

JSC PASHA Bank Georgia

Financial statements

*Year ended 31 December 2023
together with independent auditor's report*

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Independent auditor's report

To the Shareholder and the Supervisory Board of JSC PASHA Bank Georgia

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of JSC PASHA Bank Georgia (hereinafter, the "Bank"), which comprise the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2023, and the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including material accounting policy information.

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

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISAs). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements* section of our report. We are independent of the Bank in accordance with the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' (IESBA) International Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including International Independence Standards) (IESBA Code) together with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Georgia, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and the IESBA Code. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Emphasis of matter

We draw attention to Note 25 to the financial statements, which describes a significant concentration of the Bank's transactions with related parties. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Other information included in the Bank's 2023 Management Report

Other information consists of the information included in the Bank's 2023 Management Report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Management is responsible for the other information. The Bank's 2023 Management Report is expected to be made available to us after the date of this auditor's 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 our report on the audit of the financial statements.

In connection with our audit 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 the Audit committee for the financial statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with IFRSs, 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.

The Audit Committee is responsible for overseeing the Bank's financial reporting process.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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

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

- ▶ Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- ▶ Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Bank's internal control.
- ▶ Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.



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- ▶ Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Bank's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Bank to cease to continue as a going concern.
- ▶ Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'ანა კუსრაშვილი' (Ana Kusrashvili), is written over a light blue grid background.

Ana Kusrashvili (SARAS-A-169041)

On behalf of EY LLC (SARAS-F-855308)

19 February 2024

Tbilisi, Georgia

Statement of financial position**As at 31 December 2023***(Amounts in tables are in thousands of Georgian lari)*

	Notes	2023	2022* (reclassified)
Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	5	64,785	62,542
Amounts due from credit institutions	6	36,790	46,927
Loans to customers	7	336,106	350,885
Investment securities	8	65,230	43,861
Repossessed collateral	9	15,710	604
Property and equipment	10	1,922	2,420
Right-of-use assets	11	3,047	3,766
Intangible assets	12	4,895	5,255
Other assets	13	3,887	2,250
Total assets		532,372	518,510
Liabilities			
Amounts due to credit institutions	14	90,139	106,687
Amounts due to customers	15	288,855	272,031
Provisions	19	914	356
Lease liabilities	11	3,135	3,772
Subordinated debt	16	27,716	26,559
Other liabilities	13	9,298	6,290
Total liabilities		420,057	415,695
Equity			
Share capital	18	136,800	129,000
Additional paid-in capital	18	1,155	1,155
Accumulated deficit		(25,640)	(27,340)
Total equity		112,315	102,815
Total equity and liabilities		532,372	518,510

* Comparative statement of financial position was reclassified to conform with current period presentation as detailed in Note 3

Signed and authorised for release on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Bank on 19 February 2024:

Ramil Imamov

Chairman of the Board of Directors

Parvin Mammadov

Chief Financial Officer,
Member of the Board of Directors

Statement of comprehensive income**For the year ended 31 December 2023***(Amounts in tables are in thousands of Georgian lari)*

	Notes	2023	2022
Interest income calculated using effective interest rate			
Loans to customers		42,603	36,890
Investment securities		7,096	4,664
Amounts due from credit institutions		4,553	1,747
		54,252	43,301
Interest expense			
Amounts due to customers		(12,992)	(8,728)
Amounts due to credit institutions		(4,550)	(6,469)
Subordinated debt		(1,332)	(1,478)
Lease liabilities		(150)	(228)
		(19,024)	(16,903)
Net interest income		35,228	26,398
Credit loss on interest bearing assets	5,6,7,8,19	(5,073)	(4,667)
Net interest income after impairment losses		30,155	21,731
Net gains/(losses) from foreign currencies			
- dealing		6,563	10,916
- translation differences		2,879	(1,468)
Fee and commission income, net:	20	2,308	1,028
- fee and commission income		4,874	3,042
- fee and commission expense		(2,566)	(2,014)
Net gain on modification of financial assets measured at amortised cost	7	-	202
Other operating income		170	103
Non-interest income		11,920	10,781
Personnel expenses	21	(24,213)	(19,450)
General and administrative expenses	21	(9,853)	(9,601)
Depreciation and amortisation	10, 11, 12	(4,942)	(5,544)
Modification loss	16	(955)	-
Provisions		(393)	(80)
Other operating expenses		(19)	(100)
Non-interest expenses		(40,375)	(34,775)
Profit/(loss) before income tax		1,700	(2,263)
Income tax benefit/(expense)	17	-	-
Net profit/(loss) for the year		1,700	(2,263)
Other comprehensive income		-	-
Total comprehensive profit/(loss) for the year		1,700	(2,263)

The accompanying selected explanatory notes on pages 5 to 41 are an integral part of these financial statements.

Statement of changes in equity**For the year ended 31 December 2023***(Amounts in tables are in thousands of Georgian lari)*

	Share capital	Additional paid-in capital	Accumulated deficit	Total equity
1 January 2022	103,000	1,155	(25,077)	79,078
Total comprehensive loss for the year	–	–	(2,263)	(2,263)
Issue of share capital (Note 18)	26,000	–	–	26,000
31 December 2022	129,000	1,155	(27,340)	102,815
Total comprehensive income for the year	–	–	1,700	1,700
Issue of share capital (Note 18)	7,800	–	–	7,800
31 December 2023	136,800	1,155	(25,640)	112,315

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Statement of cash flows**For the year ended 31 December 2023***(Amounts in tables are in thousands of Georgian lari)*

	Notes	2023	2022
Cash flows from operating activities			
Interest received		51,941	43,052
Interest paid		(16,397)	(21,222)
Fees and commissions received		4,852	3,024
Fees and commissions paid		(2,523)	(2,043)
Realised gains less losses from dealing in foreign currencies		6,563	10,916
Personnel expenses paid		(23,265)	(18,140)
General and administrative expenses paid		(11,116)	(9,677)
Other income received		106	6
Cash flows from operating activities before changes in operating assets and liabilities		10,161	5,916
<i>Net (increase)/decrease in operating assets</i>			
Amounts due from credit institutions		10,767	(927)
Loans to customers		(1,648)	(88,005)
Other assets		(339)	(523)
<i>Net increase/(decrease) in operating liabilities</i>			
Amounts due to credit institutions		(18,893)	654
Amounts due to customers		18,109	97,194
Other liabilities		1,955	(2,054)
Net cash from operating activities		20,112	12,255
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of investment securities	8	(36,517)	(20,449)
Proceeds from redemption of investment securities	8	15,313	16,529
Purchase of property and equipment		(953)	(519)
Proceeds from sale of property and equipment		37	72
Purchase of intangible assets		(1,172)	(2,078)
Net cash (used in) investing activities		(23,292)	(6,445)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Principal repayments of lease liability		(1,863)	(2,071)
Proceeds from issue of share capital	18	7,800	26,000
Net cash from financing activities		5,937	23,929
Effect of exchange rates changes on cash and cash equivalents		(517)	(9,575)
Effect of expected credit losses on cash and cash equivalents		3	(2)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		2,243	20,162
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning	5	62,542	42,380
Cash and cash equivalents, ending	5	64,785	62,542

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(Amounts in tables are in thousands of Georgian lari)

1. Principal activities

JSC PASHA Bank Georgia (the “Bank”) was formed on 17 December 2012 as a joint stock company under the laws of Georgia. The Bank operates under a general banking license issued by the National Bank of Georgia (the “NBG”) on 17 January 2013 (Identification code: 404433671).

The Bank accepts deposits and extends credit, transfers payments in Georgia and abroad, exchanges currencies and provides other banking services to its commercial customers. In 2023 the Bank continued its expansion into retail market under the Re|Bank brand name, based on strategic initiatives approved by the Bank’s shareholders.

Starting from 2017 the Bank is a member of the deposit insurance system. The system operates under the Law of Georgia on Deposit Insurance System and insures all types of deposits of resident and non-resident individuals.

The Bank has four service offices in Georgia as of 31 December 2023. The Bank’s registered legal address is 37M, Ilia Chavchavadze Avenue, 0179, Tbilisi, Georgia.

As at 31 December 2023 and 2022, direct shareholders of the Bank were as follows:

Shareholder	2023, %	2022, %
OJSC PASHA Bank (the “Parent”)	85.06%	100.00%
PASHA Holding LLC	14.94%	–
Total	100.00%	100.00%

As at 31 December 2023 and 2022 the Bank is ultimately owned by Mrs. Leyla Aliyeva, Mrs. Arzu Aliyeva, Mr. Arif Pashayev and Mr. Mir Jamal Pashayev, who exercise collective control over the Bank.

These financial statements have not yet been approved by the Parent on the general meeting of shareholder of the Bank. The shareholder has the power and authority to amend the financial statements after the issuance.

2. Basis of preparation

General

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (“IFRS”).

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except as disclosed in the accounting policies below.

These financial statements are presented in thousands of Georgian lari (“GEL”), unless otherwise indicated.

3. Material accounting policy information

New and amended standards

The Bank applied for the first-time certain standards and amendments, which are effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2023. The Bank has not early adopted any other standard, interpretation or amendment that has been issued but is not yet effective.

The following amendments to standards were applied for the first time in the 2023 year::

- ▶ IFRS 17 Insurance Contracts
- ▶ Definition of Accounting Estimates - Amendments to IAS 8
- ▶ Disclosure of Accounting Policies - Amendments to IAS 1 and IFRS Practice Statement 2
- ▶ Deferred Tax related to Assets and Liabilities arising from a Single Transaction – Amendments to IAS 12
- ▶ International Tax Reform - Pillar two model rules - Amendment to IAS 12

IFRS 17 Insurance Contracts

IFRS 17 Insurance Contracts (IFRS 17) is effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2023. IFRS 17 applies to all types of insurance contracts (i.e., life, non-life, direct insurance and re-insurance), regardless of the type of entities that issue them, as well as to certain guarantees and financial instruments with discretionary participation features. Limited scope exceptions apply. The Bank has not identified contracts that result in the transfer of significant insurance risk, and therefore it has concluded that IFRS 17 does not have a material impact on the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023.

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3. Material accounting policy information (continued)

New and amended standards (continued)

As part of this determination, the Bank assessed credit cards and similar products. IFRS 17 excludes from its scope credit card contracts (and other similar contracts that provide credit or payment arrangements) that meet the definition of an insurance contract if, and only if, the entity does not reflect an assessment of the insurance risk associated with an individual customer in setting the price of the contract with that customer. The Bank has determined that insurance risk associated with an individual customer has not been assessed in setting the price of the contracts as these products are offered at the same price to all applicants, and therefore they are exempt from IFRS 17. The Bank evaluated whether its contracts contain insurance risk, focusing on performance guarantees and credit cards and concluded that there are no material contracts in scope of IFRS 17 considering practical expedients available.

Disclosure of Accounting Policies - Amendments to IAS 1 and IFRS Practice Statement 2 -the amendments have had an impact on the Bank's disclosures of accounting policies, but not on the measurement, recognition or presentation of any items in the Bank's financial statements.

Other amendments and interpretations apply for the first time in 2023, but do not have an impact on the Bank's financial statements.

Fair value measurement

The Bank uses valuation techniques that are appropriate in the circumstances and for which sufficient data are available to measure fair value, maximising the use of relevant observable inputs and minimising the use of unobservable inputs. For assets and liabilities that are recognised in the financial statements at fair value on a recurring basis, the Bank determines whether transfers have occurred between levels in the hierarchy by re-assessing categorisation (based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement as a whole) at the end of each reporting period.

All assets and liabilities for which fair value is measured or disclosed in the financial statements are categorized within the fair value hierarchy, described as follows, based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement as a whole:

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

Initial recognition

Date of recognition

All regular way purchases and sales of financial assets and liabilities are recognised on the trade date i.e. the date that the Bank commits to purchase the asset or liability. Regular way purchases or sales are purchases or sales of financial assets and liabilities that require delivery of assets and liabilities within the period generally established by regulation or convention in the marketplace.

Financial assets and liabilities

Performance guarantees

Performance guarantees are contracts that provide compensation if another party fails to perform a contractual obligation. Performance guarantees are in scope of IFRS 9 and effectively are a form of a contingent loan commitment. Provision for Performance guarantees are measured under IFRS 9.

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3. Material accounting policy information (continued)

Renegotiated loans

Where possible, the Bank seeks to restructure loans rather than to take possession of collateral. This may involve extending the payment arrangements and the agreement of new loan conditions.

The Bank derecognises a financial asset, such as a loan to a customer, when the terms and conditions have been renegotiated to the extent that, substantially, it becomes a new loan, with the difference recognised as a derecognition gain or loss, to the extent that an impairment loss has not already been recorded. The newly recognised loans are classified as Stage 1 for ECL measurement purposes, unless the new loan is deemed to be POCI. When assessing whether or not to derecognise a loan to a customer, amongst others, the Bank considers the following factors:

- ▶ Change in currency of the loan
- ▶ Change in counterparty;
- ▶ If the modification is such that the instrument would no longer meet the SPPI criterion (for example, introduction of an equity feature)

If the modification does not result in cash flows that are substantially different, the modification does not result in derecognition. Based on the change in cash flows discounted at the original EIR, the Bank records a modification gain or loss, presented within interest revenue calculated using EIR in the statement of profit or loss and net gain/(loss) on modification of financial assets measured at amortised cost, to the extent that an impairment loss has not already been recorded.

For modifications not resulting in derecognition, the Bank also reassesses whether there has been a significant increase in credit risk or whether the assets should be classified as credit-impaired. Asset that has been classified as credit-impaired as the result of modification, can be recorded as Stage 2 or Stage 3 if certain criteria are met according to the Bank's approved methodology.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents consist of cash on hand, amounts due from the National Bank of Georgia, excluding mandatory reserves, and amounts due from credit institutions that mature within ninety days of the date of origination and are free from contractual encumbrances.

Mandatory reserve deposit with the NBG

Mandatory reserve deposits with the NBG are carried at amortised cost and represent interest bearing mandatory reserve deposits which are not available to finance the Bank's day to day operations and hence are not considered as part of cash and cash equivalents for the purposes of the statement of cash flows. Mandatory reserve is included in amounts due from credit institutions.

Reclassifications

The following reclassification have been made to 2022 statement of financial position to conform to the 2023 presentation:

Statement of financial position as at 31 December 2022	As previously reported	Reclassification	As reclassified
Reposessed collateral	–	604	604
Other assets	2,854	(604)	2,250

Leases

Short-term leases and leases of low-value assets

The Bank applies the short-term lease recognition exemption to its short-term leases (i.e., those leases that have a lease term of 12 months or less from the commencement date and do not contain a purchase option). It also applies the lease of low-value assets recognition exemption to leases of office equipment that are considered of low value. Lease payments on short-term leases and leases of low-value assets are recognised as expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

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3. Material accounting policy information (continued)

Taxation

The current income tax expense is calculated in accordance with the regulations of Georgia.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are calculated in respect of temporary differences using the liability method. Deferred income taxes are provided for all temporary differences arising between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying values for financial reporting purposes, except where the deferred income tax arises from the initial recognition of goodwill or 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 nor taxable profit or loss.

A deferred tax asset is recorded only to the extent that it is probable that taxable profit will be available against which the deductible temporary differences can be utilised. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured at tax rates that are expected to apply to the period when the asset is realised or the liability is settled, based on tax rates (applicable to undistributed profits) and tax laws, that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the end of the reporting period.

Georgia also has various operating taxes that are assessed on the Bank's activities. These taxes are included as a component of other operating expenses.

Property and equipment

Property and equipment is stated at cost, excluding the costs of day-to-day servicing, less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment in value. Such cost includes the cost of replacing part of equipment when that cost is incurred if the recognition criteria are met.

The carrying values of property and equipment are reviewed for impairment when events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value may not be recoverable.

Depreciation of an asset begins when it is available for use. Depreciation is calculated on a straight-line basis over the following estimated useful lives:

	<u>Years</u>
Furniture and fixtures	4
Computers and equipment	4
Motor vehicles	4
Other equipment	5
Leasehold improvements	1-5 years or lease term, if lower

The residual values, useful lives and methods of depreciation of property, plant and equipment are reviewed at each financial year end and adjusted prospectively, if appropriate.

Costs related to repairs and renewals are charged when incurred and included in other operating expenses, unless they qualify for capitalization.

Intangible assets

Intangible assets include computer software and licenses.

Intangible assets acquired separately are measured on initial recognition at cost. Intangible assets without finite useful lives are amortised over the useful economic lives of 10 years and assessed for impairment whenever there is an indication that the intangible asset may be impaired. Intangible assets with finite lives are amortised over the useful economic lives of 1 to 10 years and are reviewed at least at each financial year-end.

Amounts due to/from credit institutions

Amounts due to credit institutions include deposits and loans placed by commercial banks and the Ministry of Finance. The Bank considers Ministry of Finance as a credit institution, because it provides refinancing facility similar to that of the National Bank of Georgia and long-term deposits as a liquidity support measure.

Amounts due from credit institutions include amounts due only from the NBG and commercial banks. The Bank considers non-banking credit institutions as customers and loans to non-banking credit organizations are included in loans to customers.

(Amounts in tables are in thousands of Georgian lari)

3. Material accounting policy information (continued)

Repossessed collateral

Repossessed collaterals are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Net realisable value is the estimated selling price in the ordinary course of business, less estimated costs of completion and the estimated costs necessary to make the sale.

Majority of the Bank's repossessed collaterals consists of the commercial and residential real estate repossessed during recovery of defaulted loans. The Bank intends to sell those assets in normal course of business. In general, the Bank does not occupy repossessed properties for business use.

Recognition of income and expenses

Revenue is recognised to the extent that it is probable that the economic benefits will flow to the Bank and the revenue can be reliably measured. The following specific recognition criteria must also be met before revenue is recognised:

Interest and similar income and expense

The Bank calculates interest revenue on debt financial assets measured at amortized cost or at FVOCI by applying the EIR to the gross carrying amount of financial assets other than credit-impaired assets. EIR is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash payments or receipts through the expected life of the financial instrument or a shorter period, where appropriate, to the net carrying amount of the financial asset or financial liability. The calculation takes into account all contractual terms of the financial instrument (for example, prepayment options) and includes any fees or incremental costs that are directly attributable to the instrument and are an integral part of the effective interest rate, but not future credit losses. The carrying amount of the financial asset or financial liability is adjusted if the Bank revises its estimates of payments or receipts. The adjusted carrying amount is calculated based on the original effective interest rate and the change in carrying amount is recorded as interest revenue or expense.

When a financial asset becomes credit-impaired, the Bank calculates interest revenue by applying the effective interest rate to the net amortised cost of the financial asset. If the financial assets cures and is no longer credit-impaired, the Bank reverts to calculating interest revenue on a gross basis.

Interest revenue on all financial assets at FVPL is recognised using the contractual interest rate.

Fee and commission income

The Bank earns fee and commission income from several types of services it provides to its customers. Fee income can be divided into the following categories:

Fee income earned from services that are provided over a certain period of time

Fees earned for the provision of services over a period of time are accrued over that period. These fees include commission income on guarantees and letters of credit. Loan commitment fees for loans that are likely to be drawn down and other credit related fees are deferred (together with any incremental costs) and recognised as an adjustment to the effective interest rate on the loan.

Fee income earned at a point in time

Fees arising from settlement and cash operations are recognized upon completion of the underlying transactions. Each cash operation and settlement operation is treated as a separate performance obligation.

Fee income from providing transaction services

Fees arising from negotiating or participating in the negotiation of a transaction for a third party – such as where the Bank's performance obligation is the arrangement of the acquisition of shares or other securities – are recognised on completion of the underlying transaction. Fees or components of fees that are linked to certain performance obligations are recognised after fulfilling the corresponding criteria. When the contract provides for a variable consideration, fee and commission income is only recognized to the extent that it is probable that a significant reversal in the amount of cumulative revenue recognized will not occur until the uncertainty associated with the variable consideration is subsequently resolved.

(Amounts in tables are in thousands of Georgian lari)

3. Material accounting policy information (continued)

Foreign currency translation

The financial statements are presented in Georgian lari ("GEL"), which is the Bank's functional and presentation currency.

The exchange rates used by the Bank in the preparation of the financial statements as of 31 December 2023 and 31 December 2022 are as follows:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
GEL / 1 USD	2.6894	2.7020
GEL / 1 EUR	2.9753	2.8844
GEL / 1 AZN	1.5806	1.5924

Standards issued but not yet effective

The new and amended standards and interpretations that are issued, but not yet effective, up to the date of issuance of the Bank's financial statements will not have a material impact on the Bank's financial statements. The Bank intends to adopt these new and amended standards and interpretations, if applicable, when they become effective.

4. Significant accounting judgments and estimates

Estimation uncertainty

In the process of applying the Bank's accounting policies, management has used its judgments and made estimates in determining the amounts recognized in the financial statements. The most significant use of judgments and estimates are as follows:

Impairment losses on financial assets

The measurement of impairment losses both under IFRS 9 across all categories of financial assets requires judgement, in particular, the estimation of the amount and timing of future cash flows and collateral values when determining impairment losses and the assessment of a significant increase in credit risk. These estimates are driven by a number of factors, changes in which can result in different levels of allowances. The Bank's ECL calculations are outputs of complex models with a number of underlying assumptions regarding the choice of variable inputs and their interdependencies. Elements of the ECL models that are considered accounting judgements and estimates include:

- ▶ The Bank's internal credit grading model, which assigns PDs to the individual grades;
- ▶ The Bank's criteria for assessing if there has been a significant increase in credit risk and so allowances for financial assets should be measured on a LTECL basis;
- ▶ The segmentation of financial assets when their ECL is assessed on a collective basis;
- ▶ Development of ECL models, including the various formulae and the choice of inputs;
- ▶ Determination of associations between macroeconomic scenarios and economic inputs, such GDP growth and inflation, and the effect on PDs, EADs and LGDs;
- ▶ Selection of forward-looking macroeconomic scenarios and their probability weightings, to derive the economic inputs into the ECL models.

During 2023, the Bank slightly updated methodology of LGD calculation. The effect of the change in estimate resulted in GEL 490 thousand ECL reversal recognized in profit and loss.

The amount of allowance for loans to customers, investment securities and credit related commitments recognized in the statement of financial position at 31 December 2023 was GEL 16,203 thousand (2022: GEL 16,824 thousand), GEL 418 thousand (2022: GEL 338 thousand) and GEL 914 thousand (2022: GEL 356 thousand) respectively. Refer to Note 7, Note 8 and Note 19.

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5. Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Cash on hand	2,919	4,328
Current accounts with the NBG	3,440	287
Current accounts with other credit institutions	24,030	30,793
Time deposits with credit institutions up to 90 days	34,398	27,139
Less: allowance for impairment	(2)	(5)
Cash and cash equivalents	<u>64,785</u>	<u>62,542</u>

As at 31 December 2023, current accounts and time deposit accounts with credit institutions denominated in USD, GEL and EUR represent 77.17%, 18.03% and 4.38% of total current and time deposit accounts respectively (31 December 2022: USD 47.01%, GEL 47.14%, EUR 4.86%).

All balances of cash equivalents are held at amortized cost and are allocated to Stage 1.

6. Amounts due from credit institutions

Amounts due from credit institutions comprise:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Mandatory reserve with the NBG	27,787	43,455
Time deposits for more than 90 days	9,004	3,473
Less: allowance for impairment	(1)	(1)
Amounts due from credit institutions	<u>36,790</u>	<u>46,927</u>

Credit institutions are required to maintain cash deposits (mandatory reserve) with the NBG, the amount of which depends on the level of funds attracted by the credit institution. The Bank's ability to withdraw these deposits is restricted by regulation.

An analysis of changes in the gross carrying value and corresponding ECL in relation to time deposits for more than 90 days during the year ended 31 December 2023 is as follows:

	<u>Gross carrying value</u>	<u>ECL</u>
As at 1 January 2023	3,473	(1)
New assets originated	34,209	(66)
Assets repaid	(29,259)	16
Foreign exchange and other movements	581	50
At 31 December 2023	<u>9,004</u>	<u>(1)</u>

An analysis of changes in the gross carrying value and corresponding ECL in relation to time deposits for more than 90 days during the year ended 31 December 2022 is as follows:

	<u>Gross carrying value</u>	<u>ECL</u>
As at 1 January 2022	3,103	(4)
New assets originated	6,253	(6)
Assets repaid	(6,085)	1
Foreign exchange and other movements	202	8
At 31 December 2022	<u>3,473</u>	<u>(1)</u>

All balances of amounts due from credit institutions are held at amortized cost and are allocated to Stage 1.

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7. Loans to customers

Loans to customers comprise:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Corporate	146,805	190,703
Commercial	134,974	122,383
Consumer	70,530	54,623
Loans to customers	352,309	367,709
Less – allowance for impairment	(16,203)	(16,824)
Loans to customers	336,106	350,885

Commercial loans include loans to medium sized companies.

An analysis of changes in the gross carrying value in relation to loans to customers during the year ended 31 December 2023 is as follows:

Corporate loans at amortized cost, gross	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Total
Gross carrying value as at 1 January 2023	183,805	6,736	162	190,703
New assets originated	96,755	–	–	96,755
Assets repaid	(137,710)	(1,916)	(556)	(140,182)
Transfers to Stage 2	(6,518)	6,518	–	–
Transfers to Stage 3	–	(6,753)	6,753	–
Foreign exchange and net other movements	(834)	358	5	(471)
At 31 December 2023	135,498	4,943	6,364	146,805

Corporate loans at amortized cost, allowance for ECL	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Total
ECL as at 1 January 2023	(1,735)	(38)	(162)	(1,935)
New assets originated	(745)	–	–	(745)
Assets repaid	587	9	249	845
Transfers to Stage 2	16	(16)	–	–
Transfers to Stage 3	–	25	(25)	–
Net remeasurement of ECL	607	(14)	(2,379)	(1,786)
At 31 December 2023	(1,270)	(34)	(2,317)	(3,621)

Commercial loans at amortized cost, gross	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	POCI	Total
Gross carrying value as at 1 January 2023	71,952	20,510	29,921	–	122,383
New assets originated	75,391	–	–	889	76,280
Assets repaid	(35,038)	(12,977)	(19,361)	(50)	(67,426)
Transfers to Stage 1	3,477	(3,477)	–	–	–
Transfers to Stage 2	(13,950)	14,246	(296)	–	–
Transfers to Stage 3	–	(6,623)	6,623	–	–
Unwinding of discount	–	–	(83)	–	(83)
Foreign exchange and net other movements	2,217	(164)	1,633	134	3,820
At 31 December 2023	104,049	11,515	18,437	973	134,974

Commercial loans at amortized cost, allowance for ECL	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	POCI	Total
ECL as at 1 January 2023	(492)	(706)	(8,229)	–	(9,427)
New assets originated	(776)	–	–	–	(776)
Assets repaid	187	326	3,997	–	4,510
Transfers to Stage 1	(120)	120	–	–	–
Transfers to Stage 2	78	(81)	3	–	–
Transfers to Stage 3	–	94	(94)	–	–
Unwinding of discount	–	–	(83)	–	(83)
Net remeasurement of ECL	293	(220)	40	(8)	105
At 31 December 2023	(830)	(467)	(4,366)	(8)	(5,671)

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7. Loans to customers (continued)

Consumer loans at amortized cost, gross	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Total
Gross carrying value as at 1 January 2023	50,762	1,151	2,710	54,623
New assets originated	141,017	4,638	-	145,655
Assets repaid	(118,842)	(4,275)	(613)	(123,730)
Transfers to Stage 1	11,315	(11,114)	(201)	-
Transfers to Stage 2	(22,246)	22,553	(307)	-
Transfers to Stage 3	(78)	(8,312)	8,390	-
Amounts written off	-	-	(5,751)	(5,751)
Foreign exchange and net other movements	(19)	(354)	106	(267)
At 31 December 2023	61,909	4,287	4,334	70,530

Consumer loans at amortized cost, allowance for ECL	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Total
ECL as at 1 January 2023	(2,564)	(188)	(2,710)	(5,462)
New assets originated	(8,502)	(1,032)	-	(9,534)
Assets repaid	4,573	819	847	6,239
Transfers to Stage 1	(976)	949	27	-
Transfers to Stage 2	3,234	(3,300)	66	-
Transfers to Stage 3	8	2,962	(2,970)	-
Amounts written off	-	-	5,751	5,751
Recoveries	-	-	(381)	(381)
Net remeasurement of ECL	1,597	(939)	(4,182)	(3,524)
At 31 December 2023	(2,630)	(729)	(3,552)	(6,911)

An analysis of changes gross carrying value in relation to loans to customers during the year ended 31 December 2022 is as follows:

Corporate loans at amortized cost, gross	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Total
Gross carrying value as at 1 January 2022	114,192	40,245	-	154,437
New assets originated	243,759	-	-	243,759
Assets repaid	(169,659)	(23,751)	-	(193,410)
Transfers to Stage 1	32,738	(32,738)	-	-
Transfers to Stage 2	(26,905)	26,905	-	-
Transfers to Stage 3	-	(189)	189	-
Foreign exchange and net other movements	(10,320)	(3,736)	(27)	(14,083)
At 31 December 2022	183,805	6,736	162	190,703

Corporate loans at amortized cost, allowance for ECL	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Total
ECL as at 1 January 2022	(1,376)	(823)	-	(2,199)
New assets originated	(3,602)	-	-	(3,602)
Assets repaid	1,098	147	-	1,245
Transfers to Stage 1	(157)	157	-	-
Transfers to Stage 2	198	(198)	-	-
Transfers to Stage 3	-	3	(3)	-
Net remeasurement of ECL	2,104	676	(159)	2,621
At 31 December 2022	(1,735)	(38)	(162)	(1,935)

Commercial loans at amortized cost, gross	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Total
Gross carrying value as at 1 January 2022	67,770	45,516	15,632	128,918
New assets originated	71,282	291	-	71,573
Assets repaid	(50,336)	(9,249)	(4,279)	(63,864)
Transfers to Stage 1	4,604	(4,604)	-	-
Transfers to Stage 2	(13,233)	15,106	(1,873)	-
Transfers to Stage 3	-	(22,684)	22,684	-
Unwinding of discount	-	-	940	940
Foreign exchange and net other movements	(8,135)	(3,866)	(3,183)	(15,184)
At 31 December 2022	71,952	20,510	29,921	122,383

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7. Loans to customers (continued)

Commercial loans at amortized cost, allowance for ECL	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Total
ECL as at 1 January 2022	(1,075)	(3,295)	(5,373)	(9,743)
New assets originated	(1,096)	(21)	-	(1,117)
Assets repaid	322	914	1,857	3,093
Transfers to Stage 1	(150)	150	-	-
Transfers to Stage 2	329	(712)	383	-
Transfers to Stage 3	-	3,435	(3,435)	-
Unwinding of discount	-	-	940	940
Net remeasurement of ECL	1,178	(1,177)	(2,601)	(2,600)
At 31 December 2022	(492)	(706)	(8,229)	(9,427)
Consumer loans at amortized cost, gross	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Total
Gross carrying value as at 1 January 2022	24,425	319	738	25,482
New assets originated	88,162	-	-	88,162
Assets repaid	(57,094)	(15)	(19)	(57,128)
Transfers to Stage 1	1,347	(1,065)	(282)	-
Transfers to Stage 2	(5,773)	5,799	(26)	-
Transfers to Stage 3	-	(3,933)	3,933	-
Amounts written off	-	-	(1,640)	(1,640)
Foreign exchange and net other movements	(305)	46	6	(253)
At 31 December 2022	50,762	1,151	2,710	54,623
Consumer loans at amortized cost, allowance for ECL	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Total
ECL as at 1 January 2022	(1,136)	(48)	(738)	(1,922)
New assets originated	(3,130)	-	-	(3,130)
Assets repaid	1,829	11	73	1,913
Transfers to Stage 1	(113)	98	15	-
Transfers to Stage 2	731	(735)	4	-
Transfers to Stage 3	-	960	(960)	-
Amounts written off	-	-	1,640	1,640
Recoveries	-	-	(89)	(89)
Net remeasurement of ECL	(745)	(474)	(2,655)	(3,874)
At 31 December 2022	(2,564)	(188)	(2,710)	(5,462)

Modified and restructured loans

The Bank derecognises a financial asset, such as a loan to a customer, when the terms and conditions have been renegotiated to the extent that, substantially, it becomes a new loan, with the difference recognised as a derecognition gain or loss, to the extent that an impairment loss has not already been recorded. The newly recognised loans are classified as Stage 1 for ECL measurement purposes, unless the new loan is deemed to be POCI. In 2023, the Bank recognized loan categorised as POCI with a fair value of GEL 889 thousand and a contractual principal of GEL 2,313 thousand.

If the modification does not result in cash flows that are substantially different, the modification does not result in derecognition. Based on the change in cash flows discounted at the original EIR, the Bank records a modification gain or loss, to the extent that an impairment loss has not already been recorded.

The table below includes Stage 2 and 3 assets that were modified during the period. There was no material modification loss suffered by the Bank in their respect.

	2023	2022
Loans modified during the period		
Restructured loans as at 31 December	32,702	73,684
Loans modified since initial recognition		
Gross carrying amount at 31 December of loans for which loss allowance has changed to 12-month measurement (Stage 1) during the period	1,559	11,968

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7. Loans to customers (continued)

Collateral and other credit enhancements

The amount and type of collateral required depends on an assessment of the credit risk of the counterparty. Guidelines are implemented regarding the acceptability of types of collateral and valuation parameters. The types of collateral normally obtained are charges over real estate properties, also cash covers and guarantees, provided by borrowers or third parties, including the Parent.

The Bank calculates LGD rate of certain Legal entities in Stage 3 using discounted value of collaterals. As at 31 December 2023, maximum exposure of such individually assessed loans amounted to GEL 25,527 thousand (31 December 2022: GEL 29,922 thousand) for which ECL of GEL 6,438 thousand (31 December 2022: GEL 8,228 thousand) was created. If these loans were not collateralized, ECL amount for these loans would be GEL 23,360 thousand (31 December 2022: GEL 27,777 thousand) based on collective assessment.

Management monitors the market value of collateral, requests additional collateral in accordance with the underlying agreement, and monitors the market value of collateral obtained during its review of the adequacy of the allowance for loan impairment.

Concentration of loans to customers

As at 31 December 2023, the Bank had a concentration of loans due from ten major groups of related borrowers in the total amount of GEL 143,110 thousand which represented 40.62% of the total gross loan portfolio (31 December 2022: GEL 140,296 thousands, 38.15% of the gross loan portfolio). Allowance of GEL 1,539 thousand was recognised against these loans (31 December 2022: GEL 1,490 thousand).

Loans are made within Georgia in the following industry sectors:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Trade and services	115,326	114,150
Individuals	70,530	54,623
Non-banking credit organizations	56,780	75,422
Real estate management	45,478	49,314
Energy	39,774	44,194
Construction	16,402	19,546
Agro	7,974	10,370
Other	45	90
	<u>352,309</u>	<u>367,709</u>

8. Investment securities

As at 31 December 2023, investment securities comprised of bonds of financial institutions and other companies and Treasury bonds of the Ministry of Finance of Georgia:

Investment securities comprise:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Debt securities at amortised cost		
Bonds of Financial institutions	32,897	17,779
Corporate bonds	27,282	20,951
Treasury bonds of the Ministry of Finance of Georgia	5,469	5,469
	<u>65,648</u>	<u>44,199</u>
Less: allowance for impairment	(418)	(338)
Total debt securities	<u>65,230</u>	<u>43,861</u>

As at 31 December 2023, none of the investment securities were pledged as a collateral (31 December 2022: GEL 16,142 thousand) (Note 14).

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8. Investment securities (continued)

An analysis of changes in the gross carrying value in relation to investment securities during the year ended 31 December 2023 is as follows:

	Corporate bonds	Bonds of financial institutions	Treasury bonds of the Ministry of Finance of Georgia	Total
Gross carrying value as at 1 January 2023	20,951	17,779	5,469	44,199
New assets originated	7,517	29,000	-	36,517
Assets repaid	(1,313)	(14,000)	-	(15,313)
Foreign exchange and other movements	127	118	-	245
At 31 December 2023	27,282	32,897	5,469	65,648

An analysis of changes in the ECL allowances during the year ended 31 December 2023 is as follows:

	Corporate bonds	Bonds of financial institutions	Treasury bonds of the Ministry of Finance of Georgia	Total
ECL as at 1 January 2023	(270)	(68)	-	(338)
New assets originated	(85)	(281)	-	(366)
Assets repaid	11	1	-	12
Foreign exchange and other movements	116	158	-	274
At 31 December 2023	(228)	(190)	-	(418)

An analysis of changes in the gross carrying value in relation to investment securities during the year ended 31 December 2022 is as follows:

	Corporate bonds	Bonds of financial institutions	Treasury bonds of the Ministry of Finance of Georgia	Total
Gross carrying value as at 1 January 2022	22,875	14,057	5,469	42,401
New assets originated	16,699	3,750	-	20,449
Assets repaid	(16,529)	-	-	(16,529)
Foreign exchange and other movements	(2,094)	(28)	-	(2,122)
At 31 December 2022	20,951	17,779	5,469	44,199

An analysis of changes in the ECL allowances during the year ended 31 December 2022 is as follows:

	Corporate bonds	Bonds of financial institutions	Treasury bonds of the Ministry of Finance of Georgia	Total
ECL as at 1 January 2022	(254)	(88)	-	(342)
New assets originated	(216)	(54)	-	(270)
Assets repaid	156	-	-	156
Foreign exchange and other movements	44	74	-	118
At 31 December 2022	(270)	(68)	-	(338)

All balances of investment securities are held at amortized cost and are allocated to Stage 1.

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9. Repossessed collateral

The Bank holds repossessed property which represent land, commercial and residential real estate taken into Bank's ownership as a settlement of non-performing loans. The Bank intends to sell those assets in normal course of business. In general, the Bank does not occupy repossessed properties for business use. The carrying value of the collaterals repossessed during the period and held as at the reporting date is as follows:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Commercial real estate	13,861	372
Residential real estate	1,334	232
Land	192	-
Other	323	-
Total repossessed collateral	<u>15,710</u>	<u>604</u>

In 2023, the Bank repossessed collaterals of GEL 15,202 thousand in non-cash settlement loans issued (2022: GEL 232 thousand).

10. Property and equipment

The movements in property and equipment were as follows:

	<i>Furniture and fixtures</i>	<i>Computers and equipment</i>	<i>Motor vehicles</i>	<i>Other equipment</i>	<i>Leasehold improvements</i>	<i>Total</i>
Cost						
1 January 2022	2,166	4,732	346	535	3,605	11,384
Additions	14	310	180	-	15	519
Disposals and write-offs	(84)	(102)	-	(19)	(282)	(487)
31 December 2022	<u>2,096</u>	<u>4,940</u>	<u>526</u>	<u>516</u>	<u>3,338</u>	<u>11,416</u>
Additions	62	464	94	8	325	953
Disposals and write-offs	-	(56)	(138)	(2)	(362)	(558)
31 December 2023	<u>2,158</u>	<u>5,348</u>	<u>482</u>	<u>522</u>	<u>3,301</u>	<u>11,811</u>
Accumulated depreciation						
1 January 2022	(1,562)	(3,590)	(312)	(359)	(1,734)	(7,557)
Depreciation charge	(361)	(647)	(35)	(64)	(713)	(1,820)
Disposals and write-offs	77	84	-	15	205	381
31 December 2022	<u>(1,846)</u>	<u>(4,153)</u>	<u>(347)</u>	<u>(408)</u>	<u>(2,242)</u>	<u>(8,996)</u>
Depreciation charge	(215)	(437)	(50)	(61)	(663)	(1,426)
Disposals and write-offs	-	49	137	2	345	533
31 December 2023	<u>(2,061)</u>	<u>(4,541)</u>	<u>(260)</u>	<u>(467)</u>	<u>(2,560)</u>	<u>(9,889)</u>
Net book value						
1 January 2022	<u>604</u>	<u>1,142</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>176</u>	<u>1,871</u>	<u>3,827</u>
31 December 2022	<u>250</u>	<u>787</u>	<u>179</u>	<u>108</u>	<u>1,096</u>	<u>2,420</u>
31 December 2023	<u>97</u>	<u>807</u>	<u>222</u>	<u>55</u>	<u>741</u>	<u>1,922</u>

As at 31 December 2023 fully depreciated items amounted GEL 6,879 thousand (2022: GEL 4,100 thousand).

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11. Leases

The movement in right-of-use assets and lease liabilities during the year ended 31 December 2023 was as follows:

	Right-of-use assets	
	Buildings	Lease liabilities
As at 1 January 2023	3,766	3,772
Additions	1,265	1,293
Disposals and write offs (gross)	(1,879)	-
Depreciation expense	(1,984)	-
Disposals and write-offs (accumulated depreciation)	1,879	-
Interest expense	-	150
Payments	-	(2,007)
Rent concessions	-	(32)
Foreign currency translation difference	-	(41)
As at 31 December 2023	3,047	3,135

The movement in right-of-use assets and lease liabilities during the year ended 31 December 2022 was as follows:

	Right-of-use assets	
	Buildings	Lease liabilities
As at 1 January 2022	5,412	6,147
Additions	504	471
Disposals and write offs (gross)	(599)	(112)
Depreciation expense	(2,038)	-
Disposals and write-offs (accumulated depreciation)	487	-
Interest expense	-	228
Payments	-	(2,312)
Rent concessions	-	(35)
Foreign currency translation difference	-	(615)
As at 31 December 2022	3,766	3,772

Future lease payments for each of the next five years for the year ended 31 December 2023 and 2022 are as follows:

	Lease liabilities	
	2023	2022
Within one year	1,968	1,994
Between 1 and 2 years	407	1,682
Between 2 and 3 years	407	113
Between 3 and 4 years	366	113
Between 4 and 5 years	196	73
	3,344	3,975

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12. Intangible assets

The movements in intangible assets were as follows:

	<i>Licenses</i>	<i>Computer software</i>	<i>Total</i>
Cost			
1 January 2022	204	7,410	7,614
Additions	–	2,078	2,078
Disposals and write offs	–	(934)	(934)
31 December 2022	204	8,554	8,758
Additions	–	1,172	1,172
Disposals and write offs	–	(731)	(731)
31 December 2023	204	8,995	9,199
Accumulated amortization			
1 January 2022	(125)	(2,626)	(2,751)
Amortisation charge	(20)	(1,666)	(1,686)
Disposals and write offs	–	934	934
31 December 2022	(145)	(3,358)	(3,503)
Amortisation charge	(19)	(1,513)	(1,532)
Disposals and write offs	–	731	731
31 December 2023	(164)	(4,140)	(4,304)
Net book value			
1 January 2022	79	4,784	4,863
31 December 2022	59	5,196	5,255
31 December 2023	40	4,855	4,895

13. Other assets and liabilities

Other assets comprise:

	2023	2022
Other non-financial assets		
Prepaid expenses	830	543
Prepaid taxes other than income tax	571	109
Inventory	475	291
Prepayments for short-term lease	68	19
Prepayments for acquisition of property and equipment and intangible assets	–	22
Other prepayments	34	104
	1,978	1,088
Other financial assets		
Derivative financial assets	651	390
Funds in settlement	548	363
Accrued commission receivable on guarantees and letters of credit	86	65
Other	624	344
	1,909	1,162
Total other assets	3,887	2,250

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13. Other assets and liabilities (continued)

The table below shows the fair values of derivative financial instruments, recorded as assets, together with their notional amounts. The notional amount, recorded gross, is the amount of a derivative's underlying asset or liability and is the basis upon which changes in the value of derivatives are measured. The notional amounts indicate the volume of transactions outstanding at the year end and are not indicative of the credit risk.

	2023			2022		
	Notional amount	Fair values		Notional amount	Fair value	
		Asset	Liability		Asset	Liability
Forwards/Swaps – domestic	154,653	651	786	163,943	390	935
Total derivative assets/liabilities		651	786		390	935

Foreign and domestic in the table above stand for counterparties where foreign means non-Georgian entities and domestic means Georgian entities.

Other liabilities comprise:

	2023	2022
Other financial liabilities		
Funds in settlement	3,301	1,169
Derivative financial liabilities	786	935
Payables and accrued expenses	496	384
	4,583	2,488
Other non-financial liabilities		
Payable to employees	4,686	3,738
Deferred income	29	28
Taxes other than income tax	–	36
	4,715	3,802
Total other liabilities	9,298	6,290

14. Amounts due to credit institutions

Amounts due to credit institutions comprise:

	Note	2023	2022
Time deposits and loans from non-resident commercial banks		69,460	67,265
Deposits from the Ministry of Finance		12,509	11,505
Overdraft from the Parent	25	7,786	7,379
Current accounts of the Parent		384	168
Loan from the National Bank of Georgia		–	16,044
Time deposits from resident commercial banks	25	–	4,326
Amounts due to credit institutions		90,139	106,687

As at 31 December 2023 and 2022 the time deposits and loans of non-resident commercial banks are comprised of USD denominated deposits and loans of entity under common control and other non-resident bank.

Time deposits from resident commercial banks denominated in GEL matured in September 2023.

Loans from the National Bank of Georgia represent short-term GEL refinancing facilities used by the Bank to uphold its liquidity needs in GEL. In June 2023 the Bank repaid the loan to NBG in full. Deposits from the Ministry of Finance represent GEL 7,028 thousand of short-term funds attracted from the Ministry of Finance as a refinancing facility similar to that of the National Bank of Georgia and GEL 5,481 thousand of the long-term deposit placed by the Ministry as the liquidity support measure in return for the similar term treasury bonds purchased by the Bank.

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15. Amounts due to customers

The amounts due to customers include the following:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Current and demand accounts	110,025	100,570
Time deposits (including certificates of deposit)	178,830	171,461
Amounts due to customers	<u>288,855</u>	<u>272,031</u>
Held as security against guarantees issued (Note 19)	3,908	3,471

As at 31 December 2023, amounts due to customers included balances with ten major customers of GEL 165,290 thousand that constituted 57.22% of the total of customer accounts (31 December 2022: 165,062 thousand that constituted 60.68% of the total of customer accounts).

An analysis of customer accounts by economic sector follows:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Trade and service	93,583	79,575
Insurance	88,278	85,101
Individuals	61,041	42,739
Non-banking credit organizations	22,461	26,802
Construction	16,797	20,200
Energy	3,769	13,365
Government agencies	1,213	1,330
Real estate management	748	584
Agro	299	376
Transportation and telecommunication	58	128
Mining	12	10
Other	596	1,821
Amounts due to customers	<u>288,855</u>	<u>272,031</u>

16. Subordinated debt

Subordinated loans consisted of the following:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Subordinated loan from the Parent (Note 25)	14,395	13,280
Subordinated loans from entities under common control (Note 25)	13,321	13,279
Subordinated loans	<u>27,716</u>	<u>26,559</u>

On 19 December 2019 the Bank received USD denominated subordinated loans with an interest rate of 5% p.a. maturing in December 2025 from the Parent and entities under common control. Management believes that as of the origination date of the loans the interest rate on the loans was below the market rate for similar instruments, therefore the loans were recognized at fair value using market interest rate. The difference of GEL 1,155 thousand between fair value and nominal amount of these loans was recognized as additional paid-in capital. Annual effective interest rate equals 5.88%. The loans are not redeemable until their contractual maturity.

In May 2023 subordinated loan from the Parent was prolonged and matures in December 2030 with the interest rate of 8% p.a. after December 2025. The Bank recognized modification loss of GEL 955 thousand in modification loss caption in the Statement of the comprehensive income.

The amortised value of the subordinated loans qualified for the inclusion in the Tier 2 capital under the NBG Basel III requirements, was GEL 16,135 thousand (31 December 2022: GEL 10,817 thousand).

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17. Taxation

On 16 December 2022 amendments to the Georgian tax law in respect of corporate income tax for finance sector became enacted. The amendments became effective from 1 January 2023 and under the new regulation, corporate income tax will be 20% for banks, credit unions, microfinance organizations and lending entities.

The corporate income tax benefit for the year ended 31 December 2023 and 2022 equalled nil.

The income tax rate applicable to the Bank's income is 20% (2022: 15%). The effective income tax rate differs from the statutory income tax rate. A reconciliation of the income tax benefit on statutory rates with actual is as follows:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Profit/(Loss) before income tax	1,700	(2,263)
Statutory tax rate	20%	15%
Theoretical income tax (expense)/benefit at the statutory rate	(340)	339
Tax exempt income	162	109
Non-deductible expenses	(59)	(45)
Effect from change in tax legislation	-	35
Tax loss utilized during the year	237	-
Unrecognised tax losses carried forward	-	(438)
Income tax (expense)/benefit	-	-

As the amendments were enacted the existing corporate tax rate for banks increased from 15% to 20% from 2023 going forward. In addition, from 2023, taxable Interest Income and deductible expected credit losses on loans to customers (ECL) were defined per IFRS.

The Bank's accumulated tax losses as at 31 December 2023 equal GEL 37,234 thousand (31 December 2022: GEL 27,641 thousand) on which the Bank has tax loss carried forward GEL 7,447 thousand at 20% tax rate (31 December 2022: GEL 4,146 thousand at 15% tax rate), and respective allowance of GEL 5,436 thousand (31 December 2022: GEL 3,708 thousand). The Bank has been accumulating tax losses since 2019. In 2023 the Bank has generated net profit and utilized only GEL 237 thousand accumulated tax losses carried forward for this period. The Bank has not recognized any deferred tax asset towards remaining accumulated tax losses as at 31 December 2023. There is no expiry period for tax losses.

Deferred tax liabilities/assets as at 31 December 2023 and 31 December 2022 and their movements for the respective period:

	<u>2022</u>	<u>Through statement of profit or loss</u>	<u>2023</u>
Tax effect of deductible temporary differences			
Tax losses carried forward	237	(237)	-
Lease liabilities	1,397	(752)	627
Property and equipment	336	(168)	168
Amounts due from credit institutions	1	-	1
Other assets	25	(16)	9
Subordinated debt	110	46	156
Deferred tax asset	2,088	(1,127)	961
Tax effect of taxable temporary differences			
Investment securities	(98)	98	-
Intangible assets	(171)	(137)	(308)
Loans to customers	(885)	885	-
Right-of-use assets	(1,393)	784	(609)
Other liabilities	459	(503)	(44)
Deferred tax liability	(2,088)	1,127	(961)
Deferred tax (liability)/asset	-	-	-

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17. Taxation (continued)

	2021	Through statement of profit or loss	2022
Tax effect of deductible temporary differences			
Tax losses carried forward	675	(438)	237
Lease liabilities	972	407	1,379
Property and equipment	171	165	336
Amounts due from credit institutions	1	–	1
Other assets	25	–	25
Subordinated debt	50	60	110
Other liabilities	303	156	459
Deferred tax asset	2,197	350	2,547
Tax effect of taxable temporary differences			
Investment securities	(90)	(8)	(98)
Intangible assets	(140)	(31)	(171)
Loans to customers	(1,124)	239	(885)
Right-of-use assets	(843)	(550)	(1,393)
Deferred tax liability	(2,197)	(350)	(2,547)
Deferred tax (liability)/asset	–	–	–

18. Equity

On 7 July 2023 the Bank's ownership structure changed and together with OJSC PASHA Bank, PASHA Holding LLC became a shareholder of the Bank, with the shares of 90.2019% and 9.7981% respectively.

In September 2023 GEL 7,800 thousand of share capital was injected in cash by PASHA Holding LLC in exchange for 7,800,000 common shares issued by the Bank. The ownership structure changed again with 85.0588% of shares owned by OJSC PASHA Bank and 14.9412% of shares owned by PASHA Holding LLC.

As at 31 December 2023 the Bank's authorized, issued and fully paid capital amounted to GEL 136,800 thousands comprising of 136,800,000 common shares with nominal value of GEL 1.00 (2022: 129,000 thousand comprising of 129,000,000 common shares). Each common share entitles one vote to the shareholder.

In accordance with Georgian legislation, dividends may only be declared by the Bank's Parent from the net income as shown in the Bank's financial statements prepared in compliance with the NBG requirements. The Bank is obliged to officially inform the NBG of any dividends declared and the NBG reserves the right to suspend or restrict the disbursement of dividends should the Bank be in breach of the NBG regulations.

No dividends were declared or paid during the year ended 31 December 2023 and 2022.

Additional paid-in capital represents the difference between a fair value and a nominal amount at initial recognition of the subordinated loans received from the Parent and entities under common control.

19. Commitments and contingencies

Operating environment

The economic policies of Georgia in the last decade have been mostly consistent and effective in terms of investment and increasing short-term economic growth rates. Nevertheless, these policies failed for the most part in laying the foundations for increasing the competitiveness of the Georgian economy and ensuring long-term economic growth. Moreover, the rates of economic growth have not been sufficient to reach significant part of Georgian population and failed to have an impact on reducing unemployment and poverty levels. According to Georgia's socio-economic development strategy, the economic policy of Georgia is based on the principles of fast and efficient economic growth driven by development of the real sector of economy, implementation of economic policies that would facilitate inclusive economic growth and rational use of natural resources, ensuring environmental safety and sustainability. Georgia continues economic reforms and development of its legal, tax and regulatory frameworks as required by a market economy. The future stability of the Georgian economy is largely dependent upon these reforms and developments and the effectiveness of economic, financial and monetary measures undertaken by the government.

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19. Commitments and contingencies (continued)

Operating environment (continued)

According to the preliminary estimates published by the National Statistics Office of Georgia, December growth of GDP amounted 8.3% resulting in 12-month average growth of 7.0%. Major contributing factors to the growth have been construction, information and communication, trade, transportation and storage, financial and insurance activities. Declines were observed in manufacturing and real estate activities.

As published by the National Statistics Office of Georgia, the level of inflation reached 0.4% year-on-year in December 2023. According to the current macroeconomic forecast, the annual inflation rate is expected to fall below the target in the short term and then to stabilize at around 3% in the medium term. After a prolonged period of high inflation, below target inflation in the short run will help a further normalization of long-term inflation expectations, which is a prerequisite for price stability. The National Bank of Georgia has begun a gradual exit from its tight monetary policy and has reduced the policy rate to 9.0% as of issuance date.

Despite the negative effect of the pandemic and war the management maintains strong liquidity positions supported by the NBG's measures to strengthen banking sector resilience amidst the crisis. The Bank is working to decrease NPLs to reasonable levels using timely restructuring actions, continued support from the Parent and diligent collection actions.

The Bank has applied the latest available macroeconomic forecasts for the ECL measurement purposes. The Bank continues to assess the war and pandemic effect and changing micro- and macroeconomic conditions on its activities, financial position and financial results.

Taxation

Georgian tax legislation is subject to varying interpretations, and changes, which can occur frequently. Management's interpretation of such legislation as applied to the transactions and activity of the Bank may be challenged by the relevant tax authorities. It is possible that transactions and activities that have not been challenged in the past may be challenged in the future. As such, significant additional taxes, penalties and interest may be assessed. Fiscal periods up to the end of 2022 have been assessed in terms of tax risk by the Large Payers' Office of the Revenue Service. Based on the analysis of the information provided by the Bank, no risks have been identified.

Management believes that its interpretation of the relevant legislation as at 31 December 2023 is appropriate and that the Bank's tax, currency and customs positions will be sustained.

Legal

In the ordinary course of business, the Bank is subject to legal actions and complaints. Management believes that the ultimate liability, if any, arising from such actions or complaints will not have a material adverse effect on the financial condition or the results of future operations of the Bank.

Commitments and contingencies

As at 31 December 2023 and 2022, the Bank's commitments and contingencies comprised the following:

	2023	2022
Credit related commitments		
Unused credit lines	97,545	62,154
Letters of credit	–	260
	97,545	62,414
Performance guarantees	86,921	61,119
	184,466	123,533
Commitments and contingencies		
Provisions for ECL for credit related commitments	(914)	(356)
Deposits held as security against letters of credit (Note 15)	(3,908)	(3,471)

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19. Commitments and contingencies (continued)

An analysis of changes in the ECL allowances during the year ended 31 December 2023 is, as follows (ECL for letters of credit is immaterial):

	<i>Unused credit lines</i>	<i>Performance Guarantees</i>	<i>Total</i>
ECL as at 1 January 2023	(356)	–	(356)
New exposures	(564)	–	(564)
Matured exposures	317	–	317
Foreign exchange and other movements	–	(311)	(311)
At 31 December 2023	(603)	(311)	(914)

An analysis of changes in the ECL allowances during the year ended 31 December 2022 is, as follows:

	<i>Unused credit lines</i>
ECL as at 1 January 2022	(195)
New exposures	(835)
Matured exposures	643
Foreign exchange and other movements	31
At 31 December 2022	(356)

20. Net fee and commission income

Net fee and commission income comprise:

	<i>2023</i>	<i>2022</i>
Plastic card operations	2,603	1,403
Guarantees and letters of credits issued	1,509	963
Settlement operations	632	631
Cash operations	130	45
Fee and commission income	4,874	3,042
Plastic card operations	(1,344)	(1,070)
Settlement operations	(958)	(808)
Cash operations	(5)	(5)
Other	(259)	(131)
Fee and commission expense	(2,566)	(2,014)
Net fee and commission income	2,308	1,028

Revenue from contracts with customers

The Bank's revenue from contracts with customers is mostly represented by fee and commission income. Revenue from contracts with customers recognized in the statement of profit or loss for the year ended 31 December 2023 amounted to GEL 4,874 thousand (2022: GEL 3,042 thousand).

The Bank recognised the following contract assets and liabilities in statement of financial position related to its contracts with customers:

	<i>2023</i>	<i>2022</i>
Deferred income (presented within other liabilities)	29	28

The Bank usually collects fees and commissions in advance of completion of the underlying transaction or shortly thereafter (for contracts where performance obligation is satisfied point in time, such as settlement transactions). For services provided over time (such as those related to fees for guarantees and letters of credit issued), the Bank usually charges upfront monthly, quarterly or annual fees covering respective portion of the overall contract period.

The Bank recognised GEL 28 thousand revenue from contracts with customers in the current reporting period that relates to carried-forward contract liabilities included in deferred income as at 31 December 2022.

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21. Personnel, general and administrative expenses

Personnel, general and administrative expenses comprise:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Salaries	18,922	15,038
Bonuses and other employee benefits	5,291	4,412
Personnel expenses	<u>24,213</u>	<u>19,450</u>
Professional services	2,663	2,052
Advertising costs	2,238	3,132
Software costs	1,613	1,829
Short-term leases	619	653
Personnel training	441	145
Communication	437	366
Office supplies	368	294
Corporate hospitality and entertainment	231	107
Transportation and business trip expenses	200	84
Utilities	193	158
Insurance	152	178
Membership fees	141	128
Taxes other than income tax	102	36
Maintenance and exploitation	72	67
Deposit insurance fee	62	44
Charity costs	60	115
Recruitment costs	52	42
Security expenses	23	25
Other	186	146
General and administrative expenses	<u>9,853</u>	<u>9,601</u>

Remuneration of the Bank's auditor, including under professional services fees, for the years ended 31 December 2023 and 2022 comprises (net of VAT):

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Fees for the audit of the Bank's annual financial statements for the year ended 31 December	125	123
Expenditures for other assurance services	51	51
Total fees and expenditures	<u>176</u>	<u>174</u>

Fees and expenditures to other professional audit firms in respect of other professional services comprised GEL 9 thousand in 2023 (2022: GEL 9 thousand).

The average number of the Bank's employees during 2023 was 387, including average 3 top management employees, average 52 middle management employees, average 322 other full-time employees and average 10 employees under temporary service contracts (2022: 336, including average 4 top management employees, average 48 middle management employees, average 274 other full-time employees and average 10 employees under temporary service contracts).

22. Risk management

Introduction

Risk is inherent in the Bank's activities but it is managed through a process of ongoing identification, measurement and monitoring, subject to risk limits and other controls. This process of risk management is critical to the Bank's continuing profitability and each individual within the Bank is accountable for the risk exposures relating to his or her responsibilities. The Bank is exposed to credit risk, liquidity risk and market risk. It is also subject to operating risks.

The independent risk control process does not include business risks such as changes in the environment, technology and industry. They are monitored through the Bank's strategic planning process.

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22. Risk management (continued)

Risk management structure

Supervisory Board

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

Risk Committee

The Risk Committee has the overall responsibility for the development of the risk strategy and implementing principles, frameworks, policies and limits. It is responsible for the fundamental risk issues and manages and monitors relevant risk decisions.

Risk management

The Risk Management Department is responsible for determining, implementing and maintaining risk management framework.

Asset and Liability Committee

Asset and Liability Committee (ALCO) is responsible for managing the Bank's assets and liabilities and the overall financial structure. It is also primarily responsible for the funding, liquidity, interest rate, and capital adequacy risks of the Bank.

Internal Audit

Risk management processes throughout the Bank are audited by the internal audit function on a constant basis, which examines the adequacy of the procedures, their design and operational effectiveness, and the Bank's compliance both with the regulatory requirements and internal procedures. Internal Audit discusses the results of all assessments with management, and reports its findings and recommendations to the Audit Committee.

Audit Committee

The Audit Committee is responsible for the fundamental risk issues and manages and monitors relevant risk decisions and performance of control functions by other departments in the Bank pertaining to general control environment, manual, IT dependent or application controls, intentional or unintentional misstatement risks, risk of fraud or misappropriation of assets, information security, anti-money laundering, etc. Audit committee is comprised of three members, out of which two are independent.

Risk measurement and reporting systems

Monitoring and controlling risks is primarily performed based on limits established by the Bank. These limits reflect the business strategy and market environment of the Bank as well as the level of risk that the Bank is willing to accept. In addition the Bank monitors and measures the overall risk bearing capacity in relation to the aggregate risk exposure across all risk types and activities. The main body to which the risks are reported is ALCO. The respective meetings are held once a month.

Excessive risk concentration

Concentrations arise when a number of counterparties are engaged in similar business activities, or activities in the same geographic region, or have similar economic features that would cause their ability to meet contractual obligations to be similarly affected by changes in economic, political or other conditions. Concentrations indicate the relative sensitivity of the Bank's performance to developments affecting a particular industry or geographical location.

Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that the Bank will incur a loss because its customers, clients or counterparties failed to discharge their contractual obligations. The Bank manages and controls credit risk by setting limits on the amount of risk it is willing to accept for individual counterparties and by monitoring exposures in relation to such limits.

The Bank has established a credit quality review process to provide early identification of possible changes in the creditworthiness of counterparties, including regular collateral revisions. The credit quality review process allows the Bank to assess the potential loss as a result of the risks to which it is exposed and take corrective action.

Actual exposure per borrower against limits is monitored on loans granted. The Credit Committee may initiate a change in the limits. Where appropriate, the Bank obtains collateral and corporate guarantees. The credit risks are monitored on a continuous basis and are subject to annual or more frequent reviews.

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22. Risk management (continued)

Credit risk (continued)

Credit-related commitments risks

The Bank makes available to its customers guarantees which may require that the Bank make payments on their behalf. Such payments are collected from customers based on the terms of guarantee. They expose the Bank to similar risks to loans and these are mitigated by the same control processes and policies.

Impairment assessment

The Bank calculates ECL based on several probability-weighted scenarios to measure the expected cash shortfalls, discounted at an approximation to the EIR. A cash shortfall is the difference between the cash flows that are due to the Bank in accordance with the contract and the cash flows that the entity expects to receive. The mechanics of the ECL calculations are outlined below and the key elements are as follows:

PD	The <i>Probability of Default</i> is an estimate of the likelihood of default over a given time horizon. A default may only happen at a certain time over the assessed period, if the facility has not been previously derecognised and is still in the portfolio.
EAD	The <i>Exposure at Default</i> is an estimate of the exposure at a future default date, taking into account expected changes in the exposure after the reporting date, including repayments of principal and interest, whether scheduled by contract or otherwise, expected drawdowns on committed facilities, and accrued interest from missed payments.
LGD	The <i>Loss Given Default</i> is an estimate of the loss arising in the case where a default occurs at a given time. It is based on the difference between the contractual cash flows due and those that the lender would expect to receive, including from the realisation of any collateral. It is usually expressed as a percentage of the EAD.

The ECL allowance is based on the 12 months' expected credit loss (12mECL), unless there has been significant increase in credit risk since origination or other impairment indicators were identified, in which case the ECL allowance is based on the credit losses expected to arise over the life of the asset (the lifetime expected credit loss or LTECL). The 12mECL is the portion of LTECL that represent the ECLs that result from default events on a financial instrument that are possible within the 12 months after the reporting date. Both LTECL and 12mECL are calculated on either an individual basis or a collective basis, depending on the nature of the underlying portfolio of financial instruments.

The Bank has established a policy to perform an assessment, at the end of each reporting period, of whether a financial instrument's credit risk has increased significantly since initial recognition, by considering the change in the risk of default occurring over the remaining life of the financial instrument. Based on the above process, the Bank groups its loans into Stage 1, Stage 2, Stage 3 and POCI, as described below:

Stage 1:	When loans are first recognised, the Bank recognises an allowance based on 12mECL. Stage 1 loans also include facilities where the credit risk has improved and the loan has been reclassified from Stage 2.
Stage 2:	When a loan has shown a significant increase in credit risk since origination, the Bank records an allowance for the LTECL. Stage 2 loans also include facilities, where the credit risk has improved and the loan has been reclassified from Stage 3.
Stage 3:	Loans considered credit-impaired. The Bank records an allowance for the LTECL.
POCI:	Purchased or originated credit impaired (POCI) assets are financial assets that are credit impaired on initial recognition. POCI assets are recorded at fair value at original recognition and interest revenue is subsequently recognised based on a credit-adjusted EIR. ECL are only recognised or released to the extent that there is a subsequent change in the lifetime expected credit losses.

Definition of default and cure

The Bank considers a financial instrument defaulted and therefore Stage 3 (credit-impaired) for ECL calculations in all cases when the borrower becomes 90 days past due on its contractual payments. The Bank considers amounts due from banks defaulted and takes immediate action when the required intraday payments are not settled by the close of business as outlined in the individual agreements.

As a part of a qualitative assessment of whether a customer is in default, the Bank also considers a variety of instances that may indicate unlikelihood to pay. When such events occur, the Bank carefully considers whether the event should result in treating the customer as defaulted and therefore assessed as Stage 3 for ECL calculations or whether Stage 2 is appropriate.

The Bank has defined certain criteria which should be met in order to consider asset as cured. The decision whether to classify an asset as Stage 2 or Stage 1 once cured depends on the updated credit grade, at the time of the cure, and whether this indicates there has been a significant increase in credit risk compared to initial recognition.

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22. Risk management (continued)

Credit risk (continued)

Internal rating and PD estimation process

The Bank's Credit Risk Department operates its internal rating models. The Bank runs separate models for its corporate and commercial portfolios in which its customers are rated from Aaa to Ca-C using internal grades. The models incorporate both qualitative and quantitative information and, in addition to information specific to the borrower, utilize supplemental external information that could affect the borrower's behaviour. Where practical, they also build on information from the national and international external rating agencies. PDs, incorporating forward looking information and the IFRS 9 stage classification of the exposure, are assigned for each grade. This is repeated for each economic scenario as appropriate. As for consumer portfolio, customers are rated from A to E3 using credit bureau rating tools.

Treasury and interbank relationships

The Bank's treasury and interbank relationships and counterparties comprise financial services institutions, banks. For these relationships, the Bank's credit risk department analyses publicly available information such as financial information and other external data, e.g., the external ratings, and assigns the internal rating, as shown in the table below.

Internal rating Grade	External rating	PD	Internal rating description
Class 1	Aaa	0.00123%	High grade
Class 1	Aa1	0.00215%	High grade
Class 1	Aa2	0.00375%	High grade
Class 1	Aa3	0.00655%	High grade
Class 1	A1	0.01144%	High grade
Class 1	A2	0.01998%	High grade
Class 1	A3	0.03488%	High grade
Class 1	Baa1	0.06091%	Standard grade
Class 1	Baa2	0.10632%	Standard grade
Class 1	Baa3	0.18554%	Standard grade
Class 1	Ba1	0.32359%	Standard grade
Class 1	Ba2	0.56377%	Standard grade
Class 1	Ba3	0.98047%	Standard grade
Class 2	B1	1.69989%	Standard grade
Class 2	B2	2.93159%	Standard grade
Class 3	B3	5.01024%	Standard grade
Class 3	Caa1	8.43469%	Sub-standard grade
Class 3	Caa2	13.85825%	Sub-standard grade
Class 3	Caa3	21.93382%	Sub-standard grade
Class 3	Ca-C	32.91701%	Sub-standard grade
	Default	100.0000%	Impaired

Corporate and commercial lending

For corporate and commercial loans, the borrowers are assessed by specialised credit risk employees of the Bank. The credit risk assessment is based on a credit scoring model that takes into account various historical, current and forward-looking information such as:

- ▶ Historical financial information together with forecasts and budgets prepared by the client. This financial information includes realised and expected results, solvency ratios, liquidity ratios and any other relevant ratios to measure the client's financial performance. Some of these indicators are captured in covenants with the clients and are, therefore, measured with greater attention;
- ▶ Any publicly available information on the clients from external parties. This includes external rating grades issued by rating agencies, independent analyst reports, publicly traded bond prices or press releases and articles;
- ▶ Any macro-economic or geopolitical information, e.g., GDP growth relevant for the specific industry and geographical segments where the client operates;
- ▶ Any other objectively supportable information on the quality and abilities of the client's management relevant for the company's performance.

Consumer lending

Consumer lending comprises of loans, credit cards and overdrafts offered to clients. Credit risk and relevant loan loss allowance on this portfolio is assessed on a collective basis for performing loans and individual basis in relation to non-performing loans.

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22. Risk management (continued)

Credit risk (continued)

The Bank's internal credit rating for corporate and commercial segments grades are as follows:

<i>Internal rating Grade</i>	<i>Internal rating</i>	<i>PD</i>	<i>Internal rating description</i>
Class 1	Aaa	0.00123%	High grade
Class 1	Aa1	0.00215%	High grade
Class 1	Aa2	0.00375%	High grade
Class 1	Aa3	0.00655%	High grade
Class 1	A1	0.01144%	High grade
Class 1	A2	0.01998%	High grade
Class 1	A3	0.03488%	High grade
Class 1	Baa1	0.06091%	Standard grade
Class 1	Baa2	0.10632%	Standard grade
Class 1	Baa3	0.18554%	Standard grade
Class 1	Ba1	0.32359%	Standard grade
Class 1	Ba2	0.56377%	Standard grade
Class 1	Ba3	0.98047%	Standard grade
Class 2	B1	1.69989%	Standard grade
Class 2	B2	2.93159%	Standard grade
Class 3	B3	5.01024%	Standard grade
Class 3	Caa1	8.43469%	Sub-standard grade
Class 3	Caa2	13.85825%	Sub-standard grade
Class 3	Caa3	21.93382%	Sub-standard grade
Class 3	Ca-C	32.91701%	Sub-standard grade
	Default	100.0000%	Impaired

The Bank's internal credit rating for consumer segments grades are as follows:

<i>Internal rating Grade</i>	<i>Internal rating</i>	<i>PD</i>	<i>Internal rating description</i>
Class 1	A	0.0150%	High grade
Class 1	B	0.0200%	High grade
Class 1	C1	0.0250%	High grade
Class 1	C2	0.0350%	High grade
Class 1	C3	0.0500%	High grade
Class 2	D1	0.0700%	Standard grade
Class 2	D2	0.0900%	Standard grade
Class 2	D3	0.1200%	Standard grade
Class 3	E1	0.1500%	Sub-standard grade
Class 3	E2	0.2000%	Sub-standard grade
Class 3	E3	0.2500%	Sub-standard grade

Exposure at default

The exposure at default (EAD) represents the gross carrying amount of the financial instruments subject to the impairment calculation, addressing both the client's ability to increase its exposure while approaching default and potential early repayments too. To calculate the EAD for a Stage 1 loan, the Bank assesses the possible default events within 12 months for the calculation of the 12mECL. For Stage 2, Stage 3 and POCI financial assets, the exposure at default is considered for events over the lifetime of the instruments.

Loss given default

The credit risk assessment is based on a standardised LGD assessment framework that results in a certain LGD rate. These LGD rates take into account the expected EAD in comparison to the amount expected to be recovered or realised from any collateral held.

Significant increase in credit risk

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

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22. Risk management (continued)

Credit risk (continued)

The Bank also applies a secondary qualitative method for triggering a significant increase in credit risk for an asset, such as moving a customer/facility to the watch list, or the account becoming restructured due to credit event. Regardless of the change in credit grades, if contractual payments are more than 30 days past due, the credit risk is deemed to have increased significantly since initial recognition. Downgrade in credit rating is a SICR criterion.

When estimating ECLs on a collective basis for a group of similar assets, the Bank applies the same principles for assessing whether there has been a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition.

Grouping financial assets measured on a collective basis

Dependent on the factors below, the Bank calculates ECLs either on a collective or on an individual basis.

Asset classes where the Bank calculates ECL on an individual basis include:

- ▶ All Stage 3 assets, regardless of the class of financial assets except consumer portfolio;
- ▶ Stage 2 and Stage 3 corporate and commercial portfolio;
- ▶ Exposures that have been classified as POCI when the original loan was derecognised and a new loan was recognised as a result of a credit driven debt restructuring.

Asset classes where the Bank calculates ECL on a collective basis include:

- ▶ The smaller and more generic balances of the Bank's commercial portfolio;
- ▶ Stage 1 and 2 consumer lending.

The Bank groups these exposures into smaller homogeneous portfolios, based on a combination of internal and external characteristics of the loans, for example internal grade, overdue bucket, product type, or borrower's industry.

Forward-looking information and multiple economic scenarios

In its ECL models, the Bank relies on a range of forward looking information as economic inputs, such as:

- ▶ GDP growth;
- ▶ Inflation.

The inputs and models used for calculating ECLs may not always capture all characteristics of the market at the date of the financial statements. To reflect this, qualitative adjustments or overlays are occasionally made as temporary adjustments when such differences are significantly material.

The Bank obtains the forward-looking information from the sources published by the NBG, GeoStat, IMF, World and Regional Economic Outlooks, S&P Global Ratings and other. Experts of the Bank's Credit Risk Department determine the weights attributable to the multiple scenarios. The tables show the values of the key forward looking economic variables/assumptions used in each of the economic scenarios for the ECL calculations. The figures for "Subsequent years" represent a long-term average and so are the same for each scenario as at 31 December 2023:

Key drivers	ECL scenario	Assigned probabilities, %	Subsequent years to 2023			Subsequent years to 2022		
			2024	2025	2026	2023	2024	2025
GDP growth, %								
	Upside	25%	6.5%	5.5%	5.0%	6.0%	5.0%	5.0%
	Base case	50%	5.0%	4.5%	5.0%	4.0%	5.5%	5.0%
	Downside	25%	3.0%	4.0%	5.0%	2.0%	4.0%	5.0%
Inflation level								
	Upside	25%	3.25%	3.0%	3.0%	5.0%	3.0%	3.0%
	Base case	50%	3.6%	3.1%	3.0%	5.3%	3.1%	3.0%
	Downside	25%	5.0%	4.0%	3.0%	9.0%	6.0%	3.0%

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22. Risk management (continued)

Credit risk (continued)

Credit quality per class of financial asset

The credit quality of financial assets is managed by the Bank internal credit ratings, as described above. The table below shows the credit quality by class of financial assets as at 31 December 2023, based on the Bank's credit rating system:

	Note		High grade	Standard grade	Sub- standard grade	Impaired	Total
Cash and cash equivalents, except for cash on hand	5	Stage 1	22,703	39,141	24	–	61,868
Amounts due from credit institutions	6	Stage 1	–	36,791	–	–	36,791
Loans to customers	7		40,575	272,186	9,440	30,108	352,309
Corporate		Stage 1	–	135,184	314	–	135,498
		Stage 2	–	4,943	–	–	4,943
		Stage 3	–	–	–	6,364	6,364
Commercial		Stage 1	–	100,522	3,527	–	104,049
		Stage 2	–	9,541	1,974	–	11,515
		Stage 3	–	–	–	18,445	18,445
		POCI	–	–	–	965	965
Consumer		Stage 1	39,982	19,389	2,538	–	61,909
		Stage 2	593	2,607	1,087	–	4,287
		Stage 3	–	–	–	4,334	4,334
Debt investment securities at amortized cost	8	Stage 1	–	65,648	–	–	65,648
Unused credit lines	19	Stage 1	55,961	39,673	771	–	96,405
		Stage 2	86	967	77	–	1,130
		Stage 3	–	–	–	10	10
Performance guarantees		Stage 1	16,230	37,533	33,158	–	86,921
Total			135,555	491,939	43,470	30,118	701,082

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22. Risk management (continued)**Credit risk (continued)**

The table below shows the credit quality by class of financial assets at 31 December 2022:

	Note		High grade	Standard grade	Sub-standard grade	Impaired	Total
Cash and cash equivalents, except for cash on hand	5	Stage 1	24,811	33,190	218	–	58,219
Amounts due from credit institutions	6	Stage 1	3,472	43,455	–	–	46,927
Loans to customers	7		32,732	289,797	12,387	32,793	367,709
Corporate		Stage 1	–	–	–	–	–
		Stage 2	–	183,587	218	–	183,805
		Stage 3	–	6,736	–	–	6,736
			–	–	–	162	162
Commercial		Stage 1	–	–	–	–	–
		Stage 2	–	68,489	3,463	–	71,952
		Stage 3	–	13,792	6,718	–	20,510
			–	–	–	29,921	29,921
Consumer		Stage 1	–	–	–	–	–
		Stage 2	32,375	16,649	1,738	–	50,762
		Stage 3	357	544	250	–	1,151
			–	–	–	2,710	2,710
Debt investment securities at amortized cost	8	Stage 1	–	44,199	–	–	44,199
Unused credit lines	19	Stage 1	34,636	25,171	995	–	60,802
		Stage 2	–	–	–	1,352	1,352
		Stage 3	–	–	260	–	260
Performance guarantees		Stage 1	16,230	32,584	12,021	–	60,835
		Stage 2	–	–	284	–	284
Total			111,881	468,396	26,165	34,145	640,587

The geographical concentration of Bank's financial assets and liabilities is set out below:

	2023				2022			
	Georgia	OECD	Other Non-OECD	Total	Georgia	OECD	Other Non-OECD	Total
Assets								
Cash and cash equivalents	30,637	15,076	19,072	64,785	35,597	24,811	2,134	62,542
Amounts due from credit institutions	36,790	–	–	36,790	43,455	3,472	–	46,927
Loans to customers	312,557	–	23,549	336,106	338,501	–	12,384	350,885
Investment securities	65,230	–	–	65,230	43,861	–	–	43,861
Other assets	1,886	14	9	1,909	1,145	8	9	1,162
	447,100	15,090	42,630	504,820	462,559	28,291	14,527	505,377
Liabilities								
Amounts due to credit institutions	12,509	1	77,629	90,139	31,875	1	74,811	106,687
Amounts due to customers	186,261	3,960	98,634	288,855	168,995	1,231	101,805	272,031
Lease liabilities	3,135	–	–	3,135	3,772	–	–	3,772
Other liabilities	4,520	7	56	4,583	2,403	7	78	2,488
Subordinated debt	–	–	27,716	27,716	–	–	26,559	26,559
	206,425	3,968	204,035	414,428	207,045	1,239	203,253	411,537
Net assets / (liabilities)	240,675	11,122	(161,405)	90,392	255,514	27,052	(188,726)	93,840

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22. Risk management (continued)

Liquidity risk and funding management

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Bank will be unable to meet its payment obligations when they fall due under normal and stress circumstances. Funds attracted from the Parent provide sufficient sources for the Bank's operations in the foreseeable future. The Bank manages assets with liquidity in mind, and monitors future cash flows and liquidity on a daily basis. This incorporates an assessment of expected cash flows and the availability of high grade collateral which could be used to secure additional funding if required.

The Bank maintains a portfolio of corporate and Ministry of Finance bonds that can be pledged to the NBG in the event of an unforeseen interruption of cash flow. In addition, the Bank maintains a cash deposit (obligatory reserve) with the NBG, the amount of which depends on the level of customer funds attracted.

The liquidity position is assessed and managed by the Bank primarily on a standalone basis, based on the certain liquidity ratios established by the NBG.

The liquidity coverage ratio (LCR) is calculated as the ratio of high-quality liquid assets (HQLA) to net cash outflow. The Bank is required to maintain at all times the stock of liquid assets to enable it to cover its net cash outflows in the 30 calendar days stress scenario. The minimum LCR requirement set by the NBG is 100% for foreign currency and combined LCR and 75% for national currency LCR respectively. At 31 December the Bank reported the following LCR levels:

	<u>2023, %</u>	<u>2022, %</u>
GEL	133.4	234.6
Foreign currency	145.6	200.3
Combined	140.3	211.3

The net stable funding ratio (NSFR) requires the Bank to maintain a stable funding profile in relation to the composition of its assets and off balance sheet activities in order to reduce the likelihood, that disruptions to the Bank's regular sources of funding will significantly erode its liquidity position. The NSFR is calculated as the ratio of available amount of stable funding over the required amount of stable funding. The minimum NSFR requirement set by the NBG is 100%. At 31 December the Bank reported the following NSFR levels:

	<u>2023, %</u>	<u>2022, %</u>
NSFR	123.7	130.3

Analysis of financial liabilities by remaining contractual maturities

The tables below summarize the maturity profile of the Bank's financial liabilities at 31 December based on contractual undiscounted repayment obligations. Repayments which are subject to notice are treated as if notice were to be given immediately. However, the Bank expects that many customers will not request repayment on the earliest date the Bank could be required to pay and the table does not reflect the expected cash flows indicated by the Bank's deposit retention history.

<u>As at 31 December 2023</u>	<u>Less than 3 months</u>	<u>3 to 12 months</u>	<u>1 to 5 years</u>	<u>Over 5 years</u>	<u>Total</u>
Financial liabilities					
Amounts due to credit institutions	15,566	262	79,250	–	95,078
Amounts due to customers	144,748	66,128	94,179	–	305,055
Lease liabilities	492	1,476	1,376	–	3,344
Other financial liabilities	4,583	–	–	–	4,583
Subordinated debt	–	1,367	16,857	14,810	33,034
Total undiscounted financial liabilities	165,389	69,233	191,662	14,810	441,094

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22. Risk management (continued)

Liquidity risk and funding management (continued)

As at 31 December 2022	Less than 3 months	3 to 12 months	1 to 5 years	Over 5 years	Total
Financial liabilities					
Amounts due to credit institutions	30,076	4,959	72,550	5,513	113,098
Amounts due to customers	113,786	69,111	103,215	–	286,112
Lease liabilities	533	1,461	1,981	–	3,975
Other financial liabilities	2,488	–	–	–	2,488
Subordinated debt	–	1,370	29,763	–	31,133
Total undiscounted financial liabilities	146,883	76,901	207,509	5,513	436,806

The table below shows the contractual expiry by maturity of the Bank's financial commitments and contingencies. Each undrawn loan commitment, performance guarantee and letter of credit is included in the time band containing the earliest date it can be drawn down.

	Note	Less than 3 months	1 to 5 years	Over 5 years	Total
2023	19	184,466	–	–	184,466
2022	19	123,533	–	–	123,533

The Bank expects that not all of the contingent liabilities or commitments will be drawn before expiry of the commitments. The maturity analysis does not reflect the historical stability of current accounts. Their liquidation has historically taken place over a longer period than indicated in the table above. These balances are included in amounts due in less than three months in the tables above.

Market risk

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

Currency risk

Currency risk is the risk that the value of a financial instrument will fluctuate due to changes in foreign exchange rates. The Bank has set limits on positions by currency based on the NBG regulations. Positions are monitored on a daily basis.

The tables below indicate the currencies to which the Bank had significant exposure at 31 December on its monetary assets and liabilities. The analysis calculates the effect of a reasonably possible movement of the currency rate against the GEL, with all other variables held constant on the statement of profit or loss. The pre-tax effect on equity does not differ from the effect on the statement of profit or loss. A negative amount in the table reflects a potential net reduction in the statement of profit or loss or equity, while a positive amount reflects a net potential increase.

Currency	Change in currency rate 2023	Effect on profit before tax 2023	Change in currency rate 2022	Effect on profit before tax 2022
USD	15%/(15%)	164/(164)	15%/(15%)	442/(442)
EUR	15%/(15%)	29/(29)	15%/(15%)	239/(239)

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22. Risk management (continued)

Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk arises from the possibility that changes in interest rates will affect future cash flows or the fair values of financial instruments. The following table demonstrates the sensitivity to a reasonable possible change in interest rates, with all other variables held constant, of the Bank's statement of profit or loss.

The sensitivity of the statement of profit or loss is the effect of the assumed changes in interest rates on the net interest income for one year, based on the floating rate non-trading financial assets and financial liabilities held at 31 December.

Currency	Increase/(decrease) in basis points 2023	Sensitivity of net interest income 2023
GEL	100/(100)	1,413/(1,413)

Currency	Increase/(decrease) in basis points 2022	Sensitivity of net interest income 2022
GEL	100/(100)	1,323/(1,323)

Operational risk

Operational risk is the risk of loss arising from systems failure, human error, fraud or external events. When controls fail to perform, operational risks can cause damage to reputation, have legal or regulatory implications, or lead to financial loss. The Bank cannot expect to eliminate all operational risks, but a control framework and monitoring and responding to potential risks could be effective tools to manage the risks. Controls include effective segregation of duties, access, authorisation and reconciliation procedures, staff education and assessment processes, including the use of internal audit.

23. Fair value measurements

Fair value hierarchy

The Bank uses the following hierarchy for determining and disclosing the fair value of financial instruments by valuation technique:

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

The following table shows an analysis of financial instruments recorded at fair value by level of the fair value hierarchy:

At 31 December 2023	Fair value measurement using			Total
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	
Assets for which fair values are disclosed				
Loans to customers	–	–	338,097	338,097
Investment securities	–	5,526	59,475	65,001
Assets measured at fair value				
Other assets – derivative financial assets	–	651	–	651

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23. Fair value measurements (continued)**Fair value hierarchy (continued)**

At 31 December 2023	Fair value measurement using			Total
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	
Liabilities for which fair values are disclosed				
Amounts due to credit institutions	–	15,221	74,607	89,828
Amounts due to customers	–	110,616	178,789	289,405
Lease liabilities	–	–	3,135	3,135
Subordinated debt	–	–	27,716	27,716
Liabilities measured at fair value				
Other liabilities – derivative financial liabilities	–	786	–	786

At 31 December 2022	Fair value measurement using			Total
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	
Assets for which fair values are disclosed				
Loans to customers	–	–	347,315	347,315
Investment securities	–	6,746	37,315	44,061
Assets measured at fair value				
Other assets – derivative financial assets	–	390	–	390

At 31 December 2022	Fair value measurement using			Total
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	
Liabilities for which fair values are disclosed				
Amounts due to credit institutions	–	29,615	77,072	106,687
Amounts due to customers	–	111,409	160,772	272,181
Lease liabilities	–	–	3,772	3,772
Subordinated debt	–	–	26,559	26,559
Liabilities measured at fair value				
Other liabilities – derivative financial liabilities	–	935	–	935

Fair value of financial assets and liabilities not carried at fair value

Set out below is a comparison by class of the carrying amounts and fair values of the Bank's financial instruments that are not carried at fair value in the statement of financial position. The table does not include the fair values of non-financial assets and non-financial liabilities.

	Carrying value 2023	Fair value 2023	Unrecognised gain(loss) 2023	Carrying value 2022	Fair value 2022	Unrecognised gain(loss) 2022
Financial assets						
Loans to customers	336,106	338,097	1,991	350,885	347,315	(3,570)
Investment securities	65,230	65,001	(229)	43,861	44,061	200
Other financial assets	1,909	1,909	–	1,162	1,162	–
Financial liabilities						
Amounts due to credit institutions	90,139	89,828	311	106,687	106,687	–
Amounts due to customers	288,855	289,405	(550)	272,031	272,181	(150)
Other financial liabilities	4,583	4,583	–	2,488	2,488	–
Lease liabilities	3,135	3,135	–	3,772	3,772	–
Subordinated debt	27,716	27,716	–	26,559	26,559	–
Total unrecognised change in fair value			1,523			(3,520)

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23. Fair value measurements (continued)

Valuation techniques and assumptions

The following describes the methodologies and assumptions used to determine fair values for those financial instruments which are not already recorded at fair value in the financial statements.

Assets and liabilities for which fair value approximates carrying value

The carrying amounts of cash and cash equivalents and amounts due from credit institutions are considered to approximate their respective fair values due to their short-term maturities, liquid nature and as such continues repricing to market terms. Considering the nature and characteristics, the cash and cash equivalents are classified as Level 1 of the fair value hierarchy.

Derivatives

Derivatives valued using a valuation technique with market observable inputs are mainly forward foreign exchange contracts. The most frequently applied valuation techniques include forward pricing models, using present value calculations. The models incorporate various inputs including foreign exchange spot and forward rates.

Financial assets and financial liabilities carried at amortised cost

Fair value of the quoted notes and bonds is based on price quotations at the reporting date, as such they fall under Level 2 fair value hierarchy. The fair value of unquoted instruments, loans to customers, customer deposits, amounts due from credit institutions, amounts due to credit institutions, subordinated debt and other financial assets and liabilities, is estimated by discounting future cash flows using rates currently available for debt on similar terms, credit risk and remaining maturities.

24. Maturity analysis of assets and liabilities

The table below shows an analysis of assets and liabilities according to their contractual maturities. See Note 22 "Risk management" for the Bank's contractual undiscounted repayment obligations.

	2023			2022		
	Within one year	More than one year	Total	Within one year	More than one year	Total
Cash and cash equivalents	64,785	-	64,785	62,542	-	62,542
Amounts due from credit institutions	36,790	-	36,790	46,927	-	46,927
Loans to customers	128,120	207,986	336,106	146,055	204,830	350,885
Investment securities	11,118	54,112	65,230	14,525	29,336	43,861
Repossessed collateral	-	15,710	15,710	-	604	604
Property and equipment	-	1,922	1,922	-	2,420	2,420
Right-of-use assets	-	3,047	3,047	-	3,766	3,766
Intangible assets	-	4,895	4,895	-	5,255	5,255
Other assets	3,887	-	3,887	2,250	-	2,250
Total	244,700	287,672	532,372	272,299	246,211	518,510
Amounts due to credit institutions	15,430	74,709	90,139	34,174	72,513	106,687
Amounts due to customers	201,438	87,417	288,855	177,398	94,633	272,031
Provisions	914	-	914	356	-	356
Lease liabilities	18	3,117	3,135	320	3,452	3,772
Other liabilities	8,698	600	9,298	5,696	594	6,290
Subordinated debt	45	27,671	27,716	45	26,514	26,559
Total	226,543	193,514	420,057	217,989	197,706	415,695
Net	18,157	94,158	112,315	54,310	48,505	102,815

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25. Related party disclosures

In accordance with IAS 24 *Related Party Disclosures*, 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 or operational decisions. In considering each possible related party relationship, attention is directed to the substance of the relationship, not merely the legal form.

Related parties may enter into transactions which unrelated parties might not, and transactions between related parties may not be effected on the same terms, conditions and amounts as transactions between unrelated parties.

The outstanding balances of related party transactions are as follows:

	2023			2022				
	<i>Key management</i>	<i>Entities under common control</i>	<i>Other</i>	<i>Key management</i>	<i>Entities under common control</i>	<i>Other</i>		
	<i>The Parent personnel</i>	<i>control</i>		<i>The Parent personnel</i>	<i>control</i>			
Cash and cash equivalents	755	-	1,255	-	227	-	1,694	-
Amounts due from credit institutions	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,472	-
Loans to customers	-	3	-	-	252	-	-	3
Other assets	-	-	2	-	-	-	1	-
Amounts due to credit institutions	(8,168)	-	(14,394)	-	(7,547)	-	(13,982)	-
Amounts due to customers	-	(1,736)	(72,371)	-	-	(4,727)	(88,425)	-
Other liabilities	-	-	(3)	-	-	-	(17)	-
Subordinated debt	(14,395)	-	(13,321)	-	(13,280)	-	(13,279)	-

The Bank's liabilities towards related parties amount to 29% of its total liabilities as at 31 December 2023 (2022: 34%), which represents a significant concentration.

The income and expense arising from related party transactions are as follows:

	2023			2022				
	<i>Key management</i>	<i>Entities under common control</i>	<i>Other</i>	<i>Key management</i>	<i>Entities under common control</i>	<i>Other</i>		
	<i>The Parent personnel</i>	<i>control</i>		<i>The Parent personnel</i>	<i>control</i>			
Fee and commission income	15	-	30	-	5	-	11	-
Fee and commission expense	(3)	-	-	-	(2)	-	(1)	-
Interest income on loans to customers	-	1	-	-	-	14	-	-
Interest income on amounts due from credit institutions	-	-	16	-	(2)	-	43	-
Interest expense on amounts due to credit institutions	(51)	-	(572)	-	(35)	-	(567)	-
Interest expense on amounts due to customers	-	(50)	(2,929)	-	-	(259)	(3,186)	-
Interest expense on subordinated debt	(666)	-	(666)	-	(739)	-	(739)	-
Modification loss	(955)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Professional fees	-	-	-	-	-	-	(56)	(8)
Charity costs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(27)

The Bank's interest expense on liabilities towards related parties is 26% of its total interest expense (2022: 33%).

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25. Related party disclosures (continued)

Compensation of key management personnel was comprised of the following:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Salaries and other short-term benefits	2,655	2,506

Key management personnel as at 31 December 2023 comprised of 5 members of the Supervisory Board and 4 members of the Board of Directors of the Bank (2022: 5 members of the Supervisory Board and 3 members of the Board of Directors).

26. Capital adequacy

The Bank maintains an actively managed capital base to cover risks inherent in the business. The adequacy of the Bank's capital is monitored using, among other measures, the ratios established by the NBG in supervising the Bank.

The primary objectives of the Bank's capital management are (i) to ensure that the Bank complies with externally imposed capital requirements set by the NBG and (ii) to safeguard the Bank's ability to continue as a going concern. Compliance with capital adequacy ratios set by the NBG is monitored monthly with reports outlining their calculation reviewed and signed by the Bank's Chief Accountant or Chief Financial Officer and subsequently submitted to the NBG.

During year ended 31 December 2023 the Bank followed externally imposed capital requirements.

The Bank manages its capital structure and makes adjustments to it in the light of changes in economic conditions and the risk characteristics of its activities.

NBG capital adequacy ratio

Under the capital framework, capital requirements are divided into Pillar 1 Requirements for Common Equity Tier 1, Tier 1 and Regulatory Capital and additional buffers under Pillar 1 and Pillar 2.

Pillar 1

- ▶ The capital conservation buffer (which was incorporated in minimum capital requirements) is separated and set at 2.5%;
- ▶ A countercyclical capital buffer is currently set at 0%;
- ▶ A systemic risk buffer will be introduced for systematically important banks over the 4 years period.

Pillar 2

- ▶ A currency induced credit risk (CICR) buffer replaced conservative weighting for un-hedged FX loans denominated in foreign currencies;
- ▶ Concentration buffer for sectoral and single borrower exposure will be introduced;
- ▶ A net stress buffer will be introduced based on stress testing results provided by the Bank;
- ▶ A General Risk-assessment Programme (GRAPE) buffer defined by the regulator, based on the Bank's specific risks.

(Amounts in tables are in thousands of Georgian lari)

26. Capital adequacy (continued)

As at 31 December 2023 the NBG requires the Bank to maintain a minimum total capital adequacy ratio of 19.82%, Tier 1 Capital ratio of 15.91% and Core Tier 1 Capital ratio of 12.96% of risk-weighted assets, computed based on Basel III requirements. As at 31 December 2023 and 2022 the Bank's capital adequacy ratio on this basis was as follows:

	<i>Notes</i>	31 December 2022 Per the NBG*	31 December 2023 Per the NBG
Share capital	18	129,000	136,800
Retained earnings		(33,136)	(27,340)
Less: intangible assets, net	12	(5,255)	(4,895)
Current period income/(loss)		(2,131)	1,700
Core tier 1 capital		88,478	106,265
Tier 1 capital		88,478	106,265
Tier 2 capital		10,817	16,135
Supplementary capital		6,223	-
Total regulatory capital		105,518	122,400
Risk weighted assets		556,153	586,989
Capital adequacy ratio		18.97%	20.85%
Core Tier 1 capital / Tier 1 capital adequacy ratio		15.91%	18.10%

* December 2022 figures are not comparable as transition to IFRS was applied to 2023 figures only.

The National Bank of Georgia developed the concept and changes for the transition to IFRS. The Regulation on Identifying Risk Categories of Financial Instruments and Expected Credit Losses was approved, and changes were made to the relevant decrees, to come into force on January 1, 2023. The capital adequacy framework has been amended for this purpose. A credit risk adjustment (CRA) buffer and an updated procedure for its calculation were added to the Regulation on Determining Capital Buffers for Commercial Banks within Pillar 2. The purpose of establishing a credit risk adjustment buffer is to reduce the credit risk caused by insufficient expected credit losses set up for assets, and to determine an adequate capital buffer.

27. Events after the reporting period

In January 2024, the Supervisory Board of the Bank decided to discontinue mass retail lending. Respective changes will be implemented in the organizational structure and 3 retail-related branches will be closed. The Bank management is aiming to sell the retail loan portfolio until the end of 2024. However, the Bank will still attract funds from retail segment and will continue supporting retail customers. The Bank considers this to be a non-adjusting post-balance sheet event.