,792 | 76,399,122 | 1,227,574 | 68,443,420 |

These balances were translated using the Bankers Association of the Philippines (BAP) peso-dollar exchange rates of P55.37 (2022 - P55.76) as at December 31, 2023. Net unrealized foreign exchange loss for the year ended December 31, 2023 amount to P428,928 (2022 - P5,592,422 gain).

Foreign currency-denominated deposits are generally used to fund the Bank's foreign currency denominated loans and investment portfolio in the FCDU. Banks are required by the BSP to match the foreign currency denominated liabilities with the foreign currency denominated assets held under the FCDU books. In addition, the BSP requires a 30% liquidity reserve on all foreign currency liabilities held under the FCDU. As at December 31, 2023 and 2022, the Bank is in compliance with the said regulations.

The Bank's policy is to maintain foreign currency exposure within acceptable limits and within existing regulatory guidelines.

For a 0.70% and 9.33% change in the foreign exchange rate of the Bank against relevant currency, there would be an equal and opposite impact on the pre-tax income and the effects are shown below:

| | Change in FX rate | Impact on pre-tax income |
|---|---|---|
| December 31, 2023 | +/-0.70% | +/-534,355 |
| December 31, 2022 | +/-9.33% | +/-6,383,810 |

Exposures to foreign exchange rate fluctuation vary during the year depending on the volume of USD buying and selling transactions. Nonetheless, the analysis above is considered to be representative of the Bank's exposure to foreign currency risk.

### 20.9 Price risk

The Bank is exposed to price risk on the fluctuation on the price or fair value of its investments at FVOCI - quoted equity securities. It manages its risk arising from changes in market price by monitoring the changes in the market price of the investments. The fair value of investments at FVOCI are based on published prices in the market.

The changes in the fair value of financial assets at FVOCI - quoted equity securities are deemed not significant to the financial statements during and at the end of each reporting period.

### 20.10 Fair value information

All assets and liabilities for which fair value is measured or disclosed in the financial statements are categorized within the fair value hierarchy, described as follow:

- 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.

The level within which the asset or liability is classified is determined based on the lowest level of significant input to the fair value measurement.

*Financial asset measured at fair value*

The fair value and fair value hierarchy of financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income (FVOCI) as at December 31 are as follows:

| | 2023 | 2022 | Valuation |
|---|---|---|---|
| Financial assets at FVOCI | | | |
| Level 1 | 1,115,050,618 | 1,346,351,146 | Published prices |
| Level 2 | 5,000,000 | 5,600,000 | Published prices with adjustments |

*Financial assets and liabilities measured at amortized cost for which fair value is disclosed*

The following gives the fair value information of the Bank's investment securities at amortized cost which are not measured at fair value, but the fair values are disclosed at the end of each reporting period:

| | 2023 | | 2022 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Carrying values | Fair values | Carrying values | Fair values |
| Investment securities at amortized cost | 265,272,149 | 262,454,905 | 260,522,196 | 259,171,033 |

These investment securities at amortized cost is classified under Level 1 based on market prices or broker/dealer price quotations.

*Cash and other cash items and due from BSP and other banks*

Due to the short-term nature of these financial instruments, their fair value approximates the carrying amount as at reporting date.

*Loan and receivables*

Fair value of loans and receivables is estimated by discounting anticipated cash (including interest at contractual rates). Performing loans are grouped, to the possible, into homogenous pools segregated by maturity and the coupon rates of the loans within each pool. In general, cash flows are discounted using current market rates for instruments with similar maturity, repricing and risk characteristics.

For non-performing loans and receivables, an estimate is made of the time period to realize these cash flows and the fair value is estimated by discounting these cash flows at the effective interest rate. For non-performing loans and receivables where collateral exists, the fair value is the lesser of the carrying value of the loans and receivables net of specific allowances, or the fair value of the collateral, discounted as appropriate.

Based on the methodology described above, the Bank has determined that the carrying values of loans and receivables approximate fair values.

*Deposit liabilities*

Deposit liabilities is calculated using discounted cash flow models, based on the deposit type and its related maturity, applying either market rates, where applicable or current rates offered for deposits of similar remaining maturities.

Based on the described above, the Bank has determined that the carrying values of deposits by customers approximate fair values.

*Other financial assets and liabilities*

Carrying amounts of other financial assets and liabilities which have no definite repayment dates are assumed to be their fair values.

**20.11 Capital management**

The primary objectives of the Bank's capital management are to ensure that the Bank complies with the BSP imposed minimum capital requirements and to maintain healthy capital ratios in order to support its business and to maximize shareholders' value.

Under MORB Section 111.1, the Bank has complied the minimum capitalization set by the BSP which is P750 million for thrift banks with head office in Metro Manila with up to ten (10) branches.

The Bank also complies with the minimum Capital Adequacy Ratio (CAR) as mandated by the BSP. The risk based CAR of thrift banks expressed as a percentage of qualifying capital to risk-weighted asset, shall not be less than ten percent (10%). Qualifying capital consists of Tier 1 (core plus hybrid) capital and Tier 2 (supplementary) capital elements, net of required deductions from capital. Tier 1 capital consists of the Bank's total equity excluding net unrealized losses on financial assets at FVOCI, unbooked valuation reserves and other capital adjustments based on latest report of examination as approved by the Monetary Board, total outstanding unsecured loans and credit accommodations, net of allowance for credit losses and deferred tax asset, net of deferred tax liability. Tier 2 capital consists of general loan loss provision and unsecured subordinated debt. Risk-weighted asset is the assigned risk weight to assets after exclusion of zero percent (0%) risk weight assets such as cash on hand, due from BSP, loans covered by hold-out on or assignment of deposits, loans or acceptances under letters of credit to the extent covered by margin deposits, and other non-risk items as determined by the Monetary Board of the BSP.

Under existing BSP regulations, the determination of the Bank's compliance with regulatory requirements and ratios is based on the amount of the Bank's "unimpaired capital" (regulatory net worth) reported to the BSP, determined on the basis of regulatory accounting policies, which differ from PFRS.

As at December 31, the Bank's CAR is computed as follows:

| | 2023 | 2022 |
|---|---|---|
| | *(In Thousands of Pesos)* | |
| Qualifying capital | | |
| Net Tier 1 capital | 1,940,404 | 2,013,736 |
| Net Tier 2 capital | 8,217 | 2,515 |
| Total qualifying capital | 1,948,621 | 2,016,251 |
| Risk weighted assets | | |
| Credit risk weighted assets | 1,247,441 | 925,454 |
| Operational risk weighted assets | 149,367 | 152,688 |
| Total risk weighted assets | 1,396,808 | 1,078,142 |
| CAR | 139.51% | 187.01% |

The Bank has fully complied with the minimum CAR requirement of ten percent (10%).

## 21 Summary of material accounting policies

The material accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to both years presented, unless otherwise stated.

### 21.1 Basis of preparation

The financial statements of the Bank have been prepared in accordance with Philippine Financial Reporting Standards (PFRS). The term PFRS in general includes all applicable PFRS, Philippine Accounting Standards (PAS) and Interpretations issued by the former Standing Interpretations Committee (SIC), the Philippine Interpretations Committee (PIC) and the International Financial Reporting Interpretations Committee (IFRIC), which have been approved by the Financial and Sustainability Reporting Standards Council (formerly known as the Financial Reporting Standards Council) and adopted by the SEC.

The Bank's financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of financial assets at FVOCI.

### 21.2 Changes in accounting policy and disclosures

*(a) Amendments to existing standards adopted by the Bank*

The Bank has adopted the following amendments to existing standards effective January 1, 2023:

- Amendments to PAS1, *'Presentation of Financial Statements'*, and PFRS Practice Statement 2

  The amendments require entities to disclose their material rather than their significant accounting policies. The amendments define what is 'material accounting policy information' (being information that, when considered together with other information included in an entity's financial statements, can reasonably be expected to influence decisions that the primary users of general purpose financial statements make on the basis of those financial statements) and explain how to identify when accounting policy information is material. They further clarify that immaterial accounting policy information does not need to be disclosed. If it is disclosed, it should not obscure material accounting information.

  To support these amendments, PFRS Practice Statement 2 Making Materiality Judgements was also amended to provide guidance on how to apply the concept of materiality to accounting policy disclosures.

  The adoption of these amendments resulted to changes in the accounting policies disclosure in Note 21 series.

*(b) New standards, interpretations and amendments not yet adopted by the Bank*

There are no other new standards, amendments to existing standards, or interpretations that are effective for annual periods after December 31, 2023 that are considered relevant or expected to have a material effect on the financial statement of the Bank.

## 21.3 Financial instruments

### *21.3.1 Financial assets*

21.3.1.1 Date of recognition

Regular way purchases and sales of financial assets are recognized on trade-date, the date on which the Bank commits to purchase or sell the asset.

21.3.1.2 Initial recognition and subsequent measurement

At initial recognition, the Bank measures a financial asset at its fair value plus directly attributable transaction costs, except in the case of financial assets recorded at fair value through profit or loss. Immediately after initial recognition, an expected credit loss allowance (ECL) is recognized for financial assets measured at amortized cost and investments in debt instruments measured at FVOCI, as described in Note 21.3.1.4 below, which results in the loss provision being recognized in profit or loss when an asset is newly originated.

When the fair value of financial assets differs from the transaction price on initial recognition, the Bank recognizes the difference as follows:

- When the fair value is evidenced by a quoted price in an active market for an identical asset or liability (i.e. a Level 1 input) or based on a valuation technique that uses only data from observable markets, the difference is recognized as a gain or loss.
- In all other cases, the difference is deferred and the timing of recognition of deferred day one profit or loss is determined individually. It is either amortized over the life of the instrument, deferred until the instrument's fair value can be determined using market observable inputs, or realized through settlement.

The Bank classifies its financial assets in the following measurement categories: at fair value through profit or loss (FVTPL), fair value through other comprehensive income (FVOCI) and at amortized cost.

As at December 31, 2023 and 2022, the Bank has no financial assets at FTVPL category.

(i) Debt instruments

Debt instruments consist of loans and receivables, due from BSP and other banks, government and corporate bonds and other financial receivables.

Classification and subsequent measurement of debt instruments depend on the Bank's business model for managing the asset and the cash flow characteristics of the asset.

(ii) Equity instruments

Equity instruments consist of investments in proprietary shares of a country club.

Based on these factors, the Bank classifies its financial assets into one of the following measurement categories:

1. Financial assets at amortized cost

The Bank measures financial assets at amortized cost if both of the following conditions are met:

- The contractual terms of the financial asset give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest ("SPPI") on the principal amount outstanding; and
- The financial asset is held within a business model with the objective to hold financial assets in order to collect contractual cash flows.

The details of these conditions are outlined below:

*Business model assessment:* The business model reflects how the Bank manages the assets in order to generate cash flows. That is, whether the Bank's objective is solely to collect the contractual cash flows from the assets or is to collect both the contractual cash flows and cash flows arising from the sale of assets. If neither of these is applicable, then the financial assets are classified and measured at fair value through profit or loss. Factors considered by the Bank in determining the business model for a group of assets include past experience on how the cash flows for these assets were collected, how the asset's performance is evaluated and reported to key management personnel, how risks are assessed and managed and how managers are compensated.

*SPPI test:* Where the business model is to hold assets to collect contractual cash flows or to collect contractual cash flows and sell, the Bank assesses whether the financial instruments' cash flows represent solely payments of principal and interest (the 'SPPI test'). In making this assessment, the Bank considers whether the contractual cash flows are consistent with a basic lending arrangement i.e. interest includes only consideration for the time value of money, credit risk, other basic lending risks and a profit margin that is consistent with a basic lending arrangement. Where the contractual terms introduce exposure to risk or volatility that are inconsistent with a basic lending arrangement, the related financial asset is classified and measured at fair value through profit or loss.

Assets that are held for collection of contractual cash flows where those cash flows represent solely payments of principal and interest ('SPPI'), and that are not designated at fair value through profit or loss, are measured at amortized cost. The carrying amount of these assets is adjusted by any expected credit loss allowance recognized and measured. Interest income from these financial assets is included in 'Interest income' using the effective interest rate method.

2. Fair value through other comprehensive income (FVOCI)

The Bank measures debt instruments at FVOCI when both of the following conditions are met:

- The instrument is held within a business model, the objective of which is achieved by both collecting contractual cash flows and selling financial assets; and
- The contractual terms of the financial assets meet the SPPI test.

Financial assets at FVOCI are subsequently measured at fair value with gains and losses arising due to changes in fair value recognized in other comprehensive income. Impairment gains or losses, interest revenue and foreign exchange gains and losses on the instrument's amortized cost are recognized in the statement of total comprehensive income. When the financial asset is derecognized, the cumulative gain or loss previously recognized in other comprehensive income is reclassified from equity to profit or loss. Interest income from these financial assets is included in 'Interest income' using the effective interest rate method.

Equity instruments are normally measured at FVTPL. However, for non-traded equity instruments, with an irrevocable option at inception, the Bank measure the changes through FVOCI (without recycling profit or loss upon derecognition).

21.3.1.3 Derecognition

(i) Derecognition due to substantial modification of terms and conditions

The Bank derecognizes a financial asset, such as a loan and receivables, when the terms and conditions have been renegotiated to the extent that, substantially, it becomes a new loan, with the difference between the carrying amounts after and prior to modification recognized as a gain or loss, to the extent that an impairment loss has not already been recorded.

The newly recognized loans are classified as Stage 1 for ECL measurement purposes, unless the new loan is deemed to be purchased or originated credit-impaired ("POCI").

If the modification does not result in cash flows that are substantially different, the modification does not result in derecognition. Based on the change in cash flows discounted at the original effective interest rate ("EIR"), the Bank records a modification gain or loss, to the extent that an impairment loss has not already been recorded. As at December 31, 2023 and 2022, no financial assets were derecognized due to substantial modification of terms and conditions.

(ii) Derecognition other than for substantial modification

A financial asset (or, where applicable, a part of a financial asset or part of a group of similar financial assets) is derecognized when:

- The rights to receive cash flows from the financial asset have expired; or
- The transfer of financial asset is as set out below and the transfer qualifies for derecognition.

The Bank has transferred the financial asset if, and only if, either:

- The Bank has transferred its contractual rights to receive cash flows from the financial asset; or
- It retains the rights to the cash flows, but has assumed an obligation to pay the received cash flows in full without material delay to a third party under a ‘pass-through’ arrangement.

Pass-through arrangements are transactions whereby the Bank retains the contractual rights to receive the cash flows of a financial asset (the 'original asset'), but assumes a contractual obligation to pay those cash flows to one or more entities (the 'eventual recipients'), when all of the following three conditions are met:

- The Bank has no obligation to pay amounts to the eventual recipients unless it has collected equivalent amounts from the original asset, excluding short-term advances with the right to full recovery of the amount lent plus accrued interest at market rates;
- The Bank cannot sell or pledge the original asset other than as security to the eventual recipients; and
- The Bank has to remit any cash flows it collects on behalf of the eventual recipients without material delay. In addition, the Bank is not entitled to reinvest such cash flows, except for investments in cash or cash equivalents including interest earned, during the period between the collection date and the date of required remittance to the eventual recipients.

A transfer only qualifies for derecognition if either the Bank has:

- Transferred substantially all the risks and rewards of the asset; or
- Neither transferred nor retained substantially all the risks and rewards of the asset, but has transferred control of the asset.

The Bank considers control to be transferred if and only if, the transferee has the practical ability to sell the asset in its entirety to an unrelated third party and is able to exercise that ability unilaterally and without imposing additional restrictions on the transfer.

When the Bank has neither transferred nor retained substantially all the risks and rewards and have retained control of the asset, the asset continues to be recognized only to the extent of the Bank's continuing involvement, in which case, the Bank also recognizes an associated liability. The transferred asset and the associated liability are measured on a basis that reflects the rights and obligations that the Bank has retained.

Continuing involvement that takes the form of a guarantee over the transferred asset is measured at the lower of the original carrying amount of the asset and the maximum amount of consideration the Bank could be required to pay.

If continuing involvement takes the form of a written or purchased option (or both) on the transferred asset, the continuing involvement is measured at the value the Bank would be required to pay upon repurchase. In the case of a written put option on an asset that is measured at fair value, the extent of the entity's continuing involvement is limited to the lower of the fair value of the transferred asset and the option exercise price.

21.3.1.4 Impairment of financial assets

The Bank assesses on a forward-looking basis the expected credit losses (‘ECL’) associated with its debt instrument assets carried at amortized cost and FVOCI and with the exposure arising from loan commitments. The Bank recognizes a loss allowance for such losses at each reporting date. The measurement of ECL reflects:

- An unbiased and probability-weighted amount that is determined by evaluating a range of possible outcomes;
- The time value of money; and
- Reasonable and supportable information that is available without undue cost or effort at the reporting date about past events, current conditions and forecasts of future economic conditions.

PFRS 9 outlines a ‘three-stage’ model for impairment based on changes in credit quality since initial recognition as summarized below:

- A financial instrument that is not credit-impaired on initial recognition is classified in “Stage 1” and has its credit risk continuously monitored by the Bank.
- If a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition is identified, the financial instrument is moved to “Stage 2” but is not yet deemed to be credit-impaired. The Bank determines SICR based on prescribed benchmarks approved by the Board of the Directors.
- If the financial instrument is credit-impaired, the financial instrument is then moved to “Stage 3”.
- Financial instruments in Stage 1 have their ECL measured at an amount equal to the portion of lifetime expected credit losses that results from default events possible within the next 12 months. Instruments in Stages 2 or 3 have their ECL measured based on expected credit losses on a lifetime basis.
- A pervasive concept in measuring ECL in accordance with PFRS 9 is that it should consider forward-looking information.
- Purchased or originated credit-impaired (POCI) financial assets are those financial assets that are credit impaired on initial recognition. Their ECL is always measured on a lifetime basis (Stage 3). There are no POCI as at December 31, 2023 and 2022.

The following diagram summarizes the impairment requirements under PFRS 9 (other than purchased originated credit-impaired financial assets):

Change in credit quality since initial recognition

| Stage 1 | Stage 2 | Stage 3 |
|---|---|---|
| (Initial recognition) | (Significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition) | (Credit-impaired assets) |
| 12-month expected credit losses | Lifetime expected credit losses | Lifetime expected credit losses |

The Bank uses the following key judgements and assumptions when estimating expected credit losses in accordance with PFRS 9:

(i) Determination of significant increase in credit risk (SICR)

The assessment of significant deterioration since initial recognition is key in establishing the point of switching between the requirement to measure an allowance based on 12-month ECL and one that is based on lifetime ECL. The quantitative and qualitative assessments are required to estimate the significant increase in credit risk by comparing the risk of a default occurring on the financial assets as at reporting date with the risk of default occurring on the financial assets as at the date of initial recognition.

(ii) Measuring ECL – Inputs, assumptions and estimation techniques

The ECL is measured on either a 12-month or lifetime basis depending on whether a significant increase in credit risk has occurred since initial recognition or whether an asset is considered to be credit-impaired. Expected credit losses are the discounted product of the probability of default (PD), exposure at default (EAD) and loss given default (LGD), defined as follows:

- The PD represents the likelihood that the borrower will default (as per “Definition of default and credit-impaired” above), either over the next 12 months (12M PD), or over the remaining life (lifetime PD) of the asset. The estimation of PD for consumer loans is based on the Bank’s aging reports with the incorporation of forward-looking economic information. While for corporate loans and investment in debt securities, PD is calculated based on default rate tables published by external credit rating agencies, incorporating forward-looking information.

- EAD is based on the amounts the Bank expects to be owed at the time of default, over the next 12 months (12M EAD) or over the remaining life (lifetime EAD). The 12-month and lifetime EADs are determined based on the contractual repayments owed by the borrower over a 12-month or lifetime basis.

- LGD represents the Bank’s expectation of the extent of loss on a defaulted exposure. They are grouped according to type (corporate or consumer). For consumer loans, the LGD is calculated based on the historical recovery experience. For corporate loans and investments in debt instruments, the LGD is calculated based on the collateral and liquidity preference of the debt instrument, incorporating the average recovery rate disclosed by external credit rating agencies.

The ECL is determined by multiplying the PD, LGD and EAD together for each individual exposure or collective segment. This effectively calculates an ECL for each future year, which is then discounted back to the reporting date and summed. The discount rate used in the ECL calculation is the original effective interest rate or an approximation thereof.

There have been no significant changes in estimation techniques or significant assumptions made during the reporting period.

(iii) Expected life

Lifetime expected credit losses must be measured over the expected life. This is restricted to the maximum contractual life and takes into account expected prepayments, extensions, calls and similar options.

(iv) Investment securities at FVOCI

The ECLs for financial investments measured at FVOCI do not reduce the carrying amount of these financial assets in the statement of financial position, which remains at fair value. Instead, an amount equal to the allowance that would arise if the assets were measured at amortized cost is recognized in OCI as an accumulated impairment amount, with a corresponding charge to profit or loss. The accumulated loss recognized in OCI is recycled to the profit and loss upon derecognition of the assets.

(v) Forward-looking information incorporated in the ECL models

The Bank incorporates historical and current information, and forecasts forward-looking events and key economic variables that are assessed to impact credit risk and expected credit losses for each portfolio. Macroeconomic variables that affect a specific portfolio's non-performing loan rate(s) are determined through statistical modelling and the application of expert judgment. The probability-weighted ECL is calculated by running each scenario through the relevant ECL models and multiplying it by the appropriate scenario weighting.

The estimation and application of forward-looking information requires significant judgment. As with any economic forecasts, the projections and likelihood of occurrences are subject to a high degree of inherent uncertainty and therefore the actual outcomes may be significantly different to those projected. The scenarios and their attributes are reassessed at each reporting date. Information regarding the forward-looking economic variables and the relevant sensitivity analysis is disclosed in Note 20.3.

(vi) Valuation of collateral held as security for financial assets

The Bank's accounting policy for collateral assigned to it through its lending arrangements under PFRS 9.

21.3.1.5 Reclassification of financial assets

The Bank reclassifies debt investments when and only when its business model for managing those assets changes. The reclassification takes place from the start of the first reporting period following the change. Such changes are expected to be very infrequent and none occurred during the period.

*21.3.2 Financial liabilities*

21.3.2.1 Date of recognition

All financial liabilities are initially recognized on trade date (i.e. the date that the Bank becomes a party to the contractual provision of the instruments).

The Bank classifies its financial liabilities at amortized cost. As at December 31, 2023 and 2022, the Bank has no financial liabilities that are designated at fair value through profit loss.

1. <u>Other liabilities measured at amortized cost</u>

Financial liabilities measured at amortized cost include deposit liabilities, accrued interest and other expenses, interbank loan payable, and other liabilities, primarily accounts payable.

21.3.2.2 Initial recognition and subsequent measurement

Financial liabilities at amortized cost are initially recognized at fair value plus transaction costs.

Financial liabilities are subsequently measured at amortized cost using the effective interest method.

21.3.2.3 Derecognition

Collateral (shares and bonds) furnished by the Bank under standard repurchase agreements and securities lending and borrowing transactions is not derecognized because the Bank retains substantially all the risks and rewards on the basis of the predetermined repurchase price, and the criteria for derecognition are therefore not met.

### 21.4 Fair value measurement

The fair value of financial and non-financial liabilities takes into account non-performance risk, which is the risk that the entity will not fulfill an obligation.

*Financial instruments*

The appropriate level is determined on the basis of the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement.

- For financial instruments traded in active markets, the determination of fair values of financial assets and financial liabilities is based on quoted market prices or dealer price quotations. This includes listed equity securities and quoted debt instruments on major exchanges and broker quotes mainly from PDEX and Bloomberg.

- A financial instrument is regarded as quoted in an active market if quoted prices are readily and regularly available from an exchange, dealer, broker, industry group, pricing service or regulatory agency, and those prices represent actual and regularly occurring market transactions on an arm's length basis. If the above criteria are not met, the market is regarded as being inactive. Indications that a market is inactive are when there is a wide bid-offer spread or significant increase in the bid-offer spread or there are few recent transactions.

- For all other financial instruments, fair value is determined using valuation techniques. In these techniques, fair values are estimated from observable data in respect of similar financial instruments, using models to estimate the present value of expected future cash flows or other valuation techniques, using inputs (for example, LIBOR yield curve, FX rates, volatilities and counterparty spreads) existing at reporting dates. The Bank uses widely recognized valuation models for determining fair values of non-standardized financial instruments of lower complexity. For these financial instruments, inputs into models are generally market observable.

The fair value for loans and receivables as well as liabilities to customers are determined using a present value model on the basis of contractually agreed cash flows, taking into account credit quality, liquidity and costs.

*Non-financial assets or liabilities*

The Bank uses valuation techniques that are appropriate in the circumstances and applies the technique consistently. Commonly used valuation techniques are as follows:

- Market approach - A valuation technique that uses observable inputs, such as prices, broker quotes and other relevant information generated by market transactions involving identical or comparable assets or group of assets.
- Income approach - A valuation technique that converts future amounts (e.g., cash flows or income and expenses) to a single current (i.e., discounted) amount. The fair value measurement is determined on the basis of the value indicated by current market expectations about those future amounts.
- Cost approach - A valuation technique that reflects the amount that would be required currently to replace the service capacity of an asset (often referred to as current replacement cost).

The fair values are determined in reference to observable market inputs reflecting orderly transactions, i.e. market listings, published broker quotes and transacted deals from similar and comparable assets, adjusted to determine the point within the range that is most representative of the fair value under current market conditions.

### 21.5 Bank premises, furniture, fixtures and equipment

Bank premises, furniture, fixtures and equipment are stated at historical cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment loss, if any. Expenses that provide incremental future economic benefits to the Bank are added to the carrying amount of an item of bank premises, furniture, fixtures and equipment.

Depreciation of bank premises, furniture, fixtures and equipment commences once the property and equipment are available for use and computed using the straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of property and equipment as follows:

| | Number of years |
|---|---|
| Bank premises | 25-50 |
| Furniture, fixtures and equipment | 3-5 |
| Transportation and equipment | 5 |
| Leasehold improvement | 5 or lease term; whichever is shorter |

The useful lives and depreciation method are reviewed at each reporting date to ensure that the period and method of depreciation are consistent with the expected pattern of economic benefits from items of bank premises, furniture, fixtures and equipment.

When bank premises, furniture, fixtures and equipment are retired or otherwise disposed of, the cost of the related accumulated depreciation and accumulated provision for impairment losses, if any, are removed from the accounts and any resulting gain or loss is credited to or charged against current operations. Fully depreciated bank premises, furniture, fixtures and equipment are retained in the accounts until they are no longer in use and no further depreciation and amortization is charged against current operations.

### 21.6 Computer software

Computer software is carried at cost less any accumulated amortization and any accumulated impairment losses. Computer software is amortized over the useful or economic life, and assessed for impairment whenever there is an indication that the intangible asset may be impaired. The amortization period and method is reviewed at least at each reporting date. Changes in the expected useful life or the expected pattern of consumption of future economic benefits embodied in the asset is accounted for by changing the amortization period or method, as appropriate, and treated as changes in accounting estimates.

Acquired computer software licenses are capitalized on the basis of the costs incurred to acquire and install the specific software. These costs are amortized on the basis of the expected useful lives of five (5) years. Costs associated with maintaining computer software are expensed as incurred. The assets are derecognized when there is no future economic benefit associated with its continuing use.

### 21.7 Impairment of non-financial assets

At each reporting date, the Bank reviews the carrying amounts of bank premises, furniture, fixtures and equipment and intangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any). When the asset does not generate cash flows that are independent from other assets, the Bank estimates the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs.

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 pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset for which the estimates of future cash flows have not been adjusted. If the recoverable amount of an asset is estimated to be less than its carrying amount, the carrying amount of the asset is reduced to its recoverable amount. An impairment loss is recognized as an expense immediately.

When an impairment loss subsequently reverses, the carrying amount of the asset is increased to the revised estimate of its recoverable amount, so that the increased carrying amount does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined had no impairment loss been recognized for the asset in prior years. A reversal of an impairment loss is recognized as income.

### 21.8 Leases

*The Bank is the lessee*

(a) Measurement of lease liabilities

Lease payments to be made under reasonably certain extension options are also included in the measurement of the liability.

The lease payments are discounted using the interest rate implicit in the lease. If that rate cannot be readily determined, which is generally the case for the Bank's leases, the lessee's incremental borrowing rate is used, being the rate that the individual lessee would have to pay to borrow the funds necessary to obtain an asset of similar value to the right-of-use asset in a similar economic environment with similar terms, security and conditions.

To determine the incremental borrowing rate, the Bank:

- where possible, uses recent third-party financing received by the individual lessee as a starting point, adjusted to reflect changes in financing conditions since third party financing was received,
- uses a build-up approach that starts with a risk-free interest rate adjusted for credit risk for leases held for entities which do not have recent third party financing, and
- makes adjustments specific to the lease (i.e. term, currency and security).

(b) Measurement of right-of-use assets

Right-of-use assets are generally depreciated over the shorter of the asset's useful life and the lease term on a straight-line basis. If the Bank is reasonably certain to exercise a purchase option, the right-of-use asset is depreciated over the underlying asset's useful life.

(c) Extension and termination options

In determining the lease term, management considers all facts and circumstances that create an economic incentive to exercise an extension option, or not exercise a termination option. Extension options (or periods after termination options) are only included in the lease term if the lease is reasonably certain to be extended (or not terminated). The lease term is reassessed if an option is actually exercised (or not exercised) or the Bank becomes obliged to exercise (or not exercise) it. The assessment of reasonable certainty is revised only if a significant event or a significant change in circumstances occurs, which affects this assessment, and that is within the control of the lessee.

### 21.9 Income taxes

The tax expense for the period comprises current and deferred tax.

The current income tax charge is calculated on the basis of the tax laws enacted or substantively enacted at reporting date. Management periodically evaluates positions taken in tax returns with respect to situations in which applicable tax regulation is subject to interpretation. It establishes provisions where appropriate on the basis of amounts expected to be paid to the tax authorities.

Deferred tax liabilities are not recognized if they arise from the initial recognition of goodwill; deferred income tax is not accounted for if it arises from initial recognition of an asset or liability in a transaction other than a business combination that at the time of the transaction affects neither accounting nor taxable income.

At each reporting date the Bank reassess the need to recognize previously unrecognized deferred income tax asset.

Deferred income tax assets are recognized for all deductible temporary differences, carryforward benefits of unused tax credits from excess of minimum corporate income tax (MCIT) over regular corporate income tax (RCIT) and unused net operating loss carryover (NOLCO), to the extent that it is probable that sufficient future taxable profits will be available against which the deductible temporary differences, carryforward benefits of unused tax credits from excess of MCIT over RCIT and unused NOLCO can be utilized. Deferred income tax liabilities are recognized for all taxable temporary differences.

**21.10 Retirement benefit obligation**

The Bank provides defined benefit retirement plan for all regular and qualified employees. The retirement plan is generally funded through payments to a trustee bank determined by periodic actuarial calculations.

The retirement benefit that an employee will receive on retirement under a defined benefit plan is dependent on several factors such as age, years of service and compensation. The Bank's defined benefit retirement plan provides a retirement benefit equivalent to one hundred percent (100%) of plan salary for every year credited service for qualified employees.

The liability in respect of defined benefit retirement plans is the present value of the defined benefit obligation less the fair value of plan assets at the end of the reporting period. The defined benefit obligation is calculated annually by independent actuaries using the projected unit credit method. The present value of the defined benefit obligation is determined by discounting the estimated future cash outflows using interest rates of government bonds that are denominated in the currency in which the benefits will be paid, and that have terms to maturity approximating to the terms of the related retirement obligation.

Net interest on the net defined benefit liability or asset is the change during the period in the net defined benefit liability or asset that arises from the passage of time which is determined by applying the discount rate based on government bonds to the net defined benefit liability or asset. Net interest on the net defined benefit liability or asset is recognized as expense or income in profit or loss.

Remeasurement comprising actuarial gains and losses, return on plan asset and any change in the effect of the asset ceiling (excluding net interest on defined benefit liability) is recognized immediately in other comprehensive income in the period in which they arise. Remeasurement is not reclassified to profit or loss in subsequent periods. Remeasurement recognized in other comprehensive income account "Remeasurement gains (losses) on retirement plan" is not reclassified to another equity account in subsequent periods. The difference between the interest income component of net interest and the actual return on plan asset is recognized in other comprehensive income.

Past-service costs are recognized immediately in the statement of comprehensive income.

**21.11 Interest income and expense**

Interest income is calculated by applying the effective interest rate to the gross carrying amount of financial assets, except for:

- POCI financial assets, for which the original credit-adjusted effective interest rate is applied to the amortized cost of the financial asset.
- Financial assets that are not 'POCI' but have subsequently become credit-impaired (or 'Stage 3'), for which interest revenue is calculated by applying the effective interest rate to their amortized cost (i.e. net of the expected credit loss provision).

The effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash payments or receipts through the expected life of the financial asset or financial liability to the gross carrying amount of a financial asset (i.e. its amortized cost before any impairment allowance) or to the amortized cost of a financial liability. The calculation does not consider expected credit losses and includes transaction costs, premiums or discounts and fees and points paid or received that are integral to the effective interest rate, such as origination fees. For purchased or originated credit-impaired ('POCI') financial assets – assets that are credit-impaired at initial recognition – the Bank calculates the credit-adjusted effective interest rate, which is calculated based on the amortized cost of the financial asset instead of its gross carrying amount and incorporates the impact of expected credit losses in estimated future cash flows.

When the Bank revises the estimates of future cash flows, the carrying amount of the respective financial assets or financial liability is adjusted to reflect the new estimate discounted using the original effective interest rate. Any changes are recognized in profit or loss.

### 21.12 Service charges and fees

Service charges and fees are recognized when (or as) the Bank satisfies a performance obligation by transferring a promised good or service to a customer (i.e. an asset). An asset is transferred when (or as) the customer obtains control of that asset.

The recognition of revenue can be either over time or at a point in time depending on when the performance obligation is satisfied.

When control of a good or service is transferred over time, that is, when the customer simultaneously receives and consumes the benefits, the Bank satisfies the performance obligation and recognizes revenue over time. Otherwise, revenue is recognized at the point in time at the point of transfer control of the good or service to the customer.

### 21.13 Expense recognition

Expenses in the statement of total comprehensive income are presented using the functional method.

## 22 Supplemental information required under BSP Circular No. 1074

Presented below are the additional information required by BSP Circular No. 1074 issued on January 8, 2020. This information is presented for BSP reporting purposes and is not required in the basic financial statements.

### 22.1 Basic quantitative indicators of financial performance

The key financial performance indicators follow (in %):

| | 2023 | 2022 |
|---|---|---|
| Return on average equity | | |
| - Simple average[1] | (2.60%) | (1.68%) |
| Return on average assets | | |
| - Simple average2 | (2.05%) | (1.23%) |
| Net interest margin | | |
| - Simple average3 | 4.60% | 3.55% |

*[1]Net income divided by average total equity for the period indicated. Average total equity is based on the year-on-year balance of equity for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022.*
*[2]Net income divided by average total assets as at period indicated. Average total assets is based on the year-on-year balance of total assets as at December 31, 2023 and 2022.*
*[3]Net interest income divided by average interest-earning assets. Average interest earning assets is based on the year-on-year balance of interest earning assets as at December 31, 2023 and 2022.*

### 22.2 Description of capital instrument issued

The Bank considers its common shares as capital instrument for purposes of calculating its capital adequacy ratio as at December 31, 2023 and 2022.

### 22.3 Significant credit exposures

Details of the loans and advances portfolio as to concentration as to industry/economic sector (in %) at December 31 are as follows:

| | 2023 | 2022 |
|---|---|---|
| Community, social and personal activities | 1,917,905 | 1,403,343 |
| Service activities | 1,572,870 | 1,572,870 |
| Agriculture, forestry and fishing | 50,000,000 | 30,363,138 |
| Wholesale and retail, trade, repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles | 27,690,628 | 29,621,556 |
| Real estate, renting and business activities | 47,711,031 | 24,425,400 |
| Financial institution | 727,500,000 | 200,000,000 |
| | 856,392,434 | 287,386,307 |

### 22.4 Breakdown of total loans

Details of the loans and advances portfolio at December 31 as to collateral (amounts net of unearned discounts and exclusive of accrued interest receivable) are as follows:

| | 2023 | 2022 |
|---|---|---|
| Secured by: | | |
| Real estate | 59,834,659 | 50,090,537 |
| | 59,834,659 | 50,090,537 |
| Unsecured | 796,557,775 | 237,295,770 |
| | 856,392,434 | 287,386,307 |

Details of the loans and advances portfolio at December 31 as to status (amounts net of unearned discounts and exclusive of accrued interest receivable) are as follows:

| | 2023 | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | Performing | Non-Performing | Total |
| Corporate | 777,421,708 | 32,108,431 | 809,530,139 |
| Individual | 1,815,503 | 1 | 1,815,504 |
| Housing | 43,128,887 | - | 43,128,887 |
| Auto Loan | - | 6 | 6 |
| Salary | 1,472,396 | 445,502 | 1,917,898 |
| | 823,838,494 | 32,553,940 | 856,392,434 |

| | 2022 | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | Performing | Non-Performing | Total |
| Corporate | 234,650,476 | 32,471,568 | 267,122,044 |
| Individual | - | 4 | 4 |
| Housing | 18,860,920 | - | 18,860,920 |
| Auto Loan | - | 3 | 3 |
| Salary | 637,972 | 765,364 | 1,403,336 |
| | 254,149,368 | 33,236,939 | 287,386,307 |

Breakdown of performing and non-performing loans, net of allowance for credit losses, are as follows:

| | 2023 | 2022 |
|---|---|---|
| Non-performing accounts (NPL) | 32,553,940 | 33,236,939 |
| Allowance attributable to NPL | (32,553,940) | (33,236,939) |
| Net NPL | - | - |

BSP Circular 941, *Amendments to Regulations on Past Due and Non-Performing Loans,* states that loans, investments, receivables, or any financial asset shall be considered non-performing, even without any missed contractual payments, when it is considered impaired under existing accounting standards, classified as doubtful or loss, in litigation, and if there is an evidence that full repayment of principal and interest is unlikely without foreclosure of collateral. All other loans, even if not considered impaired, shall be considered non-performing if any principal and/or interest are unpaid for more than ninety (90) days from contractual due date, or accrued interests for more than ninety (90) days have been capitalized, refinanced, or delayed by agreement.

Microfinance and other small loans with similar credit characteristics shall be considered non-performing after contractual due date or after they have become past due.

Restructured loans shall be considered non-performing. However, if prior to restructuring, the loans were categorized as performing, such classification shall be retained.

### 22.5 Information on related party loans

Details of DOSRI loans are as follows:

| | 2023 | 2022 |
|---|---|---|
| Outstanding DOSRI loans | 1,051,389 | 9,375 |
| % to total outstanding loans and advances | 0.12% | 0.00% |
| % to total outstanding DOSRI loans | | |
| Unsecured DOSRI loans | 100% | 100% |
| Past due DOSRI loans | - | - |
| Non-performing DOSRI loans | - | - |

The Bank is in full compliance with the General Banking Act and the BSP regulations on DOSRI loans as at December 31, 2023 and 2022.

### 22.6 Secured liabilities and assets pledged as security

As at December 31, 2023, a government security is used as security for interbank loan payable (Note 4). As at December 31, 2022, there are no loans and advances used as security for bills payable.

### 22.7 Contingencies and commitments arising from off-balance sheet items

There are P50 million and nil credit exposure relating to off-balance sheet item as at December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

## 23 Supplementary information required by the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR)

Below is the additional information required by Revenue Regulation (RR) No. 15-2010 that is relevant to the Bank. This information is presented for purposes of filing with the BIR and is not a required part of the basic financial statements.

### 23.1 Documentary stamp taxes

Documentary stamp taxes paid for the year ended December 31, 2023 amount to P7,800,000.

### 23.2 Withholding taxes

Withholding taxes paid and accrued for the year ended December 31, 2023 consist of:

| | Paid | Accrued | Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| Income taxes withheld on compensation | 5,273,176 | 439,013 | 5,712,189 |
| Final income taxes withheld on interest on deposits and yield on deposit substitutes | 1,711,196 | 114,192 | 1,825,388 |
| Creditable income taxes withheld (expanded) | 1,102,706 | 88,302 | 1,191,008 |
| Fringe benefit tax | 1,499,955 | 352,888 | 1,852,843 |
| | 9,587,033 | 994,395 | 10,581,428 |

### 23.3 All other local and national taxes

Local and national taxes paid and accrued for the year ended December 31, 2023 consist of:

| | Paid | Accrued | Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| Gross receipts tax | 4,416,892 | 1,487,052 | 5,903,944 |
| Real property tax | 298,437 | - | 298,437 |
| Municipal taxes | 575,121 | - | 575,121 |
| Deficiency taxes | 5,612,182 | - | 5,612,182 |
| Others | 798,415 | - | 798,415 |
| | 11,701,047 | 1,487,052 | 13,188,099 |

### 23.4 Tax cases and assessments

The Bank received a formal assessment notice dated October 18, 2017 covering deficiency income tax for the taxable year 2014. The Bank requested for reinvestigation on a letter dated November 16, 2017, which was granted by the BIR in December 2017. The Bank received final decision on disputed assessment dated March 28, 2023. The Bank has settled the deficiency taxes, including statutory increments amounting to P5,612,182 on March 31, 2023.

On November 30, 2023, the Bank received a Letter of Authority (LOA) from the BIR to examine the books and other accounting records for all internal revenue taxes, including documentary stamp taxes and other/miscellaneous taxes, for the period from January 1 to December 31, 2022. As at December 31, 2023, the Bank has not received any final assessment.