

**“FINCA AZERBAIJAN”
LIMITED LIABILITY NON-BANKING
CREDIT ORGANIZATION**

**International Financial Reporting Standards
Financial Statements and
Independent Auditors’ Report
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023**

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Founder and the Management Board of "FINCA Azerbaijan" Limited Liability Non-Banking Credit Organization (the "Company"):

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of "FINCA Azerbaijan" Limited Liability Non-Banking Credit Organization (the "Company"), which comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2023, statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of material accounting policies.

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

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISAs). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the Company in accordance with the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (IESBA Code), and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and the IESBA Code. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Key Audit Matters

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgment, were of most significance in our audit of the financial statements of the current period. These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of the financial statements as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters.

Key Audit Matter

How our audit addressed the key audit matter?

Allowance for expected credit losses on loans to customers

Loans to customers represent over 91% of total assets as at December 31, 2023 and are stated net of allowance for expected credit losses (“ECL”) that are estimated on a regular basis and are sensitive to the assumptions used.

The estimation of expected credit losses requires management to apply significant judgments and estimation techniques to determine the probability of default (PD), projected exposure at default (EAD) and loss arising at default (LGD), considering observed historical data, current economic situation and available forward-looking information.

Credit loss allowance for loans to customers is a key audit matter due to the significance of the balances to the Company’s financial position, and the complexity and judgement related to the estimation of ECL under IFRS 9 “Financial Instruments”.

We engaged our own specialists in financial risk management to analyze the key aspects of the Company’s methodology and policies related to ECL estimate for compliance with the requirements of IFRS 9 “Financial Instruments”.

To analyze the adequacy of professional judgement and assumptions made by management in relation to allowance for ECL estimate we performed the following procedures:

For loans to customers, we tested the correctness of data inputs for PD, LGD and EAD calculation, timely reflection of delinquency events and loan repayments in the underlying systems and allocation of loans into the appropriate Stages. We agreed to input data into supporting documents on a sample basis.

We also assessed whether the disclosures of the financial statements appropriately reflect the Company’s exposure to credit risk.

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 IFRS, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Company’s financial reporting process.

Auditors’ 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 auditors’ report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

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

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the 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 Company'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 Company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditors' report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditors' report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Company 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.

From the matters communicated with those charged with governance, we determine those matters that were of the most significance in the audit of the financial statements of the current period and are therefore the key audit matters. We describe these matters in our auditors' report unless law or regulation precludes public disclosure about the matter or when, in extremely rare circumstances, we determine that a matter should not be communicated in our report because the adverse consequences of doing so would reasonably be expected to outweigh the public interest benefits of such communication.

Baker Tilly Azerbaijan

April 29, 2024

Baku, the Republic of Azerbaijan

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2023

(In thousands of US Dollars, unless otherwise indicated)

	Notes	December 31, 2023	December 31, 2022
ASSETS:			
Cash and cash equivalents	6	1,603	1,485
Loans to customers, net	7	33,259	26,397
Property, equipment and intangible assets	8	359	336
Right-of-use assets	9	528	809
Deferred income tax assets	17	271	167
Other assets	10	428	281
Total assets		36,448	29,475
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY			
LIABILITIES:			
Borrowed funds	11, 18	18,454	13,123
Debt securities issued	12	5,294	5,265
Lease liabilities	13	540	765
Other liabilities	14, 18	1,651	766
Total liabilities		25,939	19,919
EQUITY:			
Share capital		4,205	4,205
Retained earnings		27,857	26,904
Cumulative translation reserves		(21,553)	(21,553)
Total equity		10,509	9,556
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		36,448	29,475

On behalf of the Management Board:

Timothy Tarran
Chief Executive Officer

April 29, 2024
Baku, the Republic of Azerbaijan



Rugiyya Ahiyeva
Chief Financial Officer

April 29, 2024
Baku, the Republic of Azerbaijan

The notes on pages 8-63 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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**STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

(In thousands of US Dollars, unless otherwise indicated)

	Notes	Year ended December 31, 2023	Year ended December 31, 2022
Interest income	15	10,419	6,973
Interest expense	15, 18	(2,412)	(1,493)
Net interest income before recovery of expected credit losses		8,007	5,480
Recovery of expected credit losses	7	1,555	2,110
Net interest income		9,562	7,590
Administrative and operating expenses	16, 18	(6,667)	(5,231)
Net results from foreign currency derivatives	14	(249)	(161)
Loss from change in fair value of repossessed collaterals	10	(47)	(19)
Other income/(expense), net		55	(120)
Net non-interest loss		(6,908)	(5,531)
Profit before income tax		2,654	2,059
Income tax expense	17	(356)	(138)
Net profit for the year		2,298	1,921
Total comprehensive income for the year		2,298	1,921

On behalf of the Management Board

Timothy Tarrant
Chief Executive Officer

April 29, 2024
Baku, the Republic of Azerbaijan



Rugiyya Aliyeva
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

(In thousands of US Dollars, unless otherwise indicated)

	Share capital	Retained earnings	Cumulative translation reserve	Total equity
January 1, 2022	<u>4,205</u>	<u>26,433</u>	<u>(21,553)</u>	<u>9,085</u>
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	1,921	-	1,921
Dividends declared	-	<u>(1,450)</u>	-	<u>(1,450)</u>
December 31, 2022	<u>4,205</u>	<u>26,904</u>	<u>(21,553)</u>	<u>9,556</u>
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	2,298	-	2,298
Dividends declared	-	<u>(1,345)</u>	-	<u>(1,345)</u>
December 31, 2023	<u>4,205</u>	<u>27,857</u>	<u>(21,553)</u>	<u>10,509</u>

On behalf of the Management Board

Timothy Tarram
Chief Executive Officer

April 29, 2024
Baku, the Republic of Azerbaijan



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**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

(In thousands of US Dollars, unless otherwise indicated)

	Notes	Year ended December 31, 2023	Year ended December 31, 2022
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Profit before income tax		2,654	2,059
Adjustments for non-cash items:			
Recovery of expected credit losses	7	(1,555)	(2,110)
Depreciation and amortization	8, 9, 16	551	535
Net change in accrued interest		169	218
Unrecognized loss from foreign currency derivatives	14	171	126
Loss from change in fair value of repossessed collaterals		47	19
		<u>2,037</u>	<u>847</u>
Cash inflow from operating activities before changes in operating assets and liabilities			
Changes in operating assets and liabilities			
Loans to customers, net		(5,011)	(7,008)
Other assets		(195)	90
Other liabilities		256	(294)
		<u>(2,913)</u>	<u>(6,365)</u>
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Payment for property and equipment and intangible assets		(195)	(203)
		<u>(195)</u>	<u>(203)</u>
Cash flows from financing activities:			
Proceeds from borrowed funds	11	9,983	5,754
Repayment of borrowed funds	11	(4,696)	(1,757)
Transaction cost paid on borrowed funds	11	(337)	(41)
Proceeds from debt security issued	12	1,765	3,529
Repayment of debt securities	12	(1,765)	-
Transaction cost paid on debt securities issued	12	(55)	(17)
Repayment of principal portion on lease liabilities	13	(324)	(365)
Dividends paid		(1,345)	(1,450)
		<u>3,226</u>	<u>5,653</u>
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		118	(915)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, <i>beginning of the year</i>	6	1,485	2,400
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, <i>end of the year</i>	6	<u>1,603</u>	<u>1,485</u>

On behalf of the Management Board:


Timothy Tarrant
Chief Executive Officer

April 29, 2024
Baku, the Republic of Azerbaijan




Ruyiyya Aliyeva
Chief Financial Officer

April 29, 2024
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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

(In thousands of US dollars, unless otherwise indicated)

1. INTRODUCTION

Company and its principal activity

“FINCA Azerbaijan” Limited Liability Non-Banking Credit Organization (the “Company”) was incorporated in the Republic of Azerbaijan in 1998. Until November 19, 1999, it was registered as a representative office of FINCA International Inc. in Azerbaijan. On November 19, 1999, the Company was registered with the Azerbaijan Ministry of Justice and obtained the status of a legal entity. The Company was reregistered to comply with the regulations of the Central Bank of the Republic of Azerbaijan, in accordance with which only legal entities can perform lending activities on the territory of Azerbaijan. The new entity obtained a license for lending activities from the Central Bank of Azerbaijan on February 29, 2000. The address of the Company’s registered office is 44 Jafar Jabbarly Street, Baku AZ1065, Azerbaijan.

The Company’s objective is to provide financial services including loans to representatives of micro, small and medium-sized businesses in the Republic of Azerbaijan and to individuals and groups of individuals engaged in sales and small-scale productive micro-enterprises.

As at December 31, 2023 and 2022, the Company had 25 branches operating in the Republic of Azerbaijan. The Company had an average of 311 employees as at December 31, 2023 (December 31, 2022: 248 employees).

The Company is a subsidiary of FINCA Microfinance Coöperatief U.A., which has a registered office in the Netherlands. The ultimate controlling party of the Company is FINCA International Inc., a not-for-profit corporation, incorporated in New York, United States of America. In October 2010, FINCA International Inc. formed FINCA Microfinance Holding Company LLC (“FMH”) to become a 100% owned holding company.

As at December 31, 2023 and 2022, the following shareholders owned the Company:

	December 31, 2023, %	December 31, 2022, %
Shareholder of the Company (Shareholder of the first level)		
FINCA Microfinance Cooperatief U.A.	100.00	100.00
Total	100.00	100.00

	December 31, 2023, %	December 31, 2022, %
Ultimate shareholders of the Company		
FINCA International, Inc.	62.64	62.64
International Finance Corporation	14.38	14.38
Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau	8.94	8.94
FMO (Nederlandse Financierings Maatschappij voor Ontwikkelingslanden	7.31	7.31
Credit Suisse Microfinance Fund Management Company, acting for	2.98	2.98
Triodos Investment Management, representing:		
(i) Triodos Custody B.V. in its capacity as custodian of Triodos Fair		
Share Fund; and		
(ii) Triodos SICAV II – Triodos Microfinance Fund	2.07	2.07
Triple Jump, acting for ASN-NOVIB FONDS	1.68	1.68
Total	100.00	100.00

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Operating environment of the Company

The Company's operations are conducted in the Republic of Azerbaijan. The Company is exposed to the economic and financial markets of Azerbaijan which display characteristics of an emerging market. The legal, tax and regulatory frameworks continue development, but are subject to varying interpretations and frequent changes which together with other legal and fiscal impediments contribute to the challenges faced by entities operating in Azerbaijan.

The depreciation of Azerbaijani Manat in 2015-2016 years has led to significant uncertainties in the business environment, therefore government took all required actions to keep the exchange rate stable over the past 7 years. As a result, continuous fluctuation in global oil prices did not affect the local currency and therefore did not increase the uncertainty in the business environment.

Inflation rate increased from 6.7% in December 2021 to 13.9% in December 2022.

The economy of Azerbaijan expanded 1.1 percent year-on-year in January-December period 2023, slowing from a 4.6 % growth in the same period last year. The non-oil & gas sector increased by 3.7 %, while the oil & gas sector contracted 1.7 %. From the production side, the strongest contributions came from industry (40.5 %) and retail trade (10 %). Additional support was seen in transportation & storage (6.2%) and construction (6.2 %).

The sustainability of the cease-fire arrangement over the Karabakh region also improves the business environment as there are number of government-led projects to attract investment and develop the territories released from occupation.

The GDP reached AZN 123 billion (USD 72.4 billion) in 2023 with 1.1% growth compared to 2022. During the eleven months of 2023 foreign trade turnover of the Republic of Azerbaijan reached about USD 41.2 billion of which export amounted to USD 25.4 billion and import amounted USD 15.8 billion according to the statistics of the State Customs Committee. The inflation rate decreased from 13.9% in December 2022 to 8.8% in December 2023.

By the end of December 2023 number of active plastic cards increased to a historic high of 16,925 thousand compared to 13,257 thousand in 2022.

International credit rating agencies regularly evaluate the credit rating of the Republic of Azerbaijan. “Fitch” and “S&P” evaluated the rating of the Republic of Azerbaijan as “BB+”. “Moody’s Investors Service” set a “Ba1” credit rating for the country.

The future economic growth of the Republic of Azerbaijan is largely dependent upon the effectiveness of economic, financial and monetary measures undertaken by the Government, together with tax, legal, regulatory and political developments. The Management is unable to predict, all developments in the economic environment which would have an impact on the Company's operations and consequently what effect, if any, they could have on the financial position of the Company.

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2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Statement of compliance

These financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2023 have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (“IFRS”) issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (“IASB”) and Interpretations issued by the International Financial Reporting Interpretations Committee (“IFRIC”).

Going concern

These financial statements have been prepared on the assumption that the Company is a going concern and will continue in operation for the foreseeable future.

Management views the Company as continuing in business for the foreseeable future with neither the intention nor the necessity of liquidation, ceasing trading or seeking protection from creditors pursuant to laws or regulations of the Republic of Azerbaijan. Accordingly, assets and liabilities are recorded on the basis that the Company will be able to realize its assets and discharge its liabilities in the normal course of business. Some financial reporting frameworks contain an explicit requirement for management to make a specific assessment of the Company’s ability to continue as a going concern, and standards regarding matters to be considered and disclosures to be made in connection with going concern.

Management’s assessment of the going concern assumption involves making a judgment, at a particular point in time, about the future outcome of events or conditions which are inherently uncertain.

Other basis of presentation criteria

These financial statements are presented in thousands of US dollars (“USD”), unless otherwise indicated. These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, except measurement at fair value of certain financial instruments.

The Company maintains its accounting records in accordance with the laws of the Republic of Azerbaijan. These financial statements have been prepared from the statutory accounting records and have been adjusted to conform to IFRS. These adjustments include certain reclassifications to reflect the economic substance of underlying transactions including reclassifications of certain assets and liabilities, income and expenses to appropriate financial statement captions.

Offsetting

Financial assets and financial liabilities are offset and the net amount reported in the statement of financial position only when there is a legally enforceable right to offset the recognized amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis, or to realize the assets and settle the liability simultaneously. Income and expense are not offset in the statement of profit or loss unless required or permitted by an accounting standard or interpretation, and as specifically disclosed in the accounting policies of the Company.

Financial instruments - key measurement terms

Depending on their classification, financial instruments are carried at fair value or amortized cost as described below.

Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The best evidence of fair value is the price in an active market. An active market is one in which transactions for the asset or liability take place with sufficient frequency and volume to provide pricing information on an ongoing basis.

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Fair value of financial instruments traded in an active market is measured as the product of the quoted price for the individual asset or liability and the number of instruments held by the entity. This is the case even if a market's normal daily trading volume is not sufficient to absorb the quantity held and placing orders to sell the position in a single transaction might affect the quoted price.

Valuation techniques such as discounted cash flow models or models based on recent arm's length transactions or consideration of financial data of the investees are used to measure fair value of certain financial instruments for which external market pricing information is not available. Fair value measurements are analysed by level in the fair value hierarchy as follows: (i) level one are measurements at quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities, (ii) level two measurements are valuations techniques with all material inputs observable for the asset or liability, either directly (that is, as prices) or indirectly (that is, derived from prices), and (iii) level three measurements are valuations not based on solely observable market data (that is, the measurement requires significant unobservable inputs). Transfers between levels of the fair value hierarchy are deemed to have occurred at the end of the reporting period. Refer to Note 20.

Transaction costs are incremental costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition, issue or disposal of a financial instrument. An incremental cost is one that would not have been incurred if the transaction had not taken place. Transaction costs include fees and commissions paid to agents (including employees acting as selling agents), advisors, brokers and dealers, levies by regulatory agencies and securities exchanges, and transfer taxes and duties. Transaction costs do not include debt premiums or discounts, financing costs or internal administrative or holding costs.

Amortized cost is the amount at which the financial instrument was recognized at initial recognition less any principal repayments, plus accrued interest, and for financial assets less any write-down for incurred impairment losses. Accrued interest includes amortization of transaction costs deferred at initial recognition and of any premium or discount to the maturity amount using the effective interest method. Accrued interest income and accrued interest expense, including both accrued coupon and amortized discount or premium (including fees deferred at origination, if any), are not presented separately and are included in the carrying values of the related items in the statement of financial position.

The effective interest method is a method of allocating the interest income or interest expense over the relevant period, so as to achieve a constant periodic rate of interest (effective interest rate) on the carrying amount. The effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash payments or receipts (excluding future credit losses) through the expected life of the financial instrument or a shorter period, if appropriate, to the net carrying amount of the financial instrument. The effective interest rate discounts cash flows of variable interest instruments to the next interest repricing date, except for the premium or discount which reflects the credit spread over the floating rate specified in the instrument, or other variables that are not reset to market rates. Such premiums or discounts are amortized over the whole expected life of the instrument. The present value calculation includes all fees paid or received between parties to the contract that are an integral part of the effective interest rate.

Initial recognition of financial instruments

A financial asset or financial liability is measured initially at fair value plus, for an item not at fair value through profit or loss, transaction costs that are directly attributable to its acquisition or issue.

Fair value at initial recognition is best evidenced by the transaction price. A gain or loss on initial recognition is only recorded if there is a difference between fair value and transaction price which can be evidenced by either observable current market transactions in the same instrument or by a valuation technique whose inputs include only data from observable markets.

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All purchases and sales of financial assets that require delivery within the time frame established by regulation or market convention (“regular-way” purchases and sales) are recorded at the trade date, which is the date when the Company commits to deliver a financial instrument. All other purchases and sales are recognized when the entity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Classification of financial instruments

A financial asset is classified as measured at: amortized cost, fair value through other comprehensive income (“FVTOCI”) or fair value through profit or loss (“FVTPL”).

A financial asset is measured at amortized cost if it meets both of the following conditions and is not designated as at FVTPL:

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

A debt instrument is measured at FVTOCI only if it meets both of the following conditions and is not designated as at FVTPL:

- the asset is held within a business model whose objective is achieved by both collecting contractual cash flows and selling financial assets; and
- the contractual terms of the financial asset give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding.

On initial recognition of an equity investment that is not held for trading, the Company may irrevocably elect to present subsequent changes in fair value in other comprehensive income. This election is made on an investment-by-investment basis.

All other financial assets are classified as measured at FVTPL.

In addition, on initial recognition, the Company may irrevocably designate a financial asset that otherwise meets the requirements to be measured at amortized cost or at FVTOCI at FVTPL if doing so eliminates or significantly reduces an accounting mismatch that would otherwise arise.

Business model assessment

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

- the stated policies and objectives for the portfolio and the operation of those policies in practice. In particular, whether management’s strategy focuses on earning contractual interest revenue, maintaining a particular interest rate profile, matching the duration of the financial assets to the duration of the liabilities that are funding those assets or realizing cash flows through the sale of the assets;
- how the performance of the portfolio is evaluated and reported to the Company’s management;
- the risks that affect the performance of the business model (and the financial assets held within that business model) and how those risks are managed;

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- how managers of the business are compensated – e.g., whether compensation is based on the fair value of the assets managed or the contractual cash flows collected; and
- the frequency, volume and timing of sales in prior periods, the reasons for such sales and its expectations about future sales activity. However, information about sales activity is not considered in isolation, but as part of an overall assessment of how the Company’s stated objective for managing the financial assets is achieved and how cash flows are realized.

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

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

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

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

Reclassification of financial assets

Financial assets are not reclassified subsequent to their initial recognition, except in the period after the Company changes its business model for managing financial assets. The reclassification has a prospective effect.

Financial assets impairment – credit loss allowance for ECL

The Company assesses, on a forward-looking basis, the ECL for debt instruments measured at AC and FVTOCI and for the exposures arising from loan commitments and financial guarantee contracts. The Company measures ECL and recognizes credit loss allowance at each reporting date. The measurement of ECL reflects: (i) an unbiased and probability weighted amount that is determined by evaluating a range of possible outcomes, (ii) time value of money and (iii) all reasonable and supportable information that is available without undue cost and effort at the end of each reporting period about past events, current conditions and forecasts of future conditions.

Debt instruments measured at AC are presented in the statement of financial position net of the allowance for ECL. For loan commitments and financial guarantees, a separate provision for ECL is recognized as a liability in the statement of financial position. For debt instruments at FVTOCI, changes in amortized cost, net of allowance for ECL, are recognized in profit or loss and other changes in carrying value are recognized in OCI as gains less losses on debt instruments at FVTOCI.

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The Company applies a three-stage model for impairment, based on changes in credit quality since initial recognition. A financial instrument that is not credit-impaired on initial recognition is classified in Stage 1. Financial assets in Stage 1 have their ECL measured at an amount equal to the portion of lifetime ECL that results from default events possible within the next 12 months or until contractual maturity, if shorter (“12 months ECL”). If the Company identifies SICR since initial recognition, the asset is transferred to Stage 2 and its ECL is measured based on ECL on a lifetime basis, that is, up until contractual maturity but considering expected prepayments, if any (“Lifetime ECL”). Refer to Note 22 for a description of how the Company determines when a SICR has occurred. If the Company determines that a financial asset is credit-impaired, the asset is transferred to Stage 3 and its ECL is measured as a Lifetime ECL. The Company’s definition of credit-impaired assets and definition of default is explained in Note 22. For financial assets that are purchased or originated credit-impaired (“POCI Assets”), the ECL is always measured as a Lifetime ECL. POCI assets are financial assets that are credit-impaired upon initial recognition, such as impaired loans acquired. Note 22 provides information about inputs, assumptions and estimation techniques used in measuring ECL, including an explanation of how the Company incorporates forward-looking information in the ECL models.

Presentation of allowance for ECL in the statement of financial position

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

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

Derecognition of financial assets

The Company derecognizes financial assets when (a) the assets are redeemed or the rights to cash flows from the assets otherwise expire or (b) the Company has transferred the rights to the cash flows from the financial assets or entered into a qualifying pass-through arrangement whilst (i) also transferring substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of the assets or (ii) neither transferring nor retaining substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership but not retaining control. Control is retained if the counterparty does not have the practical ability to sell the asset in its entirety to an unrelated third party without needing to impose additional restrictions on the sale.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at calls with Companies, and other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less. Cash and cash equivalents are carried at AC because: (i) they are held for collection of contractual cash flows and those cash flows represent SPPI, and (ii) they are not designated at FVTPL. Features mandated solely by legislation, such as the bail-in legislation in certain countries, do not have an impact on the SPPI test, unless they are included in contractual terms such that the feature would apply even if the legislation is subsequently changed.

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Loans to customers, net

Loans to customers are recorded when the Company advances money to purchase or originate a loan due from a customer. Based on the business model and the cash flow characteristics, the Company classifies loans and advances to customers into one of the following measurement categories:

- (i) AC: loans that are held for collection of contractual cash flows and those cash flows represent SPPI and loans that are not voluntarily designated at FVTPL, and
- (ii) FVTPL: loans that do not meet the SPPI test or other criteria for AC or FVTOCI are measured at FVTPL.

Write-off

Financial assets are written off when the Company has no reasonable expectations of recovering the financial asset (either in its entirety or a portion of it). This is the case when the Company determines that the borrower does not have assets or sources of income that could generate sufficient cash flows to repay the amounts subject to the write-off. A write-off constitutes a derecognition event.

The Company may apply enforcement activities to financial assets written off. Recoveries resulting from the Company's enforcement activities will result in gain from the reversal of ECL.

Financial liabilities and equity

Classification as debt or equity

Debt and equity instruments are classified as either financial liabilities or as equity in accordance with the substance of the contractual arrangements and the definitions of a financial liability and an equity instrument.

Financial liabilities

A financial liability is derecognized when the obligation under the liability is discharged or cancelled or expires.

Where an existing financial liability is replaced by another from the same lender on substantially different terms, or the terms of an existing liability are substantially modified, such an exchange or modification is treated as a derecognition of the original liability and the recognition of a new liability, and the difference in the respective carrying amounts is recognized in profit or loss.

Borrowed funds

Borrowed funds are initially recognized at cost, being the fair value of the consideration received, net of issue costs associated with the borrowing. After initial recognition, interest-bearing borrowings are subsequently measured at amortized cost using the effective interest rate method. Amortized cost is calculated by taking into account any issue costs, and any discount or premium on settlement. Gains and losses are recognized in the income statement when the liabilities are derecognized or impaired, as well as through the amortization process.

Debt securities issued

Debt securities issued are stated at amortized cost. If the Company purchases its own debt securities issued, they are removed from the statement of financial position and the difference between the carrying amount of the liability and the consideration paid is included in gains arising from early retirement of debt.

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Derivative financial instrument

Foreign exchange derivative financial instrument entered into by the Company is traded in an over-the-counter market with professional market counterparties on standardized contractual terms and conditions.

Derivatives have potentially favorable (assets) or unfavorable (liabilities) conditions as a result of fluctuations in market interest rates, foreign exchange rates or other variables relative to their terms. The aggregate fair values of derivative financial assets and liabilities can fluctuate significantly from time to time.

Forwards contracts are contractual agreements to buy or sell a specified financial instrument at a specific price and date in the future. Forwards are customized contracts transacted in the over-the-counter market.

Company as a lessee

The Company applies a single recognition and measurement approach for all leases, except for short-term leases and leases of low-value assets. The Company recognizes lease liabilities to make lease payments and right-of-use assets representing the right to use the underlying assets.

Right-of-use assets

The Company recognizes right-of-use assets at the commencement date of the lease (i.e., the date the underlying asset is available for use). Right-of-use assets are measured at cost, less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses, and adjusted for any re-measurement of lease liabilities. The cost of right-of-use assets includes the amount of lease liabilities recognized, initial direct costs incurred, and lease payments made at or before the commencement date less any lease incentives received. Right-of-use assets are depreciated on a straight-line basis over the shorter of the lease term.

If the ownership of the leased asset transfers to the Company at the end of the lease term or the cost reflects the exercise of a purchase option, depreciation is calculated using the estimated useful life of the asset. The right-of-use assets are also subject to impairment.

Lease liabilities

At the commencement date of the lease, the Company recognizes lease liabilities measured at the present value of lease payments to be made over the lease term. The lease payments include fixed payments (including in-substance fixed payments) less any lease incentives receivable, variable lease payments that depend on an index or a rate, and amounts expected to be paid under residual value guarantees. The lease payments also include the exercise price of a purchase option reasonably certain to be exercised by the Company and payments of penalties for terminating the lease, if the lease term reflects the Company exercising the option to terminate.

Variable lease payments that do not depend on an index or a rate are recognized as expenses (unless they are incurred to produce inventories) in the period in which the event or condition that triggers the payment occurs.

In calculating the present value of lease payments, the Company uses its incremental borrowing rate at the lease commencement date because the interest rate implicit in the lease is not readily determinable. After the commencement date, the amount of lease liabilities is increased to reflect the accretion of interest and reduced for the lease payments made. In addition, the carrying amount of lease liabilities is re-measured if there is a modification, a change in the lease term, a change in the lease payments (e.g., changes to future payments resulting from a change in an index or rate used to determine such lease payments) or a change in the assessment of an option to purchase the underlying asset.

Property and equipment

Property and equipment are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

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At each reporting date, the Company assesses whether there is any indication of impairment of property and equipment. If such indication exists, the Company estimates the recoverable amount, which is determined as the higher of an asset's fair value less costs to sell and its value in use. Where the carrying amount of property and equipment is greater than their estimated recoverable amount, it is written down to their recoverable amount and the difference is charged as an impairment loss to the statement of profit or loss.

Gains and losses on disposal of property and equipment are determined by reference to their carrying amount and recorded as gain/(loss) in the statement of profit or loss.

Repairs and maintenance are charged to the statement of profit or loss when the expense is incurred.

Depreciation is recognized so as to write off the cost of assets less their residual values over their useful lives, using the straight-line method. The estimated useful lives, residual values and depreciation method are reviewed at the end of each reporting period, with the effect of any changes in estimate accounted for on a prospective basis at the following annual rates:

Furniture and office equipment	20-33%
Computer equipment	33%
Other assets	20%
Right-of-use assets	over the term of the underlying lease

An item of property and equipment is derecognized upon disposal or when no future economic benefits are expected to arise from the continued use of the asset. Any gain or loss arising from the disposal or retirement of an item of property and equipment is determined as the difference between the sales proceeds and the carrying amount of the asset and is recognized in profit or loss.

Intangible assets

Intangible assets include investment into a software license and its customization.

Intangible assets with finite useful lives that are acquired separately are carried at cost less accumulated amortization and impairment losses. Amortization is recognized on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives. The estimated useful life and amortization method are reviewed at the end of each reporting period, with the effect of any changes in estimate being accounted for on a prospective basis. Intangible assets with indefinite useful lives that are acquired separately are carried at cost less accumulated impairment losses.

De-recognition of intangible assets. An intangible asset is derecognized on disposal, or when no future economic benefits are expected from use or disposal. Gains or losses arising from the de-recognition of an intangible asset, measured as the difference between the net disposal proceeds and the carrying amount of the asset, and are recognized in profit or loss when the asset is derecognized.

Impairment of tangible and intangible assets other than goodwill. At the end of each reporting period, the Company reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible 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 it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, the Company estimates the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs.

Intangible assets with indefinite useful lives and intangible assets not yet available for use are tested for impairment at least annually, and whenever there is an indication that the asset may be impaired.

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Repossessed collateral

The Company obtains collateral in respect of customer liabilities where this is considered appropriate. The collateral normally takes the form of a lien over the customer’s assets and gives the Company a claim on these assets for both existing and future customer liabilities.

In certain circumstances, assets are repossessed following the foreclosure on loans that are in default. Repossessed collateral is initially recognized at an amount equal to the carrying amount of a loan for which it was pledged. Repossessed assets are measured at the lower of carrying amount and fair value less costs to sell.

Taxation

Income tax expense represents the sum of the tax currently payable and deferred tax.

The tax currently payable is based on taxable profit for the year. Taxable profit differs from profit as reported in the statement of profit or loss because of items of income or expense that are taxable or deductible in other years and items that are never taxable or deductible. The Company’s liability for current tax is calculated using tax rates that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the end of the reporting period.

Deferred tax is recognized on temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities in the financial statements and the corresponding tax bases used in the computation of taxable profit. Deferred tax liabilities are generally recognized for all taxable temporary differences. Deferred tax assets are generally recognized for all deductible temporary differences to the extent that it is probable that taxable profits will be available against which those deductible temporary differences can be utilized.

Such deferred tax assets and liabilities are not recognized if the temporary difference arises from goodwill or from the initial recognition (other than in a business combination) of other assets and liabilities in a transaction that affects neither the taxable profit nor the accounting profit.

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

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

Recognition of interest income and expense

Interest income and expense are recorded for debt instruments measured at amortized cost or at FVTOCI on an accrual basis using the effective interest method. This method defers, as part of interest income or expense, all fees paid or received between the parties to the contract that are an integral part of the effective interest rate, transaction costs and all other premiums or discounts.

Fees integral to the effective interest rate include origination fees received or paid by the entity relating to the creation or acquisition of a financial asset or issuance of a financial liability, for example, fees for evaluating creditworthiness, evaluating and recording guarantees or collateral, negotiating the terms of the instrument and for processing transaction documents.

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Commitment fees received by the Company to originate loans at market interest rates are integral to the effective interest rate if it is probable that the Company will enter into a specific lending arrangement and does not expect to sell the resulting loan shortly after origination. The Company does not designate loan commitments as financial liabilities at FVTPL.

For financial assets that are originated or purchased credit-impaired, the effective interest rate is the rate that discounts the expected cash flows (including the initial expected credit losses) to the fair value on initial recognition (normally represented by the purchase price). As a result, the effective interest is credit-adjusted.

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

- i) financial assets that have become credit-impaired (Stage 3), for which interest revenue is calculated by applying the effective interest rate to their AC (net of the ECL provision); and
- ii) financial assets that are purchased or originated credit-impaired, for which the original credit-adjusted effective interest rate is applied to the AC.

Recognition of fee and commission income

Loan origination fees are deferred, together with the related direct costs, and recognized as an adjustment to the effective interest rate of the loan. Where it is probable that a loan commitment will lead to a specific lending arrangement, the loan commitment fees are deferred, together with the related direct costs, and recognized as an adjustment to the rate of the resulting loan. Where it is unlikely that a loan commitment will lead to a specific lending arrangement, the loan commitment fees are recognized in profit or loss over the remaining period of the loan commitment. Where a loan commitment expires without resulting in a loan, the loan commitment fee is recognized in profit or loss on expiry. Loan servicing fees are recognized as revenue as the services are provided. All other commissions are recognized when services are provided.

Retirement and other benefit obligations

In accordance with the requirements of the legislation of the Republic of Azerbaijan state pension system provides for the calculation of current payments by the employer as a percentage of current total payments to staff. This expense is charged in the period in which the related salaries are earned. Upon retirement, all retirement benefit payments are made by the State Social Protection Fund. The Company does not have any pension arrangements separate from the arrangement provided by the State Social Protection Fund of the Republic of Azerbaijan. In addition, the Company has no post-retirement benefits or other significant compensated benefits requiring accrual.

Operating taxes

The Republic of Azerbaijan also has various other taxes, which are assessed on the Company's activities. These taxes are included as a component of operating expenses in the statement of profit or loss.

Provisions

Provisions are recognized when the Company has a present obligation (legal or constructive) as a result of a past event, it is probable that the Company will be required to settle the obligation, and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation.

The amount recognized as a provision is the best estimate of the consideration required to settle the present obligation at the end of the reporting period, taking into account the risks and uncertainties surrounding the obligation. When a provision is measured using the cash flows estimated to settle the present obligation, its carrying amount is the present value of those cash flows (where the effect of the time value of money is material).

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Foreign currency translation

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated to the respective functional currencies of the Company at exchange rates at the dates of the transactions.

The results and financial position of the Company are translated into the presentation currency as follows:

- a) Assets and liabilities for each statement of financial position are translated at the closing rate at the end of the respective reporting period;
- b) Income and expenses are translated at average exchange rates (unless this average is not a reasonable approximation of the cumulative effect of the rates prevailing on the transaction dates, in which case income and expenses are translated at the dates of the transactions);
- c) Components of equity are translated at the historic rate; and
- d) All resulting exchange differences are recognized in other comprehensive income.

When control over a foreign operation is lost, the previously recognized exchange differences on translation to a different presentation currency are reclassified from other comprehensive income to profit or loss for the year as part of the gain or loss on disposal.

The exchange rates at the year-end used by the Company in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

	December 31, 2023	December 31, 2022
AZN 1/USD	0.5882	0.5882
EUR 1/AZN	1.1056	1.0727
AZN 1/USD (average rate for the year)	0.5882	0.5882

3. CRITICAL ACCOUNTING JUDGEMENTS AND KEY SOURCES OF ESTIMATION UNCERTAINTY UNDER GOING CONCERN BASIS

The preparation of the Company’s financial statements requires management to make estimates and judgments that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the reporting date and the reported amount of income and expenses during the period ended. Management evaluates its estimates and judgments on an ongoing basis. Management bases its estimates and judgments on historical experience and on various other factors that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. Actual results may differ from these estimates under different assumptions or conditions. The following estimates and judgments are considered important to the portrayal of the Company’s financial condition.

Judgements that have the most significant effect on the amounts recognized in the financial statements and estimates that can cause a significant adjustment to the carrying amount of assets and liabilities within the next financial year include:

Measurement of ECL allowance

Measurement of ECLs is a significant estimate that involves the determination of methodology, models and data inputs. Details of ECL measurement methodology are disclosed in Note 22. The following components have a major impact on credit loss allowance: definition of default, SICR, probability of default (“PD”), exposure at default (“EAD”), and loss given default (“LGD”), as well as models of macro-economic scenarios.

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The Company regularly reviews and validates the models and inputs to the models to reduce any differences between expected credit loss estimates and actual credit loss experience. For details of ECL measurement including the incorporation of forward-looking information refers to Note 22.

Significant increase in credit risk (“SICR”)

In order to determine whether there has been a significant increase in credit risk, the Company compares the risk of a default occurring over the life of a financial instrument at the end of the reporting date with the risk of default at the date of initial recognition. The assessment considers a relative increase in credit risk rather than achieving a specific level of credit risk at the end of the reporting period. The Company considers all reasonable and supportable forward-looking information available without undue cost and effort, which includes a range of factors, including behavioral aspects of particular customer portfolios. The Company identifies behavioral indicators of increases in credit risk prior to delinquency and incorporated appropriate forward-looking information into the credit risk assessment, either at an individual instrument, or on a portfolio level. Refer to Note 22.

Modification and de-recognition of financial assets

A modification of a financial asset occurs when the contractual terms governing the cash flows of a financial asset are renegotiated or otherwise modified between initial recognition and maturity of the financial asset. A modification affects the amount and/or timing of the contractual cash flows either immediately or at a future date.

The Company renegotiates loans to customers in financial difficulty to maximize collection and minimize the risk of default. Loan terms are modified in cases where although the borrower made all reasonable efforts to pay under the original contractual terms, there is a high risk of default or default has already happened and the borrower is expected to be able to meet the revised terms. The revised terms in most of the cases include an extension of the maturity of the loan, changes to the timing of the cash flows of the loan (principal and interest repayment), reduction in the amount of cash flows due (principal and interest forgiveness) and amendments to other terms. When a financial asset is modified, the Company assesses whether this modification results in de-recognition. In accordance with the Company’s policy a modification results in de-recognition when it gives rise to substantially different terms. To determine if the modified terms are substantially different from the original contractual terms the Company considers the following:

- Quantitative assessment is performed to compare the present value of the remaining contractual cash flows under the original terms with the contractual cash flows under the revised terms, both amounts discounted at the original EIR. If the difference in present value is greater than 10% the Company deems the arrangement is substantially different leading to de-recognition.

If the terms are substantially different, the Company derecognizes the original financial asset and recognizes a ‘new’ asset at fair value and recalculates a new EIR for the asset. The date of renegotiation is consequently considered to be the date of initial recognition for impairment calculation purposes, including for the purpose of determining whether a significant increase in credit risk has occurred.

If the terms are not substantially different, the renegotiation or modification does not result in de-recognition, and the Company recalculates the gross carrying amount based on the revised cash flows of the financial asset and recognizes a modification gain or loss in profit or loss. The new gross carrying amount is recalculated by discounting the modified cash flows at the original EIR (or credit-adjusted EIR for purchased or originated credit-impaired financial assets).

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The Company derecognizes a financial asset only when the contractual rights to the asset's cash flows expire (including expiry arising from modification with substantially different terms), or when the financial asset and substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of the asset are transferred to another entity. If the Company neither transfers nor retains substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership and continues to control the transferred asset, the Company recognizes its retained interest in the asset and an associated liability for amounts it may have to pay.

If the Company retains substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of a transferred financial asset, the Company continues to recognize the financial asset.

Valuation of lease liabilities and right of use assets

The application of IFRS 16 requires to make judgements of right-of-use assets and lease liabilities. In determining the lease term, the Company considers all facts and circumstances that create an economic incentive to exercise renewal options (or not to exercise termination options). Assessing whether a contract includes a lease also requires judgement. Estimates are required to determine the appropriate discount rate used to measure lease liabilities.

Recoverability of deferred income tax assets

The management of the Company created a valuation allowance against deferred income tax asset in the amount of USD 682 thousand and USD 846 thousand as at December 31, 2023 and 2022. The carrying value of deferred income tax assets amounted to USD 271 thousand and USD 167 thousand as at December 31, 2023 and 2022 respectively.

The management of the Company is confident that the carrying amount of deferred income tax asset will be fully realized in the future.

Valuation of forward contract

The management exercises judgement in valuation of derivative financial instruments. As disclosed in Note 14, the Company entered into a foreign exchange derivative contract for the notional amount of USD 7,500 thousand and USD 9,000 thousand as at December 31, 2023 and 2022. The management estimation is that, the fair value of the derivative financial instrument amounted to USD 297 thousand and USD 126 thousand as at December 31, 2023 and 2022.

4. ADOPTION OF NEW AND REVISED STANDARDS AND INTERPRETATIONS

In the current year, the Company has adopted all of the applicable new and revised Standards and Interpretations issued by the IASB and the IFRIC of the IASB that are relevant to its operations and effective for the year ended December 31, 2023.

IFRS 17 “Insurance contracts” – was issued in May 2017 and replaced IFRS 4 “Insurance contracts”. The new standard establishes the principles for the recognition, measurement, presentation and disclosure of insurance contracts within the scope of the standard. An entity shall apply IFRS 17 “Insurance Contracts” to insurance contracts, including reinsurance contracts, it issues; reinsurance contracts it holds; and investment contracts with discretionary participation features it issues, provided the entity also issues insurance contracts. This standard is not applicable to the Company.

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Disclosure of Accounting Policies – Amendments to IAS 1 and IFRS Practice Statement 2 – In February 2021, the IASB issued amendments to IAS 1 and IFRS Practice Statement 2 Making Materiality Judgements, in which it provides guidance and examples to help entities apply materiality judgements to accounting policy disclosures. The amendments aim to help entities provide accounting policy disclosures that are more useful by replacing the requirement for entities to disclose their ‘significant’ accounting policies with a requirement to disclose their ‘material’ accounting policies and adding guidance on how entities apply the concept of materiality in making decisions about accounting policy disclosures.

Definition of Accounting Estimates – Amendments to IAS 8 – In February 2021, the IASB issued amendments to IAS 8, in which it introduces a definition of ‘accounting estimates’. The amendments clarify the distinction between changes in accounting estimates and changes in accounting policies and the correction of errors. Also, they clarify how entities use measurement techniques and inputs to develop accounting estimates.

Deferred Tax related to Assets and Liabilities arising from a Single Transaction – Amendments to IAS 12 – In May 2021, the Board issued amendments to IAS 12, which narrow the scope of the initial recognition exception under IAS 12, so that it no longer applies to transactions that give rise to equal taxable and deductible temporary differences. The amendments should be applied to transactions that occur on or after the beginning of the earliest comparative period presented. In addition, at the beginning of the earliest comparative period presented, a deferred tax asset (provided that sufficient taxable profit is available) and a deferred tax liability should also be recognized for all deductible and taxable temporary differences associated with leases and decommissioning obligations.

International Tax Reform – Pillar Two Model Rules – Amendments to IAS 12 – In May 2023, the Board issued amendments to IAS 12, which introduce a mandatory exception in IAS 12 from recognizing and disclosing deferred tax assets and liabilities related to Pillar Two income taxes are effective immediately upon issuance. These amendments provide a mandatory exception in IAS 12, exempting entities from recognizing and disclosing deferred tax assets and liabilities associated with Pillar Two income taxes. The amendments clarify that IAS 12 applies to income taxes arising from legislation implementing the Pillar Two Model Rules by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD). While disclosure requirements are effective later, entities must disclose their application of the exception, separately detail current tax expenses related to Pillar Two income taxes, and provide information on exposure to Pillar Two income taxes for effective and future periods. The transitional provisions apply immediately and retrospectively, with specific disclosure requirements applicable for annual reporting periods starting on or after January 1, 2023, excluding any interim period ending on or before December 31, 2023.

Unless otherwise disclosed, the new standards did not have a material effect on the financial statements of the Company.

5. STANDARDS AND INTERPRETATIONS ISSUED AND NOT YET ADOPTED

At the date of authorization of these financial statements, other than the Standards and Interpretations adopted by the Company in advance of their effective dates, the following Interpretations were in issue but not yet effective. The Company intends to adopt these new and amended standards and interpretations, if applicable, when they become effective.

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IASB has issued “**Lease Liability in a Sale and Leaseback**” (**Amendments to IFRS 16**) with amendments that clarify how a seller-lessee subsequently measures sale and leaseback transactions that satisfy the requirements in IFRS 15 to be accounted for as a sale. “**Lease Liability in a Sale and Leaseback**” (**Amendments to IFRS 16**) requires a seller-lessee to subsequently measure lease liabilities arising from a leaseback in a way that it does not recognize any amount of the gain or loss that relates to the right of use it retains. The new requirements do not prevent a seller-lessee from recognizing in profit or loss any gain or loss relating to the partial or full termination of a lease. The amendments are effective for annual reporting periods beginning on or after January 1, 2024. Earlier application is permitted.

Amendments to IAS 1: Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current - In January 2020 and October 2022, the IASB issued amendments to paragraphs 69 to 76 of IAS 1 to specify the requirements for classifying liabilities as current or non-current. The amendments clarify:

- What is meant by a right to defer settlement;
- That a right to defer must exist at the end of the reporting period;
- That classification is unaffected by the likelihood that an entity will exercise its deferral right;
- That only if an embedded derivative in a convertible liability is itself an equity instrument would the terms of a liability not impact its classification.

In addition, a requirement has been introduced to require disclosure when a liability arising from a loan agreement is classified as non-current and the entity’s right to defer settlement is contingent on compliance with future covenants within twelve months.

The amendments are effective for annual reporting periods beginning on or after January 1, 2024 and must be applied retrospectively.

In May 2023 IASB published “**Supplier Finance Arrangements**” (**Amendment to IAS 7 and IFRS 7**) – These amendments require disclosures to enhance the transparency of supplier finance arrangements and their effects on an entity’s liabilities, cash flows and exposure to liquidity risk. The disclosure requirements are the IASB’s response to investors’ concerns that some companies’ supplier finance arrangements are not sufficiently visible, hindering investors’ analysis. The amendments are effective for annual reporting periods beginning on or after January 1, 2024, with transitional reliefs in the first year.

On August 2023 IASB amended **IAS 21 “The Effects of Changes in Foreign Exchange Rates”** to clarify when a currency is exchangeable into another currency and how a company estimates a spot rate when a currency lacks exchangeability. An entity is impacted by the amendments when it has a transaction or an operation in a foreign currency that is not exchangeable into another currency at a measurement date for a specified purpose. A currency is exchangeable when there is an ability to obtain the other currency, with a normal administrative delay, and the transaction would take place through a market or exchange mechanism that creates enforceable rights and obligations. The amendments are effective for annual reporting periods beginning on or after January 1, 2025, with the option for early adoption.

On April 9, 2024, the IASB issued a new standard – **IFRS 18, ‘Presentation and Disclosure in Financial Statements’** – in response to investors’ concerns about the comparability and transparency of entities’ performance reporting. The new requirements introduced in IFRS 18 will help to achieve comparability of the financial performance of similar entities, especially related to how ‘operating profit or loss’ is defined. The key new concepts introduced in IFRS 18 relate to:

- the structure of the statement of profit or loss;
- required disclosures in the financial statements for certain profit or loss performance measures that are reported outside an entity’s financial statements (that is, management-defined performance measures); and

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- enhanced principles on aggregation and disaggregation which apply to the primary financial statements and notes in general.

IFRS 18 will replace IAS 1; many of the other existing principles in IAS 1 are retained, with limited changes. IFRS 18 will not impact the recognition or measurement of items in the financial statements, but it might change what an entity reports as its ‘operating profit or loss’.

IFRS 18 will apply for reporting periods beginning on or after January 1, 2027 and also applies to comparative information.

IFRS 10 “Consolidated Financial Statements” and IAS 28 (amendments) “Sale or Contribution of Assets between an Investor and its Associate or Joint Venture” – The amendments to IFRS 10 and IAS 28 deal with situations where there is a sale or contribution of assets between an investor and its associate or joint venture. Specifically, the amendments state that gains or losses resulting from the loss of control of a subsidiary that does not contain a business in a transaction with an associate or a joint venture that is accounted for using the equity method, are recognized in the parent’s profit or loss only to the extent of the unrelated investors’ interests in that associate or joint venture.

Similarly, gains and losses resulting from the remeasurement of investments retained in any former subsidiary (that has become an associate or a joint venture that is accounted for using the equity method) to fair value are recognized in the former parent’s profit or loss only to the extent of the unrelated investors’ interests in the new associate or joint venture. The effective date of the amendments has yet to be set by the IASB; however, earlier application of the amendments is permitted.

Unless otherwise disclosed, the new standards are not expected to have a material effect on the financial statements of the Company.

6. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	December 31, 2023	December 31, 2022
Cash on hand	-	5
Current accounts with resident banks	1,202	1,185
Cash in transit	401	295
Total cash and cash equivalents	1,603	1,485

For the purpose of ECL measurement cash and cash equivalents balances are included in Stage 1. The ECL for these balances represents an insignificant amount; therefore, the Company did not recognize any credit loss allowance for cash and cash equivalents.

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7. LOANS TO CUSTOMERS

	December 31, 2023	December 31, 2022
Agriculture loans	19,852	17,706
Service loans	10,114	6,448
Trade loans	4,121	3,120
Other loans	1,148	504
Gross loans to customers	35,235	27,778
Less: allowance for expected credit losses	(1,976)	(1,381)
Total loans to customers, net	33,259	26,397

As at December 31, 2023 and 2022, all loans are granted to customers operating in the Republic of Azerbaijan, which represents a significant geographical concentration in one region.

Interest received by the Company during the year ended December 31, 2023 amounted to USD 10,122 thousand.

Interest received by the Company during the year ended December 31, 2022 amounted to USD 6,783 thousand.

For the purpose of expected credit loss, the Company groups its loans into small and large customers.

The following tables disclose the movements in the gross carrying amounts of loans to customers between the beginning and the end of the reporting years:

	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Purchased or originated credit- impaired (POCI)	Total
<i>Large loans to customers</i>					
As at January 1, 2023	19,076	909	1,029	52	21,066
Transfer from Stage 1 to Stage 2	(7,955)	7,955	-	-	-
Transfer from Stage 2 to Stage 1	4,672	(4,672)	-	-	-
Transfer from Stage 2 to Stage 3	-	(1,753)	1,753	-	-
Transfer from Stage 3 to Stage 2	-	7	(7)	-	-
New financial instruments originated or purchased	33,174	227	2	12	33,415
Other movements	(24,116)	(1,193)	(1,705)	(365)	(27,379)
Recoveries of loans previously written-off	-	-	1,437	311	1,748
Write-offs	-	-	(788)	-	(788)
As at December 31, 2023	24,851	1,480	1,721	10	28,062

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	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Purchased or originated credit-impaired (POCI)	Total
<i>Small loans to customers</i>					
As at January 1, 2023	6,183	268	259	2	6,712
Transfer from Stage 1 to Stage 2	(2,001)	2,001	-	-	-
Transfer from Stage 2 to Stage 1	980	(980)	-	-	-
Transfer from Stage 2 to Stage 3	-	(583)	583	-	-
Transfer from Stage 3 to Stage 2	-	2	(2)	-	-
New financial instruments originated or purchased	11,201	78	1	-	11,280
Other movements	(10,047)	(376)	(1,161)	(315)	(11,899)
Recoveries of loans previously written-off	-	-	1,061	313	1,374
Write-offs	-	-	(294)	-	(294)
As at December 31, 2023	6,316	410	447	-	7,173

	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Purchased or originated credit-impaired (POCI)	Total
<i>Large loans to customers</i>					
As at January 1, 2022	12,486	648	831	74	14,039
Transfer from Stage 1 to Stage 2	(3,711)	3,711	-	-	-
Transfer from Stage 2 to Stage 1	2,153	(2,153)	-	-	-
Transfer from Stage 2 to Stage 3	-	(772)	772	-	-
Transfer from Stage 3 to Stage 2	-	8	(8)	-	-
New financial instruments originated or purchased	25,705	152	-	18	25,875
Other movements	(17,557)	(685)	(1,458)	(191)	(19,891)
Recoveries of loans previously written-off	-	-	1,063	151	1,214
Write-offs	-	-	(171)	-	(171)
As at December 31, 2022	19,076	909	1,029	52	21,066

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	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Purchased or originated credit-impaired (POCI)	Total
<i>Small loans to customers</i>					
As at January 1, 2022	4,035	128	303	27	4,493
Transfer from Stage 1 to Stage 2	(1,090)	1,090	-	-	-
Transfer from Stage 2 to Stage 1	538	(538)	-	-	-
Transfer from Stage 2 to Stage 3	-	(243)	243	-	-
Transfer from Stage 3 to Stage 2	-	1	(1)	-	-
New financial instruments originated or purchased	10,225	51	3	6	10,285
Other movements	(7,525)	(221)	(1,114)	(151)	(9,011)
Recoveries of loans previously written-off	-	-	924	120	1,044
Write-offs	-	-	(99)	-	(99)
As at December 31, 2022	6,183	268	259	2	6,712

The following tables disclose the movements in the credit loss allowance amounts of loans to customers between the beginning and the end of the reporting periods:

	Stage 1 (12-months ECL)	Stage 2 (lifetime ECL)	Stage 3 (lifetime ECL-impaired)	Total
<i>Large loans to customers</i>				
As at January 1, 2023	358	79	700	1,137
Transfer from Stage 1 to Stage 2	(157)	557	-	400
Transfer from Stage 2 to Stage 1	99	(407)	-	(308)
Transfer from Stage 2 to Stage 3	-	(269)	881	612
Transfer from Stage 3 to Stage 2	-	-	(4)	(4)
New financial instruments originated or purchased	862	33	1	896
Other movements	(629)	164	(1,450)	(1,915)
Recoveries of loans previously written-off	-	-	1,437	1,437
Unwinding of discount (recognized in interest income)	-	-	85	85
Write-offs	-	-	(788)	(788)
As at December 31, 2023	533	157	862	1,552

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	Stage 1 (12-months ECL)	Stage 2 (lifetime ECL)	Stage 3 (lifetime ECL-impaired)	Total
<i>Small loans to customers</i>				
As at January 1, 2023	192	24	28	244
Transfer from Stage 1 to Stage 2	(100)	217	-	117
Transfer from Stage 2 to Stage 1	39	(138)	-	(99)
Transfer from Stage 2 to Stage 3	-	(116)	293	177
Transfer from Stage 3 to Stage 2	-	-	(1)	(1)
New financial instruments originated or purchased	687	8	1	696
Other movements	(664)	42	(880)	(1,502)
Recoveries of loans previously written-off	-	-	1,061	1,061
Unwinding of discount (recognized in interest income)	-	-	25	25
Write-offs	-	-	(294)	(294)
As at December 31, 2023	154	37	233	424
	Stage 1 (12-months ECL)	Stage 2 (lifetime ECL)	Stage 3 (lifetime ECL-impaired)	Total
<i>Large loans to customers</i>				
As at January 1, 2022	526	107	545	1,178
Transfer from Stage 1 to Stage 2	(163)	482	-	319
Transfer from Stage 2 to Stage 1	83	(361)	-	(278)
Transfer from Stage 2 to Stage 3	-	(261)	452	191
Transfer from Stage 3 to Stage 2	-	1	(6)	(5)
New financial instrument originated or purchased	1,056	21	-	1,077
Other movements	(1,144)	90	(1,233)	(2,287)
Recoveries of loans previously written-off	-	-	1,063	1,063
Unwinding of discount (recognized in interest income)	-	-	50	50
Write-offs	-	-	(171)	(171)
As at December 31, 2022	358	79	700	1,137
	Stage 1 (12-months ECL)	Stage 2 (lifetime ECL)	Stage 3 (lifetime ECL-impaired)	Total
<i>Small loans to customers</i>				
As at January 1, 2022	76	12	171	259
Transfer from Stage 1 to Stage 2	(22)	77	-	55
Transfer from Stage 2 to Stage 1	11	(48)	-	(37)
Transfer from Stage 2 to Stage 3	-	(55)	138	83
Transfer from Stage 3 to Stage 2	-	-	(1)	(1)
New financial instrument originated or purchased	220	5	2	227
Other movements	(93)	33	(1,123)	(1,183)
Recoveries of loans previously written-off	-	-	924	924
Unwinding of discount (recognized in interest income)	-	-	16	16
Write-offs	-	-	(99)	(99)
As at December 31, 2022	192	24	28	244

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The tables below show the credit quality analysis of the Company’s loans to customers as at December 31, 2023 and 2022. Explanation of the terms 12-month ECL and lifetime ECL is disclosed in Note 22.

Credit quality in the table below is based on the scale developed internally by the Company. The scale is described in Note 22.

	Stage 1 (12-months ECL)	Stage 2 (lifetime ECL)	Stage 3 (lifetime ECL- impaired)	Purchased or originated credit- impaired (POCI)	Total
<i>Large loans to customers</i>					
Current	24,643	101	14	-	24,758
Past due 1-30 days	208	935	3	-	1,146
Past due 31-60 days	-	212	4	-	216
Past due 61-90 days	-	232	8	-	240
Past due more than 90 days	-	-	1,692	10	1,702
Total gross loans to customers	24,851	1,480	1,721	10	28,062
Less: allowance for expected credit losses	(533)	(157)	(862)	-	(1,552)
Total net loans to customers as at December 31, 2023	24,318	1,323	859	10	26,510
	Stage 1 (12-months ECL)	Stage 2 (lifetime ECL)	Stage 3 (lifetime ECL- impaired)	Purchased or originated credit- impaired (POCI)	Total
<i>Small loans to customers</i>					
Current	6,294	98	-	-	6,392
Past due 1-30 days	22	196	1	-	219
Past due 31-60 days	-	62	-	-	62
Past due 61-90 days	-	54	-	-	54
Past due more than 90 days	-	-	446	-	446
Total gross loans to customers	6,316	410	447	-	7,173
Less: allowance for expected credit losses	(154)	(37)	(233)	-	(424)
Total net loans to customers as at December 31, 2023	6,162	373	214	-	6,749

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	Stage 1 (12-months ECL)	Stage 2 (lifetime ECL)	Stage 3 (lifetime ECL- impaired)	Purchased or originated credit- impaired (POCI)	Total
<i>Large loans to customers</i>					
Current	19,069	82	3	-	19,154
Past due 1-30 days	7	619	2	-	628
Past due 31-60 days	-	124	-	-	124
Past due 61-90 days	-	84	1	-	85
Past due more than 90 days	-	-	1,023	52	1,075
Total gross loans to customers	19,076	909	1,029	52	21,066
Less: allowance for expected credit losses	(358)	(79)	(700)	-	(1,137)
Total net loans to customers as at December 31, 2022	18,718	830	329	52	19,929
	Stage 1 (12-months ECL)	Stage 2 (lifetime ECL)	Stage 3 (lifetime ECL- impaired)	Purchased or originated credit- impaired (POCI)	Total
<i>Small loans to customers</i>					
Current	6,181	17	3	-	6,201
Past due 1-30 days	2	175	2	-	179
Past due 31-60 days	-	48	-	-	48
Past due 61-90 days	-	28	1	-	29
Past due more than 90 days	-	-	253	2	255
Total gross loans to customers	6,183	268	259	2	6,712
Less: allowance for expected credit losses	(192)	(24)	(28)	-	(244)
Total net loans to customers as at December 31, 2022	5,991	244	231	2	6,468

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Collateralization of loans. The table below summarizes the carrying value of loans to customers analyzed by the type of collateral obtained by the Company:

	December 31, 2023	December 31, 2022
Unsecured loans	15,681	11,380
Loans collateralized by guarantee	19,554	16,356
Loans collateralized by pledge of inventories	-	34
Loans collateralized by pledge of real estate	-	7
Loans collateralized by pledge of motor vehicles	-	1
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Gross loans to customers	35,235	27,778
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Less: Allowance for expected credit loss	(1,976)	(1,381)
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Total loans to customers, net	33,259	26,397
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8. PROPERTY, EQUIPMENT AND INTANGIBLE ASSETS

	Furniture and office equipment	Computer equipment	Other assets	Total property and equipment	Intangible assets	Total property, equipment and intangible assets
At initial cost						
January 1, 2022	265	634	124	1,023	2,187	3,210
Additions	11	155	12	178	25	203
Disposals	(24)	(62)	(1)	(87)	(6)	(93)
December 31, 2022	252	727	135	1,114	2,206	3,320
Additions	19	137	38	194	1	195
Disposals	-	(9)	-	(9)	-	(9)
December 31, 2023	271	855	173	1,299	2,207	3,506
Accumulated depreciation						
January 1, 2022	247	426	76	749	2,145	2,894
Depreciation charge	9	116	12	137	44	181
Eliminated on disposals	(24)	(62)	-	(86)	(5)	(91)
December 31, 2022	232	480	88	800	2,184	2,984
Depreciation charge	11	127	18	156	15	171
Eliminated on disposals	-	(8)	-	(8)	-	(8)
December 31, 2023	243	599	106	948	2,199	3,147

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	Furniture and office equipment	Computer equipment	Other assets	Total property and equipment	Intangible assets	Total property, equipment and intangible assets
Net book value						
As at December 31, 2023	28	256	67	351	8	359
As at December 31, 2022	20	247	47	314	22	336

As at December 31, 2023 and 2022 included in property, equipment and intangible assets were fully depreciated assets totalling USD 2,883 thousand and USD 2,799 thousand, respectively.

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9. RIGHT-OF-USE ASSETS

	Office buildings	Total right-of- use assets
At initial cost		
January 1, 2022	<u>1,162</u>	<u>1,162</u>
Modification	296	296
Additions	<u>269</u>	<u>269</u>
December 31, 2022	<u>1,727</u>	<u>1,727</u>
Modification	74	74
Additions	<u>25</u>	<u>25</u>
December 31, 2023	<u>1,826</u>	<u>1,826</u>
Accumulated depreciation		
January 1, 2022	<u>564</u>	<u>564</u>
Depreciation charge	<u>354</u>	<u>354</u>
December 31, 2022	<u>918</u>	<u>918</u>
Depreciation charge	<u>380</u>	<u>380</u>
December 31, 2023	<u>1,298</u>	<u>1,298</u>
Net book value		
December 31, 2023	<u>528</u>	<u>528</u>
December 31, 2022	<u>809</u>	<u>809</u>

10. OTHER ASSETS

Other assets comprise:

	December 31, 2023	December 31, 2022
Other financial assets:		
Settlement receivables	<u>214</u>	<u>80</u>
Total other financial assets	<u>214</u>	<u>80</u>
Other non-financial assets:		
Prepayments for services	168	175
Repossessed collaterals*	37	26
Others	<u>9</u>	<u>-</u>
Total other non-financial assets	<u>214</u>	<u>201</u>
Total other assets	<u>428</u>	<u>281</u>

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*As at December 31, 2023 and 2022, the fair value of repossessed collaterals approximates to USD 37 thousand and USD 26 thousand, respectively. During the year ended December 31, 2023 the Company recognized a loss on change of fair value of repossessed collaterals in the amount of USD 47 thousand (December 31, 2022: loss in the amount of USD 19 thousand).

	December 31, 2023	December 31, 2022
Residential property	37	26
Total repossessed collaterals	37	26

Management of the Company intends to sell these assets, however no active program to locate a buyer and complete plan have been initiated as at the date of report.

11. BORROWED FUNDS

	December 31, 2023	December 31, 2022
Loan from EMF Microfinance Fund AGMVK	5,266	4,099
Loan from EFA Financial Institutions Debt Fund Pte. Ltd	3,202	2,730
Loan from HANSAINVEST Finance GmbH & Co	2,771	2,767
Loan from BlueOrchard Impact Credit S.A. SICAV-RAIF	2,571	-
Loan from FINCA Microfinance Holding Company LLC	2,008	-
Loan from Central Bank of the Republic of Azerbaijan	1,865	3,292
Loan from “Ziraat Bank Azerbaijan” OJSC	589	-
Loan from Agrarian Credit and Development Agency under the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Azerbaijan	182	235
Total borrowed funds	18,454	13,123

The Company is obligated to comply with financial covenants in relation to the loan from EMF Microfinance Fund AGMVK, EFA Financial Institutions Debt Fund Pte. Ltd., HANSAINVEST Finance GmbH & Co, BlueOrchard Impact Credit S.A. SICAV-RAIF and FINCA Microfinance Holding Company LLC. These covenants include stipulated ratios, debt to equity ratios and various other financial performance ratios. The Company did not have any significant incompliance issues with these covenants during the year ended December 31, 2023 which could cause early withdrawal of the funds.

Borrowings bear interest rates varying from 2.5% to 15% in local currency and from 7.8% to 9.1% in foreign currency.

In estimating the discount rates for term borrowings from Agrarian Credit and Development Agency under the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Azerbaijan, the Company considers this market as a separate market from other commercial borrowing business as these loans are issued to the whole banking sector of Azerbaijan at the same terms, purposes, conditions and credit risk exposures.

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A reconciliation of the opening and closing amounts of borrowed funds with relevant cash and non-cash changes from financing activities is stated below:

	Amount
January 1, 2022	<u>8,782</u>
Cash flows	
Proceeds	5,754
Principal paid	(1,757)
Transaction costs paid	(41)
Interest paid	<u>(536)</u>
Non-cash changes	
Interest expense	<u>921</u>
December 31, 2022	<u><u>13,123</u></u>
Cash flows	
Proceeds	9,983
Principal paid	(4,696)
Transaction costs paid	(337)
Interest paid	<u>(1,091)</u>
Non-cash changes	
Interest expense	<u>1,472</u>
December 31, 2023	<u><u>18,454</u></u>

12. DEBT SECURITIES ISSUED

	December 31, 2023	December 31, 2022
Registered bonds in State Register for Securities	<u>5,294</u>	<u>5,265</u>
Total debt securities issued	<u><u>5,294</u></u>	<u><u>5,265</u></u>

Debt securities issued represent bonds for the total amount of USD 5,294 thousand as at December 31, 2023 (December 31, 2022: USD 5,265 thousand) listed in the Baku Stock Exchange for securities of the Republic of Azerbaijan with 6,000 securities with the face value of AZN 1,000 each and 30,000 securities with the face value of AZN 100 with annual fixed coupon rate equal to 12.5%.

The interest on bonds is paid quarterly. Bondholders have the right to demand repayment of principal at maturity. There are no restrictions regarding the sale and purchase of the bonds in the secondary markets.

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A reconciliation of the opening and closing amounts of debt securities issued with relevant cash and non-cash changes from financing activities is stated below:

	Amount
January 1, 2022	<u>1,729</u>
Cash flows	
Proceeds	3,529
Principal paid	-
Transaction costs paid	(17)
Interest paid	<u>(500)</u>
Non-cash changes	
Interest expense	<u>524</u>
December 31, 2022	<u>5,265</u>
Cash flows	
Proceeds	1,765
Principal paid	(1,765)
Transaction costs paid	(55)
Interest paid	<u>(801)</u>
Non-cash changes	
Interest expense	<u>885</u>
December 31, 2023	<u>5,294</u>

13. LEASE LIABILITIES

	December 31, 2023	December 31, 2022
Current lease liabilities	323	299
Non-current lease liabilities	<u>217</u>	<u>466</u>
Total lease liabilities	<u>540</u>	<u>765</u>

Future minimum lease payments as at December 31, 2023 were as follows:

	Minimum lease payments due		
	Within one year	One to five years	Total
Lease payments	352	254	606
Finance charges	<u>(29)</u>	<u>(37)</u>	<u>(66)</u>
Net present value as at December 31, 2023	<u>323</u>	<u>217</u>	<u>540</u>

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Future minimum lease payments as at December 31, 2022 were as follows:

	Minimum lease payments due		
	Within one year	One to five years	Total
Lease payments	345	495	840
Finance charges	<u>(46)</u>	<u>(29)</u>	<u>(75)</u>
Net present value as at December 31, 2022	<u>299</u>	<u>466</u>	<u>765</u>

A reconciliation of the opening and closing amounts of lease liabilities with relevant cash and non-cash changes from financing activities is stated below:

	Amount
January 1, 2022	575
Cash flows	
Repayment of principal	(365)
Interest paid	<u>(49)</u>
Non-cash changes	
Modifications	260
New leases	296
Interest expense	<u>48</u>
December 31, 2022	<u>765</u>
Cash flows	
Repayment of principal	(324)
Interest paid	<u>(55)</u>
Non-cash changes	
Modifications	74
New leases	25
Interest expense	<u>55</u>
December 31, 2023	<u>540</u>

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14. OTHER LIABILITIES

Other liabilities comprise:

	December 31, 2023	December 31, 2022
Other financial liabilities:		
Payable to employees	497	381
Derivative financial instrument*	297	126
Payables to customers	191	47
Professional service fee payable	76	12
Service fee payable to a related party	51	32
Others	69	73
Total other financial liabilities	1,181	671
Other non-financial liabilities:		
Taxes other than income tax payable	465	85
Others	5	10
Total other non-financial liabilities	470	95
Total other liabilities	1,651	766

* The Company entered into derivative financial instruments as at December 31, 2023 and December 31, 2022. The table below shows the fair value of the derivative financial instrument, recorded as a liability, together with its notional amount. The notional amount, recorded gross, is the amount of a derivative’s underlying asset, reference rate or index and is the basis upon which changes in the value of derivative is measured. The notional amount indicates the volume of transactions outstanding at the year-end and is not indicative of the credit risk.

	December 31, 2023			December 31, 2022		
	Notional amount	USD		Notional amount	USD	
		Fair value Asset	Liability		Fair value Asset	Liability
Foreign exchange contract						
Forwards – foreign	7,500	-	(297)	9,000	-	(126)
Total derivative liability		-	(297)		-	(126)

Included in net result from foreign currency derivative in the amount of USD 249 thousand as at December 31, 2023 (December 31, 2022: USD 126 thousand) represent net results from foreign currency non-deliverable forward contract.

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15. NET INTEREST INCOME

	Year ended December 31, 2023	Year ended December 31, 2022
Interest income on financial assets recorded at amortized cost		
- interest income from loans to customers	10,419	6,973
Total interest income on financial assets recorded at amortized cost	<u>10,419</u>	<u>6,973</u>
Interest expense on financial liabilities recorded at amortized cost		
- interest expense on borrowed funds	(1,472)	(921)
- interest expense on debt securities issued	(885)	(524)
- interest expense on lease liabilities	(55)	(48)
Total interest expense on financial liabilities recorded at amortized cost	<u>(2,412)</u>	<u>(1,493)</u>
Net interest income	<u><u>8,007</u></u>	<u><u>5,480</u></u>

16. ADMINISTRATIVE AND OPERATING EXPENSES

Administrative and operating expenses comprise the following items:

	Year ended December 31, 2023	Year ended December 31, 2022
Wages and salaries	(3,135)	(2,483)
Compulsory social security obligations	(636)	(492)
Allowances, incentives and other benefits	(621)	(451)
Depreciation and amortization	(551)	(535)
Professional fees	(488)	(279)
IT professional fees	(373)	(345)
Consumables and office supply	(195)	(165)
Communication expenses	(155)	(154)
Marketing expenses	(152)	(83)
Taxes, other than income tax	(98)	(35)
Business trip expenses	(89)	(65)
Entertainment expenses	(76)	(31)
Bank charges	(57)	(52)
Others	(41)	(60)
Total administrative and operating expenses	<u><u>(6,667)</u></u>	<u><u>(5,231)</u></u>

17. INCOME TAXES

The Company measures and records its current income tax payable and its tax bases in its assets and liabilities in accordance with the tax regulations of the Republic of Azerbaijan where the Company operates, which may differ from IFRS.

The Company is subject to certain permanent tax differences due to the non-tax deductibility of certain expenses and certain income being treated as non-taxable for tax purposes.

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Deferred taxes reflect the net tax effects of temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes and the amounts used for tax purposes.

Temporary differences as at December 31, 2023 and 2022 relate mostly to different methods/timing of income and expense recognition as well as to temporary differences generated by tax – book bases’ differences for certain assets.

The tax rate used for the reconciliations below is the corporate tax rate of 20% payable by corporate entities in the Republic of Azerbaijan on taxable profits (as defined) under tax law in that jurisdiction.

	December 31, 2023	December 31, 2022
Deferred income tax assets/(liabilities) in relation to:		
Loans to customers, net	996	1,050
Property and equipment and intangible assets	109	104
Lease liabilities	108	153
Other liabilities	69	34
Tax loss carried forward	-	52
Borrowed funds	(41)	(55)
Provision for tax losses	(88)	(139)
Other assets	(94)	(24)
Right-of-use assets	(106)	(162)
Not recognized deferred income tax asset	(682)	(846)
Net deferred income tax asset	271	167

When estimating the deductible difference for loans to customers the Company has analyzed the following circumstances:

- in accordance with tax legislation of the Republic of Azerbaijan expected credit losses for a loan to customer is a non-deductible expense;
- losses arising from sale of loan to customer is a deductible expense.

The effective tax rate reconciliation is as follows for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022:

	Year ended December 31, 2023	Year ended December 31, 2022
Profit before income tax	2,654	2,059
Tax at the statutory tax rate (20%)	(531)	(412)
Tax effect of changes in not recognized deferred income tax assets	164	284
Tax effect of permanent differences	(40)	(71)
Change in provision for tax losses	51	61
Income tax expense	(356)	(138)

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	Year ended December 31, 2023	Year ended December 31, 2022
Current income tax expense	(460)	-
Deferred tax benefit/(expense) recognized in the current year	104	(138)
Income tax expense	(356)	(138)
	December 31, 2023	December 31, 2022
As at year beginning – deferred income tax assets	167	305
Change in deferred income tax asset balances	104	(138)
As at year end – deferred income tax assets	271	167

18. TRANSACTIONS WITH RELATED PARTIES

Related parties or transactions with related parties, as defined by IAS 24 “Related party disclosures”, represent:

- (a) Parties that directly, or indirectly through one or more intermediaries: control, or are controlled by, or are under common control with, the Company (this includes parents, subsidiaries and fellow subsidiaries); have an interest in the Company that gives them significant influence over the Company; and that have joint control over the Company;
- (b) Associates – enterprises on which the Company has significant influence and which is neither a subsidiary nor a joint venture of the investor;
- (c) Joint ventures in which the Company is a venture;
- (d) Members of key management personnel of the Company or its parent;
- (e) Close members of the family of any individuals referred to in (a) or (d);
- (f) Parties that are entities controlled, jointly controlled or significantly influenced by, or for which significant voting power in such entity resides with, directly or indirectly, any individual referred to in (d) or (e); or
- (g) Post-employment benefit plans for the benefit of employees of the Company, or of any entity that is a related party of the Company.

The Company’s policy does not allow issuing loans to employees, board members, their family members and close relatives, and other persons involved in the management, control or supervision of the Company.

The Company had the following transactions outstanding as at December 31, 2023 and 2022 with related parties:

	December 31, 2023		December 31, 2022	
	Related party balances	Total category as per financial statements caption	Related party balances	Total category as per financial statements caption
Other liabilities				
- Parent	51	1,651	32	766
Borrowed funds				
- Parent	2,008	18,454	-	13,123

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Included in the statement of comprehensive income for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022 are the following amounts which arose due to transactions with related parties:

	Year ended December 31, 2023		Year ended December 31, 2022	
	Related party transactions	Total category as per financial statements caption	Related party transactions	Total category as per financial statements caption
Key management personnel compensation				
- <i>short-term employee benefits</i>	(576)	(4,225)	(517)	(3,288)

	Year ended December 31, 2023		Year ended December 31, 2022	
	Related party transactions	Total category as per financial statements caption	Related party transactions	Total category as per financial statements caption
Administrative and other operating expenses (excluding staff-related costs)				
- <i>the Parent</i>	(488)	(2,442)	(331)	(1,943)
Interest expense				
- <i>the Parent</i>	(36)	(2,412)	-	(1,493)

19. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

In the normal course of business, the Company is a party to financial instruments with off-balance-sheet risk in order to meet the needs of its customers. These instruments, involving varying degrees of credit risk, are not reflected in the statement of financial position.

The Company’s uses the same credit control and management policies in undertaking off-balance sheet commitments as it does for on-balance operations.

The Company is received from customers and counterparties. Management is of the opinion that no material un-accrued losses will be incurred and accordingly no provision has been made in these financial statements.

Taxation – Laws and regulations affecting business in the Republic of Azerbaijan continue to change rapidly. Management’s interpretation of such legislation as applied to the activity of the Company may be challenged by the relevant regional authorities. Recent events suggest that the tax authorities are

taking a more assertive position in their interpretation of the legislation and assessments and as a result, it is possible that transactions and activities that have not been challenged in the past may be challenged. Fiscal periods generally remain open to tax audit by the authorities in respect of taxes for three calendar years preceding the year of tax audit. Under certain circumstances reviews may cover longer periods.

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The taxation system in the Republic of Azerbaijan continues to evolve and is characterized by frequent changes in legislation, official pronouncements and court decisions, which are sometimes contradictory and subject to varying interpretation by different tax authorities. Taxes are subject to review and investigation by a number of authorities who have the authority to impose severe fines, penalties and interest charges. A tax year remains open for review by the tax authorities during the three subsequent calendar years; however, under certain circumstances a tax year may remain open longer. Recent events within the Azerbaijan Republic suggest that the tax authorities are taking a more assertive position in their interpretation and enforcement of tax legislation.

These circumstances may create tax risks in Azerbaijan that are substantially more significant than in other countries. Management believes that it has provided adequately for tax liabilities based on its interpretations of applicable Azerbaijan tax legislation, official pronouncements and court decisions. However, the interpretations of the relevant authorities could differ and the effect on the financial statements, if the authorities were successful in enforcing their interpretations, could be significant.

20. FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENT

IFRS defines fair value as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date.

Fair value hierarchy

The Company measures fair values using the following fair value hierarchy, which reflects the significance of the inputs used in making the measurements:

- **Level 1:** quoted market price (unadjusted) in an active market for an identical instrument.
- **Level 2:** inputs other than quotes prices included within Level 1 that are observable either directly (i.e., as prices) or indirectly (i.e., derived from prices). This category includes instruments valued using: quoted market prices in active markets for similar instruments; quoted prices for similar instruments in markets that are considered less than active; or other valuation techniques where all significant inputs are directly or indirectly observable from market data.
- **Level 3:** inputs that are unobservable. This category includes all instruments where the valuation technique includes inputs not based on observable data and the unobservable inputs have a significant effect on the instrument's valuation. This category includes instruments that are valued based on quoted prices for similar instruments where significant unobservable adjustments or assumptions are required to reflect differences between the instruments.

As at December 31, 2023 and 2022 the Company had derivative financial instruments measured at fair value (Note 14).

The following table sets out the fair values of financial instruments not measured at fair value and analyses them by the level in the fair value hierarchy into which each fair value measurement is categorized.

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	Date of valuation	Fair value measurement using			Total
		Quoted prices in active markets (Level 1)	Significant observable inputs (Level 2)	Significant unobservable inputs (Level 3)	
Assets for which fair values are disclosed					
Cash and cash equivalents	December 31, 2023	1,603	-	-	1,603
Loans to customers, net	December 31, 2023	-	-	33,259	33,259
Other financial assets	December 31, 2023	-	-	214	214
Liabilities for which fair values are disclosed					
Borrowed funds	December 31, 2023	-	-	18,454	18,454
Debt securities issued	December 31, 2023	-	-	5,294	5,294
Lease liabilities	December 31, 2023	-	-	540	540
Other financial liabilities	December 31, 2023	-	-	884	884

	Date of valuation	Fair value measurement using			Total
		Quoted prices in active markets (Level 1)	Significant observable inputs (Level 2)	Significant unobservable inputs (Level 3)	
Assets for which fair values are disclosed					
Cash and cash equivalents	December 31, 2022	1,485	-	-	1,485
Loans to customers, net	December 31, 2022	-	-	26,397	26,397
Other financial assets	December 31, 2022	-	-	80	80
Liabilities for which fair values are disclosed					
Borrowed funds	December 31, 2022	-	-	13,123	13,123
Debt securities issued	December 31, 2022	-	-	5,265	5,265
Lease liabilities	December 31, 2022	-	-	765	765
Other financial liabilities	December 31, 2022	-	-	545	545

Assets and liabilities for which fair value approximates carrying value

For financial assets and financial liabilities that are liquid or have a short-term maturity (less than three months) it is assumed that the carrying amounts approximate to their fair value. This assumption is also applied to demand deposits, without specific maturity and variable-rate financial instruments.

Fixed and variable rate financial instruments

For quoted debt instruments the fair values are determined based on quoted market prices. The fair values of unquoted debt instruments are estimated by discounting future cash flows using rates currently available for debt on similar terms, credit risk and remaining maturities.

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21. CAPITAL RISK MANAGEMENT

The Company manages its capital to ensure that the Company will be able to continue as a going concern while maximizing the return to stakeholders through the optimization of the debt and equity balance. According to the requirement of the Central Bank of the Republic of Azerbaijan, the Company has to meet the minimum regulatory total capital requirement of AZN 300 thousand.

Management's focus in respect of the Company's capital management has the following objectives: ensuring the Company's ability to operate as a going concern and maintain balances in order to comply with covenants of lenders and investors. This is exercised daily in respect of the projected and actual data and on the basis of monthly reports with the corresponding calculations that are verified and signed by the management board and chief accountant of the Company.

22. RISK MANAGEMENT POLICIES

Management of risk is fundamental to the Company's Companying business and is an essential element of the Company's operations.

The main risks inherent to the Company's operations are those related to:

- Credit exposures;
- Liquidity risk;
- Market risk.

The Company recognizes that it is essential to have efficient and effective risk management processes in place. To enable this, the Company has established a risk management framework, whose main purpose is to protect the Company from risk and allow it to achieve its performance objectives.

Structure of risk management. The Management Board is ultimately responsible for identifying and controlling risks; however, there are separate independent bodies responsible for managing and monitoring risks.

Management Board. The Management Board is responsible for the overall risk management approach and for approving the risk strategies and principles.

Audit Committee. On a quarterly basis, the Audit Committee examines reports related to risk issues presented by Internal Audit and follows measures undertaken by the management to resolve discovered issues. The Audit Committee is also involved in a discussion of findings discovered by external auditors.

Other committees. In order to provide additional measures in terms of risk management, permanent working committees are created within the Company:

- Asset and Liability Management Committee ("ALMC") – the committee reviews every month the projected liquidity for the following 12 months. Liquidity forecasts are based on expected loan disbursement levels, expected funding plans and other expected cash movements. ALMC takes decisions related to new borrowings, sets open currency position and counterparty limits for operations with companies and financial institutions, monitors covenants with lenders, examines issues related to maturities of assets and liabilities, and gives recommendations to the Finance Department concerning the elimination of divergences.
- Credit Departments – the departments evaluate the quality of loans of the Company and prepares recommendations concerning allowances for impairment and provisions. Credit Department supervises the realization of methodology concerning credit risk management, takes measures towards credit risk minimization and makes decisions concerning operations bearing credit risk. This department places credit limits for branches, performs analysis and controls credit risk.

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Finance Department. Finance department is responsible for the day-to-day management of assets and liabilities of the Company, computation and planning of liquidity position of the Company, and redistribution of cash and cash equivalents between operating sites of the Company. The Finance Department controls the application of limits and liquidity ratios set by ALMC and the implementation of decisions taken by ALMC in regard to liquidity risk optimisation.

Internal Audit. Internal Audit performs an independent review of the risk management process, informs management about the revealed shortcomings, and gives appropriate recommendations concerning the improvement of the risk management process.

Risk measurement and reporting systems. The choice of the risk management method depends on risk factors, which determine the relative importance or probability of the risks, which may adversely affect the financial position of the Company. The Company not only analyses and measures each risk separately, but also determines the level of cumulative risks. Thus, for each kind of risk, the following methods of risk measurement are applied:

- credit risk analysis of a credit portfolio and credit risk ratios;
- off-balance-sheet risk;
- interest-rate risk maturity and interest rate gap analysis of assets and liabilities;
- liquidity risk gap analysis of payments in local and foreign currencies; analysis of liquidity ratios, determination of liquidity reserve;
- currency risk gap analysis of payments in foreign currency; analysis of currency position;
- Operational risk for all operations having an impact on the Company's financial position, systems assuring separation of activities (such as initiation, execution and control) necessary for the finalisation of operations have been implemented.

Risk measurement methods reflect expected loss, which the Company might incur when performing its activities. Every month, based on the analysis of the separate risks, the Finance Department prepares conclusions concerning the current state of the risks, and their main drivers.

In particular, at the monthly ALMC, the status of the interest rate, liquidity, currency, and other market risks are reported.

The status of functional risks (operational – technological, legal, strategic, reputation risk) is also reported to Management Board each month. These reports are examined at the Management Board and Audit Committee meetings held each quarter.

Risk mitigation. The Company uses the following methods, *inter alia*, for risk minimisation:

- Reception of guarantees and collateral for credit risk mitigation;
- Diversification – selection of assets, which are not connected between each other.

Credit risk

Credit risk measurement for loans to customers

The estimation of credit exposure for risk management purposes is complex and requires the use of models, as the exposure varies with changes in market conditions, expected cash flows and the passage of time. The assessment of credit risk of a portfolio of assets entails further estimations as to the likelihood of defaults occurring, of the associated loss ratios and of default correlations between counterparties. For risk management reporting purposes, the Company considers and consolidates loan size as an element of credit risk exposure. The Company measures credit risk using Probability of Default (PD), Exposure at Default (EAD) and Loss Given Default (LGD). This is similar to the approach used for the purposes of measuring ECL under IFRS 9.

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Expected credit loss measurement

IFRS 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 Company;
- If a significant increase in credit risk (SICR) since initial recognition is identified, the financial instrument is moved to ‘Stage 2’ but is not yet deemed to be credit-impaired;
- 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 result 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 IFRS 9 is that it should consider forward-looking information;
- Purchased or originated credit-impaired financial assets are those financial assets that are credit-impaired on initial recognition. Their ECL is always measured on a lifetime basis (Stage 3).

Significant increase in credit risk

When determining whether the risk of default on a financial instrument has increased significantly since initial recognition, the Company considers reasonable and supportable information that is relevant and available without undue cost or effort. This includes both quantitative and qualitative information and analysis, based on the Company’s historical experience and expert credit assessment and including forward-looking information. The objective of the assessment is to identify whether a significant increase in credit risk has occurred for exposure by comparing:

- The remaining lifetime PD as at the reporting date; with
- The remaining lifetime PD for this point in time that was estimated at the time of initial recognition of the exposure (adjusted where relevant for changes in prepayment expectations).

The Company uses three criteria for determining whether there has been a significant increase in credit risk:

- Quantitative test based on movement in PD;
- Forbearance status; and
- A backstop of 30 days past due.

“Forbearance” occurs upon restructuring, i.e., prolongation in payment terms of payment of interest or principal arising from a deterioration of a borrower’s financial condition such that it is not the same as it was at the time of loan origination and a borrower has applied for a change in the payment schema of the loan. Restructuring only occurs when the appropriate division of the Company is reasonably confident that a borrower is able to service the renewed payment schedule.

Multiple economic scenarios form the basis of determining the PD at initial recognition and at subsequent reporting dates. Different economic scenarios will lead to a different PD. It is the weighting of these different scenarios that form the basis of a weighted average PD that is used to determine whether credit risk has significantly increased. Forward-looking information includes the future prospects of Azerbaijan’s economy obtained from economic expert reports, financial analysts, governmental bodies, relevant think-tanks and other similar organizations, as well as consideration of various internal and external sources of actual and forecast economic information.

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Definition of default

Critical to the determination of ECL is the definition of default. The definition of default is used in measuring the amount of ECL and in the determination of whether the loss allowance is based on 12-month or lifetime ECL, as default is a component of the probability of default (PD) which affects both the measurement of ECLs and the identification of a significant increase in credit risk.

The Company considers the following as constituting an event of default:

- The contract is past due more than 90 days; or
- The credit obligations reflected in the contract are unlikely to be paid to the Company in full.

The definition of default is appropriately tailored to reflect the different characteristics of different types of assets. When assessing if the borrower is unlikely to pay its credit obligation, the Company takes into account both qualitative and quantitative indicators. Quantitative indicators, such as overdue status and non-payment on another obligation of the same counterparty are key inputs in this analysis. The Company uses a variety of sources of information to assess default which are either developed internally or obtained from external sources.

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

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

Credit-impaired assets in Stage 3 undergo a probationary period of 6 months after the material credit obligations of the Contract are met before moving to Stage 2.

Write-off

When periodic collective historical recovery analysis indicates that the Company does not expect significant additional recoveries after certain months in default (“MID”), it is the policy of the Company to write-off loans on a collective basis.

Amount outstanding on financial assets that were written off during the reporting period and are still subject to enforcement activity is USD 1,082 thousand.

Grouping with similar credit risk characteristics

Financial assets are split into two segments for the purposes of PD calculation:

- Small (for loan amounts up to USD 2,000);
- Large (for loan amounts greater than USD 2,001).

The segments above reflect the level of assessment of client creditworthiness, with the large segment exhibiting a comparatively stricter assessment. The historical default rate is utilized as an indicator of strictness, such that the difference in default rates is maximized between the segments.

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Rating model

All available information (product groups, industries, etc.) are used to derive internal ratings for each segment. In such a way groups with the same risk characteristics are created and used afterwards to adjust the PD curve of the segment.

Significant increase in credit risk

The Company considers a financial instrument to have experienced a significant increase in credit risk when the remaining Lifetime PD at the reporting date has increased by 20%, compared to the residual Lifetime PD expected at the reporting date when the exposure was first recognized.

Measurement of ECL

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

- Probability of default (PD);
- Loss given default (LGD);
- Exposure at default (EAD).

These parameters are generally derived from internally developed statistical models and other historical data.

Probability of default (PD)

The PD represents the likelihood of a borrower defaulting on its financial obligation (as per “Definition of default and credit-impaired” above), either over the next 12 months (12M PD) or over the remaining lifetime (Lifetime PD) of the obligation.

The Lifetime PD is developed by applying a maturity profile to the current 12M PD. The maturity profile looks at how defaults develop on a portfolio from the point of initial recognition throughout the lifetime of the loans. The maturity profile is based on historical observed data and is assumed to be the same across all assets within a portfolio and credit grade band. This is supported by historical analysis.

Probability of Default is modeled by the survival function, which is based on hazard rates.

Hazard rates are obtained by the Cox proportional-hazards model, which is a semi-parametric model, it uses an assumed simple form for the effect of covariates and the exact value of free parameters is estimated with partial likelihood. The baseline is obtained by non-parametrical methods. A macroeconomic overlay can be directly included into the hazard function through a time-dependent variable. From obtained hazard rates, then Point-in-Time (“PiT”) PD is derived, i.e., marginal PDs assigned to a respective date.

Observation period for modeling Cox hazard rates is 5 years.

Loss given default (LGD)

LGD is the magnitude of the likely loss if there is a default. The Company estimates LGD parameters based on the history of recovery rates of claims against defaulted counterparties. The LGD model considers cash recoveries only. LGD is calculated on a discounted cash flow basis using the EIR as the discounting factor.

Secured loans utilize collateral values, whereas unsecured and guaranteed loans use recovery rates.

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Exposure at default (EAD)

EAD is based on the amounts the Company expects to be owed at the time of default, over the next 12 months (12M EAD) or over the remaining lifetime (Lifetime EAD).

Incorporation of forward-looking information

The Company incorporates forward-looking information into both its assessment of whether the credit risk of an instrument has increased significantly since its initial recognition and its measurement of ECL.

The Company has identified and documented the key drivers of credit risk and credit losses for the portfolio using an analysis of historical data, has assessed the impact of macroeconomic variables on PD and recovery rate. The macroeconomic variable which was involved in the analysis is a real growth rate of GDP.

Maximum exposure of credit risk. The Company’s maximum exposure to credit risk varies significantly and is dependent on both individual risks and general market economy risks.

The following table presents the maximum exposure to the credit risk of balance sheet and off-balance sheet financial assets. For financial assets in the balance sheet, the maximum exposure is equal to the carrying amount of those assets prior to any offset or collateral. The Company’s maximum exposure to credit risk under contingent liabilities and commitments to extend credit, in the event of non-performance by the other party where all counterclaims, collateral or security prove valueless, is represented by the contractual amounts of those instruments.

Maximum exposure of credit risk table is as below:

	Maximum exposure	Collateral pledged	Net exposure
December 31, 2023			
Cash at banks	1,603	-	1,603
Loans to customers, net	33,259	-	33,259
Other financial assets	214	-	214
December 31, 2022			
Cash at banks	1,480	-	1,480
Loans to customers, net	26,397	-	26,397
Other financial assets	80	-	80

Analysis of collateral and other credit enhancements

The Company closely monitors collateral held for financial assets considered to be credit-impaired excluding POCI loans, as it becomes more likely that the Company will take possession of collateral to mitigate potential credit losses. Financial assets that are credit-impaired and related collateral held in order to mitigate potential losses are shown below:

	Gross carrying amount	Loss allowance	Amortized cost	Fair value of collateral
December 31, 2023				
Loan portfolio in default (Stage 3)				
Large loans	1,721	(862)	859	-
Small loans	447	(233)	214	-
Total	2,168	(1,095)	1,073	-

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December 31, 2022	Gross carrying amount	Loss allowance	Amortized cost	Fair value of collateral
Loan portfolio in default (Stage 3)				
Large loans	1,029	(700)	329	-
Small loans	<u>259</u>	<u>(28)</u>	<u>231</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	<u>1,288</u>	<u>(728)</u>	<u>560</u>	<u>-</u>

The following table shows the distribution of LTV ratios for the Company’s credit-impaired portfolio of small loans:

	2023			
	Total loan portfolio		Credit impaired loan portfolio (Stage 3)	
	Gross carrying amount	Loss allowance	Gross carrying	Loss allowance
Loan to Value (LTV) ratio				
No Collateral	<u>7,173</u>	<u>(424)</u>	<u>447</u>	<u>(233)</u>
Total	<u>7,173</u>	<u>(424)</u>	<u>447</u>	<u>(233)</u>

	2022			
	Total loan portfolio		Credit impaired loan portfolio (Stage 3)	
	Gross carrying amount	Loss allowance	Gross carrying	Loss allowance
Loan to Value (LTV) ratio				
No Collateral	<u>6,712</u>	<u>(244)</u>	<u>259</u>	<u>(28)</u>
Total	<u>6,712</u>	<u>(244)</u>	<u>259</u>	<u>(28)</u>

The following table shows the distribution of LTV ratios for the Company’s credit-impaired portfolio of large loans:

	2023			
	Total loan portfolio		Credit impaired loan portfolio (Stage 3)	
	Gross carrying amount	Loss allowance	Gross carrying amount	Loss allowance
Loan to Value (LTV) ratio				
No Collateral	<u>28,062</u>	<u>(1,552)</u>	<u>1,721</u>	<u>(862)</u>
Total	<u>28,062</u>	<u>(1,552)</u>	<u>1,721</u>	<u>(862)</u>

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	2022			
	Total loan portfolio		Credit impaired loan portfolio (Stage 3)	
	Gross carrying amount	Loss allowance	Gross carrying amount	Loss allowance
Loan to Value (LTV) ratio				
No Collateral	21,066	(1,137)	1,029	(700)
Total	21,066	(1,137)	1,029	(700)

Off-balance sheet risk. The Company applies fundamentally the same risk management policies for off-balance sheet risks as it does for its on-balance-sheet risks. In the case of commitments to lend, customers and counterparties will be subject to the same credit management policies as for loans and advances. Collateral may be sought depending on the strength of the counterparty and the nature of the transaction.

Geographical concentration. The geographical concentration of the Company’s financial assets and liabilities as at December 31, 2023 is set out below:

	The Republic of Azerbaijan	OECD countries	Non-OECD countries	Total
Cash and cash equivalents	1,603	-	-	1,603
Loans to customers, net	33,259	-	-	33,259
Other financial assets	-	214	-	214
Total financial assets	34,862	214	-	35,076
Borrowed funds	2,636	7,350	8,468	18,454
Debt securities issued	5,294	-	-	5,294
Lease liabilities	540	-	-	540
Other financial liabilities	833	348	-	1,181
Total financial liabilities	9,303	7,698	8,468	25,469
Net position	25,559	(7,484)	(8,468)	9,607

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The geographical concentration of the Company’s financial assets and liabilities as at December 31, 2022 is set out below:

	The Republic of Azerbaijan	OECD countries	Non-OECD countries	Total
Cash and cash equivalents	1,485	-	-	1,485
Loans to customers, net	26,397	-	-	26,397
Other financial assets	-	80	-	80
Total financial assets	27,882	80	-	27,962
Borrowed funds	3,527	2,767	6,829	13,123
Debt securities issued	5,265	-	-	5,265
Lease liabilities	765	-	-	765
Other financial liabilities	518	153	-	671
Total financial liabilities	10,075	2,920	6,829	19,824
Net position	17,807	(2,840)	(6,829)	8,138

Market risk. Market risk is the risk that the Company’s earnings or capital or its ability to meet business objectives will be adversely affected by changes in the level or volatility of market rates or prices.

Market risk covers interest rate risk, currency risk, credit spreads, commodity prices and equity prices that the Company is exposed to. There have been no changes as to the way the Company measures risk or to the risk it is exposed or the manner in which these risks are managed and measured.

The Company is exposed to interest rate risks as entities in the Company borrow funds at both fixed and floating rates. The risk is managed by the Company maintaining an appropriate mix between fixed and floating rate borrowings.

The ALMC also manages interest rate and market risks by matching the Company’s interest rate position, which provides the Company with a positive interest margin. The Finance Department conducts monitoring of the Company’s current financial performance, estimates the Company’s sensitivity to changes in interest rates and its influence on the Company’s profitability.

Some of the Company’s financial liabilities that bear interest are either variable or contain clauses enabling the interest rate to be changed at the option of the lender. The Company monitors its interest rate margin and consequently does not consider itself exposed to significant interest rate risk or consequential cash flow risk.

Currency risk. Currency risk is defined as the risk that the value of a financial instrument will fluctuate due to changes in foreign exchange rates. The Company is exposed to the effects of fluctuations in the prevailing foreign currency exchange rates on its financial position and cash flows.

The ALMC controls currency risk by management of the open currency position on the estimated basis of USD fluctuation and other macroeconomic indicators, which gives the Company an opportunity to minimize losses from significant currency rates fluctuations toward its national currency.

The Company is exposed to the effects of fluctuation in the prevailing foreign currency exchange rates on its financial position and cash flows.

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As at December 31, 2023, the Company’s exposure to foreign currency exchange rate risk is as follows:

	AZN	USD	EUR	Total
Cash and cash equivalents	667	928	8	1,603
Loans to customers, net	33,259	-	-	33,259
Other financial assets		214		214
Total financial assets	33,926	1,142	8	35,076
Borrowed funds	8,869	9,585	-	18,454
Debt securities issued	5,294	-	-	5,294
Lease liabilities	540	-	-	540
Other financial liabilities	833	348	-	1,181
Total financial liabilities	15,536	9,933	-	25,469
Derivative financial instrument	(7,500)	7,500	-	-
OPEN POSITION	10,890	(1,291)	8	9,607

As at December 31, 2022, the Company’s exposure to foreign currency exchange rate risk is as follows:

	AZN	USD	EUR	Total
Cash and cash equivalents	533	950	2	1,485
Loans to customers, net	26,397	-	-	26,397
Other financial assets	-	80	-	80
Total financial assets	26,930	1,030	2	27,962
Borrowed funds	3,527	9,596	-	13,123
Debt securities issued	5,265	-	-	5,265
Lease liabilities	765	-	-	765
Other financial liabilities	445	226	-	671
Total financial liabilities	10,002	9,822	-	19,824
Derivative financial instrument	(9,000)	9,000	-	-
OPEN POSITION	7,928	208	2	8,138

The following table details the Company’s sensitivity to a 10% increase and decrease in the AZN against the relevant foreign currencies as at December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively. 10% is the sensitivity rate used when reporting foreign currency risk internally to key management personnel and represents management’s assessment of the reasonably possible change in foreign exchange rates.

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	2023	
	Effect on profit before taxation	Effect on equity
USD appreciation by 10%	(129)	(103)
USD depreciation by 10%	129	103
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	2022	
	Effect on profit before taxation	Effect on equity
USD appreciation by 10%	21	17
USD depreciation by 10%	(21)	(17)
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Interest rate risk. Interest rate risk arises from the possibility that changes in interest rates will affect the fair value of the financial instruments or the future cash flows on financial instruments. The Company’s interest rate policy is reviewed periodically by the Management Board in order to place and attract funds based on market conditions. Interest rate risk is managed principally through monitoring interest rate gaps.

The Company manages fair value interest rate risk through periodic estimation of potential losses that could arise from adverse changes in market conditions. The Finance Department conducts monitoring of the Company’s current financial performance, estimates the Company’s sensitivity to changes in fair value interest rates and its influence on the Company’s profitability.

The sensitivity analyses below have been determined based on the exposure to interest rates for financial instruments at the end of the reporting period. A 50 (0.5%) basis points increase or decrease is used when reporting interest rate risk internally to key management personnel and represents management’s assessment of the reasonably possible change in interest rates.

If interest rates had been 50 (0.5%) basis points higher/lower and all other variables were held constant, the Company’s:

	2023		2022	
	Effect on profit before income tax	Effect on equity	Effect on profit before income tax	Effect on Equity
Interest rate increase on 0.5%	45	36	36	29
Interest rate decrease on 0.5%	(45)	(36)	(36)	(29)
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Limitations of sensitivity analysis. The above tables demonstrate the effect of a change in a key assumption while other assumptions remain unchanged. In reality, there is a correlation between the assumptions and other factors. It should also be noted that these sensitivities are non-linear, and larger or smaller impacts should not be interpolated or extrapolated from these results.

Other limitations in the above sensitivity analyses include the use of hypothetical market movements to demonstrate the potential risk that only represents the Company’s view of possible near-term market changes that cannot be predicted with any certainty; and the assumption that all interest rates move in an identical fashion.

Liquidity risk. Liquidity risk refers to the availability of sufficient funds to meet financial commitments associated with financial instruments as they actually fall due. In order to manage liquidity risk, the Company performs daily monitoring of existing cash balances and monthly analysis of future expected cash flows on clients and other financial operations, which is a part of the assets/liabilities management process.

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The table below shows the expected maturity analysis as at December 31, 2023:

	Up to 1 month	1 month to 3 months	3 months to 6 months	6 months to 1 year	1 year to 5 years	December 31, 2023 Total
FINANCIAL ASSETS						
Interest rate instruments	3,016	2,120	2,087	4,882	21,154	33,259
Loans to customers, net	3,016	2,120	2,087	4,882	21,154	33,259
Total fixed interest-bearing financial assets						
Non-interest-bearing financial assets	1,603	-	-	-	-	1,603
Cash and cash equivalents	-	-	-	214	-	214
Other financial assets	1,603	-	-	214	-	1,817
Total non-interest-bearing financial assets						
Total financial assets	4,619	2,120	2,087	5,096	21,154	35,076
FINANCIAL LIABILITIES						
Interest rate instruments	1,335	1,149	2,611	5,487	7,872	18,454
Borrowed funds	-	1,764	1,765	-	1,765	5,294
Debt securities issued	21	59	84	159	217	540
Lease liabilities	1,356	2,972	4,460	5,646	9,854	24,288
Total fixed interest-bearing financial liabilities						
Non-interest-bearing financial liabilities	884	-	-	297	-	1,181
Other financial liabilities	884	-	-	297	-	1,181
Total non-interest-bearing financial liabilities						
Total financial liabilities and commitments	2,240	2,972	4,460	5,943	9,854	25,469
Liquidity gap	2,379	(852)	(2,373)	(847)	11,300	
Cumulative liquidity gap	2,379	1,527	(846)	(1,693)	9,607	

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The table below shows the expected maturity analysis as at December 31, 2022:

	Up to 1 month	1 month to 3 months	3 months to 6 months	6 months to 1 year	1 year to 5 years	December 31, 2022 Total
FINANCIAL ASSETS						
Interest rate instruments	2,223	1,650	1,636	3,528	17,360	26,397
Loans to customers, net	2,223	1,650	1,636	3,528	17,360	26,397
Total fixed interest-bearing financial assets						
Non-interest bearing financial assets	1,485	-	-	-	-	1,485
Cash and cash equivalents	-	-	-	80	-	80
Other financial assets	1,485	-	-	80	-	1,565
Total non-interest bearing financial assets						
Total financial assets	3,708	1,650	1,636	3,608	17,360	27,962
FINANCIAL LIABILITIES						
Interest rate instruments	1,058	300	903	3,919	6,943	13,123
Borrowed funds	-	-	-	1,747	3,518	5,265
Debt securities issued	22	46	72	159	466	765
Lease liabilities						
Total fixed interest-bearing financial liabilities	1,080	346	975	5,825	10,927	19,153
Non-interest bearing financial liabilities	518	27	-	126	-	671
Other financial liabilities	518	27	-	126	-	671
Total non-interest bearing financial liabilities						
Total financial liabilities and commitments	1,598	373	975	5,951	10,927	19,824
Liquidity gap	2,110	1,277	661	(2,343)	6,433	
Cumulative liquidity gap	2,110	3,387	4,048	1,705	8,138	

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Maturity analysis of undiscounted financial liabilities. The following tables detail the Company’s remaining contractual maturity for its financial liabilities with agreed repayment periods. The tables have been drawn up based on the undiscounted cash flows of financial liabilities based on the earliest date on which the Company can be required to pay.

The tables include both interest and principal cash flows. To the extent that interest flows are floating rate, the undiscounted amount is derived from interest rate curves at the end of the reporting period. The contractual maturity is based on the earliest date on which the Company may be required to pay.

The table below shows the maturity analysis of undiscounted financial liabilities as at December 31, 2023:

	Up to 1 month	1 month to 3 months	3 months to 6 months	6 months to 1 year	1 year to 5 years	December 31, 2023 Total
FINANCIAL LIABILITIES						
Interest rate instruments						
Borrowed funds	1,466	1,398	2,933	6,185	8,957	20,939
Debt securities issued	55	1,875	1,875	111	1,820	5,736
Lease liabilities	32	64	256	254	-	606
Total fixed interest-bearing financial liabilities	1,553	3,337	5,064	6,550	10,777	27,281
Non-interest bearing financial liabilities						
Other financial liabilities	883	-	-	298	-	1,181
Total non-interest bearing financial liabilities	883	-	-	298	-	1,181
Total financial liabilities and commitments	2,436	3,337	5,064	6,848	10,777	28,462

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The table below shows the maturity analysis of undiscounted financial liabilities as at December 31, 2022:

	Up to 1 month	1 month to 3 months	3 months to 6 months	6 months to 1 year	1 year to 5 years	December 31, 2022 Total
FINANCIAL LIABILITIES						
Interest rate instruments						
Borrowed funds	1,087	485	1,074	4,251	7,762	14,659
Debt securities issued	165	331	992	1,984	2,649	6,121
Lease liabilities	28	55	84	178	495	840
Total fixed interest-bearing financial liabilities	1,280	871	2,150	6,413	10,906	21,620
Non-interest bearing financial liabilities						
Other financial liabilities	518	27	-	126	-	671
Total non-interest bearing financial liabilities	518	27	-	126	-	671
Total financial liabilities and commitments	1,798	898	2,150	6,539	10,906	22,291

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Credit rating analysis. The following table details credit ratings of financial assets held by the Company that are neither past due nor impaired:

December 31, 2023	BB-	B1	Ba3	Ba2	Not rated	Total
Cash at banks	1,008	-	-	-	595	1,603
Loans to customers, net	-	-	-	-	33,259	33,259
Other financial assets	-	-	-	-	214	214
December 31, 2022	BB-	B1	Ba3	Ba2	Not rated	Total
Cash at banks	-	1,019	-	-	461	1,480
Loans to customers, net	-	-	-	-	26,397	26,397
Other financial assets	-	-	-	-	80	80

The Company enters into numerous transactions where the counterparties are not rated by international rating agencies. The Company has developed internal models, which allow it to determine the rating of counterparties, which are comparable to the rating of international rating agencies.

A model of the borrower’s scoring assessment has been developed in the Company to assess and decide on loan customers. The scoring model is developed relating to loan products and includes key performance indicators of borrowers: financial situation, relations with the borrower, management quality, target use, location, credit history, collateral, etc.

The scoring assessment based on the borrower’s parameters is one of the main factors in the decision-making process relating to loans.

A methodology of evaluation of borrowers is based on the following criteria: education, occupancy, financial position, credit history, property owned by the borrower. Based on information obtained the maximum limit of a loan is calculated. The maximum limit of a loan is calculated using a ratio of debt pressure on a borrower.

Financial assets other than loans to customers are graded according to the current credit rating they have been issued by an internationally regarded agency such as Fitch, Standard & Poor’s and Moody’s be advised that rating titles and therefore rating meanings are different from agency to agency. The highest possible rating is AAA. Investment-grade financial assets have ratings from AAA to BBB. Financial assets which have ratings lower than BBB are classed as a speculative grade.

Operational risk. Operational risk is the risk of loss arising from systems failure, human error, fraud or external events. When controls fail to perform, operational risks can cause damage to reputation, have legal or regulatory implications, or lead to financial loss. The Company cannot expect to eliminate all operational risks, but it endeavors to manage these risks through a control framework and by monitoring and responding to potential risks. Controls include effective segregation of duties, access, authorization and reconciliation procedures, staff education and assessment processes.

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23. EVENTS AFTER THE REPORTING DATE

On February 14, 2024, the Company obtained credit line in the amount of AZN 1,500 thousand from “Ziraat Bank Azerbaijan” OJSC for the purpose of financing lending activity.

On February 22, 2024, the Company borrowed USD 1,000 thousand from EMF Microfinance fund AGMVK.

On March 28, 2024, the Company borrowed USD 3,500 thousand from InsuResilience Fund, SICAV RAIF.

On April 9, 2024 the Central Bank of the Republic of Azerbaijan has decreased the refinancing rate to 7.5%.