

EUROBANK CYPRUS LTD

Report and Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 December 2016



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Board of Directors and Other Officers

Board of Directors

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Executive Committee

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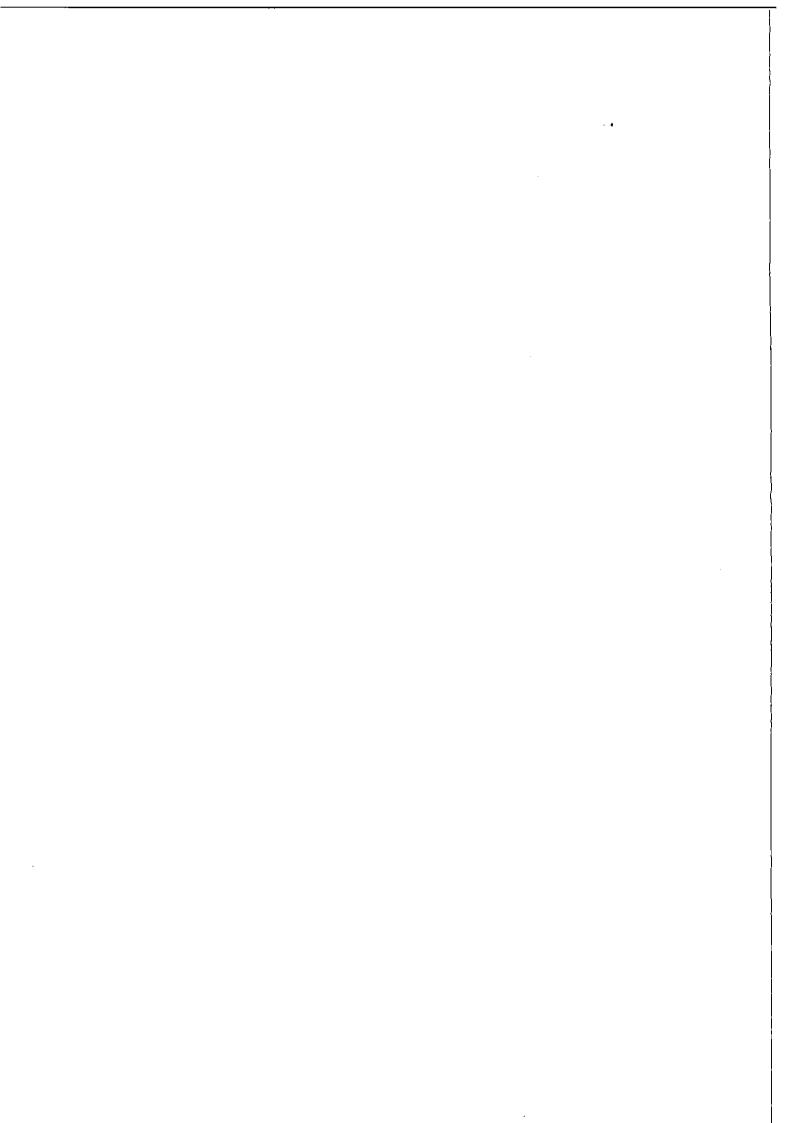
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Management Report

The Board of Directors presents its report together with the audited financial statements of Eurobank Cyprus Ltd (the "Bank") for the year ended 31 December 2016.

Principal activity

The principal activity of the Bank, which is unchanged from last year, is the provision of banking and financial services.

Branches

The Bank did not operate through any branches during the year.

Review of developments, position and performance of the Bank's business

The main financial highlights for the year are as follows:

2016	2015
€'000	€'000
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40.437	33.368
49.667	50.243
38.091	39.101
3.908.262	3.240.685
1.817.465	1.896.991
4.879.262	4.132.000
409.456	364.027
%	%
29,0	27,5
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The financial position, development and performance of the Bank as presented in these financial statements are considered satisfactory.

Management Report (continued)

Business outlook and risks

The Bank considers risk management to be a major process and a major factor contributing to the stability of the Bank's performance. The financial risks which are managed and monitored are credit risk, operational risk, market risk and liquidity risk. Detailed information relating to risk management is set out in Notes 2.1 and 4 of the financial statements.

Operating environment of Cyprus

Cyprus exited the adjustment program in March 2016 without the need of a successor arrangement. Access to market funding has been fully restored as witnessed by the 5 successful debt issuances since 2014 under the EMTN program. The implementation of the program has generally been acknowledged for meeting the key objectives, especially those relating to fiscal discipline and Banking reforms.

The Cypriot economy has continued its successful progress in 2016 with growth accelerating to 2,8% from 1,7% in 2015. Economic growth is projected to maintain its positive momentum and reach 2,5% over the period of 2017-2019. Unemployment is expected to remain on a downward trend and drop to 10% by 2019 from the current level of 14,1%. Youth and long term unemployment remain as the key challenges in the labour market but with encouraging signs of gradual improvement. Inflation remained in negative territory for the most part of 2016, mainly due to the effects of lower energy prices. Given the recent stability in energy prices inflation is expected to turn positive and reach 2% by 2019 which is aligned with the trend in economic growth.

Tourist arrivals increased by 20% in 2016 due to double digit growth from all major markets. Revenue from tourism marked an increase of 12% in 2016, reaching €2,35bn compared to €2,1bn in 2015. Data published by the Land Registry indicates that annual property sales increased at a pace of 43% which validates that confidence in the real estate sector has been restored. Regarding the energy sector and the exploration for hydrocarbon reserves the Government is proceeding with the 3rd licensing round with the biggest energy players internationally. The aforementioned positive developments have been instrumental in regaining investor confidence in the Cypriot economy.

The Cypriot banking system has continued its creditable recovery. Significant progress has been achieved in the management of NPE's which recorded a reduction of 3 billion to a total of 23,7 billion Euro for the year. Liquidity in the system continued to improve with total deposits increasing by 3 billion to 49 billion Euro in December 2016.

The Bank believes that the business environment and projected economic growth will be conducive to business growth. The Bank envisages to advance through the successful implementation of the existing operating model while recognising and addressing the emergence of new opportunities.

Management Report (continued)

Business outlook and risks (continued)

Financial risk management

Credit risk

The Bank takes on exposure to credit risk, which is the risk that a counterparty will be unable to pay amounts in full when due. Impairment provisions are recognised for losses that have been incurred at the balance sheet date. Significant changes in the economy, or in the health of a particular industry segment that represents a concentration in the Bank's portfolio, could result in losses that are different from those provided for at the balance sheet date. Therefore, management carefully manages its exposure to credit risk.

The Bank minimises the risk by adopting appropriate procedures and controls to evaluate the quality of the credit facilities granted.

In addition, the Bank structures the levels of credit risk it undertakes by placing limits on the amount of risk accepted (excluding related party balances, Note 30). Facilities higher than these limits are authorised and monitored at group level.

Market risk

The Bank takes on exposure to market risks. Market risks arise from exposure to interest rates, currency and equity products or combination of them, all of which are exposed to general and specific market movements. These risks are managed by the Risk Management Unit of the Bank in cooperation with the Risk Committee.

Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that arises when the maturity of assets and liabilities does not match, and as a result there may be inability to meet cash calls.

The Bank is exposed to daily calls on its available cash resources due to deposits withdrawals, loan draw-downs and guarantees, margin calls and payments on cash-settled derivatives. The Bank maintains cash resources to meet all of these needs. The Risk Committee sets liquidity limits to ensure that sufficient funds are available to meet such calls.

The maturities of assets and liabilities and the ability to replace, at an acceptable cost, interest bearing liabilities as they mature, are important factors in assessing the liquidity of the Bank and its exposure to changes in interest rates and exchange rates.

Liquidity requirements to support calls under guarantees and standby letters of credit are considerably less than the amount of the commitment because past performance supports that the third parties generally do not draw funds under the agreement. The total outstanding contractual amount of commitments to extend credit does not necessarily represent future cash requirements, as many of these commitments will expire or terminate without being funded.

Management Report (continued)

Future developments of the Bank

The Bank currently operates through a network of 8 Banking Centres in Nicosia, Limassol, Larnaca, Paphos and Famagusta. The Bank will continue to strengthen its operations investing in human capital and procedures in various areas.

Results

The Bank's results for the year are set out on pages 9 and 10. The Board of Directors does not recommend the payment of a dividend and the net profit for the year is retained.

Share capital

There were no changes in the Bank's share capital during the year ended 31 December 2016.

Board of Directors

The members of the Board of Directors of the Bank as at 31 December 2016 and at the date of this report are shown on page 1. All of them were members of the Board throughout the year 2016 and up to the date of this report except from Mr. Takis Phidia who was appointed on the Board of Directors of the Bank on 24 February 2017.

There were no significant changes in the distribution of responsibilities or compensation of the Board of Directors.

Bank Management

The Bank's Executive Committee as at 31 December 2016 and at the date of this report is shown on page 1.

Events after the balance sheet date

There were no material events after the balance sheet date, which have a bearing on the understanding of the financial statements.

Auditors

The Independent Auditors, PricewaterhouseCoopers Limited have expressed their willingness to continue in office.

Michalis Louis

Chief Executive Officer

Nicosia, 25 April 2017

Independent auditor's report

To the Members of Eurobank Cyprus Ltd

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of parent company Eurobank Cyprus Limited (the "Bank"), which are presented in pages 9 to 83 and comprise the balance sheet as at 31 December 2016, and the statements of income, comprehensive income, changes in equity and cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of parent company Eurobank Cyprus Limited as at 31 December 2016, and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs) as adopted by the European Union and the requirements of the Cyprus Companies Law, Cap. 113.

Basis for Opinion

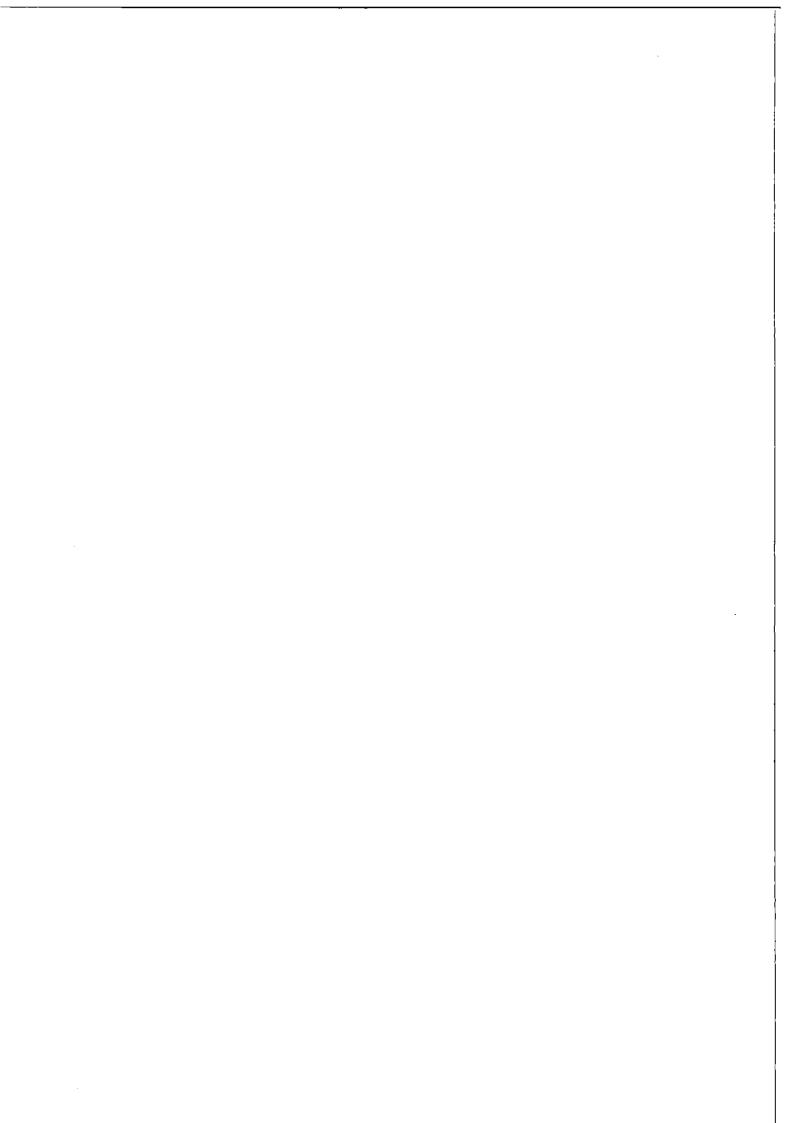
We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISAs). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the Bank in accordance with the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

Other information

The Board of Directors is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the management report, but does not include the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the 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 financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work we have performed, 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.



Independent auditor's report

To the Members of Eurobank Cyprus Ltd

Responsibilities of the Board of Directors for the Financial Statements

The Board of Directors is responsible for the preparation of financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as adopted by the European Union and the requirements of the Cyprus Companies Law, Cap. 113, and for such internal control as the Board of Directors determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Board of Directors 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 the Board of Directors either intends to liquidate the Bank or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

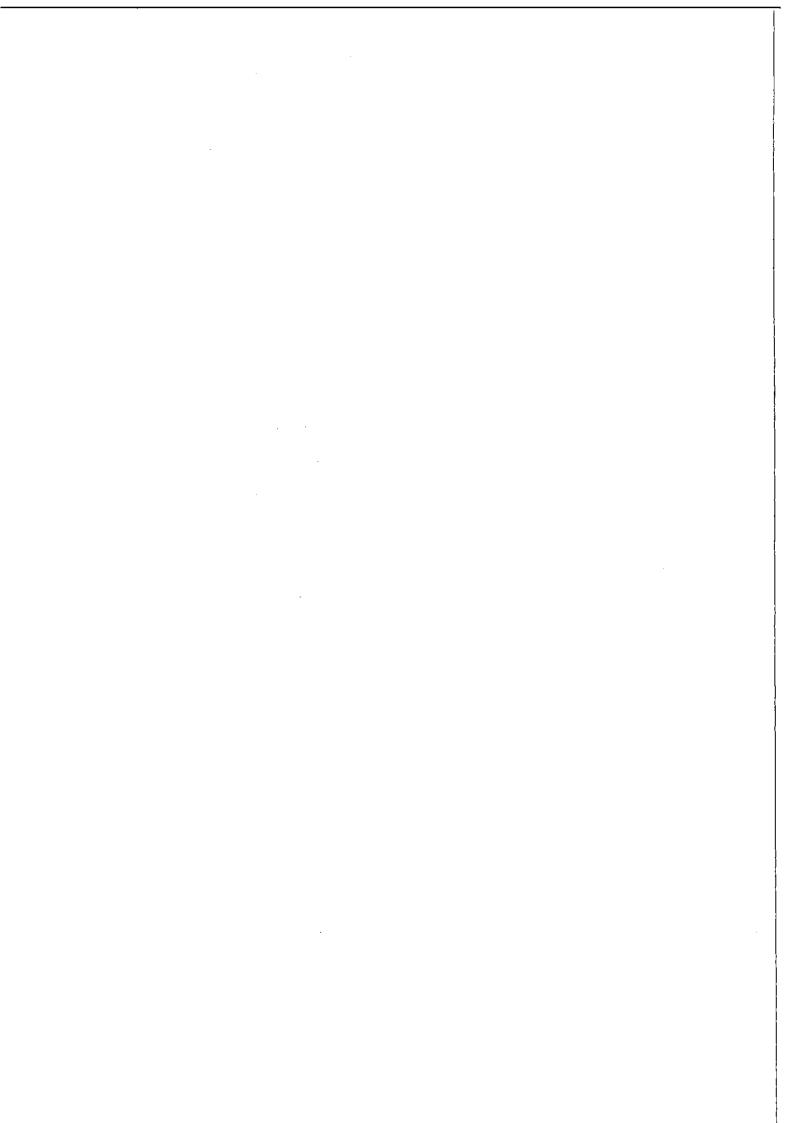
The Board of Directors is responsible for overseeing the Bank's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

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

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



Independent auditor's report

To the Members of Eurobank Cyprus Ltd

We communicate with the Board of Directors 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.

Report on Other Legal Requirements

Pursuant to the additional requirements of the Auditors and Statutory Audits of Annual and Consolidated Accounts Laws of 2009 to 2016, we report the following:

- We have obtained all the information and explanations we considered necessary for the purposes of our audit.
- In our opinion, proper books of account have been kept by the Bank, so far as appears from our examination of these books.
- The Bank's financial statements are in agreement with the books of account.
- In our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us, the financial statements give the information required by the Cyprus Companies Law, Cap. 113, in the manner so required.
- In our opinion, the management report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Cyprus Companies Law, Cap. 113, and the information given is consistent with the financial statements.
- In our opinion, and in the light of the knowledge and understanding of the Bank and its
 environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material
 misstatements in the management report.

Other Matter

This report, including the opinion, has been prepared for and only for the Bank's members as a body in accordance with Section 34 of the Auditors and Statutory Audits of Annual and Consolidated Accounts Laws of 2009 to 2016 and for no other purpose. We do not, in giving this opinion, accept or assume responsibility for any other purpose or to any other person to whose knowledge this report may come to.

George C. Kazamias

Certified Public Accountant and Registered Auditor

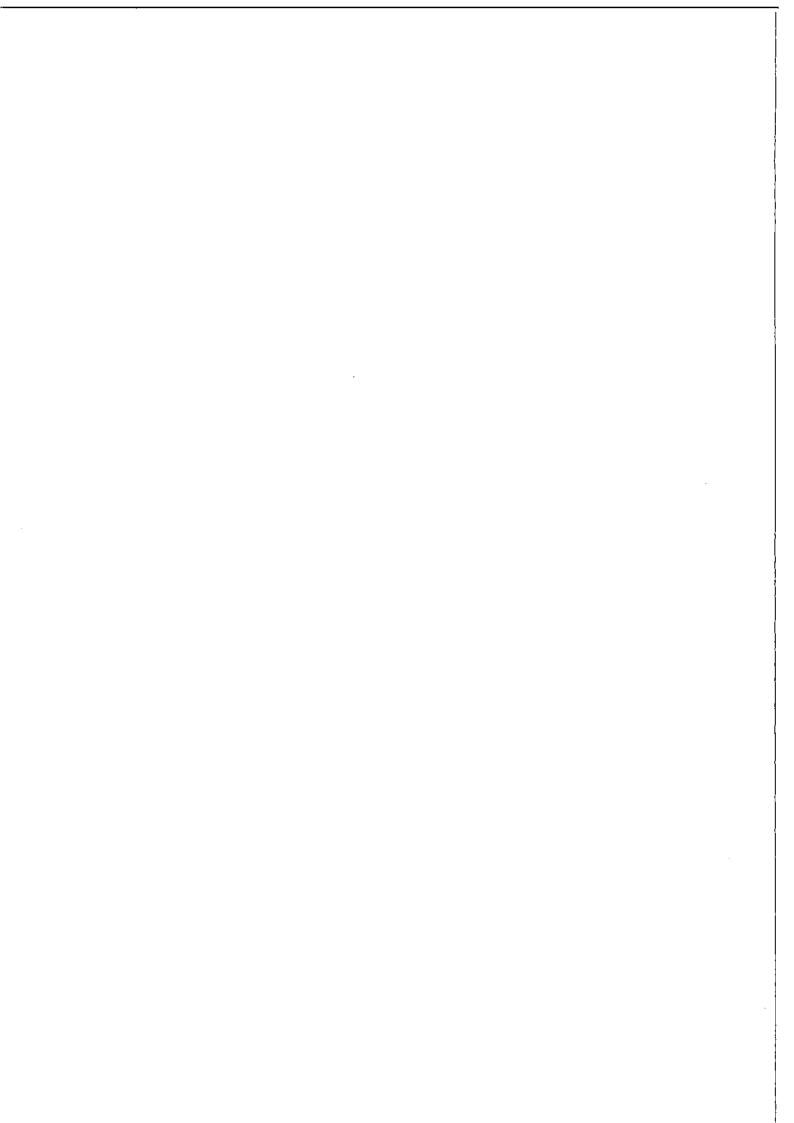
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for and on behalf of

PricewaterhouseCoopers Limited

Certified Public Accountants and Registered Auditors

Nicosia, 25 April 2017



Income Statement for the year ended 31 December 2016

	Note	2016 €'000	2015 €'000
Interest income	5	109.210	109.809
Interest expense	5	(40.514)	(44.584)
Net interest income		68.696	65.225
Banking fee and commission income	6	30.110	25.813
Banking fee and commission expense	6	(8.691)	(7.825)
Net banking fee and commission income	<u> </u>	21.419	17.988
Net trading income	7	263	90
Net (losses)/gains from investment securities	8	(274)	307
Other income	•	1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1	
	. .	(11)	398
Operating income		90.104	83.611
Staff costs	9	(14.603)	(13.513)
Other operating expenses	10 _	(11.509)	(9.507)
Profit from operations before impairments		63.992	60.591
Impairment losses on loans and advances	16	(14.325)	(10.348)
Profit before tax and government levies		49.667	50.243
Government levy on customer deposits	23	(5.227)	(4,796)
Income tax expense	11	(6.349)	(6.346)
Profit for the year	<u> </u>	38.091	39,101

Statement of Comprehensive Income for the year ended 31 December 2016

	2016 €'000		2015 €'000	
Profit for the year		38.091		39.101
Other comprehensive income:	·			•
Items that may be subsequently reclassified to profit or loss:				
Available-for-sale financial assets (Note 17)				*
- net changes in fair value, net of tax - transfer from/(to) profit or loss due to disposal	7.064		1.342	·
and impairment, net of tax	274		(305)	
		7.338		1.037_
Other comprehensive income for the year		7.338		1.037
Total comprehensive income for the year		45.429	,	40.138

Balance Sheet at 31 December 2016

		2016	2015
	Note	€'000	€'000
Assets			
Cash and balances with central banks	12	168.378	39.896
Loans and advances to banks	13	2.298.543	1.554.848
Investment in subsidiaries	14		1
Derivative financial instruments	15	10.472	2.765
Loans and advances to customers	16	1.817.465	1.896.991
Available-for-sale financial assets	17	236.011	261.505
Held-to-maturity investments	18	337.640	366.081
Intangible assets	19	2.785	2.232
Property, plant and equipment	20	7.270	6.871
Other assets	21	697	810
Total assets	_	4.879.262	4.132.000
Liabilities			
Due to other banks	22	522.359	492.606
Derivative financial instruments	15	1.402	527
Due to customers	23	3.908.262	3.240,685
Other liabilities	24 _	37.783	34.155
Total liabilities	_	4.469.806	3.767.973
Equity			
Share capital	25	12.010	12.010
Share premium	25	245.384	245.384
Other reserves		6,950	(388)
Retained earnings		145.112	107.021
Total equity		409.456	364.027
Total equity and liabilities		4.879.262	4.132.000

On 25 April 2017 the Board of Directors of Eurobank Cyprus Ltd authorised the issuance of these financial statements.

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Michalis Louis, Chief Executive Officer

Demetris Shacallis, Chief Financial Officer

Statement of Changes in Equity for the year ended 31 December 2016

			Available-		
	6 1		for-sale		
	Share	Share	revaluation	Retained	
	capital	premium	reserve	earnings	Total
	€'000	€,000	€,000	€'000	€'000
Balance at 1 January 2015	12.010	245.384	(1.425)	333.893	589.862
Other comprehensive income for					•
the year	_	_	1.037	_	1.037
Profit for the year				39.101	39.101
Total comprehensive in					
Total comprehensive income for the year			4 027	20.404	46.400
Tor the year	<u>-</u>		1.037	39.101	40.138
Transactions with owners:					
Dividend paid (Note 25)	-	-	_	(265.973)	(265.973)
Total transactions with owners	-			(265.973)	(265.973)
Balance at 31 December 2015/	40.040	045.004	(200)		
1 January 2016	12.010	245.384	(388)	107.021	364.027
Other comprehensive income for					· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
the year	-	_	7.338	_	7.338
Profit for the year		<u></u>	-	38.091	38.091
	_			_	
Total comprehensive income					
for the year			<u>7.338</u>	38.091	45.429
Balance at 31 December 2016	12.010	245.384	6.950	145,112	409.456
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Cash Flow Statement for the year ended 31 December 2016

	Note	2016 €'000	2015 €'000
Profit before tax and government levies		49.667	50.243
Adjustments for:			
Amortisation of intangible assets	19	512	562
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	20	1.520	1.197
Loss/(profit) on disposal of property, plant and equipment	20	6	(13)
Impairment losses on loans and advances	16	14.336	10.702
Interest income on available-for-sale financial assets	5	(10.848)	
Interest income on held-to-maturity instruments	5	(12.568)	(12.997)
Foreign exchange differences on investing activities	5		(11.631)
Profit on disposal of available-for-sale financial assets	0	(2.518)	(20.460)
Net fair value loss on available-for-sale financial assets	8	(261)	(315)
transferred to income statement due to impairment			
transferred to income statement due to impairment	8 _	535	8
		40.381	17.296
Changes in operating assets and liabilities			
Net (increase)/decrease in cash and balances with central			
Banks		(128.797)	3.626
Net (increase)/decrease in loans and advances to banks		(53.878)	137.161
Net increase in derivative financial instruments		(6.832)	(1 724)
Net decrease/(increase) in loans and advances to customers		65.19Ó	(260.307)
Net decrease in other assets		113	530
Net increase in due to other banks		29.753	76.235
Net increase/(decrease) in due to customers		667.577	(69.420)
Net increase in other liabilities		3.521	12.203
	_	617.028	(84.400)
Government levy on customer deposits paid		(5.227)	(4.797)
Income tax paid		(6.242)	(6.196)
Net cash flows from/(used in) operating activities	_	605.559	(95.393)
	_	en e	
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchases of intangible assets	19	(1.065)	(712)
Purchases of property, plant and equipment	20	(1.932)	(826)
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment	20	7.	20
Proceeds from disposal and redemptions of available-for-			
sale financial assets	17	33.919	560.538
Payments for acquisition of available-for-sale financial assets	17	<u>.</u>	(275.617)
Interest received on available-for-sale financial assets		12.005	14.839
Proceeds from redemption of held-to-maturity investments	18	68.109	62.625
Payments for acquisition of held-to-maturity investments	18	(40.291)	(244.583)
Interest received on held-to-maturity investments	18	13.191	7.473
Net cash flows from investing activities	-	83.943	123.757
Cash flows from financing activities			
Payment of dividends	25		(DOE 070)
Net cash flows used in investing activities	۷۵		(265,973)
The same tions about its invocating activities	_		(265.973)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		689.502	(237.609)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	29	1.553.156	1.790.765
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	29 —	2.242.658	1.553.156
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Notes to the financial statements

1 General information

Country of incorporation

Eurobank Cyprus Ltd ("the Bank") is incorporated in Cyprus as a private limited liability company in accordance with the provisions of the Cyprus Companies Law, Cap. 113. Its registered office and business address is at 41 Arch. Makariou III Avenue, 5th floor, 1065 Nicosia, Cyprus.

Principal activity

The principal activity of the Bank, which is unchanged from last year, is the provision of banking and financial services.

2 Summary of significant accounting policies

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

2.1 Basis of preparation

The financial statements of the Bank have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs) as adopted by the European Union (EU) and the requirements of the Cyprus Companies Law, Cap. 113.

As of the date of the authorisation of the financial statements, all IFRSs issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) that are effective as of 1 January 2016 have been endorsed by the EU through the endorsement procedure established by the European Commission, with the exception of certain provisions of IAS 39, "Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement" relating to portfolio hedge accounting.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of available-for-sale financial assets and financial assets at fair value through profit or loss.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with IFRS requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates and requires management to exercise its judgement in the process of applying the Bank's accounting policies. The areas involving a higher degree of judgement or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the financial statements are disclosed in Note 3.

These separate financial statements contain information about Eurobank Cyprus Ltd as an individual company and do not contain consolidated financial information as the parent of a group. The Company has taken advantage of the exemption under IFRS 10 "Consolidated Financial Statements" and the Cyprus Companies Law, Cap. 113 from the requirement to prepare consolidated financial statements as the Company and its subsidiary are included in the consolidated financial statements of its intermediate parent, Eurobank Ergasias S.A, which prepares consolidated financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as adopted by the EU that are available for public use. These consolidated financial statements are available at the Eurobank Ergasias S.A.' website (www.eurobank.gr).

The Bank's presentation currency is the Euro (€) being its functional currency. Except as indicated, financial information presented in Euro has been rounded to the nearest thousand.

Notes to the financial statements

2 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

2.1 Basis of preparation (continued)

Going concern considerations:

In making its assessment of the Bank's ability to continue as a going concern, the Board of Directors has taken into consideration the following:

a) Position of the Group

In June 2016, Greece, after the completion of a number of key prior actions, has successfully concluded the first review of the Third Economic Adjustment Program (TEAP), which permitted the disbursement of €10,3 billion from the second instalment of the European Stability Mechanism (ESM) loan that allowed the country to cover its debt servicing needs and clear a part of the state's arrears to the private sector. In accordance with the agreement with the European partners, the authorities are committed to preserving sufficient liquidity in the banking system, as long as Greece meets its obligations under the ESM program.

The next key milestone for Greece is the timely and successful completion of the second review of the TEAP, currently in progress, which would help reinstating depositors' confidence and thus accelerate the return of deposits, it would facilitate the faster relaxation of capital controls and would allow for the participation in ECB's Quantitative Easing (QE) program, conditional on the decisions of the Institutions regarding the plan for the implementation of the medium-term debt relief measures. Moreover, the reduction of the short term uncertainty along with, the decisive implementation of the reforms agreed in the context of the ESM program and the mobilisation of European Union (EU) funding to support domestic investment and job creation, would facilitate the restoration of confidence in the prospects of the Greek economy and the further stabilisation of the domestic economic environment, which are necessary conditions for the return of the country to a sustainable growth path.

The Group, following the successful completion of its recapitalisation in November 2015, exclusively from private sources, is focused on the organic strengthening of its capital position by the further expansion of pre-provision income while maintaining its robust risk management practices, and by proceeding to additional initiatives associated with the restructuring, transformation or optimization of operations, in Greece and abroad, that will generate or release further capital and/or reduce risk weighted assets. One of the key areas of focus is the active management of non-performing exposures at an accelerated pace, with the aim to substantially reduce their stock in accordance with the Eurobank Ergasias S.A. operational targets and taking advantage of the Group's internal infrastructure, the external partnerships and the important legislative changes that have taken or are expected to take place. The Group's Common Equity Tier 1 (CET1) ratio stood at 17,6% at the end of 2016 and the net profit attributable to shareholders amounted to €230.1 million for the year ended 31 December 2016.

Notes to the financial statements

- 2 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)
- 2.1 Basis of preparation (continued)

Going concern considerations (continued):

b) The Cyprus economy

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The Cypriot economy has continued its successful progress in 2016 with growth accelerating to 2,8% from 1,7% in 2015. Economic growth is projected to maintain its positive momentum and reach 2,5% over the period of 2017-2019. Unemployment is expected to remain on a downward trend and drop to 10% by 2019 from the current level of 14,1%. Youth and long term unemployment remain as the key challenges in the labour market but with encouraging signs of gradual improvement. Inflation remained in negative territory for the most part of 2016, mainly due to the effects of lower energy prices. Given the recent stability in energy prices inflation is expected to turn positive and reach 2% by 2019 which is aligned with the trend in economic growth.

Tourist arrivals increased by 20% in 2016 due to double digit growth from all major markets. Revenue from tourism marked an increase of 12% in 2016, reaching €2,35bn compared to €2,1bn in 2015. Data published by the Land Registry indicates that annual property sales increased at a pace of 43% which validates that confidence in the real estate sector has been restored. Regarding the energy sector and the exploration for hydrocarbon reserves the Government is proceeding with the 3rd licensing round with the biggest energy players internationally. The aforementioned positive developments have been instrumental in regaining investor confidence in the Cypriot economy.

The Cypriot banking system has continued its creditable recovery. Significant progress has been achieved in the management of NPE's which recorded a reduction of 3 billion to a total of 23,7 billion Euro for the year. Liquidity in the system continued to improve with total deposits increasing by 3 billion to 49 billion Euro in December 2016.

The Bank believes that the business environment and projected economic growth will be conducive to business growth. The Bank envisages to advance through the successful implementation of the existing operating model while recognising and addressing the emergence of new opportunities.

Notes to the financial statements

- 2 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)
- 2.2 Adoption of new and revised IFRS

(a) Amendments to standards adopted by the Bank

The following amendments to standards, as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) and endorsed by the European Union (EU), apply from 1 January 2016:

IAS 16 and IAS 38, Amendments - Clarification of Acceptable Methods of Depreciation and Amortisation

The amendments clarify that the use of revenue-based methods to calculate the depreciation for property plant and equipment is not appropriate and they also clarify that revenue is generally presumed to be an inappropriate basis for measuring the consumption of the economic benefits embodied in an intangible asset.

The adoption of the amendments had no impact on the financial statements.

IAS 1, Amendment - Disclosure initiative

The amendment clarifies that an entity need not provide in the financial statements, including the notes, a specific disclosure required by an IFRS if the information resulting from that disclosure is not material and also clarifies that additional disclosures may be necessary if the information required by IFRSs is not sufficient for an understanding of the impact of particular transactions and events on the entity's financial position and performance.

The line items listed in IAS 1 for the balance sheet and the statement of profit or loss should be disaggregated if this is relevant to an understanding of the entity's financial position and additional guidance on the use of subtotals is provided. In the statement of comprehensive income the share of the other comprehensive income of equity —accounted associates and joint ventures should be presented in aggregate as a single line item, classified between those items that will or will not be subsequently reclassified to profit or loss and when determining a systematic approach to presenting notes, the entity should consider the understandability and comparability of its financial statements.

The adoption of the amendment had no impact on the financial statements.

IAS 19, Amendment-Defined Benefit Plans: Employee Contributions

The amendment clarifies the accounting for post-employment benefit plans where employees or third parties are required to make contributions which do not vary with the length of employee service, for example, employee contributions calculated according to a fixed percentage of salary. The amendment allows these contributions to be deducted from service cost in the year in which the related employee service is delivered, instead of attributing them to periods of employee service. Contributions which vary with the length of employee service, must be spread over the service period using the plan's contribution formula or on a straight line basis, consistent with the attribution method applied to the gross benefit in accordance with paragraph 70 of IAS 19.

The adoption of the amendment had no impact on the financial statements.

IAS 27, Amendment-Equity Method in Separate Financial Statements

This amendment allows entities to use the equity method to account for investments in subsidiaries, joint ventures and associates in their separate financial statements and clarifies the definition of separate financial statements. In particular, separate financial statements are those presented in addition to consolidated financial statements or in addition to the financial statements of an investor that does not have investments in subsidiaries but has investments in associates or joint ventures which are required by IAS 28 Investments in Associates and Joint Ventures to be accounted for using the equity method.

The adoption of the amendment had no impact on the financial statements.

Notes to the financial statements

- 2 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)
- 2.2 Adoption of new and revised IFRS (continued)
- (a) Amendments to standards adopted by the Bank (continued)

IFRS 11, Amendment – Accounting for Acquisitions of Interests in Joint Operations

This amendment requires an investor to apply the principles of business combinations accounting in IFRS 3 'Business Combinations' and other IFRSs, which do not conflict with IFRS 11, when it acquires an interest in a joint operation that constitutes a 'business' as defined in IFRS 3. The amendments, which also apply when an existing business is contributed to the joint operation on its formation, require the disclosure of information specified in IFRS 3 and other IFRSs for business combinations. The amendments are applicable to both the acquisition of the initial interest in a joint operation and the acquisition of additional interest in the same joint operation while the joint operator retains joint control. However, a previously held interest is not remeasured when the acquisition of an additional interest in the same joint operation results in retaining joint control.

The adoption of the amendment had no impact on the financial statements.

IFRS 10, IFRS 12 and IAS 28, Amendments - Investment Entities: Applying the Consolidation Exception

The amendments clarify the application of the consolidation exception for the subsidiaries of investment entities.

The adoption of the amendments had no impact on the financial statements.

Annual Improvements to IFRSs 2010-2012 Cycle

The amendments introduce key changes to seven IFRSs following the publication of the results of the IASB's 2010-12 cycle of the annual improvements project. The topics addressed by these amendments are set out below:

- IFRS 2 'Share based Payment': The terms 'performance condition' and 'service condition' are separately defined;
- IFRS 3 'Business Combinations': It is clarified that contingent consideration in a business acquisition that is not classified as equity, whether or not it falls within the scope of IAS 39 (or IFRS 9 once adopted), is subsequently measured at fair value at each reporting date, with changes in fair value recognised in profit or loss:
- IFRS 8 'Operating Segment': Disclosure of the judgments made by management in aggregating operating segments is required, including a description of the segments aggregated and the economic indicators assessed in determining that the aggregated segments share similar economic characteristics. Furthermore, a reconciliation of segment assets to the entity's total assets is required if the reconciliation is reported to the chief operating decision maker;
- IFRS 13 'Fair Value Measurement': It is clarified that short-term receivables and payables with no stated interest rates can be held at invoice amounts when the effect of discounting is immaterial:
- IAS 16 'Property, Plant and Equipment': It is clarified how the gross carrying amount and the accumulated depreciation are treated where an entity uses the revaluation model;
- IAS 24 'Related Party Disclosures': It is clarified that an entity that provides key management personnel services to the reporting entity or to its parent ('the management entity') is a related party to the reporting entity and the amounts charged to it for services provided should be disclosed; and
- IAS 38 'Intangible Assets': It is clarified how the gross carrying amount and the accumulated amortisation are treated where an entity uses the revaluation model;

The adoption of the amendments had no impact on the financial statements.

Notes to the financial statements

- 2 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)
- 2.2 Adoption of new and revised IFRS (continued)
- (a) Amendments to standards adopted by the Bank (continued)

Annual Improvements to IFRSs 2012-2014 Cycle

The amendments introduce key changes to four IFRSs following the publication of the results of the IASB's 2012-14 cycle of the annual improvements project. The topics addressed by these amendments are set out below:

- IFRS 5 'Non-current assets held for sale and discontinued operations': It is clarified that, when an asset (or disposal group) is reclassified from 'held for sale' to 'held for distribution', or vice versa, this does not constitute a change to a plan of sale or distribution, and does not have to be accounted for as such. Therefore the asset (or disposal group) does not need to be reinstated in the financial statements, as if it had never been classified as 'held for sale' or 'held for distribution', simply because the manner of disposal has changed.
- IFRS 7 'Financial instruments: Specific guidance is added to help management determine whether the terms of an arrangement to service a financial asset which has been transferred constitute continuing involvement. It is also clarified that the additional disclosure required by the amendments to IFRS 7, 'Disclosure Offsetting financial assets and financial liabilities' is not specifically required for all interim periods, unless required by IAS 34 'Interim financial reporting'.
- IAS 19 'Employee benefits': When determining the discount rate for post-employment benefit obligations, it is the currency that the liabilities are denominated in that is important, and not the country where they arise.
- IAS 34 'Interim financial reporting': It is clarified that the reference in the standard to 'information disclosed elsewhere in the interim financial report' means some other statement (such as management commentary or risk report) that is available to users of the financial statements at the same time as the interim financial statements, requiring a cross reference from the interim financial statements to the location of that information.

The adoption of the amendments had no impact on the financial statements.

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

A number of new standards, amendments to existing standards and interpretations are effective after 2016, as they have not yet been endorsed by the European Union or have not been early applied by the Bank. Those that may be relevant to the Bank are set out below:

IAS 7, Amendment – Disclosure Initiative (effective 1 January 2017, not yet endorsed by EU)

The amendment requires disclosure of information enabling users of financial statements to evaluate changes in liabilities arising from financing activities, including both changes from cash flows and non-cash changes. The disclosure requirements also apply to changes in financial assets, such as assets that hedge liabilities arising from financing activities, if cash flows from those financial assets were or future cash flows will be, included in cash flows from financing activities.

The adoption of the amendment is not expected to impact the financial statements.

Notes to the financial statements

- 2 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)
- 2.2 Adoption of new and revised IFRS (continued)
- (b) New standards, amendments to standards and interpretations not yet adopted by the Bank (continued)

IAS 12, Amendment – Recognition of Deferred Tax Assets for Unrealized Losses (effective 1 January 2017, not yet endorsed by EU)

The amendment clarifies that (a) unrealised losses on debt instruments measured at fair value in the financial statements and at cost for tax purposes may give rise to a deductible temporary difference irrespective of whether the entity expects to recover the carrying amount of the debt instrument by sale or use (b) estimates for future taxable profits exclude tax deductions resulting from the reversal of those deductible temporary differences (c) the estimate of probable future taxable profits may include the recovery of an asset for more than its carrying amount, if there is sufficient evidence that it is probable that this will be realised by the entity, and (d) a deferred tax asset is assessed in combination with all of the other deferred tax assets where the tax law does not restrict the sources of taxable profits against which the entity may make deductions on the reversal of that deductible temporary differences may be reversed. Where restrictions apply, deferred tax assets are assessed in combination only with other deferred tax assets of the same type.

The adoption of the amendment is not expected to impact the financial statements.

IAS 40, Amendment – Transfers of Investment Property (effective 1 January 2018, not yet endorsed by EU)

The amendment clarifies that a transfer of property, including property under construction or development, into or out of investment property should be made only when there has been a change in use of the property. Such a change in use occurs when the property meets, or ceases to meet, the definition of investment property and should be supported by evidence.

The adoption of the amendment is not expected to impact the financial statements.

IFRS 2, Amendment – Classification and Measurement of Share-based Payment Transactions (effective 1 January 2018, not yet endorsed by EU)

The amendment addresses a) the measurement of cash-settled share-based payments, b) the accounting for modifications of a share-based payment from cash-settled to equity-settled and c) the classification of share-based payments settled net of tax withholdings.

Specifically, the amendment clarifies that a cash-settled share-based payment is measured using the same approach as for equity-settled share-based payments it also clarifies that the liability of cash- settled share - based payment modified to equity-settled one is derecognised and the equity-settled share-based payment is recognised at the modification date fair value of the equity instrument granted and any difference is recognised in profit or loss immediately. Furthermore, a share—based payment net by withholding tax on the employee's behalf (a net settlement feature) is classified as equity settled in its entirety, provided it would have been classified as equity-settled had it not included the net settlement feature.

The adoption of the amendment is not expected to impact the financial statements.

Notes to the financial statements

- 2 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)
- 2.2 Adoption of new and revised IFRS (continued)
- (b) New standards, amendments to standards and interpretations not yet adopted by the Bank (continued)

IFRS 9, Financial Instruments (effective 1 January 2018)

In July 2014, the IASB published the final version of IFRS 9 'Financial Instruments' which replaces IAS 39 'Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement'. IFRS 9 includes revised requirements on the classification and measurement of financial assets and liabilities, impairment of financial assets and hedge accounting.

(i) Classification and measurement

IFRS 9 applies a new classification and measurement approach for all types of financial assets that reflects the entity's business model for managing the assets and their contractual cash flow characteristics. IFRS 9 requires financial assets to be classified into one of the following measurement categories: amortised cost, fair value through other comprehensive income (FVOCI) or fair value through profit or loss (FVTPL). The standard eliminates the existing IAS 39 categories of held-to-maturity, loans and receivables and available for sale.

Financial assets will be measured at amortised cost if they are held within a business model whose objective is to hold financial assets in order to collect contractual cash flows, and their contractual cash flows represent solely payments of principle and interest ('SPPI'). Financial assets will be measured at FVOCI if they are held within a business model whose objective is achieved by both collecting contractual cash flows and selling financial assets and their contractual cash flows represent solely payments of principle and interest. All other financial assets will be classified at FVTPL.

An entity may at initial recognition, designate a financial asset at FVTPL if doing so eliminates or significantly reduces an accounting mismatch. Furthermore, on initial recognition of an equity instrument that is not held for trading, an entity may irrevocably elect to present subsequent changes in fair value in OCI. This election is made on an investment-by-investment basis.

Under IFRS 9, embedded derivatives in contracts where the host is a financial asset in the scope of the standard are no longer bifurcated. Instead, the hybrid financial instrument is assessed for classification as a whole.

IFRS 9 retains most of the existing requirements for financial liabilities. However, for financial liabilities designated at FVTPL, gains or losses attributable to changes in own credit risk shall be presented in OCI and shall not be subsequently transferred to profit or loss unless such a presentation would create or enlarge an accounting mismatch. Under IAS 39, all fair value changes of liabilities designated at FVTPL are recognised in profit or loss unless this would create or enlarge an accounting mismatch.

Notes to the financial statements

- 2 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)
- 2.2 Adoption of new and revised IFRS (continued)
- (b) New standards, amendments to standards and interpretations not yet adopted by the Bank (continued)

IFRS 9, Financial Instruments (effective 1 January 2018) (continued) Business model assessment

The business model reflects how the Bank manages the assets in order to generate cash flows. That is, whether the Bank's objective is solely to collect contractual cash flows from the asset, to realise cash flows from the sale of assets, or both to collect contractual cash flows and cash flows from the sale of assets. Financial assets that are held for trading or that are managed on a fair value basis will be measured at FVTPL.

The Bank's approach is to perform the business model assessment consistently with its operating model and the information provided to key management personnel. In making the above assessment the Bank will consider a number of factors including:

- the stated policies and objectives for each portfolio;
- how the performance of each portfolio is evaluated and reported;
- the risks associated with the performance of the business model and how those risks are managed;
- how managers are compensated; and
- past experience on how the cash flows from those portfolios were collected, expectations about future sales activity and how the Bank's stated objective for managing the financial assets is achieved.

SPPI assessment

In assessing whether the contractual cash flows are solely payments of principle and interest, the Bank will consider whether the contractual terms of the instrument are consistent with a basic lending arrangement i.e. interest includes only consideration for the time value of money, credit risk, other basic lending risks and a profit margin. This will include an assessment of whether a financial asset contains a contractual term that could change the amount or timing of contractual cash flows in a way that it would not be consistent with the above condition. Where the contractual terms introduce exposure to risk or volatility that are inconsistent with a basic lending arrangement, the related financial asset will be measured at FVTPL.

Preliminary assessment of changes to the classification and measurement

The Bank conducted a preliminary high-level assessment of possible changes to the classification and measurement of its portfolios based on its existing business models as at 31 December 2016. The Bank's current expectation is that:

- loans and advances to banks and customers that are classified as loans and receivables and measured at amortised cost under IAS 39 would also be measured at amortised cost under IFRS 9:
- held-to-maturity investment securities measured at amortised cost under IAS 39 would in general also be measured at amortised cost under IFRS 9;
- debt securities classified as available-for-sale under IAS 39, may under IFRS 9 be measured at amortised cost or FVOCI depending on the business model within which they are held;

Notes to the financial statements

- 2 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)
- 2.2 Adoption of new and revised IFRS (continued)
- (b) New standards, amendments to standards and interpretations not yet adopted by the Bank (continued)

IFRS 9, Financial Instruments (effective 1 January 2018) (continued)

- trading assets and derivative assets that are measured at FVTPL under IAS 39 would also be measured at FVTPL under IFRS 9; and
- equity securities classified as available-for-sale under IAS 39 would generally be measured at FVTPL under IFRS 9.

The above classification and measurement assessment may not be fully representative of the impact on the Bank's financial statements as at 1 January 2018 because IFRS 9 requires the business model assessment to be made based on the facts and circumstances that exist at the date of initial application. Moreover, the Bank's preliminary assessment has not included a detailed review of the contractual terms of all the financial assets which is in progress.

The final impact will depend on the structure of the Bank's portfolios on initial application, which may not be the same as at 31 December 2016.

(ii) Impairment of financial assets

IFRS 9 introduces an expected credit loss ('ECL') model that replaces the incurred loss model in IAS 39. The new requirements eliminate the threshold in IAS 39 that required a credit event to have occurred before credit losses were recognised and will apply to a broader population of financial instruments compared to IAS 39. The measurement of ECL will require the use of complex models and significant judgment about future economic conditions and credit behaviour.

The new impairment model will apply to financial assets that are not measured at FVTPL, including loans, lease receivables, debt securities, financial guarantee contracts and loan commitments issued. No impairment loss will be recognised on equity investments.

The new standard uses a 'three stage approach' that will reflect changes in credit quality since initial recognition. At each reporting date, a loss allowance equal to 12-month ECL will be recognised for debt investment securities that are determined to have a low credit risk at the reporting date, and for all other financial assets for which there is no significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition. 12-month ECL are the portion of ECL that result from default events that are possible within the next 12 months after the reporting date. For financial assets that have experienced a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition where no specific loss event has been identified, a loss allowance equal to lifetime expected credit losses will be recognised. The loss allowance for purchased or originated credit impaired financial assets will always be measured at an amount equal to lifetime ECL. Financial assets where 12-month ECL are recognised are considered to be in 'stage-1'; financial assets which have experienced a significant increase in credit risk are in 'stage-2' and financial assets that are credit impaired are in 'stage-3'.

Notes to the financial statements

- 2 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)
- 2.2 Adoption of new and revised IFRS (continued)
- (b) New standards, amendments to standards and interpretations not yet adopted by the Bank (continued)

IFRS 9, Financial Instruments (effective 1 January 2018) (continued)

The measurement of expected credit losses will be a probability-weighted average amount that will reflect the time value of money. In measuring ECL, information about past events, current conditions and reasonable and supportable forecasts of future conditions should be considered.

(iii) Hedge accounting

IFRS 9 includes a new general hedge accounting model which aligns hedge accounting more closely with risk management. Under the new model, more hedging strategies may qualify for hedge accounting, new hedge effectiveness requirements apply and discontinuation of hedge accounting will be allowed only under specific circumstances. The IASB currently has a separate project for the accounting of macro hedging activities. Until the above project is completed, entities have an accounting policy choice to continue applying the hedge accounting requirements in IAS 39.

The Bank intends to elect to continue applying IAS 39. However, the Bank will provide the expanded disclosures required by the related amendments to IFRS 7 'Financial Instruments: Disclosures'.

(iv) IFRS 9 Implementation Program

A Group-wide IFRS 9 Program, was initiated in 2015 to ensure a high quality implementation in compliance with the Standard and additional published regulatory guidance.

Overall governance is through a central Program Management Office (PMO) that coordinates the implementation of the Program among the various stakeholders and is responsible for the day-to-day management tasks, as well as two Management Committees, namely the Steering Committee and the Technical Committee.

Reflecting the scale and complexity of the implementation plan, the Program is structured with various project teams dedicated to the various elements associated with the implementation of the Standard. These teams are supported by two external consultancy firms.

Up to date, the Bank has performed a gap analysis on data and processes and has completed the design phase of the Program. As part of the design phase of the implementation plan, program activities were focused on the definition of functional and technical requirements of the impairment model, setting out the business specifications for classification and measurement, and the designing of accounting policy changes. Educational workshops to the involved stakeholders across the Group are being continuously conducted on the impact of IFRS 9 in order to ensure that the new requirements are well understood.

Notes to the financial statements

- 2 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)
- 2.2 Adoption of new and revised IFRS (continued)
- (b) New standards, amendments to standards and interpretations not yet adopted by the Bank (continued)

IFRS 9, Financial Instruments (effective 1 January 2018) (continued)

The Program is due to progress to the build phase with its focus on the development of IFRS 9 methodologies and accounting policy decisions in key areas. On conclusion of the build phase, the Bank intends to undertake a parallel run of IAS 39 and IFRS 9 in order to ensure a seamless transition to the new standard on the required effective date, while testing, model validation and refinement activities will continue up to the end of 2017.

The most significant impact on the Bank's financial statements from the implementation of IFRS 9 is expected to result from the new impairment requirements. However, management is not yet in a position to estimate reliably the expected impact, since the Bank is in the process of building models, assembling data and calibrating the impairment stage transfer criteria. Furthermore, potential changes to the prudential treatment of accounting provisions due to IFRS 9 that may affect regulatory capital, are yet to be determined. The impact is also dependent on finalising the classification assessment and the facts and circumstances from the date of initial application.

Management expects that this information will be disclosed in the 2017 Annual Report.

(v) Transition

The new requirements of IFRS 9 will be applied retrospectively by adjusting the Bank's balance sheet on the date of transition on 1 January 2018. The Bank intends to apply the exemption not to restate comparative figures for prior periods, therefore the Bank's 2017 comparatives will be presented on an IAS 39 basis.

Moreover, the following assessments will have to be made on the basis of facts and circumstances that exist at the date of initial application:

- the determination of the business model within which a financial asset is held;
- the designation and revocation of previous designations of certain financial assets and liabilities as measured at FVTPL; and
- the designation of certain investments in equity instruments not held-for-trading as at FVOCI.

IFRS 15, Revenue from Contracts with Customers (effective 1 January 2018) and IFRS 15 Amendments (effective 1 January 2018, not yet endorsed by EU)

IFRS 15 establishes a single, comprehensive revenue recognition model for determining when and how much revenue to recognise and replaces existing revenue recognition guidance, including IAS 18 Revenue, IAS 11 Construction Contracts and IFRIC 13 Customer Loyalty Programs.

Notes to the financial statements

- 2 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)
- 2.2 Adoption of new and revised IFRS (continued)
- (b) New standards, amendments to standards and interpretations not yet adopted by the Bank (continued)

IFRS 15, Revenue from Contracts with Customers (effective 1 January 2018) and IFRS 15 Amendments (effective 1 January 2018, not yet endorsed by EU) (continued)

IFRS 15 applies to all contracts with customers, except those in the scope of other standards such as:

- Financial instruments and other contractual rights or obligations within the scope of IFRS 9 Financial Instruments or IAS 39 Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement, IFRS 10 Consolidated Financial Statements, IFRS 11 Joint Arrangements, IAS 27 Separate Financial Statements and IAS 28 Investments in Associates and Joint Ventures;
- Lease contracts within the scope of IAS 17 Leases (or IFRS 16 Leases);
- Insurance contracts within the scope of IFRS 4 Insurance Contracts

Therefore, interest and fee income integral to financial instruments will continue to fall outside the scope of IFRS 15.

IFRS 15 specifies that revenue should be recognised at an amount that reflects the consideration to which the entity expects to be entitled in exchange for transferring goods or services. It introduces the concept of recognising revenue for performance obligations as they are satisfied and the control of a good or service (i.e. the ability to direct the use of and obtain the benefits from them), is obtained by the customer.

Extensive disclosures will be required in relation to revenue recognised and expected from existing contracts.

IFRS 15 was amended in April 2016 to provide several clarifications, including the identification of the performance obligations within a contract.

The Bank, is currently assessing the effect of IFRS 15, however the adoption of the standard is not expected to have a significant impact on the financial statements.

IFRS 16, Leases (effective 1 January 2019, not yet endorsed by EU)

IFRS 16, which supersedes IAS 17 Leases and related interpretations, introduces a single, on-balance sheet lease accounting model for lessees, under which the classification of leases for a lessee, as either operating leases or finance leases, is eliminated and all leases are treated similarly to finance leases under IAS 17. The new standard provides for the recognition of a 'right-of-use-asset' and a 'lease liability' upon lease commencement in case that there is a contract, or part of a contract, that conveys to the lessee the right to use an asset for a period of time in exchange for a consideration.

The right-of-use-asset is, initially, measured at cost, consisting of the amount of the lease liability, plus any lease payments made to the lessor at or before the commencement date less any lease incentives received, the initial estimate of restoration costs and any initial direct costs incurred by the lessee and, subsequently, at cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment. The lease liability is initially recognised at an amount equal to the present value of the lease payments during the lease term that are not yet paid.

Accordingly, the typical straight line operating lease expense of operating leases under IAS 17 is replaced by the depreciation charge of the 'right-of-use-asset' and the interest expense on the 'lease liability'. The recognition of assets and liabilities by lessees, as described above, is not required for certain short term leases and leases of low value assets. Additionally, the accounting treatment for lessors is not substantially affected by the requirements of IFRS 16. The Bank is currently assessing the impact of IFRS 16 on its financial statements, which is impracticable to quantify as at the date of the publication of these financial statements. Operating lease commitments currently in place are set out in Note 26.

Notes to the financial statements

- 2 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)
- 2.2 Adoption of new and revised IFRS (continued)
- (b) New standards, amendments to standards and interpretations not yet adopted by the Bank (continued)

Annual Improvements to IFRSs 2014-2016 Cycle (effective 1 January 2017 and 1 January 2018, not yet endorsed by EU)

The amendments introduce key changes to two IFRSs following the publication of the results of the IASB's 2014-16 cycle of the annual improvements project. The topics addressed by these amendments are set out below:

- IFRS 12 'Disclosure of Interests in Other Entities': It is clarified that the disclosure requirements in IFRS 12 apply to an entity's interest in a subsidiary, a joint venture or an associate classified as held for sale except for the requirement for summarized financial information. The amendment applies for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2017.
- IAS 28 'Investments in Associates and Joint Ventures': It is clarified that venture capital organisations, mutual funds, unit trusts and similar entities are allowed to elect measuring their investments in associates or joint ventures at fair value through profit or loss. The amendment applies for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2018.

The adoption of the amendments is not expected to impact the financial statements.

IFRIC 22, Foreign Currency Transactions and Advance Consideration (effective 1 January 2018, not yet endorsed by EU)

IFRIC 22 provides requirements about which exchange rate to use in reporting foreign currency transactions that involve an advance payment or receipt. The interpretation clarifies that in this case, the date of the transaction for the purpose of determining the exchange rate to use on initial recognition of the related asset, expense or income is the date of the advance consideration, i.e. when the entity initially recognised the non-monetary asset (prepayment asset) or non-monetary liability (deferred income liability) arising from the advance consideration. If there are multiple payments or receipts in advance, the entity must determine a date of transaction for each payment or receipt.

The adoption of the interpretation is not expected to impact the financial statements.

Notes to the financial statements

- 2 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)
- 2.3 Foreign currency translation
- (i) Functional and presentation currency

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

(ii) Transactions and balances

Foreign currency transactions that are transactions denominated, or require settlement, in a foreign currency are translated into the functional currency using the exchange rates prevailing at the dates of the transactions.

Monetary items denominated in a foreign currency are translated with the closing rate as at the reporting date. Non-monetary items measured at historical cost denominated in a foreign currency are translated with the exchange rate as at the date of initial recognition; non-monetary items in a foreign currency that are measured at fair value are translated using the exchange rates at the date when the fair value was determined.

Foreign exchange gains and losses resulting from the settlement of foreign currency transactions and from the translation at year-end exchange rates of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are recognised in the income statement.

Changes in the fair value of monetary securities denominated in foreign currency classified as available for sale are analysed between translation differences resulting from changes in the amortised cost of the security and other changes in the carrying amount of the security.

Translation differences related to changes in the amortised cost are recognised in profit or loss, and other changes in the carrying amount, except impairment, are recognised in other comprehensive income.

Translation differences on non-monetary financial instruments, such as equities held at fair value through profit or loss, are reported as part of the fair value gain or loss. Translation differences on non-monetary financial instruments, such as equities classified as available-for-sale financial assets, are included in other comprehensive income.

2.4 Derivative financial instruments and hedge accounting

Derivative financial instruments, including foreign exchange contracts, forward currency agreements and interest rate options (both written and purchased), currency and interest rate swaps and other derivative financial instruments are initially recognised in the balance sheet at fair value on the date on which the derivative contract is entered into and are subsequently re-measured at their fair value. Fair values are obtained from quoted market prices, including recent market transactions, discounted cash flow models and options pricing models, as appropriate. All derivatives are carried as assets when fair value is positive and as liabilities when fair value is negative.

Notes to the financial statements

2 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

2.4 Derivative financial instruments and hedge accounting (continued)

The best evidence of the fair value of a derivative at initial recognition is the transaction price (i.e., the fair value of the consideration given or received) unless the fair value of that instrument is evidenced by comparison with other observable current market transactions in the same instrument (i.e., without modification or repackaging) or based on a valuation technique whose variables include only data from observable markets.

Certain derivatives, embedded in other financial instruments, are treated as separate derivatives when their economic characteristics and risks are not closely related to those of the host contract and the host contract is not carried at fair value through profit or loss. These embedded derivatives are measured at fair value with changes in fair value recognised in the income statement.

The method of recognising the resulting fair value gain or loss depends on whether the derivative is designated and qualifies as a hedging instrument, and if so, the nature of the item being hedged. The Bank designates certain derivatives as hedges of the exposure to changes in the fair value of recognised assets or liabilities or unrecognised firm commitments (fair value hedge). Hedge accounting is used for derivatives designated in this way provided certain criteria are met.

The Bank documents, at the inception of the transaction, the relationship between hedging instruments and hedged items, as well as its risk management objective and strategy for undertaking various hedge transactions. The Bank also documents its assessment, both at hedge inception and on an ongoing basis, of whether the derivatives that are used in hedging transactions are highly effective in offsetting changes in fair values of hedged items.

(i) Fair value hedge

Changes in the fair value of derivatives that are designated and qualify as fair value hedges are recorded in the income statement, together with any changes in the fair value of the hedged asset or liability that are attributable to the hedged risk.

If the hedge no longer meets the criteria for hedge accounting, the adjustment to the carrying amount of a hedged item for which the effective interest method is used is amortised to the income statement over the period to maturity. The adjustment to the carrying amount of a hedged item for which the effective interest method is not used remains until the disposal of the equity security.

(ii) Derivatives that do not qualify for hedge accounting

Certain derivative instruments do not qualify and/or are not designated for hedge accounting. Changes in the fair value of any derivative instrument that does not qualify for hedge accounting are recognised immediately in the income statement under "Net Trading Income/Loss".

The fair values of derivative instruments held for trading and used for hedging purposes are disclosed in Note 15.

Notes to the financial statements

2 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

2.5 Interest income and expense

Interest income and expenses for all interest-bearing financial instruments are recognised within "interest income" and "interest expense" in the income statement on an accruals basis, using the effective interest rate method.

The effective interest rate 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 expected life of the financial instrument. 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 financial liability. When calculating the effective interest rate, the Bank estimates cash flows considering all contractual terms of the financial instrument but does not consider future credit losses. The calculation includes all fees and points 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 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 used to discount the future cash flows for the purpose of measuring the impairment loss. Then interest income is calculated on the recoverable amount.

2.6 Fees and commissions

Fees and commissions are generally recognised in the income statement on an accruals basis. Commissions and fees relating to foreign exchange transactions, private banking activities, trade services, remittances and bank charges are recognised on the completion of the underlying transaction.

2.7 Operating leases

Accounting for leases as lessee

Leases in which a significant portion of the risks and rewards of ownership are retained by the lessor are classified as operating leases. Payments made under operating leases (net of any incentives received from the lessor) are charged to the income statement on a straight-line basis over the period of the lease.

2.8 Income taxation

(i) Current income tax

Income tax payable/(receivable) is calculated on the basis of the applicable tax law in the respective jurisdiction and is recognised as an expense /(income) for the period except to the extent that current tax related to items that are charged or credited in other comprehensive income or directly to equity. In these circumstances, current tax is charged or credited to other comprehensive income.

The current income tax is calculated on the basis of the tax laws enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date in the country in which the Bank operates and generates taxable income. Management periodically evaluates positions taken in tax returns with respect to situations in which applicable tax regulation is subject to interpretation.

Notes to the financial statements

2 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

2.8 Income taxation (continued)

If applicable tax regulation is subject to interpretation, it establishes provision where appropriate on the basis of amounts expected to be paid to the tax authorities.

Where tax losses can be relieved only by carry-forward against taxable profits of future periods, a deductible temporary difference arises. Those losses carried forward are set off against deferred tax liabilities carried in the statement of financial position.

The Bank does not offset income tax liabilities and current income tax assets.

(ii) Deferred income tax

Deferred income tax is provided in full, using the liability method, 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 tax rates (and laws) that have been enacted or substantially enacted by the date of the balance sheet 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 depreciation of property, plant and equipment and amortisation of computer software.

Deferred tax assets are recognised when it is probable that future taxable profit will be available against which these temporary differences can be utilised.

The tax effects of carry-forwards of unused losses or unused tax credits are recognised as an asset when it is probable that future taxable profits will be available against which these losses can be utilised.

Deferred tax related to items recognised in other comprehensive income, is also recognised in the other comprehensive income.

2.9 Employee benefits

The Bank and the employees contribute to a defined contributions scheme.

Under the defined contributions scheme the Bank and members of staff pay fixed contributions into a separate provident fund. The Bank's contributions are recognised in the period they relate to and included in staff costs in the income statement.

The Bank and the members of staff also contribute to the Government Social Insurance Fund based on members of staff salaries.

Notes to the financial statements

2 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

2.10 Property, plant and equipment

Property, plant and equipment are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. Cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to the acquisition of the asset. Subsequent expenditure is recognised in the asset's carrying amount only when it is probable that future economic benefits will flow to the Bank and the cost of the asset can be measured reliably. All other repair and maintenance costs are recognised in the income statement as expenses as occurred.

Depreciation is calculated using the straight-line method to write down the cost of property, plant and equipment to their residual values, over their estimated useful lives. The estimated useful economic lives are as follows:

Motor vehicles
Furniture, fixtures and office equipment
Leasehold property improvements
Computer hardware

Useful economic life
5 years
3 to 12 years
12 years
3 to 12,5 years

The assets' residual values and useful lives are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at each balance sheet date.

An asset's carrying amount is written down immediately to its recoverable amount if the asset's carrying amount is greater than its estimated recoverable amount (Note 2.12).

Gains and losses on disposal of property, plant and equipment are determined by comparing proceeds with carrying amount and are included in "other operating expenses" in the income statement.

2.11 Computer software

Acquired computer software licenses/programs are capitalised on the basis of the costs incurred to acquire and bring to use the specific software. These costs are amortised using the straight line method to allocate the cost of computer software, over their estimated useful lives. The annual amortisation rates used range between 8% and 33.33%.

Gains and losses on disposal of computer software are determined by comparing proceeds with carrying amount and are included in "other operating expenses" in the income statement.

2.12 Impairment of non-financial assets

Non-financial assets that are subject to depreciation or amortisation are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. An impairment loss is recognised for the amount by which the asset's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount. The recoverable amount is the higher of an asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use.

Notes to the financial statements

2 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

2.13 Financial assets and liabilities

2.13.1 Financial assets

The Bank classifies its financial assets in the following IAS 39 categories: financial assets at fair value through profit or loss; loans and receivables; held-to-maturity investments; and available-for-sale financial assets. Management determines the classification of its financial instruments at initial recognition.

(i) Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

This category comprises two sub-categories: financial assets held for trading and financial assets designated at fair value through profit or loss upon initial recognition.

A financial asset is classified as held for trading if it is acquired or incurred principally for the purpose of selling or repurchasing it in the near term or if on initial recognition it is part of a portfolio of identified financial instruments that are managed together and for which there is evidence of a recent actual pattern of short-term profit-taking or it is a derivative (except for derivatives that are financial guarantee contracts or designated and effective hedging instruments).

The Bank designates certain financial assets upon initial recognition as at fair value through profit or loss when the following apply:

- a) it eliminates or significantly reduces measurement or recognition inconsistencies; or
- b) financial assets share the same risks with financial liabilities and those risks are managed and evaluated on a fair value basis; or
- c) structured products containing embedded derivatives that could significantly modify the cash flows of the host contract.

(ii) Loans and receivables

Loans and receivables are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not guoted in an active market, other than:

- a) those that the Bank intends to sell immediately or in the short term, which are classified as held for trading, and those that the entity upon initial recognition designates as at fair value through profit or loss: or
- b) those that the Bank upon initial recognition designates as available for sale.

Loans and receivables are reported in the balance sheet as loans and advances to banks or customers.

Notes to the financial statements

- 2 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)
- 2.13 Financial assets and liabilities (continued)
- 2.13.1 Financial assets (continued)
- (iii) Held-to-maturity financial assets

Held-to-maturity investments are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments and fixed maturities that the Bank's management has the positive intention and ability to hold to maturity, other than:

- a) those that the Bank upon initial recognition designates as at fair value through profit or loss;
- b) those that the Bank designates as available-for-sale; and
- c) those that meet the definition of loans and receivables.
- (iv) Available-for-sale financial assets

Available-for-sale investments are 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, held-to-maturity investments or financial assets at fair value through profit or loss.

(v) Accounting treatment

Purchases and sales of financial assets are recognised on trade-date, the date on which the Bank commits to purchase or sell the asset. Loans originated by the Bank are recognised when cash is advanced to the borrowers. Financial assets are initially recognised at fair value plus transaction costs for all financial assets not carried at fair value through profit or loss. Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss are initially recognised at fair value; transaction costs are taken directly to the income statement.

Financial assets are derecognised when the rights to receive cash flows from the financial assets have expired or where the Bank has transferred substantially all risks and rewards of ownership.

Available-for-sale financial assets and financial assets at fair value through profit or loss are subsequently carried at fair value. Loans and receivables and held-to-maturity investments are carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method. Gains and losses arising from changes in the fair value of the financial assets at fair value through profit or loss category are included in the income statement in the period in which they arise. Gains and losses arising from changes in the fair value of available-for-sale financial assets are recognised in other comprehensive income and transferred to the available for sale revaluation reserve in equity, until the financial asset is derecognised or impaired at which time the cumulative gain or loss previously recognised in equity is recognised in profit or loss. However, interest calculated using the effective interest rate method is recognised in the income statement.

Dividends on equity instruments are recognised in the income statement when the Bank's right to receive payment is established.

Interest income and expense on financial assets is recognised in the income statement. Interest income on financial assets is included in "Interest income" and interest expense on financial liabilities is included in "Interest expense".

Notes to the financial statements

- 2 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)
- 2.13 Financial assets and liabilities (continued)

2.13,2 Financial liabilities

The Bank classifies its financial liabilities in the following categories: financial liabilities measured at amortised cost and financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss. Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss have two sub categories: financial liabilities held for trading and financial liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss upon initial recognition.

The Bank designates financial liabilities at fair-value-through-profit-or-loss when any of the following apply:

- a) it eliminates or significantly reduces measurement or recognition inconsistencies; or
- b) financial liabilities share the same risks with financial assets and those risks are managed and evaluated on a fair value basis; or
- c) structured products containing embedded derivatives that could significantly modify the cash flows of the host contract.

2.13.3 Derecognition

Financial assets are derecognised when the contractual rights to receive the cash flows from these assets have ceased to exist or the assets have been transferred and substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of the assets are also transferred (that is, if substantially all the risks and rewards have not been transferred, the Bank tests control to ensure that continuing involvement on the basis of any retained powers of control does not prevent derecognition).

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the obligation specified in the relevant contract is discharged, cancelled or expired.

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

2.14 Impairment of financial assets

The Bank assesses at each reporting date whether there is objective evidence that a financial asset or group of financial assets is impaired. A financial asset or a group of financial assets is impaired and impairment losses are incurred if there is objective evidence of impairment as a result of one or more events that occurred after the initial recognition of the asset (a "loss event") and that loss event (or events) has an impact on the estimated future cash flows of the financial asset or group of financial assets that can be reliably estimated. Objective evidence that a financial asset or group of assets is impaired includes observable data that comes to the attention of the Bank about the following loss events:

Notes to the financial statements

2 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

2.14 Impairment of financial assets (continued)

The criteria that the Bank uses to determine that there is objective evidence of an impairment loss include:

- a) significant financial difficulty of the issuer or obligor;
- b) a breach of contract, such as a default or delinquency in interest or principal payments;
- c) the lender, for economic or legal reasons relating to the borrower's financial difficulty, granting to the borrower a concession that the lender would not otherwise consider;
- d) it becomes probable that the borrower will enter bankruptcy or other financial reorganisation;
- e) the disappearance of an active market for that financial asset because of financial difficulties; or
- f) observable data indicating that there is a measurable decrease in the estimated future cash flows from a portfolio of financial assets since the initial recognition of those assets, although the decrease cannot yet be identified with the individual financial assets in the portfolio, including:
 - adverse changes in the payment status of borrowers in the portfolio; and
 - national or local economic conditions that correlate with defaults on the assets in the portfolio.

(i) Assets carried at amortised cost

The Bank first assesses whether objective evidence of impairment exists individually for financial assets that are individually significant, and individually or collectively for financial assets that are not individually significant. If the Bank determines that no objective evidence of impairment exists for an individually assessed financial asset, whether significant or not, it includes the asset in a group of financial assets with similar credit risk characteristics and collectively assesses them for impairment. Assets that are individually assessed for impairment and for which an impairment loss is or continues to be recognised are not included in a collective assessment of impairment.

If there is objective evidence that an impairment loss on loans and receivables or held-to-maturity investments carried at amortised cost has been incurred, 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 an allowance account and the amount of the loss is recognised in the income statement. If a loan or held-to-maturity investment 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.

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.

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2 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

2.14 Impairment of financial assets (continued)

(i) Assets carried at amortised cost (continued)

For the purposes of a collective evaluation of impairment, financial assets are grouped on the basis of similar credit risk characteristics (that is, on the basis of the Bank's grading process that considers asset type, industry, geographical location, collateral type, past-due status and other relevant factors). Those characteristics are relevant to the estimation of future cash flows for groups of such assets by being indicative of the debtors' ability to pay all amounts due according to the contractual terms of the assets being evaluated.

Future cash flows in a group of financial assets that are collectively evaluated for impairment are estimated on the basis of the contractual cash flows of the assets in the Bank and historical loss experience for assets with credit risk characteristics similar to those in the Bank. Historical loss experience is adjusted on the basis of current observable data to reflect the effects of current conditions that did not affect the period on which the historical loss experience is based and to remove the effects of conditions in the historical period that do not currently exist.

Estimates of changes in future cash flows for groups of assets should reflect and be directionally consistent with changes in related observable data from period to period (for example, changes in unemployment rates, property prices, payment status, or other factors indicative of changes in the probability of losses in the Bank and their magnitude). The methodology and assumptions used for estimating future cash flows are reviewed regularly by the Bank to reduce any differences between loss estimates and actual loss experience.

When a loan is uncollectible, it is written off against the related allowance for loan impairment. Such loans are written off after all the necessary procedures have been completed and the amount of the loss has been determined. Impairment charges relating to loans and advances to banks and customers are classified in "impairment losses on loans and advances" whilst impairment charges relating to investment securities (held-to-maturity and loans and receivables categories) are classified in "Gains less losses from investment securities".

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 income statement.

(ii) Available-for-sale assets

The Bank assesses at each reporting date whether there is objective evidence that an asset classified as available for sale is impaired. Particularly, in the case of equity investments, a significant or prolonged decline in the fair value of the security below its cost is also considered in determining whether the assets are impaired. If any such evidence exists for available-for-sale financial assets, the cumulative loss – measured as the difference between the acquisition cost and the current fair value, less any impairment loss on that financial asset previously recognised in profit or loss – is removed from equity and recognised in the income statement. Impairment losses recognised in the income statement on equity instruments are not reversed through the income statement. If, in a subsequent period, the fair value of a debt instrument classified as available for sale increases and the increase can be objectively related to an event occurring after the impairment loss was recognised in profit or loss, the impairment loss is reversed through the income statement.

Notes to the financial statements

2 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

2.15 Sale and repurchase agreements and securities lending

(i) Sale and repurchase agreements

Securities sold subject to repurchase agreements ("repos") continue to be recorded in the Bank's balance sheet while the counterparty liability is included in amounts due to other banks or due to customers, as appropriate. Securities purchased under agreements to resell ("reverse repos") are recorded as loans and advances to other banks or customers, as appropriate. The difference between sale and repurchase price is treated as interest and accrued over the period of the repo agreements using the effective interest method.

(ii) Securities lending

Securities lent to counterparties are also retained in the financial statements. Securities borrowed are not recognised in the financial statements, unless they are sold to third parties, in which case the purchase and sale are recorded with the gain or loss included in trading income. The obligation to return them is recorded at fair value as a trading liability.

2.16 Fiduciary activities

Where the Bank acts in a fiduciary capacity such as nominee, trustee or agent, assets and related income arising thereon together with related undertakings to return such assets to customers are excluded from these financial statements.

2.17 Related party transactions

Related parties include the parent and ultimate controlling party, fellow subsidiaries, other group companies under common control, directors and key management personnel, their close families, companies owned or controlled by them and companies whose financial and operating policies they can influence. Transactions of similar nature within the same category are disclosed on an aggregate basis.

2.18 Trade and other payables

Trade and other payables are recognised initially at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method.

2.19 Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the Bank has a present legal or constructive obligation as a result of past events, it is more likely than not that an outflow of resources will be required to settle the obligation and the amount can be reliably estimated.

Provisions are measured at the present value of the expenditures expected to be required to settle the obligation using a pre-tax rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the obligation. The increase in the provision due to passage of time is recognised as interest expense.

Restructuring provisions comprise lease termination penalties and employee termination payments, and are recognised in the period in which the Bank becomes legally or constructively committed to payment. Costs related to the ongoing activities of the Bank are not provided in advance. Provisions are not recognised for future operating losses.

Notes to the financial statements

2 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

2.20 Due to banks and due to customers

Due to banks and due to customers are recognised initially at fair value, net of transaction costs incurred and are subsequently stated at amortised cost. Any difference between the proceeds (net of transaction costs) and the redemption value is recognised in interest expense in the income statement using the effective interest method. Due to banks and due to customers are derecognised when they are extinguished, that is, when the obligation is discharged.

2.21 Share capital

Ordinary shares are classified as equity.

Incremental costs directly attributable to the issue of new shares are shown in equity as a deduction, net of tax, from the proceeds.

Share premium is the difference between the fair value of the consideration receivable for the issue of shares and the nominal value of the shares. Share premium account can only be resorted to for limited purposes, which do not include the distribution of dividends, and is otherwise subject to the provisions of the Cyprus Companies Law on reduction of share capital.

2.22 Offsetting financial instruments

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amount reported in the balance sheet when there is a legally enforceable right to offset the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis, or realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously. The legally enforceable right must not be contingent on future events and must be enforceable in the normal course of business and in the event of default, insolvency of bankruptcy of the Company or the counterparty.

2.23 Financial guarantees

Financial guarantee contracts are contracts that require the issuer to make specified payments to reimburse the holder for a loss it incurs because a specified debtor fails to make payments when due, in accordance with the terms of a debt instrument. Such financial guarantees are given to banks, financial institutions and other bodies on behalf of customers to secure loans, overdrafts and other banking facilities.

Financial guarantees are initially recognised in the financial statements at fair value on the date the guarantee was given. Subsequent to initial recognition, the Bank's liabilities under such guarantees are measured at the higher of the initial amount, less amortisation calculated to recognise in the income statement the fee income earned on a straight line basis over the life of the guarantee and the best estimate of the expenditure required to settle any financial obligation arising at the balance sheet date. These estimates are determined based on experience of similar transactions and history of past losses, supplemented by the judgement of management. The fee income earned is recognised on a straight-line basis over the life of the guarantee. Any increase in the liability relating to guarantees is recognised in the income statement within other operating expenses.

Notes to the financial statements

2 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

2.24 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents are items which are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value. Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, all interbank placements and reverse sale agreements with other banks with original maturities of less than three months. Funds restricted for a period of more than three months on origination are excluded from cash and cash equivalents. Cash and cash equivalents are carried at amortised cost.

2.25 Investments in subsidiaries

Subsidiaries are all entities (including structured entities) over which the Bank has control. The Bank controls an entity when the Bank is exposed to, or has rights to, variable returns from its involvement with the entity and has the ability to affect those returns through its power over the entity.

Investments in subsidiaries are measured at cost less impairment. Investments in subsidiaries are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. An impairment loss is recognised through profit or loss for the amount by which the asset's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount. The recoverable amount is the higher of an asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use. An impairment loss recognised in prior years is reversed where appropriate if there has been a change in the estimates used to determine the recoverable amount.

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3 Critical accounting estimates and judgments in applying accounting policies

In the process of applying the Bank's accounting policies, the Bank's management makes various judgments, estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities recognised in the financial statements within the next financial year. Estimates and judgments are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Impairment losses on loans and advances to customers

The Bank reviews its loan portfolios to assess impairment continuously. In determining whether an impairment loss should be recorded in the income statement, the Bank makes judgments as to whether there is any observable data indicating there is 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 in a group, or national or local economic conditions that correlate with defaults on assets in the Bank. Management uses estimates based on historical loss experience for assets with credit risk characteristics and objective evidence of impairment similar to those in the portfolio when scheduling its future cash flows. 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.

For loans assessed on an individual basis, on a case by case basis, management uses its best estimate to determine the present value of the cash flows that are expected to be received. In estimating these cash flows, management makes judgments about the borrower's financial position and the net realisable value of any underlying collaterals.

At 31 December 2016, if the recoverable amounts increased by 10%, provision for impairment losses on loans and advances to customers would have been €5.389 thousand (2015: €5.397 thousand) lower, while a 10% decrease would result in €4.996 thousand (2015: €5.416 thousand) increase in provisions for impairment losses.

4 Financial risk management

4.1 Use of financial instruments

By their nature the Bank's activities are principally related to the use of financial instruments including derivatives. The Bank accepts deposits from customers, at both fixed and floating rates, and for various periods and seeks to earn above average interest margins by investing these funds in high quality assets. The Bank seeks to increase these margins by consolidating short-term funds and lending for longer periods at higher rates, while maintaining sufficient liquidity to meet all claims that might fall due.

The Bank also seeks to raise its interest margins by obtaining above average margins, net of provisions, through lending to commercial and retail borrowers within a range of credit standing. Such exposures include both on-balance sheet loans and advances and off-balance sheet guarantees and other commitments such as letters of credit.

Notes to the financial statements

4 Financial risk management (continued)

4.1 Use of financial instruments (continued)

The Bank also trades in financial instruments where it takes positions in traded and over the counter instruments including derivatives, to take advantage of short-term market movements in the equity and bond markets and in currency and interest rates. The Risk Committee places trading limits on the level of exposure that can be taken in relation to overnight and intra-day market positions as well as limits in longer durations. With the exception of specific hedging arrangements, foreign exchange and interest rate exposures associated with these derivatives are normally concluded to hedge outstanding positions, thereby controlling the variability in the net cash amounts required to offset market positions.

4.2 Financial risk factors

The Bank's activities expose it to a variety of financial risks: credit risk, market risk (including currency risk, interest rate risk and equity risk) and liquidity risk. The Bank's overall risk management policies focus on the unpredictability of financial markets and seek to minimise potential adverse effects on the Bank's financial performance, financial position and cash flows.

4.2.1 Credit risk

The Bank takes on exposure to credit risk, which is the risk that a counterparty will be unable to pay amounts in full when due. Impairment provisions are recognised for losses that have been incurred at the balance sheet date. Significant changes in the economy, or in the health of a particular industry segment that represents a concentration in the Bank's portfolio, could result in losses that are different from those provided for at the balance sheet date. Therefore, management carefully manages its exposure to credit risk.

The Bank minimises the risk by adopting appropriate procedures and controls to evaluate the quality of the credit facilities granted.

In addition, the Bank structures the levels of credit risk it undertakes by placing limits on the amount of risk accepted (excluding related party balances, Note 30). Facilities higher than these limits are authorised and monitored at group level.

(a) Credit risk measurement and management - investment securities and derivatives

Derivative financial instruments held by the Bank are primarily with Eurobank Ergasias S.A., and as such the Bank considers that these carry the credit risk of Eurobank Ergasias S.A. Therefore, as this is the parent entity of the Bank, the Bank does not have any specific policies in place to monitor this credit risk.

(b) Credit risk measurement – Loans and advances

The Bank applies various credit rating systems for the assessment and measurement of credit risk. These systems assign a specific rating to every borrower/counterparty which reflects the creditworthiness of the particular borrower and consequently the ability to repay funds on a timely manner. Credit rating takes under consideration various quantitative and qualitative factors. The Bank periodically reviews rating systems and adapts them to particular market conditions, products or borrowers.

Notes to the financial statements

4 Financial risk management (continued)

4.2 Financial risk factors (continued)

4.2.1 Credit risk (continued)

Risk limit control and mitigation policies - 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 advances, which is 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 to customers are:

- Cash deposits and other cash equivalents;
- Mortgages over residential properties;
- Charges over business assets such as premises, inventory and accounts receivable;
- Charges over financial instruments such as debt securities and equities;
- Lien agreement with the parent bank.

Impairment allowances on individually assessed accounts are determined by an evaluation of the incurred loss at balance-sheet date on a case-by-case basis, and are applied to all individually significant accounts. The assessment normally encompasses collateral held (including re-confirmation of its enforceability) and the anticipated receipts for that individual account.

4.2.1.1 Maximum exposure to credit risk before collateral held

The table below represents the maximum credit risk exposure of the Bank at 31 December 2016 and 2015, without taking into account any collateral held:

	2016 €'000	2015 €'000
Credit risk exposures relating to on-balance sheet assets:		
Loans and advances to banks	2.298.543	1.554.848
Derivative financial instruments	10.472	2.765
Loans and advances to customers:		•
Retail lending:		
- Mortgage	11.750	11.561
- Consumer	5.948	4.871
- Credit cards	473	356
Wholesale lending:		
- Large corporate	878.789	873.399
- Wealth management	259.255	254.838
- International business banking	661.250	751.966
Available-for-sale financial assets - debt securities	235.192	260.471
Held-to-maturity investments	337.640	366.081
Other assets	238	437
Total	4.699.550	4.081.593
Credit risk exposures relating to off-balance sheet items (Note 27):		
Guarantees and letters of credit	122,286	113.305
Approved unutilised credit facilities	283.945	197.055
Total	406.231	310.360
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For on-balance sheet assets, the exposures set out above are based on net carrying amounts as reported in the balance sheet.

Notes to the financial statements

- 4 Financial risk management (continued)
- 4.2 Financial risk factors (continued)
- 4.2.1 Credit risk (continued)

4.2.1.2 Loans and advances to banks

The credit quality of placements and settlement balances with banks and reverse repurchase agreements receivable from banks, based on rating agencies' counterparty country ratings, is graded as follows as at 31 December 2016 and 2015:

	2016	2015
	€'000	€'000
Aaa to Aa3	95.103	101.344
A1 to A3	114.068	81.670
Baa1 to Baa3	5.839	61.664
Ba1 to Ba3	57.006	11.161
Caa1 to Caa3 (1)	2.026.071	1.298.024
Not rated	456	985
	2.298.543	1.554.848

(1) Loans and advances to banks include reverse repurchase agreements of €1.928.817 thousand (2015: €1.237.351 thousand) fully secured by ECB Eligible bonds majority of those being EFSF bonds (Note 13).

4.2.1.3 Loans and advances to customers

The section below provides a detailed overview of the Bank's exposure to credit risk arising from its customer lending portfolios.

(a) Credit quality of loans and advances to customers

Loans and advances to customers are classified as "neither past due nor impaired", "past due but not impaired" and "past due and impaired". Loans reported as "Neither past due nor impaired" include loans with no contractual payments in arrears and no other indications of impairment. "Past due but not impaired" category includes loans with contractual payments overdue by at least one day, but which are not impaired unless specific information indicates to the contrary.

The following tables present the total gross amount, representing the maximum exposure to credit risk gross of impairment allowance, of loans and advances that are classified as non-impaired (i.e. "neither past due nor impaired" and "past due but not impaired") and those classified as impaired (i.e. "past due and impaired"). They also present the total impairment allowance recognised in respect of all loans and advances, the total net amount, as well as the value of collateral held as security to mitigate credit risk. The value of collateral presented in the tables below is capped to the respective gross loan amount.

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- 4 Financial risk management (continued)
- 4.2 Financial risk factors (continued)
- 4.2.1 Credit risk (continued)

4.2.1.3 Loans and advances to customers (continued)

			31 Decei	nber 2016		
	Non-impa	aired				- **
	Neither past due nor	Past due but not		Total gross	Impairment	Total net
	impaired	impaired	Impaired	amount	allowance	amount
	€'000	€'000	['] €'000	€'000	€'000	€'000
Retail lending:						
- Mortgage	11.767	-	-	11.767	(17)	11.750
- Consumer	5.936	59	48	6.043	(95)	5.948
- Credit card	456	22	13	491	(18)	473
Wholesale lending:					/ /»	
 Large corporate 	833.160	10.747	90.040	933.947	(55.158)	878.789
Wealth management International business	237.722	3.928	42.244	283.894	(24.639)	259.255
banking	660.797	873	8	661.678	(428)	661.250
Total	1.749.838	15.629	132.353	1.897.820	(80.355)	1.817.465

Value of collateral	1.620.293	12.340	93.216	1.725.849

			31 Decei	nber 2015		
	Non-impa	aired				
	Neither past due nor impaired €'000	Past due but not impaired €'000	lmpaired €'000	Total gross amount €'000	Impairment allowance €'000	Total net amount €'000
Retail lending:						
- Mortgage	11.566	-	-	11.566	(5)	11.561
- Consumer	4.731	150	15	4.896	(25)	4.871
- Credit card	350	9	-	359	(3)	356
Wholesale lending:						
- Large corporate	816.773	8.798	92.800	918.371	(44.972)	873.399
 Wealth management International business 	227.946	6.571	41.446	275.963	(21.125)	254.838
banking	750.420	1,916	9	752.345	(379)	751.966
Total	1.811.786	17.444	134.270	1.963.500	(66.509)	1.896.991
Value of collateral	1.668.665	15.248	108.019	1.791.932		

Loans and advances neither past due nor impaired

The credit quality of the portfolio of loans and advances to customers that were neither past due nor impaired as at year end can be assessed by reference to the Bank's standard grading system.

The following tables present the risk classification of loans and advances at their gross amount that are neither past due nor impaired, based on the Bank's credit assessment methodology:

	2016	2015
	€'000	€'000
Strong	1.517.912	1.571.297
Satisfactory risk	158.193	162.280
Watch list	73.733	78.209
Total	1.749.838	1.811.786

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- 4 Financial risk management (continued)
- 4.2 Financial risk factors (continued)
- 4.2.1 Credit risk (continued)
- 4.2.1.3 Loans and advances to customers (continued)

Loans and advances past due but not impaired

The following tables present the ageing analysis of past due but not impaired loans and advances by product line at their gross amounts before any impairment allowance:

		31 De	ecember 2016			
Re	etail lending			Mortgage lending	1	
					International	
	_		_	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,		
						Total
€.000	€′000	€,000	€'000	€'000	€,000	€'000
_	51	16	4.367	3.058	857	8.349
_	4				- • -	1.165
_					-	6.115
_	_	-	-	-		• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •
-	_	-	_	_	_	-
_	_	_	_	_	_	
•	59	22	10.747	3.928	873	15.629
<u>-</u>	-	<u> </u>	7.708	3.824	808	12.340
		31 De	cember 2015			
Re	tail lending			Mortaaae lendina		
	J					
		Credit	Large	Wealth	business	
		-	corporate	management	banking	Total
€′000	€'000	€,000	€'000	€'000	€'000	€'000
-	62	9	7.889	5.906	1.872	15.738
_	81	_			1	878
_	7	_	532		43	828
_	_	_				
_	_	_	_	-	_	_
_	_	_	_	_	_	_
-	150	9	8.798	6.571	1.916	17.444
-	18		7.332	6.090	1.808	15.248
	Mortgage €'000	€*000 €*000 - 51 - 4 - 4 59 59 Retail lending Mortgage €*000 - 62 - 81 - 7 150	Retail lending Mortgage Consumer €'000 - 51 16 - 4 3 - 4 3 59 22 Retail lending Mortgage Consumer card €'000 Credit 3 - 4 3 - 4 3 59 22 59 22 59 22 150 9	Mortgage €'000 Consumer card corporate €'000 Large corporate €'000 - 51 16 4.367 - 4 3 1.141 - 4 3 5.239 - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - Retail lending Credit card corporate corporate €'000 €'000 - 62 9 7.889 - 81 - 377 - 7 - 532 - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - </td <td> Mortgage Consumer Credit Large Consumer Credit Corporate Credit Credit Credit Corporate Credit Corporate Credit Corporate Credit Corporate Credit Corporate Credit Corporate C</td> <td> Mortgage</td>	Mortgage Consumer Credit Large Consumer Credit Corporate Credit Credit Credit Corporate Credit Corporate Credit Corporate Credit Corporate Credit Corporate Credit Corporate C	Mortgage

Loans and advances past due and impaired

As at 31 December 2016, loans and advances past due and impaired amounted to €132.353 thousand (2015: €134.270 thousand).

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- 4 Financial risk management (continued)
- 4.2 Financial risk factors (continued)
- 4.2.1 Credit risk (continued)
- 4.2.1.3 Loans and advances to customers (continued)

(b) Geographical and industry concentrations of loans and advances to customers

The Bank holds diversified portfolios across markets and countries and implements limits on concentrations arising from the geographical location or the activity of groups of borrowers that could be similarly affected by changes in economic or other conditions, in order to mitigate credit risk.

The tables in Note 4.2.1.5 break down the Bank's exposure into loans and advances to customers at their net amounts, by product line, industry and geographical region.

(c) Forbearance

Forbearance consists of concessions towards a debtor that is experiencing or about to experience difficulties in meeting its financial commitments.

The following table presents a summary of the types of the Bank's forborne activities (cumulative as of the balance sheet date):

	2016	2015
	€'000	€,000
Forbearance measures:		4. *
Interest only schedule	29.965	40.661
Reduced payment schedule	29.778	27.713
Term extension	52.702	55.853
Arrears capitalisation	2.742	2.751
Other	10.702	3.863
Total amount net of impairment allowance	125.889	130.841

The following table presents a summary of the credit quality of forborne loans and advances to customers:

	31 December 2016				
	Total loans & advances	Forborne loans & advances	% of forborne loans & advances to total loans & advances		
	€'000	€′000			
Neither past due nor impaired	1.749.838	100.789	5,8		
Past due but not impaired	15.629	4.554	29,1		
Past due and impaired	132.353	31.400	23,7		
Total gross amount	1.897.820	136.743	7,2		
Impairment allowance	(80.355)	(10.854)			
Total net amount	1.817.465	125.889	6,9		
Collateral received	1.725.849	126.901			

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- 4 Financial risk management (continued)
- 4.2 Financial risk factors (continued)
- 4.2.1 Credit risk (continued)
- 4.2.1.3 Loans and advances to customers (continued)
- (c) Forbearance (continued)

		31 December 2	015
	Total loans & advances	Forborne loans & advances	% of forborne loans & advances to total loans & advances
	€'000	€'000	
Neither past due nor impaired	1.811.786	103.936	5,7
Past due but not impaired	17.444	2.300	13,2
Past due and impaired	134.270	_ 34.592	25,8
Total gross amount	1.963.500	140.828	7,2
Impairment allowance	(66.509)	(9.987)	
Total net amount	1.896.991	130.841	6,9
Collateral received	1.790.932	132.959	

The following table presents the Bank's exposure to forborne loans and advances by product/activity line:

Retail lending:	2016 €'000	2015 €'000
- Mortgage	285	_
- Consumer	39	
- Credit cards	•	_
Wholesale lending:		
- Large corporate	76.543	89.156
- Wealth management	49.022	41.685
- International business banking	-	_
Total amount net of impairment allowance	125.889	130.841

The following table presents the Bank's exposure to forborne loans and advances by geographical region:

	2016	2015
	€,000	€'000
Cyprus	121,789	122.934
Other European countries	3.015	7.907
Other countries	1.085	
Total amount net of impairment allowance	125.889	130.841

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4 Financial risk management (continued)

4.2 Financial risk factors (continued)

4.2.1 Credit risk (continued)

4.2.1.4 Debt securities

The table below presents an analysis of debt securities by rating agency designation at 31 December 2016 and 2015 based on Moody's ratings or their equivalent:

31 December 2016

	Available- for-sale	Held-to- maturity	
	debt securities	investments	Total
	€'000	€,000	€'000
Aaa	47.475	15.385	62.860
Aa1 to Aa3	-	22.751	22.751
A1 to A3	-	4.492	4.492
Baa1 to Baa3	-	2.698	2.698
Ba1 to Ba3	76.708	* -	76.708
B1 to B3	21.977	292.314	314.291
Caa1 to Caa3	77.498	-	77.498
Not rated	11.534	_	11.534
Total	235.192	337.640	572.832

31 December 2015

	Available- for-sale	Held-to- maturity	
	debt securities	investments	Total
	€'000	€'000	€'000
Aaa	45.805	26.035	71.840
Aa1 to Aa3	-	34.301	34.301
A1 to A3	-	2.156	2.156
Baa1 to Baa3	-	9.557	9.557
Ba1 to Ba3	76.929	-	76.929
B1 to B3	25.806	294.032	319.838
Caa1 to Caa3	101.043	-	101.043
Not rated	10.888	- ,	10.888
Total	260.471	366.081	626.552

Notes to the financial statements

- 4 Financial risk management (continued)
- 4.2 Financial risk factors (continued)
- 4.2.1 Credit risk (continued)

4.2.1.5 Concentration of credit risk

(a) Geographical sectors

The following table analyses the Bank's main credit exposure of balance sheet assets and off balance sheet items at their carrying amounts, as categorised by geographical region as at 31 December 2016 and 2015. For this table, the Bank has allocated exposures to regions based on the country of activity/economic interest of counterparties.

		31 Decemb Other	er 2016	
		European	Other	
	Cyprus	countries	countries	Total
	€,000	€'000	€'000	€'000
On-balance sheet assets				
Loans and advances to banks	50.522	1.996.503	251.518	2.298.543
Derivative financial instruments	494	9.806	172	10.472
Loans and advances to customers:				
Retail lending:				
- Mortgage	11.750	_	-	11.750
- Consumer	5.946	2	_	5.948
- Credit cards	471	2	_	473
Wholesale lending:				
- Large corporate	440.586	412.658	25.545	878.789
- Wealth management	171.916	67.595	19.744	259.255
 International business banking 	125.909	90.707	444.634	661.250
Available-for-sale financial assets – debt securities	9.192	175.508	50.492	235.192
Held-to-maturity investments	292.314	45.326	-	337.640
Other assets	163	46	29	238
Total	1.109.263	2.798.153	792.134	4.699.550
Off-balance sheet items				
Guarantees and letters of credit	116.241	4,960	1.085	122,286
Approved unutilised credit facilities	252.638	23,000		
Total			8.307	283.945
I Otal	368.879	27.960	9.392	406,231

Notes to the financial statements

- 4 Financial risk management (continued)
- 4.2 Financial risk factors (continued)
- 4.2.1 Credit risk (continued)
- 4.2.1.5 Concentration of credit risk (continued)
- (a) Geographical sectors (continued)

		31 Decem Other	ber 2015	
		European	Other	
	Cyprus €′000	countries €'000	countries €'000	Total €'000
On-balance sheet assets				
Loans and advances to banks	40.491	1.402.082	112.275	1.554.848
Derivative financial instruments	446	2.319	_	2.765
Loans and advances to customers:				
Retail lending:				
- Mortgage	11.561	_	_	11.561
- Consumer	4.871	-	-	4.871
- Credit cards	355	1	_	356
Wholesale lending:				
- Large corporate	414.925	440.380	18.094	873.399
- Wealth management	165.229	62.675	26.934	254.838
- International business banking	153.056	131,782	467.128	751.966
Available-for-sale financial assets – debt securities	13.392	196.727	50.352	260.471
Held-to-maturity investments	294.032	72.049	-	366.081
Other assets	135	291	11	437
Total	1.098.493	2.308.306	674.794	4.081.593
Off-balance sheet items				
Guarantees and letters of credit	105.703	6.158	1.444	113.305
Approved unutilised credit facilities	159.531	16.077	21.447	197.055
Total	265.234	22.235	22.891	310.360

Notes to the financial statements

- 4 Financial risk management (continued)
- 4.2 Financial risk factors (continued)
- 4.2.1 Credit risk (continued)
- 4.2.1.5 Concentration of credit risk (continued)
- (b) Industry sectors

The following table analyses the Bank's main credit risk exposure of balance sheet assets and off balance sheet items at their carrying amounts, as categorised by the industry sectors of the Bank's counterparties as at 31 December 2016 and 2015:

31 December 2016

	Sovereigns €'000	Commerce & services €'000	Banks & financial institutions €'000	Private individuals €'000	Constru- ction €'000	Manufa- cturing €'000	Other €'000	Total €'000
On-balance sheet asse	ts							•
Loans and advances								
to banks	-	-	2.298.543	-	-	-	-	2.298.543
Derivative financial								
instruments	-	181	9.804	-	-	483	. 4	10.472
Loans and advances to d	customers:							
Retail lending:								
- Mortgage	-	-	-	11.750	-	-	-	11.750
- Consumer	-	1.293	-	4.643	-	12	-	5.948
 Credit cards 	-	79	-	394	_	-	-	473
Wholesale lending:								
 Large corporate 	-	761,473	-	21.477	45.020	49.535	1.284	878.789
 Wealth management International 	-	143.203	-	113.058	2.867	85	42	259.255
business banking	-	549.111	-	81.570	1.432	29.136	1	661.250
Available-for-sale								
financial assets		*						
 debt securities 	61.507	-	51.930	-	_	-	121.755	235.192
Held-to-maturity								
investments	292.314	-	-	-	-	-	45.326	337.640
Other assets	-	180	-	-	_	-	58	238
Total	353.821	1.455.520	2.360.277	232.892	49.319	79.251	168.470	4.699.550

Sovereigns €'000	& financial institutions €'000	Private individuals €'000	Corporate €'000	Total €'000
1 - 1	4.367 60	1.110 26.054	116.808 257.831	122.286 283.945 406.231
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Notes to the financial statements

- 4 Financial risk management (continued)
- 4.2 Financial risk factors (continued)
- 4.2.1 Credit risk (continued)
- 4.2.1.5 Concentration of credit risk (continued)
- (b) Industry sectors (continued)

31 December 2015

	Sovereigns €'000	Commerce & services €'000	Banks & financial institutions €'000	Private individuals €'000	Constru- ction €'000	Manufa- cturing €'000	Other €'000	Total €'000
On-balance sheet asset	ts							•
Loans and advances								
to banks	-	-	1.554.848	-	-	-	-	1.554.848
Derivative financial								
instruments	-	25	2.314	1	-	425	-	2.765
Loans and advances to c	ustomers:							
Retail lending:								
- Mortgage	-	-	-	11.561	-	-	-	11.561
- Consumer	-	1.587	-	3.274	-	10	-	4.871
 Credit cards 	-	32	-	323	-	1	-	356
Wholesale lending:								
 Large corporate 	-	771.129	-	24.972	24.019	50.903	2.376	873.399
 Wealth management International 	-	141.309	-	110.516	2.744	227	42	254.838
business banking		629.011		89.816	5	33.132	2	751.966
Available-for-sale		029.011	-	09.010	3	JJ. JZ	2	151.500
financial assets								
- debt securities	65.674	_	78.382	_	_	_	116.415	260.471
Held-to-maturity	05.074	_	10.302	_	_	_	110.413	200.471
investments	294.032			_		_	72,049	366.081
Other assets	204.002	135	263	_	_	_	39	437
Total	359.706	1.543,228	1.635.807	240,463	26.768	84.698	190.923	4.081.593
, v.u.;	000.700		000.001	£40.400	20.7 00	57.550		7,00,1,000

	Sovereigns €'000	Banks & financial institutions €'000	Private individuals €'000	Corporate €'000	Total €'000
Off-balance sheet items		4.007	2211	400 000	440.00
Guarantees and letters of credit	า	4.387	6.014	102.903	113.305
Approved unutilised credit facilities	<u>-</u>	95	27.107	169.853	197.055
Total	1	4.482	33.121	272.756	310.360

Notes to the financial statements

- 4 Financial risk management (continued)
- 4.2 Financial risk factors (continued)

4.2.2 Market risk

The Bank takes on exposure to market risks. Market risks arise from exposure to interest rates, currency and equity products or combination of them, all of which are exposed to general and specific market movements. Specifically, the market risks the Bank is exposed to are the following:

(a) Interest rate risk

The Bank takes on exposure to the effects of fluctuations in the prevailing levels of market interest rates on its financial positions and cash flows. 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 value of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates.

Interest margins may increase as a result of such changes but may reduce or create losses in the event that unexpected adverse movements arise. The Bank's Risk Committee sets limits on the level of mismatch of interest rate repricing that may be undertaken and exposures are monitored daily.

(b) Currency 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 Risk Committee sets limits on the level of exposures which are monitored daily.

(c) Equity price risk

Equity price risk is the risk of the decrease of fair values as a result of changes in the levels of equity indices and the value of individual stocks. The equity price risk that the Bank undertakes arises mainly from equity positions classified as available-for-sale financial assets. The Risk Committee sets limits on the level of the exposures which are monitored daily.

The Bank's monitoring of market risk is performed by the parent bank with the use of 'value at risk' (VaR) methodology to estimate the market risk of positions held and the potential economic loss based upon a number of assumptions and variables.

(d) VaR summary for 2016 and 2015

VaR is a methodology used in measuring financial risk by estimating the potential negative change in the market value of a portfolio at a given confidence level and over a specified time horizon. The VaR that the Bank measures is an estimate based upon a 99% confidence level and a holding period of 1 day and the methodology used for the calculation is Monte Carlo simulation (full repricing).

The VaR models are designed to measure market risk in a normal market environment. It is assumed that any changes occurring in the risk factors affecting the normal market environment will follow a normal distribution. The distribution is calculated using exponentially weighted moving average (EWMA) of 6 months historical data.

Although VaR is an important tool for measuring market risk, the assumptions on which the model is based do give rise to certain limitations. Given this, actual outcomes are monitored regularly, via back testing process, to test the validity of the assumptions and the parameters used in the VaR calculation.

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- 4 Financial risk management (continued)
- 4.2 Financial risk factors (continued)
- 4.2.2 Market risk (continued)
- (d) VaR summary for 2016 and 2015 (continued)

Since VaR constitutes an integral part of the Bank's market risk control regime, VaR limits have been established for all (trading and investment portfolios) operations and actual exposure is reviewed daily by management. However, the use of this approach does not prevent losses outside of these limits in the event of extraordinary market movements.

Average VaR by risk type:

	2016	2015
	€'000	€'000
Interest Rate Risk	596	626
Foreign Exchange Risk	9	10
Equities Risk	39	. 9
Total VaR	591	627

The VaR calculation is applied to all positions.

The aggregate of the interest rate, foreign exchange and equities VaR results does not constitute the Bank's total VaR due to correlations and consequent diversification effects among risk factors.

4.2.3 Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that arises when the maturity of assets and liabilities does not match, and as a result there may be inability to meet cash calls.

The Bank is exposed to daily calls on its available cash resources due to deposits withdrawals, loan draw-downs and guarantees, margin calls and payments on cash-settled derivatives. The Bank maintains cash resources to meet all of these needs. The Risk Committee sets liquidity limits to ensure that sufficient funds are available to meet such calls.

The matching and controlled mismatching of the maturities and interest rates of assets and liabilities is fundamental to the management of the Bank. It is unusual for banks to be completely matched, as transacted business is often of uncertain term and of different types. An unmatched position potentially enhances profitability, but also increases the risk of losses.

The maturities of assets and liabilities and the ability to replace, at an acceptable cost, interest bearing liabilities as they mature, are important factors in assessing the liquidity of the Bank and its exposure to changes in interest rates and exchange rates.

Liquidity requirements to support calls under guarantees and standby letters of credit are considerably less than the amount of the commitment because past performance supports that the third parties generally do not draw funds under the agreement. The total outstanding contractual amount of commitments to extend credit does not necessarily represent future cash requirements, as many of these commitments will expire or terminate without being funded.

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4 Financial risk management (continued)

4.2 Financial risk factors (continued)

4.2.3 Liquidity risk (continued)

The table below presents maturity analysis of assets as at 31 December 2016 and 2015, based on their contractual undiscounted cash flows. Loans without contractual maturities are presented in the "less than 1 month" time bucket.

		31 Decen	nber 2016	·	
	Less than	1 – 3	3 months	Over 1	
	1 month	months	to 1 year	year	Total
	€'000	€'000	€'000	€,000	€'000
- Cash and balances with central banks	168.378	- ,	_	-	168.378
 Loans and advances to banks 	1.671.827	565.338	62.000	6.000	2.305.165
 Loans and advance to customers 	301.941	51.371	202.319	1.517.136	2.072.767
- Available-for-sale investments	4.694	14.224	17.258	213.851	250.027
 Held-to-maturity investments 	3.858	56.709	11.925	313.878	386.370
- Derivative financial instruments	9.690	25	91	666	10.472
- Other assets	78	-		160	238
	2.160.466	687.667	293.593	2.051.691	5.193.417
		31 Decem	ber 2015		
	Less than	1-3	3 months	Over 1	
	1 month	months	to 1 year	year	Total
	€'000	€'000	€,000	€,000	€'000
- Cash and balances with central banks	39.896	_	_	_	39.896
 Loans and advances to banks 	1.546.850	-	6.267	2.000	1.555.117
 Loans and advance to customers 	283.686	50.968	160.002	1.633,708	2.128.364
- Available-for-sale investments					
	844	4.893	39.844	247.954	293.535
- Held-to-maturity investments	844 407	4.893 44.438	39.844 8.270		293.535 421.268
Held-to-maturity investmentsDerivative financial instruments	407 2.268			247.954	
- Held-to-maturity investments	407	44.438	8.270	247.954 368.153	421.268

Derivative assets are reported in the liquidity analysis at current market value. The amounts reported per time bucket (markets values) are very close to the corresponding net future cash flows since the current rates of EUR and USD are low.

The above assets are used from a liquidity management perspective to manage liquidity risk arising from the contractual maturity analysis of financial liabilities as disclosed in the following tables.

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4 Financial risk management (continued)

4.2 Financial risk factors (continued)

4.2.3 Liquidity risk (continued)

The table below analyses the cash flows payable by the Bank under derivative and non-derivative financial liabilities and off-balances sheet items into relevant maturity groupings based on the remaining period at the balance sheet date. The amounts disclosed in the table are the contractual undiscounted cash flows, whereas the Bank manages the inherent liquidity risk based on expected undiscounted cash inflows. Liabilities without contractual maturities (sight and saving deposits) are presented in the "less than 1 month" time bucket.

		31 Dec	ember 201	6	
	Less than 1 month	1 – 3 months	3 months to 1 year		Total
	€'000	€'000	€'000	•	€'000
Non-derivative liabilities:					
- Due to other banks	382.014	19.107	52.847		527.562
Due to customers Other liabilities	2.677.003 33.563	539.990 573	692.615 2.525		3.915.886 36.661
- Other liabilities	3.092.580	559.670	747.987		4.480.109
		0001010			
Derivative financial instruments:	682	3	50	667	1.402
Off-balance sheet items		Less tha	n 1 year €'000	Over 1 year €'000	Total €'000
Guarantees and letters of credit			122.286	-	122.286
Approved unutilised credit facilities		:	283.945	-	283.945
Capital expenditure			440	-	440
Operating lease commitments	_		986	823 823	1.809 408.480
	-		100.100	023	400.400
		31 Dec	ember 201	5	
	Less than	31 Dec 1 – 3	ember 201 3 months		
	Less than 1 month			Over 1	Total
		1 – 3	3 months	Over 1 year	Total €'000
Non-derivative liabilities:	1 month €'000	1 – 3 months €'000	3 months to 1 year €'000	Over 1 year €'000	€'000
- Due to other banks	1 month €'000 376.225	1 – 3 months €′000 30.251	3 months to 1 year €'000	Over 1 year €'000 71.828	€'000 502.148
- Due to other banks - Due to customers	1 month €'000 376.225 1.932.302	1 – 3 months €'000 30.251 584.895	3 months to 1 year €'000 23.844 730.266	Over 1 year €'000	€'000 502.148 3.250.591
- Due to other banks	1 month €'000 376.225	1 – 3 months €′000 30.251	3 months to 1 year €'000	Over 1 year €'000 71.828	€'000 502.148
Due to other banksDue to customersOther liabilities	1 month €'000 376.225 1.932.302 30.052 2.338.579	1 – 3 months €'000 30.251 584.895 513 615.659	3 months to 1 year €'000 23.844 730.266 2.575 756.685	Over 1 year €'000 71.828 3.128 - 74.956	€'000 502.148 3.250.591 33.140 3.785.879
- Due to other banks - Due to customers	1 month €'000 376.225 1.932.302 30.052	1 – 3 months €'000 30.251 584.895 513	3 months to 1 year €'000 23.844 730.266 2.575	Over 1 year €'000 71.828 3.128	€'000 502.148 3.250.591 33.140
Due to other banksDue to customersOther liabilities	1 month €'000 376.225 1.932.302 30.052 2.338.579	1 – 3 months €'000 30.251 584.895 513 615.659	3 months to 1 year €'000 23.844 730.266 2.575 756.685	Over 1 year €'000 71.828 3.128 - 74.956	€'000 502.148 3.250.591 33.140 3.785.879 527
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- Due to other banks - Due to customers - Other liabilities Derivative financial instruments: Off-balance sheet items	1 month €'000 376.225 1.932.302 30.052 2.338.579	1 – 3 months €'000 30.251 584.895 513 615.659	3 months to 1 year €'000 23.844 730.266 2.575 756.685 83 1 year €'000	Over 1 year €'000 71.828 3.128 - 74.956	€'000 502.148 3.250.591 33.140 3.785.879 527 Total €'000
- Due to other banks - Due to customers - Other liabilities Derivative financial instruments: Off-balance sheet items Guarantees and letters of credit	1 month €'000 376.225 1.932.302 30.052 2.338.579	1 – 3 months €'000 30.251 584.895 513 615.659 8	3 months to 1 year €'000 23.844 730.266 2.575 756.685 83 1 year €'000 113.305	Over 1 year €'000 71.828 3.128 - 74.956 397	€'000 502.148 3.250.591 33.140 3.785.879 527 Total €'000 113.305
- Due to other banks - Due to customers - Other liabilities Derivative financial instruments: Off-balance sheet items Guarantees and letters of credit Approved unutilised credit facilities	1 month €'000 376.225 1.932.302 30.052 2.338.579	1 – 3 months €'000 30.251 584.895 513 615.659 8	3 months to 1 year €'000 23.844 730.266 2.575 756.685 83 1 year €'000	Over 1 year €'000 71.828 3.128 - 74.956 397	€'000 502.148 3.250.591 33.140 3.785.879 527 Total €'000
- Due to other banks - Due to customers - Other liabilities Derivative financial instruments: Off-balance sheet items Guarantees and letters of credit	1 month €'000 376.225 1.932.302 30.052 2.338.579	1 – 3 months €'000 30.251 584.895 513 615.659	3 months to 1 year €'000 23.844 730.266 2.575 756.685 83 1 year €'000 113.305 197.055	Over 1 year €'000 71.828 3.128 - 74.956 397	€'000 502.148 3.250.591 33.140 3.785.879 527 Total €'000 113.305 197.055

On derivative instruments line, the negative net present value (allocated per time bucket) is presented as a good proxy of the expected outflow.

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- 4 Financial risk management (continued)
- 4.2 Financial risk factors (continued)

4.2.3 Liquidity risk (continued)

The liabilities from derivatives are reported in the liquidity analysis using the current market values of them. The amounts reported per time bucket (markets values) are very close to the corresponding net future cash flows since the current rates of EUR and USD are low.

It should be noted that the above table represents the worst case scenario since it is based on the assumption that all liabilities will be paid earlier than expected (all term deposits are withdrawn at their contractual maturity). Historical experience shows that even in a period of a systemic financial crisis the likelihood of such an event is remote.

4.3 Off balance sheet instruments

In common with other banks, the Bank conducts business involving guarantees, documentary letters of credit and acceptances (Note 27).

Guarantees are generally written by a bank to support the performance of a customer to third parties. As the Bank will only be required to meet obligations in the event of the customer's default, the cash requirements of these instruments are expected to be considerably below their nominal amounts.

Documentary credits commit the Bank to make payments to third parties on production of documents and provided that the terms of the documentary credits are satisfied. The repayment by the customer is usually immediate.

An acceptance is an undertaking by a bank to pay a bill of exchange drawn on a customer in the event that the customer does not honour payment.

Endorsements are residual liabilities in respect of bills of exchange, which have been discounted by a bank and subsequently rediscounted.

Commitments to lend are agreements to lend to a customer in the future subject to certain conditions. Such commitments are made for fixed periods and are cancellable by the Bank subject to notice requirements.

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4 Financial risk management (continued)

4.4 Capital management

	2016 €'000	2015 €'000
Ordinary shareholders' equity Less: other regulatory adjustments	409.456 (2.785)	364.027 (2.232)
Total Tier 1 capital Tier 2 capital Total regulatory capital	406.671 24.000 430.671	361.795 46.244 408.039
Risk Weighted Assets	1.436.063	1.335.061
	2016 %	2015 %
Ratios: Core Tier 1 Tier 1 Tier 2 Capital Adequacy Ratio	28,3 28,3 1,7 30,0	27,1 27,1 3,5 30,6

Tier 1 capital represents share capital, share premium and reserves less intangible assets and valuation differences eligible as Tier 2 as at 31 December.

Tier 2 capital represents subordinated debt and valuation differences eligible as Tier 2 as at 31 December.

The Bank maintains an actively managed capital base to cover risks inherent in the business. The adequacy of the Bank's capital is monitored using among other measures, the rules and ratios established by the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision and adopted by the European Union and the Central Bank of Cyprus.

The Bank has complied with all externally imposed capital requirements throughout the current and prior year.

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

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

Notes to the financial statements

- 4 Financial risk management (continued)
- 4.4 Capital management (continued)

Leverage

The regulatory framework has introduced the leverage ratio as a non-risk based measure which is intended to restrict the build-up of excessive leverage from on and off balance sheet items in the banking sector. The leverage ratio is defined as Tier 1 capital divided by the total exposure measure and will be a binding requirement at the beginning of 2018. The Bank submits to the regulatory authorities the leverage ratio on quarterly basis and monitors the level and the factors that affect the ratio.

The level of the leverage ratio with reference date 31 December 2016 amounts to 12,4% (2015: 11,6%), according to the transitional definition of Tier I capital, significantly over the 3% minimum threshold applied by the competent authorities.

4.5 Financial assets and liabilities measured at fair value

Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. A market price, where an active market (such as a recognised stock exchange) exists, is the best evidence of the fair value of a financial instrument. Where market prices are not available, the fair value of financial assets and liabilities is estimated using present value or other estimation and valuation techniques where all significant inputs are observable.

The values derived using these techniques are significantly affected by underlying assumptions concerning both the amounts and timing of future cash flows and the discount rate used. The fair values of financial assets and liabilities approximate their carrying amounts due to the following reasons:

- a) trading assets, derivatives and other transactions undertaken for trading purposes as well as treasury bills, available-for-sale securities and assets and liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss are measured at fair value by reference to quoted market prices when available. If quoted market prices are not available, then the fair values are estimated using valuation techniques.
- b) substantially all of the Bank's other financial assets and liabilities are at floating rates of interest, which re-price at frequent intervals. Therefore the Bank has no significant exposure to fair value fluctuations and the carrying value of the financial assets and liabilities is substantially equivalent to their fair values, other than held-to-maturity financial assets which are referred to in Note 18.
- c) all financial instruments that are measured at fair value are categorised into one of the three fair value hierarchy levels at year-end; based on whether the inputs to their fair values are observable or non observable.
 - i) Level 1 Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities. Quoted prices must be readily and regularly available from an exchange or active index/market location and prices must represent actual and regularly occurring market transactions on an arm's length basis. Any form of valuation technique results in the instrument not falling into this level.

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4 Financial risk management (continued)

4.5 Financial assets and liabilities measured at fair value (continued)

- ii) Level 2 Financial instruments measured using valuation techniques where all significant inputs are market observable. This level includes OTC derivative contracts, structured assets and liabilities and available-for-sale financial assets with no quoted price.
- iii) Level 3 Financial instruments measured using valuation techniques which include at least one significant non-observable input.

The fair value hierarchy categorisation of the financial assets and liabilities carried at fair value as at 31 December 2016 and 2015 is presented in the following tables. The below fair value measurements represent recurring fair value measurements.

	At 31 December 2016			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
	€'000	€'000	€000	€'000
Financial assets measured at fair value:				
Derivative financial instruments held for trading	-	10.472	_	10.472
Available-for-sale investment securities	236.011	-	-	236.011
Total financial assets measured at fair value	236.011	10.472	-	246.483
Financial liabilities measured at fair value:				
Derivative financial instruments held for trading	-	1.402	-	1.402
Total financial liabilities measured at fair value		1.402		1.402
		At 31 Decem	ber 2015	
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
	€'000	€'000	€000	€'000
Financial assets measured at fair value:				
Derivative financial instruments held for trading	_	2.765	-	2.765
Available-for-sale investment securities	261.505	-	-	261.505
Total financial assets measured at fair value	261.505	2.765	-	264.270
Financial liabilities measured at fair value:				
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Derivative financial instruments held for trading	-	527	-	527
Total financial liabilities measured at fair value	-	527	-	527

Notes to the financial statements

4 Financial risk management (continued)

4.6 Financial instruments not carried at fair value

The following table presents the carrying amounts and the fair values of financial instruments not measured at fair value, analysed by the level in the IFRS 13 fair value hierarchy into which each fair value measurement is included:

	·				otal Fair		
	Level 1 €'000	Level 2 €'000	Level 3 €000	Value- for disclosure purposes €000	Carrying amount €'000		
Financial assets measured at amoi		0000	2000	C000	2 900		
Loans and advances to banks		2.298.543	_	2.298.543	2.298.543		
Loans and advances to customers	_	-	1.817.465	1.817.465	1.817.465		
Held-to-maturity investments	349.567	_	-	349.567	337.640		
Other financial assets	-	238	_	238	238		
Due to other banks	-	522.359	_	522.359	522.359		
Due to customers	_	3.908.262	_	3.908,262	3.908.262		
Other financial liabilities	-	36.661	-	36.661	36.661		
		At :	31 December	Total Fair Value- for	Carrying		
	Level 1 €'000	At : Level 2 €'000	31 December Level 3 €000	Total Fair	Carrying amount €'000		
Financial assets measured at amor	€'000	Level 2	Level 3	Total Fair Value- for disclosure purposes	amount		
Financial assets measured at amore Loans and advances to banks	€'000	Level 2 €'000	Level 3	Total Fair Value- for disclosure purposes €000	amount €'000		
	€'000	Level 2	Level 3	Total Fair Value- for disclosure purposes €000	amount €'000		
Loans and advances to banks	€'000	Level 2 €'000	Level 3 €000	Total Fair Value- for disclosure purposes €000	amount €'000		
Loans and advances to banks Loans and advances to customers	€'000 tised cost	Level 2 €'000	Level 3 €000	Total Fair Value- for disclosure purposes €000 1.554.848 1.896.991	amount €'000 1.554.848 1.896.991		
Loans and advances to banks Loans and advances to customers Held-to-maturity investments Other financial assets	€'000 tised cost - - 374.321 -	Level 2 €'000 1.554.848 - - 437	Level 3 €000	Total Fair Value- for disclosure purposes €000 1.554.848 1.896.991 374.321	amount €'000 1.554.848 1.896.991 366.081		
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4.7 Fiduciary activities

Assets and income arising thereon together with related undertakings to return such assets to customers are excluded from these financial statements where the Bank acts in a fiduciary capacity such as nominee, trustee or agent.

Notes to the financial statements

4 Financial risk management (continued)

4.8 Offsetting of financial assets and financial liabilities

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amount reported in the balance sheet where the Bank currently has a legally enforceable right to offset the recognised amounts, and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Financial instruments subject to offsetting, enforceable master netting and similar arrangements are as follows at 31 December 2016:

	Gross amounts before offsetting in the	Gross amounts set off In the	Net amount after offsetting in the	Amounts subject to master netting and similar arrangements not set off in the statement of financial position		
	statement of financial	statement	statement of financial	Financial	Cash	Net amount of
	nnanciai position	of financial position	or rinancial position	instru- ments	collateral received	exposure
	(a)	(b)	(c) = (a) - (b)	(d)	(e)	(c) - (d) - (e)
ASSETS	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000
Loans and advances to banks	2.298.543	-	2.298.543	25.853	_	2.272.690
Loans and advances to customers	1.899.396	81.931	1.817.465	-	-	1.817.465
TOTAL ASSETS SUBJECT TO OFFSETTING, MASTER NETTING AND SIMILAR ARRANGEMENT	4.197.939	81.931	4.116.008	25.853	-	4.090.155
LIABILITIES		_	· 			
Due to other banks	522,359	_	522.359	25.853	_	496.506
Due to customers	3.990.193	81.931	3.908.262			3.908.262
TOTAL LIABILITIES SUBJECT TO OFFSETTING, MASTER NETTING AND SIMILAR ARRANGEMENT	4.512.552	81.931	4.430.621	25.853	-	4.404.768

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4 Financial risk management (continued)

4.8 Offsetting of financial assets and financial liabilities (continued)

Financial instruments subject to offsetting, enforceable master netting and similar arrangements are as follows at 31 December 2015:

	Gross amounts before offsetting in the statement of financial position (a)	mounts Gross before amounts ttling in set off the in the ment of statement nancial of financial	Net amount after offsetting in the statement of financial position (c) = (a) - (b)	Amounts subject to master netting and similar arrangements not set off in the statement of financial position		
				Financial instru- ments (d)	Cash collateral received (e)	Net amount of exposure (c) - (d) - (e)
ASSETS	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000
Loans and advances to banks Loans and advances to customers	1.554.848 1.896.991	-	1.554.848 1.896.991	14.962 -	-	1.539.886 1.896.991
TOTAL ASSETS SUBJECT TO OFFSETTING, MASTER NETTING AND SIMILAR ARRANGEMENT	3.451.839	-	3.451.839	14.962	-	3.436.877
LIABILITIES						
Due to other banks Due to customers	492.606 3.240.685	-	492.606 3.240.685	14.962 -	-	477.64 4 3.240.685
TOTAL LIABILITIES SUBJECT TO OFFSETTING, MASTER NETTING AND SIMILAR ARRANGEMENT	3.733.291	-	3.733.291	14.962	-	3.718.329

The amount set off in the balance sheet reported in column (b) is the lower of (i) the gross amount before offsetting reported in column (a) and (ii) the amount of the related instrument that is eligible for offsetting. Similarly, the amounts in columns (d) and (e) are limited to the exposure reported in column (c) for each individual instrument in order not to understate the ultimate net exposure.

The Bank has master netting arrangements with Eurobank Ergasias S.A., which are enforceable in case of default. In addition, applicable legislation allows an entity to unilaterally set off trade receivables and payables that are due for payment, denominated in the same currency and outstanding with the same counterparty. These fall in the scope of the disclosure as they were set off in the balance sheet.

Notes to the financial statements

5 Net interest income

	2016 €'000	2015 €'000
Interest income		
Interest from loans and advances to banks	10.056	5.317
Interest from derivatives	3.452	1.219
Interest from loans and advances to customers	72.284	78.644
Interest from available-for-sale financial assets	10.848	12.997
Interest from held-to-maturity investments (Note 18)	12.568	11.631
Other interest income	2	100 000
Total interest income	109.210	109.809
Interest expense	(7.000)	(40 EE1)
Interest on due to other banks	(7.923)	(10.551)
Interest on derivatives	(474)	(364) (33.664)
Interest on customer deposits	(32.113) (4)	(53.004)
Other interest expense	(40.514)	(44.584)
Total interest expense	(40.514)	(44.564)
Net interest income	68.696	65,225
	2016 €'000	2015 €'000
Banking fee and commission income		•
Bank transfer commissions	8.477	8.476
Other fees and commissions	21.633	17:337
Total banking fee and commission income	30.110	25.813
Banking fee and commission expense		
Fees on lien agreements (Note 30)	(2.037)	(2.553)
Other fees and commissions	(6.654)	(5.272)
Total banking fee and commission expense	(8.691)	(7.825)
Net banking fee and commission income	21.419	17.988
7 Net trading income		
	2016	2015
	€'000	€'000
Gains less losses on financial instruments at fair value through profit or		
loss	263	90
	263	90

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8 Net gains/losses from investment securities

	2016	2015
	€'000	€'000
Gains less losses on disposal of available-for-sale financial assets	261	315
Losses on impairment of available-for-sale equity investments	(535)	(8)
Net (losses)/gains from investment securities	(274)	307
9 Staff costs		
	2016	2015
	€'000	€'000
Salaries and other related costs	10.904	10.079
Social insurance and other costs	2.165	1.856
Directors' fees and remuneration	766	778
Retirement benefit costs – defined contributions scheme	768	800
	14.603	13.513

The average number of employees of the Bank during the year 2016 was 283 (2015: 248).

The Defined Contribution Scheme is managed by an Administrative Committee composed of representatives of both the members and the employer.

The Bank contributes 10% of the gross monthly salary of the members of staff who previously were under the Defined Benefit pension scheme which was resolved in 2013 and a range between 5%-10% for new members of staff who were not under the above scheme.

10 Other operating expenses

	2016	2015
	€'000	€'000
Amortisation of intangible assets (Note 19)	512	562
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment (Note 20)	1.520	1.197
Loss/(gain) on disposal/write down of intangible assets and property,	* * *	
plant and equipment	, 6	(13)
Operating lease rentals	1.285	1.193
Repairs and maintenance	1.844	1.615
Auditors' remuneration for statutory audit	54	63
Auditors' remuneration for other assurance and non-assurance	•	
engagements	60	118
Auditors' remuneration for tax services	67	42
Professional fees	691	749
Advertising and promotion	1.514	1.122
Other administrative expenses	3.956	2.859
	11.509	9.507

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11 Income tax expense

2015
€'000
6.360
95
6.455
(109)
6.346

The tax on the Bank's profit before tax differs from the theoretical amount that would arise using the applicable tax rate as follows:

Profit before tax and government levies	2016 €'000 49.667	2015 €'000 50.243
Tax calculated at the applicable corporation tax rate of 12,5%	6.208	6.280
Tax effect of expenses not deductible for tax purposes	503	368
Tax effect of allowances and income not subject to tax	(461)	(288)
Withholding tax	· 57	95
Deferred tax charge/(credit)	42	(109)
Income tax expense	6.349	6.346

The Bank is subject to income tax on taxable profits at the rate of 12,5%.

As from tax year 2012 brought forward losses of only five years may be utilised.

From 1 January 2009 onwards, under certain conditions, interest may be exempt from income tax and only be subject to special defence contribution at the rate of 10%; increased to 15% as from 31 August 2011; increased to 30% as from 29 April 2013.

In certain cases dividends received from abroad may be subject to special defence contribution at the rate of 15%; increased to 17% as from 31 August 2011; increased to 20% from 1 January 2012 to 31 December 2013; reduced to 17% as from 1 January 2014.

Gains on disposal of qualifying titles (including shares, bonds, debentures, rights thereon etc.) are exempt from Cyprus income tax.

There is no income tax effect relating to components of other comprehensive income (2015: €nil).

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11 Income tax expense (continued)

Deferred income tax:

Deferred income taxes are calculated on all temporary differences under the liability method at the rate in effect at the time the reversal is expected to take place.

The movement in deferred income tax assets and liabilities (non-current) during the year is as follows:

	Differences	
	between	
	wear & tear	
	and	
	depreciation	Total
	€'000	€'000
Balance at 1 January 2015	119	119
Credited to income statement	(109)	(109)
Balance at 1 January 2016	10	10
Charged to income statement	42	42
Balance at 31 December 2016 (Note 24)	52	52

12 Cash and balances with central banks

	2016	2015
	€'000	€'000
Cash in hand	6.115	6.430
Balances with central banks	162.263	33,466
	168.378	39.896
of which:	7	
Mandatory deposits with central banks	37.637	31.724

Cash and balances with central banks are classified as current.

Mandatory deposits with central banks represent the minimum level of average monthly deposits which the Bank is required to maintain. Mandatory balances with central banks can be withdrawn at any time provided the average monthly minimum deposits are maintained.

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13 Loans and advances to banks

Reverse repurchase agreements receivables (1) Placements with banks (2) Settlement balances with banks	2016 €'000 1.928.817 346.636 23.090 2.298.543	2015 €'000 1.237.351 165.829 151.668 1.554.848
Maturity analysis: Current: - on demand up to 7 days - between 7 days and three months - between three months and one year	656.182 1.580.361 60.000	215.966 1.330.760 6.122
Non-current	2.296.543 2.000 2.298.543	1.552.848 2.000 1.554.848

⁽¹⁾ The reverse repurchase agreements receivables represent money market placements fully secured by ECB Eligible bonds. The majority of these are bonds issued by the European Financial Stability Fund (EFSF) amounting to approximately €1,9 billion (2015: €1,2 billion).

(2) Placements with banks bear interest which is based on the interbank rate of the relevant term and currency.

None of these financial assets are either past due or impaired.

Loans and advances to banks are categorised as "loans and receivables".

14 Investment in subsidiaries

The subsidiary company and its principal activity are described below:

			2016	2015
<u>Name</u>	<u>Participation</u>	Principal activities	€'000	€,000
Foramonio Ltd	100%	Investing activities	1	1

Foramonio Ltd is registered and operates in Cyprus.

This entity has been set up to acquire properties from customers in settlement of their obligations with the Bank.

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15 Derivative financial instruments

The Bank utilises the following derivative instruments for both hedging and non-hedging purposes:

Currency forwards represent commitments to purchase or sell foreign and domestic currency. Foreign currency and interest rate futures are contractual obligations to receive or pay a net amount based on changes in currency rates or interest rates or to buy or sell foreign currency or a financial instrument on a future date at a specified price established in an organised financial market. Since future contracts are collateralised by cash or marketable securities and changes in the futures contract value are settled daily with the exchange, the credit risk is negligible.

Currency and interest rate swaps are commitments to exchange one set of cash flows for another. Swaps result in an economic exchange of currencies or interest rates (for example, fixed rate for floating rate) or a combination of all these (i.e. cross-currency interest rate swaps). Except for certain currency swaps, no exchange of principal takes place. The Bank's credit risk represents the potential cost to replace the swap contracts if counterparties fail to perform their obligation. This risk is monitored on an ongoing basis with reference to the current fair value, a proportion of the notional amount of the contracts and the liquidity of the market. To control the level of credit risk taken, the Bank assesses counterparties using the same techniques as for its lending activities, except in the cases where the counterparty is a Eurobank group entity.

Foreign currency and interest rate options are contractual agreements under which the seller (writer) grants the purchaser (holder) the right, but not the obligation, either to buy (a call option) or sell (a put option) at or by a set date or during a set period, a specific amount of a foreign currency or a financial instrument at a predetermined price. In consideration for the assumption of foreign exchange or interest rate risk, the seller receives a premium from the purchaser. Options may be either exchange-traded or negotiated between the Bank and a customer (OTC). The Bank is exposed to credit risk on purchased options only, and only to the extent of their carrying amount, which is their fair value.

The notional amounts of certain types of financial instruments provide a basis for comparison with instruments recognised on the balance sheet but do not necessarily indicate the amounts of future cash flows involved or the current fair value of the instruments and, therefore, do not indicate the Bank's exposure to credit or price risks. The derivative instruments become favourable (assets) or unfavourable (liabilities) as a result of fluctuations in market interest rates or foreign exchange rates relative to their terms. The aggregate contractual or notional amount of derivative financial instruments on hand, the extent to which the instruments are favourable or unfavourable and, thus the aggregate fair values of derivative financial assets and liabilities can fluctuate significantly from time to time. The fair values of derivative instruments held are set out in the following table:

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15 Derivative financial instruments (continued)

	Fair Values			
		2016	20	015
	Assets €'000	Liabilities €'000	Assets €'000	Liabilities €'000
Derivatives held for trading				
Foreign exchange derivatives	136	79	120	130
Cross currency / interest rate swaps	10.336	1.323	2.645	397
·	10.472	1.402	2.765	527
		Fair Val	ues	
		2016	20	15
	Assets	Liabilities	Assets	Liabilities
	€'000	€'000	€'000	€,000
Maturity analysis:				
Current	9.806	735	2.366	130
Non-current	666	667	399	397
	10.472	1.402	2.765	527

(a) Cross currency/interest rate swaps

The notional principal amounts of the outstanding cross currency/interest rate swap contracts at 31 December 2016 were €87,4 million (2015: €97,6 million).

(b) Forward foreign exchange contracts

The notional principal amounts of the outstanding forward foreign exchange contracts at 31 December 2016 were €9,4 million (2015: €17,9 million).

(c) Foreign exchange options

The notional principal amounts of foreign exchange options at 31 December 2016 were €4,9 million (2015: €8,0 million).

(d) Foreign exchange swaps

The notional principal amounts of foreign exchange options at 31 December 2016 were €302,5 million (2015: €318,2 million).

Balance at 31 December

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16 Loans and advances to customers

	2016	2015
	€'000	€'000
Retail lending:	44 707	44 500
- Mortgages	11.767	11.566
- Consumer	6.043	4.896
- Credit cards	490	359
	18.300	16.821
Wholesale lending:		
- Large corporate	933.948	918.371
- Wealth management	283.894	275.963
- International business banking	661.678	752.345
•	1.879.520	1.946.679
Total	1.897.820	1.963.500
Gross loans and advances to customers	1.897.820	1.963.500
Less: provision for impairment losses	(80.355)	(66.509)
Net amount of loans and advances to customers	1.817.465	1.896.991
	2016	2015
	€'000	€'000
Maturity analysis:		
Current	422.095	346.690
Non-current	1.395.370	1.550.301
	1.817.465	1.896.991

The movement of the impairment allowances for loans and advances to customers by product line is as follows:

	31 December 2016		
	Wholesale	Retail	Tatal
	lending	lending	Total
	€'000	€'000	€'000
Balance at 1 January	66.476	33	66.509
Impairment loss for the year, net of write backs	14.228	97	14.325
Foreign exchange	11	-	11
Amounts written off (previously provided)	(490)	-	(490)
Balance at 31 December	80.225	130	80.355
	31 De	ecember 2015	
	Wholesale	Retail	
	lending	lending	Total
	€'000	€'000	€'000
Balance at 1 January	71.587	251	71.838
Impairment loss for the year, net of write backs	10.566	(218)	10.348
Foreign exchange	354	•	354
Amounts written off (previously provided)	(16.031)	_	(16.031)

In 2015 impairment losses on loans and advances charged to the income statement were net of an amount of €354 thousand that related to loans that were written off in prior periods and recovered during 2015. In 2016 no loans that were written off in prior years were recovered.

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Interest income on impaired loans and advances to customers accrued during the year amounted to €4.507 thousand (2015: €6.898 thousand).

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16 Loans and advances to customers (continued)

The fair value of the Bank's loans and advances to customers approximates their carrying amount at the balance sheet date as they bear interest at variable rates.

Loans and advances to customers are categorised as "loans and receivables".

17 Available-for-sale financial assets

	2016	2015
Analysia by issuen	€'000	€'000
Analysis by issuer:		•
Issued by public organisations – government bonds in public government organisations:		
- Russia	45.061	44.922
- Cyprus	9.192	13.392
- Croatia	7.254	7.360
	61.507	65.674
Issued by other issuers:		<u> </u>
- Banks	52.651	79.341
- Other	121.853	116.490
	174.504	195.831
Total	236.011	261.505
•		
Analysis by type:		
Equity	819	1.034
Debt	235.192	260.471
	236.011	261.505
•		
Maturity analysis:	•	
Current	25.914	33.631
Non-current	210.097	227.874
	236.011	261.505
•		
The movement of available-for-sale financial assets is as follows:		
	2016	2015
	€'000	€'000
Net book value at 1 January	261.505	526.464
Additions	·	275.617
Disposals and redemptions	(33,384)	(560.538)
Amortisation of discounts/premiums and interest	(1.692)	` (1.850)
Net gains from changes in fair values	7.064	`1.34Ź
Foreign exchange	2.518	20.470
Net book value at 31 December	236.011	261.505
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All available-for-sale financial assets are listed.

None of these financial assets are either past due or impaired.

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17 Available-for-sale financial assets (continued)

Equity reserve: Revaluation of the available-for-sale investments

Gains and losses arising from the changes in the fair value of available-for-sale investments are recognised in other comprehensive income and in the revaluation reserve for available-for-sale financial assets in equity. The movement of the reserve is as follows:

	2016	2015
	€'000	€'000
Balance at 1 January	(388)	(1.425)
Net gains from changes in fair value	7.064	1.342
Net gains/(losses) from investment securities transfer to Income		
Statement due to disposal and due to impairment	274	(305)
Balance at 31 December	6.950	(388)
18 Held-to-maturity investments		
	2016	2015
	€'000	€'000
Cyprus government bonds	292.314	294.032
Other debt securities	45.326	72.049
	337.640	366.081
	2016	2015
	€'000	€'000
Maturity analysis:		•
Current	60.232	41.720
Non-current	277.408	324.361
	337.640	366.081
The movement of held-to-maturity investments is as follows:		
	2016	2015
	€'000	€'000
Net book value at 1 January	366.081	179.965
Additions	40.291	244.583
Maturities and Redemptions	(68.109)	(62.625)
Interest accrued (Note 5)	12.568	11.631
Interest received	(13.191)	(7.473)
Net book value at 31 December	337.640	366.081

None of these financial assets are either past due or impaired.

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19 Intangible assets

13 mangible assets	Computer licences & software €'000	Total €'000
At 1 January 2015 Cost	4.560	4.560
Accumulated amortisation Net book amount	(2.478) 2.082	(2.478) 2.082
Year ended 31 December 2015		
At 1 January	2.082	2.082
Additions	712	712
Amortisation charge (Note 10)	(562)	(562)
At 31 December	2.232	2.232
At 31 December 2015		
Cost	5.272	5.272
Accumulated amortisation	(3.040)	(3.040)
Net book amount	2.232	2.232
Year ended 31 December 2016		•
At 1 January	2.232	2.232
Additions	1.065	1.065
Amortisation charge (Note 10)	(512)	(512)
At 31 December	2.785	2.785
At 31 December 2016		
Cost	6.337	6.337
Accumulated amortisation	(3.552)	(3.552)
Net book amount	2.785	2.785
		

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20 Property, plant and equipment

	Leasehold improvements €'000	Motor vehicles and motor cycles €'000	Equipment €'000	Total €'000
At 1 January 2015	7.00	400		40.00-
Cost Accumulated depreciation	7.925	186	4.214	12.325
Net book amount	(2.386) 5.539	(163) 23	(2.527) 1.687	(5.076) 7.249
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Year ended 31 December 2015				
At 1 January	5.539	23	1.687	7.249
Additions	491	2	333	826
Disposals and write offs	(6)	-	(1)	(7)
Depreciation charge (Note 10)	(675)	(9)	(513)	(1.197)
At 31 December	5.349	16	1.506	6.871
At 31 December 2015				
Cost	8.407	128	4.465	13.000
Accumulated depreciation	(3.058)	(112)	(2.959)	(6.129)
Net book amount	5.349	16	1.506	6.871
Year ended 31 December 2016			_	
At 1 January	5.349	16	1.506	6.871
Additions	1.168	-	764	1.932
Disposals and write offs	-	-	(13)	(13)
Depreciation charge (Note 10)	(980)	(8)	(5 32)	(1.520)
At 31 December	5.537	8	1.725	7.270
At 31 December 2016				
Cost	9.575	128	4.743	14.446
Accumulated depreciation	(4.038)	(120)	(3.018)	(7.176)
Net book amount	5.537	8	1.725	7.270

Leasehold improvements relate to premises occupied by the Bank for its own activities.

In the cash flow statement, proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment comprise:

	2016 ·	2015
	€'000	€'000
Net book amount	13	7
(Loss)/profit on sale of property, plant and equipment (Note 10)	(6)	13
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment as per cash flow		
statement	7	20

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21 Other assets

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	2016	2015
	€′000	€'000
Prepaid expenses	459	373
Other assets	238	437
	697	810
	2016	2015
Maturity analysis:	€'000	€'000
Current	104	312
Non-current	593	498
	697	810
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None of these financial assets are either past due or impaired.

22 Due to other banks

	2016	2015
	€′000	€′000
Deposits from other banks	381.327	402.297
Settlement balances with other banks	100.997	50.268
Subordinated debt (Note 30(i))	40.035	40.041
<i>\ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \</i>	522.359	492.606
Maturity analysis: Current:		
- on demand up to 7 days	120.172	55.334
- 7 days up to 3 months	280.695	351.054
- 3 months to 1 year	52.245	23.822
	453.112	430.210
Non-current:		
- 1 to 5 years	40.418	16.739
- after 5 years	28.829	45.657
	69.247	62.396
	522.359	492.606

The fair value of amounts due to other banks approximates their carrying amount at the balance sheet date.

Amounts due to other banks are categorised as other financial liabilities at amortised cost.

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23 Due to customers

	2016	2015
	€'000	€'000
Current accounts	1.861.314	1.269.179
Notice accounts	6.267	7.306
Term deposits	2.040.681	1.964.200
	3.908,262	3.240.685
Maturity analysis:	The state of the s	10 C
- up to 1 month	2.676.445	1.931.967
- between 1 month and three months	539.015	583.525
- between three months and one year	686,546	722 086
- between one year and five years	4.833	3.107
- more than five years	1.423	
	3.908.262	3.240.685

The fair value of amounts due to customers approximates their carrying amount at the balance sheet date as the amounts due to customers almost entirely fall due within one year.

Total client deposits pledged as collateral for credit facilities granted to clients as at 31 December 2016 amounted to €789 million (2015: €817 million).

Amounts due to customers are categorised as other financial liabilities at amortised cost.

Special levy on total deposits is imposed by legislation to all Banks and Credit Institutions operating in Cyprus.

Until September 2015 the levy on deposits was 0,15%, calculated on the previous year-end deposits. From September 2015 it is calculated on the previous quarter-end deposits. The levy is payable in quarterly instalments. The government levy on customer deposits for the year ended 31 December 2016 amounted to €5.227 thousand (2015: €4.796 thousand).

24 Other liabilities

	2016	2015
	€'000	€'000
Current income tax liability	1.070	1.005
Deferred tax liability (Note 11)	52	10
Other liabilities and accruals 1	36.661	33.140
	37.783	34.155
	2016	2015
	€'000	€'000
Maturity analysis:		
Current	37.731	34.145
Non-current	52	10
	37.783	34.155

¹Other liabilities and accruals include commissions and consultancy fees of €291 thousand (2015: €426 thousand) payable to Eurobank Ergasias S.A. (Note 30 (i)).

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25 Share capital

The par value of the Bank's shares is €10 thousand per share. All shares are fully paid.

The movement of share capital and share premium is as follows:

Authorised	No. of shares	Ordinary shares €'000	Share premium €'000	Total €′000
At 31 December 2016 & 2015	1.500	15.000		15.000
Issued At 31 December 2016 & 2015	1.201	12.010	245.384	257.394

There were no changes in the Bank's share capital during the years ended 31 December 2016 and 2015.

All the shares have the same rights.

Dividends

The Board of Directors at a Board meeting of 23 January 2015, proposed at a Shareholders' Extraordinary General Meeting which took place on 23 January 2015 after the Board meeting, the payment of a dividend distribution of €265,9 million or €221,4 thousand per share. The Board of Directors proposal was approved at the shareholders' meeting and the dividend was executed on the same day.

The Board of Directors does not recommend the payment of a dividend for the year 2016.

26 Operating lease commitments – where the Bank is the lessee

The Bank leases various offices under non-cancellable operating lease agreements with varying terms and renewal rights. The future aggregate minimum lease payments under non-cancellable building operating leases are as follows:

	2016	2015
	€'000	€'000
Not later than one year	986	1.114
Later than one year and not later than five years	823	1.082
	1.809	2.196

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27 Contingencies and commitments

The following analysis indicates the contractual amounts of the Bank's off-balance sheet financial instruments that commit the Bank to make payments in relation to acceptances, guarantees, indemnities and letters of credit drawn on customers and other undrawn commitments to lend:

	2016	2015
Contingent liabilities:	€'000	€′000
Guarantees	114.418	108.924
Other	7.868	4.381
	122.286	113.305
Commitments:		
Approved unutilised credit facilities	283.945	197.055

Capital commitments

As at 31 December 2016 commitments for contracted capital expenditures for the Bank amount to €440 thousand (2015: €212 thousand).

Legal proceedings

As at 31 December 2016 and 2015 there were no significant pending litigation, claims or assessments against the Bank, the outcome of which would have a material effect on the Bank's financial position or operations.

28 Fiduciary activities

The Bank provides custody, investment management and advisory services to third and related parties which involve the Bank making allocation and purchase and sale decisions in relation to a wide range of financial instruments. Those assets that are held in a fiduciary capacity are not included in these financial statements. At the balance sheet date the Bank had investment custody accounts, including fiduciary assets, with fair value amounting to approximately €1.398.094 thousand (2015: €1.049.198 thousand).

29 Cash and cash equivalents on cash flow statement

For the purpose of the cash flow statement, cash and cash equivalents comprise the following balances with original maturities of three months or less:

	2016 €'000	2015 €'000
Cash in hand (Note 12) Balances with banks	6.115	6.430
	2.236.543	1.546.726
	2.242.658	1.553.156

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30 Related party transactions and balances

The immediate controlling party of the Bank is ERB New Europe Holding B.V. registered in the Netherlands. Eurobank Ergasias S.A., who produces consolidated financial statements available for public use, owns 100% of the shares of ERB New Europe Holding B.V.. The consolidated financial statements of Eurobank Ergasias S.A. are available at the Eurobank Ergasias S.A. website (www.eurobank.gr). The registered office of Eurobank Ergasias S.A. is located at 8 Othonos Street, Athens 105 57, Greece.

In November 2015, following the completion of Eurobank Ergasias S.A.'s share capital increase, fully covered by investors, institutional and others, the percentage of Eurobank Ergasias S.A.'s ordinary shares with voting rights held by the Hellenic Financial Stability Fund (HFSF) decreased from 35,41% to 2,38%.

Despite the aforementioned significant decrease of its percentage, the HFSF is still considered to have significant influence over Eurobank Ergasias S.A. In particular, in the context of the Law 3864/2010, as in force, HFSF exercises its voting rights in Eurobank Ergasias S.A.'s General Assembly only for decisions concerning the amendment of Eurobank Ergasias S.A.'s Articles of Association, including the increase or decrease of Eurobank Ergasias S.A.'s capital or the granting of a corresponding authorisation to Eurobank Ergasias S.A.'s Board, decisions concerning the mergers, divisions, conversions, revivals, extension of duration or dissolution of Eurobank Ergasias S.A., the transfer of assets (including the same of subsidiaries), or any other issue requiring approval by an increased majority as provided for in Company Law 2190/1920. In addition, Eurobank Ergasias S.A. has entered into a new Relationship Framework Agreement (RFA) with the HFSF on 4 December 2015 replacing the previous one. signed on 26 August 2014, which regulates, among others, (a) Eurobank Ergasias S.A.'s corporate governance, (b) the restructuring plan and its monitoring, (c) the monitoring of the implementation of Eurobank Ergasias S.A.'s Non-Performing Loans (NPL) management framework and of its performance on NPL resolution, (d) the Material Obligations and the switch to full voting rights, (e) the monitoring of Eurobank Ergasias S.A.'s actual risk profile against the approved Risk and Capital Strategy, (f) the HFSF's prior written consent for Eurobank Ergasias S.A.'s Group Risk and Capital Strategy and for its Group Strategy, Policy and Governance regarding the management of its arrears and non-performing loans and any amendment, extension, revision or deviation thereof, and (g) the duties, rights and obligations of HFSF's Representative in Eurobank Ergasias S.A.'s Board.

A number of banking transactions are entered into with related parties in the normal course of business and are conducted on an arm's length basis. These include loans, deposits, derivatives and repurchase agreements. In addition, as part of its normal course of business in investment banking activities, the Bank at times may hold positions in debt and equity instruments of related parties.

The volume of related party transactions and outstanding balances at the year-end are shown on the next page:

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30 Related party transactions and balances (continued)

(i) Related party transactions and outstanding balances:

	With Eurobank Ergasias S.A.		With Eurobank Ergasias S.A. Group (other than Eurobank Ergasias S.A.)		With key management personnel	
	2016 €'000	2015 €'000	2016 €'000	2015 €'000	2016 €'000	2015 €'000
Balances:				000	C 000	6 000
Loans and advances to banks (1)	1.975.916	1.257.934	80	686		· · · <u>-</u>
Loans and advances to customers (2)	-	٠ -	306.145	347.245	742	1.257
Derivative financial instruments - Assets	9.802	2.313	_	_		
Other assets	, <u> </u>	_	17	<u>-</u>	-	_
Due to other banks (3)	432.395	471.197	•			_
Derivative financial instruments –			4.5	*	,	
Liabilities	1.265	428				_
Due to customers		· · · · -	7.723	10:528	2.415	1.959
Other liabilities	291	426	15	140		-
Transactions:			e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e	•		
Interest income	9.861	3.634	19.300	22.851	30	81
Interest expense	8.143	10.703	56	-	27	35
Banking fee and commission income Banking fee and commission	323	267	-	-	-	-
expense – fees on lien agreement	2.037	2.553	-	_		_
Banking fee and commission			•			
expense - other	353	875	79	_	-	_
Net trading income	46	· · ·		· _	_	٠
Staff costs excluding retirement			_			
benefit costs	·	. - .	. <u>-</u>	<u> </u>	884	946
Defined contribution scheme	.=		· ·	. <u>-</u>	125	122
Directors' remuneration		_ '.		_	718	730
Other operating expenses	322	253	179	177		-

Key management personnel include directors and key management personnel of the Bank, and their close family members.

⁽¹⁾ Loans and advances to banks include reverse repurchase agreements with Eurobank Ergasias S.A. of €1.928.817 thousand (2015: €1.237.351 thousand) fully secured by ECB Eligible bonds majority of those being EFSF bonds (Note 13).

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30 Related party transactions and balances (continued)

- (i) Related party transactions and outstanding balances (continued):
- (2) Total collaterals in relation to loans and advances to key management personnel amounted to €684 thousand (2015: €1.155 thousand).
- (3) On 31 March 2010, Eurobank Ergasias S.A. advanced the sum of €40 million to the Bank. The interest rate of the loan was set at an annual rate equal to 3 month LIBOR plus 65 basis points and reprised to 3 month LIBOR plus 275 basis points on 18 December 2013. The loan shall be repaid on 31 March 2020. After 31 March 2015 the Bank has the option to call in any part of the loan subject to the prior consent of the Central Bank of Cyprus. The loan is not secured and the rights and claims of Eurobank Ergasias S.A. are subordinated to the claims of all other creditors of the Bank except the holders of other subordinated indebtedness of the same type (lower tier II) of the Bank.

(ii) Lien agreements

As of 31 December 2016 and 2015, the Bank has in place lien agreements from Eurobank Ergasias S.A., which act as guarantees for the purposes of securing the following assets as of the reporting date:

	2016 €'000	2015 €'000
Loans and advances to customers	315.791	359.878

Based on the Lien agreements, in case of default of any of the issuers of the underlying assets, the Bank can set off the receivable amounts with the equivalent funds placed by Eurobank Ergasias S.A.

On 28 September 2012 the Bank and Eurobank Ergasias S.A. signed a memorandum of understanding whereby the latter assumes the credit losses arising from the credit facility extended by the Bank to ERB New Europe Funding II B.V. for any amount exceeding the amount of €15 million on an annual basis, and establish a pledge, in favour of the Bank over a deposit held in its name with the Bank. The loans and advances to customers subject to these arrangements amounted to €40.261 thousand (2015: €42.531 thousand).

31 Post balance sheet events

There were no material post balance sheet events, which have a bearing on the understanding of the financial statements.

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