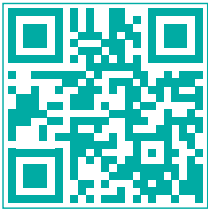


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The Graceful, Long-Beaked Common Dolphin.

Long-beaked common dolphins, found in their natural habitat in Oman at Bandar Al Khayran Reserve, are 6 to 8.5 feet long and weigh between 160 and 500 pounds. They have a rounded forehead, a moderately long rostrum, and 47 to 67 pairs of small sharp teeth. Males are about five percent larger than females. Long-beaked common dolphins mostly inhabit shallow, warm coastal water of Duqm Beach, Masirah Island, Dhofar Beaches and Isole Al Hillanayat. They typically prefer temperate water habitats about 180 kilometers away from the coasts on the continental shelf, at lower depths than *Delphinus delphis*.

Long-beaked common dolphins live in large social groups of 100 to 500 animals. They are capable of diving to at least 900 feet and holding their breath for up to 8 minutes to feed on prey. The species name *capensis* refers to the Cape of Good Hope.



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Green sea turtle gracefully navigating the sands of Ras Al Hadd

The Green sea turtle, scientifically known as *Chelonia mydas*, is a remarkable marine reptile found in the waters around Ras Al Hadd, located on the eastern coast of the Sultanate of Oman, within the Arabian Peninsula. These turtles are known for their distinctive greenish skin and are one of the largest species of sea turtles, reaching lengths of up to 1.5 meters and weighing over 300 kilograms. Ras Al Hadd serves as an important nesting site for Green sea turtles, drawing them to its sandy shores to lay their eggs during the nesting season. Conservation efforts in the area aim to protect these nesting grounds and ensure the survival of this species, which faces threats such as habitat loss, pollution, and poaching.

WILDLIFE OF OMAN

Embark on an enchanting odyssey through the kaleidoscopic tapestry of Oman's wildlife, a hidden jewel nestled within the Arabian Peninsula. While the Sultanate's awe-inspiring landscapes often bask in the limelight, it is the diversity of its fauna that ignites the imagination and fuels the journey of Al Omaniya Financial Services SAOG towards people, partnership, and progress.

Oman's unparalleled geography, spanning from majestic deserts to rugged mountains and pristine coastal plains, serves as a cradle for an astonishing array of wildlife. Iconic species such as dromedaries, Oryx antelopes, dolphins, sea turtles, Arabian leopards, Arabian horses, and humpback whales grace this land, painting a vivid portrait of the Sultanate's rich biodiversity.

Delve deeper, and Oman unveils its hidden treasures. Over 500 avian species gracefully dance across the skies, while more than 60 indigenous reptilian species thrive in the warm embrace of the country's climate. Along the coasts, marine life flourishes, from enchanting beetles and spiders to the delicate flutter of butterflies—every nook pulsates with vitality.

Amidst Oman's picturesque panoramas, emblematic of resilience and forward-thinking communities, Al Omaniya Financial Services SAOG stands as a cornerstone of financial empowerment. Over two and a half decades, this NBFC (Nonbanking Financial Company) has honed the art of progress and inclusivity. With an impeccable internal control system, a prudent approach, and a steadfast commitment to various sectors, it mirrors the robustness found in Oman's diverse habitats.

Embark on a sojourn through Oman's untamed wonders with Al Omaniya Financial Services (AOFS), where the brilliance of nature converges with financial acumen! As the Sultanate's premier non-banking financial services entity, AOFS rises majestically amidst the sublime landscape, echoing the unspoiled beauty and vibrant diversity of Oman's wildlife.

Al Omaniya Financial Services SAOG boasts an illustrious track record of over 100,000 satisfied patrons, a leading stance in non-performing loan coverage, and a sustainable dividend policy. The company's value-driven management and dedicated workforce forge a harmonious synergy for enduring growth, akin to the balanced ecosystems flourishing in Oman.

As Al Omaniya Financial Services SAOG charts its course, it draws inspiration from the Sultanate's wildlife—a testament to the allure, resilience, and boundless opportunities inherent in both nature and finance. With assets exceeding RO 221 million, AOFS transcends not only as a leader in Oman but also as a bastion of financial prowess in the region. Its robust suite of products and services reflects years of commitment to excellence, underscored by a formidable market presence and streamlined operations.

Amidst Oman's breathtaking wildlife spectacle, AOFS strides forward, guided by the principles of competence, resilience, and foresight. Like the enduring wildlife of Oman, AOFS adapts to evolving landscapes, employing pragmatic strategies and judicious resource management to fuel its odyssey of growth.

Just as Oman's wildlife captivates with its splendor, AOFS enthalls stakeholders and associates with its unwavering dedication to progress. Through sustainable and diverse services, AOFS disseminates prosperity and happiness, embodying Oman's timeless heritage and values.

In every triumph lies the essence of Oman's majestic wildlife, a testament to AOFS's unwavering commitment to its clientele and the enduring legacy of the Sultanate. Join us on this extraordinary voyage, where financial prowess converges with the untamed marvels of nature, exclusively with Al Omaniya Financial Services.



Young Arabian Oryx Locking Horns.

The Arabian Oryx or white Oryx (*Oryx leucoryx*) is a medium-sized antelope with a distinct shoulder bump, long, straight horns, and a tufted tail. It is a bovid, and the smallest member of the genus *Oryx*, native to desert and found in Oman's central desert the Arabian Oryx Sanctuary, also known as Al Wusta Wildlife Reserve, and steppe areas of the Arabian Peninsula. The Arabian Oryx was extinct in the wild by the early 1970s, but was saved in zoos and private reserves, and was reintroduced into the wild starting in 1980.

In 1986, the Arabian Oryx was classified as endangered on the IUCN Red List, and in 2011, it was the first animal to revert to vulnerable status after previously being listed as extinct in the wild. In 2016, populations were estimated at 1,220 individuals in the wild, including 850 mature individuals, and 6,000–7,000 in captivity worldwide.



PHILOSOPHY

Our guiding philosophy is a system of fundamental beliefs and principles of our business. Our statement of the corporate philosophy attempts to capture the essence.

We believe

We believe the purpose of our business is to create superior value for all our Stakeholders with Increased profitability that reflects the positive aspects of effective corporate governance and evolve a culture that brings out the best in our employees, through empowerment and self-realization.

What we want to be

Al Omaniya Financial services' mission is to be the best financial services company through ethics and excellence today and tomorrow.

What we want to do

It is the sum of our decision about what we will do to achieve our mission in the environment we operate. Our strategy is to position the company as a specialized financial services company, which will serve select markets and optimize the productivity of our capital base.

The principal components of our strategy are...

Specialized financial services company

The provision of financial services to consumers and corporate customers is the principal set of skills, which combine our activities. The core competency of our people is to put to test into areas where our skills are compatible with the requirements for success.

Which will serve select markets

The ability to identify potential markets where a sustainable advantage can be created is another concept in our strategy. When selecting markets, we choose the ones where we believe we have or can establish sustainable competitive advantages based upon a dedication to customer service, responsive decision-making and product innovation.

Optimize the productivity of our capital base

Balancing growth between business as that requires us to carry assets and business that produce additional revenues and profits without adding to asset size. This produces a large stream of revenue and profits from a given capital base than a strategy focused principally on asset growth.

The environment in which we operate changes constantly. Customer needs and expectations evolve in new directions. We review our strategies and remain flexible to prosper and grow in the years to come.



Meet the Nubian Ibex in Oman, a Symbol of Strength.

Delve into the intriguing world of the Nubian ibex (*Capra nubiana*), a captivating desert-dwelling goat species from the genus *Capra*. These majestic creatures roam the rugged mountainous terrain of northern and northeast Africa, as well as the Middle East, carving out their existence in harsh desert landscapes. Oman hosts significant ibex populations, with the largest stronghold found in the Dhofar Mountains, boasting 600–1,100 individuals and 100–250 ibex inhabit areas near the Al Wusta Wildlife Reserve, including the Huqf Escarpment and Janabi Hills. Once regarded as a mere subspecies, they now stand proudly as a distinct species, challenging previous classifications.

With an estimated population of only 4,500 mature individuals, the Nubian ibex faces the daunting classification of ‘vulnerable,’ highlighting the fragility of its existence. Standing at a mere 65–75 cm tall at the shoulder, the Nubian ibex holds the title of the smallest ibex species. Yet, within their diminutive stature lies a remarkable dichotomy of sexual dimorphism: males, towering over their female counterparts, boast impressive averages of 52–74.7 kg, while females maintain a more modest range of 25.3–32.7 kg.



Khalid Said Al Wahaibi
Chairman

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

The Company is resilient and cautiously optimistic of posting satisfactory performance in 2022. The company is well aware of the current economic scenario and has initiated proactive mitigating measures. The company is fundamentally strong with solid net worth, clean loan book, lowest non-performing loans and high non performing asset coverage. As such the Company has the ability to operate competitively and post satisfactory performance in the coming years.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, it is my pleasure to present our 26th Annual Report, for the year ended 31st December 2023.

Economy:

Global growth is projected by IMF at 3.1 percent in 2024 and 3.2 percent in 2025 on account of greater-than-expected resilience in the United States and several large emerging market and developing economies, as well as fiscal support in China. Oman's economy is projected to achieve a growth of 3% during 2024 with moderate level of annual inflation while the World Bank recently forecasted a growth rate of 2.7% for 2024 for Oman.

Oman's economy continues to perform well supported by high oil prices and fiscal consolidation under the Medium-Term Fiscal Plan and Vision 2040. The Oman's 2024 budget is based on an assumed oil price of \$60 per barrel. Favorable oil prices and gas production coupled with continued fiscal reforms are expected to maintain fiscal and external balances in comfortable positions over the medium term.

With the oil prices predicted to remain stable for the near future, the continuous recent upgrades in the credit rating for the economy, the reduced debt percentage, the last two years budget surpluses, moderate spending, fiscal prudence and the resilience of the banking system augur well for the economy to achieve financial stability. This will pay way for realizing the government's objectives of enhancing the business environment and creating an attractive and stimulating investment climate in the country and continue to help implementing the 10-year planned national programs successfully.

Financial Highlights

In the year 2023, the company achieved a net operating income of RO 11.06 million as compared to RO 10.36 million in the previous year, showing an increase of 6.76%. The company achieved a Net Profit after tax of RO 3.201 million compared to RO 2.750 million for the same period last year, showing an increase of 16.42%. The company's net installment finance receivables stood at RO 127 million as of 31 December 2023 as against RO 119 million last year.

The company has made a charge of RO 2.130 million towards estimated credit loss for the year 2023. The non-performing assets coverage including the specific reserve for non-performing assets are in excess of 450%. The company has followed a conservative and pragmatic policy in writing new businesses with focus on maintaining the asset quality besides scouting for quality assets, keeping the non-performing loans under control. The Total ECL and reserve interest on Instalment Finance receivables stands at RO 13.35 million as on 31st December 2023.

Proposed Dividend

It is the intention of your company to continue the sustainable dividend policy that the company has been following since inception. Your directors have proposed a dividend of 13.25% for the year 2023, after considering the CBO guidelines, comprising 8.25% cash and 5% of the paid-up capital as unsecured non-convertible redeemable bonus stock bonds. This will be paid from the company's retained earnings (subject to the approval at the AGM), thus maintaining its track record of paying consistent dividends without interruption since inception. This will be submitted for the formal approval of the shareholders at the Annual General Meeting of the Company to be held in March 2024. This takes the cumulative dividend paid to shareholders to 491.83% since inception.

Capital Enhancement

The company's equity capital stands at RO 30,767,440/- which is well above the regulatory requirement. The company is well capitalised and the capital adequacy stands at a healthy 32.14%. The company has issued compulsorily convertible bonus stock bonds in the earlier years which are listed. One of the existing convertible bonus stock bonds (listed in 2018) got converted to

Equity Shares in April 2023. Another lot of the existing convertible bonus stock bonds (listed in 2019) will be converted to Equity Shares in 2024 ensuing further Capital enhancement.

Concerns

The world's central banks have had the steepest series of interest-rate increases in decades during their two-year drive to tame inflation. Higher rates have driven up the cost of funds, while NBFCs have limited ability to reprice their assets to offset the impact thus affecting the bottom line in the medium term. This has also reduced the ability of individuals and corporate borrowers to service their debts, where the rates have been reset, thus increasing the credit risk. The deferment of installments from the COVID affected borrowers continues to impact the cash flows of the company. Expected delinquencies due to reduced cash flow at the borrower's level may reduce the net margins and result in dilution of the NPA coverage. Given the country's dependence on imports for meeting a large part of day-to-day requirements, the global inflation condition continues to impact prices in Oman. Volatility and unpredictability of oil prices could pose significant fiscal challenges. The challenging geopolitical situations are an added cause of concern.

Corporate Social Responsibility

The Company continues to contribute to social causes as part of its Corporate Social Responsibilities in line with the corporate objectives during the current year.

Prognosis

We continue to foresee a challenging year ahead tempered with optimism. The company is resilient, proactive and fundamentally strong with solid net worth, clean loan book, lowest Non-Performing Loans, high NPA coverage and a robust liquidity buffer in the form of liquid deposits with commercial banks which is being leveraged for effective treasury management.

We assure the shareholders that, as outlined in the Report on Corporate Governance and the Management Discussion and Analysis Report by the Chief Executive Officer, the company has adequate internal control systems and processes and has good governance systems in all the areas of management. The company has the ability and acumen to continue as a going concern and the company is cautiously optimistic of posting satisfactory performance in the coming years. The Board also understands its responsibility for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with IFRS and the relevant requirements of the Commercial Companies Law 1974 and the Capital Market Authority of the Sultanate of Oman.

Acknowledgement

On behalf of the company and the Board of Directors, I would like to express my deep gratitude and appreciation to His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tarik for continuing to lead the Sultanate on the path of development and prosperity.

We are also grateful to the Central Bank of Oman, Capital Market Authority and other regulatory authorities for their guidance and support. We also thank our shareholders, bankers, dealers and customers for their continued trust, confidence and support. Last, but not least, we acknowledge the dedication and commitment of the management and staff of the company.



Khalid Said Al Wahaibi
Chairman



Dromedaries in Desert Harmony

The dromedary also known as the dromedary camel, Arabian camel, or one-humped camel, is a large even-toed ungulate, of the genus *Camelus*, with one hump on its back. Mainly found in the coastal regions of Oman, including Wahiba and Batinah, as well as in the east of Oman (Al-Sharqiya), it is the tallest of the three species of camel; adult males stand 1.8–2.4 m (5 ft. 11 in – 7 ft. 10 in) at the shoulder, while females are 1.7–1.9 m (5 ft. 7 in – 6 ft. 3 in) tall. Males typically weigh between 400 and 690 kg, and females weigh between 300 and 540 kg.

The species' distinctive features include its long, curved neck, narrow chest, a single hump (compared with two on the Bactrian camel and wild Bactrian camel), and long hairs on the throat, shoulders and hump. The hump, 20 cm (7.874 in) tall or more, is made of fat bound together by fibrous tissue. Dromedaries are mainly active during daylight hours. They form herds of about 20 individuals, which are led by a dominant male. They feed on foliage and desert vegetation; several adaptations, such as the ability to tolerate losing more than 30% of its total water content, allow it to thrive in its desert habitat.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Khalid Said Salim Al Wahaibi
Chairman of Board



Sheikh Khalid Mustahil Ahmed Al Mashani
Deputy Chairman, Chairman of Executive Nomination & Remuneration Committee



Zaki Hassan Ihsan Al Naseeb
Director & Chairman of Audit Committee



K.K. Abdul Razak
Director



Ibrahim Said Salim Al Wahaibi
Director



Sheikh Tariq Salim Mustahil Al Mashani
Director



Shikar Bipin Dharamsey Nensey
Director



Imad Salim Nasser Al Salmi
Director



Ketan Dinkarra Vasa
Director

AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES REPORT ON COMPLIANCE OF CODE OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE BY AL OMANIYA FINANCIAL SERVICES SAOG

To the Shareholders of Al Omaniya Financial Services SAOG

Purpose of this Agreed-Upon Procedures Report

Our report is solely for the purpose of assisting Al Omaniya Financial Services SAOG ('the Company') in determining whether 'Report on Corporate Governance' prepared by the Board of Directors for the year ended 31 December 2023 is compliant with the Code of Corporate Governance for Public Listed Companies (the Code) issued by the Capital Market Authority (CMA) vide Circular No. E/4/2015 dated 22 July 2015 as amended vide Circular No. E/10/2016 dated 01 December 2016 (the "subject matter") and may not be suitable for another purpose.

Responsibilities of the Company

The Company has acknowledged that the agreed-upon procedures are appropriate for the purpose of the engagement.

The Company is responsible for the subject matter on which the agreed-upon procedures are performed.

Practitioner's Responsibilities

We have conducted the agreed-upon procedures engagement in accordance with the International Standard on Related Services (ISRS) 4400 (Revised), *Agreed-Upon Procedures Engagements*. An agreed-upon procedures engagement involves our performing the procedures that have been agreed with the Company, and reporting the findings, which are the factual results of the agreed-upon procedures performed. We make no representation regarding the appropriateness of the agreed-upon procedures.

This agreed-upon procedures engagement is not an assurance engagement. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion or an assurance conclusion.

Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported.

Professional Ethics and Quality Management

We have complied with the ethical requirements of the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' *International Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including International Independence Standards)* (IESBA Code) and the independence requirements in Part 4A of the IESBA Code.

Our firm applies International Standard on Quality Management 1, which requires the firm to design, implement and operate a system of quality management including policies or procedures regarding compliance with ethical requirements, professional standards and applicable legal and regulatory requirements.

Procedures and Findings

We have performed the procedures described below on the subject matter, which were agreed upon with the Company in the terms of the Letter of Engagement dated 15 June 2023:

	Procedures	Findings
1	Obtain the report on corporate governance (the report) issued by the Board of Directors and ascertain that it includes, as a minimum, all items and requirements suggested by CMA to be covered by the report, as detailed in Annexure 3 of the Code, by comparing the report with such suggested content in that Annexure.	<p>We obtained the report and compared it with the suggested content in Annexure 3 of the Code. We ascertained that the report includes, as a minimum, all items and requirements suggested by CMA to be covered by the report</p> <p>No exceptions were noted in respect of the procedure performed.</p>
2	Obtain the details regarding areas of non-compliance with the Code identified by the Company's Board of Directors for the year ended 31 December 2023.	<p>We observed that the Company's Board of Directors has not identified any areas of non-compliance with the Code.</p> <p>Additionally, we obtained written representations from the directors that there were no other areas of non-compliance with the Code for the year ended 31 December 2023, of which they were aware.</p>

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KARL JACKSON
Engagement Partner

Muscat, Sultanate of Oman
12 March 2024



REPORT ON CORPORATE GOVERNANCE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

COMPANY PHILOSOPHY ON CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

The Company has adopted the Corporate Governance framework introduced vide CBO circular No. BM/932 dated 4 February 2002, CMA regulations vide CMA circular No. E/4/2015 issued in July 2015 and updated in December 2016 and Decision no 27/2021 effective from 01st March 2021. Good corporate governance is about commitment to ethical business standards, culture and ensuring that adequate standards exist to promote such behaviour through out the organisation by a pro-active governance culture that has consistently adopted industry leading standards.

Al Omaniya Financial Services SAOG Board upholds the highest ethical, moral, and legal standards and emphasis quality, transparency, integrity, and honesty in all its dealing with strategic and business partners which are critical to our ongoing success and enhancement of all stakeholders' value on a long term.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Al Omaniya Financial Services SAOG Board has an active, well-informed, and independent Board consisting of nine non-executive and are all independent directors. The members were elected to the Board at the Annual General Meeting held on 21 March 2021, for a term of 3 years ending March 2024. The Board members are qualified and experienced professionals and businessmen, who provide effective guidance, motivation, and broad-based framework, which enable the organisation to perform at high standards.

The main responsibilities of the Board are to oversee the corporate strategies, review performance, ensure regulatory compliance and safeguard the interest of the shareholders.

BRIEF PROFILE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mr. Khalid Said Al Wahaibi, Chairman has a Degree in Business Administration, International Business and majored in Arts & Political Science from Pacific Lutheran University, Tacoma, Washington, USA. He has experience of more than 28 years in several senior management positions in a large conglomerate business group. He is also on the board of National Gas Company SAOG and Bank Dhofar SAOG.

Sheikh Khalid Mustahil Ahmed Al-Mashani, Deputy Chairman is a Graduate in Economics and master's in international Boundaries. He is the director in Dhofar Foods & Investment SAOG and also on the board of joint stock companies including the Chairman of Bank Muscat SAOG and Dhofar International Development & Investment Co. SAOG.

Mr. K.K. Abdul Razak, Director, has a master's degree in economics and has experience of more than seven decades in senior management position. He is Group Chief Financial Officer of Muscat (Overseas) Group.

Mr. Ibrahim Said Salim Al Wahaibi, Director has a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of San Diego, California, USA. He has experience of more than 26 years in various senior positions in a large business conglomerate.

Mr. Zaki Hassan Al Naseeb, Director is a graduate of business administration from the United Kingdom. He has 30 years of experience in finance and Project Management. He also holds directorship in Joint Stock companies including Computer Stationary Industry SAOG, Oman Education & Training Investment SAOG and Global Financial Investments Holding SAOG. He is also a Board member of Gulf Plastic Industries Co. SAOC.

Mr. Shikar Bipin Dharamsey Nensey, Director holds Bachelor of Science in Finance & Economics, Babson College (School of Business) and MBA from Indian Institute of Management, Calcutta, India. He is the Chairman of Audit Committee in Fincorp Al Amal Fund.

Mr. Ketan Dinkarra Vasa, Director is a Chartered Accountant as well as CFA Charter Holder. He has more than 25 years of experience in the field of Investments and Finance. Currently, he is working as Senior Analyst at Civil Service Employees Pension Fund, in its Monitoring and Reporting Section.

Sheikh Tariq Salim Mustahil Al Mashani, Director holds a Master of Science in Business with Finance from the University of Essex, UK. He is a businessman having family business. He is a member of Al Tamman Trading Establishment. He is also the Chairman of Muscat International Bitumen LLC and Dhofar University. He is a director of Bank Dhofar SAOG.

Imad Salim Nasser Al Salmi, Director is an Investment Associate at Ministry of Defence Pension Fund, he is responsible for managing a multi-asset class portfolio in the Private Equity and Fixed Income in Oman, GCC and Globally. He holds a bachelor's degree in economics from Sultan Qaboos University, and he is also a Chartered Alternative Investment Analyst "CAIA". He is also a board member of two other unlisted hospitality companies.

BRIEF PROFILE OF TOP MANAGEMENT WITH EXECUTIVE POWERS

Mr. Aftab Patel, Chief Executive Officer, is a Commerce Graduate and a Chartered Accountant with decades of experience in several areas of banking, financial services, investments and general management. He was associated with reputable organization like A. F. Ferguson & Co. and 'Associated Cement Co.' in India. In Oman he was involved with a major corporate group. He also holds directorship in a joint stock company.

Mr. Salim Al Awadi, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, is a management accountant, holds a degree in Business Administration and Post Graduate Diploma in Accountancy and MBA from University of Lincoln, with a rich experience of over 34 years in banking, oil and gas. He is also on the board of various companies.

Mrs. Latha Ramakrishnan, General Manager – Risk Management is an Economic Graduate and a Cost Accountant and has been working with the Company for the last 27 years. She has worked in various capacities including Chief Accountant, Finance Manager and coordinated in the Company's new IT system.

Mr. Braik Musallam Mohammed Al Amri, General Manager – Products & Services is a post graduate diploma holder from University of Kent, UK and MBA from the University of Northampton, UK and has been with the Company since November 2007. He has 27 years of experience in senior positions. He is also on the board of various companies.

Details of the Board members, whom they are representing and details of their directorship in other SAOG companies excluding Al Omaniya Financial Services are set out in Table I

TABLE I	Attendance at the last AGM	No. of meetings attended			Number of directorship in other public companies
		Board	Executive, Nomination & Remuneration Committee	Audit Committee	
Mr. Khalid Said Al Wahaibi, Chairman, Independent Member	Yes	5	-	5	2
Sheikh Khalid Mustahil Al Mashani, Deputy Chairman, Independent Member	Yes	5	4	-	3
Mr. Ibrahim Said Al Wahaibi, Director Independent Member	Yes	3	2	-	-
Mr. Zaki Hassan Al Naseeb Independent Member	Yes	5	-	5	3
Mr. K. K. Abdul Razak, Director Independent Member	Yes	5	-	5	-
Sheikh Tariq Salim Mustahil Al Mashani, Independent Member	Yes	5	4	-	1
Mr. Imad Salim Nasser Al Salmi, Independent Member	Yes	5	-	5	-
Mr. Shikar Bipin Dharamsey Nensey Independent Member	Yes	5	4	-	-
Mr. Ketan Dinkarrai Vasa Independent Member.	Yes	5	4	-	-

BOARD MEETINGS

The meetings are generally scheduled in advance and the notice of each Board meeting is given in writing to each director. The Board meets at least 4 times in a year with a maximum gap of 4 months between the meetings. The Board Secretary in consultation with the Chairman prepares the detailed agenda for the meeting. The Board papers and other explanatory notes are circulated well in advance. The Board has complete access to all information of the Company.

During the year under review, the Board met five times. The meetings were held on 29th January, 18th April, 23rd July, 25th October, 26th November 2023.

The attendance of each director at the last AGM and Board meetings is set out in Table - I.

BOARD COMMITTEES

EXECUTIVE, NOMINATION & REMUNERATION COMMITTEE

The Executive, Nomination and Remuneration Committee consists of five Directors, who are appointed by the Board. It is chaired by an independent director, who is nominated by the Board.

The purpose of the committee is to review the overall operations of the Company and initiate actions, as required, to ensure smooth operation of the business functions, to assist the board in decision making in the matters concerning the operations of the Company which are beyond the authority of the Management. The committee also assist the general meeting in the nomination of proficient directors, assist the Board in selecting the appropriate and necessary executives for the executive management and also fixing the appropriate remuneration and incentives to retain and attract the competent human resources for the Company.

The committee shall meet at least twice in a year. The meetings may be called on the request of the Management or by the Executive, Nomination and Remuneration Committee.

The minimum quorum is 3 members and the committee functions within defined terms of reference and the minutes of the committee meetings are circulated and discussed with the Board.

The Committee Chairman was Sheikh Khalid Mustahil Ahmed Al Mashani and other members are Mr. Ibrahim Al Wahaibi, Sheikh Tariq Salim Al Mashani, Mr. Shikhar Bipin Dharamsey Nensey and Mr. Ketan Dinkarra Vasa.

The Committee met four times during the year 2023 on 18th April, 23rd July, 25th October, 21st November 2023.

The number of meetings attended by the members is set out in Table - 1.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Audit Committee consists of four non-executive directors and the members are independent directors, who are appointed by the Board.

The Audit Committee is constituted in accordance with the provisions of the Corporate Governance requirement. The purpose of the committee is to review of the effectiveness of the process of assessing significant risks / exposures and the steps taken by the Management to monitor and control such risks of the company, review of the annual and quarterly financial statements and related reports prior to submission to the Board for approval, Consideration and recommendations for appointment of Internal and External Auditors and review of audit plan and reports, review of risk management policies, review of all related party transactions and providing appropriate recommendations to the Board, serving as a communication channel between the Board, External Auditors and Internal Auditor, review of accounting principles with focus on any changes in accounting policies and principles that have taken place and its impact on the financial position of the Company, reviewing compliance with the Code of Corporate Governance issued by the CMA and meeting with the Internal and External Auditors, Compliance Officer independently of the management of the Company.

The Committee Chairman was Mr. Zaki Hassan Al Naseeb and other members are Mr. Khalid Said Al Wahaibi, Mr. K. K. Abdul Razak and Mr. Imad Salim Nasser Al Salmi.

All the members of the Audit Committee are qualified and experienced in the fields of finance and accounts. The quorum for the Audit Committee is two members. The Committee meets at least 4 times a year. The working plan of the committee is approved by the Board. The terms of reference of the Audit Committee are as per Annexure 3 of the code of Corporate Governance.

The Audit Committee met five times during the year 2023 on 29th January, 18th April, 23rd July and 25th October and 28th November 2023 and the number of meetings attended by the members are set out in Table -1.

INTERNAL CONTROL

The Audit Committee, on behalf of the Board, has regularly reviewed the internal control environment of the Company. The scope of internal audit is to obtain sufficient knowledge of specific business, risks and control status within the Company, obtain sufficient data to support the risk assessment of the Company, review of the economy, efficiency and effectiveness of operations and of the internal controls and to identify and test the key internal controls. External Quality Assessment of the Internal Audit activity done in 2023 by Moore Stephens completed their and have graded the IA activity as 'Generally Conforms' and per the IPPF standards.

The Company has an independent internal audit function reporting to the Audit Committee. Mr. Jayanta Kumar Mitra, Head of Internal Audit, is a qualified chartered accountant with over 22 years of experience.

The Audit Committee has met the internal auditors during the year to review the internal audit reports, recommendations, and management comments thereupon. They have also met the external auditors to review audit findings and management letters. The Audit Committee has also met the compliance officer, internal and external auditors in absence of management as required under the code of Corporate Governance. The Audit Committee has further briefed the Board on a quarterly basis at the board meeting about the effectiveness of internal controls in the Company. The Audit Committee and the Board are pleased to inform the shareholders that an adequate and effective internal control system is in place and that there are no significant concerns.

PROCESS OF NOMINATION OF DIRECTORS

The Company complies with all the circulars and instructions issued by the CMA regarding the nomination and election of the members of the Board and its committees. The Board along with the Nomination and Remuneration committee reviews the required skills of directors to ensure they meet the "fit and proper" criteria prescribed by the CMA and the CBO. The Directors approved by the general meeting must meet the CBO's requirements before they are confirmed as members of the Board. The Shareholders retain the power to elect any candidate to the Board irrespective of whether the candidate is recommended by the Board or not.

REMUNERATION MATTERS

During the year 2023, the Directors were paid sitting fees for the Board meetings, Executive, Nomination and Remuneration Committee meetings and Audit Committee meetings, fees paid to each director is as follows:

Director	Sitting Fees in RO
Mr. Khalid Said Salim Al Wahaibi	10,000
Sheikh Khalid Mustahil Ahmed Al Mashani	9,200
Mr. Ibrahim Said Salim Al Wahaibi	5,200
Mr. K.K. Abdul Razak	10,000
Sheikh Tariq Salim Mustahil Al Mashani	9,200
Mr. Zaki Hassan Ihsaan Naseeb	10,000
Mr. Shikar Bipin Dharamsey Nensey	9,200
Mr. Ketan Dinkarrai Vasa	9,200
Mr. Imad Salim Nasser Al Salmi	10,000
Total	82,000

The gross remuneration paid to the top 5 officers of the Company including variable components, traveling expenses outside Sultanate of Oman and cost of local transport during the year 2023 was RO 1,765,786/-.

The Company has a Board approved performance appraisal mechanism which is done annually. The year-end performance benefits are distributed based on the performance appraisal of the staff members.

The severance notice period for these officer's ranges from one to three months with end of service benefits payable as per Omani Labour Law.

DETAILS OF NON-COMPLIANCE BY THE COMPANY

The company has complied with all regulatory requirements and there were no penalties imposed on the company by regulatory authority during the year.

MEANS OF COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE SHAREHOLDERS

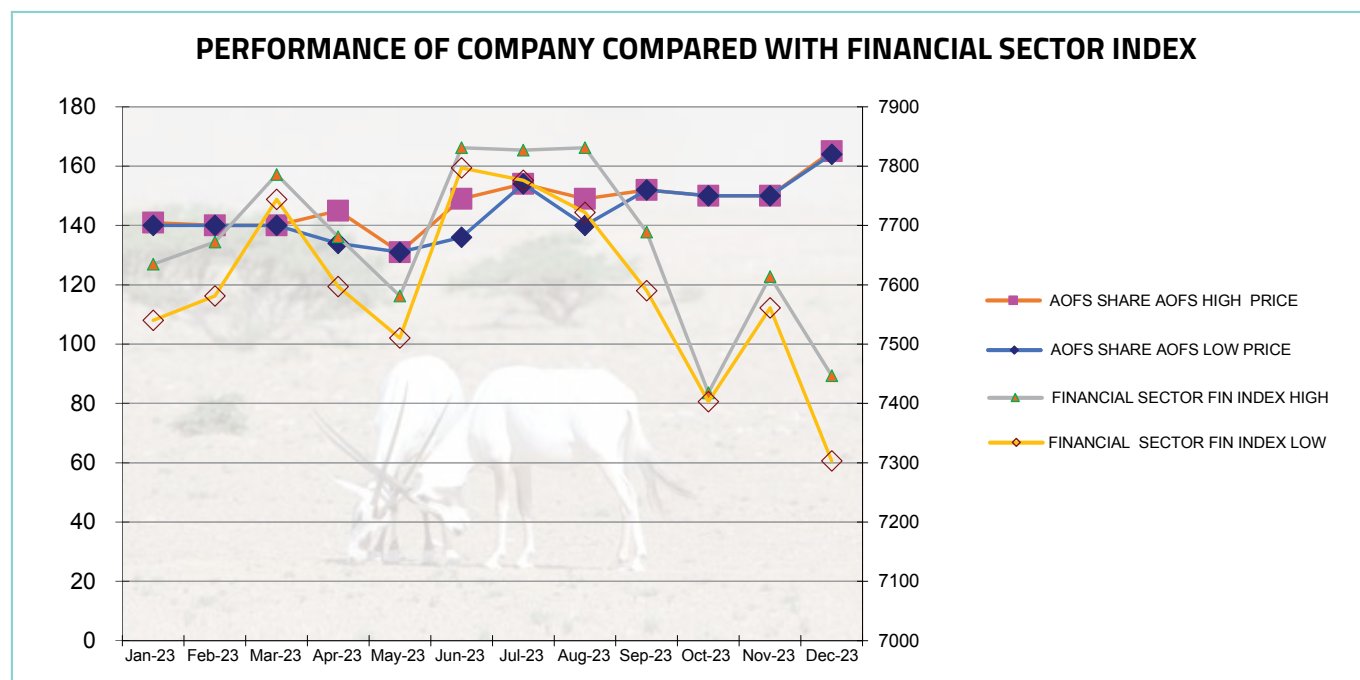
Al Omaniya Financial Services SAOG has 385 shareholders; most of the major shareholders are institutional investors. The main channel of communication is through the annual report, which is mailed to them well before the AGM. The quarterly and annual results of the Company are published in both the Arabic and English newspapers. Quarterly results are mailed to the shareholders based on their request.

The AGM is the principal forum for face-to-face communication with the shareholders and the Company. The Board acknowledges its responsibilities towards the shareholders and encourages open dialogue with them, whenever approached. The Company has its website www.aofsoman.com. As part of the regulatory requirement the Company also publishes the quarterly results and the news items in the MSX website

Management Discussion and Analysis is given as part of the annual report, it provides shareholders with insights into financial performance, operational details, strategic direction, risks, and compliance in a concise and transparent manner.

MARKET DATA

- a) The monthly high/low price of Company's share during the year 2023 and performance in comparison to MSX financial sector index is given in the graph below:



b) The distribution of Shareholding as of 31 December 2023 is as under:

S. No.	SHAREHOLDER NAME	NO. OF SHARES	%
1	MUSCAT OVERSEAS	55,720,678	18.11
2	CIVIL SERVICE EMPLOYEES PENSION FUND	42,703,352	13.88
3	HINA BIPIN DHARAMSEY	30,484,510	9.91
4	SH. SALIM MUSTAHIL AL MASHANI	27,763,142	9.02
5	ASSARAIN ENTERPRISE LLC	22,882,526	7.44
6	PUBLIC AUTHORITY FOR SOCIAL INSURANCE	21,678,888	7.05
7	MINISTRY OF DEFENSE PENSION FUND	16,391,773	5.33
8	HASSAN IHSAN NASEEB	12,958,007	4.21
9	BANK MUSCAT	12,328,176	4.01
10-376	OTHER SHAREHOLDERS	64,763,352	21.04
TOTAL SHARES		307,674,404	100.00

OUTSTANDING COMPULSORILY CONVERTIBLE BONDS:

The Outstanding Compulsorily Convertible Bonds, which would impact the equity on its conversion and the terms of conversion of such bonds are explained in detail in the Notes to the audited financial statements.

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE OF THE STATUTORY AUDITOR

Crowe Oman is one of the leading accounting and advisory firms in Oman. Crowe Oman is a member firm of Crowe Global, which has a history of 100+ years. Crowe Global is one of the top 10 accounting networks worldwide, operating with more than 200 member firms in 150 countries, with 800 offices and employing more than 40,000 partners and staff. Crowe practitioners help multinational organizations reduce uncertainty in measuring and reporting the implications of transactions in and across diverse jurisdictions. Crowe provides audit & assurance, tax advisory, risk advisory, business advisory, management consultancy and forensic services to numerous SAOG, SAOC and other prestigious privately owned companies/groups in the Sultanate of Oman. Their clients can rely on extensive knowledge in specialized areas and personal delivery from the professionals they work with. Please see www.crowe.com/om to learn more. Crowe Oman is accredited by the Capital Market Authority (CMA) to audit joint stock companies (SAOG's). As per 12th Principle (para 2) of the Code of Corporate Governance and is eligible for reappointment as per MSX & CMA Regulation.



During the year 2023, Crowe Mak Ghazali LLC billed an amount of RO 15,750 towards audit and fee for verification of XBRL reports rendered to the Company.

The Company has prepared the financial statements in accordance with the applicable standards and rules and it has also complied with the provisions of the Corporate Governance and has reported it as per reporting requirements of Capital Market Authority. The Board hereby acknowledges that there are no material things that affect the continuation of the Company and its ability to continue its operations during the next financial year.

KHALID SAID AL WAHAIBI
Chairman

AFTAB PATEL
Chief Executive Officer



The Graceful, Long-Beaked Common Dolphin.

Long-beaked common dolphins, found in their natural habitat in Oman at Bandar Al Khayran Reserve, are 6 to 8.5 feet long and weigh between 160 and 500 pounds. They have a rounded forehead, a moderately long rostrum, and 47 to 67 pairs of small sharp teeth. Males are about five percent larger than females. Long-beaked common dolphins mostly inhabit shallow, warm coastal water of Duqm Beach, Masirah Island, Dhofar Beaches and Isole Al Hillanayat. They typically prefer temperate water habitats about 180 kilometers away from the coasts on the continental shelf, at lower depths than *Delphinus delphis*.

Long-beaked common dolphins live in large social groups of 100 to 500 animals. They are capable of diving to at least 900 feet and holding their breath for up to 8 minutes to feed on prey. The species name *capensis* refers to the Cape of Good Hope.

MANAGEMENT TEAM

AFTAB PATEL

Chief Executive Officer

Salim Abdullah Al Awadi

Deputy Chief Executive Officer

Braik Musallam Al Amri

GM - Products & Services

Latha Ramakrishnan

GM - Risk Management

S. Chandrasekar

Chief Manager - Finance

Mohammad Ibrahim Abdulla

Chief Manager - IT

M.V.V. Ram Kumar

Chief Manager - Retail Credit

Viju Varghese

Chief Manager - Corporate Credit

Samia Al Hassani

Manager - HR

Prema Shivakumar

Chief Manager - Lifestyle Loans



Aftab Patel
CEO, Al Omaniya Financial Services



Humpback Whales grace Dhofar waters in Oman

In Dhofar, Oman's azure waters, Humpback Whales captivate with their majestic presence. With playful spouts and graceful tail waves, they embody precision and adaptability, reflecting the essence of success. These magnificent creatures navigate the ocean's dynamic currents with unmatched grace and finesse, showcasing not only their beauty but also their agility in seizing opportunities and overcoming challenges. Their presence in the region serves as a testament to their ability to thrive amidst shifting environments, inspiring awe and admiration for their resilience and mastery of the sea's ever-changing landscape.

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS REPORT

Overview

Al Omaniya Financial Services (AOFS) has completed 26 years of successful operations as a Non-Banking Financial Institution, offering a comprehensive range of financial products. Over its tenure of more than two and half decades, the company has established a strong market presence with robust systems and processes and has crossed many significant milestones.

The following discussion and analysis provide information that the management believes, is useful in understanding AOFS's operating results and financial position. The discussion is based on AOFS's continuing operations and should be read in conjunction with our consolidated financial statements and related notes appearing elsewhere in this report.

Certain statements in the MD&AR describing the company's views, objectives, projections, estimates, expectations, etc. may be extrapolative within the ambit of applicable laws and regulations. Actual results could differ materially from those expressed or implied. Important factors like changes in government regulations, tax laws, interest rates in the domestic and international markets, demand and supply of capital goods, etc. may influence the company's operating results.

World Economic Outlook

As we usher into the year 2024, the world economy continues to recover slowly from the setbacks of the pandemic, Russia's invasion of Ukraine, and the inflation. The resilience has been remarkable, despite the disruption in energy and supply chain caused by the pandemic and the unprecedented tightening of global monetary conditions to combat the decades-high inflation. The IMF has recently forecasted global growth rate of 3.1% for 2024 and 3.2% for 2025 supported by stronger private and public spending as well as increased labour force participation. The IMF has downgraded its forecast for Eurozone growth to 0.9% for 2024 and 1.7% for 2025. Global inflation is forecasted to decline steadily, from 6.9 percent in 2023 to 5.8 percent in 2024 due to tighter monetary policy.

Fiscal buffers have eroded in many countries, with elevated debt levels and rising funding costs. Tighter credit conditions are weighing on housing markets, investment and other activities with increased bankruptcies in the US and the euro zones. China is facing growing headwinds from its real estate crisis but significant fiscal support from the authorities is expected to stem the slowdown. With continued and renewed geopolitical tensions and disruptions linked to climate change, commodity prices are expected to display extreme volatility.

The World Bank, in a recent report noted that oil production cuts, amidst a global economic slowdown that has been suppressing oil prices, will have adverse effects on the economic activities of oil-exporting nations in the Middle East. They also pointed out that despite production cuts, average oil prices for 2023 have not returned to the levels seen in 2022 adding that the increase in oil production in other countries, including the United States, may exert further downward pressure on global oil prices.

Domestic Economy

Oman's economy grew at a slower rate till the end of 2023. This slow pace of growth was primarily attributed to a reduction in oil production under the OPEC+ agreement and subdued oil prices. Oman's sovereign credit rating has been upgraded by Moody to Ba1 with stable outlook auguring well for the economy. The Government debt as a percentage of GDP declined from 68 % in 2020 to 38 % in 2023. World Bank has revised its forecast for Oman's economic growth to 2.7% in 2024 even though the global economic sphere faces significant challenges.

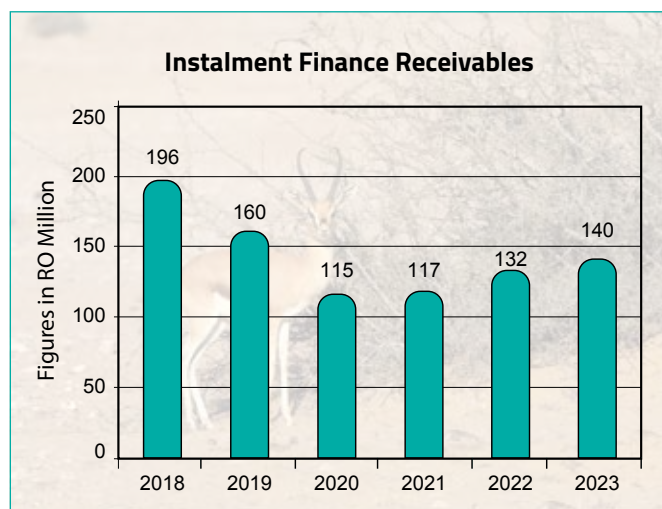
Favorable oil prices vis-a-vis the budget and an increase in condensate and gas production mitigating the decline in oil production and the continued fiscal reforms under the Medium-Term Fiscal Plan (MTFP) and Vision 2040 are expected to maintain fiscal and external balances in comfortable positions in Oman. The banking sector remains resilient to credit and liquidity shocks with ample capital coupled with the continued efforts of the Central Bank of Oman in strengthening regulatory and supervisory frameworks. The government continues to draw plans to boost the economy including setting up Oman Future Fund and allocating a percentage of its capital to bolster investments in SME sector. Oman is also prioritizing investments in renewable energy and green hydrogen projects with an aim to derive 30% of its electricity from renewable sources by 2030.

Data from the National Center for Statistics and Information revealed that revenues from hotel, tourism, fisheries recorded significant increase in 2023 and the construction sector has started rebounding.

The tightening of liquidity in the market leading to an unprecedented increase in the cost of funding has dented the economic growth.

Opportunities and Threats

Oman is anticipating a budget deficit of OMR 640 million in 2024, marking a shift from the surplus recorded in 2023. This deficit is attributed to lower oil production and prices. Oman expects that oil revenues will reach OMR 5.9 billion in 2024. That is a decline from the estimated OMR 6.9 billion in 2023. Despite efforts to diversify income sources and economic sectors, Oman remains heavily reliant on oil revenue. While the economy appears to have entered into a recovery mode, policymakers continue to face daunting challenges in debt management, liquidity management, budget policies, central banking and structural reforms.



Apart from finding the right balance between growth and economic diversification, the other challenge for Oman is job creation for the new entrants into the job market. A new labour law enacted recently is expected to increase Omani's employment in the private sector and help resolve the high youth unemployment challenge. The company has focussed and succeeded in rationalising costs and improved collection mechanisms leading to the upkeep of the lowest NPA ratio in the industry. The company follows a prudent and balanced approach in writing new businesses with focus on quality loan book and effective control on the non-performing loans.

The company has over the years, planned the necessary human resources, enhanced the capital base and is continuously seeking to upgrade and develop IT system to address the need of the hour. The Company has upgraded its security aspects, upgraded its hardware infrastructure and database, upgraded its mailing system and is in the final stage of diversifying its distribution channel through Mobile APP.

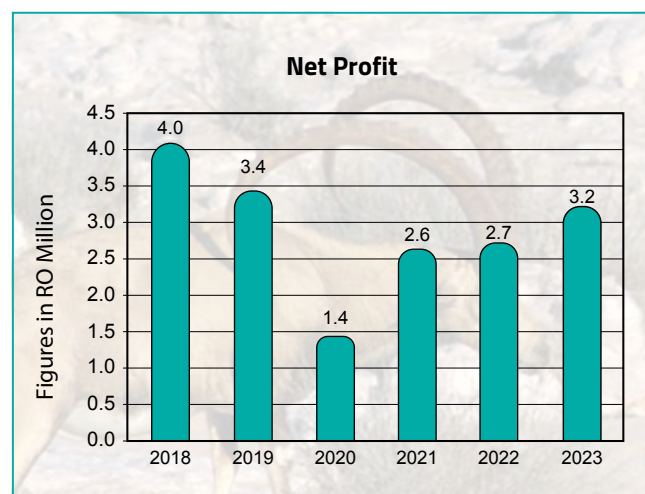
The company follows a prudent provisioning policy, and this has given it an advantageous NPA coverage of 493% (including the specific reserve for non-performing assets) which will help the company to tide over any unforeseen losses. The company shall continue to maintain its provisioning stance subject to behaviour of the debt.

The company is proactive, confident, and properly geared up to meet challenges and exploit available opportunities for a profitable and sustainable growth both in the short as well as long run without compromising on the asset quality.

Product Wise Performance

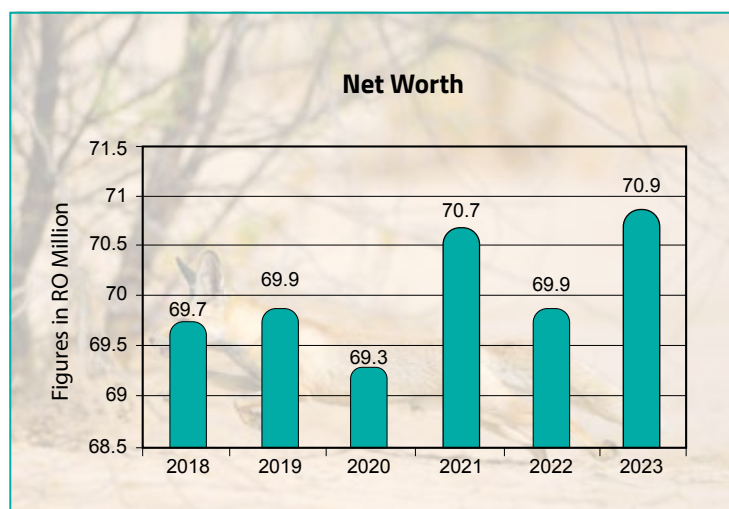
The company with its existing product lines of project funding through consortium financing, working capital funding, asset financing, bills discounting and debt factoring, including its 'Lifeline' and 'Lifestyle' segments has managed to grow its assets modestly.

The retail asset financing product under the brand name 'Lifeline' offers a variety of specialised finance products for



the self-employed, salaried individuals, transport operators, small and large businesses, etc. The 'Lifestyle' loan segment (micro credit program) continues to do exceedingly where the company has a good network through its branches and employer tie-ups.

Our service has the unique attributes of speed, transparency, quick response, empathy, understanding customer concerns and ethical fair practices. We endeavour to build products and services around customer needs. Our deliverables of simple documentation, quick credit approvals, competitive interest rates and other value-added services have created a large, satisfied clientele for the company.



Business Continuity Plan

Based on the Board approved Business Continuity Plan (BCP), and based on Business Impact analysis, the company has tested the BCP successfully from its BCP site at Nizwa on the 21 December 2023.

The company has the necessary BCP set up at its alternate site at Nizwa and back up and disaster recovery operations for its IT Systems were tested and found robust. The company has the capacity to continue major operational activities in the unfortunate event of major disruptions with minimum down time.

Financial Consumer Protection Regulatory Framework (FCPRF)

The Company has adopted the FCPRF and has made necessary changes in the policy manuals and processes. For financial education & awareness, for the rights and responsibilities of consumers and for lodging of queries/complaints, the Company's website can be referred to. The broad status of Financial Consumer Protection Regulatory Framework (FCPRF) regarding customer complaints and redressal are as below:

Disclosure on customer complaints and redressal:

	Complaints received by FLC from its Customers	31 st Dec 2023	31 st Dec 2022
1.	Number of complaints pending at the beginning of the year	NIL	NIL
2.	Number of complaints received during the year	17	14
3.	Number of complaints closed during the year	17	14
3.1	Of which, number of complaints rejected by the FLC	9	5
4.	Number of complaints pending at the end of the year	NIL	NIL
4.1	Of which, number of complaints pending beyond 30 days	NIL	NIL

Risks and Concerns

Managing risks means understanding the static and dynamic risks involved in our businesses and assessing the potential impacts and likelihood of each risk. The overall risk governance framework of the company includes strong corporate oversight, independent internal audit function and well laid down policies and processes. The company is exposed to strategic risk, credit risk, liquidity risk and interest rate risk.

Strategic Risk

Strategic risk is the potential for loss arising from ineffective business strategies, the absence of integrated business strategies, the inability to implement integrated business strategies, and the inability to adapt the strategies to changes in the business environment.

The company's overall strategy is established and approved by the Board in consultation with the Management and the Senior Executive Team. The most significant strategic risks faced by the company are identified, assessed, managed, and mitigated by Senior Management, with oversight by the Board.

Credit Risk

Credit risk is the risk that one party to a financial instrument will fail to discharge an obligation and will cause the other party to incur a financial loss. The company attempts to control credit risk by setting limits for individual borrowers, monitoring credit exposures, limiting transactions with specific counter parties, and assessing continually the creditworthiness of counter parties.

The default risk for the company is at an acceptable level. The company has substantially low NPA levels and highest NPA Coverage in the industry.

Liquidity Risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the company will be unable to meet its liabilities as and when they fall due. The business of lending has an inherent risk of liquidity arising from the mismatch of tenure of funds borrowed vis a vis lent, in addition to unforeseen adverse recovery patterns.

To limit the liquidity risk, the Management through their carefully drawn up strategies, resorts to diversified sources of funds, avoids undue concentration on a single lender, periodically reviews cash flows and manages its collection in a systematic manner. The company has taken appropriate treasury management actions to effectively optimise the cost of funds for 2023. The company has built up deposits over past several years and the deposits are placed with local commercial banks which provide ample liquidity buffer for effective treasury management.

Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk arises from the possibility that changes in interest rates will affect future profitability or the fair values of financial instruments. The company is exposed to interest rate risk as a result of mismatches or gaps in the amounts of assets and liabilities and off-balance sheet instruments that mature or re-price in a given period. The company manages this risk by matching the re-pricing of assets and liabilities through risk management strategies.

Internal Control and Adequacy

The company believes that Internal Control is a necessary concomitant of the principle of governance and has made conscious efforts to instil effective Internal Control and processes.

The company has Board committees and Management committees, which are involved in strategic decision making, ensuring efficient and effective operations of the company and incorporating good corporate governance policies in line with the regulatory requirements.

The company has a well-defined organization structure, clearly defined authority levels well documented policies and guidelines approved by the Board and robust IT systems to ensure process efficiency.

The company has put in place a mechanism to minimize operational risk by way of effective Internal Controls, Systems Reviews and an on-going Internal Audit program. The company has an in-house Internal Audit department, and the internal auditor undertakes comprehensive audits and reports directly to the Audit Committee of the Board. The Audit Committee of the Board reviews the internal audit reports, the adequacy of the internal controls and reports on the same to the Board.

Financial Performance 2023

Operational Performance

The year 2023 was a year of moderate recovery for the global economy after the pandemic. The company managed to grow modestly while maintaining its asset quality. Looking back, we take pride in the achievements of the company as a leading player in the industry in maintaining quality assets and lowest NPA. Today's position has been achieved with careful planning and clear strategies, supported by sound vision and guidance by the Board. The company has successfully overcome the liquidity stress by maintaining a prudent mix of short-term vs long term borrowing.

The non-performing loans of the company are under control and the company's existing estimated credit loss level of RO 13.351 million (excluding ECL on deposits) is more than the provisions requirement of Central Bank of Oman. The non-performing assets coverage including the specific reserve for non-performing assets stands at 493%. The Loan Book stands at RO 127 million at the year-end as against the last year level of RO 119 million. The net operating income stood at RO 11.06 million as compared to RO 10.36 million in the previous year. The company was able to register a net profit of RO 3.201 million for the year 2023 against RO 2.75 million for 2022 showing a growth of 16.4%. For all the regulatory purposes, the company's net worth stands at RO 70.908 million. The Book Value / Net Asset Value of the company's share stands at RO 0.217. The company has proposed a total dividend of 13.25% of the Paid-up Capital for the year 2023 comprising 8.25% cash and 5% unsecured non-convertible redeemable bonus stock bonds for the year 2023 which is subject to approval at the AGM. This would take the total pay-out since inception to 491.83%.

Performance review	(In RO '000)					
	Years					
Details	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Total income	18,284	17,640	16,222	15,671	14,754	17,327
Interest expenses	(6,141)	(6,028)	(6,061)	(4,684)	(4,452)	(6,234)
Net Income	12,143	11,612	10,161	10,987	10,302	11,093
Operating expenses	(4,449)	(4,401)	(4,046)	(4,449)	(4,816)	(5,177)
(Loss) Gain on Derivative	-	-	-	(24)	55	(31)
Estimated Credit Loss	(2,956)	(3,176)	(4,706)	(3,498)	(2,305)	(2,130)
Profit before taxation	4,738	4,035	1,409	3,016	3,236	3,755
Income Tax (Expense) / Credit	(245)	(605)	40	(452)	(486)	(554)
Income Tax Expense - Prior Yr	(466)	-	-	-	-	-
Net profit	4,027	3,430	1,449	2,564	2,750	3,201
Gross HP assets	196,200	160,363	114,558	117,036	132,483	140,352
Net HP assets	189,725	153,716	105,698	105,558	119,061	127,001
Estimated Credit Loss	6,975	6,925	9,091	11,851	13,795	13,724
Total Assets	236,235	243,767	181,454	197,547	206,589	220,634
Net bank borrowings	107,295	71,227	28,667	21,915	33,160	41,467
Net worth	69,663	69,871	69,263	70,658	69,905	70,908
Earnings per share (stated in 100 Baisas per Share for comparative purpose)	0.014	0.012	0.005	0.009	0.009	0.010
Debt Equity ratio (net bank borrowing)	1.54	1.02	0.41	0.31	0.47	0.58
ECL on Instalment finance receivable as a percentage of assets	3.30%	4.14%	7.73%	9.81%	10.13%	9.51%
Dividend %	16.28%	11.05%	4.0%	12.0%	12.25%	*13.25%
* Dividend for 2023 (8.25% cash and 5% unsecured non-convertible redeemable bonus stock bonds subject to approval at the AGM).						

Human Resources

Employees are a critical part of our competitive advantage. We have sound Human Resource policies, on and off the job training, counselling and a scientifically designed reward system, which helps us to create a dependable, highly skilled and motivated work force. During the year the company has increased its Omanisation percentage.

Our customer

AOFS is committed to delivering superior value through a powerful, distinctive branding which ensures better customer retention, better value and increased business with each customer. Our huge client base stands testimony to this fact.

Capital Structure

The Company's objective of the capital management is to ensure that it maintains healthy capital ratios to support its business and maximise shareholder value. The company manages its capital structure and adjusts it in the light of changes in business conditions. No changes were made in the objectives, policies or processes during the current year.

The Company's lead regulator Central Bank of Oman sets and monitors capital requirement as a whole. The Company's current paid up capital is RO 30.767 which is well above the regulatory requirement of RO 25 million. One of our existing convertible bonus stock bonds (listed in 2018) got converted to Equity Shares in April 2023. Another lot of the existing convertible bonus stock bonds (listed in 2019) will be converted to Equity Shares in 2024 resulting in further Capital enhancement.

Future Outlook

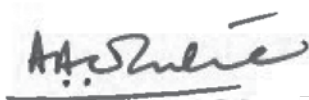
The company has reached its healthy position in the industry today after undergoing many business cycles under challenging economic circumstances. The company has also capitalized every single growth opportunity with its enviable strengths namely,

- Sound and innovative capital structure.
- Superior service.
- Novel and valuable integrated business model.
- Lesser delinquency ratio due to cautious lending and effective collection mechanism.
- Good provisioning for impairment.
- Timely product diversification.
- Consistent earnings.
- Highly automated IT real time systems and processes.

We remain focused on maintaining quality assets with the objective of consistent returns for all our stakeholders. Our priorities for the coming year are:

- Cautious lending policies in all existing product lines.
- Products structuring & better packaging to suit the market demand.
- Manage liquidity and costs judiciously ensuring sustainable earnings and profitability.
- Continue our leadership excellence and continue training and retaining the highly skilled and diverse work force.
- Offer superior delivery mechanism and personalised customer service to build customer loyalty and superior brand positioning.
- Our Mobile App named "Omaniya Finance" which is expected to be launched by the 1st Quarter 2024 will act as a virtual branch where the customer can enquire for loan, get it approved, upload basic documents and place service requests.

From inception till date the company has been delivering on its commitment to increasing shareholders' wealth in its relentless pursuit of excellence. Our endeavor is to constantly seek out new processes, products and efficiencies aimed at making things better for our customers. Our success is attributable to the dedication of our employees and our continued focus on keeping commitments to our stakeholders. The management continues to closely monitor economic conditions and indicators including interest rates, delinquency and capital markets. The sound guidance and encouragement from our Board of Directors has played a significant role in maintaining the asset quality and profitability. Our aim is to build on our heritage of success and to make AOFS an admirable and illustrious financial service provider for today and the next generation.



AFTAB PATEL
Chief Executive Officer



Independent Auditor's Report to the Shareholders of Al Omaniya Financial Services SAOG

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF AL OMANIYA FINANCIAL SERVICES SAOG

Report on the audit of the financial statements

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Al Omaniya Financial Services SAOG ('the Company'), which comprise the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2023, and the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including material accounting policy information.

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

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 Company in accordance with the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' International Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including International Independence Standards) (IESBA Code), together with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the Sultanate of Oman, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and the IESBA Code. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Key audit matters

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

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF
AL OMANIYA FINANCIAL SERVICES SAOG (continued)**

Key audit matters (continued)

Key audit matter	How our audit addressed the key audit matter
<p><i>Expected credit loss allowance against investment in finance leases, working capital finance and other advances</i></p> <p>As at 31st December 2023, the gross investment in finance leases, working capital finance and other advances of the Company were OMR 140.3 million against which an expected credit loss ("ECL") allowance of OMR 13.3 million was maintained.</p> <p>We consider this as a key audit matter, as the determination of ECL involves significant management judgement and this has a material impact on the financial statement of the Company.</p> <p>The key areas of judgement include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Categorization of loans into stage 1, 2 and 3 based on the identification of exposures with a significant increase in credit risk ("SICR") since their origination; and individually impaired/defaulted exposures. 2. Additional judgements to identify and estimate the likelihood of borrowers that might have experienced SICR notwithstanding the various government support programs that resulted in deferrals to counterparties, as deferrals were not deemed to have triggered SICR by themselves. 	
	<p>Our procedures included, amongst others:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gain an understanding of management's treatment of impairment of investment in finance leases, working capital finance and other advances including the Company's internal rating model, ECL impairment allowance policy and modelling methodology. • Compared the Company's ECL allowance policy and the ECL methodology with the requirements of IFRS 9. • Assessment of the design and implementation, and testing of the operating effectiveness of the key controls (including IT general and application controls) over: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ the IT system and applications underpinning the ECL models; ○ the modelling process, including governance over the monitoring of the model, including approvals of the key assumptions and post model adjustments; ○ the classification of borrowers into various stages and timely identification of SICR and the determination of default/individually impaired exposures; and ○ the integrity of data inputs into the ECL model.

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF
AL OMANIYA FINANCIAL SERVICES SAOG (continued)**

Key audit matters (continued)

Key audit matter	How our audit addressed the key audit matter
<p>3. Assumptions used in the ECL model for determining probability of default ("PD"), loss given default ("LGD") and exposure at default ("EAD") including the incorporation of forward-looking assumptions, macro-economic factors and the associated scenarios and expected probabilities weightages.</p> <p>4. The application of post model adjustments/ overlays using expert credit judgment to reflect all relevant risk factors that might not be captured by the ECL model.</p> <p>Refer to the summary of material accounting policy information note 2.5.16.a for the impairment of financial assets; note 2.4.2 which contains the disclosures of critical accounting judgements, estimates and assumptions relating to impairment losses relating to financial assets and the impairment assessment methodology used by the Company; note 8 which contains the disclosure of impairment against investment in finance leases, working capital finance and other advances; and note 31(a) for details of credit quality analysis and key assumptions and factors considered in determination of ECL.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For a sample of customers, we assessed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ the internal rating determined by the management based on the Company's internal rating model and confirmed that these were in line with the rating used in the ECL model; ○ the staging as identified by the management; and ○ management's computations for ECL • Testing of the appropriateness of the company's criteria for the determination of SICR and identification of "default" or "individually impaired" exposures; and their classification into stages and the application for a sample of exposures. • Assessed the qualitative factors which were considered by the Company to incorporate any post model adjustments/overlays and the governance process around them. • Tested the completeness and accuracy of data underpinning the ECL calculations as at 31 December 2023 • Where relevant, we involved our specialists to assist us in reviewing model calculations, evaluating interrelated inputs and assessing reasonableness of assumptions used in ECL model, particularly around macroeconomic scenarios and probability weights. • Assessed the adequacy of the disclosures in the financial statements.

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF
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Other information included in the Company's 2023 Annual Report

Management is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Company's 2023 Annual Report, but does not include the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon.

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

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work we have performed on the other information obtained prior to the date of auditor's report, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

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

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with IFRS Accounting Standards, the disclosure requirements of the Capital Market Authority and the applicable provision of the Commercial Companies Law of the Sultanate of Oman, 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 Company'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 Company or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

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

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF
AL OMANIYA FINANCIAL SERVICES SAOG (continued)**

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 Company'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 Company'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 Company 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.

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF
AL OMANIYA FINANCIAL SERVICES SAOG (continued)**

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements (continued)

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.

We also provide those charged with governance with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, actions taken to eliminate threats or safeguards applied.


From the matters communicated with those charged with governance, we determine those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the financial statements of the current period and are therefore the key audit matters. We describe these matters in our auditor's report unless law or regulation precludes public disclosure about the matter or when, in extremely rare circumstances, we determine that a matter should not be communicated in our report because the adverse consequences of doing so would reasonably be expected to outweigh the public interest benefits of such communication.

Report on other legal and regulatory requirements

We report that the financial statements of the Company as at and for the year ended 31 December 2023, in all material respects, comply with the applicable provisions of the Commercial Companies Law of the Sultanate of Oman, and the disclosure requirements for Public Joint Stock Companies issued by the Capital Market Authority.

The engagement partner on the audit resulting in this independent auditor's report is Mr. Karl Jackson.

CROWE MAK GHAZALI LLC


Karl Jackson
Engagement Partner



Muscat, Sultanate of Oman
12 March 2024

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For the year ended 31 December

		2023	2022
	Note	RO	RO
Interest income on finance lease, working capital finance and other advances		11,514,273	8,923,339
Finance income		4,103,001	3,756,083
Total Instalment finance and finance income		15,617,274	12,679,422
Interest expense		(6,233,579)	(4,452,739)
Net instalment finance and finance income		9,383,695	8,226,683
Other income	3	1,710,307	2,074,994
Operating expenses	4	(5,038,282)	(4,705,332)
Provision for expected credit loss, net	6, 8	(2,130,119)	(2,304,834)
(Loss)/gain on derivative		(31,748)	55,388
Depreciation	10	(138,918)	(110,672)
Profit before tax		3,754,935	3,236,227
Income tax	5	(553,623)	(486,417)
Profit and total comprehensive income for the year		3,201,312	2,749,810
Basic earnings per share	22	0.010	0.009
Diluted earnings per share	23	0.010	0.009

The attached notes on pages 48 to 93 are an integral part of these financial statements.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

At 31 December 2023

	Note	2023 RO	2022 RO
Assets			
Cash and bank balances	6	91,160,119	85,392,841
Deposit with the Central Bank of Oman	7	250,000	250,000
Net investment in finance lease, working capital finance and other advances	8	127,001,178	119,060,854
Other assets and prepayments	9	1,228,553	1,044,280
Property, equipment, and right-of-use assets	10	994,390	841,461
Total assets		220,634,240	206,589,436
Liabilities and equity			
Liabilities			
Short term loans	11	98,000,000	39,300,000
Deposits	12	4,500,000	4,500,000
Term loans	13	35,000,000	79,624,500
Compulsorily convertible bonds	20	4,111,931	3,426,235
Non-convertible redeemable Bonds	21	1,459,676	1,459,676
Other liabilities	14	10,074,530	11,131,245
Income tax payable	5	692,019	669,013
Total liabilities		153,838,156	140,110,669
Equity			
Share capital	15	30,767,440	30,321,363
Share premium	16	986,988	751,385
Legal reserve	17	10,255,814	10,107,122
Exchange reserve	18	-	636,114
Special reserve for non-performing assets	24	4,997,937	4,997,937
Retained earnings		19,787,905	19,664,846
Total equity		66,796,084	66,478,767
Total liabilities and equity		220,634,240	206,589,436
Net assets per share	27	0.217	0.219

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 21/01/2024 and are signed on their behalf by:



Chairman



Chief Executive Officer



Director

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

For the year ended 31 December 2023

Cost	Note	Share capital RO	Share premium RO	Legal reserve RO	Exchange reserve RO	Special reserve for non-performing assets RO	Retained earnings RO	Total RO
At 1 January 2022		29,193,517	112,272	9,731,173	3,616,822	4,997,937	17,437,550	65,089,271
Profit and total comprehensive income for the year		-	-	-	-	-	2,749,810	2,749,810
Transactions with owners, recognised directly in equity								
Issue of non-convertible redeemable bonus stock bonds	21	-	-	-	-	-	(1,459,676)	(1,459,676)
Conversion of compulsorily convertible bonus stock bonds-2016		1,127,846	1,015,062	-	-	-	-	2,142,908
Dividend paid	19	-	-	-	-	-	(2,043,546)	(2,043,546)
Transfer to legal reserve		-	(375,949)	375,949	-	-	-	-
Reversal of exchange reserve	18	-	-	-	(2,980,708)	-	2,980,708	-
At 31 December 2022		<u>30,321,363</u>	<u>751,385</u>	<u>10,107,122</u>	<u>636,114</u>	<u>4,997,937</u>	<u>19,664,846</u>	<u>66,478,767</u>
At 1 January 2023		30,321,363	751,385	10,107,122	636,114	4,997,937	19,664,846	66,478,767
Profit and total comprehensive income for the year		-	-	-	-	-	3,201,312	3,201,312
Transactions with owners, recognised directly in equity								
Issue of Compulsorily convertible bonus stock bonds	20	-	-	-	-	-	(1,516,068)	(1,516,068)
Conversion of compulsorily convertible bonus stock bonds-2017		446,077	384,295	-	-	-	-	830,372
Dividend paid	19	-	-	-	-	-	(2,198,299)	(2,198,299)
Transfer to legal reserve		-	(148,692)	148,692	-	-	-	-
Reversal of exchange reserve	18	-	-	-	(636,114)	-	636,114	-
At 31 December 2023		<u>30,767,440</u>	<u>986,988</u>	<u>10,255,814</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,997,937</u>	<u>19,787,905</u>	<u>66,796,084</u>

As approved by the regulatory authority and explained in note 20, the unsecured fully compulsorily convertible bonds amounting to RO 4,111,931 (2022: RO 3,426,235) are treated as part of the Company's net worth for computing all regulatory limits. Accordingly, the net worth as of 31 December 2023 for all regulatory purposes is RO 70,908,015 (2022: RO 69,905,002).

The attached notes on pages 48 to 93 are an integral part of these financial statements.

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the year ended 31 December 2023

	Note	2023 RO	2022 RO
Operating activities			
Profit before tax		3,754,935	3,236,227
Adjustments for:			
Depreciation	10	138,918	110,672
Profit on disposal of property and equipment	3	(12,384)	(10)
Loss on write-off of capital work in progress	10	-	33,113
Provision for expected credit loss	6, 8	2,130,119	2,304,834
Loss/(gain) on derivatives		31,748	(55,388)
Operating profit before working capital changes:		6,043,336	5,629,448
Instalment finance receivable, working capital finance and other advances		(10,070,443)	(15,807,736)
Other assets and prepayments		(216,021)	213,051
Other liabilities		(1,055,619)	(182,212)
Income tax paid		(531,713)	(519,325)
Net cash used in operating activities		(5,830,460)	(10,666,774)
Investing activities			
Purchase of property and equipment	10	(291,847)	(33,484)
Proceeds from disposal of property and equipment		12,384	10
Net cash used in investing activities		(279,463)	(33,474)
Financing activities			
Proceeds from short term loans		162,200,000	70,100,000
Repayment of short term loans		(103,500,000)	(48,800,000)
Proceeds from deposits		-	3,500,000
Repayment of deposits		-	(2,000,000)
Proceeds from term loans		-	31,842,781
Repayment of term loans		(44,624,500)	(46,091,531)
Dividends paid	19	(2,198,299)	(2,043,546)
Net cash from financing activities		11,877,201	6,507,704
Net change in cash and cash equivalents		5,767,278	(4,192,544)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of year		85,765,441	89,957,985
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of year	6	91,532,719	85,765,441

The attached notes on pages 48 to 93 are an integral part of these financial statements.

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1. LEGAL STATUS AND PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

Al Omaniya Financial Services SAOG ("the Company") is an Omani general joint stock Company, licensed by the Central Bank of Oman and registered under the Commercial Companies Law of the Sultanate of Oman. The Company is engaged in the hire purchase and lease finance for motor vehicles and other assets, debt factoring, bills discounting, bridge loans, working capital loans and project and construction loans (construction loans restricting to manufacturing including warehousing only). The Company's registered office is at PO. Box 1087, Jibroo, Postal Code 114, Muscat, Sultanate of Oman.

The Company operates in the Sultanate of Oman and employed 155 employees as of 31 December 2023 (2022: 137). The Company's shares and compulsory convertible bonds are listed on Muscat Securities Market.

2. ADOPTION OF NEW AND AMENDED INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL REPORTING STANDARDS (IFRS ACCOUNTING STANDARDS), STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE AND MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION

2.1 New standards, amendments and interpretations to existing IFRS Accounting Standards effective 01 January 2023

The following new standards, amendments to standards and interpretations have become effective for the first time for the reporting periods beginning on or after 01 January 2023.

Amendment to Standards	Effective date
IFRS 17 and amendment to IFRS 17-Insurance contracts	1 January 2023
Amendment to IAS 8 – Definition of Accounting Estimates	1 January 2023
Amendment to IAS 1 and IFRS Practice Statement 2 – Disclosure of Accounting Policies	1 January 2023
Amendments to IAS 12 – Deferred Tax Related to Assets and Liabilities arising from a single transaction	1 January 2023
Amendments to IAS 12 – International Tax Reform – Pillar Two Model Rules	1 January 2023

The Company has adopted all of the above new Standards and amendments, and it has accounted for and disclosed in the Financial Statements all the relevant requirements of the new Standards and amendments of existing standards that were applicable to the Company.

2.2 Standards, amendments and interpretations to existing IFRS Accounting Standards that are not yet effective

The forthcoming requirements of new Standard and amendments to existing Standards are applicable for future reporting periods. The Company will adopt these on annual periods beginning on or after the effective date.

Standards / Amendment to Standards	Effective date
Amendment to IAS 1 – Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current	January 2024 1
Amendment to IFRS 16 – Lease Liability in a Sale and Leaseback	January 2024 1
Amendment to IAS 1 – Non-current Liabilities with Covenants	January 2024 1
Amendments to IAS 7 and IFRS 7 – Supplier Finance Arrangements	January 2024 1
Amendments to IAS 21 – Lack of Exchangeability	January 2025 1
Amendments to IFRS 10 and IAS 28 – Sale or Contribution of Assets between an Investor and its Associate or Joint Venture	Deferred indefinitely

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2. ADOPTION OF NEW AND AMENDED INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL REPORTING STANDARDS (IFRS ACCOUNTING STANDARDS), STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE AND MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION *(continued)*

Management believes that adoption of the above new Standards and amendments, which are in issue but not yet effective, is not likely to have any material impact on the presentation and disclosure of items in the financial statements of the Company for these future periods.

2.3 Statement of compliance

The financial statements of the Company have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs) as promulgated by the International Accounting Standards Board, applicable regulations of the Central Bank of Oman, applicable requirements of the Commercial Companies Law, and the Capital Market Authority of the Sultanate of Oman.

The Company presents its statement of financial position broadly in order of liquidity, as this presentation is more appropriate to the Company's operations.

2.4 Use of estimates and judgements

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with IFRSs requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenses. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

Estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised and in any future periods affected. In particular, estimates that involve uncertainties and judgements which have a significant effect on the financial statements are set out below:

2.4.1 Taxes

Uncertainties exist with respect to the interpretation of tax regulations and the amount and timing of future taxable income. Given the wide range of business relationships and nature of existing contractual agreements, differences arising between the actual results and the assumptions made, or future changes to such assumptions, could necessitate future adjustments to tax income and expense already recorded. The Company establishes provisions, based on reasonable estimates, for possible consequences of finalisation of tax assessments of the Company. The amount of such provisions is based on various factors, such as experience of previous tax assessments and differing interpretations of tax regulations by the taxable entity and the responsible tax authority.

Significant management judgment is required to determine the amount of deferred tax assets that can be recognised, based upon the likely timing and level of future taxable profits together with future tax planning strategies.

2.4.2 Financial instruments

Judgements made in applying accounting policies that have most significant effects on the amounts recognized in the financial statements of the year ended 31 December 2023 pertain to the changes introduced as a result of adoption of IFRS 9: Financial instruments which impact:

- Classification of financial assets: assessment of business models within which the assets are held and assessment of whether the contractual terms of the financial assets are solely payment of principal and interest of the principal amount outstanding.
- Calculation of expected credit loss (ECL): changes to the assumptions and estimate on uncertainties that have a significant impact on ECL for the year ended 31 December 2023. The impact is mainly driven by inputs, assumptions and techniques used for ECL calculation under IFRS 9 methodology.

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2. ADOPTION OF NEW AND AMENDED INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL REPORTING STANDARDS (IFRS ACCOUNTING STANDARDS), STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE AND MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION *(continued)*

Inputs, assumptions and techniques used for ECL calculation – IFRS 9 Methodology

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

- Probability of default: PD constitutes a key input in measuring ECL. PD is an estimate of the likelihood of default over a given time horizon, the calculation of which includes historical data, assumptions and expectations of future conditions.
- Loss Given Default: LGD is an estimate of the loss arising on default. It is based on the difference between the contractual cash flows due and those that the lender would expect to receive, taking into account cash flows from collateral and integral credit enhancements.
- The Company's criteria for assessing if there has been a significant increase in credit risk and so allowances for financial assets should be measured on a LTECL basis and the qualitative assessment;
- The segmentation of financial assets when their ECL is assessed on a collective basis;
- Establishing the number and relative weightings of forward-looking scenarios for each type of product / market and determining the forward looking information relevant to each scenario: When measuring ECL the Company uses reasonable and supportable forward looking information, which is based on assumptions for the future movement of different economic drivers and how these drivers will affect each other.

2.4.3 Significant judgement in determining the lease term of contracts with renewal and termination options

The Company determines the lease term as the non-cancellable term of the lease, together with any periods covered by an option to extend the lease if it is reasonably certain to be exercised, or any periods covered by an option to terminate the lease, if it is reasonably certain not to be exercised.

The Company has the option, under some of its leases to lease the assets for additional terms. The Company applies judgement in evaluating whether it is reasonably certain to exercise the option to renew. That is, it considers all relevant factors that create an economic incentive for it to exercise the renewal. After the commencement date, the Company reassesses the lease term if there is a significant event or change in circumstances that is within its control and affects its ability to exercise (or not to exercise) the option to renew or to terminate.

2.5 Material accounting policy information

The accounting policies set out below have been applied consistently by the Company to all periods presented in these financial statements.

2.5.1 Revenue recognition

Finance Lease Income

Leases in terms of which the Company assumes substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership are classified as finance leases. Assets owned by the Company and subject to finance leases are included in the financial statements as 'Net investment in finance leases' at an amount equivalent to the present value of the future minimum lease payments plus initial direct costs, discounted using the interest rate implicit in the lease, and the difference between the aggregate lease contract receivable and the cost of the leased assets plus initial direct costs is recorded as unearned lease finance income. Initial direct costs include amounts

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2. ADOPTION OF NEW AND AMENDED INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL REPORTING STANDARDS (IFRS ACCOUNTING STANDARDS), STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE AND MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION *(continued)*

that are incremental and directly attributable to negotiating and arranging a lease. They exclude general overheads such as those incurred by sales and marketing teams. Income from finance leases represents gross earnings on finance leases allocated to the period of the lease using the net investment method, which reflects a constant periodic rate of return. The gross return is adjusted by way of transaction costs incurred that are directly attributable to the origination of lease contract such as dealer commission etc. Lease processing fee charges are recognised within 'finance income' based on effective interest rate.

The lease finance income is recognised in the statement of comprehensive income using the effective interest rate method. The effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts the estimated future cash receipts and payments through the expected life of the financial asset or liability to the carrying amount of the financial asset or liability. The effective interest rate is established on initial recognition of the financial asset or liability and is not revised subsequently.

Interest income on working capital and other loans and interest expenses

Interest income and expense are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income using the effective interest method. The 'effective interest rate' is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash payments or receipts through the expected life of the financial instrument to:

- the gross carrying amount of the financial asset; or
- the amortised cost of the financial liability.

When calculating the effective interest rate for financial instruments other than purchased or originated credit-impaired assets, the Company estimates future cash flows considering all contractual terms of the financial instrument, but not ECL. For purchased or originated credit impaired financial assets, a credit-adjusted effective interest rate is calculated using estimated future cash flows including ECL.

The calculation of the effective interest rate includes transaction costs that are an integral part of the effective interest rate. Transaction costs include incremental costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition or issue of a financial asset or financial liability.

Interest income includes income on factoring and working capital finance receivables and is recognised over the tenure of agreement.

For the financial assets that have become credit-impaired subsequent to initial recognition, interest income is calculated by applying the effective interest rate to their amortised cost (i.e. net of the expected credit loss provision). If the asset is no longer credit-impaired, then the calculation of interest income reverts to the gross basis. Penal charges, insurance fee and other operating fees are recognised when realised.

2.5.2 Directors' remuneration

The Board of Directors' remuneration is accrued as an expense for the year within the limits specified by the Capital Market Authority and the requirements of the Commercial Companies Law of the Sultanate of Oman.

2.5.3 Taxation

Income tax expense comprises current and deferred tax. Taxation is provided in accordance with Omani fiscal regulations.

Current tax is the expected tax payable on the taxable income for the year, using tax rates enacted or substantively enacted at the reporting date and any adjustments to tax payable in respect of previous years.

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2. ADOPTION OF NEW AND AMENDED INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL REPORTING STANDARDS (IFRS ACCOUNTING STANDARDS), STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE AND MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION *(continued)*

Income tax is recognised in the statement of comprehensive income except to the extent that it relates to items recognised directly in equity, in which case it is recognised in equity.

Deferred tax assets/liabilities are calculated using the balance sheet method, providing for temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes and the amounts used for taxation purposes. The amount of deferred tax provided is based on the expected manner of realisation or settlement of the carrying amount of assets and liabilities, using tax rates enacted or substantively enacted at the reporting date.

The carrying amount of deferred income tax assets is reviewed at each reporting date and reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that sufficient taxable profit will be available to allow all or part of the deferred income tax asset to be utilised.

2.5.4 Cash and cash equivalents

For the purpose of statement of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand, current accounts and deposit held at call with financial institutions with original maturities of less than three months, which are subject to insignificant risk of changes in fair value, and are used by the Bank in the management of its short-term commitments.

Cash and cash equivalents are non-derivative financial assets stated at amortised cost in the statement of financial position.

2.5.5 Lease assets

Leases in terms of which the Company assumes substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership are classified as finance leases. Assets owned by the Company and subject to finance leases are included in the statement of financial position as net investment in finance lease, working capital finance and factoring receivables at an amount equivalent to the present value of the future minimum lease payments plus initial direct costs, discounted using the interest rate implicit in the lease. The difference between the aggregate lease contract receivables and the cost of the leased assets plus initial direct costs is recorded as unearned lease finance income. The initial direct costs include amounts such as commissions and legal fees that are incremental and directly attributable to negotiating and arranging a lease. They exclude general overheads such as those incurred by sales and marketing team. Interest on factoring and working capital finance receivables is recognized over the tenure of agreement.

2.5.6 Property and equipment

Property and equipment are stated at historical cost, less accumulated depreciation and impairment losses, if any. Cost includes expenditures that are directly attributable to the acquisition of the asset. Land is not depreciated. The cost of property and equipment is depreciated on the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets. The estimated useful lives are:

- Vehicles	5 years
- Furniture and office equipment	5 years
- Buildings	25 years

The carrying values of property and equipment are reviewed for impairment when events or changes in circumstances indicate the carrying value may not be recoverable. Where the carrying amount of an asset is greater than its estimated recoverable amount, it is written down immediately to its recoverable amount. Gains and losses on disposals of property and equipment are determined by reference to their carrying amounts and are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income. Depreciation methods, useful lives and residual values are reviewed at each reporting date.

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2. ADOPTION OF NEW AND AMENDED INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL REPORTING STANDARDS (IFRS ACCOUNTING STANDARDS), STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE AND MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION *(continued)*

2.5.7 Compulsorily convertible bonds

Compulsorily convertible bonds are non-derivative financial instruments for which the entity is obliged to deliver a variable number of the entity's own share. These are recorded as financial liabilities until conversion to shares and are carried on the statement of financial position at their principal cost. Interest is charged as it accrues, with unpaid amounts included in other liabilities. On conversion, the financial liability is reclassified to equity and no gain or loss is recognised.

2.5.8 Non-convertible bonds

Non-convertible Bonds are recorded as financial liabilities and are carried in the statement of financial position at their principal cost and they are redeemable after 60 months from the listing date. Interest is charged as it accrues, with unpaid amount included in other liabilities.

2.5.9 Bank borrowings

All loans and borrowings are initially recognised at the fair value of the consideration received less directly attributable transaction costs. After initial recognition, interest bearing loans and borrowings are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

2.5.10 Deposits

Deposits are initially recognised at the fair value of the consideration received less directly attributable transaction costs. After initial recognition, interest bearing deposits are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

2.5.11 Other liabilities

Liabilities are recognised for amounts to be paid for goods and services received, whether or not billed to the Company.

2.5.12 Employees' end of service benefits

Contributions to a defined contribution retirement plan for Omani employees in accordance with the Oman Social Insurance Scheme, are recognized as an expense in the statement of comprehensive income as incurred.

Provision for non-Omani employee terminal benefits, which is an unfunded defined benefit retirement plan, is made in accordance with Oman Labour Law and is based on the liability that would arise if the employment of all employees were terminated at the end of the reporting period.

2.5.13 Foreign currencies

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into the respective functional currency of the Company at spot exchange rates prevailing at the dates of the transactions. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into Rial Omani at the rate of exchange prevailing at the reporting date. Any gains or losses are recognized in the statement of comprehensive income.

Non-monetary assets and liabilities that are measured at fair value in a foreign currency are translated into the functional currency at the spot exchange rate prevailing at the date on which the fair value is determined. Non-monetary assets and liabilities that are measured in terms of historical cost in a foreign currency are translated using the exchange rate prevailing at the date of the transaction.

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2.5.14 Financial instruments

2.5.14.a Recognition and initial measurement

A financial instrument is any contract that gives rise to both a financial asset for the Company and a financial liability or equity instrument for another party or vice versa.

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognized when the entity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. At initial recognition, the Company measures a financial asset or a financial liability at its fair value plus or minus, in the case of a financial asset or financial liability not at fair value through comprehensive income, transaction costs that are incremental and directly attributable to the acquisition or issue of the financial asset or financial liability, such as fees and commissions. Transaction costs of financial assets and financial liabilities carried at fair value through profit or loss (FVTPL) are expensed in the statement of comprehensive income. The amortized cost is the amount at which the financial asset or financial liability is measured at initial recognition minus the principal repayments, plus or minus the cumulative amortization using the effective interest method of any difference between the initial amount and the maturity amount and, for financial assets, adjusted for any loss allowance.

2.5.14.b Classification and subsequent measurement

Financial assets

On initial recognition, a financial asset is classified as measured at amortised cost, fair value through other comprehensive income (FVOCI) and fair value through profit or loss (FVTPL).

A financial asset is measured at amortised cost if it meets both of the following conditions and is not designated as at FVTPL:

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

A debt instrument is measured at FVOCI only if it meets both of the following conditions and is not designated as at FVTPL:

- the asset is held within a business model whose objective is achieved by both collecting contractual cash flows and selling financial assets; and
- the contractual terms of the financial asset give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding.

On initial recognition of an equity investment that is not held for trading, the Company may irrevocably elect to present subsequent changes in fair value in the statement of other comprehensive income. This election is made on an investment-by-investment basis.

In addition, on initial recognition the Company may irrevocably designate a financial asset that otherwise meets the requirements to be measured at amortised cost or at FVOCI as at FVTPL if doing so eliminates or significantly reduces an accounting mismatch that would otherwise arise.

Financial assets measured at amortised cost

The Company classifies and measures its financial assets that are debt instruments at amortized cost. Debt instruments are those instruments that meet the definition of a financial liability from the issuer's perspective, such as working capital finance, statutory deposit and other financial receivables.

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Classification and subsequent measurement of debt instruments depend on:

- The Company's business model for managing the asset; and
- The cash flow characteristics of the asset.

Based on the following factors, the Company classifies its debt instruments at amortized cost.

Contractual cash flows

Assets that are held for collection of contractual cash flows where those cash flows represent solely payments of principal and interest (SPPI), and that are not designated at FVTPL, are measured at amortized cost. The carrying amount of these assets is adjusted by any expected credit loss allowance recognized. Interest earned from these financial assets is recognized in the comprehensive income or loss using the effective interest rate method.

Business model assessment

The Company makes an assessment of the objective of a business model in which an asset is held at a portfolio level because this best reflects the way the business is managed and information is provided to management. The information considered includes:

- the stated policies and objectives for the portfolio and the operation of those policies in practice. In particular, whether management's strategy focuses on earning contractual interest revenue, maintaining a particular interest rate profile, matching the duration of the financial assets to the duration of the liabilities that are funding those assets or realising cash flows through the sale of the assets;
- how the performance of the portfolio is evaluated and reported to the Company's management;
- the risks that affect the performance of the business model (and the financial assets held within that business model) and how those risks are managed;
- how managers of the business are compensated – e.g. whether compensation is based on the fair value of the assets managed or the contractual cash flows collected; and
- the frequency, volume and timing of sales in prior periods, the reasons for such sales and its expectations about future sales activity. However, information about sales activity is not considered in isolation, but as part of an overall assessment of how the Company's stated objective for managing the financial assets is achieved and how cash flows are realised.

The business model assessment is based on reasonably expected scenarios without taking 'worst case' or 'stress case' scenarios into account. If cash flows after initial recognition are realised in a way that is different from the Company's original expectations, the Company does not change the classification of the remaining financial assets held in that business model, but incorporates such information when assessing newly originated or newly purchased financial assets going forward.

Assessment whether contractual cash flows are solely payments of principal and interest (The 'SPPI' test)

For the purposes of this assessment, 'principal' is defined as the fair value of the financial asset on initial recognition. 'Interest' is defined as consideration for the time value of money and for the credit risk associated with the principal amount outstanding during a particular period of time and for other basic lending risks and costs (e.g. liquidity risk and administrative costs), as well as profit margin.

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In assessing whether the contractual cash flows are solely payments of principal and interest, the Company considers the contractual terms of the instrument. This includes assessing whether the financial asset contains a contractual term that could change the timing or amount of contractual cash flows such that it would not meet this condition. In making the assessment, the Company considers:

- contingent events that would change the amount and timing of cash flows;
- leverage features;
- prepayment and extension terms;
- terms that limit the Company's claim to cash flows from specified assets (e.g. non-recourse asset arrangements); and features that modify consideration of the time value of money – e.g. periodical reset of interest rates.

The Company holds a portfolio of long-term fixed rate loans for which the Company has the option to propose to revise the interest rate at periodic reset dates. These reset rights are limited to the market rate at the time of revision. The borrowers have an option to either accept the revised rate or redeem the loan at par without penalty. The Company has determined that the contractual cash flows of these loans are solely payments of principal and interest because the option varies the interest rate in a way that is consideration for the time value of money, credit risk, other basic lending risks and costs associated with the principal amount outstanding.

Financial guarantees, letters of credit and undrawn loan commitments

The Company issues financial guarantees, letters of credit and loan commitments. Financial guarantee contracts are in the scope of the ECL requirements.

Financial guarantees are initially recognised in the financial statements (within Provisions) at fair value, being the premium received. Subsequent to initial recognition, the Company's liability under each guarantee is measured at higher of the amount initially recognised less cumulative amortisation recognised in the income statement, and an ECL provision under IFRS 9.

The premium received is recognised in the statement of comprehensive income in Net fees and commission income on a straight line basis over the life of the guarantee.

Undrawn loan commitments and letters of credits are commitments under which, over the duration of the commitment, the Company is required to provide a loan with pre-specified terms to the customer.

The nominal contractual value of financial guarantees, letters of credit and undrawn loan commitments, where the loan agreed to be provided is on market terms, are not recorded in the statement of financial position.

Financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are classified as either financial liabilities 'at FVTPL' or 'amortised cost'. A financial liability is classified as at FVTPL if it is classified as held-for-trading, it is derivative or it is designated as such on initial recognition. Financial liabilities at FVTPL are measured at fair value and net gain and losses, including any interest expense, are recognized in statement of comprehensive income. Other financial liabilities are subsequently measured at amortised cost using effective interest method. Interest expense and foreign exchange gain and losses are recognized in the statement of comprehensive income. Any gain or losses on derecognition is also recognized in the statement of comprehensive income.

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Debt issued and other borrowed funds

After initial measurement, debt issued and other borrowed funds are subsequently measured at amortised cost. Amortised cost is calculated by taking into account any discount or premium on issue of funds, and costs that are an integral part of the EIR. A compound financial instrument which contains both a liability and an equity component is separated at the issue date.

2.5.15 Derecognition of financial assets and financial liabilities

Financial assets:

A financial asset (in whole or in part) is derecognised where:

- (a) the right to receive cash flows from the asset have expired; or
- (b) the Company has transferred its rights to receive cash flows from the asset or has assumed an obligation to pay the received cash flows in full without material delay to a third party under a 'pass through' arrangement.

When the Company has transferred its rights to receive cash flows from an asset or has entered into a pass-through arrangement, and has neither transferred nor retained substantially all the risks and rewards of the asset nor transferred control of the asset, the asset is recognised to the extent of the Company's continuing involvement in the asset. In that case, the Company also recognises an associated liability. The transferred asset and the associated liability are measured on a basis that reflects the rights and obligations that the Company has retained. Continuing involvement that takes the form of a guarantee over the transferred asset is measured at the lower of the original carrying amount of the asset and the maximum amount of consideration that the Company could be required to repay.

Financial liabilities:

A financial liability is derecognised when the obligation under the liability is discharged or cancelled or expires. Where an existing financial liability is replaced by another from the same lender on substantially different terms, or the terms of an existing liability are substantially modified, such an exchange or modification is treated as a derecognition of the original liability and the recognition of a new liability, and the difference in the respective carrying amounts is recognised in statement of comprehensive income.

2.5.16 Impairment of financial assets

The Company recognises loss allowances for ECL on the following financial instruments that are not measured at FVTPL:

- financial assets that are debt instruments;
- lease receivables
- financial guarantee contracts issued; and
- loan commitments issued.

No ECL is recognised on equity investments. The Company measures loss allowances at an amount equal to lifetime ECL, except for other financial instruments on which credit risk has not increased significantly since their initial recognition which they are measured as 12-month ECL.

12-month ECL are the portion of lifetime ECL that result from default events on a financial instrument that are possible within the 12 months after the reporting date. Financial instruments for which 12-month ECL are recognised are referred to as 'Stage 1 financial instruments'. Financial instruments allocated to Stage 1 have not undergone a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition and are not credit-impaired.

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Lifetime ECL (LTECL) are the ECL that result from all possible default events over the expected life of the financial instrument or the maximum contractual period of exposure. Financial instruments for which lifetime ECL are recognised but that are not credit-impaired are referred to as 'Stage 2 financial instruments'. Financial instruments allocated to Stage 2 are those that have experienced a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition but are not credit-impaired.

Financial instruments for which lifetime ECL are recognised and that are credit-impaired are referred to as 'Stage 3 financial instruments'.

(i) Measurement of ECL

ECL are a probability-weighted estimate of credit losses. They are measured as follows:

- financial assets that are not credit-impaired at the reporting date: as the present value of all cash shortfalls (i.e. the difference between the cash flows due to the entity in accordance with the contract and the cash flows that the Company expects to receive);
- financial assets that are credit-impaired at the reporting date: as the difference between the gross carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flows;
- undrawn loan commitments: as the present value of the difference between the contractual cash flows that are due to the Company if the commitment is drawn down and the cash flows that the Company expects to receive; and
- financial guarantee contracts: the expected payments to reimburse the holder less any amounts that the Company expects to recover.

(ii) Overview of the ECL principles

The Company records the allowance for expected credit losses for all loans and other debt financial assets not held at FVTPL, together with loan commitments and financial guarantee contracts, in this section all referred to as 'financial instruments'. Equity instruments are not subject to ECL under IFRS 9.

The ECL allowance is based on the credit losses expected to arise over the life of the asset (the lifetime expected credit loss or LTECL), unless there has been no significant increase in credit risk since origination, in which case, the allowance is based on the 12 months' expected credit loss (12mECL).

The 12m ECL is the portion of LTECLs that represent the ECLs that result from default events on a financial instrument that are possible within the 12 months after the reporting date.

Both LTECLs and 12m ECLs are calculated on either an individual basis or a collective basis, depending on the nature of the underlying portfolio of financial instruments.

The Company has established a policy to perform an assessment, at the end of each reporting period, of whether a financial instrument's credit risk has increased significantly since initial recognition, by considering the change in the risk of default occurring over the remaining life of the financial instrument.

Based on the above process, the Company groups its loans into Stage 1, Stage 2, Stage 3 and purchased or originated credit impaired financial assets POCL, as described below:

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Stage 1

When financing are first recognised, the Company recognises an allowance based on 12 month ECLs. Stage 1 financing exposure also include facilities where the credit risk has improved and the financing exposure has been reclassified from Stage 2.

After initial recognition if the credit risk has not increased significantly since initial recognition – recognise 12-month expected credit losses.

Stage 2

When a financing exposure has shown a significant increase in credit risk since origination, the Company records an allowance for the LTECLs. Stage 2 financing exposure also include facilities, where the credit risk has improved and the financing exposure has been reclassified from Stage 3 with revenue being calculated based on the gross amount of the asset

Stage 3

When the financing exposure is considered credit-impaired, the Company records an allowance for the LTECLs with revenue being based on the net amount of the asset (that is, based on the impaired amount of the asset).

(iii) The calculation of ECLs

The Company calculates ECLs based on a three probability-weighted scenarios to measure the expected cash shortfalls, discounted at an approximation to the EIR. A cash shortfall is the difference between the cash flows that are due to an entity in accordance with the contract and the cash flows that the entity expects to receive.

The mechanics of the ECL calculations are outlined below and the key elements are, as follows:

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

(iv) Presentation of allowance for ECL in the statement of financial position

Loss allowances for ECLs are presented in the statement of financial position as follows:

- financial assets measured at amortised cost: as a deduction from the gross carrying amount of the assets;
- loan commitments and financial guarantee contracts: generally, as a provision;
- where a financial instrument includes both a drawn and an undrawn component, and the Company cannot identify the ECL on the loan commitment component separately from those on the drawn component: the Company presents a combined loss allowance for both components. The combined amount is presented as a deduction from the gross carrying amount of the drawn component. Any excess of the loss allowance over the gross amount of the drawn component is presented as a provision; and

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(v) Purchased or originated credit impaired financial assets (POCI)

For POCI financial assets, the Company only recognises the cumulative changes in LTECL since initial recognition in the loss allowance.

(vi) Forward looking information

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

- Gross domestic product
- Oil prices and production

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

(vii) Valuation of the collateral

To mitigate its credit risks on financial assets, the Company seeks to use collateral, where possible. The collateral comes in various forms, such as cash, securities, letters of credit/guarantees, real estate, receivables, inventories, other non-financial assets and credit enhancements such as netting agreements. The Company's collateral, unless repossessed, is not recorded on the Company's statement of financial position. However, the fair value of collateral affects the calculation of ECLs. It is the policy of the Company to include collateral in ECL only if the fair value are validated by external valuer except for Cash/Bank Balance.

To the extent possible, the Company uses active market data for valuing financial assets held as collateral. Non-financial collateral, such as real estate, is valued by certified third party valuers.

(viii) Write-offs

Loans and debt securities are written off (either partially or in full) when there is no realistic prospect of recovery. This is generally the case when the Company determines that the borrower does not have assets or sources of income that could generate sufficient cash flows to repay the amounts subject to the write-off. However, financial assets that are written off could still be subject to enforcement activities in order to comply with the Company's procedures for recovery of amounts due.

2.5.16 Impairment of non-financial assets

At each reporting date, the Company reviews the carrying amounts of its non-financial assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

If the recoverable amount of an asset, or cash-generating unit, is estimated to be less than its carrying amount, the carrying amount of the asset, or cash-generating unit, is reduced to the recoverable amount. An impairment loss is recognised immediately in the statement of other comprehensive income, unless the relevant asset is carried at a revalued amount, in which case the impairment loss is treated as a revaluation decrease.

Where an impairment loss subsequently reverses, the carrying amount of the asset is increased to the revised estimate of its recoverable amount and the income is recognised as income immediately, provided that the increased carrying amount does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined had no impairment loss been recognised earlier.

If the relevant asset is carried at a revalued amount, the reversal of the impairment loss is treated as a revaluation increase.

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2.5.17 Renegotiated net investment in finance lease, working capital facilities and other advances

If the terms of a financial asset are renegotiated or modified or an existing financial asset is replaced with a new one due to financial difficulties of the borrower, then an assessment is made of whether the financial asset should be derecognized and ECL are measured as follows.

- If the expected restructuring will not result in derecognition of the existing asset, then the expected cash flows arising from the modified financial asset are included in calculating the cash shortfalls from the existing asset.
- If the expected restructuring will result in derecognition of the existing asset, then the expected amortised fair value of the new asset is treated as the final cash flow from the existing financial asset at the time of its derecognition. This amount is included in calculating the cash shortfalls from the existing financial asset that are discounted from the expected date of derecognition to the reporting date using the original effective interest rate of the existing financial asset.

2.5.18 Provisions

A provision is recognised in the statement of financial position when the Company has a legal or constructive obligation as a result of a past event, and it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation. If the effect is material, provisions are determined by discounting the expected future cash flows at a pre-tax rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and, where appropriate, the risks specific to the liability.

2.5.19 Dividend on ordinary shares

Dividends on ordinary shares are recognised as a liability and deducted from equity when they are approved by the Company's shareholders, subject to the approval of the Central Bank of Oman. Interim dividends are deducted from equity when they are paid.

2.5.20 Fair values

A number of the Company's accounting policies and disclosures require the determination of fair value, for both financial and non-financial assets and liabilities. Fair values have been determined for measurement and/or disclosure purposes based on a number of accounting policies and methods. Where applicable, information about the assumptions made in determining fair values is disclosed in the notes specific to that asset or liability. Details are set out in note 28.

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. The fair value measurement is based on the presumption that the transaction to sell the asset or transfer the liability takes place either:

- In the principal market for the asset or liability, or
- In the absence of a principal market, in the most advantageous market for the asset or liability

The principal or the most advantageous market must be accessible to the Company.

The fair value of an asset or a liability is measured using the assumptions that market participants would use when pricing the asset or liability, assuming that market participants act in their economic best interest.

A fair value measurement of a non-financial asset takes into account a market participant's ability to generate economic benefits by using the asset in its highest and best use or by selling it to another market participant that would use the asset in its highest and best use.

The Company uses valuation techniques that are appropriate in the circumstances and for which sufficient data are available to measure fair value, maximising the use of relevant observable inputs and minimising the use of unobservable inputs.

2.5.21 Earnings per share

The Company presents basic and diluted earnings per share (EPS) data for its ordinary shares. Basic EPS is calculated by dividing

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the profit or loss attributable to ordinary shareholders by the weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding during the period. Diluted EPS is determined by adjusting the profit or loss attributable to ordinary shareholders and the weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding for the effects of all dilutive potential ordinary shares, which comprises compulsory convertible bonds.

2.5.22 Segment reporting

Operating segments are reported in a manner consistent with the internal reporting provided to the chief operating decision-maker. The chief operating decision maker, who is responsible for allocating resources and assessing performance of the operating segments, has been identified as the Management Committee that makes strategic decisions.

2.5.23 Financial guarantees

Financial guarantees are contracts that require the issuer to make specified payments to reimburse the beneficiary for a loss incurred because the debtor fails to make payments when due, in accordance with the terms of the debt. Such guarantees are given to banks, financial institutions or other entities on behalf of the customers.

Financial guarantees are initially recognised in the financial statements at fair value on the date the guarantee was issued. Subsequent to initial recognition, the Company's liabilities under such guarantees are measured at the higher of initial measurement, less amortisation calculated to recognise in the statement of comprehensive income the fee income earned on the straight-line basis over the life of the guarantee and the best estimate of the expenditure required to settle any financial obligation arising at the reporting date. These estimates are determined based on experience of similar transactions and history of past losses, supplemented by the judgment of management. Any increase in the liability relating to guarantees is taken to the statement of comprehensive income.

2.5.24 Offsetting

Financial assets and financial liabilities are only offset and the net amount reported in the statement of financial position when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and the Company intends to either settle on a net basis, or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

2.5.25 Leases

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

Company as a lessee

The Company applies a single recognition and measurement approach for all leases, except for short-term leases and leases of low-value assets. The Company recognises lease liabilities to make lease payments and right-of-use assets representing the right to use the underlying assets.

a. Right of use assets

The Company recognises right of use assets at the commencement date of the lease (i.e., the date the underlying asset is available for use). Right of use assets are measured at cost, less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses, and adjusted for any remeasurement of lease liabilities. The cost of right of use assets includes the amount of lease liabilities recognised, initial direct costs incurred, and lease payments made at or before the commencement date less any lease incentives received. The right of use assets are depreciated on a straight-line basis over the shorter of its estimated useful life and the lease term. Right of use assets are subject to impairment.

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b. Lease liabilities

At the commencement date of the lease, the Company recognises lease liabilities measured at the present value of lease payments to be made over the lease term. The lease payments include fixed payments (including in- substance fixed payments) less any lease incentives receivable, variable lease payments that depend on an index or a rate, and amounts expected to be paid under residual value guarantees. The lease payments also include the exercise price of a purchase option reasonably certain to be exercised by the Company and payments of penalties for terminating a lease, if the lease term reflects the Company exercising the option to terminate. The variable lease payments that do not depend on an index or a rate are recognised as expense in the period in which the event or condition that triggers the payment occurs.

In calculating the present value of lease payments, the Company uses the incremental borrowing rate at the lease commencement date if the interest rate implicit in the lease is not readily determinable. After the commencement date, the amount of lease liabilities is increased to reflect the accretion of interest and reduced for the lease payments made. In addition, the carrying amount of lease liabilities is remeasured if there is a modification, a change in the lease term, a change in the lease payments (e.g. as changes in future payments resulting from a change in index or rate used to determine such lease payments) or a change in the assessment to purchase the underlying asset.

c. Short-term leases and leases of low-value assets

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

Company as a lessor

At inception or on modification of a contract that contains a lease component, the Company allocate the consideration in the contract to each lease component on the basis of their relative stand-alone selling prices.

When the Company acts as a lessor, it determines at lease inception whether the lease is a finance lease or an operating lease.

To classify each lease, the Company makes an overall assessment of whether the lease transfers substantially all of the risks and rewards incidental to ownership of the underlying asset. If this is the case, then the lease is a finance lease; if not, then it is an operating lease. As part of this assessment, the Company considers certain indicators such as whether the lease is for the major part of the economic life of the asset.

The Company applies the derecognition and impairment requirements in IFRS 9 to the net investment in the finance lease. The Company further regularly reviews estimated unguaranteed residual values used in calculating the gross investment in the lease.

An operating lease is a lease that does not transfer substantially all the risks and rewards incidental to the ownership of an underlying asset. Lease payments from operating leases are recognised as income on a straight line basis unless another systematic basis is more representative of the pattern in which benefit from the use of the underlying asset is diminished. Costs incurred in earning the lease income, including depreciation are recognised as an expense. Initial direct cost incurred in obtaining lease. are added to the carrying amount of the underlying asset and recognised as an expense over the lease term on the same basis as the lease income. Modification to an operating lease is accounted for as a new lease from the effective date of the modification, considering any prepaid or accrued leased payments relating to the original lease as part of the lease payments for the new lease. The respective leased assets are included in the statement of financial position based on their nature.

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3. OTHER INCOME

	2023 RO	2022 RO
Collections of Instalments from accounts fully netted off against provision	1,499,715	1,943,586
Documentation and related charges	111,776	76,207
Group Credit Life Insurance Income	86,432	55,191
Profit on disposal of property and equipment	12,384	10
	<u>1,710,307</u>	<u>2,074,994</u>

4. OPERATING EXPENSES

	2023 RO	2022 RO
Salaries and other benefits	4,224,957	3,904,512
Directors' sitting fees & remuneration (note 26)	371,482	384,800
Fuel and maintenance	82,721	90,594
Professional fees	70,114	68,882
Fees and other charges	52,940	53,006
Miscellaneous expenses	100,110	52,029
Telephone and postage	38,858	39,169
Loss on write-off of capital work in progress (note 10)	-	33,113
Advertising	44,800	29,000
Utilities and rental expense	25,147	26,286
Insurance	12,000	12,000
Printing and stationery	12,755	6,748
Travelling	2,398	5,193
	<u>5,038,282</u>	<u>4,705,332</u>

Salaries and other benefits comprise:

	2023 RO	2022 RO
Salaries	2,527,828	2,561,646
Other benefits	1,435,727	1,118,887
Contribution to social insurance	150,700	145,561
Employee end of service benefits (note 14.1)	110,702	78,418
	<u>4,224,957</u>	<u>3,904,512</u>

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5. TAXATION

Income statement:

	2023 RO	2022 RO
Current year tax	555,200	486,417
Prior year tax refund	(1,577)	-
	<u>553,623</u>	<u>486,417</u>
Current liability:		
Current year	555,200	486,417
Prior years	136,819	182,596
	<u>692,019</u>	<u>669,013</u>

Following is the tax reconciliation for the current year tax

Accounting profit before tax	3,754,935	3,236,227
Tax at the applicable rate of 15% (2022: 15%)	563,240	485,434
Expenses that are not deductible in determining taxable profit:	(8,040)	983
	<u>555,200</u>	<u>486,417</u>

The reconciliation of taxation on the accounting profit with the current taxation charge for the year is as follows:

	2023 RO	2022 RO
Accounting profit	3,754,935	3,236,227
Expenses that are not deductible in determining taxable profit	1,725	1,169
Depreciation-net	(54,624)	5,851
Effect of leases under IFRS 16	(701)	(465)
Taxable profit	<u>3,701,335</u>	<u>3,242,782</u>
Tax at the applicable rate of 15% (2022: 15%)	<u>555,200</u>	<u>486,417</u>

The above adjustments in accounting profit to arrive at taxable profit are based on the current understanding of the existing tax laws, regulations and practices. Income tax rate applicable for the year is 15% (2022: 15%).

The tax assessments for the years up to 2020 have been completed. The tax returns of the Company for the tax years 2021 to 2022 have not yet been assessed by the Tax Authority. Management is of the opinion that any further additional taxes, if any, related to the open tax years would not be significant to the Company's financial position as at 31 December 2023.

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6. CASH AND BANK BALANCES

	2023 RO	2022 RO
Term deposits	85,000,000	85,000,000
Current accounts	6,522,786	745,784
Cash in hand	9,933	19,657
	<u>91,532,719</u>	<u>85,765,441</u>
Less: allowance for expected credit loss	<u>(372,600)</u>	<u>(372,600)</u>
	<u>91,160,119</u>	<u>85,392,841</u>
	2023 RO	2022 RO
Provision for ECL of deposits with commercial banks:		
At 1 January	<u>372,600</u>	<u>372,600</u>
At 31 December	<u>372,600</u>	<u>372,600</u>

Current accounts balances contain overdrafts amounting to RO 17,740 which carry interest rates at 6%.

Term deposits and call accounts are placed with commercial banks in Oman and carry annual interest rates in the range of 0.5% to 5.25% (2022: 0.5% to 5%) and the Company has the right to pre-close these deposits with no significant outflow, provided an agreed number of working days' notice period is served.

7. DEPOSIT WITH THE CENTRAL BANK OF OMAN

The deposit represents a capital deposit with the Central Bank of Oman ("CBO") made in accordance with the Banking Law of 1974. The deposit is only repayable if the Company terminates its instalment finance business within the Sultanate of Oman and settles all outstanding obligations and claims arising from that business.

8. NET INVESTMENT IN FINANCE LEASE, WORKING CAPITAL FINANCE AND OTHER ADVANCES

	2023 RO	2022 RO
Gross investment in finance leases		
Corporate debtors:		
Instalment finance lease	73,892,470	60,891,062
Working capital and other advances	48,504,354	52,431,362
Total corporate debtors	<u>122,396,824</u>	<u>113,322,424</u>
Retail debtors	<u>33,369,078</u>	<u>32,683,473</u>
	<u>155,765,902</u>	<u>146,005,897</u>
Less: unearned finance income	<u>(15,413,770)</u>	<u>(13,522,666)</u>
	<u>140,352,132</u>	<u>132,483,231</u>
Less: Allowance for expected credit loss, including reserved finance interest	<u>(13,350,954)</u>	<u>(13,422,377)</u>
	<u>127,001,178</u>	<u>119,060,854</u>

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8. NET INVESTMENT IN FINANCE LEASE, WORKING CAPITAL FINANCE AND OTHER ADVANCES *(continued)*

i)	2023		2022	
	Gross finance Receivables	Present value of finance receivables	Gross finance receivables	Present value of finance receivables
	RO	RO	RO	RO
Not later than one year	70,566,588	63,057,511	67,909,502	61,456,843
Before one year and less than three years	60,920,035	54,406,035	53,557,239	47,637,879
Later than three years	24,279,279	22,888,586	24,539,156	23,388,509
	<u>155,765,902</u>	<u>140,352,132</u>	<u>146,005,897</u>	<u>132,483,231</u>

ii) Gross finance receivable and present value of finance receivable includes instalment finance, working capital and other advances. Net investment in finance leases, working capital finance and other advances are stated net of accumulated provision for ECL and reserved finance interest. The movement in provision for ECL and reserved finance interest for the year is analysed as follows:

	2023	2022
	RO	RO
Provision for ECL:		
At 1 January	13,045,634	11,268,304
Provided during the year	5,334,504	5,661,676
Released during the year	(3,204,385)	(3,356,842)
Amounts written off	(2,327,280)	(527,504)
At 31 December	<u>12,848,473</u>	<u>13,045,634</u>
Reserved finance interest		
At 1 January	376,743	209,850
Reserved during the year	222,952	259,698
Released during the year	(41,952)	(60,267)
Amounts written off	(55,262)	(32,538)
At 31 December	<u>502,481</u>	<u>376,743</u>
Allowance for ECL including reserved finance interest	<u>13,350,954</u>	<u>13,422,377</u>

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8. NET INVESTMENT IN FINANCE LEASE, WORKING CAPITAL FINANCE AND OTHER ADVANCES (Continued)

iii) The below table shows comparison of provision held as per IFRS 9 and required as per CBO norms:

31 December 2023

(Amounts in RO'000)

Asset classification as per CBO Norms	Asset classification as per IFRS 9	Gross Amount	Provision required as per CBO Norms	Provision held as per IFRS 9	Difference between CBO provision required and provision held	Net Amount as per CBO norms*	Net Amount as per IFRS 9	Interest recognised in P&L as per IFRS 9	Reserve interest as per CBO norms
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6) = (4)-(5)	(7)=(3)-(4)-(10)	(8) = (3)-(5)	(9)	(10)
Standard	Stage 1	112,487	-	1,563	(1,563)	112,446	110,924	-	41
	Stage 2	24,143	-	8,503	(8,503)	24,139	15,640	-	4
	Stage 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Subtotal		136,630	-	10,066	(10,066)	136,585	126,564	-	45
Special Mention	Stage 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Stage 2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Stage 3	390	19	311	(292)	356	79	-	15
Subtotal		390	19	311	(292)	356	79	-	15
Substandard	Stage 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Stage 2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Stage 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Subtotal		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Doubtful	Stage 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Stage 2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Stage 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Subtotal		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Loss	Stage 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Stage 2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Stage 3	3,332	2,090	2,974	(884)	800	358	-	442
Subtotal		3,332	2,090	2,974	(884)	800	358	-	442
Other items not covered under CBO circular BM 977 and related instructions	Stage 1	-	-	373	(373)	-	(373)	-	-
	Stage 2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Stage 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Subtotal		-	-	373	(373)	-	(373)	-	-
Total	Stage 1	112,487	-	1,936	(1,936)	112,446	110,551	-	41
	Stage 2	24,143	-	8,503	(8,503)	24,139	15,640	-	4
	Stage 3	3,722	2,109	3,285	(1,176)	1,156	437	-	457
	Total	140,352	2,109	13,724	(11,615)	137,741	126,628	-	502

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8. NET INVESTMENT IN FINANCE LEASE, WORKING CAPITAL FINANCE AND OTHER ADVANCES (Continued)

The below table shows comparison of provision held as per IFRS 9 and required as per CBO norms:

31 December 2022

(Amounts in RO'000)

Asset classification as per CBO Norms	Asset classification as per IFRS 9	Gross Amount	Provision required as per CBO Norms	Provision held as per IFRS 9	Difference between CBO provision required and provision held	Net Amount as per CBO norms*	Net Amount as per IFRS 9	Interest recognised in P&L as per IFRS 9	Reserved finance interest as per CBO norms
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6) = (4)-(5)	(7)=(3)-(4)-(10)	(8) = (3)-(5)	(9)	(10)
Standard	Stage 1	114,380	-	6,750	(6,750)	114,330	107,630	-	50
	Stage 2	14,138	-	3,352	(3,352)	14,126	10,786	-	12
	Stage 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Subtotal		128,518	-	10,102	(10,102)	128,456	118,416	-	62
Special Mention	Stage 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Stage 2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Stage 3	770	47	637	(590)	695	133	-	28
Subtotal		770	47	637	(590)	695	133	-	28
Substandard	Stage 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Stage 2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Stage 3	9	2	9	(7)	7	-	-	-
Subtotal		9	2	9	(7)	7	-	-	-
Doubtful	Stage 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Stage 2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Stage 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Subtotal		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Loss	Stage 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Stage 2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Stage 3	3,186	2,100	2,674	(574)	799	512	-	287
Subtotal		3,186	2,100	2,674	(574)	799	512	-	287
Other items not covered under CBO circular BM 977 and related instructions	Stage 1	-	-	373	(373)	-	(373)	-	-
	Stage 2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Stage 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Subtotal		-	-	373	(373)	-	(373)	-	-
Total	Stage 1	114,380	-	7,123	(7,123)	114,330	107,257	-	50
	Stage 2	14,138	-	3,352	(3,352)	14,126	10,786	-	12
	Stage 3	3,965	2,149	3,320	(1,171)	1,501	645	-	315
	Total	132,483	2,149	13,795	(11,646)	129,957	118,688	-	377

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8. NET INVESTMENT IN FINANCE LEASE, WORKING CAPITAL FINANCE AND OTHER ADVANCES (Continued)

iv) The below table shows comparison of provision held as per IFRS 9 and required as per CBO norms for restructured accounts:

Restructured loans-2023

(Amounts in RO'000)

Asset Classification as per CBO Norms	Asset Classification as per IFRS 9	Gross Carrying Amount	Provision required as per CBO Norms	Provision held as per IFRS 9	Difference between CBO provision required and provision held	Net Carrying Amount as per CBO norms*	Net Carrying Amount as per IFRS 9	Interest recognised in P&L as per IFRS 9 for the quarter	Reserve interest as per CBO norms for the quarter
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6) = (4)-(5)	(7)=(3)-(4)-(10)	(8) = (3)-(5)	(9)	(10)
Classified as performing	Stage 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Stage 2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Stage 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Subtotal		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Classified as non-performing	Stage 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Stage 2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Stage 3	3,332	2,090	2,974	(884)	800	358	-	442
Sub total		3,332	2,090	2,974	(884)	800	358	-	442
Total	Stage 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Stage 2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Stage 3	3,332	2,090	2,974	(884)	800	358	-	442
	Total	3,332	2,090	2,974	(884)	800	358	-	442

Restructured loans-2022

(Amounts in RO'000)

Asset Classification as per CBO Norms	Asset Classification as per IFRS 9	Gross Carrying Amount	Provision required as per CBO Norms	Provision held as per IFRS 9	Difference between CBO provision required and provision held	Net Carrying Amount as per CBO *norms	Net Carrying Amount as per IFRS 9	Interest recognized in P&L as per IFRS 9	Reserve interest as per CBO norms
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(5)-(4) = (6)	(10)-(4)-(3)=(7)	(5)-(3) = (8)	(9)	(10)
Classified as performing	Stage 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Stage 2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Stage 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Subtotal									
Classified as non-performing	Stage 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Stage 2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Stage 3	3,278	2,114	2,743	(629)	877	535		287
Sub total		3,278	2,114	2,743	(629)	877	535	-	287
Total	Stage 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Stage 2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Stage 3	3,278	2,114	2,743	(629)	877	535	-	287
	Total	3,278	2,114	2,743	(629)	877	535	-	287

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8. NET INVESTMENT IN FINANCE LEASE, WORKING CAPITAL FINANCE AND OTHER ADVANCES (Continued)

v) Gross carrying amount	RO	RO	RO	RO
	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Total
As at 1 January 2023	114,379,658	14,137,679	3,965,894	132,483,231
New	37,235,875	1,293,602	1,870,002	40,399,480
Repayment	(26,689,748)	(3,201,873)	(256,416)	(30,148,037)
Net transfer between stages	(12,439,352)	11,913,822	525,530	-
Written off	-	-	(2,382,542)	(2,382,542)
As at 31 December 2023	112,486,434	24,143,230	3,722,468	140,352,132

Gross carrying amount	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Total
As at 1 January 2022	99,729,095	12,899,751	4,407,260	117,036,106
New	42,486,309	2,424,180	261,878	45,172,367
Repayment	(26,697,990)	(1,813,857)	(653,352)	(29,165,199)
Net transfer between stages	(1,137,756)	627,605	510,151	-
Written off	-	-	(560,043)	(560,043)
As at 31 December 2022	114,379,658	14,137,679	3,965,894	132,483,231

ECL amount	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Total
As at 1 January 2023	6,700,145	3,340,631	3,004,858	13,045,634
Provided during the year	2,663,175	468,275	2,203,054	5,334,504
Released during the year	(389,646)	(2,508,203)	(306,436)	(3,204,385)
Net transfer between stages	(7,452,650)	7,198,406	254,244	-
Written off	-	-	(2,327,280)	(2,327,280)
As at 31 December 2023	1,521,024	8,499,109	2,828,340	12,848,473

ECL amount	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Total
As at 1 January 2022	3,412,461	4,475,409	3,380,434	11,268,304
Provided during the year	4,836,162	334,823	490,691	5,661,676
Released during the year	(1,181,156)	(1,505,672)	(670,014)	(3,356,842)
Net transfer between stages	(367,322)	36,071	331,251	-
Written off	-	-	(527,504)	(527,504)
As at 31 December 2022	6,700,145	3,340,631	3,004,858	13,045,634

Net investment in finance leases, working capital facilities and other advances include amounts advanced to clients, interest on the amounts advanced and related charges. In the event of default in the settlement of debts, the Company has recourse to the client.

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8. NET INVESTMENT IN FINANCE LEASE, WORKING CAPITAL FINANCE AND OTHER ADVANCES (Continued)

Finance interest is reserved by the Company to comply with the rules, regulations and guidelines issued by the Central Bank of Oman against impaired lease finance receivables, working capital facilities and other advances.

vi) The effective yield rate on the net investment in finance leases, working capital facilities and other advances excluding collection from accounts netted off against ECL provision is 8.18% (2022: 7.84%). The effective annual interest rate bands of lease finance receivables, working capital facilities and other advances are as follows:

	2023 RO	2022 RO
Less than 10%	120,710,164	117,087,744
More than 10%	19,641,968	15,395,487
	<u>140,352,132</u>	<u>132,483,231</u>

9. OTHER ASSETS AND PREPAYMENTS

	2023 RO	2022 RO
Prepaid expenses	240,605	215,379
Other receivables	987,948	797,153
Derivative asset	-	31,748
	<u>1,228,553</u>	<u>1,044,280</u>

10. PROPERTY, EQUIPMENT AND RIGHT-OF-USE ASSETS

	Land and building RO	Furniture and office equipment RO	Vehicles RO	Right-of-use assets RO	Capital work in progress RO	Total RO
Cost						
1 January 2023	1,262,267	1,422,236	187,874	85,196	-	2,957,573
Additions	-	134,774	157,073	-	-	291,847
Disposals/write-off	-	-	(113,715)	-	-	(113,715)
31 December 2023	<u>1,262,267</u>	<u>1,557,010</u>	<u>231,232</u>	<u>85,196</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,135,705</u>
Depreciation						
1 January 2023	547,572	1,330,127	179,146	59,267	-	2,116,112
Charge for the year	40,949	48,904	34,248	14,817	-	138,918
Disposals/write-off	-	-	(113,715)	-	-	(113,715)
31 December 2023	<u>588,521</u>	<u>1,379,031</u>	<u>99,679</u>	<u>74,084</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,141,315</u>
Net book value						
31 December 2023	<u>673,746</u>	<u>177,979</u>	<u>131,553</u>	<u>11,112</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>994,390</u>

The Company has entered into long term lease agreement for three office premises up to 30th September 2024. Accordingly, the management has recognised right-of -use asset and lease liability in accordance with IFRS 16. Lease liabilities have been disclosed in note 14 of the financial statements.

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10. PROPERTY, EQUIPMENT AND RIGHT-OF-USE ASSETS (Continued)

	Land and building RO	Furniture and office equipment RO	Vehicles RO	Right-of- use assets RO	Capital work in progress RO	Total RO
Cost						
1 January 2022	1,262,267	1,399,905	187,874	80,507	33,113	2,963,666
Additions	-	28,795	-	4,689	-	33,484
Disposals/write-off	-	(6,464)	-	-	(33,113)	(39,577)
31 December 2022	1,262,267	1,422,236	187,874	85,196	-	2,957,573
Depreciation						
1 January 2022	506,623	1,298,668	161,328	45,285	-	2,011,904
Charge for the year	40,949	37,923	17,818	13,982	-	110,672
Disposals/write-off	-	(6,464)	-	-	-	(6,464)
31 December 2022	547,572	1,330,127	179,146	59,267	-	2,116,112
Net book value						
31 December 2022	714,695	92,109	8,728	25,929	-	841,461

11. SHORT TERM LOANS

	2023 RO	2022 RO
Short term loans	98,000,000	39,300,000

Short term loans obtained from local commercial banks are denominated in Rial Omani and are secured by a registered mortgage over the Company's assets. Short term loans carry interest rate of 3.60% to 6.20% (2022: 3.25% to 3.60%) per annum.

12. DEPOSITS

No deposits are outstanding from related parties as at 31 December 2023 (2022: nil).

13. TERM LOANS

	Annual interest rate	2023 RO	2022 RO
Long term loans – RO	4.85% to 5%	35,000,000	45,000,000
Long term loans – US \$	-	-	34,624,500
		35,000,000	79,624,500

The Company has entered into long term loan facility agreements with local commercial banks. The lenders hold a pari passu charge over the assets of the Company for the credit facilities granted. In addition, the Company is required to comply with certain financial covenants.

The related maturity profile and interest rate risk are given in notes 30 and 31 respectively.

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14. OTHER LIABILITIES

	2023 RO	2022 RO
Accounts payable	7,126,175	8,155,168
Accrued expenses and other payables	2,611,512	2,353,142
Directors' remuneration (note 26)	300,000	300,000
Employees' end of service benefits (i)	31,074	301,648
Lease liability (ii)	5,769	21,287
	<u>10,074,530</u>	<u>11,131,245</u>

(i) The movement in the employees' end of service benefits during the year is as follows:

	2023 RO	2022 RO
At 1 January	301,648	289,874
Provided during the year (note 4)	110,702	78,418
Paid during the year	(381,276)	(66,644)
At 31 December	<u>31,074</u>	<u>301,648</u>

During the current year, the Company made partial payment of end of service benefits of certain employees based on the policy of the company.

(ii) The movement in the lease liability during the year is as follows:

	2023 RO	2022 RO
At 1 January	21,287	30,850
Add : additions during the year	-	4,689
Interest charge for the year	502	1,768
Paid during the year	(16,020)	(16,020)
At 31 December	<u>5,769</u>	<u>21,287</u>

Contingent liabilities

At 31 December 2023, there were no contingent liabilities (2022: Nil) in respect of guarantees issued in the normal course of business.

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15. SHARE CAPITAL

	2023 RO	2022 RO
Authorised – shares of RO 0.100 each	35,000,000	35,000,000
Issued and fully paid – shares of RO 0.100 each	30,767,440	30,321,363

The share capital as of 31 December 2023 is as per the regulatory capital requirement.

Shareholders who own 10% or more of the Company's share capital are as follows:

	2023 % of holding	2023 Number of shares	2022 % of holding	2022 Number of shares
Muscat Overseas Company LLC	18.11%	55,720,678	18.11%	54,912,695
Civil Service Employees Pension Fund	13.88%	42,703,352	13.88%	41,499,144

16. SHARE PREMIUM

During the year an amount of RO 384,295 (2022: RO 1,015,062) was transferred to share premium account upon conversion of the compulsorily convertible bonds on the due date. Further, during the year, an amount of RO 148,692 (2022: RO 375,949) has been transferred from share premium account to legal reserve account. (note 17).

17. LEGAL RESERVE

Article 132 of the Commercial Companies Law 2019 requires that 10% of the profit for the year be transferred to the legal reserve until the amounts held in the legal reserve reach one-third of the Company's capital. Further, as per Article 126 of the Commercial Companies Law 2019, if shares are issued at a premium, the excess after payment of issue expenses shall be added to the legal reserve or to a special reserve. Accordingly, during the year, the Company transferred RO 148,692 (2022: RO 375,949) to legal reserve account, that resulted in the legal reserve reaching one-third of the Company's share capital.

18. EXCHANGE RESERVE

The exchange reserve has been created in accordance with the directives of the Central Bank of Oman via circular FM 11 ("the Circular") dated 31 March 2003 in respect of un-hedged long-term foreign currency loans. In accordance with the requirements of the Circular, 20% exchange reserve shall be created against any foreign currency borrowings which exceeds 40% of the net worth as per the previous financial year audited financial statements. 10% of this exchange reserve shall be created at the end of the year of the borrowing and 2.5% in each subsequent years. This reserve is not available for distribution. As the company has repaid the entire outstanding foreign currency loan during the year an amount of RO 636,114, being the balance in the reserve account, has been transferred back to retained earnings (2022: RO 2,980,708 has been transferred back to retained earnings).

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19. DIVIDENDS PAID AND PROPOSED

Dividend is not accounted for until it has been approved at the Annual General Meeting. At the meeting on 21st January 2024, the Board of Directors proposed a dividend of 13.25% of the paid up capital of the Company comprising a cash dividend of 8.25% amounting to RO. 2,538,313.800 and 5% of the paid up capital of unsecured non-convertible redeemable bonus stock bonds totalling to 15,383,720 bonds of RO 0.100 each amounting to RO 1,538,372. This will be submitted for the formal approval at the Annual General Meeting of the Company to be held in March 2024. These bonus stock bonds will carry an annual coupon rate of 5%, payable annually. The interest will be calculated on the basis of 365 days per year on the nominal value of the bonus stock bond. These bonus stock bonds will be unsecured and listed on the Muscat Securities Exchange (MSX). The unsecured non-convertible bonus stock bonds will be compulsorily redeemed after 60 months from the date of listing. The bonus stock bonds are payable from the Retained Earnings.

A cash dividend of 7.25% amounting to RO 2,198,298.861 and 5% compulsorily convertible bonus stock bonds amounting to RO 1,516,068 were approved at the Annual General Meeting held in March 2023 and subsequently cash dividend was paid and convertible bonus stock bonds were issued to the shareholders.

20. COMPULSORILY CONVERTIBLE BONDS

		2023 RO	2022 RO
Compulsorily convertible bonus bonds – 2017	(i)	-	830,372
Compulsorily convertible bonus bonds – 2018	(ii)	1,428,122	1,428,122
Compulsorily convertible bonus bonds – 2019	(iii)	1,167,741	1,167,741
Compulsorily convertible bonus bonds – 2022	(iv)	1,516,068	-
		4,111,931	3,426,235

In March 2018, the shareholders at the AGM approved 3% compulsorily convertible unsecured bonus stock bonds totaling to 8,303,720 bonds of RO 0.100 each amounting to RO 830,372. These bonus stock bonds will carry an annual coupon rate of 4%, payable semi-annually. During the year these bonus stock bonds were compulsorily converted into specific number of equity shares in a manner explained in note (v). Conversion price is at 85% of the book value 2022 - RO. 0.186150

In March 2019, the shareholders at the AGM approved 5% compulsorily convertible unsecured bonus stock bonds totalling to 14,281,224 bonds of RO 0.100 each amounting to RO 1,428,122. These bonus stock bonds will carry an annual coupon rate of 4%, payable annually. The bonus stock bonds will be compulsorily converted into specific number of equity shares at the end of 60 months in a manner explained in note (v).

In March 2020, the shareholders at the AGM approved 4% compulsorily convertible unsecured bonus stock bonds totalling to 11,677,407 bonds of RO 0.100 each amounting to RO 1,167,741. These bonus stock bonds will carry an annual coupon rate of 4%, payable annually. The bonus stock bonds will be compulsorily converted into specific number of equity shares at the end of 84 months in a manner explained in note (v).

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20. COMPULSORILY CONVERTIBLE BONDS (Continued)

In March 2023, the shareholders at the AGM approved 5% compulsorily convertible unsecured bonus stock bonds totaling to 15,160,682 bonds of RO 0.100 each amounting to RO 1,516,068. These bonus stock bonds carry an annual coupon rate of 4%, payable annually. The bonus stock bonds will be compulsorily converted into specific number of equity shares at the end of 84 months in a manner explained in note (v).

The interest is calculated on the basis of 365 days per year on the nominal value of the bond. These bonds are unsecured and listed on the MSX. The bonds will be converted into specific number of shares from the date of listing at 80% of the weighted average closing price of the Company's traded equity shares on the MSX over the preceding three months prior to the record date of such conversion, subject to a minimum 85% of the book value as per the audited accounts of the Company for the immediately preceding financial year of the Company.

As approved by the regulatory authority, the unsecured fully compulsorily convertible bonds amounting to RO 4,111,931 (2022: RO 3,426,235) are treated as part of the Company's net worth for computing all regulatory limits. Accordingly, the net worth of the Company as of 31 December 2023 for all regulatory purposes is RO 70,908,015 (2022: RO 69,905,002).

21. NON-CONVERTIBLE BONDS

In March 2022, the shareholders at the AGM approved 5% compulsorily non-convertible unsecured bonus stock bonds redeemable after 60 months totaling to 14,596,759 bonds of RO 0.100 each amounting to RO 1,459,676. These bonus stock bonds will carry an annual coupon rate of 4% payable annually.

22. BASIC EARNINGS PER SHARE

Basic earnings per share is calculated by dividing the profit for the year by the weighted average number of shares outstanding during the year as follows:

	2023 RO	2022 RO
Profit for the year (RO)	3,201,312	2,749,810
Weighted average number of shares outstanding during the year (Nos)	306,559,213	299,454,148
Basic earnings per share (RO)	0.010	0.009

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23. DILUTED EARNINGS PER SHARE

Diluted earnings per share is calculated by dividing the profit attributable to ordinary equity holders of the Company (after adjusting interest on the convertible bonds, net of tax) by the weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding during the year plus the weighted average number of ordinary shares that would be issued on the conversion of all the dilutive potential ordinary shares into ordinary shares.

	2023 RO	2022 RO
Profit after tax	3,201,312	2,749,810
Add: Interest on bonds (net)	182,415	178,772
Profit attributable to ordinary shareholders (diluted) (RO)	3,383,727	2,928,582
Weighted average number of ordinary shares (diluted) (Nos)	329,763,747	321,289,262
Diluted earnings per share (RO)	0.010	0.009

24. SPECIAL RESERVE FOR NON-PERFORMING ASSETS

This special reserve is created specifically for non-performing assets to meet out any contingencies. This reserve is non distributable and transfers out of this reserve require approval of Board of Directors.

25. SEGMENT INFORMATION

The Company operates in the finance industry and its operations are confined to the Sultanate of Oman. Detail regarding the Company's corporate and retail loans are included in note 8. None of the Company's single customer contributed more than 10% of its instalment finance income.

The Chief Operating Decision Maker considers the business of the Company as one operating segment and monitors only revenue and provision for expected credit loss for the corporate and retail segment.

26. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Company has entered into transactions in the ordinary course of business with major shareholders and other related parties in which certain directors have a significant influence. Pricing policies and the terms of the transactions are approved by the Company's board of directors and are considered by mutually agreed terms and are consistent with the standard terms applied by the Company.

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26. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (Continued)

Transactions with related parties or holders of 10% or more of the Company's shares or their family members, included in the statement of comprehensive income are as follows:

	2023 RO	2022 RO
Interest income on finance lease, working capital facilities and other advances (major shareholder)	131,214	129,927
Directors' sitting fees and remuneration	371,482	384,800
Employee's related cost of senior management	1,765,786	1,721,438

Details of Directors' remuneration and sitting fee are disclosed in notes 4 and 14.

Outstanding balances at the year-end arise in the normal course of business. Amounts due from related parties are not impaired and are estimated to be collectible based on the past experience

The following balances were outstanding in respect of related parties or holders of 10% or more of the Company's shares.

	2023		2022	
	Receivables RO	Payables RO	Receivables RO	Payables RO
Members of the Board of Directors	1,946,871	300,000	1,740,203	300,000
	1,946,871	300,000	1,740,203	300,000

27. NET ASSET PER SHARE

Net assets per share is calculated by dividing the net assets at the end of the year by the number of shares outstanding at the year-end as follows :

	2023 RO	2022 RO
Net asset value	66,796,084	66,478,767
Number of ordinary shares at the year end	307,674,404	303,213,636
Net assets per share-RO	0.217	0.219

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28. FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

It is the Company's intention to hold investment in finance lease, working capital facilities and other advances till maturity. As a result, the fair value of performing finance receivables is arrived at by using the discounted cash flow method based on a discount rate equal to the prevailing market rates of interest for loans having similar terms and conditions. The Company's short term loans are at variable rates of interests and long term loans are repriced on annual basis. The Company considers that the fair value of financial instruments at 31 December 2023 and 2022 are not significantly different to their carrying value at each of those dates.

All financial assets and liabilities have been accounted at amortised cost, except for derivative assets which designated at fair value through profit or loss.

The fair value of the financial assets and liabilities approximates their carrying value as stated in the statement of financial position.

Fair value hierarchy

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

Level 1: quoted (unadjusted) prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities;

Level 2: other techniques for which all inputs which have a significant effect on the recorded fair value are observable, either directly or indirectly; and

Level 3: techniques which use inputs which have a significant effect on the recorded fair value that are not based on observable market data.

During the prior year, the company entered into an interest rate swap derivative instrument with a local commercial bank, which is subsequently measured at fair value using Level 2 techniques (note 9).

As at 31 December 2023 and 2022, the Company had no other financial instruments, which were recorded at fair values.

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29. MATURITY PROFILE OF THE ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

The table below analyses the Company's assets, liabilities and equity into relevant maturity groupings based on the remaining period at the reporting date to the contractual maturity date. The maturity profile as of 31 December 2023 was as follows:

	Up to 1 month	1 to 3 months	3 to 6 months	6 months to 1 year	1 to 3 years	Over 3 years	Non-fixed maturity	Total
	RO	RO	RO	RO	RO	RO	RO	RO
Assets								
Cash and bank balances	11,522,719	-	15,000,000	-	64,627,400	-	-	91,410,119
Deposits with CBO	-	-	-	-	-	-	250,000	250,000
Net investment in finance lease, working capital finance and other advances	28,550,858	775,471	10,128,426	20,991,445	43,666,392	22,888,586	-	127,001,178
Other assets and prepayments	376,230	762,646	54,679	34,998	-	-	-	1,228,553
Property, equipment and right-of-use assets	-	-	-	-	-	-	994,390	994,390
Total assets	40,459,807	1,538,117	25,183,105	21,026,443	108,293,792	22,888,586	1,244,390	220,634,240
Liabilities and equity								
Short term loans	21,500,000	4,000,000	16,000,000	-	56,500,000	-	-	98,000,000
Deposits	1,000,000	-	-	-	3,500,000	-	-	4,500,000
Term loans	-	35,000,000	-	-	-	-	-	35,000,000
Compulsorily convertible bonds	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,111,931	4,111,931
Non-convertible redeemable bonds	-	-	-	-	-	1,459,676	-	1,459,676
Other liabilities	2,983,613	2,594,036	557,033	333,278	3,449,120	157,450	-	10,074,530
Income tax payable	-	-	-	-	-	-	692,019	692,019
Equity	-	-	-	-	-	-	66,796,084	66,796,084
Total liabilities and equity	25,483,613	41,594,036	16,557,033	333,278	63,449,120	1,617,126	71,600,034	220,634,240
Gap in maturity	14,976,194	(40,055,919)	8,626,072	20,693,165	44,844,672	21,271,460	(70,355,644)	
Cumulative gap in maturity	14,976,194	(25,079,725)	(16,453,653)	4,239,512	49,084,184	70,355,644		

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29. MATURITY PROFILE OF THE ASSETS AND LIABILITIES (continued)

The table below analyses the Company's assets, liabilities and equity into relevant maturity groupings based on the remaining period at the reporting date to the contractual maturity date. The maturity profile as of 31 December 2022 was as follows:

	Up to 1 month RO	1 to 3 months RO	3 to 6 months RO	6 months to 1 year RO	1 to 3 years RO	Over 3 years RO	Non-fixed maturity RO	Total RO
Assets								
Cash and bank balances	15,865,441	-	-	-	69,527,400	-	-	85,392,841
Deposits with CBO	-	-	-	-	-	-	250,000	250,000
Net investment in finance lease, working capital finance and other advances	23,336,455	8,879,383	11,452,821	15,262,875	36,740,812	23,388,508	-	119,060,854
Other assets and prepayments	552,849	405,410	53,365	32,656	-	-	-	1,044,280
Property, equipment, and right-of-use assets	-	-	-	-	-	-	841,461	841,461
Total assets	<u>39,754,745</u>	<u>9,284,793</u>	<u>11,506,186</u>	<u>15,295,531</u>	<u>106,268,212</u>	<u>23,388,508</u>	<u>1,091,461</u>	<u>206,589,436</u>
Liabilities and equity								
Short term loans	36,700,000	2,100,000	500,000	-	-	-	-	39,300,000
Deposits	-	-	1,000,000	-	3,500,000	-	-	4,500,000
Term loans	-	15,000,000	2,500,000	12,124,500	50,000,000	-	-	79,624,500
Compulsorily convertible bonds	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,426,235	3,426,235
Non-convertible redeemable bonds	-	-	-	-	-	1,459,676	-	1,459,676
Other liabilities	3,494,029	3,450,392	661,258	277,875	2,988,131	259,560	-	11,131,245
Income tax payable	-	-	-	-	-	-	669,013	669,013
Equity	-	-	-	-	-	-	66,478,767	66,478,767
Total liabilities and equity	<u>40,194,029</u>	<u>20,550,392</u>	<u>4,661,258</u>	<u>12,402,375</u>	<u>56,488,131</u>	<u>1,719,236</u>	<u>70,574,015</u>	<u>206,589,436</u>
Gap in maturity	<u>(439,284)</u>	<u>(11,265,599)</u>	<u>6,844,928</u>	<u>2,893,156</u>	<u>49,780,081</u>	<u>21,669,272</u>	<u>(69,482,554)</u>	
Cumulative gap in maturity	(439,284)	(11,704,883)	(4,859,955)	(1,966,799)	47,813,282	69,482,554		

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30. INTEREST RATE RISK

The interest rate charged and paid by the Company are similar to the prevailing market interest rates. The Company's interest rate sensitivity position, based on the contractual re-pricing at 31 December 2023 is set out below:

	Floating rate or within three months RO	3 to 6 months RO	6 months to one year RO	1 to 3 years RO	Over 3 years RO	Non interest sensitive RO	Total RO
Assets							
Cash and bank balances including deposit with central bank	11,522,786	15,000,000	-	64,627,400	250,000	9,933	91,410,119
Instalment finance receivable, working capital finance and other advances	46,066,406	7,645,348	16,226,730	35,032,121	22,030,573	-	127,001,178
Other assets and prepayments	-	-	-	-	-	1,228,553	1,228,553
Property, equipment and right-of-use assets	-	-	-	-	-	994,390	994,390
Total assets	57,589,192	22,645,348	16,226,730	99,659,521	22,280,573	2,232,876	220,634,240
Liabilities and equity							
Short term loans	25,500,000	16,000,000	-	56,500,000	-	-	98,000,000
Deposits	1,000,000	-	-	3,500,000	-	-	4,500,000
Term loans	35,000,000	-	-	-	-	-	35,000,000
Compulsorily convertible bonds	-	1,428,122	-	-	2,683,809	-	4,111,931
Non-convertible redeemable bonds	-	-	-	-	1,459,676	-	1,459,676
Other liabilities	-	-	-	-	-	10,074,530	10,074,530
Income tax payable	-	-	-	-	-	692,019	692,019
Equity	-	-	-	-	-	66,796,084	66,796,084
Total liabilities and equity	61,500,000	17,428,122	-	60,000,000	4,143,485	77,562,633	220,634,240
Interest rate sensitivity gap	(3,910,808)	5,217,226	16,226,730	39,659,521	18,137,088	(75,329,757)	
Cumulative interest rate sensitivity gap	(3,910,808)	1,306,418	17,533,148	57,192,669	75,329,757		

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30. INTEREST RATE RISK (continued)

The Company's interest sensitivity position based on contractual repricing arrangements at 31 December 2022 is as follows:

	Floating rate or within three months RO	3 to 6 months RO	6 months to one year RO	1 to 3 years RO	Over 3 years RO	Non interest sensitive RO	Total RO
Assets							
Cash and bank balances including deposit with central bank	15,845,784	-	-	69,527,400	250,000	19,657	85,642,841
Instalment finance receivable, working capital finance and other advances	49,879,667	6,017,567	12,548,501	28,561,681	22,053,438	-	119,060,854
Other assets and prepayments	-	-	-	-	-	1,044,280	1,044,280
Property, equipment and right-of-use assets	-	-	-	-	-	841,461	841,461
Total assets	<u>65,725,451</u>	<u>6,017,567</u>	<u>12,548,501</u>	<u>98,089,081</u>	<u>22,303,438</u>	<u>1,905,398</u>	<u>206,589,436</u>
Liabilities and equity							
Short term loans	38,800,000	500,000	-	-	-	-	39,300,000
Deposits	-	1,000,000	-	3,500,000	-	-	4,500,000
Term loans	15,000,000	2,500,000	12,124,500	50,000,000	-	-	79,624,500
Compulsorily convertible bonds	-	830,372	-	1,428,122	1,167,741	-	3,426,235
Non-convertible redeemable bonds	-	-	-	-	1,459,676	-	1,459,676
Other liabilities	-	-	-	-	-	11,131,245	11,131,245
Income tax payable	-	-	-	-	-	669,013	669,013
Equity	-	-	-	-	-	66,478,767	66,478,767
Total liabilities and equity	<u>53,800,000</u>	<u>4,830,372</u>	<u>12,124,500</u>	<u>54,928,122</u>	<u>2,627,417</u>	<u>78,279,025</u>	<u>206,589,436</u>
Net Balance Sheet Items	11,925,451	1,187,195	424,001	43,160,959	19,676,021	(76,373,627)	
Off-Balance Sheet Items	10,000,000	-	-	(10,000,000)	-	-	
Interest rate sensitivity gap	21,925,451	1,187,195	424,001	33,160,959	19,676,021	(76,373,627)	
Cumulative interest rate sensitivity gap	21,925,451	23,112,646	22,536,647	56,697,606	76,373,627		

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31. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT

The primary objective of the risk management system is to safeguard the Company's capital, its financial resources and from various risks. The Company has exposure to the following risk from its use of financial instruments:

- Credit risk
- Liquidity risk
- Market risk

The Board of Directors have overall responsibility for the establishment and oversight of the Company's risk management framework. The Board has established the policies and procedures and internal checks and balances to keep the risk at an acceptable level.

(a) Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that one party to a financial instrument will fail to discharge an obligation and cause the other party to incur a financial loss. The Company manages credit risk by setting limits for individual borrowers, monitoring credit exposures, limiting transactions with specific counter parties and assessing continually the creditworthiness of counter parties. In addition, the Company obtains security where appropriate, enters into collateral arrangements with counter parties, and limits the duration of the exposures.

Exposure to credit before collateral held or other credit enhancements

The credit exposure of the Company at 31 December is as follows:

	2023 RO	2022 RO
Bank balances	6,522,786	745,784
Deposit with CBO and commercial banks – net	84,877,400	84,877,400
Net investment in finance lease, working capital facilities and other advances – net	127,001,178	119,060,854
Credit risk exposure relating to off balance sheet items		
Approved lease commitment at 31 December	65,308	239,987
Total exposure	218,466,672	204,624,025
Classification of net investment in finance lease, working capital facilities and other advances – net as per CBO norms		
Past due 1 - 89 days but not impaired	12,158,623	2,519,610
Impaired		
Past due 90 – 179 days	390,314	770,264
Past due 180 – 269 days	-	9,337
Past due 270 – 364 days	-	-
Past due > 364 days	3,332,154	3,186,293
	3,722,468	3,965,894
Neither past due nor impaired	124,471,041	125,997,727
Total	140,352,132	132,483,231

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31. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (continued)

Classification of investment in finance lease, working capital facilities and other advances – net as CBO norms (continued)

Less: provision for expected credit loss, including reserved interest:

Total allowance for expected credit loss

Net investment in finance lease, working capital facilities and other advances

2023 RO	2022 RO
(13,350,954)	(13,422,377)
(13,350,954)	(13,422,377)
127,001,178	119,060,854

Rescheduled loans as of 31 December 2023 amounted to RO 3,332,153 (2022: RO 3,277,717). The Gross NPL is 2.65% (2022:2.99%) and the NPL net of provision for expected credit loss and special reserve for non-performing assets is in negative and it is -3.59% (2022: -3.66%) of the present value of finance receivables.

Classification of investment in finance lease, working capital facilities and other advances as per IFRS 9 including guarantees

Stage -1

Stage -2

Stage -3

2023 RO	2022 RO
112,486,434	114,379,657
24,143,230	14,137,680
3,722,468	3,965,894
140,352,132	132,483,231
(13,350,954)	(13,422,377)
127,001,178	119,060,854

Less:- provision for expected credit loss, including reserved interest:

Net investment in finance lease, working capital facilities and other advances as per IFRS 9 including guarantees

Risk concentrations of the maximum exposure to credit risk

Concentrations arise when a number of counterparties are engaged in similar business activities, or activities in the same geographic region, or have similar economic features that would cause their ability to meet contractual obligations to be similarly affected by changes in economic, political or other conditions. Concentrations indicate the relative sensitivity of the Company's performance to developments affecting a particular industry or geographic location. There is no significant industry concentration. Concentration of risk is managed by client/counterparty and by industry sector exposures. There is no significant credit exposure relating to instalment finance receivable to any single counterparty as at 31 December 2023 and 2022. An industry sector analysis of the Company's instalment finance receivable – net before taking into account collateral held is as follows:

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31. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (continued)

	Maximum exposure 2023 RO	Maximum exposure 2022 RO
Personal loans	26,902,958	26,735,930
Business loans - Services and other sectors	60,035,680	56,940,241
- Construction	9,132,146	1,716,100
- Trading	31,040,379	32,580,739
- Manufacturing	13,240,969	14,510,221
	140,352,132	132,483,231

Delinquency risk

Delinquency risk refers to investment in finance lease and other credit exposures that have become non-performing during the period of the credit term. An instalment finance receivables is considered impaired when, in the management's opinion, it can no longer be reasonably assured that it will be able to collect the full amount of principal and interest when due.

The Company treats an instalment finance receivables as non-performing as per the established norms of the Central Bank of Oman and creates specific ECL allowances individually based on the regulatory guidelines. The Company as per International Financial Reporting Standard establishes specific allowances for all impaired instalment finance receivables when the estimated value of the instalment finance receivables is less than its recorded value, based on discounting of expected future cash flows. In addition collective provision is also created. The Company writes off an instalment finance receivables, when it determines that the instalment finance receivables is uncollectible. This determination is reached after considering information such as the occurrence of significant changes in the customer's financial position such that the borrower can no longer pay the obligation, or proceeds from the sale of the asset or collateral security will not be sufficient to pay back the entire exposure. Upon approval from the Board of Directors, the amount is written off.

Collateral securities

The Company holds collateral securities against the instalment finance debtor in the form of mortgage interests over property. Estimate of fair value are based on the value of the collateral assessed at the time of borrowing, except when an instalment finance receivable is individually assessed as impaired. The fair value of the collateral considered is restricted to a maximum amount of secured instalment finance receivable.

Settlement risk

The settlement risk is the risk of loss due to the failure of a Company to honour its obligations to deliver cash, securities or other assets as contractually agreed. To avoid settlement risks, the Company ensures that all control systems are in place to keep the errors to a minimum.

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Impairment assessment

Definition of default

IFRS 9 does not define the term default. As per the CBO guidelines default happens when the financial asset is 90 days past due. For IFRS 9 purposes the loan is in default when a financial asset is 90 days past due. There is a rebuttable presumption that the credit risk of the loan has increased significantly when the contractual payments are more than 30 days due. Cross default has been applied in the IFRS 9 model. If a customer has multiple loans, default in one loan would automatically classify all the other loans of the customer in the same higher category.

Incorporation of forward-looking information

The Company incorporates forward-looking information into both its assessment of whether the credit risk of an instrument has increased significantly since its initial recognition and its measurement of ECL. Based on consideration of a variety of external actual and forecast information, the Company formulates a fundamental view of the future direction of relevant economic variables as well as a reasonable range of possible scenarios.

The Company's internal rating and PD estimation process

The company has internal risk rating modules which it applies to all corporate customers whose comprehensive credit limit facility is in excess of RO 250,000/-. The internal risk ratings model used by the company is quite comprehensive and gives appropriate weightage to qualitative, quantitative and security aspects. The model has been in use for almost 6 years and has proved effective so far. Due to the non-availability of data for bench marking and due to diverse nature of the industry and client, the internal ratings are not mapped to the external ratings.

For other corporate clients, where detailed risk rating model is not deployed, risk grading has been done based on the same parameters subject to availability of data and on judgement. Accordingly risk classification and appropriate risk scores are assigned. The internal risk ratings serves as a parameter for the development of base probability of default for the corporate segment where the customers have comprehensive credit limits.

Generating the term structure of Probability of Default (PD)

The TTC probability of default is derived based on the loan amount to default loans and also on the count of bad loans to the total loans. Based on the survival rate, the marginal PD is calculated for the months and weighted average of marginal PD is computed and the life time PD (LTPD) is derived. Then all the monthly weighted average PD and LTPD are averaged for the individual years and averaged collectively for the data period for each - group of retail portfolio.

The loans are categorized in stages as per the staging criteria and based on the balance tenure the respective point in time PD is applied with respect to the particular grouping the customer falls in. Further the PD may be escalated across different stages to adjust the probability of default for forward looking macro-economic conditions in the country.

The base PD is derived on the risk score of Internal credit rating model for corporate customers with exposure of RO 250,000 and above and the PD is adjusted to current qualitative and quantitative parameters. available and the PD is further escalated and adjusted to forward looking PD by utilizing macroeconomic variables.

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The base PD is derived on the risk score of an abridged internal credit rating model for corporate customers with exposure of RO 100,000 and above up to RO 250,000 and the PD is adjusted to current qualitative and quantitative parameters available and the PD is further escalated and adjusted to forward looking PD by utilizing macroeconomic variables.

Economic variable assumptions

Exposure at default

This is an estimate of the exposure at a future default date, taking into account expected changes in the exposure after the reporting date, including repayments of principal and interest, and expected draw downs on committed facilities. This is the principal loan amounts outstanding at any point in time.

Loss given default

Loss Given Default is an estimate of the loss arising on default. It is based on the difference between the contractual cash flows due and those that the lender would expect to receive, including from any collateral. It is usually expressed as a percentage of the EAD.

Significant Increase in Credit Risk

- i. Under IFRS 9, when determining whether the credit risk (i.e. risk of default) on a financial instrument has increased significantly since initial recognition, the Company considers reasonable and supportable information that is relevant and available without undue cost or effort, including both quantitative and qualitative information and analysis based on the Company's historical experience and forward-looking information in addition to qualitative criteria as prescribed by Central Bank of Oman vide circular BM1149 dated 13th April 2017.
- ii. There is a rebuttable presumption that there is a significant increase in credit risk when the contractual payments are more than 30 days due for all loans. The significant increase in risk is applied at the obligor level.

Although COVID-19 is no longer playing a major part in the fortunes of borrowers, many borrowers are still trying to adjust their business models and their funding strategies to emerge from the stress they encountered and to cope with different patterns of customer demand in the post-COVID-19 global and local economies. Considering this, the CBO allowed restructuring of loans till 31st march 2023 for limited customers where repayments could not simply recommence on pre-COVID-19 terms and the visibility of cash flows is still not clear. The Company closely monitors the ongoing impacts on the borrowers within its portfolios.

With the cessation of deferral payment holidays, days past due has again become a meaningful SICR to decide whether to compute 12 months or lifetime ECL.

Where possible, without incurring undue cost and effort, the Company's models have been constructed and calibrated using historical trends and correlations as well as forward looking economic scenarios and overlayed by the application of reasonable management judgement in any segments where the Company does not have adequate default history, or for borrowers with known financial weaknesses.

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Based on regulatory and IASB's guidance, as a measure of prudence, wherever necessary, the Company continues to apply post model adjustments and management judgment overlays, while computing its ECL with the intention to collectively cover the probable future economic conditions. The Company continues to reassess and appropriately adjust such management overlays on a regular basis as new facts come to light.

Post-model adjustments and management overlays of RO 7.03 million (2022: RO 6.7 million) have been made in estimating the reported ECL as at 31 December 2023.

The following table provides a comparison of the company's ECL allowances on non-impaired financial assets (Stages 1 and 2) based on the probability weightings of three scenarios, with the ECL that would be reported if each scenario was weighted at 100%.

	2023 RO ECL in RO	2022 RO ECL in RO
Sensitivity of impairment estimates		
ECL on non-impaired loans	10,020,133	10,040,776
Simulations		
Upside case - 100% weighted	9,179,709	9,207,977
Base case - 100% weighted	10,024,835	10,041,795
Downside scenario - 100% weighted	10,846,451	10,870,518

The following table contains an analysis of the credit risk exposure of financing receivables and the related ECL of the borrowers benefiting from payment deferrals and/or loan restructures: The gross exposure amount (including accrued interest and off-balance sheet exposures) represents the Company's maximum credit exposure to such affected borrowers:

Investment in finance lease, working capital facilities and other advances

2023	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Total
Gross exposure	415,497	13,126,023	3,368,582	16,910,102
ECL	(126,490)	(7,777,047)	(2,562,596)	(10,466,133)
Net carrying amount	289,007	5,348,976	805,986	6,443,969

2022	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Total
Gross exposure	10,803,974	7,419,434	3,331,946	21,555,354
ECL	(5,467,237)	(2,825,642)	(2,524,334)	(10,817,213)
Net carrying amount	5,336,737	4,593,792	807,612	10,737,641

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Modification losses

In case of corporate borrowers who first opted for deferment options, followed subsequently by loan restructures, the unpaid principal and accrued interest during the deferred or grace period under the restructured terms, typically becomes repayable at the end of the loan to accommodate the cashflow position of the borrowers and hence modification losses do not arise. Conversely, in line with CBO instructions for deferring individual Omani borrowers who lost their jobs or whose salaries were reduced, the Company also deferred the installments to the end of the tenor but without accruing any additional interest, in which case a modification loss does arise. The modification losses for those cases have been included within the ECL management overlay.

(b) Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Company will be unable to meet its net funding requirements. The business of lending has an inherent risk of liquidity arising from the mismatch of tenure of funds borrowed vis-à-vis lent, in addition to unforeseen adverse recovery patterns.

The Company is constantly on the vigil and judiciously manages the funds with a mix of borrowing instruments. Liabilities are contracted and structured based on the behavioral pattern of the assets in terms of maturity and re-pricing structure. To limit the liquidity risk, the management through its carefully drawn up strategies, has diversified sources of funds, avoids undue concentration on a single lender and manages its collection in a systematic manner.

During the year, the Company completed medium to long term funding arrangements that have effectively addressed and mitigated the apparent mismatch in the maturity of assets and liabilities. Cash flows are monitored continuously and appropriate steps are taken to set right mismatches if any, to address the liquidity risk.

The table in note 29 summarizes the maturity profile of the Company's assets and liabilities as at 31 December 2023 based on the residual contractual repayment arrangements.

(c) Market risk

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

(i) Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk arises from the possibility that changes in interest rates will affect future profitability of the fair values of financial instruments. The Company is exposed to interest rate risk as a result of mismatches of interest rate, repricing of assets and liabilities and unfunded instruments that mature or re-price in a given period. The Company manages this risk by matching the re-pricing of assets and liabilities through risk management strategies.

The table in note 30 summarizes the maturity profile of the Company's assets and liabilities as at 31 December 2023 based on the contractual re-pricing arrangements.

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Revision in the interest rates by the existing lenders and changes in the interest rates consequent to economic forces is a risk faced by any financial institution. Though the Company's loan portfolio comprises predominantly of fixed interest rates, the Company manages its treasury in such a way that the targeted margin is maintained and the risk is kept within acceptable levels.

The following table shows the sensitivity to the Company's net interest income that would result out of a possible change in interest rates

Change in interest rate	Change in basis points	Sensitivity to net interest / income (RO '000)	
		2023	2022
Increase in interest rate	+100 bps	800	204
Increase in interest rate	+150 bps	1,200	307
Decrease in interest rate	- 25 bps	(200)	(51)

(ii) Currency risk

Currency risk is the risk that the value of a financial instrument will fluctuate due to changes in foreign exchange rates.

The Company's assets are all denominated in Rial Omani and hence there is no currency risk. Unless stated otherwise, the liabilities are also denominated in Rial Omani

(d) Operational risk

The Operational risk is the risk of direct or indirect loss arising from a wide variety of causes associated with the Company's processes, personnel, technology and infrastructure, and from external factors other than credit, market and liquidity risks such as those arising from legal and regulatory requirements and generally accepted standards of corporate behaviour. Operational risks arise from all of the Company's operations and are faced by all business entities.

The Company has put in place the mechanism to minimise operational risk by way of effective internal control systems, systems review and an on-going internal audit programme. The internal auditors of the Company undertake comprehensive audits and report directly to the Audit Committee of the Board. The Audit Committee of the Board review the internal audit reports, the adequacy of the internal controls and report on the same to the Board.

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(e) Capital management

The Company's primary objective of capital management is to ensure that it maintains healthy capital ratios in order to support its business and maximise shareholder value.

The Company manages its capital structure and makes adjustments to it in the light of changes in business conditions. No changes were made in the objectives, policies or processes during the year ended 31 December 2023 and 31 December 2022.

The Company's lead regulator Central Bank of Oman sets and monitors capital requirement as a whole. The current capital requirement as per the Central Bank of Oman is RO 25 million. The Company's current paid up capital is RO 30,767,440 at the current period ending. The Company has already achieved the capital requirement set out by CBO.

As approved by the regulatory authority and more fully explained in note 20, the unsecured fully compulsorily convertible bonds are treated as part of the net worth for computing all regulatory limits.

Accordingly, the net worth as of 31 December 2023 for all regulatory purposes is RO 70,908,015 (2022: RO 69,905,002).

32. COMPARATIVE INFORMATION

Certain of the corresponding figures have been reclassified in order to conform with the presentation for the current year. Such reclassification does not affect previously reported net profit or equity.

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