

Consolidated Financial Statements

# **The Bank of Nevis Limited**

**June 30, 2017**

(expressed in Eastern Caribbean dollars)

# The Bank of Nevis Limited

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## Independent Auditors' Report

To the Shareholders of The Bank of Nevis Limited

### Opinion

We have audited the consolidated financial statements of the Bank of Nevis Limited and its subsidiaries (the "Bank"), which comprise the consolidated statement of financial position as at June 30, 2017, consolidated statement of income, consolidated statement of comprehensive income, consolidated statement of changes in equity and consolidated statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the consolidated financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Bank as at June 30, 2017, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs).

### Basis for opinion

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

### Key audit matters

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

Key audit matter	Summary of the key audit matter	Our audit response
Provision for impairment on loans and advances	<p>At June 30, 2017, the gross value of loans and advances was \$217,226,782 against which the Bank recognized a \$5,076,179 provision for impairment (refer to note 9 of the consolidated financial statements).</p> <p>The provision for impairment is considered a matter of key significance as it requires the application of judgment and use of subjective assumptions by management. The Bank assesses the provision for impairment both individually and collectively, in accordance with the accounting policy set out in note 3 to the consolidated financial statements.</p> <p>We have focused on the following critical judgments and estimates which could give rise to material misstatements or are potentially subject to management bias:</p>	<p>We tested the design and implementation of the key controls around the Bank's process to determine which loans and advances are impaired and determine the extent to which impairments should be recognised considering the potential for management override of controls. These key controls include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Manual and automated monitoring of loans with higher risk of default</li> <li>• Assessment and approval of material impairment provisions including valuation of collateral.</li> <li>• Governance over the impairment process, including assessment of suitability of models and assumptions.</li> <li>• Model validation and calculation accuracy.</li> </ul>

## Independent Auditors' Report (Continued)

To the Shareholders of The Bank of Nevis Limited

Key audit matter	Summary of the key audit matter	Our audit response
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Completeness and timing of recognition of loss events in accordance with the criteria set out in IAS 39.</li> <li>• For individually assessed provisions, the measurement of the provision is dependent on the valuation of collateral, the timing of cash flows and realisations.</li> <li>• For modelled (general) provisions, the measurement is dependent upon key assumptions relating to probability of default and recovery rates.</li> </ul>	<p>For modelled provisions, we tested on a sample basis the data used in the Bank's models, assessed the model methodology and also tested the calculations within the models. We assessed whether the modelling assumptions considered all relevant risks and were reasonable in light of historical experience, the economic climate, current operational processes and the circumstances of the customers. We also tested the accuracy and completeness of the source data used in the model calculations.</p> <p>For individually assessed provisions, we assessed the measurement of the provision by testing the valuation of collateral where applicable and also assessed the reasonableness of the timing of the cash flows estimated. For timing assumptions we considered to be more subjective, we performed a sensitivity analysis based on our internally developed ranges.</p> <p>We assessed the appropriateness and presentation of disclosures with relevant accounting standards.</p>

### Other information

Management and those charged with governance are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information presented in the Bank of Nevis Limited Annual Report (Annual Report) (but does not include the consolidated financial statements and summary non-consolidated financial statements and our auditors' reports thereon), which we obtained prior to the date of this auditors' report.

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

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

If based on the work we have performed, on the other information that we obtained prior to the date of this auditors' report, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

### Responsibilities of management and those charged with governance for the consolidated financial statements

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

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

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

## Independent Auditors' Report (Continued)

To the Shareholders of The Bank of Nevis Limited

### Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the consolidated financial statements

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

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

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

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

The engagement partner on the audit resulting in this independent auditors' report is Steve Clarke.



St Michael  
Barbados

October 31, 2017

**The Bank of Nevis Limited**  
**Consolidated Statement of Financial Position**  
**As of June 30, 2017**  
*(expressed in Eastern Caribbean dollars)*

	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash and balances due from banks and other financial institutions (note 7)	<b>100,610,719</b>	133,217,100
Investment securities (note 8)	<b>67,359,441</b>	76,062,973
Assets of subsidiary classified as held for sale (note 30)	<b>167,207,184</b>	161,900,998
Loans and advances (note 9)	<b>212,150,603</b>	203,804,139
Other assets (note 10)	<b>1,666,757</b>	592,922
Property, plant and equipment (note 11)	<b>27,388,845</b>	27,915,836
Intangible assets (note 12)	<b>326,887</b>	470,463
Deferred tax asset (note 15)	<b>1,465,222</b>	1,208,120
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>578,175,658</b>	605,172,551
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Customers' deposits (note 13)	<b>341,716,101</b>	384,753,219
Liabilities of subsidiary classified as held for sale (note 30)	<b>158,298,776</b>	155,839,626
Other liabilities and accrued expenses (note 14)	<b>5,994,739</b>	5,017,069
Income tax payable (note 15)	<b>1,738,535</b>	480,678
Deferred tax liability (note 15)	<b>1,031,228</b>	1,097,078
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>508,779,379</b>	547,187,670
<b>Shareholders' Equity</b>		
Share capital (note 16)	<b>13,817,584</b>	9,347,687
Statutory reserves (note 17)	<b>13,244,603</b>	10,934,354
Revaluation reserves (note 18)	<b>12,968,405</b>	13,013,771
Other reserves (note 19)	<b>4,371,559</b>	4,147,221
Amounts recognised directly in equity relating to assets of subsidiary classified as held for sale	<b>474,192</b>	(865,998)
Retained earnings	<b>24,519,936</b>	21,407,846
<b>Total shareholders' equity</b>	<b>69,396,279</b>	57,984,881
<b>Total liabilities and shareholders' equity</b>	<b>578,175,658</b>	605,172,551

Approved on behalf of the Board of Directors on October 27, 2017

  
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 Chairman

  
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 Chief Financial Officer

The attached notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

# The Bank of Nevis Limited

## Consolidated Statement of Income

As of June 30, 2017

(expressed in Eastern Caribbean dollars)

	2017 \$	2016 \$
<b>Continuing operations</b>		
Interest income (note 20)	17,502,156	17,169,787
Interest expense (note 21)	<u>(6,587,237)</u>	<u>(7,789,983)</u>
<b>Net interest income</b>	<b>10,914,919</b>	9,379,804
Other operating income (note 22)	<u>3,048,746</u>	2,775,826
<b>Operating income</b>	<b>13,963,665</b>	12,155,630
<b>Operating expenses</b>		
General and administrative expenses (note 28)	8,260,457	6,921,626
Recovery on allowance for loans and advances impairment (note 9)	<u>(542,762)</u>	(902,437)
Directors' fees and expenses	474,946	428,337
Audit fees	311,432	278,701
Depreciation (note 11)	795,436	793,567
Amortisation (note 12)	178,758	236,760
Correspondent bank charges	<u>450,209</u>	445,762
	<u>9,928,476</u>	8,202,316
<b>Operating profit for the year before taxation from continuing operations</b>	<b>4,035,189</b>	3,953,314
<b>Taxation (note 15)</b>		
Current tax (credit) /expense: - Current year	2,669,961	869,569
Prior year	<u>(772,665)</u>	946,667
Deferred tax credit	<u>(291,604)</u>	(15,691)
<b>Tax expense</b>	<b>1,605,692</b>	1,800,545
<b>Net profit for the year from continuing operations</b>	<b>2,429,497</b>	2,152,769
<b>Discontinued operations</b>		
Net profit for the year from discontinued operations (note 31)	<u>4,619,326</u>	1,532,967
<b>Net profit for the year</b>	<b>7,048,823</b>	3,685,736
<b>Earnings per share (note 24)</b>		
From continuing and discontinued operations	<u>0.70</u>	0.30
From continuing operations	<u>0.24</u>	0.17

The attached notes an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

# The Bank of Nevis Limited

## Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income

For the year ended June 30, 2017

(expressed in Eastern Caribbean dollars)

	2017 \$	2016 \$
<b>Net profit for the year</b>	<b>7,048,823</b>	3,685,736
<b>Other comprehensive income for the year:</b>		
<b>Items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:</b>		
Realised losses on investment securities, transferred to the consolidated statement of income	<b>(1,040,253)</b>	(122,090)
Movement in market value of available-for-sale investments	<b>2,335,077</b>	(514,223)
Impairment loss reclassified to net profit from discontinued operations	-	281,221
<b>Total other comprehensive income / (loss) for the year</b>	<b>1,294,824</b>	(355,092)
<b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b>	<b>8,343,647</b>	3,330,644

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**The Bank of Nevis Limited**  
 Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity  
 For the year ended June 30, 2017  
*(expressed in Eastern Caribbean dollars)*

	Share capital \$	Statutory reserves \$	Revaluation reserve \$	Other reserves \$	Retained earnings \$	Total \$
<b>Balance June 30, 2015</b>	9,347,687	10,934,354	12,502,865	3,721,643	18,147,688	54,654,237
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	-	(355,092)	-	3,685,736	3,330,644
Transfers to reserves (notes 17 and 19)	-	-	-	425,578	(425,578)	-
<b>Balance at June 30, 2016</b>	<b>9,347,687</b>	<b>10,934,354</b>	<b>12,147,773</b>	<b>4,147,221</b>	<b>21,407,846</b>	<b>57,984,881</b>
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	-	1,294,824	-	7,048,823	8,343,647
Transfers to reserves (notes 17 and 19)	-	2,310,249	-	224,338	(2,534,587)	-
Issuance of ordinary shares (note 16)	4,469,897	-	-	-	-	4,469,897
Dividends paid (note 16)	-	-	-	-	(1,402,146)	(1,402,146)
<b>Balance at June 30, 2017</b>	<b>13,817,584</b>	<b>13,244,603</b>	<b>13,442,597</b>	<b>4,371,559</b>	<b>24,519,936</b>	<b>69,396,279</b>

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**The Bank of Nevis Limited**  
**Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows**  
**For the year ended June 30, 2017**  
*(expressed in Eastern Caribbean dollars)*

	2017 \$	2016 \$
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>		
Operating profit for the year before taxation from continuing and discontinued operations	8,715,678	5,519,806
Items not affecting cash:		
Recovery for loan impairment	(839,802)	(804,135)
Depreciation	833,324	826,636
Amortisation	249,968	307,970
Realised gains from investment securities	(386,008)	(122,090)
Impairment losses on investment securities	-	281,221
Losses from movement in foreign currency exchange rates	68,145	227,323
Net gain on disposal of plant and equipment	-	(33,000)
Interest income	(20,943,737)	(19,932,933)
Interest expense	7,413,337	8,701,746
<b>Cash flows used in operating income before changes in operating assets and liabilities</b>	<b>(4,889,095)</b>	<b>(5,027,456)</b>
<b>Changes in operating assets and liabilities</b>		
Increase in deposits held for regulatory purposes	(5,202,756)	(7,781,622)
Increase in loans and advances	(11,236,755)	(12,108,585)
(Increase)/decrease in other assets	(2,493,925)	145,781
(Decrease)/increase in customers' deposits	(39,961,348)	24,781,655
Increase in other liabilities and accrued expenses	425,885	735,236
<b>Net cash (used in)/from operations</b>	<b>(63,357,994)</b>	<b>745,009</b>
Interest paid	(795,837)	(9,186,469)
Interest received	20,843,083	19,314,092
Income tax paid	(7,429,604)	(627,249)
<b>Net cash (used in)/from operating activities</b>	<b>(50,740,352)</b>	<b>10,245,383</b>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>		
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(300,571)	(542,754)
Sale of plant and equipment	-	33,000
Purchase of intangible assets	(35,182)	(713,379)
Purchase of investment securities	(106,536,621)	(48,732,710)
Disposals of investment securities	95,458,109	27,772,500
Decrease/(increase) in fixed deposits	2,149,855	(9,565,929)
Decrease/(increase) in other deposits	2,156,122	(2,978,552)
<b>Net cash used in investing activities</b>	<b>(7,108,288)</b>	<b>(34,727,824)</b>

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# The Bank of Nevis Limited

## Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows ... *Continued*

For the year ended June 30, 2017

(expressed in Eastern Caribbean dollars)

	2017	2016
	\$	\$
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>		
Issuance of shares	4,460,892	-
Dividends paid	<u>(1,402,145)</u>	-
<b>Net cash from financing activities</b>	<u>3,058,747</u>	-
<b>Decrease in cash and cash equivalents</b>	(54,789,893)	(24,482,441)
<b>Net foreign currency rate movements on amounts from banks</b>	(115,923)	(864,672)
<b>Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year</b>	<u>175,035,863</u>	200,382,976
<b>Cash and cash equivalents, end of year (note 27)</b>	<u>120,130,047</u>	175,035,863

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# The Bank of Nevis Limited

## Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

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*(expressed in Eastern Caribbean dollars)*

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### **1 Incorporation and principal activities**

The Bank of Nevis Limited ("BON") is a public company incorporated on August 29, 1985 under the laws of the Federation of St. Christopher and Nevis. BON is subject to the provisions of the Banking Act No. 1 of 2015 of St. Christopher and Nevis and its principal activity is the provision of financial services. Its registered office is Main Street, Charlestown, Nevis.

In July 1998, BON's offshore activities and operations were transferred into a newly formed subsidiary company, Bank of Nevis International Limited which is licensed to carry on the business of International Banking as contemplated by the Nevis International Banking Ordinance of 2014.

On July 29, 2004 the Bank of Nevis International Fund Limited was incorporated. The Fund is an open-ended public mutual fund approved to be registered under the Nevis International Mutual Fund Ordinance, 2004. It commenced operations on February 9, 2005. The Fund ceased operations on January 31, 2008.

On July 29, 2004, the Bank of Nevis International Fund Managers Limited was incorporated in Nevis in accordance with the Nevis Business Corporation Ordinance, 1984 as amended and is a licensed and regulated investment manager under the Nevis International Mutual Fund Ordinance, 2004. The company is the investment manager for its related Fund – Bank of Nevis International Fund Limited, and manages the investment activities of the Fund.

On February 3, 2005, the Bank of Nevis Mutual Fund Limited was incorporated. The Fund is an open-ended public investment fund approved to be registered under the Securities Act 2001 of St. Christopher and Nevis. The Fund has not yet commenced its mutual fund activities.

On April 25, 2005, the Bank of Nevis Fund Managers Limited was incorporated under the laws of the Federation of St. Christopher and Nevis, through the Companies Ordinance 1999 of St. Christopher and Nevis. The company will be engaged to provide investment management service to its related Fund, Bank of Nevis Mutual Fund Limited, when the Fund commences its mutual fund activities.

On April 15, 2013 Bank of Nevis International Trust Services Inc. ("BONITS") was incorporated in accordance with the Companies Ordinance, Nevis, 1999 and licensed by the Minister of Finance pursuant to the Nevis Limited Liability Company Ordinance to be a registered agent. The company is engaged in trust services, registered agent and corporate services activities and is an authorised person to act as an agent for citizenship by investment applications. BON's shares are listed on the Eastern Caribbean Securities Exchange (ECSE).

### **2 Adoption and amendments of published accounting standards and interpretations**

#### ***Standards, amendments and interpretations effective on or after July 01, 2016***

Several new and revised accounting standards came into effect during the current period. The adoption of these new and revised accounting standards did not have a material impact on these consolidated financial statements:

- IFRS 7 – Financial Instruments: Disclosures – Amendments: Annual improvements (effective January 01, 2016)
- IFRS 10 – Consolidated Financial Statements – Amendments: Application of the Consolidation Exception (effective January 01, 2016)
- IFRS 12 – Disclosure of Interests in Other Entities – Amendments: Application of Consolidation Exception (effective January 01, 2016)
- IAS 1 – Presentation of Financial Statements – Amendments resulting from the disclosure initiative (effective January 01, 2016)
- IAS 16- Property, Plant, and Equipment – Amendments: Clarification of Acceptable Methods of Depreciation and Amortisation (effective January 01, 2016)

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### 2 Adoption and amendments of published accounting standards and interpretations (continued)

#### **Standards, amendments and interpretations effective on or after July 01, 2016**

- IAS 27 – Separate Financial Statements – Amendments reinstating the equity method as an accounting option for investments in subsidiaries, joint ventures, and associates in an entity's separate financial statements (effective January 01, 2016)
- IAS 38 – Intangible Assets – Amendments: Clarification of Acceptable Methods of Depreciation and Amortisation (effective January 01, 2016)

#### **Standards and interpretations issued but not yet effective**

The following new and revised accounting standards which are relevant to the Bank have been issued, but are not yet effective. With the exception of IFRS 9, as highlighted below, these standards are not expected to have a material impact on the Bank's financial statements.

- IFRS 9 – Financial Instruments Classification and Measurement, Impairment, General Hedge Accounting, and Derecognition (effective January 01, 2018). The standard is expected to have a significant impact on the Bank's financial statements. The standard includes revised guidance for the classification and measurement of financial assets and financial liabilities, whereby all recognised financial instruments currently within the scope of IAS 39 will be subsequently measured at either amortised cost or fair value. Also, the impairment model under IFRS 9 reflects **expected** credit losses, as opposed to **incurred** credit losses currently applied under IAS 39. Under IFRS 9, it will no longer be necessary for a credit event to have occurred before credit losses are recognised, as the Bank will be required to account for expected credit losses and changes in those expected losses at each reporting date.
- IFRS 15 – Revenue from contracts with customers (effective January 01, 2018)
- IFRS 16 – Leases (effective January 01, 2019)

### 3 Significant accounting policies

#### **3.1 Statement of compliance**

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards

#### **3.2 Basis of preparation**

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis except for certain properties and financial instruments that are measured at revalued amounts or fair values. Historical cost is generally based on the fair value of the consideration given in exchange for assets.

The financial statements of the subsidiaries used to prepare the consolidated financial statements were prepared as of the parent company's reporting date. The consolidation principles are unchanged from the previous year.

#### *Subsidiaries*

The consolidated financial statements of the Bank of Nevis Limited comprise the financial statements of the parent entity and all subsidiaries (the "Bank") as of June 30, 2017.

Subsidiaries are companies in which the Bank directly or indirectly holds the majority of the voting rights and where it determines their financial and business policies and is able to exercise control over them in order to benefit from their activities. The existence and effect of potential voting rights that are currently exercisable or convertible are considered when assessing whether the Bank controls another entity. Subsidiaries are fully consolidated from the date on which control is transferred to the Bank. They are de-consolidated from the date on which control ceases.

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### 3 Significant accounting policies (continued)

#### 3.2 Basis of preparation (continued)

Inter-company transactions, balances and intragroup gains on transactions between group companies are eliminated. Intragroup losses are also eliminated unless the transaction provides evidence of impairment of the asset transferred.

The integration of the subsidiaries into the consolidated financial statements is based on consistent accounting and valuation methods for similar transactions and other occurrences under similar circumstances.

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below.

#### 3.3 Foreign currency translation

##### *Functional and presentation currency*

Items included in the consolidated financial statements are measured using the currency of the primary economic environment in which the Bank operates (the "functional currency"). The consolidated financial statements are presented in Eastern Caribbean dollars, which is the Bank's functional and presentation currency.

##### *Transactions and balances*

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into Eastern Caribbean dollars at the closing rates of exchange prevailing at the reporting date. Foreign currency transactions are translated at the rates prevailing on the transaction dates. Foreign exchange gains or losses arising from the settlement of such transactions and from the translation of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are recognised in the consolidated statement of income.

#### 3.4 Financial assets

The Bank classifies its financial assets into the following specified categories: 'loans and receivables' and 'available-for-sale'. Management determines the classification of its financial instruments at initial recognition.

##### *(a) Loans and receivables*

Loans and receivables are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market. Loans and receivables including cash and balances due from banks and other financial institutions, loans and advances, investment securities and other receivables are initially recognised at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any impairment.

Interest income on loans and receivables is recognised by applying the effective interest rate, and is included in the consolidated statement of income.

##### *(b) Available-for-sale financial assets*

Available-for-sale instruments are non-derivative financial assets that are intended to be held for an indefinite period of time, which may be sold in response to needs for liquidity or changes in interest rates, exchange rates or equity prices, or that are not classified as loans and receivables.

Available-for-sale financial assets are initially recognised at fair value, which is the cash consideration including any transaction costs, and measured subsequently at fair value. Changes in the carrying amount of available-for-sale financial assets relating to changes in foreign currency rates are recognised in profit or loss. Other changes in the carrying amount of available-for-sale financial assets are recognised in other comprehensive income and accumulated under the heading of 'revaluation reserves'. Where the financial asset is disposed of or determined to be impaired, the cumulative gain or loss previously accumulated in the revaluation reserve is reclassified to profit or loss.

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### 3 Significant accounting policies (continued)

#### 3.4 Financial assets (continued)

Available-for-sale financial assets that do not have a quoted market price, and whose fair value cannot be reliably measured, are measured at cost less any impairment losses at the end of each reporting period.

Dividends on available-for-sale financial assets are recorded in the consolidated statement of income when the Bank's right to receive the dividends is established. Interest income on available-for-sale financial assets is calculated using the effective interest method, and recognised in the consolidated statement of income.

##### 3.4.1 Impairment of financial assets

At the end of each reporting period, the Bank's financial assets are assessed for indicators of impairment. Financial assets are considered to be impaired when there is objective evidence that, as a result of one or more events that occurred after the initial recognition of the financial assets, the estimated future cash flows of the investment have been affected.

###### (a) Assets classified as available-for-sale

For available-for-sale equity investments, a significant or prolonged decline in the fair value of the security below its cost is considered to be objective evidence of impairment.

For all other financial assets, objective evidence of impairment could include:

1. significant financial difficulty of the issuer or counterparty; or
2. breach of contract, such as a default or delinquency in interest or principal payments; or
3. the Bank granting to the issuer or counterparty, for economic or legal reasons related to the issuer's/counterparty's financial difficulty, a concession that the Bank would not otherwise consider
4. it becoming probable that the borrower will enter bankruptcy or financial re-organisation;
5. the disappearance of an active market for that financial asset because of financial difficulties; or
6. Observable data indicating that there is a measurable decrease in the estimated future cash flows from a group of financial assets since the initial recognition of those assets, although the decrease cannot yet be identified with the individual financial assets in the group including:
  - i. Adverse changes in the payment status of borrowers in the group
  - ii. National or local economic conditions that correlate with defaults on the assets in the group

When an available-for-sale financial asset is considered to be impaired, cumulative gains or losses previously recognised in other comprehensive income are reclassified to profit or loss in the period.

In respect of available-for-sale equity securities, impairment losses previously recognised in profit or loss are not reversed through profit or loss. Any increase in fair value subsequent to an impairment loss is recognised in other comprehensive income and accumulated under the heading of "revaluation reserves".

In respect of available-for-sale debt securities, impairment losses are subsequently reversed through profit or loss if an increase in the fair value of the investment can be objectively related to an event occurring after the recognition of the impairment loss.

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### 3 Significant accounting policies (continued)

#### 3.4 Financial assets (continued)

##### 3.4.1 Impairment of financial assets (*continued*)

###### *(b) Assets carried at amortised cost*

Loans and receivables are assessed on both individual and collective bases. Objective evidence of impairment of a portfolio of loans and receivable could include the Bank's past experience of payment within the portfolio, as well as observable changes in national or local economic conditions that correlate with defaults on loans and receivables.

If there is objective evidence that an impairment loss on an asset carried at amortised cost exists, the amount of the loss is measured as the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flows (excluding future credit losses that have not been incurred) discounted at the financial asset's original effective interest rate. The carrying amount of the asset is reduced through the use of a 'provision for loan loss' account and the amount of the loss is recognised in the consolidated statement of income. If an asset carried at amortised cost has a variable interest rate, the discount rate for measuring any impairment loss is the current effective interest rate determined under the contract. As a practical expedient, the Bank may measure impairment on the basis of an instrument's fair value using an observable market price. Statutory and other regulatory loan loss reserve requirements that exceed these amounts are recognised in other reserves as an appropriation of retained earnings.

The calculation of the present value of the estimated future cash flows of a collateralised financial asset reflects the cash flows that may result from foreclosure less costs for obtaining and selling the collateral, whether or not foreclosure is probable.

If, in a subsequent period, the amount of the impairment loss decreases and the decrease can be related objectively to an event occurring after the impairment was recognised (such as an improvement in the debtor's credit rating), the previously recognised impairment loss is reversed by adjusting the allowance account. The amount of the reversal is recognised in the consolidated statement of income.

When a loan is uncollectible, it is written off against the related provision for loan losses. Such loans are written off after all of the available options have been exhausted, the necessary procedures have been completed and the amount of the loss has been determined. If in a subsequent period, amounts previously written off are recovered, the amounts collected are recognised in profit or loss through the 'bad debts recovered' account.

###### *(c) Renegotiated Loans*

Loans that are either subject to collective impairment assessment or individually significant and whose terms have been renegotiated are no longer considered to be past due, but are treated as new loans. In subsequent years, the asset is considered to be past due and disclosed only if renegotiated again.

##### 3.4.2 Derecognition of financial assets

The Bank derecognises a financial asset only when the contractual rights to receive the cash flows from the assets expire, or when it transfers the financial asset and substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of the asset to another entity. If the Bank neither transfers nor retains substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership and continues to control the transferred asset, the Bank recognises its retained interest in the asset and an associated liability for amounts it may have to pay. If the Bank retains substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership of a transferred financial asset, the Bank continues to recognise the financial asset and also recognises a collateralised borrowing for the proceeds received.



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### **3 Significant accounting policies (continued)**

#### **3.4 Financial assets (continued)**

##### **3.4.2 Derecognition of financial assets**

On derecognition of a financial asset in its entirety, the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the sum of the consideration received and receivable and the cumulative gain or loss that had been recognised in other comprehensive income and accumulated in equity is recognised in profit or loss.

On derecognition of a financial asset other than in its entirety (e.g. when the Bank retains an option to repurchase part of a transferred asset or retains a residual interest that does not result in the retention of substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership and the Bank retains control), the Bank allocates the previous carrying amount of the financial asset between the part it continues to recognise under the continuing involvement, and the part it no longer recognises on the basis of the relative fair values of those parts on the date of the transfer. The difference between the carrying amount allocated to the part that is no longer recognised and the sum of the consideration received for the part no longer recognised and any cumulative gain or loss allocated to it that had been recognised in other comprehensive income is recognised in profit or loss. A cumulative gain or loss that had been recognised in other comprehensive income is allocated between the part that continues to be recognised and the part that is no longer recognised on the basis of the relative fair values of those parts.

##### **3.5 Financial liabilities and equity instruments**

Debt and equity instruments issued by the Bank are classified as either financial liabilities or as equity in accordance with the substance of the contractual agreements and the definitions of financial liability and on equity instrument.

###### **3.5.1 Equity instruments**

An equity instrument is any contract that evidence a residual interest in the assets of an entity after deducting all of its liabilities. Equity instruments issued by the Bank are recognised at the proceeds received, net of direct issue costs.

###### **3.5.1.1 Ordinary shares**

Ordinary shares are classified in the financial statements as equity.

###### **3.5.1.2 Dividends on ordinary shares**

Dividends on ordinary shares are recognised in equity in the period in which they are approved by the Bank's shareholders. Dividends for the year which are approved after the date of the consolidated statement of financial position are disclosed in the notes to the financial statements.

###### **3.5.2 Other financial liabilities**

Financial liabilities are classified as 'other financial liabilities', and are initially recognised at cost. Other financial liabilities (including customers' deposits and amounts due from subsidiaries) are subsequently recognised at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

###### **3.5.3 Derecognition of financial liabilities**

The Bank derecognises financial liabilities when, and only when, the Bank's obligations are discharged or cancelled, or they expire. The difference between the carrying amount of the financial liability derecognised and the consideration paid and payable is recognised in profit or loss.

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### **3 Significant accounting policies (continued)**

#### **3.6 Interest income and expense**

Interest income and expenses are recognised in the consolidated statement of income for all interest bearing financial assets and liabilities using the effective interest method.

The effective interest method is a method of calculating the amortised cost of a financial asset or a financial liability and of allocating the interest income or interest expense over the relevant period. The effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash payments or receipts through the expected life of the financial instrument or, when appropriate, a shorter period to the net carrying amount of the financial asset or liability on initial recognition. The calculation includes all fees paid or received between parties to the contract that are an integral part of the effective interest rate, transaction costs and all other premiums or discounts.

Once a financial asset or a group of similar financial assets has been written down as a result of an impairment loss, interest income is recognised using the rate of interest to discount the future cash flows for the purpose of measuring the impairment loss.

#### **3.7 Fees and commissions**

Fees and commissions are generally recognised on an accrual basis when the service has been provided. Loan commitment fees for loans which are likely to be drawn down, are deferred (together with related direct costs) and recognised as an adjustment to the effective yield on the loan.

Commission and fees arising from negotiating or participating in the negotiation of a transaction for a third party, such as the acquisition of shares or other securities are recognised on completion of the underlying transaction.

#### **3.8 Dividend income**

Dividend income from investment securities is recognised in the consolidated statement of income when the Bank's right to receive the payment has been established (provided that it is probable that the economic benefits will flow to the Bank and the amount of income can be measured reliably).

#### **3.9 Property, plant and equipment and depreciation**

Land and buildings held for use in the production or supply of services, or administrative purposes are stated in the consolidated statement of financial position at their revalued amounts, being the fair value at the date of revaluation less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses. Revaluations are performed with sufficient regularity such that the carrying amounts do not differ materially from those that would be determined using fair values at the end of each reporting period.

Any revaluation increase arising on the revaluation of such land and buildings is recognised in other comprehensive income and accumulated in equity, except to the extent that it reverses a revaluation decrease for the same asset previously recognised in profit or loss, in which case the increase is credited to profit or loss to the extent of the decrease previously expensed. A decrease in the carrying amount arising on the revaluation of such land and buildings is recognised in profit or loss to the extent that it exceeds the balance, if any, held in the properties revaluation reserve relating to a previous revaluation of that asset.

Depreciation on revalued buildings is recognised in profit or loss. On the subsequent sale or retirement of a revalued property, the attributable revaluation surplus remaining in the properties revaluation reserve is transferred directly to retained earnings.

Properties in the course of construction for production, supply or administrative purposes are carried at cost, less any recognised impairment loss. Cost includes professional fees, and for qualifying assets, borrowing costs capitalised in accordance with the Bank's accounting policy. Such properties are classified to the appropriate categories of property, plant and equipment when completed and ready for intended use. Depreciation of these assets, on the same basis as other property assets, commences when the assets are ready for their intended use.

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### 3 Significant accounting policies (continued)

#### 3.9 Property, plant and equipment and depreciation (continued)

Furniture, fixtures, vehicles and equipment are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses.

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

Buildings	2.5%
Furniture and fixtures	15%
Equipment	15%
Computer equipment	20%
Land improvement	10%

Land is not depreciated.

All repairs and maintenance to property, plant and equipment are charged to operating expenses during the financial period in which they are incurred.

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

#### 3.10 Intangible assets – computer software

Acquired computer software is carried at cost less accumulated amortisation and accumulated impairment losses. Amortisation is recognised on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of the computer software, which is three to five years, using the straight line method. The estimated useful lives and method of amortisation are reviewed at the end of each reporting period, with the effect of any changes in estimate being accounted for on a prospective basis.

Costs associated with maintaining computer software programs are charged to operating expenses during the financial period in which they are incurred.

#### 3.11 Impairment of property, plant, equipment and intangible assets

Property, plant, equipment and intangible assets are periodically reviewed for impairment. An impairment loss is recognised for the amount by which the carrying amount of the asset is greater than its estimated recoverable amount. The recoverable amount of an asset is the higher of fair value less costs to sell, and value in use.

#### 3.12 Provisions

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

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

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### 3 Significant accounting policies (continued)

#### 3.12 Provisions (continued)

When some or all of the economic benefits required to settle a provision are expected to be recovered from a third party, a receivable is recognised as an asset if it is virtually certain that reimbursement will be received and the amount of the receivable can be measured reliably.

#### 3.13 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise balances with less than three months' maturity from the date of acquisition. These include cash, unrestricted balances with banks and other financial institutions, treasury bills, and other short term high yield liquid investment securities.

#### 3.14 Pension costs

The Bank maintains a defined contribution pension plan for its eligible employees.

The Bank's contributions to the defined contribution pension plan are charged to the consolidated statement of income in the period to which the contributions relate.

#### 3.15 Taxation

##### a) *Current income tax*

Income tax receivable/payable is calculated on taxable profit for the year, based on the enacted tax rates within the Federation of St. Christopher and Nevis. Taxable profit differs from net profit as reported in the consolidated statement of income because of items of income or expense that are taxable or deductible in other years and items that are not taxable or deductible.

##### b) *Deferred income tax*

Deferred income tax is recognised on temporary differences arising between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts in the financial statements. Deferred income tax is determined using the enacted tax rates by the date of the consolidated statement of financial position and are expected to apply when the related deferred income tax asset is realised or the deferred income tax liability is settled.

The principal temporary differences arise from the depreciation of plant and equipment and the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities.

Income tax payable on profits, based on the applicable tax law is recognised as an expense in the period in which profits arise. Deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profits will be available against which the temporary differences can be utilised.

#### 3.16 Non-current assets held for sale

Assets and liabilities of disposal groups are classified as held for sale if their carrying amount will be recovered principally through a sale transaction rather than through continuing use. This condition is regarded as met only when the asset (or disposal group) is available for immediate sale in its present condition subject only to terms that are usual and customary for sales of such asset (or disposal group) and its sale is highly probable. Management must be committed to the sale, which should be expected to qualify for recognition as a completed sale within one year from the date of classification. Non-current assets of the subsidiary, Bank of Nevis International Limited currently classified as held for sale has extended beyond the one year time-frame from initial classification. Management has determined that the classification remains relevant because the disposal of majority interest in the subsidiary could not have occurred until approval by the Regulator of the subsidiary to transfer the majority shares to the investor was granted. Approval was granted on July 28, 2017 and it is expected that the sale of majority interest in the subsidiary will be completed before December 31, 2017.

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### **3 Significant accounting policies (continued)**

#### **3.16 Non-current assets held for sale (continued)**

When the Bank is committed to a sale plan involving loss of control of a subsidiary, all of the assets and liabilities of that subsidiary are classified as held for sale when the criteria described above are met, regardless of whether the Bank will retain a non-controlling interest in its former subsidiary after the sale.

When the Bank is committed to a sale plan involving disposal of an investment, or a portion of an investment, in an associate or joint venture, the investment or the portion of the investment that will be disposed of is classified as held for sale when the criteria described above are met, and the Bank discontinues the use of the equity method in relation to the portion that is classified as held for sale. Any retained portion of an investment in an associate or a joint venture that has not been classified as held for sale continues to be accounted for using the equity method. The Bank discontinues the use of the equity method at the time of disposal when the disposal results in the Bank losing significant influence over the associate or joint venture.

### **4 Financial risk management**

The Bank's business involves taking on risks in a targeted manner and managing them professionally. The core functions of the Bank's risk management are to identify all key risks for the Bank, measure these risks, manage the risk positions and determine capital allocations. The Bank regularly reviews its risk management policies and systems to reflect changes in markets, products and best market practice.

The Bank's aim is to achieve an appropriate balance between risk and return and minimise potential adverse effects on the Bank's financial performance.

The Bank defines risk as the possibility of losses of profits foregone, which may be caused by internal or external factors.

Risk management is carried out by the Accounting and Investment and Risk and Compliance departments under policies approved by the Board of Directors. A risk management committee is also established to oversee the risk management process of the group. The Accounting and Investment department identifies, evaluates and hedges financial risks in close co-operation with the Bank's operating units. The Board and risk management committee provides written principles for overall risk management, as well as written policies covering specific areas, such as foreign exchange risk, interest rate risk, credit risk, use of non-derivative financial instruments. In addition, internal audit is responsible for the independent review of risk management and the control environment.

The risks arising from financial instruments to which the Bank is exposed are financial risks, which include credit risk, liquidity risk, market risks (which are discussed below) and operational risk.

#### **4.1 Credit risk**

Credit risk is the risk of suffering financial loss, should any of the Bank's customers, clients or market counterparties fail to fulfil their contractual obligations to the Bank. Credit risk arises mainly from commercial and consumer loans and advances, credit cards, and loan commitments arising from such lending activities, but can also arise from credit enhancement provided, financial guarantees, letters of credit, endorsements and acceptances.

The Bank is also exposed to other credit risks arising from investments in debt securities and other exposures arising from its trading activities ('trading exposures'), including non-equity trading portfolio assets, and settlement balances with market counterparties.

Credit risk is the single largest risk for the Bank's business; management therefore carefully manages its exposure to credit risk. The credit risk management and control are conducted by management of the Credit and Accounting and Investments departments and Internal

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#### 4 Financial risk management (continued)

##### 4.1 Credit risk (continued)

Management Investment Committee which reports to the investment and credit committees and Board of Directors regularly.

##### 4.1.1 Credit risk management

###### (a) *Loans and advances*

The estimation of credit exposure is complex and requires the use of models, as the value of a product varies with changes in market variables, expected cash flows and the passage of time. The assessment of credit risk of a portfolio of assets entails further estimations as to the likelihood of defaults occurring, of the associated loss ratios and of default correlations between counterparties.

The Bank assesses the probability of default of individual counterparties using internal rating tools tailored to the various categories of the counterparty. They have been developed based on the Eastern Caribbean Central Bank's guidelines. Customers of the Bank are segmented into five rating classes. The Bank's rating scale, which is shown below, reflects the range of default probabilities defined for each rating class. This means that, in principle, exposures migrate between classes as the assessment of their probability of default changes. The ratings tools are kept under review and upgraded as necessary.

Bank's rating	Description of the grade
1	Pass
2	Special mention
3	Sub-standard
4	Doubtful
5	Loss

###### (b) *Debt securities and other bills*

The Bank's portfolio of debt securities and other bills consists of St Christopher and Nevis Federal Government, Nevis Island Administration, and Governments of Antigua and Barbuda, Grenada, Dominica, St. Lucia and St. Vincent and the Grenadines treasury bills, and other debt obligations by regional banking and non-banking financial institutions, all of which are unrated. The Bank assesses the risk of default on these obligations by regularly monitoring the performance of the St. Kitts and Nevis Federal Government, the Nevis Island Administration and other regional governments through published government data, information received directly from government departments and information published by international agencies such as the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank.

The risk of default on regional corporate debt is assessed by continuous monitoring of the performance of these companies through published financial information, and other data gleaned from various sources.

##### 4.1.2 Risk limit control and mitigation policies

The Bank manages limits and controls concentrations of credit risk wherever they are identified, in particular to individual counterparties and groups, and to industries and countries.

The Bank structures the levels of credit risk it undertakes by placing limits on the amount of risk accepted in relation to one borrower, or groups of borrowers, and industry segments. Such risks are monitored on a revolving basis and subject to regular review by the Board of Directors.

The exposure to any one borrower, including banks and brokers is further restricted by sub-limits covering on- and off-balance sheet exposures, and daily delivery risk limits in relation to trading items. Actual exposures against limits are monitored, on an ongoing basis.

Lending limits are reviewed in light of changing market and economic conditions and periodic credit reviews and assessments of probability of default.

Some other specific control and mitigation measures are outlined below:

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### 4 Financial risk management (continued)

#### 4.1 Credit risk (continued)

##### 4.1.2 Risk limit control and mitigation policies (continued)

###### (a) Collateral

The Bank employs a range of policies and practices to mitigate credit risk. The most traditional of these is the taking of security for funds advanced, which is a common practice. The Bank implements guidelines on the acceptability of specific classes of collateral or credit risk mitigation. The principal collateral types for loans and advances are as follows:

- Mortgages over properties;
- Charges over business assets such as premises, inventory and accounts receivable; and
- Charges over financial instruments such as debt securities and equities.

Longer-term finance and lending to corporate entities as well as individual credit facilities are generally secured. In addition, in order to minimise the credit loss, the Bank will seek additional collateral from the counterparty as soon as there are impairment indicators for the relevant individual loans and advances.

Collateral held as security for financial assets other than loans and advances is determined by the nature of the instrument. Debt securities, treasury and other eligible bills are generally unsecured.

###### (b) Credit-related commitments

The primary purpose of these instruments is to ensure that funds are available to a customer as required. Guarantees and standby letters of credit carry the same credit risk as loans. Documentary and commercial letters of credit which are written undertakings by the Bank on behalf of a customer authorising a third party to draw drafts on the Bank up to a stipulated amount under specific terms and conditions are collateralised by the underlying shipment of goods to which they relate, and therefore carry less risk than a direct loan.

Commitments to extend credit represent unused portions of authorisations to extend credit in the form of loans, guarantees or letters of credit. With respect to credit risk on commitments to extend credit, the Bank is potentially exposed to loss in an amount equal to the total unused commitments. However, the likely amount of loss is less than the total unused commitments, as most commitments to extend credit are contingent upon customers maintaining specific credit standards. The Bank monitors the term to maturity of credit commitments because longer-term commitments generally have a greater degree of credit risk than shorter term commitments.

##### 4.1.3 Impairment and provisioning policies

The internal rating system described in Note 4.1.1 focuses on expected credit losses – that is, taking into account the risk of future events giving rise to losses. In contrast, impairment provisions are recognised for financial reporting purposes only for losses that have been incurred at the date of the consolidated statement of financial position, based on the objective evidence of impairment. Due to the different methodologies applied, the amount of incurred credit losses provided for in the consolidated financial statements is usually lower than the amount determined from the expected loss model that is used for internal operational management and banking regulation purposes.

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### 4 Financial risk management (continued)

#### 4.1 Credit risk (continued)

##### 4.1.3 Impairment and provisioning policies (continued)

The impairment provision shown in the consolidated statement of financial position at year end is derived from each of the five rating grades. However, the largest component of the impairment provision comes from the doubtful and loss grades. The table below shows the percentage of the Bank's on and off statement of financial position items relating to loans and advances and the associated impairment provision for each of the Bank's internal rating categories:

Bank's rating	2017		2016	
	Loans and advances (%)	Impairment Provision (%)	Loans and advances (%)	Impairment provision (%)
Pass	73.0	14.5	78.1	22.7
Special mention	14.3	2.5	8.6	3.8
Sub-standard	8.9	20.5	9.0	7.9
Doubtful	3.8	62.5	4.2	61.0
Loss	-	-	0.1	4.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

##### 4.1.4 Maximum exposure to credit risk before collateral held or other credit enhancements

	2017 \$	2016 \$
<b>Credit risk exposures relating to on-statement of financial position assets:</b>		
Deposits with other banks	42,510,200	85,672,203
Deposits with non-bank financial institutions	19,275,044	14,553,350
Restricted deposits with non-bank financial institutions	808,470	808,470
Investment securities:		
- Treasury bills and other eligible bills	42,480,529	45,008,046
- Bonds and other debt instruments	9,051,496	8,356,149
- Available-for-sale investments quoted	13,545,176	20,399,884
Loans and advances	212,150,603	203,804,139
Other assets	868,211	99,859
	<b>340,689,729</b>	<b>378,702,100</b>
<b>Credit exposures relating to off-statement of financial position items:</b>		
- Loan commitments and other credit related facilities	18,225,708	28,851,498
<b>Total</b>	<b>358,915,437</b>	<b>407,553,598</b>

The above table represents a worst case scenario of credit exposure to the Bank at June 30, 2017 and 2016, without taking account of any collateral held or other credit enhancements attached. For on-consolidated statement of financial position assets, the exposures set out above are based on net carrying amounts as reported in the consolidated statement of financial position.



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### 4 Financial risk management (continued)

#### 4.1 Credit risk (continued)

##### 4.1.4 Maximum exposure to credit risk before collateral held or other credit enhancements (continued)

- 59.1 % of the total maximum exposure is derived from loans and advances (2016: 50.0%) and 18.1% represents investment in securities (2016: 18.1%).

Management is confident in its ability to continue to control and sustain minimal exposure of credit risk to the Bank resulting from both its loans and advances portfolio and investment securities, based on the following:

- 87.3% of the loans and advances portfolio is categorised in the top two grades of the internal rating system (2016: 86.7%).
- 80.57 % of the loans and advances portfolio are considered to be neither past due nor impaired (2016: 83.0%).
- 12.9% of loans and advances are considered impaired (2016: 13.3%).
- The impairment provision on the balance sheet decreased during the year to \$5,076,179 million (2016: \$5.8 million).

##### 4.1.5 Credit quality of loans and advances

Loans and advances are summarised as follows:

	2017		2016	
	Loans and advances to customers	Loans and advances to financial institutions	Loans and advances to customers	Loans and advances to financial institutions
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Neither past due nor impaired	174,989,267	24,422	174,008,396	24,422
Past due but not impaired	14,844,905	-	7,811,975	-
Impaired	27,368,188	-	27,819,107	-
<b>Gross</b>	<b>217,202,360</b>	<b>24,422</b>	<b>209,639,478</b>	<b>24,422</b>
Less: allowance for impairment	(5,076,118)	(61)	(5,859,700)	(61)
<b>Net</b>	<b>212,126,242</b>	<b>24,361</b>	<b>203,779,778</b>	<b>24,361</b>

The total impairment provision for loans and advances is \$5,076,179 (2016: \$5,859,761) of which \$4,214,807 (2016: \$4,302,091) represents the individually impaired loans, and the remaining amount of \$861,372 (2016: \$1,557,670) represents the portfolio provision. Further information on the impairment provision for loans and advances to banks and to customers is provided in Note 9.

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### 4 Financial risk management (continued)

#### 4.1 Credit risk (continued)

##### 4.1.5 Credit quality of loans and advances (continued)

(a) *Loans and advances neither past due nor impaired*

The credit quality of the portfolio of loans and advances that were neither past due nor impaired can be assessed by reference to the internal rating system adopted by the Bank.

As at June 30, 2017

	Overdraft \$	Personal \$	Commercial \$	Public sector \$	Total \$
<b>Grades:</b>					
Pass	1,216,377	70,191,776	40,173,521	54,339,319	165,920,993
Special mention	8,454,840	637,856	-	-	9,092,696
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,671,217</b>	<b>70,829,632</b>	<b>40,173,521</b>	<b>54,339,319</b>	<b>175,013,689</b>

As at June 30, 2016

	Overdraft \$	Personal \$	Commercial \$	Public sector \$	Total \$
<b>Grades:</b>					
Pass	7,864,169	58,932,422	49,244,182	56,235,307	172,276,080
Special mention	1,240,055	516,683	-	-	1,756,738
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,104,224</b>	<b>59,449,105</b>	<b>49,244,182</b>	<b>56,235,307</b>	<b>174,032,818</b>

(b) *Loans and advances past due but not impaired*

Loans and advances less than 90 days past due are not considered impaired unless other information is available to indicate the contrary. Gross amounts of loans and advances by class to customers that were past due but not impaired were as follows:

As at June 30, 2017

	Personal \$	Commercial \$	Total \$
Past due up to 30 days	3,045,409	8,866,429	11,911,838
Past due 31-60 days	13,199	-	13,199
Past due 61-89 days	1,382,014	1,537,854	2,919,868
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,440,622</b>	<b>10,404,283</b>	<b>14,844,905</b>

As at June 30, 2016

	Personal \$	Commercial \$	Total \$
Past due up to 30 days	2,103,950	2,044,528	4,148,478
Past due 31-60 days	221,605	-	221,605
Past due 61-89 days	727,039	2,714,853	3,441,892
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,052,594</b>	<b>4,759,381</b>	<b>7,811,975</b>

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#### 4 Financial risk management (continued)

##### 4.1 Credit risk (continued)

##### 4.1.5 Credit quality of loans and advances (continued)

###### (c) Loans and advances individually impaired

The breakdown of the gross amount of individually impaired loans and advances by class, along with the fair value of related collateral held by the Bank as security is as follows:

###### As at June 30, 2017

	Overdraft \$	Personal \$	Commercial \$	Public Sector \$	Total \$
Individually impaired loans	1,013,209	8,162,306	18,192,673	-	27,368,188
Fair value of collateral	<b>2,102,296</b>	<b>21,562,251</b>	<b>33,015,849</b>	-	<b>56,680,396</b>

###### As at June 30, 2016

	Overdraft \$	Personal \$	Commercial \$	Public Sector \$	Total \$
Individually impaired loans	1,830,903	10,632,272	15,355,932	-	27,819,107
Fair value of collateral	<b>5,068,343</b>	<b>26,655,284</b>	<b>40,328,858</b>	-	<b>72,052,485</b>

The individually impaired loans and advances to customers before taking into consideration the cash flows from collateral held is \$27,368,188 (2016: \$27,819,107).

###### (d) Loans and advances renegotiated

Restructuring activities include extended payment arrangements, approved external management plans, modification and deferred payments. Following restructuring, a previously overdue account is reset to a normal status and managed together with other similar accounts. Restructuring policies and practices are based on indicators of criteria which, in the judgement of management, indicate that payment will most likely continue. These policies are kept under continuous review. Restructuring is most commonly applied to term loans, in particular customer finance loans. Renegotiated loans that would otherwise be past due or impaired totalled \$7,241,029 at June 30, 2017 (2016: \$8,571,046).

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### 4 Financial risk management (continued)

#### 4.1 Credit risk (continued)

##### 4.1.6 Debt securities, treasury bills and other eligible bills

The table below represents an analysis of debt securities, treasury bills and other eligible bills by rating agency designation at June 30, 2017 and 2016 based on Standard & Poor's rating or their equivalent:

	Treasury bills \$	Bonds and other debt instruments \$	Available-for- sale \$	Total \$
Aa1—Baa3	4,726,971	8,021,746	2,370,624	15,119,341
Lower than Baa3	-	-	4,410,750	4,410,750
Unrated	37,753,558	1,029,750	6,763,802	45,547,110
<b>As at June 30, 2017</b>	<b>42,480,529</b>	<b>9,051,496</b>	<b>13,545,176</b>	<b>65,077,201</b>

	Treasury bills \$	Bonds and other debt instruments \$	Available-for- sale \$	Total \$
Aa1—Baa3	5,066,106	8,206,149	271,177	13,543,432
Lower than Baa3	-	-	1,060,579	1,060,579
Unrated	39,941,940	150,000	19,068,128	59,160,068
<b>As at June 30, 2016</b>	<b>45,008,046</b>	<b>8,356,149</b>	<b>20,399,884</b>	<b>73,764,079</b>

##### 4.1.7 Repossessed collateral

During the year ended June 30, 2017, the Bank took possession of collateral held as security for credit facilities with carrying value of \$101,975 (2016: \$881,275).

Repossession properties are sold as soon as practicable, with the proceeds used to reduce the outstanding indebtedness.

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#### 4 Financial risk management (continued)

##### 4.1 Credit risk (continued)

##### 4.1.8 Concentration of risks of financial assets with credit risk exposure

###### (a) Geographical sectors

The following table breaks down the Bank's main credit exposure at their carrying amounts, (without taking into account any collateral held or other credit support) as categorised by geographical region as at June 30, 2017 and 2016. For all classes of assets, the Bank has allocated exposures to regions based on country of domicile of the counterparties.

	St. Christopher & Nevis \$	Other Caribbean \$	North America \$	Europe \$	Total \$
<b>Credit risk exposures relating to on- statement of financial position assets:</b>					
Deposits with other banks	6,371,407	16,707,291	992,561	18,438,941	42,510,200
Deposits with non-bank financial institutions	241,287	18,123,524	910,233	-	19,275,044
Restricted deposits with non-bank financial institutions	-	-	808,470	-	808,470
<b>Investment securities:</b>					
- Treasury bills and other eligible bills	29,785,221	12,695,308	-	-	42,480,529
- Bonds and other debt instruments	3,023,672	6,027,824	-	-	9,051,496
- Available for sale securities-quoted	-	-	13,545,176	-	13,545,176
Loans and advances	201,580,914	2,992,204	5,741,697	1,835,788	212,150,603
Other assets	868,211	-	-	-	868,211
	<b>241,870,712</b>	<b>56,546,151</b>	<b>21,998,137</b>	<b>20,274,729</b>	<b>340,689,729</b>
<b>Credit exposures relating to off statement of financial position items:</b>					
Loan commitments and other credit related facilities	15,234,908	-	2,990,800	-	18,225,708
<b>As at June 30, 2017</b>	<b>257,105,620</b>	<b>56,546,151</b>	<b>24,988,937</b>	<b>20,274,729</b>	<b>358,915,437</b>

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**4 Financial risk management (continued)**

**4.1 Credit risk (continued)**

**4.1.8 Concentration of risks of financial assets with credit risk exposure (continued)**

(a) *Geographical sectors (continued)*

	St. Christopher & Nevis \$	Other Caribbean \$	North America \$	Europe \$	Total \$
<b>Credit risk exposures relating to on statement of financial position assets:</b>					
Deposits with other banks	4,881,633	13,105,455	46,849,020	20,836,095	85,672,203
Deposits with non-bank financial institutions	334,163	14,217,082	2,105	-	14,553,350
Restricted deposits with non-bank financial institutions	808,470	-	-	-	808,470
<i>Investment securities:</i>					
- Treasury bills and other eligible bills	39,941,940	5,066,106	-	-	45,008,046
- Bonds and other debt instruments	6,220,562	2,135,587	-	-	8,356,149
- Available for sale securities-quoted	-	-	20,399,884	-	20,399,884
Loans and advances	193,628,092	3,790,646	4,756,792	1,628,609	203,804,139
Other assets	99,859	-	-	-	99,859
	<b>245,914,719</b>	<b>38,314,876</b>	<b>72,007,801</b>	<b>22,464,704</b>	<b>378,702,100</b>
<b>Credit exposures relating to off statement of financial position items:</b>					
Loan commitments and other credit related facilities	28,607,707	154,156	59,756	29,879	28,851,498
<b>As at June 30, 2016</b>	<b>274,522,426</b>	<b>38,469,032</b>	<b>72,067,557</b>	<b>22,494,583</b>	<b>407,553,598</b>

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### 4 Financial risk management (continued)

#### 4.1 Credit risk (continued)

##### 4.1.8 Concentration of risks of financial assets with credit risk exposure (continued)

Economic risk concentrations within the customer loan portfolio were as follows:

	2017		2016	
	\$	%	\$	%
Personal	92,550,442	42.7	79,947,782	38.1
Public Sector	59,810,210	27.5	60,877,626	29.0
Construction and land development	29,891,332	13.8	34,043,870	16.2
Distributive trades, transportation and storage	14,424,206	6.6	13,736,004	6.6
Tourism, entertainment, and catering	7,169,647	3.3	7,091,936	3.4
Professional and other services	7,431,245	3.4	8,093,096	3.9
Agriculture and manufacturing	5,949,700	2.7	5,873,586	2.8
Total	217,226,782	100	209,663,900	100.0

#### 4.2 Market risk

The Bank takes on exposure to market risk, which is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market prices. Market risks arise from open positions in interest rate, currency and equity products, all of which are exposed to general and specific market movements and changes in the level of volatility of market rates or prices such as interest rates, credit spreads, foreign exchange rates and equity prices. The Bank separates exposures to market risk into either trading or non-trading portfolios.

The market risks arising from trading and non-trading portfolios are monitored by the Risk Management Committee, Investment and Internal Management Investment Committee and by management. Regular reports are submitted to the Board of Directors and department heads.

##### 4.2.1 Price risk

The Bank is exposed to equity securities price risk because of equity investments held by the Bank and classified in the consolidated statement of financial position as available-for-sale. The Bank's portfolio includes securities that are quoted on the Eastern Caribbean Securities Exchange (ECSE) in addition to mutual funds that are quoted in the United States. Its exposure to equity securities price risk in respect of ECSE traded securities is minimal because the total of these securities is insignificant in relation to its consolidated statement of financial position and because of the limited volatility in this market. The mutual funds' exposure to equity securities price risk is managed by setting maximum exposure limits and the close monitoring of these securities. The Bank is not exposed to commodity price risk.

If market rates at June 30, 2017 had been 0.5% higher/lower with all other variables held constant, equity for the year would have been \$6,735 (2016: \$136,405) lower/ higher as a result of the increase/decrease in the fair value of available-for-sale investment securities.

	2017	2016
	\$	\$
<b>Available-for-sale</b>		
Equity securities quoted at market value	2,010,435	2,027,087

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### 4 Financial risk management (continued)

#### 4.2 Market risk (continued)

##### 4.2.2 Foreign exchange risk

The Bank takes on exposure to the effects of fluctuations in the prevailing foreign currency exchange rates on its financial position and cash flows. The Board sets limits on the level of exposure by currency and in aggregate for both overnight and intra-day positions, which are monitored daily.

Most of the Bank's assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are held in United States dollars. The exchange rate of the Eastern Caribbean dollar (XCD\$) to the United States dollar (US\$) has been formally pegged at XCD\$2.7 = US\$1.00 since 1974.

The following table summarises the Bank's exposure to foreign currency risk at June 30, 2017. Included in the table are the Bank's financial instruments at carrying amounts, categorised by currency.



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#### 4 Financial risk management (continued)

##### 4.2 Market risk (continued)

##### 4.2.2 Foreign currency risk (continued)

As at June 30, 2017

	XCD	USD	EUR	GBP	CDN	OTHER	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Assets</b>							
Cash and balances with ECCB	36,969,275	901,263	61,161	61,987	13,941	9,378	38,017,005
Deposits with banks	7,665,678	32,983,520	50,140	634,569	992,561	183,732	42,510,200
Deposits with non-bank financial institutions	2,195,442	17,079,602	-	-	-	-	19,275,044
Restricted deposits with non-bank financial institutions	-	808,470	-	-	-	-	808,470
Investment securities:							
- Treasury bills and other eligible bills	29,178,357	13,302,172	-	-	-	-	42,480,529
- Bonds and other debt securities	1,053,422	7,998,074	-	-	-	-	9,051,496
- Available-for-sale investments - unquoted	271,806	-	-	-	-	-	271,806
- Available-for-sale investments - quoted	2,010,435	13,545,176	-	-	-	-	15,555,611
Loans and advances to customers	179,738,057	32,412,546	-	-	-	-	212,150,603
Other assets	868,211	-	-	-	-	-	868,211
<b>Total financial assets</b>	<b>259,950,683</b>	<b>119,030,823</b>	<b>111,301</b>	<b>696,556</b>	<b>1,006,502</b>	<b>193,110</b>	<b>380,988,975</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>							
Customer deposits	222,576,330	119,139,771	-	-	-	-	341,716,101
Other liabilities	4,081,429	-	-	-	-	-	4,081,429
<b>Total financial liabilities</b>	<b>226,657,759</b>	<b>119,139,771</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>345,797,530</b>
<b>Net on-balance sheet position</b>	<b>33,292,924</b>	<b>(108,948)</b>	<b>111,301</b>	<b>696,556</b>	<b>1,006,502</b>	<b>193,110</b>	<b>35,191,445</b>
<b>Credit and capital commitments</b>	<b>13,986,800</b>	<b>4,238,909</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>18,225,709</b>

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**4 Financial risk management (continued)**

**4.2 Market risk (continued)**

**4.2.2 Foreign currency risk (continued)**

**As at June 30, 2016**

**Assets**

Cash and balances with ECCB	31,944,985	178,739	24,662	28,826	2,548	3,317	32,183,077
Deposits with banks	9,760,698	73,583,841	321,903	977,717	951,070	76,974	85,672,203
Deposits with non-bank financial institutions	2,294,470	12,258,880	-	-	-	-	14,553,350
Restricted deposits with non-bank financial institutions	-	808,470	-	-	-	-	808,470
Investment securities:							
- Treasury bills and other eligible bills	34,018,362	10,989,684	-	-	-	-	45,008,046
- Bonds and other debt securities	7,250,312	1,105,837	-	-	-	-	8,356,149
- Available-for-sale investments - unquoted	271,806	-	-	-	-	-	271,806
- Available-for-sale investments - quoted	2,027,087	20,399,884	-	-	-	-	22,426,971
Loans and advances to customers	159,253,958	44,550,181	-	-	-	-	203,804,139
Other assets	99,859	-	-	-	-	-	99,859

**Total financial assets**

**246,921,537 163,875,516 346,565 1,006,543 953,618 80,291 413,184,070**

**Liabilities**

Customer deposits	256,427,149	130,659,322	-	-	-	-	387,086,471
Other liabilities	2,714,291	448,859	-	-	-	-	3,163,150

**Total financial liabilities**

**259,141,440 131,108,181 - 390,249,621**

**Net on-balance sheet position**

**(12,219,903) 32,767,335 346,565 1,006,543 953,618 80,291 22,934,449**

**Credit and capital commitments**

**12,972,064 15,879,434 - 28,851,498**

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#### 4 Financial risk management (continued)

##### 4.2 Market risk (continued)

##### 4.2.2 Foreign currency risk (continued)

If at June 30, 2017, the Eastern Caribbean dollar had weakened /strengthened by 10% against the Euro with all other variables held constant, post-tax profit for the year would have been \$ 7,457 (2016: \$93,688) higher/lower, mainly as a result of foreign exchange gains/losses on translation of Euro denominated loans and receivables and foreign exchange losses/gains on translation of customer deposits denominated in Euro.

The contribution to profit before taxation of foreign exchange gains/losses on assets and liabilities held in Euro currency in 2017 was a gain of \$141,728 (2016: gain of \$53,201).

The Bank holds no Euro denominated available-for-sale investment securities. Hence, there would have been no impact on equity if the Eastern Caribbean Dollar had weakened/strengthened against the Euro at June 30, 2017.

If at June 30, 2017, the Eastern Caribbean dollar had weakened/strengthened by 10% against the Pound Sterling with all other variables held constant, post-tax profit for the year would have been \$46,670 (2016: \$68,101) higher/lower, mainly as a result of foreign exchange gains/losses on translation of Pound Sterling denominated loans and receivables, and foreign exchange losses/gains on translation of customer deposits denominated in Pounds Sterling.

The contribution of profit before taxation of foreign exchange gains/losses is on assets and liabilities held in Pound Sterling in 2017 was a loss of \$57,588 (2016: loss of \$59,779).

Because the Bank holds no Pound Sterling denominated available-for-sale investment securities, there would have been no impact on equity, if the Eastern Caribbean dollar had weakened/strengthened against the Pound Sterling at June 30, 2017.

If at June 30, 2017, the Eastern Caribbean dollar had weakened /strengthened by 10% against the Canadian dollar with all other variables held constant, post-tax profit for the year would have been \$67,435 (2016: \$56,857) higher/lower, mainly as a result of foreign exchange gains/losses on translation of Canadian dollar denominated loans and receivables and foreign exchange losses/gains on translation of customer deposits denominated in Canadian dollars.

The contribution to profit before taxation of foreign exchange gains on assets and liabilities held in Canadian currency in 2017 was a gain of \$8,179 (2016: loss of \$12,611).

Because the Bank holds no Canadian dollar denominated available-for-sale investment securities, there would have been no impact on equity, if the Eastern Caribbean dollar had weakened/strengthened against the Canadian dollar at June 30, 2017.

##### 4.2.3 Interest rate risk

Cash flow interest rate risk is the risk that the future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. Fair value interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. The Bank takes on exposure to the effects of fluctuations in the prevailing level of market interest rates on both its fair value and cash flow risks. Interest margins may increase or decrease as a result of such changes. The Board sets limits on the level of mismatch of interest rate re-pricing that may be undertaken, which is monitored by the Assets and Liabilities Management Committee. Several other committees are involved in the management of interest rate risk which includes the internal management investment committee, investment committee and risk management committees which meets and reports to the Board on a regular basis.

The following table summarises the Bank's exposure to interest rate risks. It includes the Bank's financial instruments at carrying amounts, categorised by the earlier of contractual re-pricing or maturity dates.

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#### 4 Financial risk management (continued)

##### 4.2 Market risk (continued)

##### 4.2.3 Interest rate risk (continued)

As at June 30, 2017

Assets	Under 1 month	1 to 3 months	3 to 12 months	1 to 5 years	Over 5 years	Non-Interest bearing	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Cash and balances with the Central Bank	44,350	-	-	-	-	-	38,017,005
Deposits with banks	4,606,521	2,721,336	8,662,518	-	-	-	42,510,200
Deposits with non-bank financial institutions	8,915,866	9,154,585	1,102,970	-	-	101,623	19,275,044
Restricted deposits with non-bank financial institutions	-	-	808,470	-	-	-	808,470
Investment securities:							
- Treasury bills	3,995,942	13,548,875	24,935,712	-	-	-	42,480,529
- Bonds and other debt instruments	1,029,750	3,892,237	4,129,509	-	-	-	9,051,496
- Available-for-sale investments - unquoted	-	-	-	-	-	271,806	271,806
- Available-for-sale securities - quoted	18,290	733,501	6,084,668	6,708,717	-	2,010,435	15,555,611
Loans and advances to customers	13,218,355	6,471,313	3,509,179	22,454,693	151,915,431	14,581,632	212,150,603
Other assets	-	-	-	-	-	868,211	868,211
<b>Total financial assets</b>	<b>31,829,074</b>	<b>36,521,847</b>	<b>49,233,026</b>	<b>29,163,410</b>	<b>151,915,431</b>	<b>82,326,187</b>	<b>380,988,975</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>							
Customer deposits	127,766,072	12,925,457	141,132,111	115,883	-	59,776,578	341,716,101
Other liabilities	-	-	-	-	-	4,081,429	4,081,429
<b>Total financial liabilities</b>	<b>127,766,072</b>	<b>12,925,457</b>	<b>141,132,111</b>	<b>115,883</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>63,858,007</b>	<b>345,797,530</b>
<b>Total interest repricing gap</b>	<b>(95,936,998)</b>	<b>23,596,390</b>	<b>(91,899,085)</b>	<b>29,047,527</b>	<b>151,915,431</b>	<b>18,468,180</b>	<b>35,191,445</b>

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#### 4 Financial risk management (continued)

##### 4.2 Market risk (continued)

##### 4.2.3 Interest rate risk (continued)

As at June 30, 2016

Assets	Under 1 month \$	1 to 3 months \$	3 to 12 months \$	1 to 5 years \$	Over 5 years \$	Non-Interest bearing \$	Total \$
Cash and balances with the Central Bank	44,350	-	-	-	-	32,138,727	32,183,077
Deposits with banks	4,560,766	1,353,717	6,537,074	-	-	73,220,646	85,672,203
Deposits with non-bank financial institutions	9,795,792	3,654,258	1,103,300	-	-	-	14,553,350
Restricted deposits with non-bank financial institutions	-	-	808,470	-	-	-	808,470
Investment securities:							
- Treasury bills	18,190,168	22,387,015	4,430,863	-	-	-	45,008,046
- Bonds and other debt instruments	3,085,846	-	3,042,343	1,000,000	1,227,960	-	8,356,149
- Available-for-sale investments - unquoted	-	-	-	-	-	271,806	271,806
- Available-for-sale securities - quoted	4,077,618	694,095	7,538,198	6,771,555	1,318,418	2,027,087	22,426,971
Loans and advances to customers	15,436,652	513,100	12,941,920	20,769,441	130,348,265	23,794,761	203,804,139
Other assets	-	-	-	-	-	99,859	99,859
<b>Total financial assets</b>	<b>55,191,192</b>	<b>28,602,185</b>	<b>36,402,168</b>	<b>28,540,996</b>	<b>132,894,643</b>	<b>131,552,886</b>	<b>413,184,070</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>							
Customer deposits	143,972,120	13,063,996	101,294,314	8,019,874	-	120,736,167	387,086,471
Other liabilities	-	-	-	-	-	3,163,150	3,163,150
<b>Total financial liabilities</b>	<b>143,972,120</b>	<b>13,063,996</b>	<b>101,294,314</b>	<b>8,019,874</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>123,899,317</b>	<b>390,249,621</b>
<b>Total interest repricing gap</b>	<b>(88,780,928)</b>	<b>15,538,189</b>	<b>(64,892,146)</b>	<b>20,521,122</b>	<b>132,894,643</b>	<b>7,653,569</b>	<b>22,934,449</b>

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### 4 Financial risk management (continued)

#### 4.2 Market risk (continued)

##### 4.2.3 Interest rate risk (continued)

The Bank's fair value interest rate risk arises from fixed income debt securities classified as available-for-sale. If market rates at June 30, 2017 had been 0.5% higher/lower with all other variables held constant, equity for the year would have been \$6,735 (2016: \$277,367) lower/higher as a result of the increase/decrease in the fair value of available-for-sale securities.

Cash flow interest rate risk arises from loans and advances to customers, and other interest bearing assets at variable rates. If at June 30, 2017, variable interest rates on loans and advances to customers and other interest bearing assets had been 0.5% higher/lower, with all other variables held constant, post-tax profit for the year would have been \$1,180,063 higher/lower (2016: \$969,274), mainly as a result of higher/lower interest income. Cash flow interest rate risk also arises from customers' deposits, at variable interest rates. If at June 30, 2017 variable interest rates on customers' deposits had been 0.5% higher/lower, with all other variables held constant, net profit for the year would have been \$1,189,848 (2016: \$1,375,547) lower/higher, mainly as a result of higher/lower interest expense.

#### 4.3 Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Bank is unable to meet its obligations when they fall due as a result of customer deposits being withdrawn, cash requirements from contractual commitments, or other cash outflows, such as debt maturities. Such outflows would deplete available cash resources for client lending, trading activities and investments. In extreme circumstances, lack of liquidity could result in reductions in the consolidated statement of financial position and sales of assets, or potentially an inability to fulfil lending commitments. The risk that the Bank will be unable to do so is inherent in all banking operations and can be affected by a range of institution-specific and market-wide events including, but not limited to, credit events, merger and acquisition activity, systemic shocks and natural disasters.

##### 4.3.1 Liquidity risk management process

The Bank's liquidity management process is carried out within the Bank by the Accounting and Investment Department, and monitored by management. Oversight includes the following:

- Day-to-day funding, managed by monitoring future cash flows to ensure that requirements can be met. This includes replenishment of funds as they mature or are borrowed by customers;
- Monitoring liquidity ratios of the consolidated statement of financial position against internal and regulatory requirements; and
- Managing the concentration and profile of debt maturities.

Monitoring and reporting take the form of cash flow measurement, and projections for the next day, week and month respectively, as these are key periods for liquidity management. The starting point for these projections is an analysis of the contractual maturity of the financial liabilities and the expected collection date of the financial assets.

The Accounting and Investment Department also monitors unmatched medium term assets, the level and type of undrawn lending commitments, the usage of overdraft facilities and the impact of contingent liabilities such as standby letters of credit and guarantees.

##### 4.3.2 Funding approach

Sources of liquidity are regularly reviewed by management and the Board of Directors and primarily consist of deposits from customers, share capital and lines of credit with other financial institutions.

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**4 Financial risk management (continued)**

**4.3 Liquidity risk (continued)**

**4.3.3 Non derivative cash flows**

The table below presents the cash flows payable by the Bank under non-derivative financial liabilities by remaining contractual maturities at the date of the consolidated statement of financial position. The amounts disclosed in the table are the contractual and undiscounted cash flows, whereas the Bank manages the inherent liquidity risk based on expected undiscounted cash flows.

	<b>Under</b>								
	<b>1 month</b>	<b>1-3 months</b>	<b>3-12 months</b>	<b>1-5 years</b>	<b>Over 5 years</b>	<b>Total</b>			
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>			<b>\$</b>
<b>As at June 30, 2017</b>									
Deposits from customers	185,724,136	13,417,209	142,560,683	101,990	-	341,804,018			
Other liabilities	3,909,133	172,347	-	-	-	4,081,480			
<b>Total financial liabilities (contractual maturity dates)</b>	<b>189,633,269</b>	<b>13,589,556</b>	<b>142,560,683</b>	<b>101,990</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>345,885,498</b>			
<b>Assets held for managing liquidity risk (contractual maturity dates)</b>	<b>98,706,864</b>	<b>37,575,412</b>	<b>40,995,790</b>	<b>43,519,057</b>	<b>158,128,744</b>	<b>378,925,867</b>			
<b>As at June 30, 2016</b>									
Deposits from customers	264,726,494	13,268,650	103,549,096	8,416,232	-	389,960,472			
Other liabilities	2,929,774	233,376	-	-	-	3,163,150			
<b>Total financial liabilities (contractual maturity dates)</b>	<b>267,656,268</b>	<b>13,502,026</b>	<b>103,549,096</b>	<b>8,416,232</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>393,123,622</b>			
<b>Assets held for managing liquidity risk (contractual maturity dates)</b>	<b>160,720,558</b>	<b>28,602,185</b>	<b>35,593,698</b>	<b>28,540,996</b>	<b>158,612,238</b>	<b>412,069,675</b>			

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### 4 Financial risk management (continued)

#### 4.3 Liquidity risk (continued)

##### 4.3.4 Assets held for managing liquidity risk

The Bank holds a diversified portfolio of cash and high-quality highly-liquid securities to support payment obligations and contingent funding in a stressed market environment. The Bank's assets held for managing liquidity risk comprise:

- Loans and advances;
- Cash and balances with central banks;
- Certificates of deposit; and
- Government bonds and other securities that are readily acceptable in repurchase agreements with central banks.

##### 4.3.5 Off statement of financial position items

###### (a) Loan commitments

The dates of the contractual amounts of the Bank's off statement of financial position financial instruments that commit to extend credit to customers and other facilities are summarised in the table below.

	Up to 1 year \$	Total \$
<b>As at June 30, 2017</b>		
Loan commitments	18,225,708	18,225,708
	<b>18,225,708</b>	<b>18,225,708</b>
<b>As at June 30, 2016</b>		
Loan commitments	28,851,498	28,851,498
	<b>28,851,498</b>	<b>28,851,498</b>

###### (b) Financial guarantees and other financial facilities

The Bank had financial guarantees of \$Nil at June 30, 2017 (2016: \$Nil).

###### (c) Operating Lease Commitments

The Bank had no operating lease commitments as at June 30, 2017 (2016: \$Nil).

###### (d) Capital commitments

The Bank had contractual capital commitments totalling \$Nil as at June 30, 2017 (2016: \$Nil).



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**4 Financial risk management (continued)**

**4.4 Fair value of financial assets and liabilities (continued)**

(a) *The table below summarises the carrying amounts and fair values of the Bank's financial assets and liabilities*

	Carrying value		Fair value	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Financial assets</b>				
Cash and balances with the Central Bank	38,017,005	32,183,077	38,017,005	32,183,077
Deposits with other banks	42,510,200	85,672,203	42,510,200	85,672,203
Deposits with non-bank financial institutions	19,275,044	14,553,350	19,275,044	14,553,350
Restricted deposits with non-bank financial institutions	808,470	808,470	808,470	808,470
Investment securities:				
- Treasury bills and other eligible bills	42,480,529	45,008,046	42,480,529	45,008,046
- Bonds and other debt instruments	9,051,496	8,356,149	9,051,496	8,356,149
- Available-for-sale investments - unquoted	271,806	271,806	271,806	271,806
- Available-for-sale investments - quoted	15,555,611	22,426,971	15,555,611	22,426,971
Loans and advances	212,150,603	203,428,080	212,150,603	203,428,080
Other Assets	868,211	99,859	868,211	99,859
	<b>380,988,975</b>	<b>412,808,011</b>	<b>380,988,975</b>	<b>412,808,011</b>
<b>Financial liabilities</b>				
Customer deposits	341,716,101	387,086,471	341,716,101	387,086,471
Other liabilities	4,081,429	-	4,081,429	-
	<b>345,797,530</b>	<b>387,086,471</b>	<b>345,797,530</b>	<b>386,086,471</b>

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### 4 Financial risk management (continued)

#### 4.4 Fair value of financial assets and liabilities (continued)

(a) *The table below summarises the carrying amounts and fair values of the Bank's financial assets and liabilities (continued)*

*(i) Due from other banks*

Due from other banks includes inter-bank placements and items in the course of collection. It is assumed that the fair value of this category of financial assets is a reasonable estimate of the fair value due to the relatively short term maturities.

*(ii) Loans and advances to customers*

Loans and advances are net of provisions for impairment. The estimated fair value of loans and advances represents the discounted amount of estimated future cash flows expected to be received. Expected cash flows are discounted at current market rates to determine their fair value.

*(iii) Investment securities*

Investment securities include assets classified as available-for-sale which are measured at fair value based on quoted market prices. For available-for-sale investment securities for which no active market exists, the fair value is estimated at cost, net of any assessed impairment. Loans and receivables are carried at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method.

*(iv) Due to other banks and customers, other depositors and other borrowings*

The estimated value of deposits with no stated maturity, which includes non-interest bearing deposits, is the amount repayable on demand. The fair value of fixed-interest bearing deposits and other borrowings is assumed to approximate the carrying values.

*(v) Loans payable*

The fair value of the loan payable is estimated to approximate the carrying value.

#### 4.4.1 Fair value hierarchy

IFRS 7 specifies a hierarchy of valuation techniques based on whether the inputs to those valuation techniques are observable or unobservable. Observable inputs reflect market data obtained from independent sources; unobservable inputs reflect the Bank's market assumptions. These two types of inputs have created the following fair value hierarchy:

- Level 1 – Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities. This level includes debt instruments listed on exchanges.
- Level 2 – Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (that is, as prices) or indirectly (that is, derived from prices).
- Level 3 – Inputs for the assets or liabilities that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs). This level includes equity investments and debt instruments with significant unobservable components.

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### 4 Financial risk management (continued)

#### 4.4 Fair value of financial assets and liabilities (continued)

##### 4.4.1 Fair value hierarchy (continued)

The standard requires the use of observable market data when available. The Bank considers relevant and observable market prices in its valuations where possible.

	Level 1 \$	Total \$
<b>Financial assets at fair value</b>		
<i>Investment securities</i>		
Fixed income securities, quoted at market value	13,545,176	13,545,176
Equity securities	2,010,435	2,010,435
<b>Balance as at June 30, 2017</b>	<b>15,555,611</b>	<b>15,555,611</b>
	Level 1 \$	Total \$
<b>Financial assets at fair value</b>		
<i>Investment securities</i>		
Fixed income securities, quoted at market value	20,334,213	20,334,213
Equity securities	2,027,087	2,027,087
<b>Balance as at June 30, 2016</b>	<b>22,361,300</b>	<b>22,361,300</b>

#### 4.5 Capital management

The Bank's objectives when managing capital, which is a broader concept than the 'equity' on the face of the consolidated statement of financial position, are:

- To comply with the capital requirements set by the Eastern Caribbean Central Bank (the ECCB);
- To safeguard the Bank's ability to continue as a going concern so that it can continue to provide returns for shareholders and benefits for other stakeholders; and
- To maintain a strong capital base to support the development of its business.

Capital adequacy and the use of regulatory capital are monitored daily by the Bank's management, employing techniques based on the guidelines developed by the Basel Committee and the European Community Directives, as implemented by the ECCB, for supervisory purposes. The required information is filed with the ECCB on a quarterly basis.

The Banking Act No. 1 of 2015 ("the Act") which regulates the activities of the Parent Company ("BON") came into effect on May 20, 2016. The Act has increased the minimum capital requirement for licensees from EC\$5 million to EC\$20 million, with an allowance of 450 days from the Act's effective date to achieve compliance. BON's paid up capital at June 30, 2016 was \$9,347,687. As part of the strategy to ensure compliance with the Act, the Board of Directors of BON sought and received approval from its shareholders to raise additional share capital via a rights issue and immediately thereafter, an additional public offering ("APO").

The rights issue was held during the period February 1, 2017 to April 18, 2017 and the paid up capital raised was \$4,486,258. The APO commenced on May 15, 2017 and was completed on July 28, 2017, subsequent to June 30, 2017. The additional capital of \$6,182,416 to be raised via the APO in order to meet the minimum paid up capital requirement of EC\$20 million was exceeded. This additional paid up capital was raised within the required time established of August 13, 2017.

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#### 4 Financial risk management (continued)

##### 4.5 Capital management (continued)

The Act further states that a licensed financial holding company is required to maintain paid up capital of at least \$60,000,000. The Bank of Nevis Limited based on definition provided by the Act is deemed to be a holding company due to its ownership interest in its subsidiary Bank of Nevis International. The Bank of Nevis is in the process of disposing its majority interest in Bank of Nevis International Limited. Approval for disposal of the interest was granted by the Regulator of The Bank of Nevis Limited on December 8, 2016 on the condition that approval was granted by the Regulator of Bank of Nevis International Limited. Approval from the Regulator of Bank of Nevis International Limited to transfer its majority shares to the external investor in the subsidiary was received on July 28, 2017. It is expected that the sale will be concluded on or before December 31, 2017.

The Nevis International Banking Ordinance 2014, No.1 of 2014 ("NIBO 2014") which governs the operations of the subsidiary Bank of Nevis International ("BONI") came into effect on August 1, 2014. NIBO 2014 repealed the Nevis Offshore Banking Ordinance Cap. 7:05. Section 11(1) (b) of 1996. NIBO 2014 stipulates that a licensee shall maintain not less than US\$2,000,000 (EC\$5,400,000) in fully paid up capital. At June 30, 2017, the Bank held fully paid up capital of \$2,226,428.

The Bank's regulatory capital as managed by the Board of Directors is divided into two tiers:

- Tier 1 capital: share capital (net of any book values of treasury shares), retained earnings and reserves created by appropriations of retained earnings.
- Tier 2 capital: qualifying subordinated loan capital, collective impairment allowances and unrealised gains arising on the fair valuation of securities held as available-for-sale.

The risk weighted assets are measured by means of a hierarchy of five risk weights classified according to the nature of and reflecting an estimate of credit, market and other risks associated with each asset and counterparty, taking into account any eligible collateral or guarantees. A similar treatment is adopted for off balance sheet exposure, with some adjustments to reflect the more contingent nature of the potential losses.

The following table summarises the composition of the regulatory capital and the Basel ratios for the years ended June 30, 2017 and June 30, 2016.

	2017	2016
	\$	\$
<b>Tier 1 capital</b>		
Share capital	13,817,584	9,347,687
Statutory reserve	13,244,603	10,934,354
Retained earnings	24,519,936	21,407,846
<b>Total qualifying tier 1 capital</b>	<b>51,582,123</b>	<b>41,689,887</b>
<b>Tier 2 capital</b>		
Revaluation reserve	13,442,597	12,147,773
Reserve for loan impairment	1,481,343	1,257,005
Reserve for items in-transit on correspondent bank accounts	2,890,216	2,890,216
<b>Total qualifying tier 2 capital</b>	<b>17,814,156</b>	<b>16,294,994</b>
<b>Total regulatory capital</b>	<b>69,396,279</b>	<b>57,984,881</b>

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### 4 Financial risk management (continued)

#### 4.5 Capital management (continued)

	2017 \$	2016 \$
<b>Risk weighted assets</b>		
On- statement of financial position	280,900,276	275,628,909
Off- statement of financial position	18,225,709	28,851,498
<b>Total risk weighted assets</b>	<b>299,125,985</b>	<b>304,480,407</b>
<b>Basel ratio</b>	<b>23.2%</b>	<b>19.0%</b>

#### 4.6 Financial assets and liabilities by category

The table below analyses the Bank's financial assets and liabilities by category:

	Loans and receivables \$	Available- for-sale \$	Total \$
<b>As at June 30, 2017</b>			
<b>Assets</b>			
Cash and Balances with the Central Bank	38,017,005	-	38,017,005
Restricted deposits	808,470	-	808,470
Due from banks and other financial institutions	61,785,244	-	61,785,244
Investment securities	51,532,024	15,827,417	67,359,441
Loans and advances	212,150,603	-	212,150,603
Other assets	868,211	-	868,211
<b>Total financial assets</b>	<b>365,161,557</b>	<b>15,827,417</b>	<b>380,988,974</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Customer deposits	341,716,101	-	341,716,101
Other liabilities	4,081,429	-	4,081,429
<b>Total financial liabilities</b>	<b>345,797,530</b>		<b>345,797,530</b>
<b>As at June 30, 2016</b>			
<b>Assets</b>			
Cash and Balances with the Central Bank	32,183,077	-	32,183,077
Due from banks and other financial institutions	101,034,023	-	101,034,023
Investment securities	53,364,196	22,698,777	76,062,973
Loans and advances	203,804,139	-	203,804,139
Other assets	99,859	-	99,859
<b>Total financial assets</b>	<b>390,485,294</b>	<b>22,698,777</b>	<b>413,184,071</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Customer deposits	384,753,219	-	384,753,219
Other liabilities	3,163,150	-	3,163,150
<b>Total financial liabilities</b>	<b>387,916,369</b>	-	<b>387,916,369</b>

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### **5 Critical accounting estimates, and judgements in applying accounting policies and key sources of estimation uncertainty**

The Bank's consolidated financial statements and its financial result are influenced by accounting policies, assumptions, estimates and management judgement, which necessarily have to be made in the course of preparation of the consolidated financial statements.

The Bank makes estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year. All estimates and assumptions required in conformity with IFRS are best estimates undertaken in accordance with the applicable standard. Estimates and judgements are evaluated on a continuous basis, and are based on past experience and other factors, including expectations with regard to future events.

Certain accounting policies and management's judgements are especially critical for the Bank's results and financial situation due to their materiality.

#### *(a) Impairment losses on loans and advances*

The Bank reviews its loan portfolios to assess impairment on a quarterly basis. In determining whether an impairment loss should be recorded in the consolidated statement of income, the Bank makes judgements as to whether there is any observable data indicating that there is a measurable decrease in the estimated future cash flows from a portfolio of loans before the decrease can be identified with an individual loan in that portfolio. This evidence may include observable data indicating that there has been an adverse change in the payment status of borrowers, or local economic conditions that correlate with defaults on assets in the Bank.

Loans and advances which are more than 90 days in arrears are assessed for impairment on an individual basis. The impairment losses on the individually impaired loans and advances within the portfolio are based upon the Bank's estimate of the present value of the expected cash flows, using the value of the underlying collateral held as a base. The methodology and assumptions used for estimating both the amount and timing of future cash flows are reviewed regularly to reduce any differences between loss estimates and actual loss experience. To the extent that the net present value of estimated cash flows differs by +/-5 percent, the provision would be estimated \$518,943 lower or \$704,947 higher respectively.

For loans and advances which are not considered to be individually impaired, general allowance for impairment is assessed on a percentage basis, based on several factors including facility type and economic sector. In estimating the percentage allowance, Management makes assumptions based on historical performance of the respective categories as well as current economic conditions and forecasts.

#### *(b) Impairment of available-for-sale investments*

The Bank determines that available-for-sale equity investments are impaired when there has been a significant or prolonged decline in fair value below cost. This determination of what is significant or prolonged requires judgement, and in making this judgement, the Bank evaluates among other factors, historical market and industry trends, the investments' historical performance against benchmarks, as well as the short term performance outlook. In addition, impairment may be appropriate when there is evidence of deterioration in the financial health of the investee, industry and sector performance, changes in technology, and operational and financing cash flows.

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### **5 Critical accounting estimates, and judgements in applying accounting policies and key sources of estimation uncertainty (continued)**

#### *(c) Impairment of fixed deposits*

The Bank holds fixed deposits with certain institutions that have been experiencing liquidity challenges, and were therefore unable to fulfil all the Bank's requests to redeem the fixed deposits. The Bank reviews its fixed deposits to assess impairment on a regular and periodic basis. In determining whether an impairment loss should be recorded, the Bank makes judgments as to whether there is any observable data indicating an impairment trigger followed by a measurable decrease in the estimated future cash flows from the fixed deposit. Such observable data may indicate that there has been an adverse change in the payment ability and financial condition of the counterparty. Management uses experience, judgment and estimates based on objective evidence of impairment when assessing future cash flows. Were the net present value of estimated cash flows of these fixed deposits to differ by +/-10%, the impairment would remain unchanged.

### **6 Business segments**

The Bank has three operating segments:

- Retail and Corporate banking – incorporating private banking services, customer current accounts, savings, deposits, consumer loans and mortgages and other credit facilities, overdrafts, debit cards;
- International Banking – incorporating private banking services, customer current accounts, savings, deposits, consumer loans and mortgages and other credit facilities, overdrafts to non-residents of Nevis; and
- Mutual Funds – Open-ended public mutual funds.

The mutual funds segment is not a material operation. As detailed in note 30, the Bank is in the process of disposing of its majority interest in its wholly-owned subsidiary, which operates the international banking segment. The results of this segment is presented in the consolidated statement of comprehensive income as net profit from discontinued operations with supporting note 31. The assets and liabilities are presented in the consolidated statement of financial position as assets and liabilities of subsidiary classified as held for sale. Consequently, separate business segment disclosures have not been presented.

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### 7 Cash and balances due from banks and other financial institutions

	2017 \$	2016 \$
Cash on hand	2,075,360	1,444,189
Balances with Eastern Caribbean Central Bank (ECCB) other than mandatory deposits	44,350	44,350
Cash and current accounts with other banks	25,472,811	71,931,324
Cheques in the course of collection	1,148,636	1,543,131
Short term fixed deposits	22,068,857	15,905,520
<b>Included in cash and cash equivalents (note 27)</b>	<b>50,810,014</b>	<b>90,868,514</b>
Dormant account reserve	464,597	455,212
Mandatory reserve deposits with the ECCB	33,616,375	29,551,870
ACH reserve with the ECCB	1,816,323	687,456
Restricted fixed deposits	808,470	808,470
Fixed deposits	12,852,571	10,732,672
	<b>100,368,350</b>	<b>133,104,194</b>
Interest receivable	242,369	112,906
	<b>100,610,719</b>	<b>133,217,100</b>
Provision for impairment on fixed deposits	-	-
<b>Total cash and balances due from banks and other financial institutions</b>	<b>100,610,719</b>	<b>133,217,100</b>
Current	63,904,955	101,714,092
Non-current	36,705,764	31,503,008
	<b>100,610,719</b>	<b>133,217,100</b>

#### Allowance for impairment on fixed deposits

The movement in allowance for impairment on fixed deposits is as follows:

	2017 \$	2016 \$
<b>Balance, beginning of year</b>	-	11,743,528
Amount reclassified with assets in subsidiary held for sale	-	(11,743,528)
<b>Balance, end of year</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

The interest rates on balances due from banks and other financial institutions range from 0.0% to 4.85% per annum (2016: 0.0% to 4.85% per annum).



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#### **7 Cash and balances due from banks and other financial institutions (continued)**

Under the Banking Act, commercial banks are required to transfer to the ECCB balances on accounts which are inactive for a period of over 15 years. The balances transferred to the ECCB are held in a special account and are not available for use in the Bank's day-to-day operations.

Commercial banks doing banking business in member states of the Organisation of the Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) are required to maintain a mandatory non-interest bearing reserve deposit with the ECCB, which when combined with the EC dollar cash on hand should be equivalent to a minimum 6% of their total deposit liabilities (excluding inter-bank deposits). This reserve deposit relates only to The Bank of Nevis Limited (non-consolidated), and is not available for use in its day-to-day operations. At June 30, 2017 the minimum required amount was \$21,075,000.

The restricted fixed deposits comprise deposits held with Caribbean Credit Card Corporation Limited of \$808,470 (2016: \$808,470) bearing interest of 2% (2016: 4.5%) per annum. These deposits are not available for use in the Bank's day-to-day operations and are used as security deposits primarily for the credit card operations.

The Bank has deposits held with the ECCB as a reserve requirement for the Eastern Caribbean Automated Clearing House ("ECACH"). The ECACH requires participating banks to maintain collateral equivalent to three days exposure to cheque settlements.

#### **Fixed deposit held with TCI Bank Limited**

The Bank holds a fixed deposit with TCI Bank Limited, incorporated and operating in the Turks and Caicos Islands, in the amount of \$2,411,378 (originally \$3,014,221).

On April 09, 2010, by petition of the Financial Services Commission (FSC) in the Turks and Caicos Islands to the Supreme Court, TCI Bank Limited was placed in liquidation and joint liquidators were appointed. After consideration of the foregoing, and also considering the present value of future cash flows to be derived from the fixed deposit during a liquidation process based on varying scenarios, Management determined that a prudent approach should be adopted, and an impairment provision of 53% of the value of the fixed deposit (amounting to \$1,597,537) was recorded in the financial statements at June 30, 2010.

In 2012, the Turks and Caicos Supreme Court approved an interim dividend distribution of 20 cents on the dollar. This payment in the amount of \$602,843 was received by the Bank on September 27, 2012. This dividend distribution resulted in a net carrying value of \$813,841 for the fixed deposit.

On August 06, 2015, a second dividend distribution payment, also in the amount of \$602,843 was received by the Bank. This dividend distribution further reduced the carrying value of the fixed deposit to \$210,998.

Having reviewed the reports of the liquidators, and considering the payment made by the liquidators, Management has determined that the impairment provision of \$1,597,537 (i.e. carrying value of \$210,998) should be maintained in the financial statements at June 30, 2017. The aforementioned amount has been reclassified with the assets held for sale in the subsidiary.

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### 8 Investment securities

	2017	2016
	\$	\$
<b>Loans and receivables</b>		
Treasury bills, included in cash and cash equivalents (note 27)	<b>27,055,471</b>	31,208,010
Treasury bills	<b>14,775,286</b>	13,057,143
Bonds and other debt instruments	<b>8,893,297</b>	8,227,960
<b>Total loans and receivables</b>	<b>50,724,054</b>	52,493,113
<b>Available-for-sale</b>		
Fixed income securities, quoted at market value	<b>13,445,859</b>	20,334,213
Mutual funds, quoted at market value		-
Equity securities, unquoted	<b>1,619,256</b>	1,843,890
Equity securities, quoted at market value	<b>2,010,435</b>	2,027,087
<b>Total available-for-sale</b>	<b>17,075,550</b>	24,205,190
<b>Total investment securities before interest receivable</b>	<b>67,799,604</b>	76,698,303
Interest receivable	<b>907,287</b>	936,754
	<b>68,706,891</b>	77,635,057
Allowance for impairment	<b>(1,347,450)</b>	(1,572,084)
<b>Total investment securities</b>	<b>67,359,441</b>	76,062,973
Current	<b>63,946,146</b>	63,446,147
Non-current	<b>3,413,295</b>	12,616,826
	<b>67,359,441</b>	76,062,973

#### Allowance for impairment on investment securities

The movement in allowance for impairment on investment securities is as follows:

	2017	2016
	\$	\$
<b>Balance, beginning of year</b>	<b>1,572,084</b>	3,276,017
Investments written off as collectible	<b>(224,634)</b>	(1,693,936)
Recovery for the year	-	(9,997)
	<b>1,347,450</b>	1,572,084

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### 8 Investment securities (continued)

#### Treasury bills

Included in the amounts for treasury bills are treasury bills issued by the Government of St. Christopher and Nevis in the amount of \$8,749,920 (2016: \$8,658,775) earning interest at 4% per annum (2016: 5.0% per annum).

Also included in the amounts for treasury bills are treasury bills issued by The Nevis Island Administration in the amount of \$20,458,539 (2016: \$19,298,099) earning interest from 7.0% per annum to 5.5% per annum (2016: 5.5% per annum to 7.0% per annum).

#### Equity investment in TCI Bank Limited

The Bank holds an equity investment in TCI Bank Limited in the amount of \$1,347,450 (2016: \$1,347,450).

On April 09, 2010, by petition of the Financial Services Commission (FSC) in the Turks and Caicos Islands to the Supreme Court, TCI Bank Limited was placed in liquidation and joint liquidators were appointed. After consideration of the foregoing, and other details available at that time, a provision for impairment of 100% of the value of the share capital in TCI Bank Limited in the amount of \$1,347,450 was made in the financial statements as at June 30, 2010. This provision has been maintained in the financial statements at June 30, 2017.

#### Equity investment held in ECIC Holdings Limited

The Bank holds an equity investment in ECIC Holdings Limited ("ECIC"), incorporated and operating in St. Kitts and Nevis, in the amount of \$1,703,933. Due to financial difficulties encountered by its major subsidiary, the ECIC realised significant declines in its assets, earnings and shareholders' equity, thereby creating uncertainties regarding its going concern ability. Accordingly, the Bank took the decision to record impairment provisions in respect of this investment, in tranches over the period 2012 – 2015, with the final amount of \$426,100 recorded in the financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2015. During the year ended June 30, 2017, the shareholder banks of ECIC resolved that the shares of ECIC be sold. Consequently, the Bank received an amount of \$9,997 as final payment for the sale of its shares held in ECIC.

Net gains from investment securities comprise:

	2017	2016
	\$	\$
Net realised gains from disposal of available-for-sale financial assets	Nil	122,090

The movement in investment securities, net, excluding interest receivable may be summarised as follows:

	Loans and receivables	Available- for-sale	Total
	\$	\$	\$
<b>Balance as of June 30, 2016</b>	<b>52,493,113</b>	<b>22,633,106</b>	<b>75,126,219</b>
Additions	56,314,733	5,407,065	61,721,798
Disposals (sale and redemption)	(58,083,792)	(12,235,574)	(70,319,366)
Losses from changes in fair value, net	-	(76,497)	(76,497)
<b>Balance as of June 30, 2017</b>	<b>50,724,054</b>	<b>15,728,100</b>	<b>66,452,154</b>

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**8 Investment securities (continued)**

	Loans and receivables \$	Available- for-sale \$	Total \$
<b>Balance as of June 30, 2015</b>	<b>67,915,136</b>	<b>53,133,642</b>	<b>121,048,778</b>
Additions	60,509,908	41,376,791	101,886,699
Disposals (sale and redemption)	(41,160,711)	(28,025,186)	(69,185,897)
Losses from changes in fair value, net	-	(406,677)	(406,677)
Reclassified to assets of subsidiary classified as held for sale	(34,771,220)	(43,445,464)	(78,216,684)
<b>Balance as of June 30, 2016</b>	<b>52,493,113</b>	<b>22,633,106</b>	<b>75,126,219</b>

**9 Loans and advances**

	2017 \$	2016 \$
Reducing balance loans	<b>201,066,699</b>	193,921,666
Overdrafts	<b>10,684,427</b>	11,181,563
Credit card advances	<b>4,973,455</b>	3,812,805
	<b>216,724,581</b>	208,916,034
Interest receivable	<b>502,201</b>	747,866
	<b>217,226,782</b>	209,663,900
Less: Allowance for loans and advances impairment	<b>(5,076,179)</b>	(5,859,761)
<b>Total loans and advances</b>	<b>212,150,603</b>	203,804,139
Current	<b>52,191,503</b>	52,310,374
Non-current	<b>159,959,100</b>	151,493,765
	<b>212,150,603</b>	203,804,139

	2017 \$	2016 \$
The movement in allowance for loans and advances impairment is as follows:		
Balance, beginning of year	<b>5,859,761</b>	7,083,041
Recovery for the year – continuing operations	<b>(542,762)</b>	(902,437)
Provision for the year – discontinued operations	-	98,302
Loans and advances written off during the year	<b>(240,820)</b>	(89,567)
Loan impairment transferred to assets of subsidiary classified as held for sale	-	(329,578)
Balance, end of year	<b>5,076,179</b>	5,859,761

The total value of non-productive loans and advances at the end of the year amounted to \$27,368,188 (2016: \$27,819,107). The interest accrued on non-productive loans and advances but not recorded in these financial statements is \$11,061,169 (2016: \$11,506,889). Included in loans and advances is an amount due from other financial institutions of \$24,422 (2016: \$24,422).

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### 9 Loans and advances (continued)

According to the Eastern Caribbean Central Bank loan provisioning guidelines, the calculated allowance for loan impairment amounts to \$6,557,522 (2016: \$7,116,766). The additional reserve of \$1,481,343 (2016: \$1,257,005) is recognised through a reserve for loan impairment (see note 19).

Subsequent to the financial year ended June 30, 2017 the Eastern Caribbean Central Bank would have performed an onsite examination. The ECCB provision as at June 30, 2017 was assessed and was determined to not be sufficient based on the provisioning methodology to be applied. The final report of the onsite examination has not been issued and the adjustment to the ECCB provision would be applied prospectively by the Bank.

### 10 Other assets

	2017	2016
	\$	\$
Prepayments	774,213	193,338
Items in-transit	734,853	399,584
Other receivables	157,691	-
<b>Total other assets</b>	<b>1,666,757</b>	<b>592,922</b>
Current	1,509,067	592,922
Non-current	157,690	-
	<b>1,666,757</b>	<b>592,922</b>

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**11 Property, plant and equipment**

	Land and Buildings	Improvement	Land	Furniture & fixtures	Equipment	Computer equipment	Motor vehicle	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Year ended June 30, 2017</b>								
Opening net book amount	26,621,368	-	-	248,292	871,739	174,437	-	27,915,836
Additions	-	113,434	-	38,678	35,962	80,371	-	268,445
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Depreciation charge	(327,048)	-	-	(122,303)	(279,122)	(66,963)	-	(795,436)
<b>Closing net book amount</b>	<b>26,294,320</b>	<b>113,434</b>	<b>113,434</b>	<b>164,667</b>	<b>628,579</b>	<b>187,845</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>27,388,845</b>
<b>At June 30, 2017</b>								
Cost/valuation	27,676,920	113,434	113,434	1,341,127	2,125,526	975,799	71,002	32,303,808
Accumulated depreciation	(1,382,600)	-	-	(1,176,460)	(1,496,947)	(787,954)	(71,002)	(4,914,963)
<b>Net book amount</b>	<b>26,294,320</b>	<b>113,434</b>	<b>113,434</b>	<b>164,667</b>	<b>628,579</b>	<b>187,845</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>27,388,845</b>

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**11 Property, plant and equipment (continued)**

	Land and Buildings \$	Furniture & fixtures \$	Equipment \$	Computer equipment \$	Motor vehicle \$	Total \$
<b>Year ended June 30, 2016</b>						
Opening net book amount	26,904,674	348,403	902,570	90,509	57,916	28,304,072
Additions	41,742	84,554	250,088	166,370	-	542,754
Disposals	-	(202,547)	(402,456)	(15,852)	(107,000)	(727,855)
Depreciation charge	(325,048)	(117,164)	(277,458)	(73,897)	-	(793,567)
Depreciation eliminated on disposal	-	202,547	402,456	15,852	107,000	727,855
Eliminations on reclassification as discontinued operation	-	(67,501)	(3,461)	(8,545)	(57,916)	(137,423)
<b>Closing net book amount</b>	<b>26,621,368</b>	<b>248,292</b>	<b>871,739</b>	<b>174,437</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>27,915,836</b>
<b>At June 30, 2016</b>						
Cost/valuation	27,676,920	1,302,449	2,089,564	895,428	71,002	32,035,363
Accumulated depreciation	(1,055,552)	(1,054,157)	(1,217,825)	(720,991)	(71,002)	(4,119,527)
<b>Net book amount</b>	<b>26,621,368</b>	<b>248,292</b>	<b>871,739</b>	<b>174,437</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>27,915,836</b>

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### 11 Property, plant and equipment (continued)

The land and buildings were revalued in June 2013 by an independent property appraiser. The valuation was based on the current replacement cost method based on the values and market conditions at the time of the valuation. The Bank has determined that there have been no significant changes in the market conditions since the valuation, and therefore considers the revalued amounts as being a reasonable assessment of the fair values at reporting date.

The fair value hierarchy for land and buildings is assessed at Level 2, which includes direct and indirect observable inputs.

The following is the carrying amount of land and buildings carried at revalued amounts had they been measured at historical cost:

	<b>Land and Buildings</b>	<b>Total</b>
	\$	\$
Cost	15,941,396	15,941,396
Accumulated Depreciation	(2,897,617)	(2,897,617)
<b>Net book values as at June 30, 2017</b>	<b>13,043,779</b>	<b>13,043,779</b>

	<b>Land and Buildings</b>	<b>Total</b>
	\$	\$
Cost	15,941,396	15,941,396
Accumulated Depreciation	(2,556,776)	(2,556,776)
<b>Net book values as at June 30, 2016</b>	<b>13,384,620</b>	<b>13,384,620</b>

### 12 Intangible assets

	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
	\$	\$
<b>Computer Software:</b>		
<b>Year ended June 30,</b>		
Opening net book amount	470,463	348,867
Additions	35,182	713,379
Amortisation charge – continuing operations	(178,758)	(236,760)
Amortisation charge – discontinued operations	-	(71,210)
Eliminations on classification as held for sale	-	(283,813)
<b>Closing net book amount</b>	<b>326,887</b>	<b>470,463</b>
<b>At June 30,</b>		
Cost	3,804,471	3,769,289
Accumulated amortisation	(3,477,584)	(3,298,826)
<b>Net book amount</b>	<b>326,887</b>	<b>470,463</b>



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#### 13 Customers' deposits

	2017 \$	2016 \$
Time deposits	164,620,875	131,057,428
Savings accounts	120,679,477	128,967,802
Current accounts	54,662,741	122,943,830
	<u>339,963,093</u>	382,969,060
Interest payable	<u>1,753,008</u>	1,784,159
<b>Total customers' deposits</b>	<u><b>341,716,101</b></u>	<u>384,753,219</u>
Current	<u>341,716,101</u>	376,733,345
Non-current	<u>-</u>	8,019,874
	<u><b>341,716,101</b></u>	<u>384,753,219</u>

Included in the customers deposits at year end are balances for other financial institutions amounting to \$25,726,597 (2016: \$34,703,145).

#### 14 Other liabilities and accrued expenses

	2017 \$	2016 \$
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	1,780,714	1,790,535
Items-in-transit	947,826	937,380
Deferred loan fees	796,371	846,199
Fair value adjustment on employee loans	385,938	375,569
Manager's cheques	1,338,939	649,009
Advance deposits on credit cards	403,360	177,483
Government stamp duty	300,046	169,674
Staff bonus payable	41,545	71,220
	<u>5,994,739</u>	5,017,069
<b>Total other liabilities and accrued expenses</b>	<u><b>5,994,739</b></u>	<u>5,017,069</u>
Current	<u>4,827,568</u>	3,807,574
Non-current	<u>1,167,171</u>	1,209,495
	<u><b>5,994,739</b></u>	<u>5,017,069</u>

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#### 15 Taxation

The deferred income tax asset and liability on the consolidated statement of financial position are related to the following:

	2017 \$	2016 \$
Property, plant and equipment	(948,809)	(992,316)
Available-for-sale investment securities	(82,419)	(104,762)
Deferred tax liability	<u>(1,031,228)</u>	<u>(1,097,078)</u>
Tax losses carried forward	248,097	-
Share issue transaction costs	9,005	-
Interest on non-performing loans	<u>1,208,120</u>	<u>1,208,120</u>
Deferred income tax asset	<u>1,465,222</u>	<u>1,208,120</u>

The deferred tax expense in the consolidated statement of income is comprised of the following:

	2017 \$	2016 \$
Deferred tax on depreciation of property, plant and equipment	(43,507)	(15,691)
Under accrual for prior year deferred tax expense	<u>(248,097)</u>	<u>-</u>
Deferred income tax expense	<u>(291,604)</u>	<u>(15,691)</u>

The deferred tax income recognised in other comprehensive income is composed of the following:

	2017 \$	2016 \$
Deferred tax on movement in market value of available-for-sale- investment securities	(22,344)	21,274
Deferred tax on share issue transaction cost	<u>(9,005)</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>(31,349)</u>	<u>21,274</u>

#### Income tax payable

Income tax payable net, beginning of year	(480,678)	851,160
Payments made during year, net of refunds	639,438	627,249
Current tax expense	(473,571)	(903,094)
Prior year tax credit/(expense)	524,568	(946,667)
Transferred to assets of subsidiary classified as held for sale	-	(109,326)
Current tax expense in dispute	<u>(1,948,292)</u>	<u>-</u>
Income tax (payable)/recoverable, at end of year	<u>(1,738,535)</u>	<u>(480,678)</u>

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### 15 Taxation (continued)

	2017	2016
	\$	\$
<b>Income tax expense</b>		
Operating profit from continuing operations before taxation	<b>4,035,189</b>	3,953,314
Income tax (credit) expense at standard rate of 33% (2016: 33%)	<b>1,331,612</b>	1,304,594
Tax effect of:		
Non-deductible expenses	<b>865,673</b>	1,683,456
Untaxed interest income	<b>(1,085,196)</b>	(1,286,363)
Untaxed dividend income	<b>(34,391)</b>	(32,066)
(Over)/ under-accrual for prior year current tax	<b>(524,568)</b>	946,667
Over-accrual for prior year deferred tax expense	<b>(248,097)</b>	-
Effect of movement in deferred taxes	<b>(43,507)</b>	(15,691)
Effect of tax losses and capital cost allowances (utilised) and carried forward (net)	<b>(621,548)</b>	(812,533)
Effect of withholding taxes paid	<b>17,422</b>	12,481
Current tax expense in dispute	<b>1,948,292</b>	-
Actual income tax expense	<b>1,605,692</b>	1,800,545

#### Tax Losses

The Bank has carried forward income tax losses of \$751,809 (2016: \$Nil). The tax losses have not been confirmed by the tax authorities. Losses may be carried forward and deducted against future taxable income within five years following the year which the losses were incurred. Losses are restricted to 50% of the taxable income in any one year. The tax loss has resulted in a deferred tax asset of \$248,097 (2016: \$Nil). The losses incurred will expire on June 30, 2020.

#### Capital cost allowances

The Bank has carry-forward capital cost allowances of \$Nil (2016: \$Nil). The additions and claims for capital cost allowances during the current year have not been confirmed by the tax authorities.

Unclaimed capital cost allowances may be carried forward indefinitely and deducted against future taxable income. The amount claimed is restricted to 50% of the taxable income in any one year.

	2017	2016
	\$	\$
Under-accrual from the prior year	<b>665,100</b>	-
Balance at beginning of year	-	1,709,170
Additions during the year	<b>738,057</b>	949,889
Claims during the year	<b>(1,403,157)</b>	(2,659,059)
<b>Balance at end of year</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

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#### 15 Taxation (continued)

In April 2012 the Income Tax Act was amended to include a specific provision to restrict the claiming of expenses used to generate exempt income. Subsequently, during the financial year ended June 30, 2016, the Bank of Nevis Limited received assessments from the tax authorities for the financial years June 30, 2012, 2013 and 2014, claiming additional taxes as a result of the disallowance of expenses used to generate exempt income. These assessments were subsequently settled during the financial year ended June 30, 2016. However, the Bank reserved the right to challenge the formulas used by the tax authorities to calculate the value of expenses to be disallowed and the treatment of Public Sector loans that were designated as tax free. In June 2017, the Bank submitted a proposal/objection to the tax authorities with respect to the most recent assessments. The proposals made by the Bank were used to determine the tax liability for income years 2015, 2016 and 2017, which created a disputed tax liability of \$1,948,292 for those financial years.

Based on the formulas used by the tax authorities the tax expense for the financial year ending on June 30, 2017 amounted to \$1,605,692 compared to \$342,600 which is the tax credit computed using the formulas proposed by the Bank. Management is currently in discussions with the tax authorities to resolve the tax disputed.

#### 16 Share capital

Authorised share capital - 50,000,000 shares (2016: 50,000,000 shares) at no par value.

Issued and fully paid - 13,833,945 shares (2016: 9,347,687 shares) at no par value.

The Company's Ordinance, Nevis 1999 (section 26) stipulates that shares in a company are to be without nominal or par value. The Ordinance further stipulates that where a former-Act company is continued under the Ordinance, a share with nominal or par value issued by the company before it was continued is deemed to be a share without nominal or par value. The Bank continued under the Companies Ordinance of Nevis on December 31, 2001 and would have adopted the no par value requirement as prescribed by the Ordinance. The par value prior to continuance under the Companies Ordinance was EC\$1.00.

The movement in share capital is summarised as follows:

	<b>Number of Shares</b>	<b>Share Capital</b>
Balance as at July 1, 2015	9,347,687	9,347,687
Movement	-	-
<b>Balance as at June 30, 2016</b>	<b>9,347,687</b>	<b>9,347,687</b>
Issue of shares (net)	4,486,258	4,469,897
<b>Balance as at June 30, 2017</b>	<b>13,833,945</b>	<b>13,817,584</b>

The Banking Act No. 1 of 2015 ("the Act") which regulates the activities of the Parent Company ("BON") came into effect on May 20, 2016. The Act has increased the minimum capital requirement for licensees from \$5 million to EC\$20 million, with an allowance of 450 days from the Act's effective date to achieve compliance. The Bank's paid up capital at June 30, 2017 is \$13,817,584. As part of the strategy to ensure compliance with the Act, the Board of Directors of BON sought and received approval from its shareholders to raise additional share capital via a rights issue and immediately thereafter, an additional public offering ("APO").

The rights issue was held during the period February 1, 2017 to April 18, 2017 and the paid up capital raised was \$4,486,258. The APO commenced on May 15, 2017 and was completed on July 28, 2017, subsequent to June 30, 2017. The additional capital of \$6,182,416 required to meet the minimum paid up capital requirement of \$20 million was raised via the APO.

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### 17 Statutory reserves

Section 45 (1) of the St. Christopher and Nevis Banking Act No. 1 of 2015 provides that not less than 20% of each year's net earnings shall be set aside to a reserve fund whenever the fund is less than the paid-up capital of the Bank.

Section 12 (1) of the Nevis International Banking Ordinance 2014 provides that the Bank is to maintain a reserve fund and shall out of its net profits of each year and before any dividend is paid, transfer to the said fund a sum equal to not less than 25% of those profits whenever the amount of the reserve fund is less than the paid-up capital of the Bank.

There was a transfer \$2,310,249 of the statutory reserves for the years ended June 30, 2017 and \$nil for the year ended June 30, 2016.

### 18 Revaluation reserves

	2017 \$	2016 \$
Balance, beginning of year	12,147,773	12,502,865
Appreciation/(depreciation) in market value of investment securities, (net of tax)	<u>1,294,824</u>	<u>(355,092)</u>
Balance, end of year	<u>13,442,597</u>	12,147,773

The revaluation reserve is comprised of the following:

Amounts relating to discontinued operations	474,192	(865,998)
Amounts relating to continuing operations	<u>12,968,405</u>	<u>13,013,771</u>
Balance, end of year	<u>13,442,597</u>	<u>12,147,773</u>

#### Represented by revaluation reserves attributable to:

Available-for-sale investment securities	164,578	209,944
Property	<u>12,803,827</u>	<u>12,803,827</u>
	<u>12,968,405</u>	<u>13,013,771</u>

This reserve is unrealised and hence not available for distribution to shareholders. The deferred tax impact on the appreciation/ (depreciation) in market values of investment securities is shown below:

	2017 \$	2016 \$
Depreciation in market value	(67,710)	(333,818)
Less: deferred tax	<u>22,344</u>	<u>(21,274)</u>
	<u>(45,366)</u>	<u>(355,092)</u>

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### 19 Other reserves

	2017	2016
	\$	\$
<b>Other reserves:</b>		
Balance at beginning of year	4,147,221	3,721,643
Reserve for loan impairment	224,338	425,578
<b>Total other reserves</b>	<b>4,371,559</b>	4,147,221
<b>Other reserves is represented by:</b>		
Reserve for loan impairment	1,481,343	1,257,005
Reserve for items in-transit on correspondent bank accounts	2,890,216	2,890,216
	<b>4,371,559</b>	4,147,221

#### Reserve for loan impairment

This reserve is created to set aside the amount by which the loan loss provision calculated under the Prudential Guidelines of the Eastern Caribbean Central Bank exceeds the loan loss provision calculated in accordance with IAS 39.

#### Reserve for items in-transit on correspondent bank accounts

This reserve is created to set aside the amount for items in-transit on correspondent bank account which have been statute barred and have been recognised in the profit and loss account but is not available for distribution to shareholders.

### 20 Interest income

	2017	2016
	\$	\$
<b>Interest income on loans and receivables</b>		
Loans and advances	13,695,576	13,968,218
Treasury bills	2,496,717	2,238,994
Deposits with banks and other financial institutions	1,012,504	531,605
Other investment securities	194,176	298,632
<b>Total interest income on loans and receivables</b>	<b>17,398,973</b>	17,037,449
Interest income on available-for-sale investment securities	103,183	132,338
<b>Total interest income</b>	<b>17,502,156</b>	17,169,787

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#### 21 Interest expense

	2017	2016
	\$	\$
Time deposits	4,251,869	5,445,698
Savings deposits	2,208,987	2,202,112
Demand deposits	126,381	142,173
<b>Total interest expense on other financial liabilities</b>	<b>6,587,237</b>	<b>7,789,983</b>

#### 22 Other operating income

	2017	2016
	\$	\$
Fees and commissions	2,027,731	1,706,531
Foreign exchange gains (net)	971,425	882,912
Dividend income on available-for-sale investments	104,215	97,169
Net Card services commissions and fees	(67,604)	45,116
Gain on disposal of assets	-	33,000
Miscellaneous revenue	8,113	9,998
Bad debts recovered	4,866	1,100
<b>Total other operating income</b>	<b>3,048,746</b>	<b>2,775,826</b>

#### 23 Related party transactions

Parties are considered to be related if one party has the ability to control the other party or exercise significant influence over the other party in making financial or operational decisions.

A number of banking transactions were entered into with related parties. These include loans, deposits and other transactions. The details of related party transactions, outstanding balances at the year end and relating expenses and income for the year are as follows:

##### Directors key management personnel, and related entities

	2017	2016
	\$	\$
<b>Balances at June 30, 2017</b>		
Loans and advances outstanding	7,994,191	8,066,126
Undrawn credit commitments	495,626	497,089
Collateral held on balances outstanding	22,953,011	24,506,282
Deposits held	37,373,197	43,678,972
<b>Transactions for the year ended June 30, 2017</b>		
Interest income earned on loans and advances	494,317	631,427
Interest expense incurred on deposits held	1,413,982	2,068,412
Interest rates on loans and advances	5.0% - 19.5%	5.0% - 19.5%
Interest rates on deposits held	0.0% - 5.25%	0.0% - 5.25%

Loans and advances to directors are granted on commercial terms and are secured by cash and/or mortgages over real estate.

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#### 23 Related party transactions (continued)

Loans and advances to key management personnel are granted on terms outlined in the Bank's Staff Advances Policy, which provides for the application of certain preferential terms, including interest rates and collateral arrangements. Collateral arrangements for loans and advances to key management personnel include cash and/or mortgages over properties.

During the year, salaries and related benefits of \$2,032,020 (2016: \$1,886,553) were paid to key members of management and were allocated as follows:

	2017 \$	2016 \$
Salaries and short term benefits	1,964,194	1,813,073
Pension and post-employment benefits	67,826	73,480
	<u>2,032,020</u>	<u>1,886,553</u>

#### 24 Earnings per share

##### Basic earnings per share from continuing and discontinued operations

This is calculated by dividing the net profit attributable to shareholders by the weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue during the year as follows.

	2017 \$	2016 \$
Net profit attributable to shareholders	7,048,823	3,685,736
Weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue	<u>10,134,320</u>	<u>12,430,255</u>
	<u>0.70</u>	<u>0.30</u>

##### Basic earnings per share from continuing operations

This is calculated by dividing the net profit from continuing operations attributable to shareholders by the weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue during the year as follows:

	2017 \$	2016 \$
Net profit from continuing operations attributable to shareholders	2,429,497	2,152,669
Weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue	<u>10,134,320</u>	<u>12,430,255</u>
	<u>0.24</u>	<u>0.17</u>

#### 25 Contingencies and commitments

##### Credit related and capital commitments

The following table indicates the contractual amounts of the Banks' off statement of financial position financial instruments:

	2017 \$	2016 \$
Undrawn commitments to extend advances	18,225,708	28,851,498
	<u>18,225,708</u>	<u>28,851,498</u>

Included in the amount of undrawn commitments to extend advances above are credit card commitments totalling \$4,257,929 (2016: \$6,323,345) at the year end.



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#### 26 Dividends

During the year, a cash dividend of \$0.15 per share (2016: \$Nil per share) amounting to \$1,402,146 was paid (2016: \$Nil).

#### 27 Cash and cash equivalents

	2017	2016
	\$	\$
Cash and balances due from banks and other financial institutions (note 7)	50,810,014	90,868,514
Investment securities (note 8)	27,055,471	31,208,010
Cash and cash equivalents classified as assets of subsidiary held for sale	42,264,562	52,959,339
<b>Total cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>120,130,047</b>	<b>175,035,863</b>

#### 28 General and administrative expenses

	2017	2016
	\$	\$
Salaries and related costs (note 29)	5,585,653	4,567,225
Building and equipment maintenance and repairs	627,339	572,704
Stationery, printing and postage	325,479	376,580
Other general and administrative expenses	315,372	223,651
Advertisement and promotion	323,058	210,172
Insurance expense	173,836	269,276
Professional fees	305,521	193,236
Utilities	206,478	204,075
Telephone, telex and cables	158,447	143,716
Security services	109,463	95,544
Taxes and licences	98,098	50,695
Legal Fees	31,713	14,752
<b>Total general and administrative expenses</b>	<b>8,260,457</b>	<b>6,921,626</b>

#### 29 Salaries and related costs

	2017	2016
	\$	\$
Salaries and wages	3,933,015	3,361,198
Other staff costs	1,057,410	777,067
Social security costs	340,174	311,293
Pension costs	255,054	117,667
<b>Total salaries and related costs</b>	<b>5,585,653</b>	<b>4,567,225</b>

Contributions to the pension plan for the year ended June 30, 2017 amounted to \$255,054 (2016: \$117,667).

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#### 30 Assets and liabilities of subsidiary classified as held for sale

	2017 \$	2016 \$
Assets of Subsidiary	<b>167,207,184</b>	<b>161,900,998</b>
Liabilities of Subsidiary	<b>158,198,776</b>	<b>155,839,626</b>

During a special meeting held on February 18, 2016, the shareholders of the Bank of Nevis Limited ("BON") resolved that the Directors of BON be authorised to dispose of BON's majority interest in its wholly owned subsidiary Bank of Nevis International Limited ("BONI") by way of the sale of the majority or full (100%) shareholding in BONI, such authority being granted up to September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016 failing which, the Directors of BON be authorised to proceed with a spin-off whereby each shareholder of BON will be allotted an interest in BONI proportionate to their existing shareholding.

Following the passing of the aforementioned resolution and the establishment of the criteria and process for selecting a potential investor, the Directors of BON received and considered several inquiries and offers from external parties in relation thereto.

The sale and purchase agreement was executed between the parties to the MOU on September 30, 2016. The sale of BON's majority interest in BONI has been approved by the regulatory authorities and it is anticipated that the shareholder's agreement and sale of the majority shareholding in BONI will be completed before December 31, 2017.

	2017 \$	2016 \$
Cash and current accounts with other banks	<b>28,330,129</b>	39,650,484
Short term fixed deposits	<b>13,934,433</b>	11,327,319
Treasury bills included in cash equivalents	-	1,981,536
Included in cash and cash equivalents (note 27)	<b>42,264,562</b>	52,959,339
Balances due from banks and other financial institutions	<b>16,713,136</b>	28,495,154
Investment securities	<b>94,955,637</b>	72,091,374
Loans and advances	<b>11,003,754</b>	7,522,601
Income tax receivable	<b>204,563</b>	110,116
Other assets	<b>1,746,252</b>	326,162
Property, plant and equipment	<b>106,677</b>	112,439
Intangible assets	<b>212,603</b>	283,813
Assets of Subsidiary Classified as Held for Sale	<b>167,207,184</b>	<b>161,900,998</b>
Customers' deposits	<b>157,428,582</b>	154,416,856
Other liabilities and accrued expenses	<b>870,194</b>	1,421,980
Income tax payable	-	790
Liabilities of subsidiary business associated with assets classified as held for sale	<b>158,298,776</b>	<b>155,839,626</b>
Net assets of subsidiary classified as held for sale	<b>8,908,408</b>	<b>6,061,372</b>

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### 30 Assets and liabilities of subsidiary classified as held for sale (continued)

#### Fixed deposits held with British American Insurance Company Limited (BAICO)

The subsidiary Bank of Nevis International holds fixed deposits with British American Insurance Company Limited (BAICO) in the amount of \$10,145,991.

On July 31, 2009 the local High Court, upon application by the Registrar of Insurance, directed that the business of BAICO carried out in St. Kitts and Nevis be placed under judicial management. Subsequently, Judicial Managers were appointed to the branches in St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Antigua and Barbuda, Grenada, Montserrat and an administrator to BAICO'S branch in Anguilla. All of these are branches of BAICO and are not separate legal entities. The Judicial Manager's report was filed with the local High Court on October 30, 2009. After reviewing the Judicial Manager's report, management determined that the most prudent approach should be adopted, thereby making a provision for impairment of 100% of the value of these deposits (amounting to \$10,145,991) in the consolidated financial statements at June 30, 2009. The above provision for impairment has been maintained in the financial statements for Bank of Nevis International Limited at June 30, 2017 and no income has been recognised in respect of the fixed deposits.

### 31 Discontinued operations

#### Plan to dispose of subsidiary

As described in note 30, the Bank plans to dispose of BON's majority interest in its wholly owned subsidiary Bank of Nevis International Limited. The Bank has not recognised any impairment loss on reclassification of the assets and liabilities as held for sale as at June 30, 2017.

#### Analysis of profit for the year from discontinued operations

The results of the discontinued operations included in the profit for the year are set out below.

#### Profit for the year from discontinued operations

	2017	2016
	\$	\$
Net interest income	2,620,744	1,851,383
Other operating income	3,935,926	1,650,915
	<b>6,556,670</b>	3,502,298
Operating expenses	(1,876,181)	(1,935,806)
	<b>4,680,489</b>	1,566,492
Operating profit for the year before taxation		
Attributable taxation	(61,163)	(33,525)
	<b>4,619,326</b>	1,532,967

#### Cash flows from discontinued operations

	2017	2016
	\$	\$
Net cash flows from operating activities	6,839,400	4,302,225
Net cash flows used in investing activities	(15,449,212)	(12,972,658)
Net cash flows used in financing activities	(77,155)	-
	<b>(8,686,967)</b>	(8,670,433)

