



## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

The Stockholders and the Board of Directors  
Sterling Bank of Asia Inc. (A Savings Bank)  
Sterling Bank Corporate Center  
8004 Ortigas Avenue  
Greenhills, 1500, San Juan  
Metro Manila

### Report on the Financial Statements

#### *Opinion*

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Sterling Bank of Asia Inc. (A Savings Bank) (the Bank), which comprise the statements of financial position as at December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the statements of income, statements of comprehensive income, statements of changes in equity and statements of cash flows for the years then ended, and notes to financial statements, including a summary of material accounting policy information.

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

#### *Basis for Opinion*

We conducted our audits in accordance with Philippine Standards on Auditing (PSA). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report. We are independent of the Bank in accordance with the Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants in the Philippines (Code of Ethics) together with the ethical requirements that are relevant to the audit of the financial statements in the Philippines, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and the Code of Ethics. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### *Other Information*

Management is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report for the year ended December 31, 2023 but does not include the financial statements and our auditors' report thereon. The Annual Report for the year ended December 31, 2023 are expected to be made available to us after the date of this auditors' report.

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

In connection with our audits of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information identified above when it becomes available and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.



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

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with PFRS, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Bank's financial reporting process.

*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 PSA will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, these could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial statements.

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

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



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

**Report on the Supplementary Information Required under Section 174 and Appendix 55 of the Manual of Regulations for Banks by the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas, *Disclosure Requirements to the Audited Financial Statements***

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The supplementary information for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022 required by the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas under Section 174 and Appendix 55 of the Manual of Regulations for Banks as disclosed in Note 26 to financial statements is presented for additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements prepared in accordance with PFRS. Such supplementary information is the responsibility of the management. The supplementary information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

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**STERLING BANK OF ASIA INC. (A Savings Bank)**

**STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION**

				December 31		
		Note	2023	2022		
<b>ASSETS</b>						
Cash and other cash items			<b>₱578,568,031</b>	₱510,101,446		
Due from Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas			<b>2,056,165,929</b>	2,813,319,000		
Due from other banks			<b>1,502,080,267</b>	1,963,318,024		
Interbank loans receivable		6	<b>1,348,001,167</b>	470,374,799		
Investment securities		7	<b>3,716,878,965</b>	2,180,629,502		
Loans and receivables		8	<b>34,957,441,412</b>	30,975,948,092		
Foreclosed assets		9	<b>605,731,320</b>	578,218,320		
Property and equipment		10	<b>636,599,636</b>	582,876,543		
Intangible assets		11	<b>296,918,747</b>	292,013,209		
Net deferred tax assets		21	<b>27,991,015</b>	21,795,988		
Other assets		12	<b>264,078,757</b>	112,258,256		
			<b>₱45,990,455,246</b>	₱40,500,853,179		
<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>						
<b>Liabilities</b>						
Deposit liabilities		13	<b>₱38,693,816,311</b>	₱33,636,398,724		
Accrued interest, taxes and other expenses		14	<b>270,922,810</b>	176,012,130		
Manager's checks			<b>121,010,179</b>	117,174,478		
Unsecured subordinated debt		15	<b>1,300,000,000</b>	1,300,000,000		
Lease liabilities		18	<b>268,473,038</b>	241,109,327		
Retirement liability		19	<b>77,128,693</b>	55,035,205		
Income tax payable			<b>7,006,583</b>	299,049		
Other liabilities		16	<b>995,193,711</b>	1,169,219,369		
Total Liabilities			<b>41,733,551,325</b>	36,695,248,282		
<b>Equity</b>						
Perpetual preferred stock		22	<b>300,000,000</b>	300,000,000		
Common stock		22	<b>2,370,000,000</b>	2,170,000,000		
Other equity reserves			<b>7,310,178</b>	(1,107,468)		
Retained earnings			<b>1,579,593,743</b>	1,336,712,365		
Total Equity			<b>4,256,903,921</b>	3,805,604,897		
			<b>₱45,990,455,246</b>	₱40,500,853,179		

*See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.*

**STERLING BANK OF ASIA INC. (A Savings Bank)**

**STATEMENTS OF INCOME**

		<b>Years Ended December 31</b>	
	Note	2023	2022
<b>INTEREST INCOME ON:</b>			
Loans and receivables	8	<b>₱2,685,241,302</b>	₱1,990,850,609
Investment securities	7	<b>186,237,276</b>	74,177,517
Due from Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas and other banks		<b>106,644,928</b>	70,910,052
Interbank loans receivable	6	<b>91,674,284</b>	54,647,862
		<b>3,069,797,790</b>	2,190,586,040
<b>INTEREST EXPENSE ON DEPOSIT AND OTHER FINANCIAL LIABILITIES</b>			
	13	<b>1,215,844,867</b>	513,025,086
<b>NET INTEREST INCOME</b>		<b>1,853,952,923</b>	1,677,560,954
<b>OTHER INCOME (CHARGES)</b>			
Service charges, fees and commissions		<b>160,531,049</b>	187,805,158
Net trading and securities gains from investment securities	7	<b>32,393,904</b>	18,511,339
Net losses from assets sold or acquired	9	<b>(13,294,924)</b>	(25,874,331)
Net foreign exchange gains (losses)		<b>1,485,855</b>	(335,163)
Others - net		<b>8,562,535</b>	7,296,057
		<b>189,678,419</b>	187,403,060
<b>PROVISIONS FOR CREDIT AND IMPAIRMENT LOSSES ON LOANS AND RECEIVABLES</b>			
	8	<b>19,303,733</b>	42,137,524
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>		<b>1,710,732,991</b>	1,568,806,734
<b>INCOME BEFORE INCOME TAX</b>		<b>313,594,618</b>	254,019,756
<b>PROVISION FOR (BENEFIT FROM) INCOME TAX</b>			
Current		<b>74,009,149</b>	53,820,081
Deferred	21	<b>(3,295,909)</b>	(911,023)
		<b>70,713,240</b>	52,909,058
<b>NET INCOME</b>		<b>₱242,881,378</b>	₱201,110,698

*See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.*

**STERLING BANK OF ASIA INC. (A Savings Bank)**

**STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME**

		<b>Years Ended December 31</b>	
	Note	2023	2022
<b>NET INCOME</b>		<b>₱242,881,378</b>	<b>₱201,110,698</b>
<b>OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)</b>			
<i>Items to be reclassified to profit or loss:</i>			
Net unrealized gains (losses) on fair value changes of			
investment securities	7	<b>17,411,936</b>	(21,713,459)
Translation adjustment		<b>(296,938)</b>	5,680,590
<i>Item not to be reclassified to profit or loss -</i>			
Remeasurement loss on retirement liability,			
net of deferred tax	19	<b>(8,697,352)</b>	(3,413,013)
		<b>8,417,646</b>	(19,445,882)
<b>TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME</b>		<b>₱251,299,024</b>	<b>₱181,664,816</b>

*See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.*

**STERLING BANK OF ASIA INC. (A Savings Bank)**

**STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN EQUITY**

	Note	Years Ended December 31	
		2023	2022
<b>PERPETUAL PREFERRED STOCK</b>	22	<b>₱300,000,000</b>	₱300,000,000
<b>COMMON STOCK</b>	22		
Balance at beginning of year		<b>2,170,000,000</b>	2,170,000,000
Issuance of shares		<b>200,000,000</b>	–
Balance at end of year		<b>2,370,000,000</b>	2,170,000,000
<b>OTHER EQUITY RESERVES</b>			
<b>Cumulative Unrealized Gains (Losses) on Fair Value</b>			
<b>Changes of Investment Securities</b>			
	7		
Balance at beginning of year		<b>(20,803,460)</b>	909,999
Net unrealized gains (losses)		<b>17,411,936</b>	(21,713,459)
Balance at end of year		<b>(3,391,524)</b>	(20,803,460)
<b>Cumulative Remeasurement Gains (Losses) on Retirement Liability</b>			
	19		
Balance at beginning of year		<b>5,829,574</b>	9,242,587
Net remeasurement loss		<b>(8,697,352)</b>	(3,413,013)
Balance at end of year		<b>(2,867,778)</b>	5,829,574
<b>Cumulative Translation Adjustment</b>			
Balance at beginning of year		<b>13,866,418</b>	8,185,828
Translation adjustment		<b>(296,938)</b>	5,680,590
Balance at end of year		<b>13,569,480</b>	13,866,418
		<b>7,310,178</b>	(1,107,468)
<b>RETAINED EARNINGS</b>			
Balance at beginning of year		<b>1,336,712,365</b>	1,135,601,667
Net income		<b>242,881,378</b>	201,110,698
Balance at end of year		<b>1,579,593,743</b>	1,336,712,365
		<b>₱4,256,903,921</b>	₱3,805,604,897

See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

**STERLING BANK OF ASIA INC. (A Savings Bank)**

**STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**

		<b>Years Ended December 31</b>	
	Note	<b>2023</b>	2022
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Income before income tax		<b>₱313,594,618</b>	₱254,019,756
Adjustments for:			
Depreciation and amortization	10	<b>164,012,582</b>	167,556,658
Retirement benefits	19	<b>20,497,018</b>	18,952,575
Net amortization of discount on investment securities	7	<b>19,501,543</b>	16,089,810
Provisions for credit and impairment losses on:			
Loans and receivables	8	<b>19,303,733</b>	42,137,524
Foreclosed assets	9	<b>359,517</b>	–
Interest expense on lease liabilities	18	<b>14,478,078</b>	12,753,544
Net losses from assets sold or acquired	9	<b>13,294,924</b>	25,874,331
Operating income before working capital changes		<b>565,042,013</b>	537,384,198
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:			
Increase in:			
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss		<b>(17,521)</b>	(97,461)
Loans and receivables		<b>(3,997,548,291)</b>	(578,524,315)
Other assets		<b>(151,820,501)</b>	(1,541,748)
Increase (decrease) in:			
Deposit liabilities		<b>5,057,417,587</b>	(4,606,552,227)
Manager's checks		<b>3,835,701</b>	18,982,782
Accrued interest, taxes and other expenses		<b>94,910,680</b>	15,113,726
Other liabilities		<b>(174,025,658)</b>	(430,633,895)
Net cash generated from (used for) operations		<b>1,397,794,010</b>	(5,045,868,940)
Income taxes paid		<b>(67,301,615)</b>	(68,894,859)
Retirement contributions	19	<b>(10,000,000)</b>	(20,000,000)
Net cash flows provided by (used in) operating activities		<b>1,320,492,395</b>	(5,134,763,799)
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Additions to:			
Investment securities	7	<b>(25,881,095,378)</b>	(22,508,452,876)
Property and equipment	10	<b>(72,392,513)</b>	(44,007,603)
Computer software	11	<b>(22,270,919)</b>	(4,777,811)
Proceeds from:			
Maturity of investment securities	7	<b>24,342,773,829</b>	23,646,331,028
Disposal of assets held for sale	9	<b>127,505,495</b>	314,649,946
Sale of property and equipment	10	<b>3,389,274</b>	1,554,595
Net cash flows provided by (used in) investing activities		<b>(1,502,090,212)</b>	1,405,297,279

(Forward)

		<b>Years Ended December 31</b>	
	Note	<b>2023</b>	2022
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM A FINANCING ACTIVITY</b>			
Payments of lease liabilities	18	<b>(P86,733,450)</b>	(P92,077,085)
<b>EFFECT OF EXCHANGE RATE CHANGES ON CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS</b>			
		<b>(3,966,608)</b>	5,680,590
<b>NET DECREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS</b>		<b>(272,297,875)</b>	(3,815,863,015)
<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>			
Cash and other cash items		<b>510,101,446</b>	627,826,383
Due from Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas		<b>2,813,319,000</b>	6,346,319,599
Due from other banks		<b>1,963,318,024</b>	2,598,830,302
Interbank loans receivable		<b>470,374,799</b>	-
		<b>5,757,113,269</b>	9,572,976,284
<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF THE YEAR</b>			
Cash and other cash items		<b>578,568,031</b>	510,101,446
Due from Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas		<b>2,056,165,929</b>	2,813,319,000
Due from other banks		<b>1,502,080,267</b>	1,963,318,024
Interbank loans receivable		<b>1,348,001,167</b>	470,374,799
		<b>P5,484,815,394</b>	P5,757,113,269
<b>OPERATING CASH FLOWS FROM INTEREST</b>			
Interest received		<b>P2,933,106,003</b>	P2,190,586,040
Interest paid		<b>1,165,050,167</b>	513,025,086
<b>NONCASH INFORMATION</b>			
Foreclosure of assets	9	<b>P126,717,155</b>	P521,736,102
Recognition of right-of-use assets and lease liabilities	10, 18	<b>99,619,083</b>	144,829,063

See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

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## STERLING BANK OF ASIA INC. (A Savings Bank)

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

AS AT AND FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022

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#### 1. General Information

Sterling Bank of Asia Inc. (A Savings Bank) (the Bank) was incorporated in the Philippines and registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP). The Bank was formerly known as Far East Savings Bank (FESB) and was originally issued with a Certificate of Incorporation by the SEC on January 20, 1998. The Bank is primarily engaged in the general business of savings and mortgage banking. The Bank offers a wide range of products and services such as deposit products, loans, treasury and trust functions.

The Bank was granted authority to engage in trust operations in 2008 and to issue foreign letters of credit in 2010.

As at December 31, 2023 and 2022, the Bank operates a total of 47 branches.

In 2006, JTKC Equities, Inc. (JEI), Surewell Equities, Inc. (SEI) and Star Equities, Inc. acquired all the outstanding shares of stock of FESB from the Bank of the Philippine Islands. In 2007, the Bank changed its corporate name from FESB to Sterling Bank of Asia Inc. (A Savings Bank) as approved by the BSP and the SEC.

In 2009, the BSP approved the Bank's application to acquire 100% of the shares of stock of Centennial Savings Bank (CSB). In 2010, as approved by the BSP and the SEC, the Bank, as the surviving entity, merged with CSB.

The ultimate parent company of the Bank is JEI, through a direct equity interest of 38.11% and 37.97% as at December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively, and an indirect equity interest of 25.01% and 24.63% as at December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively, through Star Equities, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of JEI.

The registered office address of the Bank is Sterling Bank Corporate Center, 8004 Ortigas Avenue, Greenhills, 1500, San Juan, Metro Manila.

#### **Approval of the Financial Statements**

The financial statements of the Bank as at and for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022 have been approved and authorized for issue by the Board of Directors (BOD) on March 26, 2024, as recommended for approval by the Audit Committee on March 19, 2024.

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#### 2. Summary of Material Accounting Policy Information

##### **Basis of Preparation and Compliance**

The financial statements have been prepared in compliance with the Philippine Financial Reporting Standards (PFRS) issued by the Philippine Financial and Sustainability Reporting Standards Council and adopted by the SEC. This financial reporting framework includes PFRS, Philippine Accounting Standards (PAS), Philippine Interpretations from International Financial Reporting Interpretations Committee (IFRIC), and the SEC pronouncements.

### **Measurement Bases**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost basis, except for:

- investment securities measured at fair value;
- assets held for sale that are measured at the lower of carrying amount of loans and receivables and fair value less cost-to-sell; and
- retirement liability that is carried at the present value of defined benefit obligation less the fair value of plan assets.

Historical cost is generally based on the fair value of the consideration given in exchange for an asset and the fair value of consideration received in exchange for incurring a liability. 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 transaction date.

The Bank uses market observable data as far as possible when measuring the fair value of an asset or a liability. Fair values are categorized into different levels in a fair value hierarchy based on inputs used in the valuation techniques as follows:

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

If the inputs used to measure the fair value of an asset or a liability might be categorized in different levels of the fair value hierarchy, then the fair value measurement is categorized in its entirety in the same level of the fair value hierarchy as the lowest level input that is significant to the entire measurement.

The Bank recognizes transfers between levels of the fair value hierarchy at the end of the reporting year during which the change has occurred.

Information about the assumptions made in measuring fair values is included in Note 5, *Fair Value Measurement*.

### **Functional and Presentation Currency**

The financial statements of the Bank include the accounts maintained in the Regular Banking Unit (RBU) and Foreign Currency Deposit Unit (FCDU). The functional currency of the RBU and FCDU is the Philippine Peso and United States Dollar (USD), respectively. For financial reporting purposes, the FCDU accounts and foreign currency-denominated accounts in the RBU are translated into Philippine Peso equivalent amounts, which is the functional and presentation currency of the Bank. The financial statements of RBU and FCDU are combined after eliminating inter-unit accounts.

### **Adoption of Amendments to PFRS**

The accounting policies adopted are consistent with those of the previous financial year, except for the adoption of the following relevant amendments to PFRS effective January 1, 2023:

- Amendments to PAS 1, *Presentation of Financial Statements*, and PFRS Practice Statement 2, *Making Materiality Judgments - Disclosure Initiative - Accounting Policies* – The amendments require an entity to disclose its material accounting policies, instead of its significant accounting policies and provide guidance on how an entity applies the concept of materiality in making decisions about accounting policy disclosures. In assessing the materiality of accounting policy information, entities need to consider both the size of the transactions, other events or conditions and its nature. The amendments clarify (1) that accounting policy information may be material because of its nature, even if the related amounts are immaterial, (2) that accounting policy information is material if users of an entity's financial statements would need it to understand other material information in the financial statements, and (3) if an entity discloses immaterial accounting policy information, such information should not obscure material accounting policy information. In addition, PFRS Practice Statement 2 is amended by adding guidance and examples to explain and demonstrate the application of the 'four-step materiality process' to accounting policy information.
- Amendments to PAS 8, *Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors - Definition of Accounting Estimates* – The amendments clarify the distinction between changes in accounting estimates and changes in accounting policies, and the correction of errors. Under the new definition, accounting estimates are "monetary amounts in financial statements that are subject to measurement uncertainty". An entity develops an accounting estimate if an accounting policy requires an item in the financial statements to be measured in a way that involves measurement uncertainty. The amendments clarify that a change in accounting estimate that results from new information or new developments is not a correction of an error, and that the effects of a change in an input or a measurement technique used to develop an accounting estimate are changes in accounting estimates if they do not result from the correction of prior period errors. A change in an accounting estimate may affect only the profit or loss in the current period, or the profit or loss of both the current and future periods.
- Amendments to PAS 12, *Income Taxes - Deferred Tax Related Assets and Liabilities from a Single Transaction* – The amendments require companies to recognize deferred tax on transactions that, on initial recognition, give rise to equal amounts of taxable and deductible temporary differences.
- Amendments to PAS 1, *Classification of Liabilities as Current or Noncurrent* – The amendments clarify the requirements for an entity to have the right to defer settlement of the liability for at least 12 months after the reporting period. The amendments also specify and clarify the following: (i) an entity's right to defer settlement must exist at the end of the reporting period, (ii) the classification is unaffected by management's intentions or expectations about whether the entity will exercise its right to defer settlement, (iii) how lending conditions affect classification, and (iv) requirements for classifying liabilities where an entity will or may settle by issuing its own equity instruments.

The adoption of the foregoing amendments to PFRS did not materially affect the financial statements of the Bank. Additional disclosures were included in the financial statements, as applicable.

### **Amendments to PFRS Issued but Not yet Effective**

Relevant amendments to PFRS, which are not yet effective and have not been applied in preparing the financial statements, are summarized below.

Effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2024:

- Amendments to PFRS 16 – *Lease Liability in a Sale and Leaseback* – The amendments clarify that the liability that arises from a sale and leaseback transaction, that satisfies the requirements in PFRS 15, *Revenue from Contracts with Customers*, to be accounted for as a sale, is a lease liability to which PFRS 16 applies and give rise to a right-of-use (ROU) asset. For the subsequent measurement, the seller-lessee shall determine ‘lease payments’ or ‘revised lease payments’ in a way that the seller-lessee would not recognize any amount of the gain or loss that relates to the right of use retained by the seller-lessee. Applying this subsequent measurement does not prevent the seller-lessee from recognizing any gain or loss relating to the partial or full termination of a lease. Any gain or loss relating to the partial or full termination of the lease does not relate to the right of use retained but to the right of use terminated. The amendments must be applied retrospectively. Earlier application is permitted.
- Amendments to PAS 1, *Noncurrent Liabilities with Covenants* – The amendments clarified that covenants to be complied with after the reporting date do not affect the classification of debt as current or noncurrent at the reporting date. Instead, the amendments require the entity to disclose information about these covenants in the notes to the financial statements. The amendments must be applied retrospectively. Earlier application is permitted.

Under prevailing circumstances, the adoption of the foregoing amendments to PFRS is not expected to have any material effect on the financial statements of the Bank. Additional disclosures will be included in the notes to financial statements, as applicable.

### **Financial Instruments**

*Date of Recognition.* The Bank recognizes a financial asset or liability in the statement of financial position when the Bank becomes a party to the contractual provisions of a financial instrument. In the case of a regular way purchase or sale of financial assets, recognition and derecognition, as applicable, is done using settlement date accounting.

*Initial Recognition and Measurement.* Financial instruments are recognized initially at fair value, which is the fair value of the consideration given (in case of an asset) or received (in case of a liability). The initial measurement of financial instruments, except for those designated at fair value through profit or loss (FVPL), includes transaction cost.

*“Day 1” Difference.* Where the transaction in a non-active market is different from the fair value of other observable current market transactions in the same instrument or based on a valuation technique whose variables include only data from observable market, the Bank recognizes the difference between the transaction price and the fair value (a “Day 1” difference) in profit or loss. In cases where there is no observable data on inception, the Bank deems the transaction price as the best estimate of fair value and recognizes “Day 1” difference in profit or loss when the inputs become observable or when the instrument is derecognized. For each transaction, the Bank determines the appropriate method of recognizing the “Day 1” difference.

## Financial Assets

*Classification.* The Bank classifies its financial assets at initial recognition under the following categories: (a) financial assets at FVPL, (b) financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income (FVOCI) and (c) financial assets at amortized cost. The classification of a financial asset largely depends on its contractual cash flow characteristics and the Bank's business model for managing them.

*Financial Assets at FVPL.* Financial assets that do not meet the criteria for being measured at amortized cost or FVOCI are classified under this category. Specifically, financial assets at FVPL include financial assets that are (a) held for trading, (b) designated upon initial recognition at FVPL, or (c) mandatorily required to be measured at fair value.

Financial assets are classified as held for trading if these are acquired for the purpose of selling or repurchasing in the near term. Derivatives, including separated embedded derivatives, are also classified as held for trading unless these are designated as effective hedging instruments. Financial assets with cash flows that are not solely payments of principal and interest are classified and measured at FVPL, irrespective of the business model. Notwithstanding the criteria for debt instruments to be classified at amortized cost or at FVOCI, debt instruments may be designated as FVPL on initial recognition if doing so eliminates, or significantly reduces, an accounting mismatch.

Financial assets at FVPL are measured at fair value at each reporting year, with any fair value gains or losses, including foreign exchange gains or losses, recognized in profit or loss to the extent that these are not part of a designated hedging relationship. Interest income (calculated using the effective interest rate method) is recognized directly in profit or loss.

Certain investments in government securities that are held for trading are included in this category (presented under "Investment securities" account).

*Financial Assets at FVOCI.* For debt instruments that are not designated at FVPL under the fair value option, the financial assets should be measured at FVOCI if both of the following conditions are met:

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

Debt instruments are initially measured at fair value plus transaction costs. Interest income (calculated using the effective interest rate method) and foreign currency gains or losses on debt instruments measured at FVOCI are recognized directly in profit or loss. After initial recognition, debt instruments are carried at fair value. Unrealized gains or losses from changes in fair values are recognized in other comprehensive income and presented in the equity section of the statements of financial position. When the financial asset is derecognized, the cumulative unrealized gains or losses previously recognized in other comprehensive income are reclassified from equity to profit or loss.

Equity instruments that are not held for trading may be irrevocably designated as a financial asset to be measured at FVOCI on initial recognition. Dividends from equity instruments held at FVOCI are recognized in profit or loss when the right to receive payment is established, unless the dividend clearly represents a recovery of part of the cost of the investment. After initial recognition, equity instruments are carried at fair value. Foreign currency gains or losses and unrealized gains or losses

from changes in fair values are recognized in other comprehensive income and presented in the equity section of the statements of financial position. These fair value changes are recognized in equity and are not reclassified to profit or loss in subsequent years.

In limited circumstances, cost may be an appropriate estimate of fair value of equity securities designated as financial asset measured at FVOCI, such as if insufficient more recent information is available to measure fair value, or if there is a wide range of possible fair value measurements and cost represents the best estimate of fair value within that range.

Certain investments in government securities, private bonds and unquoted equity security are included in this category (presented under "Investment securities" account).

*Financial Assets at Amortized Cost.* Financial assets should be measured at amortized cost if both of the following conditions are met:

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

Financial assets at amortized cost are subsequently measured at amortized cost using the effective interest method, less any allowance for impairment. Amortized cost is calculated by taking into account any discount or premium on acquisition and fees that are an integral part of the effective interest rate. Gains and losses are recognized in profit or loss when the financial assets are derecognized and through amortization process.

Cash and other cash items, due from BSP and other banks, interbank loans receivable, loans and receivables, certain government securities measured at amortized cost (presented under "Investment securities" account), restricted cash, refundable deposits, and returned checks and other cash items (RCOCI) (included under "Other assets" account) are classified under this category.

*Reclassification.* The Bank reclassifies its financial assets when, and only when, the Bank changes its business model for managing those financial assets. The reclassification is applied prospectively from the first day of the first reporting year following the change in the business model (reclassification date).

For a financial asset reclassified out of the financial assets at amortized cost category to financial assets at FVPL, any gain or loss arising from the difference between the previous amortized cost of the financial asset and fair value is recognized in profit or loss.

For a financial asset reclassified out of the financial assets at amortized cost category to financial assets at FVOCI, any gain or loss arising from a difference between the previous amortized cost of the financial asset and fair value is recognized in other comprehensive income.

For a financial asset reclassified out of the financial assets at FVPL category to financial assets at amortized cost, its fair value at the reclassification date becomes its new gross carrying amount.

For a financial asset reclassified out of the financial assets at FVOCI category to financial assets at amortized cost, the financial asset is reclassified at its fair value at the reclassification date, and the cumulative gain or loss previously recognized in other comprehensive income is removed from equity and adjusted against the fair value of the financial asset at the reclassification date.

For a financial asset reclassified out of the financial assets at FVPL category to financial assets at FVOCI, its fair value at the reclassification date becomes its new gross carrying amount. Meanwhile, for a financial asset reclassified out of the financial assets at FVOCI category to financial assets at FVPL, the cumulative gain or loss previously recognized in other comprehensive income is reclassified from equity to profit or loss as a reclassification adjustment at the reclassification date.

Equity securities designated to be measured at FVOCI may no longer be reclassified to other category.

*Impairment.* The Bank recognizes credit and impairment losses based on expected credit loss (ECL) which is the difference between the contractual cash flows due in accordance with the contract and all the cash flows that the Bank expects to receive. The difference is then discounted at an approximation to the asset's original effective interest rate and adjusted for forward-looking estimates, as appropriate.

The Bank recognizes impairment loss based on either the 12-month or lifetime ECL. The 12-month ECL is the portion of ECL that results from default events on a financial instrument that are possible within 12 months after the reporting year. The Bank measures impairment loss at an amount equivalent to the 12-month ECL for financial assets that are determined to have low credit risk and those financial assets for which credit risk has not increased significantly since initial recognition. Financial instruments for which a 12-month ECL is determined are referred to as "Stage 1 financial assets."

However, when there has been a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition, the allowance for credit and impairment losses will be based on the lifetime ECL. The lifetime ECL is the ECL that results from all possible default events over the expected life of the financial asset. A financial asset for which a lifetime ECL are determined but which are not credit-impaired are referred to as "Stage 2 financial assets".

When determining whether the credit risk of a financial asset has increased significantly since initial recognition, the Bank compares the risk of a default occurring on the financial asset as at the reporting year with the risk of a default occurring on the financial asset as at the date of initial recognition and consider reasonable and supportable information, that is available without undue cost or effort, that is indicative of significant increases in credit risk since initial recognition. The Bank also considers downgrade of credit risk rating or changes in the computed probabilities of default to determine whether significant increase in credit risk has occurred subsequent to initial recognition date. As a backstop indicator, the Bank considers that there has been a significant increase in credit risk when contractual payments are more than 30 days past due.

At each reporting date, the Bank assesses whether the financial assets at amortized cost are credit-impaired (referred to as "Stage 3 financial assets"). A financial asset is credit-impaired when one or more events that have a detrimental impact on the estimated future cash flows of the financial asset have occurred. Evidence of impairment may include indications that the borrower or a group of borrowers is experiencing significant financial difficulty, default or delinquency in interest or principal payments, the probability that they will enter bankruptcy or other financial reorganization and where observable data indicate that there is measurable decrease in the estimated future cash flows, such as changes in arrears or economic conditions that correlate with defaults.

ECL for credit-impaired financial assets is based on the difference between the gross carrying amount and present value of estimated future cash flows. The Bank transfers credit exposures from Stage 3 (non-performing) to Stage 1 (performing) when there is sufficient evidence to support their full collection. Such exposures should exhibit both the quantitative and qualitative indicators of probable collection prior to the transfer. The quantitative indicator is characterized by payments made within an observation period. The qualitative indicator pertains to the results of assessment of the borrower's financial capacity. As a general rule, full collection is probable when payments of interest and/or principal are received for at least six periods.

Financial assets at amortized cost are written off when there is no reasonable expectation of recovering the financial asset in its entirety or a portion thereof. This is generally the case when the Bank 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. This assessment is carried out at the individual asset level.

*Modification or Restructuring.* The Bank may modify the original terms and conditions of an existing loan, which may include, but not limited to, change in interest rate and terms, principal amount, maturity date and repayment schedule.

If modifications are considered substantial based on the assessment of the Bank, the loan is derecognized. Generally, a modification is considered substantial if the present value of the cash flows under the new terms, including net fees paid or received and discounted using the original effective interest rate, is different by at least 10% from the discounted present value of remaining cash flows of the original asset.

On the other hand, if a loan has been renegotiated or modified without resulting in a derecognition, the Bank records a modification gain or loss, to the extent that an impairment loss has not been already recorded, based on the change in cash flows discounted at the loan's original effective interest rate.

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

- the right to receive cash flows from the asset has expired;
- the Bank retains the right to receive cash flows from the financial asset, but has assumed an obligation to pay them in full without material delay to a third party under a "pass-through" arrangement; or
- the Bank has transferred its right to receive cash flows from the financial asset and either (a) has transferred substantially all the risks and rewards of the asset, or (b) has neither transferred nor retained substantially all the risks and rewards of the asset, but has transferred control of the asset.

When the Bank has transferred its right to receive cash flows from a financial asset or has entered into a pass-through arrangement, and has neither transferred nor retained substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of the financial asset nor transferred control of the financial asset, the financial asset is recognized to the extent of the Bank's continuing involvement in the financial asset. Continuing involvement that takes the form of a guarantee over the transferred financial asset is measured at the lower of the original carrying amount of the financial asset and the maximum amount of consideration that the Bank could be required to repay.

## **Financial Liabilities**

*Classification.* The Bank classifies its financial liabilities at initial recognition under the following categories: (a) financial liabilities at amortized cost and (b) financial liabilities at FVPL.

The Bank does not have financial liabilities measured at FVPL as at December 31, 2023 and 2022.

*Financial Liabilities at Amortized Cost.* Financial liabilities are categorized as financial liabilities at amortized cost when the substance of the contractual arrangement results in the Bank having an obligation either to deliver cash or another financial asset to the holder, or to settle the obligation other than by the exchange of a fixed amount of cash or another financial asset for a fixed number of its own equity instruments.

These financial liabilities are initially recognized at fair value less any directly attributable transaction costs. After initial recognition, these financial liabilities are subsequently measured at amortized cost using the effective interest method. Amortized cost is calculated by taking into account any discount or premium on the issue and fees that are an integral part of the effective interest rate. Gains and losses are recognized in profit or loss when the liabilities are derecognized or through the amortization process.

Deposit liabilities, accrued interest and other expenses, manager's checks, unsecured subordinated debt, lease liabilities, and other liabilities [excluding due to Philippine Deposit Insurance Corporation (PDIC), withholding taxes and statutory obligations] are included under this category.

*Derecognition.* A financial liability is derecognized when the obligation under the liability is discharged, cancelled or has expired. When 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.

*Classification of Financial Instrument between Liability and Equity.* A financial instrument is classified as liability if it provides for a contractual obligation to:

- Deliver cash or another financial asset to another entity;
- Exchange financial assets or financial liabilities with another entity under conditions that are potentially unfavorable to the Bank; or
- Satisfy the obligation other than by the exchange of a fixed amount of cash or another financial asset for a fixed number of own equity shares.

If the Bank does not have an unconditional right to avoid delivering cash or another financial asset to settle its contractual obligation, the obligation meets the definition of a financial liability.

## **Offsetting of Financial Assets and Liabilities**

Financial assets and financial liabilities are offset and the net amount reported in the statement of financial position if, and only if, there is a currently enforceable legal right to offset the recognized amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis, or to realize the asset and settle the liability simultaneously. This is not generally the case with master netting agreements, and the related assets and liabilities are presented gross in the statement of financial position.

### **Foreclosed Assets**

Foreclosed assets are composed of assets held for sale, investment properties and other foreclosed assets.

*Assets Held for Sale.* Foreclosed assets are classified as held for sale if the carrying amount will be recovered principally through a sale transaction rather than continuing use. Assets held for sale are accounted for at the lower of cost and fair value less cost to sell. The cost of foreclosed assets includes the carrying amount of the related loan, less any allowance for credit and impairment losses, at the time of foreclosure. Impairment loss is recognized in profit or loss for any subsequent write-down of the asset to fair value less cost to sell. Gain on any subsequent increase in fair value less costs to sell of an asset is recognized in profit or loss to the extent of the cumulative impairment loss.

Assets held for sale that cease to be classified as such is measured at the lower of (a) carrying amount before the assets were classified as held for sale, adjusted for any depreciation, amortization or revaluations that would have been recognized had the assets not been classified as held for sale, and (b) recoverable amount at the date of the subsequent decision not to sell. Any adjustment on the carrying amount of assets held for sale that cease to be classified as held for sale is recognized in profit or loss.

*Investment Properties.* Foreclosed assets are classified as investment properties if these are foreclosed real estate properties. The investment property acquired in settlement of loans is initially measured at fair value of the asset acquired unless the fair value of the asset cannot be measured, in which case the investment property acquired is measured at the carrying amount of the settled loan amount. Any difference between the fair value of an investment property acquired and the carrying amount of the loan upon foreclosure is recognized in profit or loss. Subsequent to initial recognition, depreciable investment properties are carried at cost less accumulated depreciation and any impairment in value. Depreciation is computed on a straight-line basis over the ten years. Land that is classified as investment property, is carried at cost and any impairment in value.

An investment property is derecognized when it has been disposed. Any gain or loss on the derecognition of an investment property is recognized in profit or loss in the year of derecognition.

Transfers are made to investment property when, and only when, there is a change in use evidenced by ending of owner-occupation, commencement of an operating lease to another party, or ending of construction or development. Transfers are made from investment property when, and only when, there is a change in use evidenced by commencement of owner-occupation or by commencement of development with a view to sell.

*Other Foreclosed Assets.* Foreclosed assets are classified as other foreclosed assets if these will not be recovered principally through a sale transaction rather than continuing use and are not real estate properties. Other foreclosed assets are initially measured at the fair value of the asset acquired.

Any difference between the fair value and the carrying amount of the loan upon foreclosure is recognized in profit or loss. Subsequent to initial recognition, other foreclosed assets are carried at cost less accumulated depreciation and any impairment in value. Depreciation is computed on a straight-line basis over the three years.

Other foreclosed assets are derecognized upon disposal. Any gain or loss on the derecognition of other foreclosed asset is recognized in profit or loss in the year of derecognition.

**Property and Equipment**

Land is stated at cost less any impairment in value. Depreciable property and equipment are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation, amortization and any impairment.

The initial cost of property and equipment consists of its purchase price, including import duties, nonrefundable taxes and any directly attributable costs in bringing the asset to its working condition and location for its intended use.

Expenditures incurred after the property and equipment have been put into operations, such as repairs and maintenance, are normally charged to profit or loss in the year when the costs are incurred. In situations where it can be clearly demonstrated that the expenditures have resulted in an increase in the future economic benefits expected to be obtained from the use of an item of property and equipment beyond its originally assessed standard of performance, the expenditures are capitalized as additional costs of property and equipment.

The cost of replacing a part of the property and equipment is capitalized when that cost is incurred and all the relevant asset recognition criteria are met. The carrying amount of a part of an item of property and equipment that has been replaced is derecognized.

Depreciation and amortization are computed on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of the assets. The estimated useful lives of the property and equipment are as follows:

<u>Asset Category</u>	<u>Number of Years</u>
Building and condominium units	30
Right-of-use (ROU) assets	3 to 10 or the related lease term, whichever is shorter
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	5
Leasehold rights and improvements	10 or the related lease term, whichever is shorter

The estimated useful lives and depreciation and amortization method are reviewed periodically to ensure that the years and method of depreciation and amortization are consistent with the expected pattern of economic benefits from items of property and equipment.

An item of property and equipment is derecognized upon disposal or when no future economic benefits are expected from its use or disposal. Any gain or loss arising on derecognition of the asset (calculated as the difference between the net disposal proceeds and the carrying amount of the asset) is included in profit or loss in the year the asset is derecognized.

Fully depreciated items are retained as property and equipment until these are no longer being used in the operations.

When assets are retired or otherwise disposed of, the cost and the related accumulated depreciation, amortization and any impairment loss are removed from the accounts, any resulting gain or loss is recognized in profit or loss.

**Intangible Assets**

*Branch Licenses.* Branch licenses are capitalized on the basis of the costs incurred to acquire and of bringing the asset to its use in the operations. Branch licenses are not amortized and deemed to have an indefinite economic life as there is no foreseeable limit to the period over which these are expected to generate net cash inflows for the Bank.

Branch licenses are reviewed annually to determine whether events and circumstances continue to support an indefinite economic life assessment. Any change in assessment from indefinite to finite life will be accounted prospectively.

*Computer Software.* Computer software is measured on initial recognition at cost. Subsequently, computer software is measured at cost less accumulated amortization and any impairment losses. Internally-generated computer software, excluding capitalized development costs, is not capitalized and expenditures are recognized in profit or loss in the year in which the related expenditures are incurred.

Computer software is amortized using straight-line method over the estimated useful life of five years and assessed for impairment whenever there is an indication that the computer software may be impaired. The amortization period and method used for computer software are reviewed annually. Changes in the estimated useful life or the expected pattern of consumption of future economic benefits embodied in the asset are accounted for by changing the amortization period or method, as appropriate, and are treated as changes in accounting estimate. The amortization on computer software is recognized in profit or loss.

Gains or losses arising from the disposal of an intangible asset are 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.

#### **Prepaid Expenses**

Prepaid expenses are expenses paid in advance and recorded as asset before these are utilized. Prepaid expenses are apportioned over the period covered by the payment and charged to appropriate accounts in profit or loss when incurred.

#### **Impairment of Non-financial Assets**

Property and equipment and computer software are reviewed for impairment when events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. Branch licenses are assessed for impairment annually, either individually or at the cash generating unit (CGU) level, as appropriate. The Bank assesses at the end of the reporting year whether there is an indication that an asset may be impaired. If any such indication exists, or when annual impairment testing for an asset is required, the Bank makes an estimate of the asset's recoverable amount. An asset's recoverable amount is the higher of an asset's or CGU's fair value less costs of disposal and its value in use and is determined for an individual asset, unless the asset does not generate cash inflows that are largely independent of those from other assets or group of assets. Where the carrying amount of an asset exceeds its recoverable amount, the asset is considered impaired and is written down to its recoverable amount. In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessment of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset. Impairment losses are recognized in profit or loss.

An assessment is made at each reporting date as to whether there is any indication that previously recognized impairment losses may no longer exist or may have decreased. If such indication exists, the recoverable amount is estimated. A previously recognized impairment loss is reversed only if there has been a change in the estimates used to determine the asset's recoverable amount since the last impairment loss was recognized. If that is the case, the carrying amount of the asset is increased to its recoverable amount. That increased amount cannot exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined, net of depreciation and amortization, had no impairment loss been recognized for the asset in prior years. Such reversal is recognized in profit or loss. After such reversal, the depreciation and amortization are adjusted in future years to allocate the asset's revised carrying amount on a systematic basis over its remaining useful life.

## **Equity**

*Capital Stock.* Capital stock is measured at par value per share issued. Incremental costs directly attributable to the issuance of new shares are recognized as deduction from equity, net of tax.

Perpetual preferred stock is classified as equity if it is non-redeemable, or redeemable only at the Bank's option, and any dividends thereon are discretionary. Perpetual preferred stock is classified as a liability if this is redeemable on a specific date or at the option of the stockholders, or if dividend payments are not discretionary. Dividends thereon are recognized as interest expense in profit or loss as accrued.

*Retained Earnings.* Retained earnings represent the cumulative balance of net income or loss, effects of the changes in accounting policy and other capital adjustments.

*Other Equity Reserves.* Other equity reserves comprise items of income and expenses that are not recognized in profit or loss. These pertain to cumulative unrealized gains (losses) on fair value changes of investment securities classified as financial assets at FVOCI, cumulative remeasurement gains on retirement liability and cumulative translation adjustment.

## **Revenue Recognition**

Revenue from contracts with customers is recognized when the customer obtains control of the services at an amount that reflects the consideration to which the Bank expects to be entitled in exchange for those services. Revenue is recognized to the extent that it is probable that the economic benefits will flow to the Bank and the revenue can be measured reliably.

The Bank also assesses its revenue arrangements to determine if it is acting as a principal or as an agent. The Bank has assessed that it acts as a principal in all of its revenue sources, except for fees and commissions.

The following specific recognition criteria must also be met before revenue is recognized:

*Interest Income.* Interest income is recognized in profit or loss as the interest accrues, taking into account the effective yield of the asset.

When calculating the effective interest rate, the Bank's FCDU estimates cash flows considering all contractual terms of the financial instrument but does not consider future credit losses. The calculation includes all fees paid or received between parties to the contract that are an integral part of the effective rate, transaction costs and all other premiums or discounts.

For Stage 3 financial assets, interest income continues to be recognized using the original effective interest rate applied to the new carrying amount, provided that the Bank's FCDU determines that the collection of interest income is reasonably assured.

*Service Charges, Fees and Commissions.* Service charges and penalties are recognized upon collection or being accrued when there is reasonable degree of certainty as to its collectability. Fees and commissions arising from providing transaction services are recognized upon completion of the transaction. Fees or components of the fees that are linked to a certain performance of a service or a condition are recognized after performing the service or fulfilling the condition.

*Gains (Losses) from Assets Sold or Acquired.* Income or loss from sale of properties acquired is recognized upon completion of the earning process and the collectability of the sales price is reasonably assured. Gain or loss on foreclosure of properties is determined as the difference between the fair value upon foreclosure and the carrying amount of the loan. Gain or loss on foreclosure of properties is recognized when the risks and rewards of the property have been transferred to the Bank.

*Trading and Securities Gains (Losses).* Trading and securities gains or losses represent gains and losses from changes in fair value of financial assets at FVPL and sale of investment securities.

*Foreign Exchange Gains (Losses).* Foreign exchange gains (losses) arising from the settlement of such transactions or from the translation at year-end exchange rates of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are recognized when earned.

#### **Costs and Expense Recognition**

Costs and expenses are recognized in profit or loss when a decrease in future economic benefit related to a decrease in an asset or an increase of a liability has arisen that can be measured reliably. Costs and expenses are recognized upon receipt of goods, utilization of services or when the costs and expenses are incurred.

*Interest Expense.* Interest expense is recognized in profit or loss using the effective interest rate of the financial liabilities to which these relate.

*Operating Expenses.* Operating expenses constitute costs which arise in the normal business operations and are recognized when incurred.

#### **Employee Benefits**

*Short-term Benefits.* Short-term employee benefits given by the Bank to its employees include salaries and wages, social security contributions, short-term compensated absences, bonuses and non-monetary benefits. The Bank recognizes a liability, net of amounts already paid, and an expense for services rendered by employees during the year.

Short-term employee benefits are measured on an undiscounted basis and are expensed as the related service is provided.

*Retirement Benefits.* Retirement benefit costs are actuarially determined using the projected unit credit method, which reflects services rendered by employees to the date of valuation and incorporates assumptions concerning employees' projected salaries.

The Bank recognizes service costs, comprising of current service costs, past service costs, gains and losses on curtailments and non-routine settlements, and net interest expense or income in profit or loss. Net interest expense or income is calculated by applying the discount rate to the net retirement liability or asset.

Past service costs are recognized in profit or loss on the earlier of the date of the plan amendment or curtailment and the date that the Bank recognizes restructuring-related costs.

Remeasurements comprising of actuarial gains and losses, return on plan assets and any change in the effect of the asset ceiling (excluding net interest on defined benefit obligation) are recognized immediately in other comprehensive income in the year in which these arise. Remeasurements are not reclassified to profit or loss in subsequent years.

The retirement liability is the difference of the present value of the defined benefit obligation and the fair value of plan assets out of which the obligations are to be settled directly. The present value of the retirement liability is determined by discounting the estimated future cash outflows using interest rate on government bonds that have terms to maturity approximating the terms of the related retirement liability.

Actuarial valuations are made with sufficient regularity so that the amounts recognized in the financial statements do not differ materially from the amounts that would be determined at the reporting year.

The Bank contributes to the retirement fund based on the actuarial valuation report. The contributions to the retirement plan consist of annual normal cost and amortization of any unfunded past service liability. The Bank is not required to contribute when the fair value of plan assets exceeds the present value of retirement liability.

### **Leases**

The Bank considers whether a contract is, or contains a lease at the inception of a contract. A contract is, or contains, a lease if the contract conveys the right to control the use of an identified asset for a period of time in exchange for consideration.

#### **The Bank as a Lessee**

At commencement date of the lease, the Bank recognizes ROU assets and corresponding lease liabilities on the statements of financial position.

*ROU Assets.* ROU assets are initially measured at cost, which comprises the initial amount of lease liability adjusted for any lease payments made at or before commencement date, plus any initial direct costs incurred, less any incentives received. ROU assets are subsequently amortized using the straight-line method from the commencement date to the end of the lease term. In addition, ROU assets are periodically reduced by impairment losses, if any, and adjusted for certain remeasurements of lease liabilities. The Bank presents the ROU asset as part of "Property and equipment" account in the statements of financial position.

*Lease Liabilities.* Lease liabilities are initially measured at the present value of the lease payments that are not paid at the commencement date, discounted using the interest rate implicit in the lease or, if that rate cannot be readily determined, the Bank's incremental borrowing rate. Generally, the Bank uses its incremental borrowing rate as the discount rate.

The Bank determines its incremental borrowing rate by obtaining interest rates from various external financing sources and makes certain adjustments to reflect the terms of the lease and type of the asset leased.

Lease payments included in the measurement of lease liabilities comprise the fixed payments, including in-substance fixed payments, and if applicable:

- variable lease payments that depend on an index or a rate, initially measured using the index or rate as at the commencement date;

- amounts expected to be payable under a residual value guarantee; and
- the exercise price under a purchase option that the Bank is reasonably certain to exercise, lease payments in an optional renewal period if the Bank is reasonably certain to exercise an extension option, and penalties for early termination of a lease unless the Bank is reasonably certain not to terminate early.

Lease liabilities are measured at amortized cost using the effective interest method. It is remeasured when there is a change in future lease payments arising from a change in an index or rate, if there is a change in the Bank's estimate of the amount expected to be payable under a residual value guarantee, if the Bank changes its assessment of whether it will exercise a purchase, extension or termination option or if there is a revised in-substance fixed lease payment.

When lease liabilities are remeasured, a corresponding adjustment is made to the carrying amount of the ROU assets, or is recorded in profit or loss if the carrying amount of the ROU assets has been reduced to zero.

*Short-term Leases.* The Bank applies the short-term lease recognition exemption to its short-term leases (i.e., lease that have a lease term of 12 months or less from the commencement date and do not contain a purchase option). Lease payments on short-term leases are recognized as expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

### **Income Taxes**

*Current Tax.* Current tax assets and liabilities for the current and prior years are measured at the amount expected to be recovered from or paid to the tax authorities. The tax rate and the tax laws used to compute the amount are those that are enacted or substantively enacted at the end of the reporting year.

*Deferred Tax.* Deferred tax is provided on all temporary differences at the reporting date between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts for financial reporting purposes.

Deferred tax liabilities are recognized for all taxable temporary differences. Deferred tax assets are recognized for all deductible temporary differences, and carry forward benefits of the excess of minimum corporate income tax (MCIT) over the regular corporate income tax (RCIT) and net operating loss carryover (NOLCO), to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profit will be available against which the deductible temporary differences, excess MCIT and NOLCO can be utilized. Deferred tax, however, is not recognized when it arises from the initial recognition of an asset or liability in a transaction that is not a business combination and, at the time of the transaction, affects neither the accounting profit or loss nor taxable profit or loss.

The carrying amount of deferred tax assets is reviewed at each reporting date and reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that sufficient taxable profit will be available to allow all or part of the deferred tax asset to be utilized. Unrecognized deferred tax assets are reassessed at each reporting date and are recognized to the extent that it has become probable that future taxable profit will allow the deferred tax asset to be recovered.

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

Deferred tax is recognized in profit or loss except to the extent that it relates to items recognized directly in equity as other comprehensive income.

*Offsetting.* Current tax assets and current tax liabilities are offset, or deferred tax assets and deferred tax liabilities are offset if, and only if, an enforceable right exists to set off the amounts and it can be demonstrated without undue cost or effort that the Bank plans either to settle on a net basis or to realize the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

### **Fiduciary Activities**

The Bank excludes from these financial statements the assets and income arising from fiduciary activities, together with related undertakings to return such assets to customer, where the Bank acts in a fiduciary capacity such as a nominee, trustee or agent.

### **Foreign Currency Transactions**

*RBU.* Transactions in currencies other than Philippine Peso are recorded at the rate of exchange prevailing on the date of the transaction. At each reporting date, monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the rates prevailing on the reporting date. Foreign exchange gains or losses are recognized in profit or loss in the year in which these are incurred.

Non-monetary items that are measured in terms of historical cost in a foreign currency are translated using the exchange rates as at the dates of the initial transactions. Non-monetary items measured at fair value in a foreign currency are translated using the exchange rates at the date when the fair value is determined.

*FCDU.* As at the reporting date, the assets and liabilities of the FCDU are translated into the Bank's functional and presentation currency at the Banking Association of the Philippines (BAP) closing rate, and its income and expenses are translated at the BAP weighted average rate for the year. Exchange differences arising from translation to foreign currency are recognized as other comprehensive income under "Cumulative translation adjustment." Upon disposal of the FCDU or actual remittance of FCDU profits to RBU, the deferred cumulative amount recognized as "Cumulative translation adjustment" in other comprehensive income is recognized in profit or loss.

### **Related Party Relationship and Transactions**

Parties are considered to be related if one party has the ability to control the other party or exercise significant influence over the other party in making financial and operating decisions. This includes: (a) individuals who, by owning directly or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, control or are controlled by, or under common control with the Bank; (b) associates; and, (c) individuals owning, directly or indirectly, an interest in the voting power of the Bank that gives them significant influence over the Bank and close members of the family of such individual.

In considering each possible related party relationship, attention is directed to the substance of the relationship and not merely the legal form.

Related party transactions consist of transfer of resources, services or obligations between the Bank and its related parties.

### **Provisions**

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

Provisions are measured at the estimated expenditure required to settle the present obligation, based on the most reliable evidence available at the end of the reporting year, including the risks and uncertainties associated with the present obligation. Where there are a number of similar obligations, the likelihood that an outflow will be required in settlement is determined by considering the class of obligations as a whole. When time value of money is material, long-term provisions are discounted to their present values using a pretax rate that reflects market assessment and the risks specific to the obligation. Provisions are reviewed at the end of each reporting year and adjusted to reflect the current best estimate.

### **Contingencies**

Contingent liabilities are not recognized in the financial statements. These are disclosed in the notes to financial statements unless the possibility of an outflow of resources embodying economic benefits is remote. Contingent assets are not recognized in the financial statements but are disclosed in the notes to financial statements when an inflow of economic benefits is probable.

### **Events after the Reporting Year**

Subsequent events that provide additional information about the Bank's financial position at the reporting year are reflected in the financial statements when material. Subsequent events that are non-adjusting events are disclosed in the notes to financial statements when material.

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## **3. Significant Judgments, Accounting Estimates and Assumptions**

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to exercise judgment, make estimates, and use assumptions that affect amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenses reported in the financial statements and related disclosures. The judgments, estimates and assumptions used in preparing the financial statements are based upon management's evaluation of relevant facts and circumstances as at the date of the financial statements. While management believes that the assumptions are reasonable and appropriate, significant differences in the actual experience or significant changes in the assumptions may materially affect the estimated amounts. Actual results could differ from such estimates.

### **Judgments**

In the process of applying the Bank's accounting policies, management has made the following judgments, which have the most significant effect on the amounts recognized in the financial statements.

*Determining the Classification of Financial Assets.* Classification of financial assets depends on the results of the business model test and sole payment of principal and interest test performed by the Bank.

The Bank exercises judgment in determining the business model to be used in managing its financial instruments to achieve their business objectives. The following are the factors considered by the Bank in its business model assessment:

- Specific business objectives in holding the financial assets,
- Whether income that can be generated from the financial assets can cover the cost of deposits,
- Policies in managing the risks of the financial assets,
- Expected frequency, value and timing of sales, and
- Key performance indicators of the financial assets.

The Bank also determines whether the contractual terms of debt instruments classified and measured as financial assets at amortized cost give rise to specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments for principal and interest, with interest representing time value of money and credit risk associated with the outstanding principal amount. Any other contractual term that changes the timing or amount of cash flows does not meet the “solely payments of principal and interest” test.

*Determining the Fair Values of Financial Instruments.* Certain financial assets and liabilities are carried at fair value and whose fair values are disclosed, which requires extensive use of accounting estimates. While significant components of fair value measurement were determined using verifiable objective evidence, the amount of changes in fair value would differ if the Bank utilized different valuation methodologies. Any changes in fair value of these financial assets and liabilities would affect profit and loss and equity.

When the fair values of financial assets and liabilities recognized or disclosed in the financial statements cannot be derived from the active market, the fair values are determined using internal valuation techniques that include the use of mathematical models. The inputs to these models are taken from observable market where possible, but where this is not feasible, a degree of judgment is required in establishing fair values.

The fair values of the Bank’s financial instruments are disclosed in Note 5.

*Determining the Functional Currency.* The Bank uses its judgment to determine the functional currency such that it most faithfully represents the economic effects of the underlying transactions, events and conditions that are relevant to the entity. In making this judgment, the Bank considers the following:

- the currency that mainly influences sales price for financial instruments and services or the currency in which sales prices for its financial instruments and services are denominated and settled;
- the currency in which funds from financing activities are generated; and
- the currency in which receipts from operating activities are usually retained.

Based on the foregoing and the economic substance of the underlying circumstances relevant to the Bank, the functional currency of the Bank has been determined to be the Philippine Peso, which is the currency of the primary economic environment in which the Bank operates.

*Determining the Classification of Lease Arrangements and Appropriate Lease Term and Discount Rates.* The Bank, as a lessee, has existing lease agreements with related parties and third parties for its branches.

The Bank recognizes ROU assets and lease liabilities measured at the present value of lease payments to be made over the lease term using the Bank's incremental borrowing rate, except for its short-term leases.

The Bank has exercised significant judgment in determining the lease term as the non-cancellable term of the lease, together with any periods covered by an option to extend the lease if it is reasonably certain to be exercised, or in any periods covered by an option to terminate the lease, if it is reasonably certain not to be exercised.

The Bank has lease contracts that include extension and termination options. The Bank applies judgment in evaluating whether it is reasonably certain whether or not to exercise the option to renew or terminate the lease. It considers all relevant factors that create an economic incentive for it to exercise either the renewal or termination. After the commencement, the Bank reassess the lease term if there is a significant event or change in circumstances that is within its control that affects the ability to exercise or not to exercise the option to renew or terminate such as construction of a significant leasehold improvement or significant customization of the leased asset.

The Bank elected not to recognize ROU assets and lease liabilities for short-term leases. The Bank recognizes the lease payments associated with these leases as an expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

Significant management judgment was likewise exercised by the Bank in determining the discount rate, whether implicit rate, if readily available or incremental rate, to be used in calculating the present value of ROU assets and lease liabilities. The discount rate ranging from 4.84% to 7.78% are incremental borrowing rates based on the Bloomberg Valuation Service (BVAL) rates adjusted by credit spread of the Bank.

Reassessments are made on a continuing basis whether changes should be reflected in the amount of lease liabilities due to circumstances affecting lease payments.

The amounts recognized in the financial statements in relation to the Bank's lease agreements are disclosed in Notes 10 and 18.

*Classifying the Acquired Assets.* The Bank classifies its acquired assets as property and equipment if these are properties expected to be used in operations, investment properties if these assets are properties held for currently undetermined future use and is regarded as held for capital appreciation or for sale but the disposal is expected not to materialize within one year, or assets held for sale if the Bank expects that these assets will be recovered through sale rather than use or the Bank remains committed to sell the assets through active marketing and disposal program if the sale will not materialize within one year. Foreclosed assets, other than real estate properties, that Bank expects to sell for a period longer than one year are classified as other foreclosed assets.

*Evaluating Contingencies.* The Bank is currently involved in some legal proceedings mainly pertaining to collectability of its loans and receivables. The estimate of the probable costs for the resolution of these claims has been developed in consultation with outside counsels handling the Bank's defense in these matters and is based on an analysis of potential results. Based on the opinion of its legal counsels, the Bank is in a good position to secure a favorable judgment in most of these cases. Management therefore believes that the ultimate outcome of these proceedings will not have a material adverse effect on the Bank's financial position and performance (see Note 25).

**Estimates and Assumptions**

The key assumptions concerning the future and other key sources of estimation uncertainty at the financial reporting year, that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are discussed below.

*Estimating the Credit and Impairment Losses on Financial Assets.* Credit and impairment losses on financial assets are based on ECL. In assessing the ECL, the Bank uses historical credit loss experience adjusted for forward-looking factors, as appropriate.

The Bank measures impairment loss based on the 12-month ECL for the following:

- Receivables from customers and other financial instruments on which credit risk has not increased significantly since initial recognition.
- Investment securities and other debt instruments that are determined to have credit risk rating equivalent to “investment grade”, and thus, have a low credit risk at the reporting date.

The Bank measures impairment loss based on the lifetime ECL for receivables from customers for which credit risk has increased significantly since initial recognition, or when:

- The account is considered as loans especially mentioned based on the BSP guidelines.
- The account has a missed payment for more than 30 days for consumer loans or seven days for commercial loans.
- The account is downgraded by two risk ratings based on the Bank’s Internal Credit Risk Ratings (ICRR).

In estimating impairment loss of receivables from customers, the Bank estimates the amounts and timing of future cash flows, collateral values and the assessment of a significant increase in credit risk. Below are the components considered in the calculation of ECL.

- Net flow and default rates of receivables from customers based on historical experience of the Bank.
- ICRR and certain qualitative factors in determining whether there has been a significant increase in credit risk to determine when to measure lifetime credit losses.
- Latest fair values of collaterals and historical recovery rates of foreclosed assets for loss given default calculations.
- Segmentation of financial assets for collective assessment of ECL.
- Use of regression analysis in determining macroeconomic factors that affect non-performing status of loan accounts.

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

- Significant financial difficulty of the issuer or the borrower.
- A breach of contract, such as a default or past due event.
- The lenders of the borrower, for economic or contractual reasons relating to the borrower's financial difficulty, having granted to the borrower concessions that the lenders would not otherwise consider.
- It is becoming probable that the borrower will enter bankruptcy or other financial reorganization.
- The disappearance of an active market for that financial asset because of financial difficulties.
- The purchase or origination of a financial asset at a deep discount that reflects the incurred credit losses.

It may not be possible to identify a single discrete event - instead, the combined effect of several events may have caused financial assets to become credit-impaired.

#### Loans and Receivables

Provision for credit and impairment losses on loans and receivables amounted ₱19.3 million and ₱42.1 million in 2023 and 2022, respectively (see Note 8).

The carrying amount of loans and receivables, and the related allowance for credit and impairment losses, are disclosed Note 8.

#### Investment Securities - Debt Instruments not Measured at FVPL

Impairment loss was recognized on the Bank's investment securities amounting to ₱0.2 million and nil in 2023 and 2022, respectively. The carrying amount of financial assets at FVOCI (excluding unquoted equity security) and investment securities at amortized cost are disclosed in Note 7.

#### Other Financial Assets at Amortized Cost

No impairment loss was recognized on the Bank's cash and other cash items, due from BSP and other banks, interbank loans and receivables, refundable deposits, restricted cash and RCOCI because these are placements or receivables with reputable counterparties that possess good ratings. The carrying amount of these financial assets at amortized cost are disclosed in Notes 5 and 12.

*Assessing the Impairment of Branch Licenses.* Branch license is determined to be an intangible asset with an indefinite economic life because there is no foreseeable limit to the period on which the branch license is expected to generate net cash inflows for the Bank. The branch license is required to be assessed for impairment annually by comparing its carrying amount with its recoverable amount, irrespective of whether there is any indication that it may be impaired.

The branches have been identified as the CGU for purposes of impairment assessment of branch licenses.

When the branch license's fair value less cost of disposal is lower than its carrying amount, the recoverable amount is based on value in use calculations that use a discounted cash flow model. The cash flows are derived from the projection for the next five years and do not include restructuring activities that the Bank is not yet committed to or significant future investments that will enhance the asset base of the branch being tested. The recoverable amount is most sensitive to the discount rate as well as the expected future cash inflows and the growth rate used for extrapolation purposes.

No impairment losses were recognized in 2023 and 2022. The carrying amount of the branch licenses is disclosed in Note 11.

*Assessing the Impairment of Foreclosed Assets, Property and Equipment and Computer Software.* The Bank assesses impairment of foreclosed assets, property and equipment and computer software whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amounts of these assets may not be recoverable.

The relevant factors that the Bank considers whether to perform an asset impairment review include, among others, the following:

- significant underperformance relative to expected historical or projected future operating results;
- significant changes in the manner of use of the acquired assets or the strategy for overall business;
- or
- significant negative industry or economic trends.

There is no indication that property and equipment and computer software may be impaired. Accordingly, no impairment losses on property and equipment and computer software were recognized in 2023 and 2022.

Allowance for impairment losses on foreclosed assets amounted to ₱2.6 million and ₱7.7 million as at December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively (see Note 9).

The carrying amounts of foreclosed assets, property and equipment and computer software are disclosed in Notes 9, 10 and 11.

*Estimating the Useful Lives of Property and Equipment, Foreclosed Assets and Computer Software.* The Bank estimates the useful lives of property and equipment, investment properties and other foreclosed assets (presented under “Foreclosed assets”), and computer software based on the year over which the assets are expected to be available for use. The estimated useful lives are reviewed annually and changed if expectations differ from previous estimates due to physical wear and tear, technical or commercial obsolescence and legal or other limits on the use of property and equipment and computer software. However, it is possible that future results of operations could be materially affected by changes in factors mentioned in the foregoing. The amounts and timing of recorded expenses for any year would be affected by changes in these factors and circumstances. A reduction in the estimated useful lives of the foregoing would increase the recorded expenses and decrease assets.

There was no change in the estimated useful lives of the depreciable property and equipment, investment properties and other foreclosed assets (presented under “Foreclosed assets”), and computer software in 2023 and 2022.

The carrying amounts of the depreciable assets of the Bank are disclosed in Notes 9, 10 and 11.

*Determining the Retirement Liability.* The determination of the obligation and cost of retirement benefits is dependent on selection of certain assumptions determined by management and used by the actuary in calculating such amounts. These assumptions include, among others, discount rate and salary increase rate. Actual results that differ from the assumptions are accumulated and amortized over future periods and therefore, generally affect the recognized expense and recorded obligations in such future years.

In determining the appropriate discount rate, management considers the interest rate of government bonds that are denominated in the currency in which the benefits will be paid, with extrapolated maturities corresponding to the expected duration of the defined benefit obligation. Further details about the assumptions used are provided in Note 19 to financial statements.

The carrying amount of the retirement liability is disclosed in Note 19.

*Assessing the Realizability of Deferred Tax Assets.* The Bank reviews the carrying amount of deferred tax assets at each reporting year 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 deferred tax assets to be utilized. Unrecognized deferred tax assets are reassessed at each reporting year and are recognized to the extent that it has become probable that future taxable profit will allow the deferred tax asset to be recovered.

The estimates of future taxable income indicate that deferred tax assets on certain temporary differences may be utilized in the future.

As at December 31, 2023 and 2022, the amounts of recognized deferred tax assets are disclosed in Note 21.

As at December 31, 2023 and 2022, no deferred tax assets were recognized on certain temporary differences (see Note 21). Management assessed that it is not probable that sufficient future taxable profit will be available to allow the deferred tax assets to be utilized.

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#### 4. **Financial Risk Management Objectives and Policies**

The Bank has exposure to the following major risks from its use of financial instruments:

- Credit risk
- Liquidity risk
- Market and interest rate risk

##### **Risk Governance**

The Bank's BOD has overall responsibility for the oversight of the Bank's risk management process. The established risk governance framework together with the supporting structure provides for the mechanism to ensure oversight and accountability for risk at various levels in the organization. Various board and management committees, which are responsible for developing, managing and monitoring specific risks that the Bank is exposed to, are as follows.

Board Level:

1. Risk Management Committee (RMC)
2. Audit Committee (AC)
3. Corporate Governance Committee (CorGov)
4. Related Party Transaction (RPT)
5. Loan Committee (LOANCOM)
6. Bids & Awards Committee (BAC)
7. IT Committee (ITCOM)
8. Trust Committee (TRUSTCOM)
9. Executive Committee (EXCOM)

Management Level:

1. Senior Management Committee (SMCOM)
2. Credit Committee (CRECOM)
3. Fraud Committee (FRAUDCOM)
4. Anti-Money Laundering Committee (AMLCOM)
5. Data Protection Committee (DPC)
6. Asset-Liability Committee (ALCO)
7. Senior Management Oversight Committee for Outsourced Services (SMOC)

RMC is responsible for developing the Bank's risk strategy and the supporting risk management policies, ensuring the soundness of risk management practices in relation to the risks faced by the Bank.

RMC is supported by the Risk Management Group (RMG) in the exercise of its risk oversight functions. RMG, which is independent of the business units and is directly reporting to the RMC, performs daily market risk analyses to measure market risk exposures and ensure compliance with the Bank's policies, procedures and limit structures, and makes recommendations based on such analyses. RMG, likewise, monitors credit risk exposures and portfolio movements. They also take the lead in the development of the Bank's credit acceptance policies, risk classification and profiling through the administration of the internal credit rating system and the determination of appropriate levels of allowances for credit losses.

AC is responsible for monitoring the Bank's compliance with the risk management policies and procedures, and for reviewing the adequacy of risk management framework in relation to the risks being faced by the Bank. AC is assisted by the Internal Audit (IA) Department. IA undertakes both regular and ad-hoc reviews of risk management controls and procedures, the results of which are reported to the AC.

CorGov assists the board in fulfilling its corporate governance responsibilities and oversees periodic assessment of board performance, as well as the various Board Committees and Executive Management.

RPT is responsible for screening related party accounts for board approval.

LOANCOM is a Board Committee that acts as the highest approving body for loan and other credit related matters, except for directors, officers, stockholders and related interest (DOSRI) loans. It ensures that the credit approval or endorsement of credit facilities is based on a diligent, sound and prudent evaluation of the risks involved and is aligned with the Bank's strategic objectives in terms of asset quality.

BAC oversees the Bank's procurement processes and the implementation of procurement contracts as part of the Bank's operational risk management, while also ensuring transparency and good governance in the process.

ITCOM oversees the development of the Bank's information Technology System and Infrastructure. It ensures that systems are embedded with multi-layered controls in order to protect bank information and technical infrastructure.

TRUSTCOM is responsible for overseeing the investment activities of the Bank's Trust unit.

EXCOM assists the board in the general supervision, administration and management of the Bank's affairs, and is actively engaged in overseeing the development and execution of the Bank's business strategies.

SMCOM exercises general supervision, administration and management of the bank's operations, and as such oversees the operational and strategic risk management.

CRECOM is the management level committee that evaluates and screens all credit proposals that requires the approval of the President, LOANCOM or the BOD, and likewise monitors credit underwriting activities performed at management level. It ensures that credit risk is within the BOD established risk tolerance levels and that proposals comply with the credit underwriting standards as established in the Bank's policies and procedures.

FRAUDCOM addresses the increasing threat landscape for fraud incidents committed against the Bank and its clients. The primary responsibility of the FRAUDCOM is to determine actions to be taken when a fraud incident is reported and recommend changes in the processes, procedures and policies of the Bank whenever applicable.

AMLCOM was established assists the BOD in fulfilling its oversight responsibility over AML activities to ensure that the Bank complies with the provisions of the Anti-Money Laundering Act (AMLA), as amended, its Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR), and BSP regulations.

DPC task is to oversee the implementation of the Data Privacy Act (DPA). The Bank adopted a committee approach to DPA compliance with Data Protection officers representing the different areas namely, Compliance Risk, Legal, Information Technology and Security.

ALCO is responsible for ensuring that the Bank maintains adequate liquidity, sufficient capital and the appropriate funding to meet business requirements and comply with regulatory requisites. It is also responsible for building a stable funding structure by managing the Bank's asset and liability profile. Moreover, it manages the Bank's financial position and ensures that the Bank's liquidity, capital and funding structure support the business strategies. It likewise establishes the Bank's asset-liability pricing policies.

SMOC is tasked to oversee the outsourcing arrangements with third party business partners.

### **Credit Risk**

Credit risk is the risk of financial loss to the Bank when a customer or counterparty fails to meet its contractual obligations. The Bank's credit risk exposure arises largely from the lending, trade finance and investment activities. The Bank manages credit risk through an established risk control framework that provides for policies and guidelines to the business units together with a system of limits reflective of the Bank's risk tolerance and capacity. A monitoring mechanism is also in place to ensure that exposures to individual counterparties, related accounts, countries and industries are within BOD established and approved limits and that any credit concentration is within acceptable levels.

While the Credit Risk Control Department of RMG (CRC-RMG) provides for an independent risk monitoring and control of credit exposures, each business unit is responsible for the quality and performance of its credit portfolio. As the first line of defense, business units are responsible for monitoring and controlling the credit risks in its portfolio. The CRC-RMG, meanwhile, provides an independent evaluation of the Bank's credit risk exposure through review of loan proposals and credit processes, borrower risk assessments and credit administration. This is complemented by regular audits of business units and credit processes undertaken by IA that provide for assurance and feedback mechanisms to determine sufficiency and effectiveness of established risk controls.

The Bank extends various types of loans, several on clean/unsecured basis, and others against hard collaterals and other form of securities. Personal and salary loans are generally granted on a clean/unsecured basis. Other consumer lending products are largely asset-backed financing with auto loans secured by chattel mortgage on the vehicles and real estate loans secured by first real estate mortgage on residential or commercial properties. The Bank's commercial/small-medium enterprise loans cover a mix of clean/unsecured (which includes those under personal guarantees) as well as secured credit facilities (i.e., those supported by real estate and chattel mortgages, guarantees and other registered securities). Estimates of fair value are based on the value of the collateral assessed at the time of the borrowing.

All loan applications, covering the different types of loans, undergo strict credit evaluation in accordance with established risk acceptance criteria. The essential elements that the Bank considers for all its credit dealings and account relationships are: favorable credit checking; good credit standing and track record with other counterparties, banks and trade partners alike; financial strength and cash generating capabilities (fund sourcing), which translate into determination of paying capacity that establishes repayment expectations; and acceptable collateral/security, if applicable. Furthermore, credit underwriting is performed within a framework of delegated credit authorities that take into account facility risks and magnitudes of potential exposures.

#### **Management of Credit Risk**

The BOD, through RMC and LOANCOM, is assisted in the monitoring and management of credit risk by the CRC-RMG, which continuously implements its risk control programs, in line with its oversight function over the Bank's lending activities. CRC-RMG is principally tasked with identifying, monitoring, reporting and controlling the Bank's credit risk. The specific functions of CRC-RMG are as follows:

- Takes charge of administering the Bank's lending policies, ensuring compliance by those concerned with continuous issuance of updates on policies and process guidelines for bank-wide implementation and compliance.
- Facilitates the activities of the CRECOM, whose main objective is to evaluate and screen loan proposals requiring approvals beyond line management levels.
- Classifies borrowing accounts according to several levels of risk, based on the ICRR system and loan portfolio assessments, to regularly determine loan impairments for the purpose of determining the appropriate loan loss reserves.
- Conducts credit stress testing and regularly evaluates and monitors the quality of the Bank's loan portfolio via the Portfolio Profile Report, as part of the scheme of controlling large concentration and Bank exposures.

### Maximum Exposure to Credit Risk after Collateral Held or Other Credit Enhancements

The Bank's maximum exposure to the credit risk is equal to the carrying amount of the financial assets, except for the following loans and receivables:

2023				
	Carrying Amount	Fair Value of Collaterals or Credit Enhancements	Financial Effects of Collaterals or Credit Enhancements	Maximum Exposure to Credit Risk
Loans and receivables:				
Receivables from customers:				
Consumer loans <sup>1</sup>	₱8,910,774,695	₱10,280,073,501	₱8,627,199,244	₱283,575,451
Corporate loans <sup>2</sup>	25,443,597,269	10,593,001,440	6,355,800,864	19,087,796,405
	34,354,371,964	20,873,074,941	14,983,000,108	19,371,371,856
Sales contracts receivable <sup>3</sup>	23,647,498	43,135,202	23,647,498	—
	₱34,378,019,462	₱20,916,210,143	₱15,006,647,606	₱19,371,371,856

<sup>1</sup>Net of allowance for credit and impairment losses amounting to ₱436.1 million.

<sup>2</sup>Net of allowance for credit and impairment losses and unearned discounts and capitalized interest amounting to ₱450.6 million and ₱1.1 million, respectively.

<sup>3</sup>Net of allowance for credit and impairment losses amounting to ₱2.1 million.

2022				
	Carrying Amount	Fair Value of Collaterals or Credit Enhancements	Financial Effects of Collaterals or Credit Enhancements	Maximum Exposure to Credit Risk
Loans and receivables:				
Receivables from customers:				
Consumer loans <sup>1</sup>	₱7,335,421,583	₱8,455,792,929	₱7,303,327,086	₱32,094,497
Corporate loans <sup>2</sup>	23,055,322,438	6,719,576,554	4,031,745,932	19,023,576,506
	30,390,744,021	15,175,369,483	11,335,073,018	19,055,671,003
Sales contracts receivable <sup>3</sup>	26,819,221	48,891,962	26,819,221	—
	₱30,417,563,242	₱15,224,261,445	₱11,361,892,239	₱19,055,671,003

<sup>1</sup>Net of allowance for credit and impairment losses amounting to ₱564.7 million.

<sup>2</sup>Net of allowance for credit and impairment losses and unearned discounts and capitalized interest amounting to ₱402.3 million and ₱692,526, respectively.

<sup>3</sup>Net of allowance for credit and impairment losses amounting to ₱1.1 million.

### Concentration of Credit Risk Exposure of Financial Assets

The Bank monitors concentration of credit risk by industry. The distribution of the Bank's financial assets and off-balance sheet items by industry sector, before taking into account collaterals held or other credit enhancements (maximum exposure) are as follows:

2023					
	Loans and Receivables <sup>1</sup>	Loans and Advances to Banks <sup>2</sup>	Investment Securities <sup>3</sup>	Others <sup>4</sup>	Total
Real estate	₱10,779,446,447	₱—	₱—	₱29,246,619	₱10,808,693,066
Other community, social and personal activities	7,534,325,060	—	—	16,626,545	7,550,951,605
Wholesale and retail trade	6,479,520,689	—	—	20,138,352	6,499,659,041
Philippine government	—	2,056,165,928	3,638,487,537	—	5,694,653,465
Financial intermediaries	2,643,145,643	2,850,081,435	62,317,965	124,768,500	5,680,313,543
Manufacturing	4,045,034,722	—	—	—	4,045,034,722
Transportation, storage and communication	1,727,601,767	—	—	3,384,250	1,730,986,017
Construction	931,312,679	—	—	—	931,312,679
Hotel and restaurant	835,490,338	—	—	—	835,490,338
Mining and quarrying	153,739,077	—	—	—	153,739,077
Agricultural, hunting and forestry	2,867,966	—	—	—	2,867,966
Electricity, gas and water supply	2,004,922	—	—	414,204	2,419,126
	35,134,489,310	4,906,247,363	3,700,805,502	194,578,470	43,936,120,645
Allowance for credit and impairment losses	886,749,774	—	—	—	886,749,774
	₱34,247,739,536	₱4,906,247,363	₱3,700,805,502	₱194,578,470	₱43,049,370,871

<sup>1</sup>Comprised of receivables from customers, gross of unearned discounts and capitalized interests.

<sup>2</sup>Comprised of due from BSP, due from other banks, and interbank loans receivable.

<sup>3</sup>Comprised of financial assets at FVOCI (excluding unquoted equity security) and investment securities at amortized cost.

<sup>4</sup>Comprised of restricted cash, RCOI, refundable deposits and contingencies relating to outstanding guarantees and domestic letters of credit.

2022					
	Loans and Receivables <sup>1</sup>	Loans and Advances to Banks <sup>2</sup>	Investment Securities <sup>3</sup>	Others <sup>4</sup>	Total
Other community, social and personal activities	₱8,873,010,383	₱—	₱—	₱11,524,152	₱8,884,534,535
Financial intermediaries	2,636,944,493	4,776,637,024	1,007,742,354	—	8,421,323,871
Real estate	7,009,752,284	—	—	28,827,069	7,038,579,353
Wholesale and retail trade	5,776,108,891	—	—	12,353,310	5,788,462,201
Manufacturing	3,702,915,827	—	—	—	3,702,915,827
Transportation, storage and communication	1,520,498,090	—	—	—	1,520,498,090
Philippine government	—	470,374,799	1,153,813,685	—	1,624,188,484
Hotel and restaurant	731,897,194	—	—	—	731,897,194
Mining and quarrying	153,000,000	—	—	—	153,000,000
Agricultural, hunting and forestry	3,700,256	—	—	—	3,700,256
Electricity, gas and water supply	2,330,044	—	—	—	2,330,044
Construction	959,724,603	—	—	—	959,724,603
	31,369,882,065	5,247,011,823	2,161,556,039	52,704,531	38,831,154,458
Allowance for credit and impairment losses	967,044,975	—	—	—	967,044,975
	₱30,402,837,090	₱5,247,011,823	₱2,161,556,039	₱52,704,530	₱37,864,109,483

<sup>1</sup>Comprised of receivables from customers, gross of unearned discounts and capitalized interests.

<sup>2</sup>Comprised of due from BSP, due from other banks and interbank loans receivable.

<sup>3</sup>Comprised of financial assets at FVOCI (excluding unquoted equity security and investment securities at amortized cost).

<sup>4</sup>Comprised of RCOCI, refundable deposits and contingencies relating to outstanding guarantees and domestic letters of credit.

The Bank regularly assesses impairment losses on its financial assets (except those held for trading) based on historical loss experience and adjusted for appropriate forward-looking estimates. The Bank addresses impairment assessment in two areas: individual or specific assessment and collective assessment.

*Individual or Specific Assessment.* The Bank determines the credit and impairment loss appropriate for each individually significant loan or receivable on an individual account basis. Factors considered in determining the appropriate amounts of impairment loss include an account's age, payment and collection history, short and medium-term prospects in the industry, timing of expected cash flows, realizable value of collateral and forward-looking factors such as inflation and interest rates, and consumer price index.

The Bank establishes criteria for specific loan impairment testing and uses the discounted cash flow method to compute for impairment loss.

*Collective Assessment.* Collective assessment for loan impairment losses are performed on loans and receivables that are not individually significant. Generally, the Bank applies the probability of loss method in determining the collective impairment loss, where such probability is derived from the product of default rate, and loss rate and adjusted using forward-looking factors such as interest rates, and consumer price index.

*Significant Increase in Credit Risk.* When determining whether the risk of default on a financial instrument has increased significantly since initial recognition, the Bank 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 Bank's historical experience and expert credit assessment and including forward-looking information. A significant increase in credit risk can be measured by comparing the probability of default of the borrower from the initial recognition and the result of the current probability of default.

Other indications may include, among others, indications that a borrower or a group of borrowers is experiencing significant financial difficulty, default or delinquency in principal and/or interest payments, probability that the borrower will enter bankruptcy or other financial reorganization/restructuring, and other observable data indicating measurable decrease in the estimated future cash flows, such as changes in business or economic conditions that correlate with defaults.

*Definition of Default.* The Bank considers a financial asset to be in default when a borrower fails to pay the loan in full within 90 days after contractual due date.

### Credit Quality per Class of Financial Assets

The Bank has developed and continually reviews and calibrates its internal risk rating system for large exposures aimed at uniformly assessing its credit portfolio in terms of risk profile.

The following table provides the analysis of credit quality of the of the Bank's financial assets (gross of allowance for credit and impairment losses) classified as Stage 1, 2 or 3 as at December 31, 2023 and 2022.

<i>Amounts in Thousands</i>	2023			Total
	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	
<b>Financial Assets at FVOCI</b>				
Government securities				
High grade	₱3,495,537	₱—	₱—	₱3,495,537
Private bonds				
High grade	62,203	—	—	62,203
<b>Financial Assets at FVPL</b>				
Government securities				
High grade	115	—	—	115
<b>Financial Assets at Amortized Cost</b>				
Due from BSP				
High grade	2,056,166	—	—	2,056,166
Due from other banks				
High grade	1,502,080	—	—	1,502,080
Government securities				
High grade	142,951	—	—	142,951
Interbank loans receivable				
High grade	1,348,001	—	—	1,348,001
Consumer loans				
High grade	6,565,186	—	—	6,565,186
Standard grade	5,590	55,463	1,601	62,654
Past due but not individually impaired	—	86,418	747,322	833,740
Individually impaired	1,675,210	54,464	139,465	1,869,139
Corporate loans				
High grade	4,956,684	—	—	4,956,684
Standard grade	18,188,012	—	—	18,188,012
Individually impaired	—	1,055,545	1,575,136	2,630,681
Bills purchased				
High grade	18,413	—	—	18,413
Individually impaired	—	—	9,980	9,980
Accrued interest income				
High grade	189,898	—	—	189,898
Standard grade	223,575	1,566	26	225,167
Past due but not individually impaired	—	2,588	37,401	39,989
Individually impaired	17,339	64,871	99,494	181,704
Accounts receivable				
High grade	50,424	—	—	50,424
Sales contracts receivables				
High grade	14,246	—	—	14,246
Individually impaired	—	—	11,505	11,505
Other assets*				
High grade	155,595	—	—	155,595
	<b>₱40,667,225</b>	<b>₱1,320,915</b>	<b>₱2,621,930</b>	<b>₱44,610,070</b>

\*Includes restricted cash, refundable deposits and RCOI.

<i>Amounts in Thousands</i>	2022			
	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Total
<b>Financial Assets at FVOCI</b>				
Government securities				
High grade	₱1,035,716	₱—	₱—	₱1,035,716
Private bonds				
High grade	1,007,645	—	—	1,007,645
<b>Financial Assets at FVPL</b>				
Government securities				
High grade	97	—	—	97
<b>Financial Assets at Amortized Cost</b>				
Due from BSP				
High grade	2,813,319	—	—	2,813,319
Due from other banks				
High grade	1,963,318	—	—	1,963,318
Government securities				
High grade	121,098	—	—	121,098
Interbank loans receivable				
High grade	470,375	—	—	470,375
Consumer loans				
High grade	4,965,869	—	—	4,965,869
Standard grade	5,480	62,318	1,213	69,011
Past due but not individually impaired	—	97,099	717,668	814,767
Individually impaired	1,512,384	174,028	364,088	2,050,500
Corporate loans				
High grade	3,398,487	—	—	3,398,487
Standard grade	17,553,118	—	—	17,553,118
Individually impaired	—	910,850	1,595,880	2,506,730
Bills purchased				
High grade	1,025	—	—	1,025
Standard grade	396	—	—	396
Individually impaired	—	—	9,980	9,980
Accrued interest income				
High grade	149,898	—	—	149,898
Standard grade	193,575	1,566	18	195,159
Past due but not individually impaired	—	2,588	26,339	28,927
Individually impaired	11,717	39,871	74,494	126,082
Accounts receivable				
High grade	46,918	—	—	46,918
Sales contracts receivables				
High grade	16,434	—	—	16,434
Individually impaired	—	—	11,505	11,505
Other assets*				
High grade	29,460	—	—	29,460
	<b>₱35,296,329</b>	<b>₱1,288,320</b>	<b>₱2,801,185</b>	<b>₱39,385,834</b>

\*Includes refundable deposits and RCOCI.

The Bank classifies its neither past due nor impaired financial assets subject to credit risk into the following credit grades:

- High Grade – This pertains to accounts with very low probability of default because of the borrower's/counterparty's established ability to tap its liquid resources to fully service its obligations as they become due. The borrower/counterparty has no history of default and uses leverage sparingly.
- Standard Grade – This pertains to accounts with an acceptable probability of default. Nevertheless, the borrower/counterparty has a strong debt service record and has demonstrated the ability to readily service its debts. Collateral cover, if applicable, should be adequate.

- Substandard Grade – Risk of default is higher than normal. The borrower/counterparty is expected to be able to service its debt under normal economic and business conditions. Any prolonged economic or business downturn would however ostensibly create liquidity issues for the borrower/counterparty. The borrower/counterparty may have a history of default but have regularized its debt service performance as at reporting year.

Past due but not impaired pertains to items where contractual payments are past due but the Bank believes that impairment is not appropriate based on the probability of collection of amounts owed to the Bank. Impaired pertains to receivables for which the Bank determines that it is probable that it will not be able to collect all principal and interest due based on the contractual terms and agreements.

The credit quality of trading and investment securities is generally monitored through the external ratings of eligible external credit rating institutions.

Presented below is the mapping of the credit risk rating from external rating agencies with the Bank's internal risk rating for investment securities:

A. Moody's Rating

Credit Quality	Rating				
	Long-term				Short-term
High Grade	Aaa	Aa	A	Baa	Prime
Standard Grade	Ba	B			Not Prime
Substandard Grade	Caa	Ca			
Impaired	C				

B. Standard & Poors (S&P) Rating

Credit Quality	Rating				
	Long-term				Short-term
High Grade	AAA	AA	A	BBB	A
Standard Grade	BB	B			B
Substandard Grade	CCC	CC	C		C
Impaired	D				D

C. Fitch Rating

Credit Quality	Rating				
	Long-term				Short-term
High Grade	AAA	AA	A	BBB	A
Standard Grade	BB	B			B
Substandard Grade	CCC				C
Impaired	DDD	DD	D		D

D. Philratings

Credit Quality	Rating				
	Long-term				Short-term
High Grade	Philippine Rating Service (PRS) Aaa	PRS Aa	PRS A	PRS Baa	PRS 1
					PRS 2
					PRS 3
Standard Grade	PRS Ba	PRS B			PRS 4
Substandard Grade	PRS Caa	PRS Ca			PRS 5
Impaired	PRS C				PRS 6

For debt securities not rated by any rating agency, the Bank performs the credit rating review for the issuers of the debt securities based on quantitative and qualitative analyses, the data of which are provided by the Treasury/Trust Group.

Below is the guidance in evaluation if the investment is impaired or not.

Credit Quality	Rating	Assessment
High Grade	1 and 2	Not Impaired
Standard Grade	3	Not Impaired
Substandard Grade	4	Impaired
Impaired	5	Impaired

For loans, the credit quality is generally monitored using the Bank’s internal rating system. It is the Bank’s policy to maintain accurate and consistent risk ratings across the credit portfolio. This facilitates management to focus on major potential risk and the comparison of credit exposures across all lines of business, demographics and products. The rating system has two parts, namely: the borrower’s risk rating and the facility risk rating. It is supported by a variety of financial analytics, combined with an assessment of management and market information to provide the main inputs for the measurement of credit risk.

The Bank uses ICRR to classify the credit quality of its receivables portfolio. This is being upgraded, as needed, to enhance credit evaluation parameters across different market segments and achieve a more sound and robust credit risk assessment.

Descriptions of the loan grades used by the Bank for receivables from customers are as follows:

Risk Rating	Classification	Credit Quality
1	Excellent	High Grade
2	Strong	High Grade
3	Good	High Grade
4	Satisfactory	Standard Grade
5	Acceptable	Standard Grade
6	Weak	Standard Grade
7	Poor	Impaired
8	Substandard	Impaired
9	Doubtful	Impaired
10	Loss	Impaired

*Risk Rating 1—Excellent.* The borrower's ability to meet its financial commitments is extremely strong and there is a very low probability that it will default on payments due in the coming year. The borrower has a high degree of stability, substance and diversity.

A borrower in this category has access to substantial amounts of funds through the public capital market at any time. It has a strong debt service capacity and has conservative balance sheet leverage (the industry in which the borrower operates). The track record in profit terms is very good.

The borrower is of the highest quality, operating reliably under virtually any and all economic conditions.

*Risk Rating 2 – Strong.* The borrower's ability to meet its financial commitments is very strong and there is a low probability that it will default on payments due in the coming year. The borrower normally has a comfortable degree of stability, substance and diversity. Under normal market conditions, borrowers in this category have good access to public capital market to raise funds.

Borrower has a strong market and financial position with a history of successful performance. The overall debt service capacity as measured by cash flow to total debt service is very strong; the critical balance sheet ratios (vis-à-vis applicable industry) are conservative.

These borrowers herein categorized are described as quality corporations or enterprises, which are adequately capitalized and operating profitably.

*Risk Rating 3 – Good.* The borrower's ability to meet its financial commitments is strong. It may be described as a big or small corporation whose access to public capital market or to alternative financial market is easy, may be limited to periods of favorable economic and/or market conditions.

A borrower in this category usually exhibits characteristics of some degree of stability and substance and the probability of default is still quite low. However, it may still be susceptible to the negative effects of cyclical business changes.

Typical traits include a combination of comfortable asset protection and an acceptable balance sheet structure (vis-à-vis that industry). The debt service capacity as measured by cash flow analysis is strong.

*Risk Rating 4 – Satisfactory.* The borrower has adequate capacity to meet its financial commitments. Borrower operates in an environment where clear risk elements exist and the probability of default is somewhat greater. This probability is reflected in volatility of earnings and overall performance. A borrower in this category normally has limited access to public financial market. It should be able to withstand normal business cycles, but any prolonged unfavorable economic climate may create gradual deterioration in its financial health.

Typical for this kind of borrower is the combination of reasonably sound asset and cash flow protection. The debt service capacity as measured by cash flow is deemed adequate. The borrower has reported profit for the past fiscal year and is expected to report a profit in the current year.

*Risk Rating 5 – Acceptable.* The borrower is less vulnerable but faces major ongoing uncertainties and exposure to adverse business, financial or economic conditions that could lead to its inadequate capacity to meet its financial commitments.

This category represents borrowers who may still be able to withstand normal business cycles. However, any prolonged unfavorable economic and/or market condition would create an immediate deterioration beyond acceptable level.

This category will apply where the risk is still acceptable for the following reasons:

- There is sufficient cash flow either historically or expected for the future, in spite of an economic downturn combined with asset protection; or
- There is a new business or project finance transaction.

*Risk Rating 6 – Weak.* The borrower is more vulnerable but currently has the capacity to meet its financial commitments. Adverse business, financial, or economic conditions will likely impair the borrower's capacity or willingness to meet its financial requirements.

This category represents the type of borrower for which unfavorable industry or Bank-specific risk factors represent a concern. Operating performance and financial strength may be marginal and it is uncertain whether the borrower can attract alternative sources of financing. Typically, the borrower will find it very hard to cope with any significant economic downturn and a default in such a case is more than a possibility.

Generally, a borrower in this category incurs net losses for one or more years. Normally, there is an expectation that conditions will improve and the rating may be upgraded. Any deterioration, however, will almost certainly result in an automatic downgrade.

In summary, this category includes those borrowers where the credit exposure is not at risk of loss at the moment, but wherein performance has weakened, and unless present trends are reversed, could lead to losses.

*Risk Rating 7 – Poor.* The borrower is currently vulnerable and is dependent on favorable business, financial and economic conditions to meet its financial obligations.

A borrower in this category is characterized by some probability of default, manifested by some or all of the following:

- Evidence of weakness in the borrower's financial condition or creditworthiness.
- Unacceptable risk generated by potential or emerging weaknesses as far as asset protection and/or cash flow is concerned. Concerns center on the potential for a continuation of unfavorable economic, market, or borrower specific conditions or trends, which may affect future debt service capacity.
- Indications that the borrower's ability or willingness to service debt are in doubt.
- Necessity or strong likelihood for rescheduling of the loan.
- Decline in values of, or adverse developments on, collaterals securing the loan.

*Risk Rating 8 – Substandard.* The borrower is currently highly vulnerable and is in a state of default. Substandard loans are loans or portions thereof which appear to involve a substantial and unreasonable degree of risk to the Bank because of unfavorable or unsatisfactory characteristics. These well-defined adverse elements exist in such loans where there is a possibility of future loss to the institution unless given closer supervision. Such may include adverse trends or development of a financial, managerial, economic or political nature or significant weakness in collateral.

Basic characteristics are:

- Past due loan for which there is an imminent possibility of foreclosure or acquisition of the collateral because of failure of all collection efforts;
- Past due loans to borrowers whose properties securing the loan have declined in value materially or have been found with defects as to ownership or other adverse information;
- Current loans to borrowers whose financial statements audited by the SEC-accredited external auditors show impaired/negative net worth, except for startup firms which should be evaluated on a case-to-case basis;
- Renewed loans of borrowers with declining trend in operations, illiquidity, or increasing leverage trend in the borrower's financial statements without at least 20.0% repayment of the principal before renewal or extension;
- Current loans of borrowers with unfavorable results of operations for two consecutive years or with impaired/negative net worth, except for startup firms which should be evaluated on a case-to-case basis;
- Loans under litigation; and
- Past due loans for more than 90 days.

*Risk Rating 9 – Doubtful.* Borrower is in a state of default, where any of the following factors are present:

- Account is already in "non-performing loan" (NPL) status;
- Any portion of any principal and/or interest repayment is in arrears for more than 90 days;
- The borrower is unable or unwilling to service debt over an extended period of time and near future prospects of orderly debt service is doubtful; and
- Overdue loans wherein the prospects of fully applying the collaterals are impaired due to material declines in market value, or subject of adverse claim.

The extent of probability of loss cannot be exactly quantified at this time. Although the possibility of loss is significant, there may be certain important and reasonably specific pending factors that can work to the advantage of the Bank and result in a strengthening of assets of the borrower. Pending factors include merger, acquisition, capital injection and additional cover.

*Risk Rating 10 – Loss.* Borrower is in a state of default and the prospect for re-establishment of creditworthiness and debt service is remote.

This category also applies where the Bank will take or has taken title to the assets of the borrower and is preparing a foreclosure and/or liquidation of the Bank.

These are loans, or portions thereof, which are considered uncollectible or worthless and of such little value that their continuance as bankable assets is not warranted although the loans may have some recovery or salvage value. The amount of loss is difficult to measure and it is neither practical nor desirable to defer writing off these basically worthless assets even though partial recovery may be obtained in the future.

Basic characteristics are:

- Past due clean loans, the interest of which has remained unpaid for a period of six months;
- Loans payable in installments where amortization applicable to interest is past due for a period of six months, unless the loan is fully secured;
- When the borrower's whereabouts are unknown, or he is insolvent, or his earning power is permanently impaired and his co-makers or guarantors are insolvent or that their guarantee is not financially supported;
- Where the collaterals securing the loans are considered worthless and the borrower and/or his co-makers are insolvent; and
- Loan considered as absolutely uncollectible.

#### **Collateral and Other Credit Risk Mitigation**

The amount and type of collateral required depends on an assessment of the credit risk of the obligor. The Bank implements certain requirements regarding the acceptability of types of collateral and valuation.

Collateral comes in the form of financial or nonfinancial assets. The main types of collateral obtained include cash or securities, charges over real estate or chattel properties, inventory and trade receivables and mortgages over residential properties. The Bank also obtains guarantees from parent companies for loans of borrowing entities belonging to a group of companies.

The Bank monitors the market value of collateral, and request for additional collateral in accordance with the underlying agreement.

The following table shows the fair value of collaterals held against the loans and receivables that are neither past due nor impaired:

	<b>2023</b>	2022
Properties	<b>₱19,130,374,439</b>	₱12,180,549,174
Deposits	<b>1,265,296,440</b>	2,066,939,004
	<b>₱20,395,670,879</b>	₱14,247,488,178

It is the Bank's policy to sell foreclosed assets through public bidding (only after the assets are appraised anew to determine current market value, and duly bid based on the approved minimum bid price).

#### **Liquidity Risk**

Liquidity risk is generally defined as the current and prospective risk to earnings or capital arising from the Bank's inability to meet its obligations when these become due, without incurring unacceptable losses or costs. Specifically, this pertains to events that may necessitate the Bank to enter into transactions that would realize significant losses or costs in order to meet its obligations when these fall due.

ALCO is responsible for formulating the Bank's liquidity risk management policies, whereas the RMG is responsible for monitoring such risks. Liquidity management is among the most important activities conducted within the Bank. The Bank manages its liquidity risk through analyzing net funding requirements under alternative scenarios, diversification of funding sources and contingency planning. The Bank utilizes a diverse range of sources of funds, although short-term deposits made with the Bank's network of domestic branches comprise the majority of such funding.

The Bank's liquidity risk is managed by holding sufficient liquid assets of appropriate quality to ensure short-term funding requirements are met with minimum sacrifice to market price and by maintaining a balanced loan portfolio, which is re-priced on a regular basis. Deposits with banks are made on a short-term basis with almost all being available on demand within three months.

The Bank's Treasury Department uses liquidity forecast models that estimate the Bank's cash flow requirements based on the Bank's actual contractual obligations under normal circumstances and extraordinary circumstances. RMG prepares a monthly maximum cumulative outflow report, which is an analysis of maturity gaps of the Bank's assets and liabilities.

#### Aging of Financial Assets and Liabilities by Remaining Contractual Maturities

The tables below summarize the maturity profile of the Bank's financial assets and liabilities used for liquidity management based on contractual undiscounted payments and receipts as at December 31, 2023 and 2022:

	2023						Total
	On Demand	Within 30 Days	31 to 60 Days	61 to 180 Days	181 to 360 Days	Over 360 Days	
<b>Financial Assets</b>							
Financial assets at FVOCI	₱-	₱2,838,824,873	₱234,790,740	₱272,662,067	₱26,183,779	₱201,351,950	₱3,573,813,409
Financial assets at FVPL	-	114,982	-	-	-	-	114,982
Financial assets at amortized cost:							
Cash and other cash items	578,568,031	-	-	-	-	-	578,568,031
Due from BSP	662,479,460	1,393,686,469	-	-	-	-	2,056,165,929
Due from other banks	-	1,502,080,267	-	-	-	-	1,502,080,267
Interbank loans receivable	-	1,348,001,167	-	-	-	-	1,348,001,167
Government securities	-	55,451,084	-	-	-	87,499,490	142,950,574
Loans and receivables:							
Receivables from customers	-	10,164,277,300	1,892,370,111	11,092,120,225	2,926,103,631	8,169,636,972	34,244,508,239
Accrued interest income	-	636,758,524	-	-	-	-	636,758,524
Accounts receivable	-	50,423,853	-	-	-	-	50,423,853
Sales contracts receivable	-	-	-	-	433,087	25,317,709	25,750,796
Other assets*	-	126,348,445	-	-	-	29,246,619	155,595,064
	₱1,241,047,491	₱18,115,966,964	₱2,127,160,851	₱11,364,782,292	₱2,952,720,497	₱8,513,052,740	₱44,314,730,835
<b>Financial Liabilities</b>							
Deposit liabilities:							
Demand	₱10,269,072,898	₱-	₱-	₱-	₱-	₱-	₱10,269,072,898
Savings	-	18,192,092,428	2,361,110	-	-	-	18,194,453,538
Time	-	5,343,086,938	1,126,323,983	784,386,845	771,024,691	2,205,467,418	10,230,289,875
	10,269,072,898	23,535,179,366	1,128,685,093	784,386,845	771,024,691	2,205,467,418	38,693,816,311
Manager's checks	-	121,010,179	-	-	-	-	121,010,179
Accrued interest and other expenses**	-	253,526,084	-	-	-	-	253,526,084
Unsecured subordinated debt	-	-	-	-	-	1,300,000,000	1,300,000,000
Lease liabilities	-	5,416,554	5,442,510	20,168,686	36,244,215	201,201,073	268,473,038
Other liabilities***	-	923,727,944	-	-	-	-	923,727,944
	₱10,269,072,898	₱24,838,860,127	₱1,134,127,603	₱804,555,531	₱807,268,906	₱3,706,668,491	₱41,560,553,556

\*Comprised of restricted cash, refundable deposits and RCOCI.

\*\*Excluding accrued gross receipts tax.

\*\*\*Excluding due to PDIC, withholding taxes, and statutory obligations.

	2022						Total
	On Demand	Within 30 Days	31 to 60 Days	61 to 180 Days	181 to 360 Days	Over 360 Days	
<b>Financial Assets</b>							
Financial assets at FVOCI	P=	₱802,752,504	₱14,909,549	₱946,256,248	₱136,788,318	₱158,727,746	₱2,059,434,365
Financial assets at FVPL	-	97,461	-	-	-	-	97,461
Financial assets at amortized cost:							
Cash and other cash items	510,101,446	-	-	-	-	-	510,101,446
Due from BSP	704,319,000	2,109,000,000	-	-	-	-	2,813,319,000
Due from other banks	-	1,963,318,024	-	-	-	-	1,963,318,024
Interbank loans receivable	-	470,374,799	-	-	-	-	470,374,799
Government securities	-	-	-	-	-	121,097,676	121,097,676
Loans and receivables:							
Receivables from customers	-	8,600,030,383	1,807,602,556	8,769,759,236	2,619,607,156	8,604,025,337	30,401,024,668
Accrued interest income	-	500,066,737	-	-	-	-	500,066,737
Accounts receivable	-	45,750,612	152,806	752,637	241,074	20,441	46,917,570
Sales contracts receivable	-	-	-	-	-	27,939,117	27,939,117
Other assets*	-	632,989	-	-	-	28,827,069	29,460,058
	₱1,214,420,446	₱14,492,023,509	₱1,822,664,911	₱9,716,768,121	₱2,756,636,548	₱8,940,637,386	₱38,943,150,921
<b>Financial Liabilities</b>							
Deposit liabilities:							
Demand	₱9,929,853,938	P=	P=	P=	P=	P=	₱9,929,853,938
Savings	-	14,602,643,713	5,624,162	-	-	-	14,608,267,875
Time	-	4,802,124,205	1,126,323,983	784,386,845	771,024,691	1,614,417,187	9,098,276,911
	9,929,853,938	19,404,767,918	1,131,948,145	784,386,845	771,024,691	1,614,417,187	33,636,398,724
(Forward)							
Manager's checks	P=	₱117,174,478	P=	P=	P=	P=	₱117,174,478
Accrued interest and other expenses**	-	154,256,751	-	-	-	-	154,256,751
Unsecured subordinated debt	-	-	-	-	-	1,300,000,000	1,300,000,000
Lease liabilities	-	5,416,554	5,442,510	20,168,686	30,161,183	179,920,394	241,109,327
Other liabilities***	-	1,110,009,246	-	-	-	-	1,110,009,246
	₱9,929,853,938	₱20,791,624,947	₱1,137,390,655	₱804,555,531	₱801,185,874	₱3,094,337,581	₱36,558,948,526

\*Comprised of refundable deposits and RCOCI.

\*\*Excluding accrued gross receipts tax.

\*\*\*Comprised of accounts payable, payment orders, bills purchased- contra and marginal deposit and other liabilities.

The Bank manages its short-term negative gap by making available funds sourced from various other financial institutions and taking measures to maintain long-term core deposits from regular clients. The Bank may also dispose its financial assets at FVOCI when the need for liquidity arises.

### Minimum Liquidity Ratio (MLR)

Under the BSP Circular No. 996, *Amendments to the Liquidity Coverage Ratio Framework and minimum Prudential Liquidity Requirements*, issued on February 8, 2018, all thrift banks, rural/cooperative banks (RBs and Coop Banks), and quasi-banks (QBs) that are not subsidiaries of universal or commercial banks (UBs/KBs) are required to maintain a prudential Minimum Liquidity Ratio (MLR) of 20% daily to promote short-term resilience to liquidity shocks. MLR is expressed as a percentage of eligible stock of liquid assets to its total qualifying liabilities. The stock of liquid assets is required to be unencumbered and readily liquefiable, while the qualifying liabilities include both on-balance sheet and off-balance sheet commitments.

On April 7, 2020, the BSP reduced MLR down to 16% until December 31, 2020 to help banks cope with the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. This provision has been extended for an additional one year effective until December 31, 2022 under the BSP Memorandum M-2022-004 dated January 17, 2022. Beginning January 1, 2023, the MLR requirement reverted to 20%.

The Bank is in compliance with the requirement with MLR at 22.72% and 19.88% as at December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

### **Market Risk**

Market risk is the risk of loss of future earnings, fair values or future cash flows as a result of changes in interest rate, foreign exchange rate, commodity prices, equity prices and other market changes. The Bank's market risk originates from its holdings of debt securities.

ALCO, chaired by the Head of Treasury, is the management level committee responsible for review and management of market risk. In managing market risk, the Bank uses a framework of policies and procedures, measurement tools, controls and limits. The Bank's Treasury Group manages asset/liability risks arising from both normal banking operations and from trading operations in financial market. Daily monitoring of compliance with the policies, procedures and limits is performed by the Market Risk Department under RMG. The limits are annually reviewed by the ALCO and RMG and approved by RMC. RMG performs regular reporting to ALCO and to the RMC, which is a sub-committee of the BOD.

### **Interest Rate Risk**

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

The Bank measures the sensitivity of its assets and liabilities to interest rate fluctuations by way of Earnings-at-Risk (EaR). EaR is a measure of likely earnings volatility for accrual portfolios. It is calculated as the change in income over the next 12 months, given current exposures that will result from one-year standard deviation change in interest rate, updated monthly. EaR is calculated based on 99.00% confidence level. It is accomplished monthly, with quarterly stress test.

The following tables demonstrate the sensitivity to a reasonable possible change in interest rate of the Bank's net interest income and equity with all other variables held constant:

	2023				2022			
	Increase (Decrease) in Basis Points				Increase (Decrease) in Basis Points			
	50	50	(50)	(50)	50	50	(50)	(50)
	Net	Equity	Net	Equity	Net	Equity	Net	Equity
<i>Amounts in Millions</i>	Income	Equity	Income	Equity	Income	Equity	Income	Equity
Changes in net interest income:								
Loans and receivables	<b>₱12.43</b>	<b>₱24.85</b>	<b>(₱12.43)</b>	<b>(₱24.85)</b>	₱10.54	₱21.07	(₱10.54)	(₱21.07)
Investment securities at amortized cost	<b>1.04</b>	<b>2.09</b>	<b>(1.00)</b>	<b>(1.99)</b>	2.24	3.03	(0.66)	(0.54)
Deposit liabilities	<b>(17.42)</b>	<b>(34.83)</b>	<b>17.42</b>	<b>34.83</b>	(14.02)	(28.03)	14.02	28.03
As a percentage of the net interest income for the year	<b>(0.3%)</b>	<b>(0.5%)</b>	<b>0.3%</b>	<b>0.5%</b>	(0.2%)	(0.4%)	0.2%	0.4%
Changes in equity* -								
Financial assets at FVOCI	<b>(4.54)</b>	<b>(9.23)</b>	<b>5.12</b>	<b>10.09</b>	(109.3)	(128.5)	(69.8)	(49.6)

\*The impact on the Bank's equity already excludes the impact of transactions affecting the profit or loss.

### **Foreign Currency Risk**

Foreign currency risk is the risk of an investment's value erosion due to an adverse movement in foreign exchange rate. It arises due to a mismatch in the Bank's foreign currency-denominated assets and liabilities.

Foreign currency-denominated deposits are generally used to fund the Bank's foreign currency-denominated loan and investment portfolio in the FCDU. Banks are required by the BSP to match the foreign currency-denominated liabilities with the foreign currency-denominated assets held under the FCDU books. In addition, the BSP requires 100% asset coverage for its FCDU liabilities, 30% of which should be in the form of liquid assets. As at December 31, 2023 and 2022, the Bank is in compliance with the said regulation.

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

The following table summarizes the Bank's foreign currency-denominated financial assets and liabilities as at December 31, 2023 and 2022. Included in the table are assets and liabilities at carrying amounts in Philippine Peso equivalent, categorized by currency.

	2023			2022		
	USD	Others*	Total	USD	Others*	Total
<b>Financial Assets</b>						
Cash and other cash items	₱59,539,780	₱169,672	₱59,709,452	₱50,573,604	₱-	₱50,573,604
Due from other banks	1,423,019,041	15,852,195	1,438,871,236	1,874,491,376	33,742,417	1,908,233,793
Investment securities	1,230,185,061	-	1,230,185,061	1,294,742,690	-	1,294,742,690
Loans and receivables	514,941,000	-	514,941,000	555,877,350	-	555,877,350
	<b>3,227,684,882</b>	<b>16,021,867</b>	<b>3,243,706,749</b>	<b>3,775,685,020</b>	<b>33,742,417</b>	<b>3,809,427,437</b>
<b>Financial Liabilities</b>						
Deposit liabilities	3,155,202,912	6,675,363	3,161,878,275	3,677,616,278	25,315,198	3,702,931,476
<b>Net Exposure</b>	<b>₱72,481,970</b>	<b>₱9,346,504</b>	<b>₱81,828,474</b>	<b>₱98,068,742</b>	<b>₱8,427,219</b>	<b>₱106,495,961</b>

\*Consist of Euro, United Kingdom Pound, Canadian Dollar, Australian Dollar, Hong Kong Dollar, New Zealand Dollar, Singapore Dollar, Japanese Yen, Swiss Franc and Chinese Yuan.

The following table sets forth the impact of reasonably possible changes in the USD exchange rate on the Bank's net income:

Amounts in Millions	Increase (Decrease) in Currency			
	5.0%	10.0%	(5.0%)	(10.0%)
USD				
<b>2023</b>	<b>₱0.48</b>	<b>₱0.96</b>	<b>(₱0.48)</b>	<b>(₱0.96)</b>
2022	0.70	1.41	(0.70)	(1.41)

The increase in USD exchange rate represents depreciation of Philippine Peso while the decrease in USD exchange rate represents an appreciation of Philippine Peso. The increase or decrease in exchange rate of other currencies is not significant.

There is no other impact in the Bank's equity other than those already affecting the net income.

#### Market Risk in the Trading Book

The Bank is exposed to the potential loss in its trading portfolio because the value of its trading positions is sensitive to changes in market prices and rate. The trading activities of the Bank include investments in fixed income securities and foreign exchange trading, which exposes the Bank to interest rate and foreign exchange risks. In the trading book, market risk is controlled by a daily analysis of the Value-at-Risk (VaR) of financial instruments under normal market conditions.

### **Objectives and Limitations of the VaR Methodology**

The Bank uses the VaR approach in assessing possible changes in the market value of the trading portfolio based on historical data for a rolling one year period. The Bank employs the use of historical methodology in calculating the VaR. This model assumes that the exact distribution of past returns does not apply during sudden changes in market condition. The use of historical VaR model has limitations and requires a significant amount of risk factor history. It does not capture probabilities that have not yet occurred while it captures irregularities present in the historical database.

The VaR figures are backtested to validate the robustness of the VaR model. The Bank performs the hypothetical and actual backtesting procedures for both RBU and FCDU securities. Likewise, to complement VaR measurement, the Bank performs stress tests wherein the trading portfolios are valued under extreme market scenarios.

### **VaR Assumptions/Parameters**

The VaR that the Bank measures is an estimate that uses actual historical rates and revalues positions for any changes in the market. It is appropriate for all types of instruments, linear and non-linear, with stable risk factors for which there is a rich historical database. Since VaR is an integral part of the Bank's market risk management, VaR limits have been established annually for all financial trading activities and exposures against the limits are monitored on a daily basis. Limits are based on the tolerable risk appetite of the Bank.

The Market Risk Officer of the Bank prepares a daily VaR report containing details on the VaR amount, VaR limit utilization, and VaR limit breaches, if any. This report is submitted to the traders concerned, the Treasury Head, Chief Risk Officer, Treasury Operations Head, and the President. Moreover, the VaR results are discussed and reported in the monthly Risk Management Committee meetings.

The following table provides the VaR summary of the Bank for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022:

<i>Amounts in Thousands</i>	<b>2023</b>		<b>2022</b>	
	<b>Foreign Exchange</b>	<b>Fixed Income</b>	Foreign Exchange	Fixed Income
December 28	<b>₱659</b>	<b>₱-</b>	₱986	₱-
Average Daily	<b>629</b>	<b>781</b>	762	47
Highest	<b>2,244</b>	<b>1,903</b>	1,916	1,326
Lowest	<b>0.26</b>	<b>12</b>	1	4

Fixed income VaR includes value-at-risk for investment securities denominated in currencies other than Philippine Peso. VaR, being a measure of risk in the trading book, only includes held for trading portfolio.

The Bank's trading in fixed income securities is exposed to movements in interest rate. The high and low of the total portfolio may not equal to the sum of the individual components as the high and low of the individual portfolios may have occurred on different trading days. The VaR of foreign exchange is the foreign exchange risk throughout the Bank. The Bank, when aggregating the foreign exchange VaR and interest VaR, does not consider the correlation effects between the two risks.

### **Capital Management**

The primary objectives of the Bank's capital management are to ensure that it complies with externally-imposed capital requirements and maintains strong credit ratings and healthy capital ratios in order to support its business and to maximize shareholders' value.

The Bank manages its capital structure and makes adjustments to it where there are changes in economic conditions and the risk characteristics of its activities. In order to maintain or adjust the capital structure, the Bank may adjust the amount of dividend payment to shareholders, return capital, or issue capital securities. No changes were made in the objectives, policies and processes from the previous year.

### Regulatory Qualifying Capital

Under Appendix 59, *Risk-based Capital Adequacy Framework for the Philippine Banking System*, of the Manual of Regulations for Banks (MORB), the determination of compliance with regulatory requirements and ratios is based on the amount of the “qualifying capital” (regulatory net worth) as reported to the BSP, which is determined on the basis of regulatory accounting policies that differ from PFRS in some respects.

The risk-based capital ratio of a bank, expressed as a percentage of qualifying capital to risk-weighted assets, should not be less than 10%. Qualifying capital and risk-weighted assets (RWA) are computed based on the BSP regulations. RWA consist of total assets less cash on hand, due from BSP, loans covered by hold-out on or assignment of deposits, loans or acceptances under letter of credit to the extent covered by margin deposits and other non-risk items determined by the Monetary Board (MB) of the BSP. RWA is the sum of credit RWA, market RWA, and operational RWA, as defined under Appendix 59 of MORB.

The details of CAR as at December 31, as reported to the BSP are as follows:

<i>Amounts in Thousands</i>	<b>2023</b>	2022
Common Equity Tier 1 (CET1) capital	<b>₱3,566,430</b>	₱3,342,792
Additional Tier 1 (AT1) capital	-	-
Tier 1 capital	<b>3,566,430</b>	3,342,792
Required deductions	<b>336,505</b>	295,586
	<b>3,229,925</b>	3,047,206
Excess from Tier 2 deducted from Tier 1 Capital*	-	-
Net Tier 1 Capital	<b>3,229,925</b>	3,047,206
Tier 2 capital	<b>1,854,939</b>	1,872,219
Required deductions	-	-
	<b>1,854,939</b>	1,872,219
Excess of Tier 2 deducted from Tier 1 Capital*	-	-
Net Tier 2 Capital	<b>1,854,939</b>	1,872,219
<b>Total Qualifying Capital</b>	<b>₱5,084,864</b>	₱4,919,425

*\*Deductions to Tier 2 Capital are capped at its total gross amount and any excess shall be deducted from Tier 1 Capital.*

	<b>2023</b>	2022
Credit RWA	<b>₱34,008,564</b>	₱32,207,564
Market RWA	<b>9,384</b>	18,210
Operational RWA	<b>3,062,645</b>	3,191,878
<b>Total RWA</b>	<b>₱37,080,593</b>	₱35,417,652
CET1/Tier 1 capital ratio	<b>8.71%</b>	8.60%
Total capital ratio	<b>13.71%</b>	13.89%

The Bank's regulatory qualifying capital consists of Tier 1 (core) capital, which comprises paid-up common stock, surplus including current year profit, and cumulative foreign currency translation less required deductions such as unsecured credit accommodations to DOSRI and deferred tax assets and defined benefits pension. Certain adjustments are made to results and reserves based on PFRS, as prescribed by the BSP. The other component of regulatory capital is Tier 2 (supplementary) capital, which includes paid-up preferred stock, unsecured subordinated debt and general loan loss provision (GLLP).

Standardized credit risk weights were used in the credit assessment of asset exposures. Third party credit assessments were based on the ratings by S&P, Moody's, Fitch and Philratings on exposures to sovereigns, multilateral development banks, banks, local government units, government corporations and corporates.

The Bank has complied with all externally imposed capital requirements in 2023 and 2022.

Under the existing BSP regulations, the Bank set up GLLP equivalent to 1% of all current loans (after excluding accounts considered as credit risk-free under existing regulations). In cases when the computed allowance for ECL on current loans is less than the 1% GLLP required by the BSP, the difference should be appropriated from the retained earnings using the account "Retained earnings - general provision" for prudential reporting.

Appropriation of retained earnings for the excess of 1% GLLP over ECL amounted to ₱221.4 million and ₱56.4 million as at December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

#### **Leverage Ratio**

The BSP also requires the maintenance of leverage ratio of not less than 5.00%, which is designed to act as a supplementary measure to risk-based capital requirements.

The Bank's leverage ratio, which is computed by dividing the total capital by the total exposure measure, is as follows:

<i>Amounts in Thousands</i>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
Total capital	<b>₱3,566,430</b>	₱3,342,792
Total exposure measure	<b>47,283,742</b>	40,685,169
Leverage ratio	<b>7.54%</b>	8.22%

As at December 31, 2023 and 2022, the Bank is compliant with the leverage ratio requirements of the BSP.

## 5. Fair Value Measurement

The following table presents the carrying amounts and fair values of the Bank's assets measured at fair value and for which fair values are disclosed, and the corresponding hierarchy.

	2023			
	Carrying Amount	Fair Value		
		Quoted Prices in Active Market (Level 1)	Significant Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
<b>Assets Measured at Fair Value</b>				
Financial assets at FVOCI:				
Government securities	₱3,495,536,963	₱3,495,536,963	₱-	₱-
Private bonds	62,202,983	62,202,983	-	-
	<b>3,557,739,946</b>	<b>3,557,739,946</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Assets for which Fair Values are Disclosed</b>				
Loans and receivables:				
Receivable from customers:				
Consumer loans	8,910,774,695	-	-	8,995,226,305
Corporate loans	25,443,597,269	-	-	25,075,538,675
Sales contracts receivable	23,640,175	-	-	22,888,083
	<b>34,378,012,139</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>34,093,653,063</b>
Foreclosed assets:				
Assets held for sale	15,486,080	-	15,846,080	-
Investment properties	585,342,707	-	624,677,063	-
Refundable deposits	29,246,619	-	29,246,619	-
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>₱38,565,827,491</b>	<b>₱3,557,739,946</b>	<b>₱669,769,762</b>	<b>₱34,093,653,063</b>
<b>Liabilities for which Fair Values are Disclosed</b>				
Time deposits	₱10,230,289,875	₱-	₱-	₱10,230,289,875
Unsecured subordinated debt	1,300,000,000	-	1,300,000,000	-
Lease liabilities	268,473,038	-	-	268,473,038
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>₱11,798,762,913</b>	<b>₱-</b>	<b>₱1,300,000,000</b>	<b>₱10,498,762,913</b>
2022				
	Carrying Amount	Fair Value		
		Quoted Prices in Active Market (Level 1)	Significant Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
<b>Assets Measured at Fair Value</b>				
Financial assets at FVOCI:				
Government securities	₱1,035,716,009	₱1,035,716,009	₱-	₱-
Private bonds	1,007,644,893	1,007,644,893	-	-
	<b>2,043,360,902</b>	<b>2,043,360,902</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Assets for which Fair Values are Disclosed</b>				
Loans and receivables:				
Receivable from customers:				
Consumer loans	7,335,421,583	-	-	7,335,421,583
Corporate loans	23,056,014,964	-	-	23,056,014,964
Sales contracts receivable	14,973,567	-	-	14,973,567
	<b>30,406,410,114</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>30,406,410,114</b>
Foreclosed assets:				
Assets held for sale	78,172,966	-	78,172,966	-
Investment properties	486,354,806	-	644,596,959	-
Refundable deposits	28,827,069	-	28,827,069	-
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>₱33,043,125,857</b>	<b>₱2,043,360,902</b>	<b>₱751,596,994</b>	<b>₱30,406,410,114</b>
<b>Liabilities for which Fair Values are Disclosed</b>				
Time deposits	₱9,098,276,912	₱-	₱9,098,276,912	₱-
Unsecured subordinated debt	1,300,000,000	-	1,300,000,000	-
Lease liabilities	241,109,327	-	-	241,109,327
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>₱10,639,386,239</b>	<b>₱-</b>	<b>₱10,398,276,912</b>	<b>₱241,109,327</b>

There were no transfers between levels/hierarchies of fair value measurements in 2023 and 2022.

The methods and assumptions used by the Bank in estimating the fair value of the assets and liabilities of the Bank that are carried at fair value and those whose fair values are disclosed are as follows.

*Investments in Debt Securities.* Fair values are generally based upon quoted market prices, if available. If the market prices are not readily available, fair values are estimated by either using values obtained from adjusted quoted market prices of comparable investments.

*Loans and Receivables.* Fair values are estimated using the discounted cash flow methodology, using the Bank's current incremental lending rate for similar types of loans.

Significant Unobservable Inputs	Range (weighted average)	
	2023	2022
Transfer pool rate	6.73% - 7.78%	2.50% - 6.96%
Credit spread	0.60% - 1.94%	1.25% - 3.99%

Certain loans are subject to quarterly repricing. Hence, the carrying amounts of these loans approximate fair values.

*Sensitivity Analysis.* Generally, significant increases (decreases) in rate would result in a significantly (lower) higher fair value measurement. Significant increases (decreases) in effective interest rate would result in a significantly lower (higher) fair value measurement.

*Foreclosed Assets.* Fair value is based on valuation using the market data approach, as determined by an independent and/or in-house appraiser.

*Refundable Deposits.* Fair value is based on discounted cash flows using the prevailing credit-adjusted interest rate.

*Time Deposits and Unquoted Debt Obligations.* Fair values of these instruments are estimated using the discounted cash flow methodology using the Bank's current incremental borrowing rates for similar borrowings with maturities consistent with the remaining liabilities being valued.

*Lease Liabilities.* Fair values are estimated using the discounted cash flow methodology, using the Bank's incremental borrowing rates upon commencement of leases.

*Sensitivity Analysis.* Generally, significant increases (decreases) in rate would result in a significantly (lower) higher fair value measurement.

The table below presents the financial assets and liabilities of the Bank, whose carrying amounts approximate fair values due to the short-term nature or demand feature of the transactions:

	2023	2022
<b>Financial Assets</b>		
Cash and other cash items	₱578,568,031	₱510,101,446
Due from BSP	2,056,165,929	2,813,319,000
Due from other banks	1,502,080,267	1,963,318,024
Interbank loans receivable	1,348,001,167	470,374,799
Loans and receivables:		
Bills purchased	18,413,588	1,420,943
Accrued interest income	636,758,524	500,066,737
Accounts receivable	50,423,853	46,917,570
Other assets*	126,348,445	632,989
	<b>₱6,316,759,804</b>	<b>₱6,306,151,508</b>

	2023	2022
<b>Financial Liabilities</b>		
Deposit liabilities		
Demand	₱10,269,072,898	₱9,929,853,938
Savings	18,192,092,428	14,602,643,712
	<b>28,461,165,326</b>	24,532,497,650
Accrued interest expense	83,192,767	46,876,145
Other liabilities**	923,727,944	1,110,009,246
	<b>₱29,468,086,037</b>	₱25,689,383,041

\*Comprised of restricted cash and RCOCI.

\*\*Excluding due to PDIC, withholding taxes, and statutory obligations.

## 6. Interbank Loans Receivable

This account pertains to short-term loans to local and foreign banks maturing up to three months. Interbank loans receivable amounted to ₱1,348.0 million and ₱470.4 million as at December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

Interbank loans receivables bear interest rates as follows:

	2023	2022
Local banks	<b>4.10% to 6.25%</b>	0.20% to 5.50%
Foreign banks	<b>4.03% to 5.02%</b>	0.03% to 4.10%

Interest income on interbank loans receivable amounted to ₱91.7 million and ₱54.6 million in 2023 and 2022, respectively.

## 7. Investment Securities

This account consists of:

	2023			
	Financial Assets at			
	FVPL	FVOCI	Amortized Cost	Total
Balances at beginning of year	₱97,461	₱2,059,434,365	₱121,097,676	₱2,180,629,502
Additions	5,267,833,642	25,854,180,378	26,915,000	31,148,929,020
Matured investments	-	(24,342,773,829)	-	(24,342,773,829)
Disposals	(5,267,816,121)	-	-	(5,267,816,121)
Amortization of discount	-	(14,439,441)	(5,062,102)	(19,501,543)
Net unrealized fair value gain	-	17,411,936	-	17,411,936
	<b>₱114,982</b>	<b>₱3,573,813,409</b>	<b>₱142,950,574</b>	<b>₱3,716,878,965</b>

	2022			
	Financial Assets at			
	FVPL	FVOCI	Amortized Cost	Total
Balances at beginning of year	₱-	₱3,241,082,024	₱115,228,899	₱3,356,310,923
Additions	13,045,426,806	22,498,843,415	9,512,000	35,553,782,221
Disposals	-	(23,646,331,028)	-	(23,646,331,028)
Matured investments	(13,045,329,345)	-	-	(13,045,329,345)
Net unrealized fair value loss	-	(21,713,459)	-	(21,713,459)
Amortization of discount	-	(12,446,587)	(3,643,223)	(16,089,810)
	<b>₱97,461</b>	<b>₱2,059,434,365</b>	<b>₱121,097,676</b>	<b>₱2,180,629,502</b>

**Financial Assets at FVPL**

Financial assets at FVPL primarily consist of government securities held by the Bank for trading.

**Financial Assets at FVOCI**

Financial assets at FVOCI are comprised of the following:

	2023	2022
Government securities	<b>₱3,495,536,963</b>	₱1,035,716,009
Private bonds	<b>62,202,983</b>	1,007,644,893
Unquoted equity security	<b>16,073,463</b>	16,073,463
	<b>₱3,573,813,409</b>	₱2,059,434,365

Financial assets at FVOCI bear annual effective interest rates as follows:

	2023	2022
Philippine Peso-denominated	<b>5.28% to 6.82%</b>	4.00% to 7.28%
Foreign currency-denominated	<b>5.16% to 6.22%</b>	3.26% to 6.58%

Movements in cumulative unrealized gains (losses) on fair value changes of financial assets at FVOCI are as follows:

	2023	2022
Balance at beginning of year	<b>(₱20,803,460)</b>	₱909,999
Net unrealized gains (losses)	<b>17,411,936</b>	(21,713,459)
Balance at end of year	<b>(₱3,391,524)</b>	(₱20,803,460)

The unquoted equity security pertains to the Bank's investment in shares of stock of Bancnet, Inc. (Bancnet), which the Bank intends to hold for long-term.

**Financial Assets at Amortized Cost**

Financial assets at amortized cost consist of ₱143.0 million and ₱121.1 million government securities, bearing annual effective interest rate ranging from to 4.62% and to 6.22% and 4.31% to 4.84% in 2023 and 2022, respectively.

Interest income on investment securities are as follows:

	2023	2022
Financial assets at:		
FVOCI	<b>₱182,755,875</b>	₱69,891,789
Amortized cost	<b>3,323,214</b>	3,308,482
FVPL	<b>158,187</b>	977,246
	<b>₱186,237,276</b>	₱74,177,517

Net trading and securities gains from investment securities are as follows:

	2023	2022
Financial assets at FVPL -		
Realized trading gains	<b>₱32,393,904</b>	₱18,511,339

## 8. Loans and Receivables

This account consists of:

	2023	2022
Receivables from customers	<b>₱35,133,361,311</b>	₱31,369,189,539
Accrued interest	<b>636,758,524</b>	500,066,737
Accounts receivable	<b>50,423,853</b>	46,917,570
Sales contracts receivable	<b>25,750,796</b>	27,939,117
	<b>35,846,294,484</b>	31,944,112,963
Allowance for credit and impairment losses	<b>(888,853,072)</b>	(968,164,871)
	<b>₱34,957,441,412</b>	₱30,975,948,092

Receivables from customers consist of:

	Note	2023	2022
Loans and discounts:			
Corporate loans		<b>₱25,775,377,118</b>	₱23,458,335,043
Consumer loans		<b>9,330,719,004</b>	7,900,146,479
Bills purchased	16	<b>28,393,188</b>	11,400,543
		<b>35,134,489,310</b>	31,369,882,065
Unearned discounts and capitalized interest		<b>(1,127,999)</b>	(692,526)
		<b>₱35,133,361,311</b>	₱31,369,189,539

Accounts receivable include receivables relating to a car lease amounting to ₱36.5 million and ₱34.7 million as at December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively, and withdrawals made by depositors of other banks to the Bank's Automated Teller Machines (ATM).

Sales contracts receivable pertain to receivables from buyers of real properties classified as assets held for sale, bearing 10% nominal interest, with terms of 10 or 15 years.

Details of interest income on loans and receivables are as follows:

	2023	2022
Corporate loans	<b>₱2,020,823,289</b>	₱1,308,837,445
Consumer loans	<b>656,168,306</b>	676,605,974
Bills discounted	<b>5,419,677</b>	4,039,544
Sales contracts receivable	<b>2,830,030</b>	1,367,646
	<b>₱2,685,241,302</b>	₱1,990,850,609

Of the total loans and receivables as at December 31, 2023 and 2022, 90.72% and 87.37%, respectively, are subject to periodic interest repricing. The remaining peso-denominated loans have annual fixed interest ranging from 2.50% to 24.00% in 2023 and 1.40% to 24.00% in 2022.

The movements in the allowance for credit and impairment losses on loans and receivables are as follows:

2023				
	Consumer Loans	Corporate Loans	Sales Contract Receivable	Total
Balances at beginning of year	₱564,724,896	₱402,320,079	₱1,119,896	₱968,164,871
Write-offs	(75,876,351)	(22,739,181)	-	(98,615,532)
Provision (reversal)	(52,729,474)	71,049,805	983,402	19,303,733
Balances at end of year	₱436,119,071	₱450,630,703	₱2,103,298	₱888,853,072

  

2022				
	Consumer Loans	Corporate Loans	Sales Contract Receivable	Total
Balances at beginning of year	₱555,024,800	₱370,305,736	₱696,811	₱926,027,347
Provision	9,700,096	32,014,343	423,085	42,137,524
Balances at end of year	₱564,724,896	₱402,320,079	₱1,119,896	₱968,164,871

Below is the analysis of movements of consumer loans (gross of unearned discounts and capitalized interest):

2023				
	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Total
<b>Gross Amount</b>				
Balances at beginning of year	₱6,483,732,788	₱333,444,635	₱1,082,969,056	₱7,900,146,479
Loan releases	3,931,724,587	20,799,692	6,462,130	3,958,986,409
Payments or reclassifications upon foreclosure	(2,153,832,830)	(134,978,161)	(163,726,542)	(2,452,537,533)
Write-offs	-	-	(75,876,351)	(75,876,351)
Transfers to stage 1	51,974,964	(49,487,624)	(2,487,340)	-
Transfers to stage 2	(46,935,031)	51,123,293	(4,188,262)	-
Transfers to stage 3	(20,678,851)	(24,556,732)	45,235,583	-
Balances at end of year	8,245,985,627	196,345,103	888,388,274	9,330,719,004
<b>Allowance for Credit and Impairment Losses</b>				
Balances at beginning of year	7,173,889	5,157,137	552,393,870	564,724,896
Write-offs	-	-	(75,876,351)	(75,876,351)
Provisions (reversals)	2,853,160	(1,166,387)	(54,416,247)	(52,729,474)
Transfers to stage 1	24,694	(23,848)	(846)	-
Transfers to stage 2	(147,353)	268,257	(120,904)	-
Transfers to stage 3	(3,569,236)	(3,520,619)	7,089,855	-
Balances at end of year	6,335,155	714,539	429,069,377	436,119,071
<b>Carrying Amount</b>	<b>₱8,239,650,473</b>	<b>₱195,630,563</b>	<b>₱459,318,897</b>	<b>₱8,894,599,933</b>

  

2022				
	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Total
<b>Gross Amount</b>				
Balances at beginning of year	₱7,162,205,302	₱674,884,897	₱1,416,828,373	₱9,253,918,572
Payments or reclassifications upon foreclosure	(3,134,708,065)	(264,103,020)	(354,394,825)	(3,753,205,910)
Loan releases	2,374,515,262	19,964,023	4,954,532	2,399,433,817
Transfers to stage 1	173,138,391	(154,518,993)	(18,619,398)	-
Transfers to stage 2	(64,459,303)	111,380,625	(46,921,322)	-
Transfers to stage 3	(26,958,799)	(54,162,897)	81,121,696	-
Balances at end of year	6,483,732,788	333,444,635	1,082,969,056	7,900,146,479
<b>Allowance for Credit and Impairment Losses</b>				
Balances at beginning of year	8,018,172	7,812,272	539,194,356	555,024,800
Provisions (reversals)	6,628,584	4,563,921	(1,492,409)	9,700,096
Transfers to stage 1	208,635	(196,388)	(12,247)	-
Transfers to stage 2	(458,678)	886,536	(427,858)	-
Transfers to stage 3	(7,222,824)	(7,909,204)	15,132,028	-
Balances at end of year	7,173,889	5,157,137	552,393,870	564,724,896
<b>Carrying Amount</b>	<b>₱6,476,558,899</b>	<b>₱328,287,498</b>	<b>₱530,575,186</b>	<b>₱7,335,421,583</b>

Below is the analysis of corporate loans (gross of unearned discounts and capitalized interest):

	2023			Total
	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	
<b>Gross Amount</b>				
Balances at beginning of year	₱20,951,605,142	₱910,849,484	₱1,595,880,418	₱23,458,335,044
Loan releases	3,565,318,333	94,262,166	–	3,659,580,499
Payments or reclassifications upon foreclosure	(86,187,092)	(8,805,645)	(1,224,806,507)	(1,319,799,244)
Write-offs	–	–	(22,739,181)	(22,739,181)
Transfers to stage 2	(69,140,000)	69,140,000	–	–
Transfers to stage 3	(1,216,901,084)	(9,900,606)	1,226,801,689	–
Balances at end of year	23,144,695,300	1,055,545,399	1,575,136,419	25,775,377,118
<b>Allowance for Credit and Impairment Losses</b>				
Balances at beginning of year	76,625,041	47,748,072	277,946,967	402,320,079
Provisions (reversals)	(22,071,892)	10,966,978	82,154,718	71,049,805
Write-offs	–	–	(22,739,181)	(22,739,181)
Transfers to stage 2	(1,732,015)	1,732,015	–	–
Transfers to stage 3	(12,546,905)	(1,307,733)	13,854,638	–
Balances at end of year	40,274,229	59,139,332	351,217,142	450,630,703
<b>Carrying Amount</b>	<b>₱23,104,421,071</b>	<b>₱996,406,068</b>	<b>₱1,223,919,276</b>	<b>₱25,324,746,415</b>

	2022			Total
	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	
<b>Gross Amount</b>				
Balances at beginning of year	₱19,415,320,444	₱829,489,939	₱1,544,191,356	₱21,789,001,739
Loan releases	2,021,262,038	29,306,495	–	2,050,568,533
Payments or reclassifications upon foreclosure	(76,597,316)	(92,674,109)	(211,963,804)	(381,235,229)
Transfers to stage 1	6,341,699	(6,341,699)	–	–
Transfers to stage 2	(333,593,468)	333,593,468	–	–
Transfers to stage 3	(81,128,255)	(182,524,611)	263,652,866	–
Balances at end of year	20,951,605,142	910,849,483	1,595,880,418	23,458,335,043
<b>Allowance for Credit and Impairment Losses</b>				
Balances at beginning of year	106,370,148	97,945,971	165,989,617	370,305,736
Provisions (reversals)	(19,854,173)	(38,115,660)	89,984,176	32,014,343
Transfers to stage 1	109,311	(109,311)	–	–
Transfers to stage 2	(3,736,941)	3,736,941	–	–
Transfers to stage 3	(6,263,304)	(15,709,869)	21,973,173	–
Balances at end of year	76,625,041	47,748,072	277,946,966	402,320,079
<b>Carrying Amount</b>	<b>₱20,874,980,101</b>	<b>₱863,101,411</b>	<b>₱1,317,933,452</b>	<b>₱23,056,014,964</b>

## 9. Foreclosed Assets

Details for foreclosed assets are as follows:

	2023	2022
Investment properties	₱585,342,707	₱486,354,806
Assets held for sale	10,369,647	78,172,966
Other foreclosed assets	10,018,966	13,690,548
	<b>₱605,731,320</b>	<b>₱578,218,320</b>

In 2023 and 2022, loans with an aggregate carrying amount of ₱126.7 million and ₱521.7 million, respectively, were derecognized in exchange for foreclosed properties.

As at December 31, 2023 and 2022, cumulative unrealized losses on foreclosure amounted to ₱41.7 million and ₱30.7 million, respectively.

### Investment Properties

This account, which pertains to foreclosed real estate properties, amounted to ₱585.4 million and ₱486.4 million as at December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively. In 2023 and 2022, depreciation on investment properties amounted to ₱27.0 million and ₱17.3 million, respectively (see Note 10).

No income was recognized related to the investment properties.

The aggregate fair values of the investment properties amounted to ₱624.7 million and ₱644.6 million as at December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively. The fair value of the investment properties is determined using the Market Data Approach and is based on recent sale transactions involving properties within the same areas or vicinities taking into account the economic conditions prevailing at the time the valuations were made. The fair value measurement is categorized as Level 2.

### Assets Held for Sale

Assets held for sale are initially measured at the lower of carrying amount of loans or fair value less cost to sell at the time of foreclosure.

Proceeds from disposal of assets held for sale amounted to ₱127.5 million and ₱314.6 million in 2023 and 2022, respectively.

Movements of allowance for impairment losses of assets held for sale is as follows:

	Note	2023	2022
Balance at beginning of year		<b>₱4,607,887</b>	₱4,607,887
Provision	20	<b>359,517</b>	–
		<b>₱4,967,404</b>	₱4,607,887

### Other Foreclosed Assets

This account, which pertains to foreclosed assets other than real estate properties, amounted to ₱10.0 million and ₱13.7 million as at December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively. Depreciation on other foreclosed assets amounted to ₱3.7 million and ₱12.3 million in 2023 and 2022, respectively (see Note 10).

Details of net losses from assets sold or acquired are as follows:

	Note	2023	2022
Foreclosed properties:			
Loss on foreclosure		<b>(₱11,017,155)</b>	(₱20,667,648)
Loss on sale		<b>(3,317,418)</b>	(6,709,034)
Gain on sale of property and equipment	10	<b>1,039,649</b>	1,502,351
		<b>(₱13,294,924)</b>	(₱25,874,331)

## 10. Property and Equipment

Movements in this account are as follows:

	2023					Total
	Land	Building and Condominium Units	ROU Assets (see Note 18)	Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment	Leasehold Rights and Improvements	
<b>Cost</b>						
Balances at beginning of year	₱164,344,500	₱249,385,860	₱534,084,048	₱414,482,545	₱286,408,320	₱1,648,705,273
Additions	–	–	99,619,083	67,798,990	4,593,523	172,011,596
Disposals	–	–	–	(19,788,680)	(59,999)	(19,848,679)
Balances at end of year	164,344,500	249,385,860	633,703,131	462,492,855	290,941,844	1,800,868,190
<b>Accumulated Depreciation and Amortization</b>						
Balances at beginning of year	–	133,645,375	312,671,099	339,033,429	280,478,827	1,065,828,730
Depreciation and amortization	–	6,773,441	75,775,555	31,794,585	1,595,297	115,938,878
Disposals	–	–	–	(17,499,054)	–	(17,499,054)
Balances at end of year	–	140,418,816	388,446,654	353,328,960	282,074,124	1,164,268,554
<b>Carrying Amount</b>	<b>₱164,344,500</b>	<b>₱108,967,044</b>	<b>₱245,256,477</b>	<b>₱109,163,895</b>	<b>₱8,867,720</b>	<b>₱636,599,636</b>

	2022					Total
	Land	Building and Condominium Units	ROU Assets (see Note 18)	Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment	Leasehold Rights and Improvements	
<b>Cost</b>						
Balances at beginning of year	₱164,344,500	₱249,385,860	389,254,985	₱406,782,064	₱282,168,525	₱1,491,935,934
Additions	–	–	144,829,063	39,735,850	4,271,753	188,836,666
Disposals	–	–	–	(32,035,369)	(31,958)	(32,067,327)
Balances at end of year	164,344,500	249,385,860	534,084,048	414,482,545	286,408,320	1,648,705,273
<b>Accumulated Depreciation and Amortization</b>						
Balances at beginning of year	–	126,871,935	236,333,031	337,173,178	275,961,198	976,339,342
Depreciation and amortization	–	6,773,440	76,338,068	33,875,334	4,517,629	121,504,471
Disposals	–	–	–	(32,015,083)	–	(32,015,083)
Balances at end of year	–	133,645,375	312,671,099	339,033,429	280,478,827	1,065,828,730
<b>Carrying Amount</b>	<b>₱164,344,500</b>	<b>₱115,740,485</b>	<b>₱221,412,949</b>	<b>₱75,449,116</b>	<b>₱5,929,493</b>	<b>₱582,876,543</b>

Additions to property and equipment, excluding ROU assets, amounted to ₱72.4 million and ₱44.0 million in 2023 and 2022, respectively.

Gain on sale of property and equipment included under “Net losses from assets sold or acquired” in the statements of income amounted to ₱1.0 million and ₱1.5 million in 2023 and 2022, respectively (see Note 9). Proceeds from sale amounted to ₱3.4 million and ₱1.6 million as at December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

As at December 31, 2023 and 2022, the cost of fully depreciated assets, which are still being used in the operations, amounted to ₱560.7 million and ₱587.6 million, respectively.

Details of depreciation and amortization are as follows:

	Note	2023	2022
Property and equipment		<b>₱115,938,878</b>	₱117,657,798
Computer software	11	<b>17,365,381</b>	20,354,394
Foreclosed assets:	9		
Investment properties		<b>27,024,658</b>	17,291,144
Other foreclosed assets		<b>3,683,665</b>	12,253,322
	20	<b>₱164,012,582</b>	₱167,556,658

## 11. Intangible Assets

This account consists of:

	2023	2022
Branch licenses	P225,390,000	P225,390,000
Computer software	71,528,747	66,623,209
	<b>P296,918,747</b>	<b>P292,013,209</b>

Branch licenses, recognized from business combination, include branch licenses from CSB amounting to P128.0 million, and licensing fees incurred in opening additional branches.

Of the total 47 branches of the Bank, 18 branches are in restricted areas, as determined by the BSP.

The impairment test on branch licenses is based on value-in-use calculations determined using a discounted cash flow model. The recoverable amount of the CGU has been determined based on cash flow projections from financial budgets approved by senior management covering a five-year period. The discount rates applied to cash flow projections are 6.05% and 6.47% in 2023 and 2022, respectively, and cash flows beyond the five year-period are extrapolated using a steady growth rate of 10% in 2023 and 2022, which does not exceed the long-term average growth rate for the industry.

The calculation of the value-in-use of the CGU is most sensitive to the following assumptions:

- Discount rate;
- Steady growth rate used to extrapolate cash flows beyond the projection period; and
- Local inflation rate.

The key assumptions are consistent with information from external sources. With regard to the assessment of value-in-use of the CGU, management believes that no reasonably possible change in any of the foregoing key assumptions would cause the carrying amount of the branch licenses to materially exceed its recoverable amount. There were no impairment indicators as at December 31, 2023 and 2022.

Movements in computer software are as follows:

	Note	2023	2022
<b>Cost</b>			
Balance at beginning of year		P401,418,230	P396,640,419
Additions		22,270,919	4,777,811
Balance at end of year		<b>423,689,149</b>	401,418,230
<b>Accumulated Amortization</b>			
Balance at beginning of year		334,795,021	314,440,627
Amortization	10	17,365,381	20,354,394
Balance at end of year		<b>352,160,402</b>	334,795,021
<b>Carrying Amount</b>		<b>P71,528,747</b>	<b>P66,623,209</b>

## 12. Other Assets

This account consists of:

	Note	2023	2022
Restricted cash		<b>₱124,768,500</b>	₱—
Prepaid expenses		<b>82,130,644</b>	62,778,226
Refundable deposits	18	<b>29,246,619</b>	28,827,069
Documentary stamp taxes		<b>12,299,571</b>	5,799,001
Deferred lease	18	<b>2,180,680</b>	1,786,029
RCOCI		<b>1,579,945</b>	632,989
Others		<b>11,872,798</b>	12,434,942
		<b>₱264,078,757</b>	₱112,258,256

Restricted cash pertains to funds set aside by the Bank to be used for future short-term investments.

Prepaid expenses include prepaid taxes, rentals, group life insurance and employee benefits related to the car plan for the officers of the Bank (see Note 23).

Others mainly consist of membership fees in Bancnet and Credit Management Association of the Philippines, and deposits with a health care agency for the Bank's employee health plan.

## 13. Deposit Liabilities

This account consists of:

	2023	2022
Savings	<b>₱18,194,453,538</b>	₱14,608,267,874
Demand	<b>10,269,072,898</b>	9,929,853,938
Time	<b>10,230,289,875</b>	9,098,276,912
	<b>₱38,693,816,311</b>	₱33,636,398,724

In accordance with the BSP requirements, the reserve requirement for Philippine Peso deposit liabilities and deposit substitutes is 3% as at December 31, 2022.

As per BSP Circular No. 1175, *Reduction in Reserve Requirements*, effective on June 30, 2023, the reserve requirement was reduced from 3% to 2% for thrift banks.

As mandated by the BSP, only demand deposit accounts maintained by banks with the BSP are eligible for compliance with reserve requirements, thereby excluding government securities and cash in vault as eligible reserves. Further, demand deposits maintained with the BSP in compliance with the reserve requirements do not earn interest.

As at December 31, 2023 and 2022, the Bank is compliant with the foregoing BSP requirements. The available reserves, which form part of "Due from Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas", amounted to ₱696.2 million and ₱707.0 million as at December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

As at December 31, 2023 and 2022, 60% and 50% of the total deposit liabilities, respectively, are subject to periodic interest repricing. The remaining deposit liabilities bear annual fixed interest rates as follows:

	2023	2022
Philippine Peso-denominated	<b>0.25% to 6.50%</b>	0.25% to 6.50%
Foreign currency-denominated	<b>0.125% to 0.15%</b>	0.125% to 0.75%

Interest expense recognized in the financial statements arises from:

	Note	2023	2022
Deposit liabilities:			
Savings		<b>₱557,340,331</b>	₱181,699,256
Time		<b>540,153,811</b>	215,595,488
Demand		<b>23,125,902</b>	29,851,104
		<b>1,120,620,044</b>	427,145,848
Unsecured subordinated debt	15	<b>80,500,000</b>	73,125,694
Lease liabilities	18	<b>14,478,078</b>	12,753,544
Others		<b>246,745</b>	–
		<b>₱1,215,844,867</b>	₱513,025,086

#### 14. Accrued Interest, Taxes and Other Expenses

This account consists of:

	2023	2022
Accrued expenses:		
Interest	<b>₱83,192,767</b>	₱46,876,145
Compensation and other benefits	<b>51,322,947</b>	44,662,161
Agri-agra penalties	<b>45,778,158</b>	26,067,423
Security, messengerial and janitorial	<b>16,286,884</b>	9,614,940
Utilities and leased line	<b>4,562,197</b>	2,648,759
ATM related expenses	<b>2,837,796</b>	1,539,667
Others	<b>49,545,335</b>	22,847,656
	<b>253,526,084</b>	154,256,751
Accrued gross receipts tax (GRT)	<b>17,396,726</b>	21,755,379
	<b>₱270,922,810</b>	₱176,012,130

Accrual for other expenses pertains to rent, insurance, publications, repairs and maintenance.

#### 15. Unsecured Subordinated Debt

On January 23, 2020, the MB of the BSP, in its Resolution No. 124, approved the Bank's issuance of unsecured subordinated debt with principal amount aggregating ₱300.0 million, which was issued on December 10, 2020 and bears 4.75% interest per annum, payable quarterly. This unsecured subordinated debt will mature after 10 years and three months from issuance date but may be called by the Bank on any interest payment date after five years and three months from issuance at principal amount plus accrued interest.

On August 25, 2022, the MB of the BSP, in its Resolution No. 1264, approved the Bank's exercise of call option on its outstanding ₱1.0 billion unsecured subordinated debt that was issued July 18, 2017. In the same resolution, the issuance of unsecured subordinated debt with principal amount aggregating ₱1.0 billion was also approved, and was issued on October 18, 2022 and bears 6.625% interest per annum, payable quarterly. This unsecured subordinated debt will mature after 10 years and three months from issuance date but may be called by the Bank on any interest payment date after the fifth year of issuance at principal amount plus accrued interest.

Interest expense on unsecured subordinated debt amounted to ₱80.5 million and ₱73.1 million in 2023 and 2022, respectively (see Note 13).

## 16. Other Liabilities

This account consists of:

	Note	2023	2022
Accounts payable		<b>₱854,182,583</b>	₱1,066,017,644
Due to Philippine Deposit Insurance Corporation (PDIC)		<b>37,261,145</b>	33,247,423
Withholding taxes		<b>29,517,925</b>	21,946,976
Bills purchased - contra	8	<b>18,413,588</b>	1,420,943
Statutory obligations		<b>4,686,697</b>	4,015,724
Payment orders		<b>4,235,873</b>	2,683,902
Others		<b>46,895,900</b>	39,886,757
		<b>₱995,193,711</b>	₱1,169,219,369

Accounts payable pertain to payables for cash cards, chattel mortgage, insurance and loan service fees, Bancnet and VISA, stale checks, incoming dollar remittances to the Bank for payment to various payees as part of its intermediary services, settlement account for InstaPay transactions and remaining balances on purchases of property and equipment. Accounts payable are noninterest-bearing and normally settled within one year.

Due to PDIC pertains to the Bank's insurance premium on deposit liabilities payable one month after reporting year.

Payment orders refer to inward and outward remittances of funds by telegraphic transfers, demand drafts, or mail transfer orders received by the Bank pending payment/disposition to designated beneficiaries or application/disposition to appropriate accounts.

Others mainly consist of dormant deposit accounts.

## 17. Classification of Assets and Liabilities

The following tables present the carrying amount of assets and liabilities classified as either current or noncurrent as at December 31:

	Note	2023			2022		
		Current	Noncurrent	Total	Current	Noncurrent	Total
<b>Financial Assets</b>							
Financial assets at FVOCI	7	₱3,372,461,459	₱201,351,950	₱3,573,813,409	₱1,900,706,619	₱158,727,746	₱2,059,434,365
Financial assets at FVPL	7	114,982	–	114,982	97,461	–	97,461
Financial assets at amortized cost:							
Cash and other cash items		578,568,031	–	578,568,031	510,101,446	–	510,101,446
Due from BSP		2,056,165,929	–	2,056,165,929	2,813,319,000	–	2,813,319,000
Due from other banks		1,502,080,267	–	1,502,080,267	1,963,318,024	–	1,963,318,024
Interbank loans receivable	6	1,348,001,167	–	1,348,001,167	470,374,799	–	470,374,799
Government securities	7	55,451,084	87,499,490	142,950,574	–	121,097,676	121,097,676
Loans and receivables - gross	8	26,762,486,731	9,084,935,752	35,847,422,483	24,807,576,944	7,137,228,545	31,944,805,489
Other assets <sup>1</sup>	12	126,348,445	29,246,619	155,595,064	632,989	28,827,069	29,460,058
		<b>35,801,678,095</b>	<b>9,403,033,811</b>	<b>45,204,711,906</b>	<b>32,466,127,282</b>	<b>7,445,881,036</b>	<b>39,912,008,318</b>
<b>Nonfinancial Assets</b>							
Foreclosed assets	9	18,397,581	595,361,673	613,759,254	85,841,383	500,045,354	585,886,737
Property and equipment	10	–	1,800,868,190	1,800,868,190	–	1,648,705,274	1,648,705,274
Intangible assets	11	–	649,079,148	649,079,148	–	626,808,230	626,808,230
Deferred tax assets	21	–	27,991,015	27,991,015	–	21,795,988	21,795,988
Other assets	12	82,130,644	26,353,049	108,483,693	62,778,226	20,019,972	82,798,198
		<b>100,528,225</b>	<b>3,099,653,075</b>	<b>3,200,181,300</b>	<b>148,619,609</b>	<b>2,817,374,818</b>	<b>2,965,994,427</b>
		<b>35,902,206,320</b>	<b>12,502,686,886</b>	<b>48,404,893,206</b>	<b>32,614,746,891</b>	<b>10,263,255,854</b>	<b>42,878,002,745</b>
Less:							
Allowance for credit and impairment losses on:							
Loans and receivables	8	–	888,853,072	888,853,072	–	968,164,871	968,164,871
Foreclosed assets	9	8,027,934	–	8,027,934	7,668,417	–	7,668,417
Accumulated depreciation and amortization of:							
Property and equipment	10	–	1,164,268,554	1,164,268,554	–	1,065,828,731	1,065,828,731
Computer software	11	–	352,160,401	352,160,401	–	334,795,021	334,795,021
Unearned discounts and capitalized interest	8	–	1,127,999	1,127,999	–	692,526	692,526
		<b>8,027,934</b>	<b>2,406,410,026</b>	<b>2,414,437,960</b>	<b>7,668,417</b>	<b>2,369,481,149</b>	<b>2,377,149,566</b>
		<b>₱35,894,178,386</b>	<b>₱10,096,276,860</b>	<b>₱45,990,455,246</b>	<b>₱32,607,078,474</b>	<b>₱7,893,774,705</b>	<b>₱40,500,853,179</b>
<b>Financial Liabilities</b>							
Deposit liabilities	13	₱36,488,348,893	₱2,205,467,418	₱38,693,816,311	₱32,021,981,537	₱1,614,417,187	₱33,636,398,724
Manager's checks		121,010,179	–	121,010,179	117,174,478	–	117,174,478
Accrued interest and other expenses	14	253,526,084	–	253,526,084	154,256,751	–	154,256,751
Unsecured subordinated debt	15	–	1,300,000,000	1,300,000,000	–	1,300,000,000	1,300,000,000
Lease liabilities	18	67,271,965	201,201,073	268,473,038	61,188,933	179,920,394	241,109,327
Other liabilities	16	923,727,944	–	923,727,944	1,110,009,246	–	1,110,009,246
		<b>37,853,885,065</b>	<b>3,706,668,491</b>	<b>41,560,553,556</b>	<b>33,464,610,945</b>	<b>3,094,337,581</b>	<b>36,558,948,526</b>
<b>Nonfinancial Liabilities</b>							
Accrued GRT	14	17,396,726	–	17,396,726	21,755,379	–	21,755,379
Retirement liability	19	–	77,128,693	77,128,693	–	55,035,205	55,035,205
Income tax payable		7,006,583	–	7,006,583	299,049	–	299,049
Other liabilities <sup>2</sup>	16	71,465,767	–	71,465,767	59,210,123	–	59,210,123
		<b>95,869,076</b>	<b>77,128,693</b>	<b>172,997,769</b>	<b>81,264,551</b>	<b>55,035,205</b>	<b>136,299,756</b>
		<b>₱37,949,754,141</b>	<b>₱3,783,797,184</b>	<b>₱41,733,551,325</b>	<b>₱33,545,875,496</b>	<b>₱3,149,372,786</b>	<b>₱36,695,248,282</b>

<sup>1</sup>Other financial assets pertain to restricted cash, refundable deposits and RCOCI (see Note 12).

<sup>2</sup>Other non-financial liabilities pertain to due to PDIC, withholding taxes and statutory obligations (see Note 16).

## 18. Lease Commitments

The Bank has existing non-cancellable lease agreements for the lease of its branch premises for a period of one to ten years, renewable upon mutual agreement of both parties. The rentals are subject to annual escalation rates ranging from 2.0% to 8.0%.

Outstanding rental and security deposits on lease commitments, which are refundable in cash upon termination of lease agreements, amounted to ₱29.7 million and ₱28.8 million as at December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively (see Note 12).

Deferred lease, which pertains to the difference between the nominal value of the refundable deposit and its fair value at inception of the lease that is amortized as expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term, amounted to ₱2.2 million and ₱1.8 million as at December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively (see Note 12).

ROU assets, presented as part of "Property and equipment" account, pertain to leased branch premises amounted to ₱245.3 million and ₱221.4 million as at December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively (see Note 10).

Movements in the lease liabilities are as follows:

	<b>2023</b>	2022
Balance at beginning of year	<b>₱241,109,327</b>	₱175,603,805
Additions	<b>99,619,083</b>	144,829,063
Payments	<b>(86,733,450)</b>	(92,077,085)
Interest expense	<b>14,478,078</b>	12,753,544
	<b>268,473,038</b>	241,109,327
Current portion	<b>67,271,965</b>	61,188,933
Noncurrent portion	<b>₱201,201,073</b>	₱179,920,394

Lease-related expenses recognized in the financial statements consist of:

	Note	<b>2023</b>	2022
Amortization of ROU assets	10	<b>₱75,775,555</b>	₱76,338,068
Rent expense		<b>35,963,973</b>	29,360,323
Interest expense on lease liabilities	13	<b>14,478,078</b>	12,753,544
		<b>₱126,217,606</b>	₱118,451,935

Rent expense, which pertains to short-term leases of branch premises, is presented under "Occupancy" in the statements of income.

Lease commitments are as follows:

	<b>2023</b>	2022
Not later than one year	<b>₱76,766,814</b>	₱69,268,823
Later than one year but not later than five years	<b>198,919,873</b>	142,989,539
Later than five years	<b>18,772,272</b>	56,531,206
	<b>₱294,458,959</b>	₱268,789,568

## 19. Retirement Plan

The Bank has a funded, noncontributory defined benefit retirement plan covering all of its officers and regular employees. Under the retirement plan, all covered officers and employees are entitled to cash benefits after satisfying certain age and service requirements. An independent actuary, using the projected credit method, conducted an actuarial valuation of the retirement liability as at December 31, 2023. Management assessed that the retirement liability is adequate.

The retirement fund of the Bank is placed under the management of the Bank's Trust Group with oversight from the Bank's Retirement Fund Committee, as appointed by the BOD. The Retirement Plan Trustee, as appointed by the Bank, in the Trust Agreement, is responsible for the general administration of the Retirement Plan and the management of the Retirement Fund.

The retirement benefits recognized in the statements of income follow:

	2023	2022
Current service cost	P17,748,476	P15,063,438
Net interest cost	2,748,542	3,889,137
	<b>P20,497,018</b>	<b>P18,952,575</b>

Remeasurement loss, net of related deferred tax, amounted to P8.7 million and P3.4 million in 2023 and 2022, respectively. Cumulative remeasurement gains (losses) on retirement liability recognized in the statements of financial position amounted to (P2.9 million) and P5.8 million as at December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

Net retirement liability is as follows:

	2023	2022
Present value of retirement obligation	P185,735,988	P181,244,995
Fair value of plan assets	(108,607,295)	(126,209,790)
	<b>P77,128,693</b>	<b>P55,035,205</b>

Movements in the present value of retirement obligation follow:

	2023	2022
Balance at beginning of year	P181,244,995	P161,993,298
Remeasurement gain	(23,799,206)	-
Current service cost	17,748,476	15,063,438
Interest cost	12,231,139	10,982,498
Benefits paid	(1,689,416)	(6,794,239)
Balance at end of year	<b>P185,735,988</b>	<b>P181,244,995</b>

Movements in the fair value of the plan assets follow:

	2023	2022
Balance at beginning of year	₱126,209,790	₱ 110,461,352
Remeasurement loss (excluding amount included in net interest)	(35,395,676)	(4,550,684)
Contributions made	10,000,000	20,000,000
Interest income	9,482,597	7,093,361
Benefits paid from plan assets	(1,689,416)	(6,794,239)
<b>Balance at end of year</b>	<b>₱108,607,295</b>	<b>₱126,209,790</b>

The plan assets are carried at fair value. All equity, debt instruments and investments of the pooled funds held have quoted prices in active market. The fair value of other assets and liabilities, which include deposits in banks, BSP's special deposit account, accrued interest and other receivables and trust fee payables, approximate carrying amount due to the short-term nature of these accounts.

The plan assets are diversified investments. Those in short-term placements will be further invested depending on the market direction.

The composition of plan assets by class as at December 31, 2023 and 2022 follows:

	2023	2022
Debt instruments:		
Government securities	36%	55%
Private bonds	14%	18%
	50%	73%
Investment in unit investment trust fund	45%	21%
Equity instruments	4%	3%
Investment in savings deposit	1%	2%
Receivables	0%	1%
<b>Fair value of plan assets</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>

The principal actuarial assumptions used in determining the net retirement liability are shown below:

	2023	2022
Discount rate	6.68%	6.78%
Salary increase rate	3.00%	3.00%

The sensitivity analysis below has been determined based on reasonably possible changes of each significant assumption on the defined benefit obligation as at December 31, 2023, assuming all other assumptions were held constant:

	Basis Points	Amount
Discount rate	7.68% (Actual+1.0%)	₱174,481,444
	6.68% (Actual)	185,735,988
	5.68% (Actual-1.0%)	198,567,222
Salary increase rate	4.00% (Actual+1.0%)	199,678,214
	3.00% (Actual)	185,735,988
	2.00% (Actual-1.0%)	173,340,670
Turn over rate	120% of Actual	180,092,113
	Actual	185,735,988
	80.00% of Actual	192,040,350

The average duration of the defined benefit obligation at the end of the reporting year is 9.61 years.

Shown below is the maturity analysis of the undiscounted benefit payments within the next ten years as at December 31, 2023:

Less than one year	₱47,300,776
One to less than five years	83,783,979
More than five years	588,425,094
	<u>₱719,509,849</u>

## 20. Operating Expenses

This account consists of:

	Note	2023	2022
Compensation and fringe benefits		₱653,084,464	₱579,074,678
Taxes and licenses		205,486,494	180,621,996
Depreciation and amortization	10	164,012,582	167,556,658
Representation and entertainment		125,329,367	112,908,972
Security, messengerial and janitorial		86,421,321	62,799,011
Repairs and maintenance		74,250,097	70,439,904
Insurance		73,844,730	73,352,212
Fees and commissions		61,374,331	52,109,090
Occupancy		59,524,262	52,861,517
Litigation cost		49,445,160	66,924,039
Postage		49,246,643	47,606,178
Fines and penalties		19,725,535	22,483,769
Appraisal fees		15,172,185	14,542,228
Supervision fees		15,056,231	14,851,231
Management and other professional fees		10,406,666	9,360,794
Stationery and supplies used		9,103,808	8,641,308
Transportation and travel		4,935,154	9,854,176
Promotions and advertising		3,491,469	2,766,246
Provision for impairment loss on assets held for sale	9	359,517	-
Others		30,462,975	20,052,727
		<u>₱1,710,732,991</u>	<u>₱1,568,806,734</u>

Others include office supplies and membership fees and dues.

## 21. Income and Other Taxes

Current income tax expense consists of:

	2023	2022
RCIT and MCIT	₱16,931,818	₱23,638,117
Final tax	57,077,331	30,181,964
	<u>₱74,009,149</u>	<u>₱53,820,081</u>

Under Philippine tax laws, the Bank is subject to percentage and other taxes, presented as “Taxes and licenses” in the statements of income, as well as income taxes. Percentage and other taxes paid consist principally of GRT and documentary stamp tax.

RA No. 9294, *An Act Restoring the Tax Exemption of Offshore Banking Units (OBUs) and Foreign Currency Deposit Units*, which became effective in May 2004, provides that the income derived by the FCDU from foreign currency transactions with non-residents, offshore banking units (OBUs), and local commercial banks, including branches of foreign banks, is tax-exempt while interest income on foreign currency denominated loans from residents other than OBUs or other depository banks under the expanded system is subject to 10% onshore income tax.

The RBU incurred MCIT and RCIT in 2023 and 2022, respectively, while the FCDU incurred MCIT in 2022.

The reconciliation between the income tax expense at statutory tax rate and income tax expense presented in the statements of income.

	2023	2022
Income tax expense at statutory tax rate	<b>₱78,398,655</b>	₱63,504,939
Tax effects of:		
Nontaxable income	<b>(59,818,678)</b>	(73,263,275)
Nondeductible expenses	<b>48,992,098</b>	92,333,720
Interest income subjected to final tax	<b>(18,934,031)</b>	(37,996,289)
Changes in unrecognized deferred tax assets	<b>22,075,196</b>	8,329,963
	<b>₱70,713,240</b>	₱52,909,058

Net deferred tax assets are recognized as follows:

	2023	2022
Through:		
Profit or loss	<b>₱27,201,472</b>	₱23,905,563
Other comprehensive income	<b>789,543</b>	(2,109,575)
	<b>₱27,991,015</b>	₱21,795,988

Deferred tax benefit is recognized as follows:

	2023	2022
Through:		
Profit or loss	<b>₱3,295,909</b>	₱911,023
Other comprehensive income	<b>2,899,118</b>	1,137,670
	<b>₱6,195,027</b>	₱2,048,693

Deferred tax assets and liabilities consist of:

	2023	2022
Deferred tax assets on:		
Allowance for credit and impairment losses on loans and receivables	<b>₱40,958,333</b>	₱41,386,637
Cumulative unrealized losses on foreclosure of acquired assets	<b>10,432,016</b>	7,677,727
Excess of ROU assets over lease liabilities	<b>5,804,140</b>	4,924,095
Allowance for impairment losses on assets held for sale	<b>2,006,983</b>	1,917,104
Cumulative remeasurement losses on retirement liability	<b>789,543</b>	
	<b>59,991,015</b>	55,905,563
Deferred tax liabilities on:		
Fair value adjustment on branch licenses acquired in business combination	<b>(32,000,000)</b>	(32,000,000)
Cumulative remeasurement gains on retirement liability	-	(2,109,575)
	<b>(32,000,000)</b>	(34,109,575)
Net deferred tax assets	<b>₱27,991,015</b>	₱21,795,988

As at December 31, 2023 and 2022, the Bank has not recognized deferred tax assets relating to the following deductible temporary differences:

	2023	2022
Allowance for credit and impairment losses on loans and receivables	<b>₱725,019,739</b>	₱802,618,322
NOLCO	<b>100,657,227</b>	24,037,444
Retirement liability	<b>73,970,523</b>	63,473,505
Unamortized past service cost	<b>25,516,500</b>	29,891,340
Excess of MCIT over RCIT	<b>17,016,372</b>	84,554
	<b>₱942,180,361</b>	₱920,105,165

Management assessed that it is not probable that sufficient future taxable profit will be available to allow the unrecognized deferred tax assets to be utilized.

Details of NOLCO related to the FCDU are as follows:

Year Incurred	Beginning Balance	Incurred	Ending Balance	Valid Until
2023	₱-	₱46,951,950	₱46,951,950	2026
2022	1,206,709	-	1,206,709	2025
2021	6,074,719	-	6,074,719	2026
2020	16,756,016	-	16,756,016	2025
	<b>₱24,037,444</b>	<b>₱46,951,950</b>	<b>₱70,989,394</b>	

Details of NOLCO related to the RBU are as follows:

Year Incurred	Beginning Balance	Incurred	Ending Balance	Valid Until
2023	₱-	₱29,667,833	₱29,667,833	2026

Pursuant to the RA No. 11494, *Bayanihan Recover as One Act*, and Revenue Regulations No. 25-2020, entities which incurred net operating loss for taxable years 2020 and 2021 shall be allowed to carry over the same as a deduction from gross income for the next five consecutive taxable years immediately following the year of such loss.

Details of excess MCIT over RCIT are as follows:

Year Incurred	Beginning Balance	Incurred	Ending Balance	Valid Until
2023	₱-	₱16,931,818	₱16,931,818	2026
2022	66,171	-	66,171	2025
2021	18,383	-	18,383	2024
	₱84,554	₱16,931,818	₱17,016,372	

Excess MCIT over RCIT incurred in 2023 is related to the RBU.

### **The Corporate Recovery and Tax Incentives for Enterprises (CREATE) Act**

Under the CREATE Act, the RCIT of domestic corporations was reduced from 30% to 25% or 20% depending on the amount of total assets or total amount of taxable income. MCIT was changed from 2% to 1% of gross income for a period of three years up to June 30, 2023. The rate of MCIT reverted to 2% based on gross income starting July 1, 2023. The impact of the revision is accounted for in 2023, if any.

## **22. Capital Stock**

Details and movements in this account are as follows:

	Number of Shares		Amount	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
<b>Authorized - ₱10 par value</b>				
Perpetual preferred stock	100,000,000	100,000,000	₱1,000,000,000	₱1,000,000,000
Common stock	300,000,000	300,000,000	3,000,000,000	3,000,000,000
<b>Issued and outstanding:</b>				
Perpetual preferred stock				
Balance at beginning and end of year	30,000,000	30,000,000	₱300,000,000	₱300,000,000
Common stock				
Balance at beginning of year	217,000,000	217,000,000	₱2,170,000,000	₱2,170,000,000
Issuances	20,000,000	-	200,000,000	-
Balance at end of year	237,000,000	217,000,000	₱2,370,000,000	₱2,170,000,000

The perpetual preferred stock, which has an annual dividend rate of 4.375%, is cumulative and has no voting rights. As at December 31, 2023 and 2022, cumulative preference dividends amounted to ₱125.4 million and ₱112.3 million, respectively.

## 23. Related Party Transactions and Balances

In the ordinary course of business, the Bank enters into loan and other transactions with its related parties and with certain DOSRI. Under the Bank's policy, these loans and other transactions are made substantially on the same terms as with other individuals and businesses of comparable risks.

The significant transactions and account balances with respect to related parties that are included in the financial statements follow:

Nature of Transactions	2023		2022	
	Transactions during the Year	Outstanding Balances	Transactions during the Year	Outstanding Balances
<b>Key Management Personnel</b>				
Loans and receivables	₱3,684,137	₱5,617,137	₱500,000	₱2,744,345
Interest income	385,706	38,987	222,677	18,944
Deposit liabilities	113,320,027	59,281,277	84,371,705	42,327,648
Interest expense	522,650	—	153,296	—
<b>Subsidiaries of the Parent Company</b>				
Loans and receivables	1,565,434,000	1,400,000,000	1,794,552,000	1,072,986,828
Interest income	85,316,947	27,990,217	54,421,936	12,212,318
Deposit liabilities	1,285,798,234	39,605,274	2,478,354,897	23,150,234
Interest expense	426,693	—	38,647	—
Unsecured subordinated debt	—	1,300,000,000	—	1,300,000,000
Interest expense	—	80,500,000	—	73,125,694
Trust fee	2,762,754	1,171,538	2,371,531	778,693
Lease liabilities	2,360,526	9,187,308	7,327,640	11,547,833
Interest expense	585,797	—	740,692	—
ROU assets	5,986,330	8,011,278	—	9,427,402
Amortization	7,402,454	—	7,098,063	—
<b>Parent Company</b>				
Deposit liabilities	1,163,861,372	—	745,969,800	—
Interest expense	3,588	—	4,189	—
<b>Stockholders</b>				
Deposit liabilities	173,401,826	46,093,450	194,952,553	24,847,182
Interest expense	790,190	—	223,783	—
<b>Other Related Parties</b>				
Loans and receivables	2,274,288,056	1,614,428,103	1,301,804,582	1,583,588,598
Interest income	118,096,433	22,031,321	67,630,123	36,439,439
Deposit liabilities	770,454,244	11,858,533	45,036,507	12,802,484
Interest expense	77,399	—	5,590	—

### Terms and Conditions

Loans and receivables are secured by chattel mortgages, deposits and real estate properties, having terms ranging from one to 18 years, and bearing interests from 5.50% to 10.03% in 2023 and 5.00% to 10.68% in 2022. Allowance for credit and impairment losses on receivables from related parties amounted to ₱6.9 million and ₱12.0 million as at December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

Deposits have interest ranging from 0.13% to 0.50% in 2023 and 0.25% to 0.50% in 2022.

Unsecured subordinated debt is a transaction with the Trust Unit of the Bank, under the supervision of the Trust Committee (see Note 15).

Trust fees pertain to fees charged for trust operations. These are included under "Other expenses" in the statements of income.

Lease liabilities, ROU assets and rent expense pertain to leases of branch premises and ATM.

Compensation of key management personnel included under “Compensation and fringe benefits” in the statements of income follows:

	<b>2023</b>	2022
Short-term employee benefits	<b>₱145,298,508</b>	₱129,256,427
Post-employment retirement benefits	<b>5,227,528</b>	6,789,913
	<b>₱150,526,036</b>	₱136,046,340

#### **Transactions with Retirement Plan**

The retirement plan of the Bank is considered as a related party. The retirement plan is in the form of a trust administered by the Trust Unit under the supervision of the Retirement Fund Committee.

The values of the assets of the fund are as follows (see Note 19):

	<b>2023</b>	2022
Debt instruments	<b>₱54,620,728</b>	₱93,066,874
Investments in:		
Unit investment trust fund	<b>49,243,256</b>	26,620,020
Saving deposits	<b>630,311</b>	2,122,515
Equity instruments	<b>4,113,000</b>	4,400,381
	<b>₱108,607,295</b>	₱126,209,790

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#### **24. Trust Operations**

On May 21, 2008, the Bank was granted a license by the BSP to conduct its trust operations. The Bank started its trust operations on June 2, 2008.

Securities and other resources held by the Bank in fiduciary or agency capacity for its customers are not included in the accompanying statements of financial position since these are not assets of the Bank. Total assets held by the Bank’s Trust Group amounted to ₱5,366.9 million and ₱6,280.4 million as at December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

In compliance with current banking regulations relative to the Bank’s trust operations, government securities included under financial assets at FVOCI with a total face value of ₱62.0 million and ₱77.0 million as at December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively, are deposited with the BSP. In addition, 10% of the Bank’s net income realized from its trust operations is appropriated to surplus reserve until such reserve for trust operations amounts to 20% of the Bank’s regulatory capital.

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#### **25. Commitments and Contingencies**

In the normal course of the Bank’s operations, there are some outstanding commitments and contingencies such as guarantees and commitments to extend credit, which are not reflected in the financial statements. The Bank does not anticipate significant losses as a result of these transactions.

As at December 31, 2023 and 2022, the Bank is involved in legal proceedings relating to uncollected loans and acquired properties. Based on the opinion of its legal counsels, the Bank is in a good position to secure favorable judgment in most of these cases. Management therefore believes that the outcome of these proceedings will not have material adverse effect on the financial position and performance of the Bank.

The following is a summary of the commitments and contingencies at their equivalent contractual amounts:

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
Investment management account	<b>₱4,933,902,016</b>	₱5,993,435,885
Spot exchange	<b>1,166,603,091</b>	418,162,500
Trust bank accounts	<b>433,051,483</b>	286,994,767
Derivatives	<b>55,370,000</b>	83,632,500
Outstanding guarantees issued - others	<b>38,983,406</b>	12,285,038
Items held for safekeeping	<b>25,049</b>	28,579
Items held as collateral	<b>12,692</b>	15,831
Sight/usance domestic letters of credit (LC)	-	11,907,575
Inward bills for collection	-	70,129,270
Domestic LC	-	445,735

**26. Supplementary Information Required under Section 174 and Appendix 55 of the Manual of Regulations for Banks by the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas, Disclosure Requirements to the Audited Financial Statements**

**A. Financial Performance Indicators**

The following basic ratios measure the financial performance of the Bank:

	<b>2023</b>	2022
Return on average equity	<b>6.02%</b>	4.78%
Return on average assets	<b>0.56%</b>	0.41%
Net interest margin on average earning assets	<b>4.52%</b>	3.91%

**B. Details of Loans**

The following table shows information relating to receivables from customers, gross of unearned discounts and capitalized interests, by collateral.

	<b>2023</b>		2022	
	Amount	%	Amount	%
Secured by:				
Chattel mortgage	<b>₱2,015,702,219</b>	<b>5.74%</b>	₱2,690,481,587	8.58%
Real estate mortgage	<b>10,469,042,011</b>	<b>29.80%</b>	7,639,545,588	24.35%
Deposits	<b>1,394,683,257</b>	<b>3.97%</b>	1,119,616,131	3.57%
Others	<b>30,993,601</b>	<b>0.09%</b>	28,041,592	0.09%
	<b>13,910,421,088</b>	<b>39.59%</b>	11,477,684,898	36.59%
Unsecured	<b>21,224,068,222</b>	<b>60.41%</b>	19,892,197,167	63.41%
	<b>₱35,134,489,310</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	₱31,369,882,065	100.00%

As at December 31, 2023 and 2022, information on the concentration of credit, gross of unearned discounts and capitalized interests, as to industry follows:

	<b>2023</b>		2022	
	Amount	%	Amount	%
Real estate	<b>₱10,779,446,447</b>	<b>30.68%</b>	₱7,009,752,284	22.35%
Other community, social and personal activities	<b>7,534,325,060</b>	<b>21.44%</b>	8,873,010,383	28.29%
Wholesale and retail trade	<b>6,479,520,689</b>	<b>18.44%</b>	5,776,108,891	18.41%
Manufacturing	<b>4,045,034,722</b>	<b>11.51%</b>	3,702,915,827	11.80%
Financial intermediaries	<b>2,643,145,643</b>	<b>7.52%</b>	2,636,944,493	8.41%
Transportation, storage and communication	<b>1,727,601,767</b>	<b>4.92%</b>	1,520,498,090	4.85%
Construction	<b>931,312,679</b>	<b>2.65%</b>	959,724,603	3.06%
Hotel and restaurants	<b>835,490,338</b>	<b>2.38%</b>	731,897,194	2.33%
Mining and quarrying	<b>153,739,077</b>	<b>0.44%</b>	153,000,000	0.49%
Agricultural, hunting and forestry	<b>2,867,966</b>	<b>0.01%</b>	3,700,256	0.01%
Electricity, gas and water supply	<b>2,004,922</b>	<b>0.01%</b>	2,330,044	0.01%
	<b>₱35,134,489,310</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	₱31,369,882,065	100.00%

Loans under real estate, exceeding the 30% concentration limit as at December 31, 2023, as prescribed by the BSP, pertain to loan exposures that do not cover a specific industry.

NPL pertains to loan accounts even without any missed contractual payments, that are (a) deemed impaired under existing applicable accounting standards, (b) classified as doubtful or loss, (c) in litigation, and/or (d) there is evidence that full repayment of principal and interest is unlikely without foreclosure of collateral, in the case of secured accounts.

All other loan accounts, even if not considered impaired, should be considered non-performing if any contractual principal and/or interest are not paid for more than 90 days after contractual due date, or accrued interests for more than 90 days have been capitalized, refinanced, or delayed by agreement.

Details of the Bank's gross and net NPL follow:

	2023		2022	
	Amount	%	Amount	%
Gross	<b>₱2,519,467,263</b>	<b>7.17%</b>	₱2,914,513,611	9.29%
Net	<b>1,724,318,463</b>	<b>4.91%</b>	2,077,502,880	6.62%

As at December 31, 2023 and 2022, breakdown of the secured and unsecured NPL follows:

	2023	2022
Secured	<b>₱569,712,816</b>	₱853,733,829
Unsecured	<b>1,949,754,447</b>	2,060,779,782
	<b>₱2,519,467,263</b>	₱2,914,513,611

Status of loans per product as at December 31, 2023 and 2022 are as follows:

	2023		
	Performing	NPL	Total
Corporate loans:			
Term loan	<b>₱23,868,415,771</b>	<b>₱1,366,931,117</b>	<b>₱25,235,346,888</b>
Bills discounted	<b>66,881,606</b>	<b>107,109,228</b>	<b>173,990,834</b>
Trust receipt	<b>271,218,790</b>	<b>58,195,918</b>	<b>329,414,708</b>
Others	<b>32,018,274</b>	<b>32,999,602</b>	<b>65,017,876</b>
	<b>24,238,534,441</b>	<b>1,565,235,865</b>	<b>25,803,770,306</b>
Consumer loans:			
Auto	<b>1,500,700,718</b>	<b>515,001,500</b>	<b>2,015,702,218</b>
Salary	<b>69,668,201</b>	<b>396,176,292</b>	<b>465,844,493</b>
Real estate	<b>4,541,449,754</b>	<b>31,344,663</b>	<b>4,572,794,417</b>
Contract to sell	<b>2,264,668,934</b>	<b>2,215,956</b>	<b>2,266,884,890</b>
Others	<b>–</b>	<b>9,492,986</b>	<b>9,492,986</b>
	<b>8,376,487,607</b>	<b>954,231,397</b>	<b>9,330,719,004</b>
	<b>₱32,615,022,048</b>	<b>₱2,519,467,262</b>	<b>₱35,134,489,310</b>

	2022		
	Performing	NPL	Total
<b>Corporate loans:</b>			
Term loan	₱20,975,953,079	₱1,415,435,506	₱22,391,388,585
Bills discounted	47,963,262	110,182,467	158,145,729
Trust receipt	413,433,806	63,055,915	476,489,721
Others	401,096,399	42,615,152	443,711,551
	<u>21,838,446,546</u>	<u>1,631,289,040</u>	<u>23,469,735,586</u>
<b>Consumer loans:</b>			
Auto	1,997,068,523	693,413,075	2,690,481,598
Salary	79,019,638	441,868,453	520,888,091
Real estate	2,934,783,970	138,450,058	3,073,234,028
Contract to sell	1,571,678,843	–	1,571,678,843
Others	34,370,933	9,492,986	43,863,919
	<u>6,616,921,907</u>	<u>1,283,224,572</u>	<u>7,900,146,479</u>
	<u>₱28,455,368,453</u>	<u>₱2,914,513,612</u>	<u>₱31,369,882,065</u>

Restructured loans, which do not meet the requirements to be treated as performing receivables, are considered as NPL. Restructured loans amounted to ₱729.1 million and ₱790.3 million as at December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively. Interest income on restructured receivables amounted to ₱34.7 million and ₱36.6 million in 2023 and 2022, respectively.

### C. DOSRI/Related Party Loans

The amount of individual loans to DOSRI, of which 70% must be secured, should not exceed the amount of their respective unencumbered deposits and book value of their respective paid-in capital contribution in the Bank. These limits do not apply to (a) loans and other credit accommodations secured by assets considered as non-risk as defined in the regulations; (b) loans and other credit accommodations in the form of fringe benefits; and (c) portion of loans and other credit accommodations covered by guarantees of the International Finance Corporation or the Asian Development Bank.

Moreover, the total outstanding loans to DOSRI, of which 70% must be secured, should not exceed 15% of the total loan portfolio of the Bank or 100% of net worth whichever is lower. These limits do not apply to (a) loans and other credit accommodations secured by assets considered as non-risk as defined in the regulations; (b) qualified credit accommodations to a corporate stockholder; (c) credit accommodations to government-owned or controlled corporations where any director, officer or stockholder of the Bank is a representative of the government in the borrowing corporation and not holding any proprietary interest in such corporation; (d) loans and other credit accommodations to officers in the form of fringe benefits granted in accordance with existing regulations; and (e) portion of loans and other credit accommodations covered by guarantees of the International Finance Corporation or the Asian Development Bank.

On the other hand, the outstanding loans, credit accommodations and guarantees to each Bank's subsidiaries and affiliates, of which 95% must be secured, should not exceed 10% of the net worth of the Bank. Additionally, the total outstanding loans, credit accommodations, and guarantees to all Bank's subsidiaries and affiliates should not exceed 20% of the net worth of the Bank. These subsidiaries and affiliates are not related interest of any of the director, officer, and/or stockholder of the Bank.

The following table shows information relating to DOSRI and related party loans:

	DOSRI		Related Parties	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
Total outstanding DOSRI/related party loans	<b>₱1,400,000,000</b>	₱1,072,986,828	<b>₱1,620,045,239</b>	₱1,586,332,942
Percent of DOSRI/related party loans to total loan portfolio	<b>3.99%</b>	3.42%	<b>4.61%</b>	5.06%
Percent of unsecured DOSRI/related party loans to total DOSRI/related party loans	<b>22.50%</b>	26.28%	<b>83.20%</b>	73.46%
Percent of past due DOSRI/related party loans to total DOSRI/related party loans	<b>0.00%</b>	0.00%	<b>1.76%</b>	1.81%
Percent of non-performing DOSRI/related party loans to total DOSRI/related party loans	<b>0.00%</b>	0.00%	<b>1.76%</b>	1.82%

Total interest income on DOSRI accounts amounted to ₱203.4 million and ₱122.1 million in 2023 and 2022, respectively.

The effects of the foregoing transactions are shown under the appropriate accounts in the financial statements.

In 2023 and 2022, the Bank is compliant with the BSP requirements on DOSRI/related party loans.

#### **D. Assets Pledged to Secure Liabilities**

No asset is pledged by the Bank to secure outstanding liabilities as at December 31, 2023 and 2022.

Other required information are disclosed in Notes 4, 8, 22 and 25 to the financial statements.

**STERLING BANK OF ASIA INC. (A Savings Bank)**

**FINANCIAL SOUNDNESS INDICATORS**

December 31, 2023 and 2022

<b>Ratio</b>	<b>Formula</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
Current ratio	Total Current Assets	<b>₱35,902,206,320</b>	₱32,628,874,462
	Divided by: Total Current Liabilities	<b>37,949,754,141</b>	33,545,875,496
	Current ratio	<b>0.95:1</b>	0.97:1
Acid-test ratio	Cash and Other Cash Items, Due from BSP and Other Banks, Loans and receivables, Investment Securities	<b>₱42,811,134,604</b>	₱38,443,316,064
	Divided by: Total Current Liabilities	<b>37,949,754,141</b>	33,545,875,496
	Acid test ratio	<b>1.13:1</b>	1.15:1
Solvency ratio	Net Income	<b>₱242,881,378</b>	₱201,110,698
	Add: Interest, Depreciation and Amortization	<b>1,379,857,449</b>	680,581,744
	Net Income before Interest, Depreciation and Amortization	<b>₱1,622,738,827</b>	₱881,692,442
	Divided by: Total Liabilities	<b>41,734,430,479</b>	36,695,248,282
Solvency ratio	<b>0.04:1</b>	0.02:1	
Debt-to-equity ratio	Total Liabilities	<b>₱41,734,430,479</b>	₱36,695,248,282
	Divided by: Total Equity	<b>4,254,004,804</b>	3,805,604,897
	Debt-to-equity ratio	<b>9.81:1</b>	9.64:1
Asset-to-equity ratio	Total Assets	<b>₱45,988,435,283</b>	₱40,500,853,179
	Divided by: Total Equity	<b>4,254,004,804</b>	3,805,604,897
	Asset-to-equity ratio	<b>10.81:1</b>	10.64:1
Interest rate coverage ratio	Earnings before Interest Expense and Taxes	<b>₱1,529,439,484</b>	₱767,044,842
	Divided by: Interest Expense	<b>1,215,844,867</b>	513,025,086
	Interest rate coverage ratio	<b>1.26:1</b>	1.50:1

<b>Ratio</b>	<b>Formula</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
Return on average equity	Net Income	<b>₱242,881,378</b>	₱201,110,698
	Divided by: Average Equity	<b>4,029,804,851</b>	3,714,772,489
	Return on equity	<b>0.06:1</b>	0.05:1
Return on average assets	Net Income	<b>₱242,881,378</b>	₱201,110,698
	Divided by: Average Assets	<b>43,244,644,231</b>	42,885,354,051
	Return on assets	<b>0.0056:1</b>	0.0047:1
Net profit margin	Net Income	<b>₱242,881,378</b>	₱201,110,698
	Divided by: Total Interest Income	<b>3,069,797,790</b>	2,190,586,040
	Net profit margin	<b>0.08:1</b>	0.09:1