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THE FIRST MICROFINANCE BANK

AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of **The First MicroFinance Bank** (the Bank), which comprise the statement of financial position as at **31 December 2017** and statement of comprehensive income, statement of cash flows and statement of changes in equity 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 the Bank as at **31 December 2017**, and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting framework as stated in note 2 to the financial statements.

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 ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Afghanistan, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

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

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with the accounting framework as stated in note 2 to the financial statements, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

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

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

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



Chartered Accountants

Audit Engagement Partner: Shabbir Yunus

Date: 29 March 2018

Kabul, Afghanistan


THE FIRST MICROFINANCE BANK
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2017

	Note	2017 ----- (Afn in '000) -----	2016 -----
Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	7	5,798,185	3,737,201
Placements	8	399,867	1,258,936
Loans and advances to customers - net	9	5,191,284	4,661,546
Operating fixed assets	10	77,156	161,855
Intangible asset	11	118,021	382
Advance tax	12	-	14,485
Other assets	13	963,907	727,602
Total Assets		<u><u>12,548,420</u></u>	<u><u>10,562,007</u></u>
Liabilities			
Deposits from customers	14	7,577,081	6,190,663
Loans and borrowings	15	2,791,586	2,465,766
Income tax payable		33,086	10,969
Deferred tax liability - net	16	16,157	6,356
Other liabilities	17	139,941	128,822
Total Liabilities		<u><u>10,557,851</u></u>	<u><u>8,802,576</u></u>
Equity			
Share capital	18	796,008	796,008
Share premium	19	206,038	206,038
Retained earnings		988,523	757,385
Total equity		<u><u>1,990,569</u></u>	<u><u>1,759,431</u></u>
Total equity and liabilities		<u><u>12,548,420</u></u>	<u><u>10,562,007</u></u>
Contingencies and commitments	20		

The annexed notes 1 to 35 form an integral part of these financial statements.



 Chief Financial Officer



 Chief Executive Officer



 Chairman

THE FIRST MICROFINANCE BANK
STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017

	Note	2017 ----- (Afn in '000) -----	2016 -----
Interest income	21	1,427,469	1,182,520
Interest expense	21	(164,023)	(152,557)
Net interest income		<u>1,263,446</u>	<u>1,029,963</u>
Fee and commission income	22	91,538	92,350
Fee and commission expense	22	(37,804)	(34,531)
Net fee and commission income		<u>53,734</u>	<u>57,819</u>
Other revenue	23	118,327	123,948
Revenue		<u>1,435,507</u>	<u>1,211,730</u>
Other income	24	17,430	16,438
Impairment loss on loans and advances to customers	9.2	(68,824)	(138,388)
Impairment loss on placements	7 & 8	(14)	(476)
General provision on			
Other assets	13	(3,318)	-
Off-balance sheet items	17	(777)	-
Personnel expenses	25	(594,227)	(518,715)
Depreciation and amortisation	10 & 11	(41,540)	(23,169)
Penalty		-	(11,222)
Other expenses	26	(455,729)	(384,416)
Net operating income		<u>288,508</u>	<u>151,782</u>
Non-operating revenue and expenses:			
Grants income recognized against deferred grant	17.3	10,346	2,194
Grants income recognized against expenditures in advance		-	5,401
Expenditure against grants	27	(10,346)	(7,595)
		-	-
Profit before tax		<u>288,508</u>	<u>151,782</u>
Income tax expense	28	(57,370)	(40,909)
Net profit		<u>231,138</u>	<u>110,873</u>
Other comprehensive income		-	-
Total comprehensive income		<u><u>231,138</u></u>	<u><u>110,873</u></u>
Earnings per share	29	2.62	1.26

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Chairman

**THE FIRST MICROFINANCE BANK
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017**

	Share capital	Share premium	Retained earnings	Total
	----- (Afn in '000) -----			
Balance at 01 January 2016	796,008	206,038	646,512	1,648,558
Total comprehensive income	-	-	110,873	110,873
Balance at 31 December 2016	<u>796,008</u>	<u>206,038</u>	<u>757,385</u>	<u>1,759,431</u>
Total comprehensive income	-	-	231,138	231,138
Balance at 31 December 2017	<u><u>796,008</u></u>	<u><u>206,038</u></u>	<u><u>988,523</u></u>	<u><u>1,990,569</u></u>

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THE FIRST MICROFINANCE BANK
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017

	Note	2017 ----- (Afn in '000) -----	2016 -----
Cash flows from operating activities			
Profit before tax		288,508	151,782
Adjustments for:			
Depreciation and amortisation	10 & 11	43,890	23,758
Impairment loss on loans and advances to customers	9.2	68,824	138,388
Impairment loss on placements	7 & 8	14	476
General provision on			
Other assets	13	3,318	-
Off-balance sheet items	17	777	-
(Gain) / loss on sale of property and equipment	24	(142)	326
Grant income	27	(10,346)	(7,595)
		<u>394,843</u>	<u>307,135</u>
Changes in:			
Increase in loans and advances to customers		(598,562)	(991,007)
Increase in other assets		(239,623)	(151,471)
Increase in deposits from customers		1,386,418	1,198,636
Increase / (decrease) in other liabilities		10,342	(41,187)
		<u>953,418</u>	<u>322,106</u>
Income tax paid		(10,967)	(66,724)
Grant received		10,346	11,226
Net cash flow from operating activities		<u>952,797</u>	<u>266,608</u>
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of property and equipment		(76,853)	(44,343)
Proceeds from sale of property and equipment		165	295
Maturity of placements		859,055	323,391
Net cash flows from investing activities		<u>782,367</u>	<u>279,343</u>
Cash flows from financing activities			
Proceeds from loans and borrowings		640,915	195,000
Repayment of loans and borrowings		(315,095)	(246,871)
Net cash flows from / (used in) financing activities		<u>325,820</u>	<u>(51,871)</u>
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		2,060,984	494,080
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the year		3,737,201	3,243,121
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the year		<u>5,798,185</u>	<u>3,737,201</u>

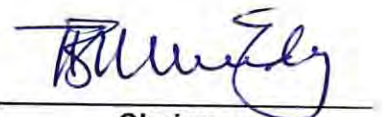
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**THE FIRST MICROFINANCE BANK
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017**

1. STATUS AND NATURE OF OPERATIONS

The First MicroFinance Bank (the Bank) was registered with Afghanistan Investment Support Agency (AISA) in December 2003 and received formal banking license from Da Afghanistan Bank (DAB), the central bank of Afghanistan, on 18 March 2004 to operate nationwide. The Bank is a limited liability company and is incorporated and domiciled in Afghanistan. Since commencement of operations on 01 May 2004, the Bank has been operating as the leading financial services provider in Afghanistan contributing to poverty alleviation and economic development, through provision of sustainable financial services primarily targeted at the micro and small businesses and households.

The registered office of the Bank is situated in Kabul; Afghanistan. The Bank has 38 (2016: 38) branches in operation including 17 (2016: 16) urban branches and 21 (2016: 22) rural / peri urban branches in operation at the year end and employed 1,113 (2016: 1,029) staff.

2. BASIS OF PREPARATION AND MEASUREMENT

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) issued by the International Accounting Standard Board and the Law of Banking in Afghanistan. Whenever the requirements of the Law of Banking in Afghanistan differ with the requirements of the IFRS, the requirements of the Law of Banking in Afghanistan takes precedence.

These financial statements have been prepared using accrual basis of accounting under the historical cost convention.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with IFRS requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise its judgment in the process of applying the Bank's accounting policies. The areas involving a higher degree of judgment or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the financial statements are disclosed in note 5.

2.1 The Bank has adopted the following accounting standards, amendments and interpretations of IFRSs which became effective for the current year:

Standard or Interpretation

IAS 7 Financial Instruments: Disclosures - Disclosure Initiative - (Amendment)

IAS 12 Income Taxes - Recognition of Deferred Tax Assets for Unrealized losses (Amendments)

Improvements to Accounting Standards Issued by the IASB in December 2013

IFRS 12 Disclosure of Interests in Other Entities - Clarification of the scope of the disclosure requirements in IFRS 12

The adoption of the above amendments, improvements to accounting standards and interpretations did not have any effect on the financial statements.

2.2 The following revised standards, amendments and improvements would be effective from the dates mentioned below against the respective standard or interpretation:

Standards, Interpretations and Amendments	Effective date (accounting periods beginning on or after)
IFRS 2: Share-based Payments - Classification and Measurement of Share-based Payments Transactions (Amendments)	January 01, 2018

Standards, Interpretations and Amendments	Effective date (accounting periods beginning on or after)
IFRS 10 Consolidated Financial Statements and IAS 28 Investment in Associates and Joint Ventures - Sale or Contribution of Assets between an Investor and its Associate or Joint Venture (Amendment)	January 01, 2019
IFRS 4 Insurance Contracts: Applying IFRS 9 Financial Instruments with IFRS 4 Insurance Contracts - (Amendments)	January 01, 2018
IAS 40 Investment Property: Transfers of Investment Property (Amendments)	January 01, 2018
IFRS 9 - Financial Instruments: Classification and Measurement	January 01, 2018
IFRS 9 - Prepayment Features with Negative Compensation (Amendments)	January 01, 2018
IFRS 15 - Revenue from Contracts with Customers	January 01, 2018
IFRS 16 - Leases	January 01, 2019
IFRS 17 - Insurance Contracts	January 01, 2021
IFRIC Interpretation 22 Foreign Currency Transactions and Advance Consideration FRS 16 - Leases 01 January 2019	January 01, 2018
IFRIC 23 Uncertainty over Income Tax Treatments	January 01, 2019

The Bank expects that the adoption of the above amendments and interpretation of the standards will not materially affect the Bank's financial statements in the period of initial application except for IFRS 9- "Financial Instruments".

IFRS 9 includes three parts on accounting of financial instruments: recognition and measurement, impairment and hedge accounting. IFRS 9 is mandatorily effective for annual periods beginning on or after 01 January 2018, with early adoption permitted. Except for hedge accounting, the standard is applied retrospectively, but provision of comparative information is not mandatory. Requirements in respect of hedge accounting are mainly applied prospectively, with several limited exclusions.

The Bank plans to apply the new standard from the required effective date and will not recalculate comparative information. Currently, the Bank is in the process of performing a detailed assessment of the impact of IFRS 9 and therefore it has not been presented in these financial statements.

In addition to the above standards and amendments, improvements to various accounting standards have also been issued by the IASB in December 2016. Such improvements are generally effective for accounting periods beginning on or after 01 January 2018 and 01 January 2019. The Bank expects that such improvements to the standards will not have any impact on the Bank's financial statements in the period of initial application.

3. DISCLOSURE GUIDELINES FOR FINANCIAL REPORTING BY MICROFINANCE INSTITUTIONS

These financial statements comply with the Disclosure Guidelines for Financial Reporting by Microfinance Institutions (MFIs) which are voluntary norms recommended by a group of sponsors, including the donors who make up the Consultative Group to Assist Poor (CGAP) and the members of Small Enterprise Education and Promotion Network (SEEP).

4. FUNCTIONAL AND PRESENTATION CURRENCY

These financial statements are presented in Afghani ('AFN'), which is the Bank's functional currency. All amounts have been rounded to the nearest thousand unless otherwise stated.

5. USE OF ESTIMATES AND JUDGMENTS

In preparing these financial statements, management has made judgments, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of the Bank's accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenses. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

During the year, DAB has revised Asset Classification and Provisioning Regulation which were effective from 01 October 2017. These regulations required banks to maintain certain general provisions in the financial statements. Accordingly, general provision created against other assets and off-balance sheet items amounted to Afn.4,095 thousands at the year end. However, the above general provisions have been reversed subsequent to year end, due to further revision in the above regulations which was approved by the Supreme Council of DAB on 06 January 2018, and effective from 01 January 2018.

Estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to estimates are recognized prospectively. The areas involving a higher degree of judgment or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the financial statements are given below:

5.1 Provision of income taxes

The Bank recognizes tax liabilities for pending tax assessments using estimates based on expert opinion obtained from legal / tax advisors. Differences, if any, between the income tax provision and the tax liability finally determined is recorded when such liability is so determined.

5.2 Property and equipment

The Bank reviews useful lives, residual values and methods of depreciation of property and equipment (note 6.9) on regular basis. Any changes in estimates may affect the carrying amounts of the respective items of property and equipment with a corresponding effect on the depreciation charge.

5.3 Impairment of financial instruments

The Bank reviews customers' loan balances on monthly basis for impairment and records the impairment allowance for possible loan losses as per the Bank's policy, funding covenants and the DAB regulation as disclosed in note 6.5.7 and in accordance with the DAB regulations as described in note 9.3.

The Bank maintains a general provision of 4.98% on standard loans in line with bank's own provisioning policy which is relatively higher than DAB's minimum 1% requirement.

As per Asset Classification and Provisioning Regulation, the management maintains a provision of 1% on collective balance of investments (excluding those with DAB and investments in money market fund), 1% on placements (excluding placements with original maturity below 30 days) and 1% on other assets to cover the counter party risk.

5.4 Classification of investments

The Bank follows IAS 39 guidance on classifying non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments and fixed maturity as held-to-maturity. This classification requires significant judgment. In making this judgment, the Bank evaluates its intention and ability to hold such investments to maturity.

5.5 General provision on off-balance sheet items

As per Asset Classification and Provisioning Regulation, the management maintains a provision of 1% on 100% secured portion of off-balance sheet items.

6. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Bank has consistently applied the following accounting policies to all periods presented in these financial statements.

6.1 Foreign currency

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into the functional currency of the Bank at the spot exchange rate at the dates of the transactions.

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies at the reporting date are translated into the functional currency at the spot exchange rate at that date. Non-monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies that are measured at fair value are retranslated into the functional currency at the spot exchange rate at the date that the fair value was determined. Non-monetary assets and liabilities that are measured in terms of historical cost in a foreign currency are translated using the exchange rate at the date of the transaction.

Foreign currency differences arising on translation is recognized in profit or loss.

6.2 Interest

Interest income and expense are recognized in profit or loss using the effective interest method. The 'effective interest rate' is the rate that exactly discounts the estimated future cash payments and receipts through the expected life of the financial asset or liability (or, where appropriate a shorter period) to the carrying amount of the financial asset or liability. When calculating the effective interest rate, the Bank estimates future cash flows considering all contractual terms of the financial instrument, but not future credit losses.

Interest income and expense presented in the statement of comprehensive income include interest on financial assets and financial liabilities measured at amortized cost calculated on an effective interest basis.

In accordance with the DAB's Asset Classification and Provisioning Regulation all interest accrual is suspended on all interest-earning assets where the asset is classified as doubtful or loss as per the regulation. However such assets are secured by collateral and personal guarantees and in process of collection. When an asset is placed on non-accrual status, all accrued unpaid interest is reversed.

6.3 Fees and commission

Fees and commission income including commission income on bank guarantees, account servicing fees, funds transfer fee and placement fee are recognized as the related services are performed.

Other fees and commission expense relate mainly to Other fees and commission expense relate mainly to guarantee fee, Afghan Deposit Insurance Corporation (ADIC) premium and transaction and service fees, which are expensed as the services are received.

6.4 Income tax

Income tax expense comprises current and deferred tax. It is recognized in the profit or loss except to the extent that it relates to items recognized directly in equity or in other comprehensive income.

6.4.1 Current tax

Current tax comprises the expected tax payable or receivable on the taxable income or loss for the year and any adjustment to the tax payable or receivable in respect of previous years. It is measured using tax rates enacted or substantively enacted at the reporting date. Current tax also includes any tax arising from dividends.

6.4.2 Deferred tax

Deferred tax is recognized in respect of temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes and the amounts used for taxation purposes.

Deferred tax assets are recognized for unused tax losses, unused tax credits and deductible temporary differences to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profits will be available against which they can be used. Deferred tax assets are reviewed at each reporting date and are reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that the related tax benefit will be realized.

Unrecognized deferred tax assets are reassessed at each reporting date and recognized to the extent that it has become probable that future taxable profits will be available against which they can be used.

Deferred tax is measured at the tax rates that are expected to be applied to the temporary differences when they reverse, using tax rates enacted or substantively enacted at the reporting date.

6.4.3 Tax exposures

In determining the amount of current and deferred tax, the Bank considers the impact of tax exposures, including whether additional taxes and interest may be due. This assessment relies on estimates and assumptions and may involve a series of judgments about future events. New information may become available that causes the Bank to change its judgment regarding the adequacy of existing tax liabilities; such as changes to tax liabilities would impact tax expense in the period in which such a determination is made.

6.5 Financial assets and financial liabilities

6.5.1 Recognition

The Bank initially recognizes loans and advances, debts, deposits from customers on the date on which they are originated. All other financial assets and liabilities (including financial assets and liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss) are initially recognized on the trade date, which is the date on which the Bank becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

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

6.5.2 Classification

Financial assets

The Bank classifies its financial assets into one of the following categories:

- loans and receivables;
- held to maturity;
- available-for-sale; and
- at fair value through profit or loss.

See Note 6.8.

Financial liabilities

The Bank classifies its financial liabilities, other than financial guarantees and loan commitments, as measured at amortized cost or fair value through profit or loss. See note 6.5.5 and 6.5.6.

6.5.3 Derecognition

(i) Financial assets

The Bank derecognizes a financial asset when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the asset expire, or when it transfers the rights to receive contractual cash flows in a transaction in which substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership of the financial asset are transferred or in which the Bank neither transfers nor retains substantially all of the risk and rewards of ownership and it does not retain control of the financial asset.

On derecognition of a financial asset, the difference between the carrying amount of the asset (or the carrying amount allocated to the portion of the asset derecognised) and the sum of (i) the consideration received (including any new asset obtained less any new liability assumed) and (ii) any cumulative gain or loss that had been recognized in the other comprehensive income, is recognized in profit or loss. Any interest in the transferred financial assets that qualify for derecognition that is created or retained by the Bank is recognized as a separate asset or liability.

(ii) Financial liabilities

The Bank derecognizes a financial liability when its contractual obligations are discharged or cancelled, or expire.

6.5.4 Offsetting

Financial assets and financial liabilities are offset and the net amount presented in the statement of financial position when, and only when, the Bank currently has a legally enforceable right to set off the amounts and intends either to settle on a net basis or to realize the asset and settle the liability simultaneously. Income and expenses are presented on a net basis only when permitted under IFRS, or for gains and losses arising from a group of similar transactions.

6.5.5 Amortized cost measurement

The 'amortized cost' of a financial asset or financial liability is the amount at which the financial asset or financial liability is measured at initial recognition, minus principal repayments, plus or minus the cumulative amortization using the effective interest method of any difference between the initial amount recognized and the maturity amount, minus any reduction for impairment.

6.5.6 Fair value measurement

'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 in the principal or, in its absence, the most advantageous market to which the Bank has access at that date. The fair value of a liability reflects its non-performance risk.

When available, the Bank measures the fair value of an instrument using the quoted price in an active market for that instrument. A market is regarded as active if transactions for the asset or liability take place with sufficient frequency and volume to provide pricing information on an ongoing basis.

If there is no quoted price in an active market, then the Bank uses valuation techniques that maximize the use of relevant observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs. The chosen valuation technique incorporates all of the factors that market participant would take into account in pricing a transaction.

The best evidence of the fair value of a financial instrument at initial recognition is normally the transaction price – i.e. the fair value of the consideration given or received. If the Bank determines that the fair value at initial recognition differs from the transaction price and the fair value is evidenced neither by a quoted price in an active market for an identical asset or liability nor based on a valuation technique that uses only data from observable markets, then the financial instrument is initially measured at fair value, adjusted to defer the difference between the fair value at initial recognition and the transaction price. Subsequently, the difference is recognized in profit or loss on an appropriate basis over the life of the instrument but not later than when the valuation is wholly supported by observable market data or transaction is closed out.

If an asset or liability measured at fair value has a bid price and an ask price, then the Bank measures assets and long positions at a bid price and liabilities and short positions at an ask price.

Portfolio of financial assets and financial liabilities that are exposed to market risk and credit risk that are managed by the Bank on the basis that the net exposure to either market or credit risk are measured on the basis of a price that would be received to sell on a net long position (or paid to transfer a net short position) for a particular risk exposure. Those portfolio-level adjustments are allocated to the individual assets and liabilities on the basis of the relative risk adjustment of each of the individual instruments in the portfolio.

The fair value of demand deposit is not less than the amount payable on demand.

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

6.5.7 Identification of measurement of impairment

At each reporting date, the Bank assesses whether there is objective evidence that financial assets not carried at fair value through profit or loss are impaired. Financial asset or a group of financial assets is impaired when objective evidence demonstrates that a loss event has occurred after the initial recognition of the asset(s), and that the loss event has an impact on the future cash flows on the asset(s) that can be estimated reliably.

Objective evidence that the financial assets are impaired includes:

- significant financial difficulty of the borrower or issuer;
- default or delinquency by a borrower;
- the restructuring of a loan or advance by the Bank on terms that the Bank would not consider otherwise;
- indication that a borrower or issuer will enter bankruptcy;
- the disappearance of an active market or a security; or
- observable data relating to a group of assets such as adverse changes in the payment status of borrowers or issuers in the group, or economic conditions that correlate with defaults in the group.

The Bank considers evidence of impairment for loans and advances and held-to-maturity investment securities at both a specific asset and collective level. All individually significant loans and advances and held-to-maturity investment securities are assessed for specific impairment. Those found not to be specifically impaired are then collectively assessed for any impairment that has been incurred but not yet identified. Loans and advances and held-to-maturity investment securities that are not individually significant are collectively assessed for impairment by grouping together loans and advances and held-to-maturity investment securities with similar risk characteristics.

In determining the potential loss in specific loans, groups of loans, or in the aggregate loan portfolio, all relevant factors are considered including, but not limited to: current economic conditions, historical loss experience, delinquency trends, the effectiveness of the Bank's lending policies and collection procedures, and the timeliness and accuracy of its loan review function.

Impairment losses on assets carried at amortized cost are measured as the difference between the carrying amount of the financial assets and the present value of estimated future cash flows discounted at the assets' original effective interest rate. Losses are recognized in profit or loss and reflected in an allowance account against loans and advances. Interest on the impaired asset continues to be recognized through the unwinding of the discount (if applicable).

When a subsequent event causes the amount of impairment loss to decrease, the impairment loss is reversed through profit or loss.

The Bank writes off certain loans and advances when they are determined to be uncollectable and are classified in accordance with the regulations of Da Afghanistan Bank.

All loans and advances are classified in accordance with the regulations of DAB as detailed below.

Standard: These are loans and advances, which are paying in a current manner and are supported by sound net worth and paying capability of the borrower. In terms of policy of the Bank for more prudent approach, a general risk based provision is maintained in the books of accounts at the rate of 4.98% (2016: 4.98%) of value of such loans and advances. However, as per Asset Classification and Provisioning Regulation (ACPR) issued by DAB, at least 1% provision should be maintained of value of such loans and advances.

Watch: These are loans and advances which are adequately protected, but are potentially weak. All loans and advances where principal or interest payments are past due by 31 to 60 days are classified as watch-list. Such advances constitute an unwarranted credit risk, but not to the point of requiring a classification to Substandard. A provision is maintained in the books of account @ 5% (2016: 5%) of value of such loans and advances as required under ACPR issued by DAB.

Substandard: These are loans and advances which are inadequately protected by current sound net worth and paying capacity of the borrower or by the collateral, if any, supporting it. Further, all microfinance loans and advances which are past due by 61 to 90 days and other loans past due by 61 to 120 days in case of for principal or interest payments are classified as "Substandard". A provision is maintained in the books of account @ 25% of value of such loans and advances as per ACPR issued by DAB.

Doubtful: These are loans and advances which can be classified as Substandard and have added characteristic that these weaknesses make collection or liquidation in full, on the basis of current circumstances and values, highly questionable and improbable. Further, all microfinance loans and advances which are past due by 91 to 180 days and other loans past due by 121 to 480 days for principal or interest payments are required to be classified as "Doubtful" as per the ACPR issued by DAB. A provision is maintained in the books of account @ 50% of value of such loans and advances as per Bank's risk based approach.

Loss: These are loans and advances which are not collectible and or such little value that their continuance as a bankable asset is not warranted. Further, all microfinance loans and advances which are past due over 180 days and other loans which are past due over 481 days for principal or interest payments are required to be classified as "Loss" as per the ACPR issued by DAB. Bank can maintain loss assets in the books for a period of 6 months after which the assets should be immediately written off against provision made.

Rescheduled: Rescheduled loans and advances are fully provided as per provisioning policy of the bank and funding covenant requirements.

6.6 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include notes and coins on hand, unrestricted balances held with central bank and highly liquid financial assets with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition that are subject to insignificant risk of changes in their fair value, and are used by the Bank in the management of its short-term commitments.

Cash and cash equivalents are carried at amortized cost in the statement of financial position.

6.7 Loans and advances

Loans and advances are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market and that the Bank does not intend to sell immediately or in the near term. Loans and advances to customers are classified as loans and receivables.

Loans and advances are initially measured at fair value plus incremental direct transaction costs, and subsequently measured at their amortized cost using the effective interest method.

6.8 Investment securities

Investment securities are initially measured at fair value plus, in case of investment securities not at fair value through profit or loss, incremental direct transaction costs, and subsequently accounted for depending on their classification as either held to maturity, fair value through profit or loss or available-for-sale.

6.8.1 Held-to-maturity

Held-to-maturity investments are non-derivative assets with fixed or determinable payments and fixed maturity that the Bank has the positive intent and ability to hold till maturity, and which are not designated at fair value through profit or loss or as available-for-sale.

Held-to-maturity investments are carried at amortized cost using the effective interest method, less any impairment losses. A sale or reclassification of a more than insignificant amount of held-to-maturity investments would result in the classification of all held-to-maturity investments as available-for-sale, and would prevent the Bank from classifying investment securities as held-to-maturity for the current and the following two financial years. However, sales and reclassifications in any of the following circumstances would not trigger a reclassification:

- sales or reclassifications that are so close to maturity that changes in the market rate of interest would not have a significant effect on the financial asset's fair value;
- sales or reclassifications after the Bank has collected substantially all of the asset's original principal; and
- sales or reclassifications that is attributable to non-recurring isolated events beyond the Bank's control that could not have been reasonably anticipated.

6.9 Property and equipment

6.9.1 Recognition and measurement

Items of property and equipment are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses.

Purchased software that is integral to the functionality of the related equipment is capitalized as part of that equipment.

If significant parts of an item of property or equipment have different useful lives, then they are accounted for as separate items (major components) of property and equipment.

Any gain or loss of disposal of an item of property and equipment is recognized within other income in profit or loss.

6.9.2 Subsequent costs

Subsequent expenditure is capitalized only when it is probable that the future economic benefits of the expenditure will flow to the Bank. Ongoing repairs and maintenance are expensed as incurred.

6.9.3 Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated to write off the cost of items of property and equipment less their estimated residual values using the straight-line method over their estimated useful lives, and is recognized in profit or loss. Leased assets are depreciated over the shorter of the lease terms and their useful lives unless it is reasonably certain that the Bank will obtain ownership by the end of the lease term. The estimated useful lives of significant items of property and equipment are as follows:

	2017	2016
Leasehold improvements	5 years	5 years
Furniture and fixture	5 years	5 years
Vehicles	5 years	5 years
Office equipment	4 years	4 years
Computer equipment	3 years	3 years

Depreciation methods, useful lives and residual values are reviewed at each reporting date and adjusted if appropriate.

6.10 Intangible assets

6.10.1 Software

Software acquired by the Bank is measured at cost less accumulated amortization and any accumulated impairment losses.

Subsequent expenditure on software assets is capitalized only when it increases the future economic benefits embodied in the specific asset to which it relates. All other expenditures are expensed as incurred.

Software is amortized on a straight-line basis in profit or loss over its estimated useful life, from the date on which it is available for use. The estimated useful life of software for the current and comparative periods is five years.

Amortization methods, useful lives and residual values are reviewed at each reporting date and adjusted if appropriate.

6.11 Impairment of non-financial assets

At each reporting date, the Bank reviews the carrying amounts of the Bank's non-financial assets (other than deferred tax assets) to determine whether there is any indication of impairment. If any such indication exists, then the asset's recoverable amount is estimated.

The 'recoverable amount' of an asset is the greater of its value in use and its fair value less costs to sell. 'Value in use' is based on the estimated future cash flows, discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset.

An impairment loss is recognized if the carrying amount of an asset exceeds its recoverable amount.

Impairment losses are recognized in profit or loss. An impairment loss is reversed only to the extent that the asset's carrying amount does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined, net of depreciation and amortization, if no impairment loss had been recognized.

6.12 Deposits and borrowings

Deposits and borrowings are the Bank's sourcing of loan financing. Deposits and borrowings are initially measured at fair value minus incremental direct transaction costs, and subsequently measured at their amortized cost using the effective interest method, except where the Bank designates liabilities at fair value through profit or loss.

6.13 Provisions

A provision is recognized if, as a result of a past event, the Bank has a present legal or constructive obligation that can be estimated reliably, and it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation.

6.14 Financial guarantees

Financial guarantees are contracts that require the Bank to make specified payments to reimburse the holder for a loss it incurs because a specified debtor fails to make payment when due in accordance with the terms of a debt instrument.

6.15 Earnings per share (EPS)

The Bank presents basic EPS data for its ordinary shares. EPS is calculated by dividing the profit or loss that is attributable to ordinary shareholders of the Bank by the weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding during the period.

6.16 Grants

Grants are recognized at their fair value where there is reasonable assurance that the grant will be received and the Bank will comply with all the required conditions.

6.16.1 Revenue grants

Grants relating to costs are recognized as income over the period necessary to match these grants with the related costs that they are intended to compensate. Fixed obligation grants are recognized when the right to receive the grant has been established on achievement of certain milestones as stated in the grant agreement.

6.16.2 Capital grants

Grants for property and equipment are recorded as deferred grants in the statement of financial position and recognized as non-operating income on a systematic basis over the useful life of assets acquired from the grant.

	Note	2017 ----- (Afn in '000) -----	2016 -----
7. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS			
Cash on hand		326,292	267,384
Unrestricted balances with Da Afghanistan Bank		1,851,463	398,550
Balances with other banks	7.1	1,559,050	834,950
Short term placements with banks	7.2	2,061,380	2,236,317
		<u>5,798,185</u>	<u>3,737,201</u>

7.1 Balances with other banks

Balances with:

Habib Bank Limited, UK		-	692,223
Habib Bank Limited, Brussels		462,926	24,975
Habib Bank Limited, New York		-	98,675
Bank Alfalah Limited, Kabul		22,808	19,077
BMCE-Spain		318,076	-
AKTIF - Turkey		755,240	-
	7.1.1	<u>1,559,050</u>	<u>834,950</u>

7.1.1 These balances are interest free and include Afn.462,926 thousands (2016: Afn.815,873 thousands) held with a related party.

7.2 Short term placements with banks

Capital notes (maturity less than three months)	7.2.1	399,989	-
Time deposits with other banks	7.2.2	1,661,391	2,236,317
		<u>2,061,380</u>	<u>2,236,317</u>

7.2.1 These represents capital notes issued by DAB for maturity period of 07 days (2016: Nil). These capital notes carry interest rate of 0.140% (2016: Nil) per annum.

7.2.2 Time deposits with other banks

Habib Bank Limited, Kabul		-	578,196
Diamond Trust Bank Kenya (DTB - Kenya)	7.2.2.1	1,044,900	1,670,250
AKTIF Bank, Turkey	7.2.2.2	208,980	-
Habibsons Bank Limited, UK	7.2.2.3	417,960	-
Less: General provision held	7.2.2.4	(10,449)	(12,129)
		<u>1,661,391</u>	<u>2,236,317</u>

7.2.2.1 These deposits are having maturity ranging from 19 to 39 days and carry interest rate of 2.45% (2016: 2.4% to 2.5%) per annum.

7.2.2.2 These deposits are having maturity of 32 days and carry interest rate of 2.1% (2016: NIL) per annum.

7.2.2.3 These deposits are having maturity ranging from 34 to 55 days and carry interest rate ranging from 1.28% to 1.38% (2016: Nil) per annum.

7.2.2.4 General provision of 1% (31 December 2016: 1%) on placements having maturity of one month or above is maintained as required by revised regulation of Da Afghanistan Bank "Asset Classification and Provisioning Regulation". As time deposits with DTB-Kenya include Afn.626,940 thousands which have maturity of less than one month, therefore, general provision @ 1% is not required against this amount under this regulation.

	Note	2017 ----- (Afn in '000) -----	2016 ----- (Afn in '000) -----
8. PLACEMENTS			
Capital notes issued by DAB	8.1	99,876	1,126,652
Placement with Habib Bank Limited Brussels	8.2	303,021	133,620
Less: General provision held	8.3	(3,030)	(1,336)
		<u>399,867</u>	<u>1,258,936</u>

8.1 These represents capital notes issued by DAB for maturity period 91 days (2016: 3 months to 1 year). These capital notes carry interest rate of 0.49% (2016: 4.33% to 6.68%) per annum.

8.2 These deposits are having maturity periods ranging from 91 to 182 days and carry interest rate ranging from 1.50% to 1.55% (2016: 1.55%) per annum.

8.3 General provision of 1% held on placements with HBL Brussels having maturity up to 182 days (31 December 2016: 1% HBL Brussels), in accordance with revised regulation of Da Afghanistan Bank " Asset Classification and Provisioning Regulation".

	Note	2017 ----- (Afn in '000) -----	2016 ----- (Afn in '000) -----
9. LOANS AND ADVANCES TO CUSTOMERS - NET			
Loans and advances to customers	9.1	5,493,052	4,955,806
Less: Impairment loss on loan and advances	9.2	(301,768)	(294,260)
		<u>5,191,284</u>	<u>4,661,546</u>

9.1 Loans and advances to customers

	Note	2017			2016		
		Gross amount	Impairment allowance	Carrying amount	Gross amount	Impairment allowance	Carrying amount
		----- (Afn in '000) -----	----- (Afn in '000) -----	----- (Afn in '000) -----	----- (Afn in '000) -----	----- (Afn in '000) -----	----- (Afn in '000) -----
Microfinance loans	9.1.1	4,539,924	(235,595)	4,304,329	3,943,782	(204,420)	3,739,362
Loans to small and medium size enterprises (SME)	9.1.1	826,252	(62,088)	764,164	876,795	(88,487)	788,308
Overdraft financing	9.1.1	126,876	(4,085)	122,791	135,229	(1,353)	133,876
		<u>5,493,052</u>	<u>(301,768)</u>	<u>5,191,284</u>	<u>4,955,806</u>	<u>(294,260)</u>	<u>4,661,546</u>

9.1.1 Microfinance loans carry interest at rates ranging from 12% to 27% (2016: 14% to 27%) per annum, whereas interest on loans to small and medium size enterprises (SMEs) is charged at the rates ranging from 16.2% to 23% (2016: 16.2% to 23%) per annum. Overdraft carries interest rate ranging from 9.25% to 20% (2016: 9.25% to 20%) per annum. All loans are secured by various kind of properties and personal guarantees. Overdraft is issued to Telecom Development Company Afghanistan Limited (TDCA), a related party and eight other customers.

9.2 Impairment loss on loans and advances to customers

	Note	2017			2016		
		Specific	General	Total	Specific	General	Total
		----- (Afn in '000) -----	----- (Afn in '000) -----	----- (Afn in '000) -----	----- (Afn in '000) -----	----- (Afn in '000) -----	----- (Afn in '000) -----
Balance at 1st January		57,711	236,549	294,260	50,268	186,956	237,224
Charge for the year:							
Microfinance loans		41,205	32,502	73,707	37,008	62,476	99,484
Loans to small and medium size enterprises		(4,386)	(497)	(4,883)	20,703	18,201	38,904
		<u>36,819</u>	<u>32,005</u>	<u>68,824</u>	<u>57,711</u>	<u>80,677</u>	<u>138,388</u>
Written off against impairment allowance:							
Microfinance loans		(38,786)	(3,605)	(42,391)	(43,801)	(22,868)	(66,669)
Loans to small and medium size enterprises		(18,925)	-	(18,925)	(6,467)	(8,216)	(14,683)
	9.2.1	<u>(57,711)</u>	<u>(3,605)</u>	<u>(61,316)</u>	<u>(50,268)</u>	<u>(31,084)</u>	<u>(81,352)</u>
Balance at 31 December		<u>36,819</u>	<u>264,949</u>	<u>301,768</u>	<u>57,711</u>	<u>236,549</u>	<u>294,260</u>

9.2.1 These represent 'loss' category loans which have been written off in accordance with the DAB Asset Classification and Provisioning Regulation (ACPR). However, the write-off does not affect the Bank's right to recover the debt due from customers and does not eliminate the borrowers' responsibility to repay the loan.

9.3 Classification of loans and advances for the purpose of allowance for impairment in accordance with the Bank's accounting policy and the DAB Asset Classification and Provisioning Regulation is as follows:

31 December 2017	Amount outstanding Afn in '000	Impairment allowance required as per ACPR		Impairment allowance held		Number of customers
		Rate	Afn in '000	Rate	Afn in	
Classification-Microfinance Loans						
Standard	4,505,480	1%	45,055	4.98%	224,373	60,856
Overdue:						
Watch-List	10,814	5%	541	5%	541	170
Substandard	6,912	25%	1,728	25%	1,728	94
Doubtful	15,529	50%	7,765	50%	7,765	198
Rescheduled	1,189	100%	1,189	100%	1,189	20
	<u>4,539,924</u>		<u>56,278</u>		<u>235,596</u>	<u>61,338</u>
Classification-Overdraft and SME Loans						
Standard - SME Loans	793,876	1%	7,939	4.98%	39,536	584
Standard - Overdraft financing	103,959	1%	1,040	1.00%	1,040	6
Overdue:						
Watch-List - SME loans	30	5%	2	5%	2	1
Watch-List - Overdraft financing	13,417	5%	671	5%	671	1
Substandard - SME loans	8,972	25%	2,243	25%	2,243	6
Substandard - Overdraft financing	9,500	25%	2,375	25%	2,375	2
Doubtful - SME loans	6,132	50%	3,066	50%	3,063	17
Rescheduled - SME loans	17,242	100%	17,242	100%	17,242	20
	<u>953,128</u>		<u>34,578</u>		<u>66,172</u>	<u>637</u>
31 December 2016						
Classification-Microfinance Loans						
Standard	3,925,228	1%	39,252	4.98%	195,476	56,132
Overdue:						
Watch-List	2,151	5%	108	5%	107	47
Substandard	3,783	25%	946	25%	946	69
Doubtful	9,745	50%	4,873	50%	4,873	191
Rescheduled	2,875	100%	2,875	100%	2,875	34
	<u>3,943,782</u>		<u>48,054</u>		<u>204,277</u>	<u>56,473</u>
Classification-Overdraft and SME Loans						
Standard - SME Loans	797,600	1%	7,976	4.98%	39,721	863
Standard - Overdraft financing	135,228	1%	1,352	1.00%	1,352	2
Overdue:						
Watch-List	16,534	5%	827	5%	827	9
Substandard	5,666	25%	1,417	25%	1,417	2
Doubtful	20,656	50%	10,328	50%	10,328	24
Rescheduled	36,339	100%	36,339	100%	36,338	30
	<u>1,012,023</u>		<u>58,239</u>		<u>89,983</u>	<u>930</u>

9.4 Portfolio Quality

The Bank's main measure of loan delinquency is an aged portfolio-at-risk ratio. Loans are separated into classes depending upon the number of days these are overdue. For each such class of loan, the outstanding principal balance of such loan is divided by the outstanding principal balance of the gross loan portfolio before deducting allowance for impairment.

Loans are considered overdue if any payment has fallen due and remained unpaid for more than 30 days. Loan payments are applied first to any penalty interest applicable, then to the interest due and then to the any remaining balance of principal. The number of days of delay is based on the due date of the earliest loan installment that has not been fully paid. The Bank does not convert interest on late payment / penalty into principal.

The Bank allows loan rescheduling only under limited and rare circumstances. Loan rescheduling is not allowed as a means of delaying an imminent bad debt situation; a loan can be rescheduled solely if a genuine and acceptable reason can be demonstrated and the rescheduling terms must clearly show that the borrower is subsequently able to meet the loan repayments.

In 2017, loans were disbursed relating to products with tenures generally ranging from 06 months to 05 years, in accordance with the needs of the borrowers. Loan repayments are scheduled monthly. The management estimates that average term of its loan portfolio is about 78 weeks [1.50 years] (2016: 73 weeks [1.42 years]) based on disbursements made during the year.

9.5 Current Recovery Ratio

Current recovery ratios are calculated and reported on a quarterly basis. The numerator of this ratio is total cash payments of principal received during the reporting period less prepayments. The denominator is the total loans falling due during the period along with the payments in arrears at the start of the period. Penalty interest is not included in the numerator or the denominator of the ratio. Loan delinquency is measured using the Non Performing Loans (NPL) ratio.

Period	Current recovery ratio (%)	
	2017	2016
1st Quarter	94.07	92.04
2nd Quarter	89.80	94.33
3rd Quarter	87.11	92.78
4th Quarter	82.76	93.65
January - December	<u>88.44</u>	<u>93.20</u>

The loans are repayable in 78 weeks (1.5 year) on average computed on the basis of a sample of tenure of loans disbursed during the year.

Under these circumstances, a current recovery ratio of 88.44% for 78 week loans is approximately equivalent to an Annual Loss Rate (ALR) of 15.41%, considering the year end Portfolio at Risk (PAR) of 1.01%. ALR for 2016 was 9.58%.

The calculation of Annual Loss Rate is based on the following formula.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{ALR} &= [(1 - \text{CR}) / T] \times 2 \\ \text{ALR} &= [(1 - 88.44\%) / 1.50] \times 2 \\ &= 15.41\% \end{aligned}$$

Where:

ALR = Annual Loss Rate

CR = Collection rate

T = Loan term

	Note	2017 ----- (Afn in '000) -----	2016 -----
10. OPERATING FIXED ASSETS			
Capital work-in-progress	10.1	3,913	102,599
Property and equipment	10.2	73,243	59,256
		<u>77,156</u>	<u>161,855</u>

10.1 Capital work-in-progress

Balance at 01 January		102,599	92,950
Additions		24,914	22,204
Transfer to Property and equipment		-	(12,555)
Transfer to Core Banking Software		(123,600)	-
Balance at 31 December	10.1.1	<u>3,913</u>	<u>102,599</u>

10.1.1 Capital work-in-progress represents cost of HRMS & Compliance system which are being implemented.

10.2 Property and equipment

	Leasehold improvements	Furniture and fittings	Vehicles	Office equipment	Computer equipment	Total
	----- (Afn in '000) -----					
Cost						
Balance at 01 January 2016	44,436	30,734	20,823	58,358	55,460	209,811
Additions	2,304	2,103	1,179	10,950	5,603	22,139
Transfer from CWIP	-	-	-	12,555	-	12,555
Disposals	(2,324)	(1,050)	-	(1,576)	(1,702)	(6,652)
Balance at 31 December 2016	<u>44,416</u>	<u>31,787</u>	<u>22,002</u>	<u>80,287</u>	<u>59,361</u>	<u>237,853</u>
Balance at 1 January 2017	44,416	31,787	22,002	80,287	59,361	237,853
Additions	4,500	3,608	2,166	7,281	25,230	42,785
Disposals	(37)	(877)	-	(936)	(1,640)	(3,490)
Balance at 31 December 2017	<u>48,879</u>	<u>34,518</u>	<u>24,168</u>	<u>86,632</u>	<u>82,951</u>	<u>277,148</u>
Depreciation						
Balance at 01 January 2016	35,232	24,589	10,642	43,520	47,057	161,040
Charge for the year	2,944	2,355	2,645	9,890	5,754	23,588
Disposals	(1,965)	(1,031)	-	(1,492)	(1,543)	(6,031)
Balance at 31 December 2016	<u>36,211</u>	<u>25,913</u>	<u>13,287</u>	<u>51,918</u>	<u>51,268</u>	<u>178,597</u>
Balance at 1 January 2017	36,211	25,913	13,287	51,918	51,268	178,597
Charge for the year	3,464	2,707	2,623	11,737	8,244	28,775
Disposals	(36)	(863)	-	(928)	(1,640)	(3,467)
Balance at 31 December 2017	<u>39,639</u>	<u>27,757</u>	<u>15,910</u>	<u>62,727</u>	<u>57,872</u>	<u>203,905</u>
Carrying amounts						
Balance at 31 December 2016	8,205	5,874	8,715	28,369	8,093	59,256
Balance at 31 December 2017	<u>9,240</u>	<u>6,761</u>	<u>8,258</u>	<u>23,905</u>	<u>25,079</u>	<u>73,243</u>
Depreciation rate	<u>20%</u>	<u>20%</u>	<u>20%</u>	<u>25%</u>	<u>33.33%</u>	

	Note	2017 ----- (Afn in '000) -----	2016 -----
10.2.1 Allocation of depreciation and amortisation			

Depreciation charged for the year		28,775	23,588
Less: Amount classified under grant expense	27	(2,350)	(589)
		<u>26,425</u>	<u>22,999</u>

11. INTANGIBLE ASSET	Note	2017 ----- (Afn in '000) -----	2016
Computer software:			
Cost			
Balance at 01 January		20,999	20,999
Acquisitions software		343	-
Transfer from CWIP		123,600	-
Additions CBS		8,811	-
Balance at 31 December		<u>153,753</u>	20,999
Amortisation			
Balance at 01 January		(20,617)	(20,447)
Charge for the year software		(186)	(170)
Charge for the year CBS		(14,929)	-
Balance at 31 December		<u>(35,732)</u>	(20,617)
Carrying amounts at 31 December		<u><u>118,021</u></u>	<u>382</u>
12. ADVANCE TAX			
Advance tax	12.1	<u>-</u>	<u>14,485</u>
<p>12.1 In 2016, the audit department of Ministry of Finance (MoF) conducted a tax audit for the tax year 2010 and raised a demand of Afn.31,301 thousands which was paid by the Bank. Afterwards, the Bank made an appeal to Objection Review Unit of MoF which ordered a reassessment. On 21 February 2017 a reassessment was made by the MoF resulting in a final tax liability of Afn.16,816 thousands which comprise of income tax and penalty amounting to Afn.5,594 thousands and Afn.11,222 thousands respectively. The excess amount of Afn.14,485 thousands paid earlier was booked as advance tax in 2016 financial statements.</p>			
13. OTHER ASSETS			
Restricted deposits with DAB	13.1	635,459	475,432
Interest receivable		263,382	202,418
Prepayments		24,962	23,962
Receivable from Roshan against M-Paisa payments		33,070	12,290
Receivable against written-off SME loans		-	5,363
Other receivables		2,692	4,939
Office supplies and stationery in inventory		2,704	1,256
Advances to staff		3,902	1,232
Inter branch balance		1,054	-
Other advances		-	710
		<u>967,225</u>	<u>727,602</u>
Less: General provision held	13.2	<u>(3,318)</u>	<u>-</u>
		<u><u>963,907</u></u>	<u><u>727,602</u></u>
<p>13.1 Required reserve account is being maintained with DAB which is denominated in respective currencies to meet minimum reserve requirement in accordance with Article 3 "Required Reserves Regulation" of the Banking Regulations issued by DAB. These balances are interest free.</p>			
<p>13.2 General provision of 1% (2016: Nil) on other assets is maintained as per Asset Classification and Provisioning Regulation issued by DAB.</p>			
14. DEPOSITS FROM CUSTOMERS			
Retail customers:			
Term deposits	14.1	16,031	17,747
Current deposits		675,675	592,065
Saving deposits	14.2	2,211,172	1,953,417
Corporate customers:			
Term deposits		545,691	52,162
Current deposits		3,689,426	2,903,977
Saving deposits		337,023	626,962
Cash Margin		94,232	44,333
Dormant deposits	14.3	7,831	-
	14.4	<u>7,577,081</u>	<u>6,190,663</u>

14.1 The rate of interest on term deposits ranges from 0.50 % to 4.5% (2016: 0.50% to 4.00%) per annum.

14.2 The rate of interest on saving deposits upto to 0.5% (2016: upto 0.5%) per annum.

14.3 These represent dormant deposits which were identified during the year as a result of data migration to the new core banking software.

14.4 Deposits include Afn.1,831,402 thousands (2016: Afn.1,933,718 thousands) due to related parties.

	Note	2017 ----- (Afn in '000) -----	2016 -----
15. LOANS AND BORROWINGS			
Loans and borrowings from:			
Ministry of Finance, Government of Afghanistan	15.1	291,477	340,148
Microfinance Investment Support Facility for Afghanistan Ltd	15.2	1,963,401	1,909,194
Nederlandse Financierings-Maatschappij Voor Ontwikkelingslanden N.V	15.3	341,708	21,424
Agricultural Development Fund	15.4	195,000	195,000
		<u>2,791,586</u>	<u>2,465,766</u>

15.1 A 15-year credit line of Euro 3,500 thousands (equivalent Afn.222,000 thousands) was extended by the Ministry of Finance - Government of Islamic Republic of Afghanistan (MOF) on behalf of Kreditanstalt fur Wiederaufbau (KfW) under the financing and project agreement signed in November 2005. The facility was disbursed in 3 tranches of Euro 2,000 thousands, Euro 1,300 thousands and Euro 200 thousands carrying financial charges at the rate of 3.54% per annum, 3.53% per annum and 3.53% per annum, respectively. The tranche of Euro 2,000 thousands was prematurely and completely repaid on 28 December 2016. The above rates were revised during 2017 to 1.0% per annum for Euro 1,300 thousands tranche and 0.38% for Euro 200 thousands tranche per annum based on the change in the weighted average rate for the 5 latest 28 days capital notes as auctioned by DAB. The loan is repayable through 20 bi-annual installments, starting from 17 November 2010.

Another 15-year credit line of Euro 4,000 thousands (equivalent Afn.264,480 thousands) was extended by the MOF on behalf of KfW under the financing and project agreement signed in March 2009. The facility was availed on 21 May 2011 at an annual interest rate of 5% per annum payable in arrears which was revised to 6% in last quarter of 2014 in accordance with terms of the agreement. This loan is repayable through 20 bi-annual installments, starting from 30 June 2016.

15.2 On 02 October 2010 Microfinance Investment Support Facility for Afghanistan Ltd (MISFA) and the Bank signed an agreement under which MISFA consolidated all the loans provided to the Bank to an aggregate amount of Afn.950,000 thousands for a period of ten years. This loan agreement carries interest at the rate of 5% per annum effective from 01 July 2010. Loan is repayable through 20 quarterly installments, starting from 01 September 2015.

On 17 June 2012 MISFA and the Bank signed a further loan agreement for an amount of Afn.500,000 thousands carrying interest rate of 6% per annum. This loan is repayable through 20 quarterly installments, starting from 30 June 2017, and was fully drawn in 2012.

On 01 April 2013 MISFA and the Bank signed a further loan agreement for an amount of Afn.500,000 thousands carrying interest rate of 6% per annum. This loan is repayable through 20 quarterly installments, starting from 31 March 2018, and was fully drawn in 2013.

On 23 of July 2014 MISFA / KfW and the Bank signed a further loan agreement for an amount of Euro 7,750 thousands of which the Bank received the first tranche of afghani equivalent of Afn.244,194 thousands on 17 March 2015. The Bank received the second and final tranche of afghani equivalent of Afn.299,207 thousands on 28 October 2017. These loans carrying interest rate of 6% per annum and repayable through 20 quarterly installments, starting from 31 March 2020 and 31 December 2022 respectively.

The total outstanding loan facilities from MISFA of Afn.1,963,431 thousands are supported by promissory notes issued by the Bank to MISFA. As a security for these promissory notes the Bank has assigned all rights and interests in the whole or such portion of the Bank's loan portfolio as MISFA may select in its sole discretion up to the amount of the loans outstanding under the loan agreements.

15.3 A 10-year sub-ordinated credit facility of USD 3,000 thousands (equivalent Afn.150,000 thousands) by Nederlandse Financierings-Maatschappij Voor Ontwikkelingslanden N.V. (FMO) under agreement signed with the Bank in February 2008. This fully drawn facility carries interest rate of 3.5% per annum plus the weighted average rate for the 5 latest 28 days capital notes as auctioned by DAB. Loan is repayable through 14 bi-annual installments, starting from 15 April 2011. This loan is not secured and fully paid as on 31 December 2017.

On 1st November 2017 the Bank received a term loan for an amount of USD 5,000 thousands (equivalent Afn.341,708) from FMO. This is a 5 year loan with one year grace period for principal repayment. The repayment terms are biannually starting from 15 January 2019. The interest rate is 4%+ the weighted average rate for the last five 28 days capital notes as auctioned by DAB. This loan is not secured.

- 15.4 A 5-year credit line of Afn.195,000 thousands obtained from Agricultural Development Fund (ADF) through Ministry of Agricultural, Irrigation and Livestock of Afghanistan (MAIL) under an agreement signed in March 2016. The facility is aimed to fund agri-lending and provide access to credit for clientele in agricultural value chain. The credit line carries an interest rate of 5% per annum. The loan is repayable through 6 bi-annual installments and the principal repayment has two years grace period with 1st installment due in April 2018. As a security for the loan, the Bank has assigned a valid second priority right in favor of Agriculture Development Fund in respect of Bank's loan portfolio up to the amount of the loans outstanding under the loan agreement.
- 15.5 The Bank has not had any default of principal or interest with respect to its loans and borrowings during the year ended 31 December 2017.

16. DEFERRED TAX LIABILITIES-NET

16.1 Movement in deferred tax balances

	Net balance at 1 January	Recognised in profit or loss	Deferred tax liability (Afn in '000)	Deferred tax asset	Net balance at 31 December
2017					
Property and equipment	(6,298)	(1,460)	(7,758)	-	(7,758)
Intangibles	(58)	(9,160)	(9,218)	-	(9,218)
General provision held on Other Assets	-	664	-	664	664
Off-balance sheet items	-	155	-	155	155
	<u>(6,356)</u>	<u>(9,801)</u>	<u>(16,976)</u>	<u>819</u>	<u>(16,157)</u>
2016					
Property and equipment	(4,770)	(1,528)	(6,298)	-	(6,298)
Intangibles	-	(58)	(58)	-	(58)
General provision held on placements	2,598	(2,598)	-	-	-
	<u>(2,172)</u>	<u>(4,184)</u>	<u>(6,356)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(6,356)</u>

16.2 Reconciliation of effective tax rate

	2017 Rate	2017 Afn in '000	2016 Rate	2016 Afn in '000
Profit before tax		288,508		151,783
Applicable tax at 20%	20.00%	57,702	20.00%	30,357
Inadmissible expenses	3.15%	9,099	4.65%	7,060
Depreciation and loss on disposal of fixed assets and general provision	-6.67%	(19,231)	-4.14%	(6,286)
Effect of previously unrecognised tax	0.00%	-	3.69%	5,594
Deferred tax effect	3.40%	9,801	0.04%	4,184
	<u>19.89%</u>	<u>57,371</u>	<u>26.95%</u>	<u>40,909</u>

	Note	2017 ----- (Afn in '000) -----	2016 -----
17. OTHER LIABILITIES			
Accrued expenses		44,271	43,580
Interest payable on long term loans		52,904	40,070
Performance bonus payable		22,369	15,388
Deferred grants	17.3	9,490	11,297
Customer draw down accounts	17.1	-	10,187
Withholding taxes payable		5,433	8,130
Other		4,697	-
Inter branch balance		-	170
General provision held against Off-balance items	17.2	777	-
		<u>139,941</u>	<u>128,822</u>

- 17.1 These represent amounts lying in the draw down accounts of customers on account of loan payments and recoveries in advance from customers. The Bank has abandoned, disbursement of loans in draw down accounts.

17.2 General provision of 1% is held on Credit Guarantees and Undrawn loan and overdraft facilities (2016: Nil), in accordance with DAB ACPR.

17.3 Deferred grants

	MISFA	AKF-USA	KFW	TOTAL
	(Afn in '000)			
Note	17.3.1	17.3.2	17.3.3	
2017				
Balance at 1 January	2,170	5,598	3,529	11,297
Grants recognised during the year:	-	-	8,539	8,539
Grant amortized during the year	(526)	(1,109)	(8,711)	(10,346)
Balance at 31 December	<u>1,644</u>	<u>4,489</u>	<u>3,357</u>	<u>9,490</u>
2016				
Balance at 1 January	2,622	6,609	-	9,231
Grants recognised during the year:	731	-	3,529	4,260
Grant amortized during the year	(1,183)	(1,011)	-	(2,194)
Balance at 31 December	<u>2,170</u>	<u>5,598</u>	<u>3,529</u>	<u>11,297</u>

17.3.1 This represents grant received from MISFA Ltd under an agreement signed dated 16 August 2011 to strengthen the Bank's capacity in rural and agricultural financial products and services.

17.3.2 This include grant received from AKF under an agreement signed dated 21 July 2014 to Strengthen Afghan Government and Alternative Livelihood (SAGAL) through promoting alternative crops to poppy cultivation and development of value chain financing in agriculture sector.

17.3.3 This represents grant received from KFW under an agreement signed dated 26 October 2016 for establishment of "Women - only" branch in Kabul.

	2017	2016	2017	2016
	----- USD -----		----- (Afn in '000) -----	
18. SHARE CAPITAL				
Authorized				
88,800 ordinary shares of US \$ 177 each (2016: 88,800 of US \$ 177)	<u>15,717,600</u>	15,717,600	<u>800,624</u>	800,624
Paid up				
88,288 ordinary shares of US \$ 177 each (2016: 88,288 of US \$ 177)	<u>15,626,976</u>	15,626,976	<u>796,008</u>	796,008

18.1 The capital is contributed by the shareholders as follows:

	2017	2016	2017	2016
	---- Number of shares ----		----- (Afn in '000) -----	
Aga Khan Agency for Microfinance (AKAM)	34,784	34,784	310,646	310,646
Kreditanstalt fur Wiederaufbau (KfW)	28,200	28,200	254,811	254,811
International Finance Corporation (IFC)	14,800	14,800	133,974	133,974
Aga Khan Foundation USA (AKF USA)	10,504	10,504	96,577	96,577
	<u>88,288</u>	<u>88,288</u>	<u>796,008</u>	<u>796,008</u>

18.2 The holders of ordinary shares are entitled to receive dividends as declared from time to time, and are entitled to one vote per share at meetings of the Bank.

19. SHARE PREMIUM

Share premium	19.1	<u>206,038</u>	206,038
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19.1 In 2012, 28,800 new ordinary shares of USD 100 each were issued at a premium of USD 138 per share resulting in total premium of Afn.206,038 thousands.

	Note	2017 ----- (Afn in '000) -----	2016 -----
20. CONTINGENCIES AND COMMITMENTS			
20.1 Contingencies			
Outstanding bank guarantees		<u>66,757</u>	<u>22,333</u>
20.2 Commitments			
Undrawn loan and overdraft facilities		<u>10,903</u>	<u>-</u>
21. NET INTEREST INCOME			
Interest income			
Cash and cash equivalents		46,578	31,670
Placements		24,262	85,173
Loans and advances to customers			
Loans to small and medium size enterprises		203,750	181,321
Microfinance loans		1,141,086	865,519
Interest on overdraft facility		10,618	18,314
		<u>1,355,454</u>	<u>1,065,154</u>
Others		1,175	523
Total interest income		<u>1,427,469</u>	<u>1,182,520</u>
Interest expense			
Deposits from customers		25,179	9,785
Loans and borrowings		138,844	142,772
Total interest expense		<u>164,023</u>	<u>152,557</u>
Net interest income		<u>1,263,446</u>	<u>1,029,963</u>
22. NET FEE AND COMMISSION INCOME			
Fee and commission income			
Loan processing fee		61,038	59,798
Bank charges relating to foreign remittances and other services		30,500	32,552
Total fee and commission income		<u>91,538</u>	<u>92,350</u>
Fee and commission expense			
Guarantee fee		20,456	16,492
Afghanistan Deposit Insurance Corporation (ADIC) premium		6,840	6,793
Foreign exchange expense		-	2,655
Other fee		9,139	8,591
ACGF claim		1,369	-
Total fee and commission expense		<u>37,804</u>	<u>34,531</u>
Net fee and commission income		<u>53,734</u>	<u>57,819</u>
23. OTHER REVENUE			
Foreign exchange service income		110,420	111,766
Exchange gain		7,067	-
Receipts against claims		-	8,460
Other		840	3,722
		<u>118,327</u>	<u>123,948</u>
24. OTHER INCOME			
Loans and advances written off recovered		17,288	16,764
Gain / (loss) on disposal of property and equipment		142	(326)
		<u>17,430</u>	<u>16,438</u>
25. PERSONNEL EXPENSES			
Local staff	25.1	522,747	446,314
Expat staff	25.2	74,412	77,740
		<u>597,159</u>	<u>524,054</u>
Less: Grant related salaries and benefits	27	(2,932)	(5,339)
		<u>594,227</u>	<u>518,715</u>

	Note	2017 ----- (Afn in '000) -----	2016
25.1 Local staff			
Basic salary		372,119	315,141
Other benefits		150,628	131,173
		<u>522,747</u>	<u>446,314</u>
25.2 Expat staff			
Basic salary		52,843	51,599
Other benefits		21,569	26,141
		<u>74,412</u>	<u>77,740</u>
26. OTHER EXPENSES			
Consultancy fee		16,447	17,014
Office rent		44,367	38,561
Communication		55,013	41,496
System maintenance		16,823	23,954
Generator fuel and maintenance		22,175	19,537
Insurance		11,131	11,290
Legal, professional and statutory fee		18,150	7,513
Auditors' remuneration	26.1	5,375	2,372
Office security		132,072	127,390
Office stationery and supplies		29,817	17,323
Other operating expenses		7,596	4,436
Repairs and maintenance		5,304	3,461
Travel and transportation		57,057	44,144
Director's traveling		4,441	5,698
Trainings		10,253	4,003
Utilities		9,975	8,605
Marketing and promotional expenses		8,542	7,044
Penalties by DAB		1,187	460
Miscellaneous		4	115
		<u>455,729</u>	<u>384,416</u>
26.1 Auditors' remuneration			
Annual audit fee		2,110	1,871
Interim review fee		565	501
Other professional services		2,700	-
		<u>5,375</u>	<u>2,372</u>
27. EXPENDITURE AGAINST GRANTS			
Salaries and benefits	25	2,932	5,339
Office supplies		899	-
Security		1,433	-
Branding		954	-
Consultancy fee		724	-
Training fee		-	1,667
Marketing		1,054	-
Depreciation and amortization	10.2.1	2,350	589
		<u>10,346</u>	<u>7,595</u>
28. INCOME TAX EXPENSE			
Current tax			
For the year		47,569	31,131
Prior year	12	-	5,594
		<u>47,569</u>	<u>36,725</u>
Deferred tax expense	16	9,801	4,184
		<u>57,370</u>	<u>40,909</u>

	2017	2016
29. EARNING PER SHARE		
Basic earning per share		
Profit for the year attributable to ordinary shareholders (Afn in '000)	231,138	110,874
Weighted-average number of ordinary shares (numbers)	88,288	88,288
Basic earning per share (Afn in '000)	<u>2.62</u>	<u>1.26</u>

30. RELATED PARTIES

Related parties of FMFB comprise of associates (including entities having directors in common with FMFB), major share holders, directors and key management personnel.

30.1 Parent and ultimate controlling entity

Pattern of shareholding in the Bank is disclosed in note 18.1. Aga Khan Development Network entities collectively owns 51% (2016: 51%) of the Bank's capital.

	Note	2017 ----- (Afn in '000) -----	2016 -----
30.2 Transactions with key management personnel			
Key management personnel compensation			
Short term employee benefits	30.2.1	<u>65,879</u>	<u>70,388</u>

30.2.1 Compensation of the Bank's key management personnel includes salaries and benefits. The aggregate value of transactions and outstanding balances related to key management personnel were as follows:

	Transaction values for the year ended		Maximum balance for the year ended		Balance outstanding as at	
	2017 ----- (Afn in '000) -----	2016 -----	2017 ----- (Afn in '000) -----	2016 -----	2017 ----- (Afn in '000) -----	2016 -----
Advances to staff	<u>230</u>	<u>1,982</u>	<u>209</u>	<u>668</u>	<u>209</u>	<u>167</u>
Deposits received	<u>64,433</u>	<u>64,646</u>	<u>13,369</u>	<u>16,127</u>	<u>1,316</u>	<u>2,241</u>

30.3 Other related party outstanding balances and transactions

	Balance outstanding as at	
	2017 ----- (Afn in '000) -----	2016 -----
Balances with related parties		
Balances with banks	<u>462,926</u>	<u>815,873</u>
Time deposits with banks	<u>1,765,881</u>	<u>2,382,066</u>
Loan to Telecom Development Company Afghanistan Limited (TDCA)	<u>83,138</u>	<u>132,163</u>
Receivable from Roshan against M-Paisa payments	<u>33,070</u>	<u>12,290</u>
Deposits from customers	<u>1,790,981</u>	<u>1,933,050</u>
Cash Margin against guarantees issued	<u>40,421</u>	<u>668</u>
Payable to Aga Khan Agency for Microfinance (AKAM)	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

	Transaction values for the year ended	
	2017 ----- (Afn in '000) -----	2016 -----
Transactions with related parties		

Interest income	<u>44,172</u>	<u>21,934</u>
Fee and commission income	<u>6,254</u>	<u>9,137</u>
Fee and commission expense	<u>2,129</u>	<u>193</u>
Interest expense on deposits from customers	<u>8,955</u>	<u>9,665</u>
Directors' fee and other expenses	<u>4,441</u>	<u>5,698</u>
Costs incurred for AKAM loan recovery	<u>-</u>	<u>1,934</u>

30.4 The transactions were made on similar terms that would be applied in arm's length transaction. No impairment losses have been recorded against balances outstanding during the period with key management personnel, and no specific allowance has been made for impairment losses on balances with key management personnel and their immediate relatives at the reporting date. These balances are not secured and no guarantees have been obtained.

31. FINANCIAL ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

Accounting classification of financial assets and financial liabilities and fair values

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

Financial assets which are tradable in an open market are revalued at the market prices prevailing on the statement of financial position date. The estimated fair value of all other financial assets and liabilities is considered not significantly different from book value.

The table below sets out the Bank's classification of each class of financial assets and liabilities, and their fair values.

	Note	Designated at fair value	Available-for- sale	Held to maturity	Loans and receivables	Other amortised cost	Total carrying amount	Fair value
					(Afn in '000)			
31 December 2017								
Financial assets								
Cash and cash equivalents	7	-	-	2,061,380	3,736,805	-	5,798,185	5,798,185
Placements	8	-	-	399,867	-	-	399,867	399,867
Loans and advances to customers	9	-	-	-	5,191,284	-	5,191,284	5,191,284
Other assets	13	-	-	-	-	933,411	933,411	933,411
		-	-	2,461,247	8,928,089	933,411	12,322,747	12,322,747
Financial liabilities								
Deposits from customers	14	-	-	655,954	-	6,921,127	7,577,081	7,577,081
Loans and borrowings	15	-	-	2,791,586	-	-	2,791,586	2,791,586
Other liabilities	17	-	-	-	-	54,164	54,164	54,164
		-	-	3,447,540	-	6,975,291	10,422,831	10,422,831
31 December 2016								
Financial assets								
Cash and cash equivalents	7	-	-	2,236,317	1,500,884	-	3,737,201	3,737,201
Placements	8	-	-	1,258,936	-	-	1,258,936	1,258,936
Loans and advances to customers	9	-	-	-	4,661,546	-	4,661,546	4,661,546
Other assets	13	-	-	-	-	702,384	702,384	702,384
		-	-	3,495,253	6,162,430	702,384	10,360,067	10,360,067
Financial liabilities								
Deposits from customers	14	-	-	114,242	-	6,076,421	6,190,663	6,190,663
Loans and borrowings	15	-	-	2,465,766	-	-	2,465,766	2,465,766
Other liabilities	17	-	-	-	-	50,257	50,257	50,257
		-	-	2,580,008	-	6,126,678	8,706,686	8,706,686

The carrying amounts approximate fair values as most of the assets and liabilities have short maturities and are expected to be recovered / settled at their carrying amounts.

32. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT

This note presents information about the Bank's exposure to financial risks, Bank's financial risk management and the Bank's management of capital. The Bank has exposure to the following risks from financial instruments:

- a) credit risk
- b) liquidity risk
- c) market risks
- d) operational and business risk

Risk management framework

The Bank's Board of Supervisors has overall responsibility for the establishment and oversight of the Bank's risk management framework. The Board of Supervisors has established the Bank's Asset and Liability Committee (ALCO), which is responsible for developing and monitoring Bank's risk management policies.

The Bank's Audit Committee oversees how management monitors compliance with the Bank's risk management policies and procedures, and reviews the adequacy of the risk management framework in relation to the risks faced by the Bank. The Audit Committee is assisted in its oversight role by Internal Audit. Internal Audit undertakes both regular and ad hoc reviews of risk management controls and procedures.

32.1 Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk of financial loss to the Bank if a customer or counter party to a financial instrument fails to meet its contractual obligations, and arises principally from the Bank's loans and advances to customers. For risk management reporting purposes, the Bank considers and consolidates all elements of credit risk exposure.

Management of credit risk

The Bank manages credit risk by limiting and controlling concentrations of credit risk wherever they are identified – in particular, to individual counterparties and groups. The Bank structures the levels of credit risk it undertakes by placing limits on the amount of risk accepted in relation to one borrower or counterparty. Such risks are monitored on a revolving basis and subject to an annual or more frequent review, when considered necessary. Exposure to credit risk is also managed through analysis of the ability of borrowers and potential borrowers to meet interest and capital repayment obligations at the time of loan appraisal for initial and subsequent loans.

Regular audits of business units and Bank's credit processes are undertaken by Internal Audit.

Credit quality analysis

The table below set out information about the credit quality of the Banks's loans and advances to customers and the allowance for impairment/loss held by the Bank against those assets. The maximum exposure to credit risk in respect of other financial assets and guarantees are equivalent to their carrying amounts as disclosed in the respective notes.

	Note	2017 ----- (Afn in '000) -----	2016 -----
Maximum exposure to credit risk			
Carrying amount	9	5,191,284	4,661,546
At amortised cost			
Standard		5,403,315	4,858,056
Watch-list		24,261	18,685
Substandard		25,384	9,449
Doubtful		21,661	30,401
Rescheduled		18,431	39,215
Total gross amount		5,493,052	4,955,806
Allowance for impairment (individual and collective)		(301,768)	(294,260)
Net carrying amount		5,191,284	4,661,546

	2017 ----- (Afn in '000) -----	2016 -----
Loans with renegotiated terms		
Gross carrying amount	18,431	39,214
Impaired amount	18,431	39,214
Allowance for impairment	(18,431)	(39,214)
Net carrying amount	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Neither past due nor impaired		
Standard (low fair risk)	<u>5,105,879</u>	<u>4,614,601</u>
	<u>5,105,879</u>	<u>4,614,601</u>
Individually impaired		
Watch-list	24,261	18,685
Substandard	25,384	9,449
Doubtful	21,661	30,401
Loss and rescheduled	18,431	39,214
	<u>89,737</u>	<u>97,749</u>
Allowance for impairment		
Specific	36,819	57,711
General	264,949	236,549
Total allowance for impairment	<u>301,768</u>	<u>294,260</u>

Impaired loans and advances

See accounting policy - note 6.5.7.

The Bank regards a loan and advance as impaired in the following circumstances:

- There is objective evidence that a loss event has occurred since initial recognition and the loss event has an impact on future estimated cash flows from the asset.

- A loan is overdue for 30 days or more.

A loan that has been renegotiated due to deterioration in the borrower's condition is usually considered to be impaired unless there is evidence that the risk of not receiving contractual cash flows has reduced significantly and there are no other indicator of impairment.

Loans and advances that are past due but not impaired

Loans and advances 'past due but not impaired' are those for which contractual interest or principal payments are past due but the Bank believes that impairment is not appropriate on the basis of the level of security or collateral available and/or the stage of collection of amount owed to the Bank.

Balances with other banks

The Bank holds balances with central bank and other financial institutions amounting to Afn.5,082,353 thousands at 31 December 2017 (2016: Afn.3,481,946 thousands).

Collateral held and other credit enhancements

The Bank holds collateral and other credit enhancements against certain of its credit exposures. The table below sets out the principal types of collateral held against different types of financial assets.

Type of credit exposure	Percentage of exposure that is subject to collateral requirements		Principal type of collateral held
	2017	2016	
Loans and advances to customers			
Microfinance loans	79.23	77.71	Property
Microfinance loans	3.69	2.51	Personal guarantee
Microfinance loans - Group loans	-	-	None
Over draft	2.37	2.87	Property
Loans to small and medium size enterprises (SME)	14.72	16.91	Property

Offsetting financial assets and financial liabilities

No financial assets and financial liabilities have been set off during the year (2016: none).

32.1.5 Concentration of credit risk

The Bank monitors concentrations of credit risk by sector and geographic location.

Geographic sector

The following table breaks down the Bank's main credit exposure at their carrying amount, as categorised by geographical region as of 31 December 2017. For this table, the Bank has allocated exposures to the regions based on the country of domicile of counterparties.

	Balances with banks	Placements	Loans and advances to customers	Other assets	Total (on-balance sheet)	Contingencies and commitments	Total
	----- (Afn in '000) -----						
31 December 2017							
Afghanistan	22,808	-	5,191,284	297,952	5,512,044	66,757	5,578,801
United Kingdom	413,781	-	-	-	413,781	-	413,781
Belgium	462,926	299,991	-	-	762,917	-	762,917
Kenya	1,040,720	-	-	-	1,040,720	-	1,040,720
Turkey	962,130	-	-	-	962,130	-	962,130
Spain	318,076	-	-	-	318,076	-	318,076
	3,220,441	299,991	5,191,284	297,952	9,009,668	66,757	9,076,425
31 December 2016							
Afghanistan	591,491	-	4,661,546	226,952	5,479,989	22,333	5,502,322
United Kingdom	692,223	-	-	-	692,223	-	692,223
United States	98,675	-	-	-	98,675	-	98,675
Belgium	24,975	132,284	-	-	157,259	-	157,259
Kenya	1,663,903	-	-	-	1,663,903	-	1,663,903
	3,071,267	132,284	4,661,546	226,952	8,092,049	22,333	8,114,382

Industry sector

The following table breaks down the Bank's main credit exposure at their carrying amount, as categorised by industry sector as of 31 December 2017.

	Banks	Agriculture	Telecom	Trade	Others	Total
	----- (Afn in '000) -----					
31 December 2017						
Cash and cash equivalents	3,220,441	-	-	-	-	3,220,441
Placements	299,991	-	-	-	-	299,991
Loans and advances to customers	-	1,460,811	82,306	2,145,747	1,502,420	5,191,284
Other assets	-	-	33,070	-	264,882	297,952
Bank guarantees	-	-	35,823	-	30,934	66,757
	<u>3,520,432</u>	<u>1,460,811</u>	<u>151,199</u>	<u>2,145,747</u>	<u>1,798,236</u>	<u>9,076,425</u>
31 December 2016						
Cash and cash equivalents	3,071,267	-	-	-	-	3,071,267
Placements	132,284	-	-	-	-	132,284
Loans and advances	-	1,192,984	135,228	2,577,438	755,896	4,661,546
Other assets	-	-	12,290	-	214,662	226,952
Bank guarantees	-	-	-	-	22,333	22,333
	<u>3,203,551</u>	<u>1,192,984</u>	<u>147,518</u>	<u>2,577,438</u>	<u>992,891</u>	<u>8,114,382</u>

32.1.6 Impaired loans and advances

For details of impairment allowance for loans and advances to customers, see note 9.

32.2 Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk' is the risk that the Bank will encounter difficulty in meeting obligations associated with its financial liabilities that are settled by delivering cash or another financial asset.

32.2.1 Management of liquidity risk

The Bank's Board of Supervisors sets the Bank's strategy for managing liquidity risk and delegates responsibility for oversight of the implementation of this policy to ALCO. The key elements of the Bank's liquidity strategy are as follows:

- Day-to-day funding, managed by monitoring future cash flows by currency and business segment to ensure that requirements can be met, expressed through a maturity mismatch approach within different time bands on a maturity ladder.
- Maintaining a portfolio of highly marketable assets and/or standby credit lines that can easily be liquidated/drawn as protection against any unforeseen interruption to cash flow.
- Monitoring balance sheet liquidity ratios against internal and regulatory requirements.
- Managing the concentration and profile of deposit and debt maturities.

Monitoring and reporting take the form of cash flow measurement and projections by currency and business segment for the next day, week and month respectively, using the maturity mismatch approach outlined above, as these are key periods for liquidity management. The starting point for these projections is an analysis of the contractual maturity of the financial liabilities and the expected collection date of the financial assets. The Bank also monitors unmatched medium-term assets, the level and type of un-drawn lending commitments. Sources of liquidity are regularly reviewed by the ALCO to maintain a wide diversification by currency, provider, product and term.

32.2.2 Exposure to liquidity risk

The key measure used by the Bank for managing liquidity risk is the ratio of net liquid assets to deposits from customers. For this purpose, 'net liquid assets' includes cash and cash equivalents less any deposits from banks, debt securities issued, other borrowings and commitments maturing within the next month. Details of the reported Bank ratio of net liquid assets to deposits from customers at the reporting date and during the reporting period were as follows:

	2017	2016
At 31 December	66.01%	64.43%
Average for the period	58.24%	66.58%
Maximum for the period	66.01%	73.82%
Minimum for the period	51.05%	60.45%

32.2.3 Maturity analysis for financial liabilities

The tables below set out the remaining contractual maturities of the Bank's financial liabilities.

	Note	Gross nominal inflow/ (outflow)	Less than 1 month	1-3 months	3 months to 1 year	1-5 years	More than 5 years	Carrying amount
----- (Afn in '000) -----								
31 December 2017								
Financial liabilities								
Deposits from customers	14	(7,577,081)	(6,965,275)	(515,344)	(86,154)	(10,197)	(111)	7,577,081
Loans and borrowings	15	(2,791,586)	-	(72,500)	(379,732)	(1,799,467)	(539,887)	2,791,586
Other liabilities	17	(54,164)	-	-	(54,164)	-	-	54,164
Bank guarantees	20	(66,757)	(16,673)	(6,105)	(33,671)	(10,197)	(111)	66,757
		<u>(10,489,588)</u>	<u>(6,981,948)</u>	<u>(593,949)</u>	<u>(553,721)</u>	<u>(1,819,861)</u>	<u>(540,109)</u>	<u>10,489,588</u>
31 December 2016								
Financial liabilities								
Deposits from customers	14	(6,190,663)	(6,129,339)	-	(61,324)	-	-	6,190,663
Loans and borrowings	15	(2,465,766)	(25,744)	(50,250)	(304,247)	(1,686,370)	(399,154)	2,465,766
Other liabilities	17	(50,257)	-	-	(50,257)	-	-	50,257
Bank guarantees	20	(22,333)	-	-	-	(22,333)	-	22,333
		<u>(8,729,019)</u>	<u>(6,155,083)</u>	<u>(50,250)</u>	<u>(415,828)</u>	<u>(1,708,703)</u>	<u>(399,154)</u>	<u>8,729,019</u>

The amounts in the table above have been compiled as follows:

Type of financial instrument

Non-derivative financial liabilities

Issued financial guarantee contracts and unrecognised loan commitments

The table below sets out the carrying amounts of non-derivative financial assets and financial liabilities expected to be recovered or settled more than 12 months after the reporting date.

Basis on which amounts are compiled

Undiscounted cash flows, which include estimated interest payments

Earliest possible contractual maturity. For issued financial guarantee contracts, the maximum amount of the guarantee is allocated to the earliest period in which the guarantee could be called.

	Note	2017 ----- (Afn in '000) -----	2016 -----
Financial assets			
Loans and advances to customers	9	<u>3,096,057</u>	<u>1,134,577</u>
Financial liabilities			
Loans and borrowings	15	<u>2,339,354</u>	<u>2,106,335</u>

32.3 Market risk

Market risk is the risk that changes in market prices - such as interest rates and foreign exchange rates - will affect the Bank's income or the value of its holdings of financial instruments. The objective of the Bank's market risk management is to manage and control market risk exposures within acceptable parameters to ensure the Bank's solvency while optimising the return on risk.

32.3.1 Management of market risks

To manage and control market risk a well defined limits structure is in place. These limits are reviewed, adjusted and approved periodically. Overall authority for market risk is vested in Management Board of the Bank. The Management Board is responsible for the development of detailed risk management policies and day to day review of their implementation.

32.3.2 Exposure to interest rate risk

The following table is a summary of the Bank's exposure to interest rate risks. It includes the Bank's financial instruments at carrying amount, categorised by the earlier of contractual reprising or maturity dates.

	Note	Interest rates (p.a)	Less than 3					Total	Not interest bearing	Carrying amount
			months	3-6 months	6-12 months	1-5 years	More than 5 years			
----- (Afn in '000) -----										
31 December 2017										
Financial assets										
Cash and cash equivalents	7	0.14% to 2.45%	2,061,380	-	-	-	-	2,061,380	3,736,805	5,798,185
Placements	8	0.49% to 1.55%	-	237,803	162,064	-	-	399,867	-	399,867
Loans and advances to customers	9	9.25% to 27%	223,233	471,441	1,400,553	3,087,391	8,666	5,191,284	-	5,191,284
Other assets	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	933,411	933,411
Total financial assets			2,284,613	709,244	1,562,617	3,087,391	8,666	7,652,531	4,670,216	12,322,747
Financial liabilities										
Deposits from customers	14	0.5% to 4.5%	3,057,434	50,103	2,380	-	-	3,109,917	4,467,164	7,577,081
Loans and borrowings	15	0.38% to 6.28%	72,500	177,232	202,500	1,799,467	539,887	2,791,586	-	2,791,586
Other liabilities	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	54,164	54,164
Total financial liabilities			3,129,934	227,335	204,880	1,799,467	539,887	5,901,503	4,521,328	10,422,831
Total interest rate gap			(845,321)	481,909	1,357,737	1,287,924	(531,221)	1,751,028	148,888	1,899,916

Note	Interest rates (p.a)	Interest bearing					Total	Not interest bearing	Carrying amount	
		Less than 3 months	3-6 months	6-12 months	1-5 years	More than 5 years				
----- (Afn in '000) -----										
31 December 2016										
Financial assets										
Cash and cash equivalents	7	2.4% to 2.5%	2,236,317	-	-	-	-	2,236,317	1,500,884	3,737,201
Placement	8	1.55% to 6.68%	-	300,444	958,492	-	-	1,258,936	-	1,258,936
Loans and advances to customers	9	9.25% to 27%	1,353,127	825,529	1,348,313	1,128,511	6,066	4,661,546	-	4,661,546
Other assets	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	702,384	702,384
Total financial assets			3,589,444	1,125,973	2,306,805	1,128,511	6,066	8,156,799	2,203,268	10,360,067
Financial liabilities										
Deposits from customers	14	0.5% to 4%	2,598,139	48,468	3,681	-	-	2,650,288	3,540,375	6,190,663
Loans and borrowings	15	3.53% to 7.04%	24,335	47,500	287,595	1,729,027	377,308	2,465,766	-	2,465,766
Other liabilities	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	50,257	50,257
Total financial liabilities			2,622,474	95,968	291,276	1,729,027	377,308	5,116,054	3,590,632	8,706,686
Total interest rate gap			966,970	1,030,005	2,015,529	(600,516)	(371,242)	3,040,745	(1,387,364)	1,653,381

If the interest rate increase / (decrease) by 100 bps, the impact on profit or loss for the year would have been Afn.17,510 thousands (2016: Afn.30,407 thousands) lower/higher respectively.

32.3.3 Exposure to currency risk

The table below summarises the Bank's exposure to foreign currency exchange rate risk. Included in the table are the Bank's financial instruments at carrying amounts, categorised by currency.

	USD	EUR	Total	Others	Carrying amount
	----- (Afn in '000) -----				
31 December 2017					
Financial assets					
Cash and cash equivalents	3,098,544	721,375	3,819,919	1,978,266	5,798,185
Placements	299,991	-	299,991	99,876	399,867
Loans and advances to customers	385,324	-	385,324	4,805,960	5,191,284
Other assets	402,907	67,825	470,732	462,679	933,411
Total financial assets	4,186,766	789,200	4,975,966	7,346,781	12,322,747
Financial liabilities					
Deposits from customers	4,037,695	654,967	4,692,662	2,884,419	7,577,081
Loans and borrowings	-	-	-	2,791,586	2,791,586
Other liabilities	608	5	613	53,551	54,164
Total financial liabilities	4,038,303	654,972	4,693,275	5,729,556	10,422,831
Net position	148,463	134,228	282,691	1,617,225	1,899,916

31 December 2016	USD	EUR	Total	Others	Carrying amount
	----- (Afn in '000) -----				
Financial assets					
Cash and cash equivalents	2,513,116	869,581	3,382,697	354,504	3,737,201
Placements	132,284	-	132,284	1,126,652	1,258,936
Loans and advances to customers	456,583	-	456,583	4,204,963	4,661,546
Other assets	24,458	7	24,465	677,919	702,384
Total financial assets	3,126,441	869,588	3,996,029	6,364,038	10,360,067
Financial liabilities					
Deposits from customers	3,181,197	857,408	4,038,605	2,152,058	6,190,663
Loans and borrowings	-	-	-	2,465,766	2,465,766
Other liabilities	3,161	-	3,161	47,096	50,257
Total financial liabilities	3,184,358	857,408	4,041,766	4,664,920	8,706,686
Net position	(57,917)	12,180	(45,737)	1,699,118	1,653,381
Sensitivity analysis					

A 10% strengthening of the Afghani, against the USD and Euro at 31 December 2017 would have increased (decreased) equity and profit or loss by the amounts shown below. This analysis is based on foreign currency exchange rate variances that the Bank considered to be reasonably possible at the end of the reporting period. The analysis assumes that all other variables, in particular interest rates, remain constant.

	2017		2016	
	Equity	Profit or loss	Equity	Profit or loss
USD	<u>(14,846)</u>	<u>(14,846)</u>	<u>5,792</u>	<u>5,792</u>
Euro	<u>(13,423)</u>	<u>(13,423)</u>	<u>(1,218)</u>	<u>(1,218)</u>

A 10% weakening of the Afghani against the above currencies at 31 December 2017 would have had the equal but opposite effect on the above currencies to the amounts shown above, on the basis that all other variables remain constant.

32.4 Operational and business risk

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

32.5 Capital management

Regulatory capital

The Bank's regulator DAB sets and monitors capital requirements for the Bank. The capital adequacy of the Bank is assessed in two tiers as per regulations of the DAB. As of reporting date, DAB requires the Bank to maintain financial capital of not less than Afn.1 billion, the Bank complies with this requirement keeping in view its share capital and share premium, and regulatory capital to risk-weighted asset ratio of not less than 12 percent and a core (Tier 1) capital to risk-weighted asset ratio of not less than 6 percent.

- Tier 1 or core capital, consisting of the highest quality capital elements that fully meet all the essential characteristics of capital; to be 6% of risk weighted assets.

- Tier 2 or supplementary capital, which includes other instruments which, to a varying degree, fall short of the quality of Tier 1 capital, but nonetheless contribute to the overall strength of a bank as a going concern.

- Regulatory capital is the sum of Tier 1 and Tier 2 capital and Tier 2 capital cannot exceed the amount of Tier 1 capital.

The Bank's regulatory capital position at 31 December 2017 was as follows:

Regulatory Capital	2017	2016
	----- (Afn in '000) -----	
Tier 1 capital		
Total equity capital	1,990,569	1,759,431
Less: Intangible assets	(118,021)	(382)
Less: Profit for the year	(231,138)	(110,873)
Total tier 1 (core) capital	<u>1,641,410</u>	<u>1,648,176</u>
Tier 2 (Supplementary) Capital:		
General loss reserves on credits as per DAB's regulation, but restricted to 1.25% of total risk-weighted exposures	93,092	72,957
Add: Subordinated debt	-	17,139
Add: Profit for the year	231,138	110,873
Total tier 2 (supplementary) capital	<u>324,230</u>	<u>200,969</u>
Total Regulatory capital = Tier 1 + Tier 2	<u>1,965,640</u>	<u>1,849,145</u>
Risk-weighted assets		
On-balance sheet		
0% risk weight:		
Cash in Afghani and fully-convertible foreign currencies	326,292	267,384
Direct claims on DAB	2,986,787	2,000,634
Total	3,313,079	2,268,018
0% risk-weight total (above total x 0%)	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
20% risk weight:		
Balances with other banks	2,489,011	3,071,267
20% risk-weight total (above total x 20%)	<u>497,802</u>	<u>614,253</u>
100% risk weight:		
All other assets	7,064,895	5,222,722
Less: intangible assets	(118,021)	(382)
All other assets - net	6,946,874	5,222,340
100% risk-weight total (above total x 100%)	<u>6,946,874</u>	<u>5,222,340</u>

	2017	2016
	----- (Afn in '000) -----	
Off-balance sheet		
0% risk weight:		
Guarantees issued	-	22,333
Undrawn loan and overdraft facilities	<u>10,903</u>	
0% credit conversion factor total (risk-weighted total x 0%)	<u>-</u>	
0% risk-weight total (above total x 0%)	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
20% risk weight:		
Guarantees issued	<u>66,757</u>	-
20% credit conversion factor total (risk-weighted total x 20%)	<u>13,351</u>	-
20% risk-weight total (above total x 20%)	<u>2,670</u>	<u>-</u>
100% risk weight:		
Guarantees	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
100% credit conversion factor total (risk-weighted total x 100%)	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
100% risk-weight total (above total x 100%)	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total risk-weighted assets	<u>7,447,346</u>	<u>5,836,593</u>
Tier 1 Capital Ratio		
(Tier 1 capital as % of total risk-weighted assets)	<u>22.0%</u>	<u>28%</u>
Regulatory Capital Ratio		
(Regulatory capital as % of total risk-weighted assets)	<u>26.4%</u>	<u>31.7%</u>

33. CORRESPONDING FIGURES

Corresponding figures have been re-arranged and re-classified, where necessary, for more appropriate presentation.

34. DATE OF AUTHORISATION FOR ISSUE

These financial statements were authorized for issue on 29th March 2018 by the Board of Supervisors of the Bank.

35. GENERAL

Figures have been rounded off to the nearest thousand.



Chief Financial Officer



Chief Executive Officer



Chairman