Independent Auditors' Report and Financial Statements

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Participating Governments of
EASTERN CARIBBEAN CENTRAL BANK

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Eastern Caribbean Central Bank ("the Bank"), which comprise the statement of financial position as at March 31, 2021, the statements of profit or loss, profit or loss and other comprehensive income, changes in equity and cash flows for the year then ended, and notes, comprising significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Bank as at March 31, 2021, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS).

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISAs). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report. We are independent of the Bank in accordance with 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 Barbados 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.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT, continued

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Other Information

Management is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report 2021, but does not include the financial statements and our auditors' report thereon.

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

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

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, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

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

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

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

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Bank's internal control.

- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT, continued

To the Participating Governments of
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Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements, continued

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

- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

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

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Chartered Accountants
Bridgetown, Barbados
June 30, 2021

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

Expressed in Eastern Caribbean Dollars — As at 31 March 2021

	Notes	31 March 2021 $	31 March 2020 $
Assets			
Foreign assets			
Regional and foreign currencies		**19,796,925**	74,129,891
Balances with other central banks	5	**157,582,923**	13,936,348
Balances with foreign banks	5	**94,302**	73,661
Money market instruments and money at call	6	**661,805,648**	1,102,736,060
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	13	**323,766,452**	391,841,668
Foreign investment securities	9	**3,620,627,696**	3,420,952,602
		4,783,673,946	5,003,670,230
Domestic assets			
Cash and balances with local banks		**826,962**	1,894,847
Term deposits	7	**1,151,023**	8,468,521
Domestic investment securities	9	**624,186**	624,186
Participating governments' securities	10	**210,523,316**	87,256,785
Participating governments' advances	11	**157,696,828**	45,556,500
Accounts receivable and prepaid expenses	12	**35,216,019**	35,790,242
Investments in associated undertakings using the equity method	14	**24,858,981**	21,159,718
Intangible assets	15	**3,920,090**	4,216,007
Property and equipment	16	**180,667,669**	143,886,189
Right-of-use assets	17	**2,809,271**	3,044,475
Pension asset	23	**40,124,000**	21,148,000
		658,418,345	373,045,470
Total Assets		**5,442,092,291**	5,376,715,700
Liabilities			
Demand and deposit liabilities - domestic	18	**4,959,446,796**	4,886,236,992
Demand and deposit liabilities - foreign	19	**32,662,576**	60,948,287
IMF government general resource accounts	20	**1,195,960**	1,196,744
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss	21	**657,516**	199,259
Lease liabilities	17	**2,936,773**	3,110,492
Total Liabilities		**4,996,899,621**	4,951,691,774
Equity			
General reserve		**241,335,708**	217,601,939
Other reserves	22	**203,856,962**	207,421,987
Total Equity		**445,192,670**	425,023,926
Total Liabilities and Equity		**5,442,092,291**	5,376,715,700

Governor — Director, Accounting Department

The notes on pages 68-184 are an integral part of these financial statements.

STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS

Expressed in Eastern Caribbean Dollars

For the Year Ended 31 March 2021

	Notes	2021 $	2020 $
Interest income	27	**54,547,536**	100,497,268
Interest expense	27	**(417,575)**	(5,059,066)
Net interest income		**54,129,961**	95,438,202
Commission income – foreign transactions		**5,136,307**	10,586,735
Commission income – other transactions		**4,343,580**	5,489,540
Gain on sale of foreign investment securities	9	**35,314,954**	21,092,572
Loss on foreign exchange		**(444,002)**	(1,210,383)
Other (losses) gains, net	28	**(3,364,933)**	8,307,362
Other income	29	**7,146,650**	5,109,993
Operating income		**102,262,517**	144,814,021
Salaries, pensions and other staff benefits	30	**38,862,752**	37,240,231
Currency expenses		**3,555,984**	8,887,800
Amortisation	15	**825,248**	862,438
Depreciation	16, 17	**6,991,867**	6,114,278
Administrative and general expenses	32	**25,162,245**	30,290,374
Net impairment losses on financial assets	31	**6,900,271**	1,189,439
Operating expenses		**82,298,367**	84,584,560
Operating profit		**19,964,150**	60,229,461
Share of net profit of associates	14	**5,195,892**	2,845,619
Net profit for the year		**25,160,042**	63,075,080

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STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

Expressed in Eastern Caribbean Dollars

For the Year Ended 31 March 2021

	2021 $	2020 $
Net profit for the year	**25,160,042**	63,075,080
Other comprehensive income:		
Items that will never be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss		
Re-measurement gain (loss) on defined benefit pension plan	**18,588,000**	(3,035,000)
Revaluation adjustment (note 16)	**31,578,632**	-
Items that are or may be subsequently reclassified to profit or loss		
Net change in fair value of foreign debt investment securities at fair value through other comprehensive income (FVOCI)	**(55,157,930)**	74,946,628
Other comprehensive (loss) income for the year	**(4,991,298)**	71,911,628
Total comprehensive income for the year	**20,168,744**	134,986,708

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

Expressed in Eastern Caribbean Dollars

For the Year Ended 31 March 2021

	Accumulated Surplus $	General Reserve $	Capital Reserve $	Revaluation Reserve: Properties $	Financial Assets at FVOCI reserve $	Export Credit Guarantee Fund $	Self-Insurance Reserve Fund $	Pension Reserve $	Total $
Balance, 31 March 2020	**-**	**217,601,939**	**6,537,928**	**87,332,100**	**77,144,811**	**1,808,877**	**13,450,271**	**21,148,000**	**425,023,926**
Net profit for the year	25,160,042	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25,160,042
Revaluation adjustment (note 16)	-	-	-	31,578,632	-	-	-	-	31,578,632
Re-measurement gain on defined benefit pension plan (note 23)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18,588,000	18,588,000
Net change in fair value of investment securities at FVOCI	-	-	-	-	(55,157,930)	-	-	-	(55,157,930)
Total comprehensive income	25,160,042	-	-	31,578,632	(55,157,930)	-	-	18,588,000	20,168,744
Allocation to general reserve	(23,733,769)	23,733,769	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Allocation to pension reserve (note 22)	(388,000)	-	-	-	-	-	-	388,000	-
Allocation to self-insurance reserve fund (note 22)	(1,038,273)	-	-	-	-	-	1,038,273	-	-
Balance, 31 March 2021	**-**	**241,335,708**	**6,537,928**	**118,910,732**	**21,986,881**	**1,808,877**	**14,488,544**	**40,124,000**	**445,192,670**

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY *(continued)*

Expressed in Eastern Caribbean Dollars

For the Year Ended 31 March 2021

	Accumulated Surplus $	General Reserve $	Capital Reserve $	Revaluation Reserve: Properties $	Financial Assets at FVOCI reserve $	Export Credit Guarantee Fund $	Self-Insurance Reserve Fund $	Pension Reserve $	Total $
Balance, 31 March 2019	**-**	**155,929,693**	**6,537,928**	**87,332,100**	**2,198,183**	**1,808,877**	**12,657,437**	**23,573,000**	**290,037,218**
Net profit for the year	63,075,080	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	63,075,080
Re-measurement loss on defined benefit pension plan (note 23)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(3,035,000)	(3,035,000)
Net change in fair value of investment securities at FVOCI	-	-	-	-	74,946,628	-	-	-	74,946,628
Total comprehensive income	63,075,080	-	-	-	74,946,628	-	-	(3,035,000)	134,986,708
Allocation to general reserve	(61,672,246)	61,672,246	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Allocation to pension reserve (note 22)	(610,000)	-	-	-	-	-	-	610,000	-
Allocation to self-insurance reserve fund (note 22)	(792,834)	-	-	-	-	-	792,834	-	-
Balance, 31 March 2020	**-**	**217,601,939**	**6,537,928**	**87,332,100**	**77,144,811**	**1,808,877**	**13,450,271**	**21,148,000**	**425,023,926**

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

Expressed in Eastern Caribbean Dollars

For the Year Ended 31 March 2021

	Notes	2021 $	2020 $
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net profit for the year		**25,160,042**	63,075,080
Adjustments for:			
Depreciation of property and equipment	16	**6,297,071**	5,478,784
Depreciation of right-of-use assets	17	**694,796**	635,494
Amortisation of intangible assets	15	**825,248**	862,438
Gain on disposal of investment securities	9	**(35,314,954)**	(21,092,572)
Share of profit of associates	14	**(5,195,892)**	(2,845,619)
Effect of changes in market value of money market instruments		**(87,087)**	(125,350)
Net pension cost during the year	30	**2,245,000**	1,901,000
Gain on sale of property and equipment	29	**(874)**	(15,544)
Losses (gains) on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss (FVTPL)	28	**2,642,934**	(8,307,362)
Net impairment losses on financial assets	31	**6,900,271**	1,189,439
Interest income	27	**(54,547,536)**	(100,497,268)
Interest expense	27	**241,188**	4,900,169
Interest expense on lease liabilities	27	**176,387**	158,897
Cash flows used in operations before changes in operating assets and liabilities		**(49,963,406)**	(54,682,414)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:			
Term deposits	7	**7,245,326**	(1,902,090)
Money market instruments	6	**122,448,414**	18,032,152
Participating governments' securities	10	**(131,643,187)**	(24,299,414)
Participating governments' advances	11	**(111,876,977)**	(2,111,925)
Accounts receivable and prepaid expenses	12	**306,385**	(14,629,227)
Financial assets at FVTPL	13	**91,769**	(83,449)
Financial liabilities at FVTPL	21	**458,257**	165,490
Demand and deposit liabilities - domestic and foreign	18, 19	**45,090,161**	78,101,254
IMF government general resource accounts	20	**(784)**	(2,120)
Cash used in operations before interest and pension contributions		**(117,844,042)**	(1,411,743)
Interest paid		**(407,256)**	(5,406,433)
Interest received		**65,164,523**	99,287,048
Pension contributions paid		**(2,633,000)**	(2,511,000)
Net cash (used in) generated from operating activities		**(55,719,775)**	89,957,872
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of property and equipment	16	**(11,507,187)**	(18,161,098)
Purchase of intangible assets	15	**(529,331)**	(696,225)
Proceeds from sale of property and equipment		**8,142**	17,830
Proceeds from sale of foreign investment securities		**4,315,668,805**	6,954,431,894
Purchase of foreign investment securities		**(4,538,010,026)**	(7,492,656,575)
Purchase of US Agency mortgage-backed securities		**(276,226,720)**	(402,454,740)
Principal collections on US Agency mortgage-backed securities		**112,683,558**	19,078,253
Proceeds from sale of US Agency mortgage-backed securities		**223,038,976**	189,153
Dividends received from associates	14	**1,496,629**	655,290
Net cash used in investing activities		**(173,377,154)**	(939,596,218)

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS *(continued)*

Expressed in Eastern Caribbean Dollars

For the Year Ended 31 March 2021

Cash flows from financing activities			
Principal portion of lease liabilities	17	**(633,312)**	(569,477)
Interest paid on lease liabilities	17	**(176,387)**	(158,897)
Net cash used in financing activities		**(809,699)**	(728,374)
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents		**(229,906,628)**	(850,366,720)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	26	**823,346,770**	1,673,713,490
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	26	**593,440,142**	823,346,770

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Incorporation and principal activity

The Eastern Caribbean Central Bank ("ECCB" or the "Bank") was established under the Eastern Caribbean Central Bank Agreement Act 1983 (the "Act") on July 5, 1983 with the ratification of the Act by Governments participating in the Eastern Caribbean Currency Authority (the "Authority"). In accordance with Article 54(2) of the Act, the ECCB was formally established on October 1, 1983 on which date the Authority ceased to exist. Effective from that date, all the assets and liabilities of the Authority, together with all its rights and obligations that are consistent with the provisions of the Act were deemed to have been transferred to and vested in the Bank.

The principal activity of the ECCB is to issue, manage and safeguard the international value of the Eastern Caribbean currency, to regulate the availability of money and credit, to promote and maintain monetary stability and a sound financial structure, and to promote economic development in the territories of the Participating Governments.

The Participating Governments include Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda, Commonwealth of Dominica, Grenada, Montserrat, Saint Christopher (St Kitts) and Nevis, Saint Lucia and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, which also compose the Eastern Caribbean Currency Union ("ECCU").

The primary office of the ECCB is at Bird Rock, Basseterre, Saint Christopher (St Kitts) and Nevis and its agency offices are located in the other seven member territories.

2. Summary of significant accounting policies

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

a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Eastern Caribbean Central Bank Agreement Act 1983 and International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB).

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, except for the following:

- Financial assets measured at fair value through other comprehensive income;
- Financial assets and liabilities measured at fair value through profit or loss;
- Land and buildings measured at fair value.

On the statement of financial position, domestic assets and liabilities are those which are located within the Eastern Caribbean Currency Union, and include certain regional assets and liabilities, which are located within other Caribbean territories. Foreign assets and liabilities are those which are located outside of the Caribbean.

The financial statements were authorised for issue by the Board of Directors on 16 June 2021.

Neither the Bank's member governments nor others have the power to amend the financial statements after issue.

2. Summary of significant accounting policies *(continued)*

a) Basis of preparation *(continued)*

New standards, interpretations and amendments to existing standards effective in the current financial year

Certain new standards, interpretations and amendments to existing standards have been published that became effective during the current financial year. The Bank has assessed the relevance of all such new standards, interpretations and amendments and has concluded that the following are relevant to its operations:

Amendments to IAS 1 and IAS 8 on definition of material, (effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2020). These amendments to IAS 1, 'Presentation of financial statements', and IAS 8, 'Accounting policies, changes in accounting estimates and errors', and consequential amendments to other IFRSs: (i) use consistent definition of materiality throughout IFRSs and the Conceptual Framework for Financial Reporting; (ii) clarify the explanation of the definition of material; and (iii) incorporate some of the guidance in IAS 1 about immaterial information. There was no significant impact from the adoption of these amendment during the year.

Revised Conceptual Framework for Financial Reporting, (effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2020). The IASB has issued a revised Conceptual Framework which will be used in standard-setting decisions with immediate effect. Key changes include:

- increasing the prominence of stewardship in the objective of financial reporting
- reinstating prudence as a component of neutrality
- defining a reporting entity, which may be a legal entity, or a portion of an entity
- revising the definitions of an asset and a liability
- removing the probability threshold for recognition and adding guidance on derecognition
- adding guidance on different measurement basis, and
- stating that profit or loss is the primary performance indicator and that, in principle, income and expenses in other comprehensive income should be recycled where this enhances the relevance or faithful representation of the financial statements.

No changes will be made to any of the current accounting standards. However, entities that rely on the Framework in determining their accounting policies for transactions, events or conditions that are not otherwise dealt with under the accounting standards will need to apply the revised Framework from 1 January 2020. These entities will need to consider whether their accounting policies are still appropriate under the Framework. There was no significant impact from the adoption of these changes during the year.

Amendments to IFRS 9, IFRS 7 and IAS 39 – Interest Rate Benchmark Reform, (effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2020). These amendments provide certain reliefs in connection with interest rate benchmark reform. The reliefs relate to hedge accounting and have the effect that inter-bank offered rate (IBOR) reform should not generally cause hedge accounting to terminate. However, any hedge effectiveness should continue to be recorded in the income statement. There was no significant impact from the adoption of these amendments during the year.

2. Summary of significant accounting policies *(continued)*

a) Basis of preparation *(continued)*

New standards, interpretations and amendments to published Standards that are not yet effective and have not been early adopted

At the date of authorisation of these financial statements, certain new standards, interpretations and amendments to existing Standards have been issued but are not yet effective. The Bank has not early adopted any of these in preparing these financial statements. These Standards, interpretations and amendments to existing Standards will be adopted when they become effective. These amendments are not expected to have a material impact on the Bank on their adoption.

Amendments to IFRS 16, 'Leases' – COVID-19 related rent concessions, (effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 June 2020). As a result of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, rent concessions have been granted to lessees. Such concessions might take a variety of forms, including payment holidays and deferral of lease payments. On 28 May 2020, the IASB published an amendment to IFRS 16 that provides an optional practical expedient for lessees from assessing whether a rent concession related to COVID-19 is a lease modification. Lessees can elect to account for such rent concessions in the same way as they would if they were not lease modifications. In many cases, this will result in accounting for the concession as variable lease payments in the period(s) in which the event or condition that triggers the reduced payment occurs.

Amendment to IAS 1, Presentation of financial statements on classification of liabilities, (effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2022). The narrow-scope amendments to IAS 1, 'Presentation of financial statements', clarify that liabilities are classified as either current or noncurrent, depending on the rights that exist at the end of the reporting period. Classification is unaffected by the expectations of the entity or events after the reporting date (for example, the receipt of a waiver or a breach of covenant). The amendment also clarifies what IAS 1 means where it refers to the 'settlement' of a liability.

Amendments to IFRS 3, IAS 16, IAS 17 and some annual improvements on IFRS 1, IFRS 9, and IFRS 16, (effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2022). Amendments to IFRS 3, 'Business combinations' update a reference in IFRS 3 to the Conceptual Framework for Financial Reporting without changing the accounting requirements for business combinations. Amendments to IAS 16, 'Property, plant and equipment' prohibit a company from deducting from the cost of property, plant and equipment amounts received from selling items produced while the company is preparing the asset for its intended use. Instead, a company will recognise such sales proceeds and related costs in profit or loss. Amendments to IAS 37, 'Provisions, contingent liabilities and contingent assets' specify which costs a company includes when assessing whether a contract will be loss-making. Annual improvements make minor amendments to IFRS 1, 'First-time Adoption of IFRS', IFRS 9, 'Financial Instruments', and the illustrative examples accompanying IFRS 16, 'Leases'.

2. Summary of significant accounting policies *(continued)*

b) Associates

Associates are all entities over which the Bank has significant influence but not control, generally accompanied by a shareholding of between 20% and 50% of the voting rights. Investments in associates are accounted for by the equity method of accounting and are initially recognised at cost.

The Bank's share of its associates' post-acquisition profits or losses is recognised in the statement of profit or loss, and its share of post-acquisition movements in other comprehensive income or loss is recognised in other comprehensive income or loss with a corresponding adjustment to the carrying amount of the investment.

The cumulative post-acquisition movements are adjusted against the carrying amount of the investment. When the Bank's share of losses in an associate equals or exceeds its interest in the associate, including any other unsecured receivables, the Bank does not recognise further losses, unless it has incurred obligations or made payments on behalf of the associate.

The Bank determines at each reporting date whether there is any objective evidence that the investment in the associate is impaired. If this is the case, the Bank calculates the amount of impairment as the difference between the recoverable amount of the associate and its carrying value and recognises the amount adjacent to 'share of profit (loss) of associates' in the statement of profit or loss.

Unrealised gains on transactions between the Bank and its associates are eliminated to the extent of the Bank's interest in the associates. Unrealised losses are also eliminated unless the transaction provides evidence of an impairment of the asset transferred. For the preparation of the financial statements, common accounting policies for similar transactions and other events in similar circumstances are used. Dilution gains and losses in associates are recognised in the statement of profit or loss.

c) Fair value measurement

The Bank measures financial instruments, such as investment securities, certain money market instruments and derivatives at fair value at each financial reporting date. 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 (an exit price). 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.

When measuring fair value, an entity uses the assumptions that market participants would use when pricing the asset or the liability under current market conditions, including assumptions about risk. As a result, an entity's intention to hold an asset or to settle or otherwise fulfil a liability is not relevant when measuring fair value.

2. Summary of significant accounting policies *(continued)*

c) Fair value measurement *(continued)*

IFRS 13 requires that the fair value of a liability or equity instrument of the entity be determined under the assumption that the instrument would be transferred on the measurement date, but would remain outstanding. Accordingly, the fair value of a liability must take account of non-performance risk, including the entity's own credit risk.

The Bank uses valuation techniques that are appropriate in the circumstances and for which sufficient data are available to measure fair value, maximising the use of relevant observable inputs and minimising the use of unobservable inputs. When one is available, the Bank measures the fair value of an instrument using the quoted price in an active market for that instrument. A market is regarded as 'active' if transactions for the asset or liability take place with sufficient frequency and volume to provide pricing information on an ongoing basis. If there is no quoted price in an active market, the Bank uses valuation techniques that maximise the use of relevant observable inputs and minimise the use of unobservable inputs. The chosen valuation technique incorporates all of the factors that market participants would take into account in pricing a transaction.

All assets and liabilities for which fair value is measured or disclosed in the financial statements are categorised within the fair value hierarchy, described in Note 3(e).

d) Use of judgments and estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with IFRS requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of, and disclosures relating to, assets, liabilities, income and expenses. It also requires management to exercise its judgement in the process of applying the Bank's accounting policies. Actual results may differ from those estimates.

The COVID-19 pandemic has materially impacted the domestic and international markets in which the Bank operates. Governments around the world, including the Eastern Caribbean, imposed a number of measures designed to contain the outbreak, including business closures, travel restrictions, quarantines and cancellations of gatherings and events. These measures have caused increased volatility and uncertainty in financial markets. The pandemic has given rise to heightened uncertainty as it relates to accounting estimates and assumptions and increases the need for management to apply judgment in evaluating the economic environment and its impact on significant estimates. This particularly impacts estimates and assumptions relating to allowance for credit losses, valuation of financial instruments and asset impairment.

The Bank has taken into account the impact of COVID-19 and related market volatility in preparing these financial statements. While the methodologies and assumptions applied in the measurement of various items within the financial statements remain unchanged from those applied in the prior year, the impact of COVID-19 has resulted in the application of further judgement and the incorporation of estimates and assumptions specific to the impact of the pandemic. This has principally resulted in updates to the Bank's economic assumptions used in determining expected credit losses (ECL).

2. Summary of significant accounting policies *(continued)*

d) Use of judgments and estimates *(continued)*

While management makes best estimates and assumptions, given the dynamic and evolving nature of COVID-19, the actual outcomes for the Bank in the future may differ from assumptions that have been applied in the measurement of the Bank's assets and liabilities. Estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to estimates are recognised prospectively.

The areas involving a higher degree of judgement or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the financial statements are disclosed in Note 4.

e) Foreign currency translation

Functional and presentation currency

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

Transactions and balances

Foreign currency transactions are translated into the functional currency using the exchange rates prevailing at the dates of the transactions or valuation where items are re-measured. Foreign exchange gains and losses resulting from the settlement of such transactions and from the translation at year-end exchange rates of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are recognised in the statement of profit or loss. Changes in fair value of monetary securities denominated in foreign currency are analysed between translation differences resulting from changes in the amortised cost of the security and other changes in the carrying amount of the security.

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

All foreign exchange gains and losses recognised in the statement of profit or loss are presented net. Foreign exchange gains and losses on other comprehensive income or loss items are presented in other comprehensive income or loss.

f) Comparative information

The Bank's financial statements provide comparative information in respect of the preceding period for all amounts reported in the current period. Except when an IFRS permits or requires otherwise, comparative information shall be disclosed in respect of the preceding period for all amounts reported in the financial statements. Comparative information has been amended where necessary to ensure consistency with the current period.

2. Summary of significant accounting policies *(continued)*

g) Financial assets and financial liabilities

(i) Initial recognition and measurement of financial assets and liabilities

A financial instrument (financial asset or financial liability) is any contract that gives rise to a financial asset of one entity and a financial liability or equity instrument of another entity. Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the Bank becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the financial instrument. At initial recognition, the Bank measures a financial asset or financial liability at its fair value plus or minus, in the case of a financial asset or financial liability not at fair value through profit or loss (FVTPL), transaction costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition or issue of the instrument, such as fees and commissions. Subsequent measurement of financial assets and financial liabilities is described below.

(ii) Classification and measurement of financial assets

The Bank classifies its financial assets in the following measurement categories based on the business model for managing the assets and the assets' contractual cash flow characteristics under IFRS 9:

- 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 (SPPI) on the principal amount outstanding.

A debt financial asset 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 SPPI on the principal amount outstanding.

On initial recognition of an equity investment that is not held for trading, the Bank may irrevocably elect to present subsequent changes in fair value in OCI. This election is made on an investment-by-investment basis. All other equity investments are classified as measured at FVTPL.

2. Summary of significant accounting policies *(continued)*

g) Financial assets and financial liabilities *(continued)*

(ii) *Classification and measurement of financial assets* *(continued)*

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

(iii) *Business model assessment*

Business model assessment entails a determination of the way financial assets are managed in order to generate cash flows. There are three business models available under IFRS 9:

- Hold to collect: it is intended to hold the asset to maturity to earn interest, collecting repayments of principal and interest form the counterparty.
- Hold to collect and sell: this model is similar to the hold to collect model, except that the entity elects to sell some or all of the assets before maturity as circumstances change or to hold the assets for liquidity purposes.
- Other: all those models that do not meet the 'hold to collect' or 'hold to collect and sell' qualifying criteria.

The assessment of business model requires judgement based on facts and circumstances at the date of initial application. The business model is not assessed on an instrument by instrument basis, but at a higher level of aggregated portfolios per instrument type and is based on observable factors.

The Bank determines its business model at the portfolio level (foreign reserves and domestic assets portfolios) as this best reflects the way the Bank manages its financial assets to achieve its business objective. The Bank's business model assessment considers the following qualitative and observable factors:

- 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 portfolios is evaluated and reported to the Bank's management;
- the risks that affect the performance of the business model (and the financial assets held within that business model) and its strategy for how those risks are managed;
- how asset managers are compensated (e.g. whether compensation is based on the fair value of the asset managed or the contractual cash flows collected); and

2. Summary of significant accounting policies *(continued)*

g) Financial assets and financial liabilities *(continued)*

(iii) Business model assessment *(continued)*

- 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 Bank's stated objective for managing the financial assets is achieved and how cash flows are realised.

(iv) Assessment of whether contractual cash flows are solely payments of principal and interest

The second criteria in the classification process is the Bank's assessment of the contractual terms of financial assets to determine whether they meet the solely payments of principal and interest (SPPI) test. Contractual cash flows that represent solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding are consistent with basic lending arrangements.

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 the credit risk associated with the principal amount outstanding during a particular period of time. It can also include consideration for other basic lending risks (e.g. liquidity risk) and costs (e.g. administrative costs) associated with holding the financial asset for a particular period of time, and a profit margin that is consistent with a basic lending arrangement.

If a financial asset is held in either a 'Hold to Collect' or a 'Hold to Collect and Sell' business model, then assessment to determine whether contractual cash flows are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding at initial recognition is required to determine the classification. The SPPI test is performed on an individual instrument basis.

In assessing whether the contractual cash flows are SPPI, the Bank considers whether the contractual terms of the financial asset contain a term that could change the timing or amount of contractual cash flows arising over the life of the instrument, which could affect whether the instrument is considered to meet the SPPI test. If the SPPI test is failed, such financial assets are measured at FVTPL with interest earned recognised in other interest income.

2. Summary of significant accounting policies *(continued)*

g) Financial assets and financial liabilities *(continued)*

(v) Debt instruments measured at amortised cost

Debt instruments are measured at amortised cost if they are held within a business model whose objective is to hold for collection of contractual cash flows where those cash flows represent solely payments of principal and interest. After initial measurement, debt instruments in this category are carried at amortised cost. Interest income on these instruments is recognised in interest income using the effective interest rate method. The effective interest rate is the rate that discounts estimated future cash payments or receipts through the expected life of the financial asset to the gross carrying amount of a financial asset. Amortised cost is calculated by taking into account any discount or premium on acquisition, transaction costs and fees that are an integral part of the effective interest rate.

Impairment on debt instruments measured at amortised cost is calculated using the expected credit loss approach. Loans and debt securities measured at amortised cost are presented net of the allowance for credit losses (ACL) in the statement of financial position.

(vi) Debt instruments measured at FVOCI

The Bank measures debt investment securities at FVOCI when both of the following categories are met:

- The instrument is held within a business model, the objective of which is achieved by both collecting contractual cash flows and selling financial assets; and

- The contractual terms of the financial asset meet the SPPI test.

FVOCI debt investment securities are subsequently measured at fair value with gains and losses arising due to changes in fair value recognised in OCI. Interest income and foreign exchange gains and losses are recognised in profit or loss in the same manner as for financial assets measured at amortised cost. On de-recognition, cumulative gains or losses previously recognised in OCI are reclassified from OCI to profit or loss.

2. Summary of significant accounting policies *(continued)*

g) Financial assets and financial liabilities *(continued)*

(vii) Equity instruments

Equity instruments are classified into one of the following measurement categories:

- Fair value through profit or loss (FVTPL); or
- Designated at fair value through other comprehensive income (FVOCI).

Equity instruments measured at Fair value through profit or loss (FVTPL)

Equity instruments are measured at FVTPL, unless an election is made to designate them at FVOCI upon purchase, with transaction costs recognised immediately in profit or loss. Subsequent to initial recognition the changes in fair value are recognised in the statement of profit or loss. Equity instruments at FVTPL are primarily assets held for trading.

Equity instruments measured at FVOCI (designated)

At initial recognition, there is an irrevocable option for the Bank to classify non-trading equity instruments at FVOCI. This election is used for certain equity investments held for strategic or longer term investment purposes. This election is made on an instrument-by-instrument basis and is not available for equity instruments that are held for trading purposes. Gains and losses on these instruments including when derecognised/sold are recorded in OCI and are not subsequently reclassified to the statement of profit or loss. As such, there is no specific impairment requirement. Dividends received are recorded in profit or loss. Any transaction costs incurred upon purchase of the security are added to the cost basis of the security and are not reclassified to profit or loss on sale of the security.

The Bank made an irrevocable election to classify its equity instruments at FVOCI when they are not held for trading as these investments are expected to be held for the long-term and for strategic purposes. Such classification is determined on an instrument by instrument basis. Gains and losses on these equity instruments are never recycled to the statement of profit or loss. Dividends are recognised in profit or loss. Equity instruments at FVOCI are not subject to impairment assessment.

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

Groups of financial assets for which the business model is other than held to collect and held to collect and sell are measured at FVTPL. Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss include financial assets held for trading, e.g., derivative instruments, financial assets designated upon initial recognition at fair value through profit or loss, e.g., debt or equity instruments, or financial assets mandatorily required to be measured at fair value, i.e., where they fail the SPPI test. Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss are carried in the statement of financial position at fair value with net changes in fair value recognised in profit or loss.

2. **Summary of significant accounting policies** *(continued)*

g) **Financial assets and financial liabilities** *(continued)*

(ix) Impairment of financial assets

IFRS 9 requires the Bank to record ECLs on all debt instruments measured at amortised cost or FVOCI.

The Bank conducted ECL assessment for the following categories of financial assets:

- Financial assets measured at amortised cost; and
- Financial assets measured at FVOCI.

Equity investment securities are not subject to impairment testing under IFRS 9.

The Bank measures loss allowances at an amount equal to 12-month ECL on the following:

- debt investment securities that are determined to have low credit risk at the reporting date; and
- other financial instruments (other than lease receivables) on which credit risk has not increased significantly since their initial recognition.

The Bank considers a debt investment security to have low credit risk when its credit risk rating is equivalent to the globally understood definition of 'investment grade'.

Expected credit loss impairment model

IFRS 9 introduces a three-stage approach to impairment of financial assets. The ECL allowance is based on credit losses expected to arise over the life of the asset (the lifetime expected credit loss), 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.

The Bank's policies for determining if there has been a significant increase in credit risk are set out in Note 3. The 12-month ECL is the portion of lifetime ECL 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 lifetime and 12-month expected credit losses are calculated on either an individual basis or a collective basis, depending on the size and nature of the underlying portfolio of financial instruments.

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

2. Summary of significant accounting policies *(continued)*

g) Financial assets and financial liabilities *(continued)*

(ix) Impairment of financial assets *(continued)*

Expected credit loss impairment model *(continued)*

Based on the above process, the Bank classifies its financial assets into Stage 1, Stage 2 and Stage 3, as described below:

Stage 1: 12 months ECL
The Bank assesses ECLs on financial assets where there has not been a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition and that were not credit impaired upon origination. When financial assets are first recognised and continue to perform in accordance with the contractual terms and conditions at initial recognition, the Bank recognises a loss allowance based on 12 months ECLs. This represents the portion of lifetime expected credit losses from default events that are expected within 12 months of the reporting date.

Stage 2: Lifetime ECL – not credit impaired
The Bank collectively assesses ECLs on exposures where there has been a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition but are not credit impaired. For these exposures, the Bank recognises as a collective provision a lifetime ECL (i.e. reflecting the remaining lifetime of the financial asset).

Stage 3: Lifetime ECL – credit impaired
The Bank identifies, both collectively and individually, ECLs on those exposures that are assessed as credit impaired based on whether one or more events that have a detrimental impact on the estimated future cash flows of that asset have occurred. For exposures that have become credit impaired, a lifetime ECL is recognised and interest revenue is calculated by applying the effective interest rate to the amortised cost (net of provision) rather than the gross carrying amount. If the asset is no longer credit impaired, then the calculation of the interest income reverts to the gross basis.

Financial instruments within the scope of the impairment requirements of IFRS 9 are classified into one of the above three stages. Unless purchased or originated credit impaired, newly originated assets are classified as Stage 1 and remain in that stage unless there is considered to have been a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition, at which point the asset is reclassified to Stage 2.

2. Summary of significant accounting policies *(continued)*

g) Financial assets and financial liabilities *(continued)*

(ix) Impairment of financial assets *(continued)*

Measurement of expected credit losses (ECL)

The Bank derives ECLs from probability-weighted estimates of expected loss, and are measured as follows:

- Financial assets that are not credit-impaired at the reporting date: as the present value of all cash shortfalls over the expected life of the financial asset discounted by the effective interest rate. The cash shortfall is the difference between the cash flows due to the Bank in accordance with the contract and the cash flows that the Bank 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 discounted by the effective interest rate.

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

PD – The Probability of Default (PD) is an estimate of the likelihood of default over a given period of time. 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. The concept of PDs is further explained in Note 3.

EAD – The Exposure at Default (EAD) 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 (LGD) is an estimate of the loss arising in the case where a default occurs at a given time. It is based on the difference between the contractual cash flows due and those that the lender would expect to receive, including from the realisation of any collateral. It is usually expressed as a percentage of the EAD.

When estimating the ECLs, the Bank considers among other factors the risk rating category and aging of the financial asset. Each of these is associated with different PDs, EADs and LGDs.

2. Summary of significant accounting policies *(continued)*

g) Financial assets and financial liabilities *(continued)*

(ix) Impairment of financial assets *(continued)*

Measurement of expected credit losses (ECL) *continued)*

The mechanics of the ECL method are summarised below:

Stage 1
The 12 months ECL is calculated as the portion of the lifetime expected credit losses that represent the ECLs that result from default events on a financial instrument that are possible within the 12 months after the reporting date. The Bank calculates the 12 months ECL allowance based on the expectation of a default occurring in the 12 months following the reporting date. These expected 12-month default probabilities are applied to a forecast EAD and multiplied by the expected LGD.

Stage 2
When a financial asset has shown a significant increase in credit risk since origination, the Bank records an allowance for the lifetime expected credit losses. The mechanics are similar to those explained above, but PDs and LGDs are estimated over the lifetime of the instrument. The LGDs are derived as explained under Stage 3 for loans and using Global Credit Loss tables for traded investments and modified with management overlays when not traded.

Stage 3
For financial assets considered credit-impaired, the Bank recognises the lifetime expected credit losses for these financial assets. The method is similar to that for Stage 2 assets, with the PD set at 100%. In most instances, LGDs are determined on an individual loan/advance or investment basis, including discounting the expected cash flows at the original EIR. Stage 3 LGDs are grouped by similar types to provide percentage averages to be applied for Stage 1 and Stage 2 loans.

In limited circumstances within the Bank, where portfolios were small and the products homogenous with minimal history of defaults, a simplified ECL approach was applied and staged based on the sovereign proxy rating.

Purchased or originated credit-impaired (POCI) assets are Financial Instruments that are credit-impaired on initial recognition. POCI assets are recorded at fair value at original recognition and interest income is subsequently recognised based on a credit adjusted effective interest rate. Expected credit losses are recognised to the extent that there is a subsequent change where ECLs are calculated based on lifetime expected credit loss. Once the Financial Asset is recognised as POCI, it retains this status until derecognised.

2. Summary of significant accounting policies *(continued)*

g) Financial assets and financial liabilities *(continued)*

(ix) Impairment of financial assets *(continued)*

Measurement of expected credit losses (ECL) *(continued)*

Macroeconomic factors

The standard requires incorporation of macroeconomic factors in models for ECLs. In its models, the Bank utilises an automated solution which incorporates an assessment of a broad range of forward-looking economic information as possible inputs, such as: GDP growth, unemployment rates, inflation and interest rates.

Incorporation of forward looking information

IFRS 9 requires the incorporation of forward looking information in the estimation of expected credit losses for each stage and the assessment of significant increases in credit risk. It considers information about past events and current conditions as well as reasonable and supportable forecasts of future events and economic conditions. The estimation and application of forward-looking information requires significant judgement.

Definition of default

The Bank considers a financial asset to be in default as a result of one or more loss events that occurred after the date of initial recognition of the instrument and the loss event has a negative impact on the estimated future cash flows of the instrument that can be reliably estimated. The Bank considers a financial asset to be in default when:

- the borrower is unlikely to pay its credit obligations to the Bank in full, without recourse by the Bank to actions such as realising security (if any is held);
- the borrower is more than 90 days past due on any material credit obligation to the Bank. Overdrafts are considered as being past due once the customer has breached an advised limit or been advised of a limit smaller than the current amount outstanding; or
- it is becoming probable that the borrower will restructure the asset as a result of bankruptcy due to the borrower's inability to pay its credit obligations.

In assessing whether a borrower is in default, the Bank considers indicators that are:

- qualitative: e.g. breaches of covenant;
- quantitative: e.g. overdue status and non-payment on another obligation of the same issuer to the Bank; and
- based on data developed internally and obtained from external sources.

Financial assets classified as 'default' are transferred to stage 3 and impairment loss is measured based on lifetime expected credit losses.

2. Summary of significant accounting policies *(continued)*

g) Financial assets and financial liabilities *(continued)*

(ix) Impairment of financial assets *(continued)*

Measurement of expected credit losses (ECL) *(continued)*

Credit-impaired financial assets

At each reporting date, the Bank assesses whether financial assets carried at amortised cost and debt financial assets carried at FVOCI are credit-impaired (referred to as 'Stage 3 financial assets'). A financial asset is 'credit-impaired' when one or more events that have a detrimental impact on the estimated future cash flows of the financial asset have occurred. Evidence that a financial asset is credit-impaired includes the following observable data:

- significant financial difficulty of the borrower or issuer;
- default or delinquency in interest or principal payments;
- high probability of the borrower entering a phase of bankruptcy or a financial reorganization;
- measurable decrease in the estimated future cash flows from the loan or the underlying assets that secure the loan;
- The restructuring of a loan or advance by the Bank on terms that the Bank would not consider otherwise.

Significant increase in credit risk

A significant increase in credit risk is defined as a significant increase in the probability of a default occurring since initial recognition. When determining whether the risk of default on a financial instrument has increased significantly since initial recognition, the Bank considers both quantitative and qualitative information and analysis based on historical experience and credit risk assessment. As a backstop, the Bank considers that a significant increase in credit risk occurs no later than when an asset is more than 30 days past due.

IFRS 9 also requires that (other than for purchased or originated credit impaired financial instruments) if a significant increase in credit risk that had taken place since initial recognition, has reversed by a subsequent reporting period then the loss allowance reverts from lifetime ECL to 12-month.

2. Summary of significant accounting policies *(continued)*

g) Financial assets and financial liabilities *(continued)*

(ix) Impairment of financial assets *(continued)*

Measurement of expected credit losses (ECL) *(continued)*

Write-offs

The write-off of a financial asset is a derecognition event. Loans and the related impairment losses are written off, either partially or in full, when there is no realistic prospect of recovery. Where loans are secured, they are generally written off after receipt of any proceeds from the realization of collateral. In circumstances where the net realizable value of any collateral has been determined and there is no reasonable expectation of further recovery, write-off may be earlier.

A counterparty is classified as defaulted at the latest when payments of interest, principal or fees are overdue for more than 90 days or when bankruptcy, fraud, insolvency proceedings or enforced liquidation have commenced or there is other evidence that payment obligations will not be fully met. The determination of whether a Financial Instrument is credit-impaired focuses on default risk, without taking into consideration the effects of credit risk mitigations such as collateral or guarantees. An instrument is classified as credit-impaired if the counterparty is defaulted and/or the instrument is POCI.

Presentation of allowance for ECL

Loss allowances for ECL 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;

- Debt instruments measured at fair value through OCI - the ECLs are not recognised in the statement of financial position because the carrying amounts of these assets remain their fair values. However, the loss allowance is disclosed and is recognised in the fair value reserve in equity with a corresponding charge to the statement of profit or loss. The accumulated loss recognised in OCI is recycled to profit or loss upon derecognition of the financial assets.

2. Summary of significant accounting policies *(continued)*

g) Financial assets and financial liabilities *(continued)*

(x) Financial Liabilities

Initial recognition and measurement

The Bank classifies its financial liabilities into one of two categories, depending on the purpose for which the liability was acquired. Financial liabilities are classified as measured at amortised cost or FVTPL.

Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss

Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss (FVTPL) include financial liabilities held for trading and financial liabilities designated upon initial recognition as at FVTPL. Financial liabilities are classified as held for trading if they are incurred for the purpose of repurchasing in the near term. This category includes derivative financial instruments entered into by the Bank that are not designated as hedging instruments in hedge relationships as defined by IFRS 9. Gains or losses on liabilities held for trading are recognised in the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income.

Financial liabilities at amortised cost

Other financial liabilities are initially recognised at fair value net of any transaction costs. After initial recognition, interest-bearing financial liabilities are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. Interest expense and foreign exchange gains and losses are recognised in profit or loss. Any gain or loss on derecognition is also recognised in profit or loss.

(xi) Derecognition of financial assets and financial liabilities

Financial assets

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

On derecognition of a financial asset, the difference between the carrying amount of the asset (or the carrying amount allocated to the portion of the asset derecognised) and the sum of (i) the consideration received (including any new asset obtained less any new liability assumed) and (ii) any cumulative gain or loss that had been recognised in OCI is recognised in profit or loss. Any cumulative gain or loss recognised in OCI in respect of equity investment securities designated as at FVOCI is not recognised in profit or loss on derecognition of such securities. Any interest in transferred financial assets that qualify for derecognition that is created or retained by the Bank is recognised as a separate asset or liability.

2. Summary of significant accounting policies *(continued)*

g) Financial assets and financial liabilities *(continued)*

(xi) Derecognition of financial assets and financial liabilities *(continued)*

Financial liabilities

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

(xii) Modification of financial assets and financial liabilities

Financial assets

If the terms of a financial asset are modified, then the Bank evaluates whether the cash flows of the modified asset are substantially different.

If the cash flows are substantially different, then the contractual rights to cash flows from the original financial asset are deemed to have expired. In this case, the original financial asset is derecognized and a new financial asset is recognised at fair value plus any eligible transaction costs. Any fees received as part of the modification are accounted for as follows:

— fees that are considered in determining the fair value of the new asset and fees that represent reimbursement of eligible transaction costs are included in the initial measurement of the asset; and

— other fees are included in profit or loss as part of the gain or loss on derecognition.

If cash flows are modified when the borrower is in financial difficulties, then the objective of the modification is usually to maximise recovery of the original contractual terms rather than to originate a new asset with substantially different terms. If the Bank plans to modify a financial asset in a way that would result in forgiveness of cash flows, then it first considers whether a portion of the asset should be written off before the modification takes place. This approach impacts the result of the quantitative evaluation and means that the derecognition criteria are not usually met in such cases.

If the modification of a financial asset measured at amortised cost or FVOCI does not result in derecognition of the financial asset, then the Bank first recalculates the gross carrying amount of the financial asset using the original effective interest rate of the asset and recognises the resulting adjustment as a modification gain or loss in profit or loss. For floating-rate financial assets, the original effective interest rate used to calculate the modification gain or loss is adjusted to reflect current market terms at the time of the modification. Any costs or fees incurred and modification fees received adjust the gross carrying amount of the modified financial asset and are amortised over the remaining term of the modified financial asset.

If such a modification is carried out because of financial difficulties of the borrower, then the gain or loss is presented together with impairment losses. In other cases, it is presented as interest income calculated using the effective interest rate method.

2. Summary of significant accounting policies *(continued)*

g) Financial assets and financial liabilities *(continued)*

(xii) Modification of financial assets and financial liabilities *(continued)*

Financial liabilities

The Bank derecognises a financial liability when its terms are modified and the cash flows of the modified liability are substantially different. In this case, a new financial liability based on the modified terms is recognised at fair value. The difference between the carrying amount of the financial liability derecognised and the consideration paid is recognised in profit or loss. Consideration paid includes non-financial assets transferred, if any, and the assumption of liabilities, including the new modified financial liability.

If the modification of a financial liability is not accounted for as derecognition, then the amortised cost of the liability is recalculated by discounting the modified cash flows at the original effective interest rate and the resulting gain or loss is recognised in profit or loss. For floating-rate financial liabilities, the original effective interest rate used to calculate the modification gain or loss is adjusted to reflect current market terms at the time of the modification. Any costs and fees incurred are recognised as an adjustment to the carrying amount of the liability and amortised over the remaining term of the modified financial liability by re-computing the effective interest rate on the instrument.

(xiii) Measurement and gains and losses

The 'foreign investment securities' caption in the statement of financial position includes:

- debt securities measured at FVOCI;
- equity investment securities designated as at FVOCI; and
- debt investment securities measured at amortised cost which are initially measured at fair value plus incremental direct transaction costs, and subsequently at their amortised cost using the effective interest method.

For debt securities measured at FVOCI, gains and losses are recognised in OCI, except for the following, which are recognised in profit or loss in the same manner as for financial assets measured at amortised cost:

- interest revenue using the effective interest method;
- ECL charges and reversals; and
- foreign exchange gains and losses.

When debt security measured at FVOCI is derecognised, the cumulative gain or loss previously recognised in OCI is reclassified from equity to profit or loss.

2. Summary of significant accounting policies *(continued)*

g) Financial assets and financial liabilities *(continued)*

(xiii) Measurement and gains and losses *(continued)*

The Bank elects to present in OCI, changes in the fair value of certain investments in equity instruments that are not held for trading. The election is made on an instrument-by-instrument basis on initial recognition and is irrevocable.

Gains and losses on such equity instruments are never reclassified to profit or loss and no impairment is recognised in profit or loss. Dividends are recognised in profit or loss unless they clearly represent a recovery of part of the cost of the investment, in which case they are recognised in OCI. Cumulative gains and losses recognised in OCI are transferred to retained earnings on disposal of an investment.

(xiv) Other financial instruments

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise balances with original maturities of less than or equal to 90 days from the date of acquisition, including cash on hand, balances with other banks, short-term highly-liquid funds and investments.

Cash equivalents are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Derivative financial instruments

Derivatives are initially recognised at fair value on the date on which a derivative contract is entered into and are subsequently remeasured at their fair value. Fair values are obtained from quoted market prices in active markets including recent market transactions. All derivatives are carried as assets when fair value is positive and as liabilities when fair value is negative. Changes in the fair value of the Bank's derivative instruments are recognised immediately in the statement of profit or loss.

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

The Bank’s derivative financial instruments are foreign currency forward contracts and “to-be-announced” securities (TBAs). Derivative financial instruments are measured at fair value and disclosed in Notes 13 and 21. None of the Bank's derivative instruments have been designated as hedging instruments.

2. Summary of significant accounting policies *(continued)*

g) Financial assets and financial liabilities *(continued)*

(xiv) Other financial instruments *(continued)*

Demand and deposit liabilities - domestic

Demand and deposit liabilities – domestic are the Bank's Eastern Caribbean dollars obligations to clients/institutions in the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) that are settled on demand.

Demand and deposit liabilities - foreign

Demand and deposit liabilities – foreign are the Bank's obligations to clients/institutions outside of the OECS that are settled on demand.

IMF government general resource accounts

These are accounts that member governments hold with the IMF. The ECCB acts as an agent for the governments.

Other liabilities and payables

Other liabilities and payables are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. These are classified as current liabilities if payments are due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Other liabilities and payables are recognised initially at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

(xv) Offsetting financial instruments

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

Income and expenses are presented on a net basis only when permitted under IFRS Standards, or for gains and losses arising from a group of similar transactions such as in the Bank's trading activity.

2. Summary of significant accounting policies *(continued)*

h) Property and equipment and depreciation

Property and equipment are stated at historical cost or revalued amount less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses, if any. Historical cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to the acquisition of the items.

Land and buildings are shown at fair value based on external independent valuations less subsequent depreciation for buildings. The revaluation was performed by independent professional valuers. Revaluations are carried out with sufficient regularity to ensure that the carrying value of land and buildings approximates fair value. Any accumulated depreciation at the date of revaluation is eliminated against the gross carrying amount of the asset, and the net amount is restated to the revalued amount of the asset.

Subsequent costs are included in the asset's carrying amount or recognised as a separate asset, as appropriate, only when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to the Bank and the cost of the item can be measured reliably. The carrying amount of the replaced part is derecognised. All other repairs and maintenance are charged to the statement of profit or loss during the financial period in which they are incurred.

Increases in the carrying amount arising on revaluation of land and buildings are credited to other comprehensive income or loss and shown as other reserves in shareholders' equity. Decreases that offset previous increases of the same asset are charged in other comprehensive income or loss and debited against other reserves directly in equity; all other decreases are charged to the statement of profit or loss.

Depreciation is calculated using the straight-line method at rates estimated to write down the cost or valuation of such assets to their residual values over their estimated useful lives as follows:

Buildings	2%
Equipment	6.67% to 20%
Furniture and office equipment	10% to 20%
Motor vehicles	14.29% to 20%
Land improvements	10%
Building improvements	10%
Computer systems	20% to 33.33%

Land is not depreciated. Donated property is recorded at fair value at the time of receipt.

Property and equipment are periodically reviewed for impairment or when indicators exist that there may be impairment. When the carrying amount of an asset is greater than its estimated recoverable amount, it is written down immediately to its recoverable amount. No property and equipment were impaired as at 31 March 2021 (2020: Nil).

Gains and losses on the disposal of property and equipment are determined by comparing proceeds with carrying amount and are taken into account in determining operating profit. When revalued assets are sold, the amounts included in other reserves are transferred to retained earnings.

2. Summary of significant accounting policies *(continued)*

i) Intangible assets

Intangible assets are substantially comprised of acquired computer software programmes. These are capitalised on the basis of the cost incurred to acquire and bring to use the specific software. The Bank chooses to use the cost model for the measurement after recognition. These costs are amortised using the straight-line method on the basis of the expected useful life of three years. Generally, the identified intangible assets of the Bank have a definite useful life. Costs associated with maintaining computer software programmes are recognised as an expense as incurred.

At each reporting date, intangible assets are reviewed for indications of impairment or changes in estimated future economic benefits. If such indications exist, the intangible assets are analysed to assess whether their carrying amount is fully recoverable. An impairment loss is recognised if the carrying amount exceeds the recoverable amount.

j) Impairment of non-financial assets

Assets are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. An impairment loss is recognised for the amount by which the asset's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount. The recoverable amount is the higher of an asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use. For the purposes of assessing impairment, assets are grouped at the lowest levels for which there are separately identifiable cash inflows (cash-generating units). The impairment test also can be performed on a single asset when the fair value less costs to sell or the value in use can be determined reliably. Non-financial assets that suffer impairment are reviewed for possible reversal of the impairment at each reporting date.

k) Provisions

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

Where there are a number of similar obligations, the likelihood that an outflow will be required in settlement is determined by considering the class of obligations as a whole. A provision is recognised even if the likelihood of an outflow with respect to any one item included in the same class of obligations may be small.

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

2. Summary of significant accounting policies *(continued)*

l) Revenue recognition

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable. The Bank recognises revenue when the amount of revenue can be reliably measured; when it is probable that future economic benefits will flow to the entity; and when specific criteria have been met for each of the Bank's activities, as described below.

Interest income and expense

Interest income and expense for all interest-bearing financial instruments are recognised within "interest income" and "interest expense" in the statement of profit or loss for all instruments measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. The effective interest method is a method of calculating the amortised cost of a financial asset or a financial liability and of allocating the interest income or interest expense over the relevant period.

The effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash payments or receipts through the expected life of the financial instrument or, when appropriate, a shorter period to the net carrying amount of the financial asset or financial liability. When calculating the effective interest rate, the Bank estimates cash flows considering all contractual terms of the financial instrument (for example, prepayment options) but does not consider future credit losses.

The calculation includes all fees paid or received between parties to the contract that are an integral part of the effective interest rate, transaction costs and all other premiums or discounts.

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

Commissions' income

Commissions are generally charged on transactions with commercial banks and other institutions except participating governments, and are generally recognised on an accrual basis when the service has been provided. Transactions that attract commissions include purchase and sale of foreign currency notes and balances and issue and redemption of Eastern Caribbean currency notes.

Other income

Licence fees due under the Banking Act, are fixed and non-cancellable and are recorded in profit or loss when due. Income from banking licence fees are reported in the statement of profit or loss in the 'other income' grouping.

2. Summary of significant accounting policies (*continued)*

m) Leases

At inception of a contract, the Bank assesses whether a contract is, or contains, a lease. A contract is, or contains, a lease if the contract conveys the right to control the use of an identified asset for a period of time in exchange for consideration. To assess whether a contract conveys the right to control the use of an identified asset, the Bank uses the definition of a lease in IFRS 16.

As a lessee

At commencement or on modification of a contract that contains a lease component, the Bank allocates the consideration in the contract to each lease component on the basis of its relative stand-alone prices. However, for the leases of property the Bank has elected not to separate non-lease components and account for the lease and non-lease components as a single lease component.

The Bank recognises a right-of-use asset and a lease liability at the lease commencement date. The right-of-use asset is initially measured at cost, which comprises the initial amount of the lease liability adjusted for any lease payments made at or before the commencement date, plus any initial direct costs incurred and an estimate of costs to dismantle and remove the underlying asset or to restore the underlying asset or the site on which it is located, less any lease incentives received.

The right-of-use asset is subsequently depreciated using the straight-line method from the commencement date to the end of the lease term, unless the lease transfers ownership of the underlying asset to the Bank by the end of the lease term.

In that case the right-of-use asset will be depreciated over the useful life of the underlying asset, which is determined on the same basis as those of property and equipment. In addition, the right-of-use asset is periodically reduced by impairment losses, if any, and adjusted for certain remeasurements of the lease liability.

The lease liability is initially measured at the present value of the lease payments that are not paid at the commencement date, discounted using the interest rate implicit in the lease or, if that rate cannot be readily determined, the Bank's incremental borrowing rate. The Bank uses its incremental borrowing rate as the discount rate.

The Bank determines its incremental borrowing rate by obtaining interest rates from various external financing sources and makes certain adjustments to reflect the terms of the lease and type of the asset leased.

2. Summary of significant accounting policies *(continued)*

m) Leases *(continued)*

As a lessee *(continued)*

Lease payments included in the measurement of the lease liability comprise the following:

- fixed payments, including in-substance fixed payments;
- variable lease payments that depend on an index or a rate, initially measured using the index or rate as at the commencement date;
- amounts expected to be payable under a residual value guarantee;
- the exercise price under a purchase option that the Bank is reasonably certain to exercise;
- lease payments in an optional renewal period if the Bank is reasonably certain to exercise an extension option; and
- penalties for early termination of a lease unless the Bank is reasonably certain not to terminate early.

The lease liability is measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. It is remeasured when there is a change in future lease payments arising from a change in an index or rate, if there is a change in the Bank's estimate of the amount expected to be payable under a residual value guarantee, if the Bank changes its assessment of whether it will exercise a purchase, extension or termination option.

When the lease liability is remeasured in this way, a corresponding adjustment is made to the carrying amount of the right-of-use asset, or is recorded in profit or loss if the carrying amount of the right-of-use asset has been reduced to zero.

The Bank presents right-of-use assets and lease liabilities separately in the statement of financial position.

Short-term leases and leases of low-value assets

The Bank has elected not to recognise right-of-use assets and lease liabilities for short-term leases that have a lease term of 12 months or less and low-value assets. The Bank recognises the lease payments associated with these leases as an expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

n) Employee benefits

Staff pension plan

The Bank operates a defined benefit pension plan for its eligible employees. The assets of the plan are held in a single trustee administered fund, established by the Eastern Caribbean Central Bank. A defined benefit plan is a pension plan that defines an amount of pension benefit that an employee will receive on retirement, usually dependent on one or more factors such as age, years of service and compensation. The pension benefit is based on the final salary of the employee.

2. Summary of significant accounting policies *(continued)*

n) Employee benefits *(continued)*

Staff pension plan *(continued)*

An asset or liability recognised in the statement of financial position in respect of defined benefit pension plans is the present value of the defined benefit obligation at the reporting date less the fair value of plan assets. An approximate value of the defined benefit obligation is calculated every year by independent actuaries using the projected unit credit method based on detailed calculations carried out for the most recent triennial funding valuation.

Under this method, the cost of providing pensions is charged to the statement of profit or loss so as to spread the regular cost over the service lives of employees in accordance with the advice of qualified actuaries who carry out a full valuation of the plan every three years.

The pension obligation is measured as the present value of the estimated future cash outflows using interest rates of long-term government bonds that are denominated in the currency in which the benefits will be paid, and which have terms to maturity approximating the terms of the related pension liability.

Actuarial gains and losses arising from experience adjustments and changes in actuarial assumptions are recognised immediately in other comprehensive income. Past-service costs are recognised immediately in the statement of profit or loss.

The pension plan is funded by payments from employees and the Bank, taking into account the recommendations of independent qualified actuaries.

Prepaid employee short term benefit

The Bank facilitates loans to its staff at rates that are relatively low in comparison to the normal market rates in the Eastern Caribbean Currency Union (ECCU). These loans are recognised at fair value using a normal market rate, and the difference between the fair value and the consideration given to the employees is recorded as a pre-paid short term employee benefit. The pre-paid short-term employee benefit is amortised through the statement of profit or loss over the expected service life of the relevant individual employees or the expected life of the relevant individual loans, whichever is shorter.

o) Commemorative coins

The nominal value of commemorative coins sold is excluded from the balance of 'Notes and Coins in circulation' while the net proceeds from sales are included in the statement of profit or loss.

p) Currency in circulation

In accordance with the ECCB Agreement Act, the Bank is the sole authority to issue currency notes and coins for circulation in the Eastern Caribbean Currency Union. Bank notes and coins in circulation are non-interest bearing and are redeemable on demand.

2. Summary of significant accounting policies *(continued)*

p) Currency in circulation *(continued)*

DCash in circulation

The Digital Eastern Caribbean Dollar (DCash) is a securely minted digital version of the Eastern Caribbean dollar issued by the ECCB. DCash is compliant with the legal parameters for legal tender and only the ECCB (as the monetary authority) can issue the digital currency.

The values of notes and coins in circulation and DCash in circulation are disclosed in Note 18.

q) General reserve

The Eastern Caribbean Central Bank Agreement Act 1983 – Article 6(3) (as amended) provides that "if and so long as the general reserve is less than 5% of the Bank's demand liabilities at the end of a financial year in which net profits were earned the Bank shall allocate to the general reserve one half of such net profits or such smaller amount as will make that reserve equal to 5% of those liabilities; provided however that with the written agreement of each of the participating governments further allocation may be made to increase the general reserve beyond five per cent but not more than ten per cent of the Bank's demand liabilities."

For the year ended 31 March 2021 an amount of $23,733,769 was allocated to General Reserves. In 2020, an amount of $61,672,246 was transferred to General Reserves. At 31 March 2021, the general reserve ratio stood at 4.83% (2020: 4.40%), which was 0.17% (2020: 0.60%) below the 5% target.

r) Foreign reserve assets

Under Article 24 (2) of the Eastern Caribbean Central Bank Agreement Act 1983, the Bank is required to maintain a reserve of external assets not less than 60% of its notes and coins in circulation, and other demand liabilities. The percentage of foreign reserve assets to demand liabilities at 31 March 2021 was 95.75% (2020: 101.07%).

s) Taxation

In accordance with Article 50 (8) (a) of the Eastern Caribbean Central Bank Agreement Act 1983, the Bank's income is exempt from any form of taxation.

In accordance with Section 5 sub-section (1) and (2) of the Eastern Caribbean Home Mortgage Bank ("ECHMB") Agreement Act, 1994 the ECHMB is exempt from stamp duties and corporation tax. The Bank's other associated company, the Eastern Caribbean Securities Exchange Limited ("ECSE") has applied to the Ministry of Finance for the renewal of its tax exempt status. The previous 10-year exemption expired in May 2013. The request for a further extension is yet to be granted by the Ministry of Finance.

3. Financial risk management

a) Introduction and overview

Risk is inherent in the Bank's activities but it is managed through a process of ongoing identification, measurement and monitoring, subject to risk limits and other controls. By its nature, the Bank's activities are principally related to the use of financial instruments. The Bank has exposure to the following risks from its use of financial instruments:

- Credit risk
- Market risk
- Liquidity risk
- Operational risk

The strategy for using financial instruments is embedded in the mission of the Bank to maintain the stability of the Eastern Caribbean Dollar and the integrity of the banking system in order to facilitate the balanced growth and development of member states.

The activities of the Bank require the analysis, evaluation, acceptance and management of some degree of risk or combination of risks. In executing its duties as a central bank, there are significant inherent risks which the Bank faces, both at the macro and micro levels of its operations. These risks arise primarily through the Bank's execution of its reserve management function, the provision of banking services to governments and commercial banks and from the broad areas of monetary policy, financial sector stability, management of the payment system and the daily operational tasks undertaken to support these functions.

The Bank's aim is therefore to achieve an appropriate balance between risk and the objectives of its reserve management function which are: (i) preservation of capital, (ii) meeting liquidity requirements and (iii) realizing a satisfactory return. The Bank also seeks to minimise potential adverse effects on the Bank's financial performance.

Risk Management Structure

The Bank's risk management policies are designed to identify and analyse these risks, to set appropriate risk limits and controls, and to monitor the risks and adherence to limits by means of reliable and up-to-date information systems. The Bank regularly reviews its risk management policies and systems to reflect changes in markets, products and emerging best practices. In addition, the Bank, through its training and management standards and procedures, aims to develop a disciplined and constructive control environment, in which all employees understand their role and obligations.

The Bank's Board of Directors has overall responsibility for the establishment of the Bank's risk management framework. The Board has established committees for managing and monitoring risks.

3. Financial risk management *(continued)*

a) Introduction and overview *(continued)*

Risk Management Structure (*continued)*

The key committees for managing risks are as follows:

Board Audit and Risk Committee

The Board Audit and Risk Committee (BARC) assists the Board in relation to the oversight of the Bank's governance, risk, internal controls and the Bank's financial reporting processes. The BARC reviews the Bank's risk appetite in line with strategy, identifies and monitors risk exposure and the risk management infrastructure, oversees the implementation of strategy to address risk, and assesses the strength and effectiveness of the risk management and internal control framework. Additionally, the BARC monitors the integrity of the financial statements and is responsible for oversight of both the Internal Audit and Enterprise Risk Management functions and reports back to the Board. The BARC reviews the effectiveness of the policies, procedures and systems in place related to, among others, operational risks, compliance, Information Technology (IT) (including cyber-security) and internal security.

Board Investment Committee

The purpose of the Board Investment Committee (BIC) is to assist the Board in fulfilling its responsibilities in the management of the foreign reserves as per Part VI of the ECCB Agreement. The BIC is responsible for submission to the Board for approval recommendations regarding the following:

(i) Changes to the Foreign Reserve Investment Policy;
(ii) Changes to the Strategic Asset Allocation;
(iii) The retention and termination of asset managers and custodian; and
(iv) Changes to the Terms of Reference for the Reserve Management Committee.

The BIC also receives and considers periodic reports on the following:

(i) Compliance of the external fund managers and the internal fund manager with the Investment Guidelines;
(ii) Performance of the external fund money managers and the internal fund manager; and
(iii) A review of the custodian's performance.

3. Financial risk management (continued)

a) Introduction and overview *(continued)*

Risk Management Structure *(continued)*

The Bank has also established internal committees and departments for managing and monitoring risks.

Executive Committee

The Executive Committee of the Bank has the responsibility to ensure that efficient and effective risk management mechanisms are in place. Key to the management of risk within the context of the reserve management function is the reserve management framework which embodies the Bank's risk tolerance. Included in this framework are the Bank's Investment Policy, Strategic Asset Allocation and investment guidelines which establish the parameters within which the reserve management function is executed. The Board approves the written policies for overall risk management as well as specific policies relating to the reserve management function. Additionally, the provision of banking services is governed by policy decisions of the Board.

Office of Corporate Strategy and Risk Management

The Office of Corporate Strategy and Risk Management (OCSRM) has responsibility for designing and implementing an Enterprise Risk Management Framework, development and monitoring of the Bank's strategic plan and management of the Bank's Business Continuity Management System (BCMS). The Office reports on risk matters, including the review of risk management and the controls environment, to the Executive Committee and the Board Audit and Risk Committee. In the wave of Covid-19, the OCSRM was instrumental in the implementation of an interim Business Continuity Plan (BCP) specific to the Bank's remote working arrangements. Further, there is ongoing assessment of changes in the Bank's risk landscape emanating from the adjustments in the operating environment, to facilitate the implementation of appropriate and timely risk responses.

Internal Audit Department

The Internal Audit Department is responsible for providing independent assurance that the Bank's risk management, internal control and governance processes are adequately designed and operating effectively. The Internal Audit Department discusses the results of all assessments with the Executive Committee, and reports its findings and recommendations to the Board Audit and Risk Committee. The Internal Audit Department also monitors the departments' implementation of audit recommendations and reports progress to the Executive Committee and the BARC.

3. Financial risk management (continued)

a) Introduction and overview *(continued)*

Impact of COVID-19

On 11 March 2020, the World Health Organization (WHO) declared the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak a pandemic. Governments and regulatory bodies around the world, including Eastern Caribbean Currency Union (ECCU) countries, have taken extraordinary measures to mitigate the impact of the global pandemic, including government-mandated social distancing measures, travel restrictions, lockdowns, quarantines, stay at home directives and other restrictions on individuals and businesses. The measures implemented to control the impact of the virus has significantly impacted the global economy resulting in disruptions to economic activity, business operations and significant volatility in the financial and commodities markets worldwide. The breadth and depth of the impact of COVID-19 on the global economy and financial markets continues to evolve with disruptive effects. In response to the pandemic, governments and central banks globally and regionally, have reduced interest rates to unprecedented lows to boost economic activity.

The impact of the pandemic on the economies of the ECCU countries, which is largely driven by tourism has been significant. Activity in the tourism industry remained depressed, with negative spin-off effects on other sectors. Consequently, the resulting effects on the ECCU continued into 2021 including increased unemployment, hotel closures, hotel operations at reduced occupancy levels for those which remained opened and reduced revenue for businesses, financial institutions and ECCB Member Governments.

During the year, the ECCB in conjunction with the ECCU Bankers' Association have carefully reviewed the circumstances in relation to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and have revised their support programme to help reduce the anxiety that some customers and residents continue to experience over the loss of income due to the pandemic. Moreover, the ECCU Member Governments have announced and instituted fiscal measures such as care and relief packages, to help cushion the effect of the pandemic on individuals and businesses.

Additionally, in response to the pandemic, the ECCB has taken various actions/measures to mitigate the economic and financial fallout in support of households, businesses and Member Governments in the ECCU region. Some of the measures taken by the ECCB include the following:

1) Provided financial support to Member Governments through a $4.0m grant ($500,000 each) from the Fiscal Reserve Tranche II;
2) Reached an agreement with the ECCU Bankers Association on a loan deferral (moratorium) programme for customers for up to six months and supported the Association's extension of the moratorium up to a maximum period of 12 months from 1 October 2020;
3) Increased Member Governments' share (75:25 from 60:40) of the credit allocation budget thereby increasing the ECCB's lending capacity to the Governments;
4) Temporarily reduced the Discount Rate to 2.0 per cent from 6.5 per cent, which is the rate at which the Central Bank lends to Member Governments and commercial banks; and
5) Temporarily reduced the interest rate for long-term credit to 3.5 per cent from 6.5 per cent.

3. Financial risk management (continued)

a) Introduction and overview *(continued)*

Impact of COVID-19 *(continued)*

Moreover, the ECCB remains committed to effectively supporting its stakeholders (internal and external) through the delivery of continuous quality service amid the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Therefore, the Bank has enhanced its Business Continuity and Recovery Plan aimed at protecting the health and safety of all staff, mitigating the overall impact on the Bank's business and ensuring a continued focus on serving the ECCU region well. Further, the ECCB's risk management framework incorporates requirements for daily compliance monitoring and reporting, and the monitoring of market movements and asset prices as the Bank continues to assess the impact of COVID-19 on its investment portfolio. The Bank continues to monitor limits, benchmarks and its exposure to credit risks on an ongoing basis and report to management, the relevant governance committees and/or the Board of Directors.

The pandemic has caused contractions in GDP and trade in the countries in which the Bank holds investments; however, all these countries have fiscal room to absorb the effects of the pandemic. While some of the Governments' and Regulatory measures have been eased across regions and the economies have started to recover, subsequent spikes in the virus have caused some measures to be reinstated and future economic activity to be uncertain. There is the risk that a resurgence in the spread of the virus, particularly the emergence of new variants, the slow rollout and/or lack of effectiveness of the vaccines may cause market and economic conditions to deteriorate. This has also been the case in the ECCU, and Member Governments continue to monitor the number of active cases and take the necessary measures to contain the spread of the virus. Although most of the ECCU member countries have re-opened their borders utilising a phased approach, the pandemic continues to negatively impact travel, individuals and businesses across the region.

The impact of the global pandemic on the domestic economies and global financial markets has negatively affected the Bank's revenues, which resulted in lower interest income earned, particularly from the foreign reserves portfolio. Domestic income has been negatively impacted by a reduction in interest rates associated with certain credit facilities due to contraction in economic activity. Additionally, the pandemic has caused significant market volatility, which has impacted credit risk. However, there has been no downgrading of credit ratings and/or the outlook for investments securities that has resulted in a significant increase in the credit risk of investment securities. The Bank continues to provide for expected credit losses in accordance with IFRS 9 and has adjusted its forward-looking information to reflect the impact of unexpected events such as the COVID-19 pandemic.

It is anticipated that the general economic challenges caused by the impact of COVID-19 will continue in the near term until the vaccine is widely available in key source markets, which will significantly boost economic activity. The global outlook remains positive, as near-term expectations points to economic activity strengthening in the second half of 2021 and beyond. Despite the economic challenges for the ECCU, especially given our high dependence on tourism, we remain confident that the member territories are poised for recovery and growth in the medium to long-term.

3. Financial risk management *(continued)*

b) Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk of financial loss to the Bank if a customer, client or counterparty to a financial instrument fail to meet its contractual obligations. The Bank is exposed to credit risk primarily on account of its reserve management activities. These exposures arise mainly through investments in debt securities of international governments, government agencies, supranational agencies and official institutions. The Bank also has exposures through investments in debt securities of participating governments and through lending to governments and commercial banks.

Management of credit risk

The Bank manages and controls credit risk in the foreign reserves at the issuer level by specification of minimum rating levels according to international rating agencies in the Foreign Reserves Investment Policy. Credit risk is also managed via Investment Guidelines, which stipulate issue and issuer concentration limits and by monitoring exposures in relation to such limits. Credit risk is important to the Bank's business; therefore, management carefully manages the Bank's exposure to credit risk. As it relates to lending to Member Governments and commercial banks, credit risk is managed based on strict adherence to exposure limits outlined in the ECCB agreement Act and the ECCB Board approved policy decision on the matter.

The COVID-19 pandemic has produced no deterioration in the Bank's foreign reserves portfolio from a credit risk perspective as measured by credit ratings published by the major rating agencies. We have noted no published credit rating downgrades on foreign reserve holdings since the onset of the pandemic. Moreover, there has been no credit events noted.

The estimation of credit risk of a portfolio of assets entails estimations as to the likelihood of defaults The Bank measures credit risk using probability of default (PD), exposure at default (EAD) and loss given default (LGD).

The Bank manages the credit risk on items exposed to such risk as follows:

Debt investment securities at FVOCI

The Bank manages credit risk by placing limits on its exposure to international governments, government agencies, supranational agencies and official institutions. It places limits on the amount of risk accepted in relation to one borrower and country. Such risks are monitored on a revolving basis and subject to an annual or more frequent review.

The investment policy and guidelines approved by the Board of Directors, stipulate the limits on the level of credit risk by borrower, product, industry, sector and country. They also stipulate the minimum required ratings issued by Moody's, Standard & Poor's (S&P) or Fitch for its international investments. The Bank further manages this risk by ensuring that business is only conducted with approved banks and by monitoring those banks' deposit ratings via the aforementioned rating agencies. The activities of the global custodian are also monitored daily and their overall performance is periodically reviewed.

3. Financial risk management *(continued)*

b) Credit risk *(continued)*

Debt investment securities at FVOCI *(continued)*

The Bank's debt investment securities at FVOCI are considered to have low credit risk, and the loss allowance recognised during the period was therefore limited to 12 months expected credit losses. Foreign investment securities measured at fair value through other comprehensive income (FVOCI) include listed securities. PDs and LGDs for traded instruments were based on the global credit ratings assigned to the instruments or the country for sovereign exposures. Management considers 'low credit risk' for listed securities to be an investment grade credit rating from Moody's, S&P or Fitch.

Debt investment securities at Amortised Cost

Other debt instruments (including unlisted participating government securities) are considered to be low credit risk as they have a low risk of default and the issuer has a strong capacity to meet its contractual cash flow obligations in the near term. PDs and LGDs for non-traded instruments were based on proxy ratings where they existed. Management applied judgemental overlays on local debt instruments.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents are held in financial institutions which management considers as strong and there is no significant concentration. Balances with other central banks, balances with foreign banks, cash and balances with local banks and term deposits are short term funds and the Bank therefore considers the risk of default to be very low.

Accounts receivable

Exposure to credit risk is managed by regular analysis of the ability of customers and other counter parties to meet repayment obligations.

3. Financial risk management *(continued)*

b) Credit risk *(continued)*

(i) Credit quality of financial assets

The credit quality of financial assets that are neither past due nor impaired are assessed using external credit ratings.

Investment securities

Foreign investment securities held by the Bank are debt of governments with a country rating of AA- or better (by Moody's, S&P or Fitch), or debt that carries the unconditional guarantee of such governments and debt of international institutions as stipulated by the Bank's Investment Guidelines. These securities are of superior credit quality and protection of interest and principal is considered high.

Money market instruments

Money market instruments are held at approved financial institutions, which have a minimum long-term bank deposit rating of A1 and a short-term debt rating of P-1 (Moody's). These financial institutions must be incorporated in a country with an issuer rating of at least AA- or its equivalent as measured by Moody's, S&P or Fitch based on the Bank's Investment Guidelines.

3. **Financial risk management** *(continued)*

b) **Credit risk** *(continued)*

(i) **Credit quality of financial assets** *(continued)*

The credit quality of financial assets is managed by the Bank through external credit ratings used in ECL calculations. The table below shows internal and external grades used in ECL calculation.

Moody's	S&P	Fitch	Grade Description
Aaa	AAA	AAA	Investment Grade
Aa1	AA+	AA+	
Aa2	AA	AA	
Aa3	AA-	AA-	
A1	A+	A+	
A2	A	A	
A3	A-	A-	
Baa1	BBB+	BBB+	Standard Grade
Baa2	BBB	BBB	
Baa3	BBB-	BBB-	
Ba1	BB+	BB+	
Ba2	BB	BB	
Ba3	BB-	BB-	
B1	B+	B+	
B2	B	B	
B3	B-	B-	
Caa1	CCC+	CCC	Low Grade
Caa2	CCC		
Caa3	CCC-		
Ca	CC	CC	
	C	C	
C	D	D	Default

3. Financial risk management *(continued)*

b) Credit risk *(continued)*

(ii) Credit quality analysis

The following tables set out information about the credit quality of financial assets measured at amortised cost and FVOCI debt investments without taking into account collateral or other credit enhancement. Unless specifically indicated, for financial assets, the amounts in the table represent gross carrying amounts.

Explanation of the terms 'Stage 1', 'Stage 2' and 'Stage 3' is included in Note 2(g)(ix).

	2021					
	12-month PD Ranges	**Stage 1**	**Stage 2**	**Stage 3**	**Purchased Credit-Impaired**	**Total**
Foreign Investment Securities at FVOCI						
Investment grade	**0.00 - 2.00**	**3,620,549,491**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**3,620,549,491**
Standard grade	**2.01 - 3.50**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**
Low grade	**3.51 - 99.99**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**
Credit impaired / default	**100**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**
		3,620,549,491	**-**	**-**	**-**	**3,620,549,491**
Loss allowance (recognised in other comprehensive income)		**(956,535)**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**(956,535)**
Carrying amount		**3,620,549,491**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**3,620,549,491**

	2020					
	12-month PD Range	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Purchased Credit-Impaired	Total
Foreign Investment Securities at FVOCI						
Investment grade	0.00 - 1.99	3,420,874,397	-	-	-	3,420,874,397
Standard grade	2.00 - 11.99	-	-	-	-	-
Low grade	12.00 - 99.99	-	-	-	-	-
Credit impaired / default	100	-	-	-	-	-
		3,420,874,397	-	-	-	3,420,874,397
Loss allowance (recognised in other comprehensive income)		(985,260)	-	-	-	(985,260)
Carrying amount		3,420,874,397	-	-	-	3,420,874,397

3. Financial risk management *(continued)*

b) Credit risk *(continued)*

(ii) Credit quality analysis *(continued)*

				2021		
	12-month PD Range	**Stage 1**	**Stage 2**	**Stage 3**	**Purchased Credit-Impaired**	**Total**
Participating Governments' Securities at Amortised Cost						
Investment grade	**0.00 - 1.99**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**
Standard grade	**2.00 - 11.99**	**210,997,577**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**210,997,577**
Low grade	**12.00 - 99.99**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**
Credit impaired / default	**100**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**
		210,997,577	**-**	**-**	**-**	**210,997,577**
Loss allowance		**(474,261)**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**(474,261)**
Carrying amount		**210,523,316**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**210,523,316**

				2020		
	12-month PD Range	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Purchased Credit-Impaired	Total
Participating Governments' Securities at Amortised Cost						
Investment grade	0.00 - 1.99	-	-	-	-	-
Standard grade	2.00 - 11.99	87,640,641	-	-	-	87,640,641
Low grade	12.00 - 99.99	-	-	-	-	-
Credit impaired / default	100	-	-	-	-	-
		87,640,641	-	-	-	87,640,641
Loss allowance		(383,856)	-	-	-	(383,856)
Carrying amount		87,256,785	-	-	-	87,256,785

3. Financial risk management *(continued)*

b) Credit risk *(continued)*

(ii) Credit quality analysis *(continued)*

	2021					
	12-month PD Range	**Stage 1**	**Stage 2**	**Stage 3**	**Purchased Credit-Impaired**	**Total**
Participating Governments' Advances at Amortised Cost						
Investment grade	**0.00 - 1.99**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**
Standard grade	**2.00 - 11.99**	**157,853,543**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**157,853,543**
Low grade	**12.00 - 99.99**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**
Credit impaired / default	**100**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**
		157,853,543	**-**	**-**	**-**	**157,853,543**
Loss allowance		**(156,715)**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**(156,715)**
Carrying amount		**157,696,828**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**157,696,828**

	2020					
	12-month PD Range	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Purchased Credit-Impaired	Total
Participating Governments' Advances at Amortised Cost						
Investment grade	0.00 - 1.99	-	-	-	-	-
Standard grade	2.00 - 11.99	45,695,020	-	-	-	45,695,020
Low grade	12.00 - 99.99	-	-	-	-	-
Credit impaired / default	100	-	-	-	-	-
		45,695,020	-	-	-	45,695,020
Loss allowance		(138,520)	-	-	-	(138,520)
Carrying amount		45,556,500	-	-	-	45,556,500

3. Financial risk management *(continued)*

b) Credit risk *(continued)*

(ii) Credit quality analysis *(continued)*

Investment securities and money market instruments and money at call

The table below sets out the credit quality of the Bank's foreign debt securities (note 9) and money market instruments and money at call (note 6) by rating agency designation at 31 March 2021 and 31 March 2020, based on Moody's, S&P or Fitch:

Foreign investment securities

Rated (Moody's, S&P or Fitch) **Foreign debt securities**	**2021** **$**	**2020** **$**
Aaa	**3,206,774,676**	3,155,525,582
Aa1	**120,893,820**	113,489,905
Aa2	**74,827,198**	22,135,032
Aa3	**139,361,350**	115,062,863
AA-	**66,970,395**	-
	3,608,827,439	3,406,213,382

Unrated	**2021** **$**	**2020** **$**
Domestic equity securities	**624,186**	624,186
	624,186	624,186

3. **Financial risk management** *(continued)*

b) **Credit risk** *(continued)*

(ii) **Credit quality analysis** *(continued)*

Investment securities and money market instruments and money at call (continued)

Money market instruments and money at call

Rated (Moody's) **Commercial paper, certificate of deposits and term deposits**	**2021** **$**	**2020** **$**
Aa1	**60,683,314**	76,601,778
Aa2	**244,141,118**	227,606,154
Aa3	**115,998,430**	351,585,226
A1	**207,744,319**	154,409,213
	628,567,181	810,202,371

Unrated	**2021** **$**	**2020** **$**
Money at call	**6,175,384**	265,161,601
Term deposits	**27,000,000**	27,000,000
	33,175,384	292,161,601

Participating governments advances

Advances are based on Board approved credit allocation limits. Requests for advances by member governments are reviewed to ensure that the amounts are within the approved allocated limits. These approved limits are calculated and assigned to the governments annually.

Due from local banks

Advances are granted to commercial banks in accordance with Part VIII, Article 31(2) and Part IIa, Article 5B of the ECCB Agreement Act 1983. Under Part VIII, Article 31(2), the borrowing bank must pledge collateral with the Central Bank and can only borrow ninety per cent of the collateral amount pledged.

3. Financial risk management *(continued)*

b) Credit risk *(continued)*

(iii) Amounts arising from ECL

(i) Expected credit loss measurement

IFRS 9 outlines a 'three-stage' model for impairment based on changes in credit quality since initial recognition as summarised below:

- A financial instrument that is not credit-impaired on initial recognition is classified in 'Stage 1' and has its credit risk continuously monitored by the Bank.

- If a significant increase in credit risk ('SICR') since initial recognition is identified, the financial instrument is moved to 'Stage 2' but is not yet deemed to be credit-impaired. Please refer to below for a description of how the Bank determines when a significant increase in credit risk has occurred.

- Financial instruments in Stage 1 have their ECL measured at an amount equal to the portion of lifetime expected credit losses that result from default events possible within the next 12 months. Instruments in Stages 2 or 3 have their ECL measured based on expected credit losses on a lifetime basis. Please refer to below for a description of inputs, assumptions and estimation techniques used in measuring the ECL.

- A pervasive concept in measuring ECL in accordance with IFRS 9 is that it should consider forward-looking information. Please see below which includes an explanation of how the Bank has incorporated this in its ECL models.

- Purchased or originated credit-impaired financial assets (POCI) are those financial assets that are credit-impaired on initial recognition. Their ECL is always measured on a lifetime basis (Stage 3).

The key judgements and assumptions adopted by the Bank in addressing the requirements of the standard are discussed below:

a) Significant increase in credit risk

When determining whether the risk of default on a financial instrument has increased significantly since initial recognition, the Bank considers reasonable and supportable information that is relevant and available without undue cost or effort. This includes both quantitative and qualitative information and analysis, based on the Bank's historical experience and third party policies including forward-looking information.

3. Financial risk management *(continued)*

b) Credit risk *(continued)*

(iii) Amounts arising from ECL *(continued)*

(i) Expected credit loss measurement *(continued)*

a) Significant increase in credit risk (continued)

The Bank uses three criteria for determining whether there has been a significant increase in credit risk:

- quantitative test based on movement in PD;
- qualitative indicators; and
- a backstop of 30 days past due.

Credit risk grades:

The Bank uses internal credit risk gradings that reflect its assessment of the probability of default of individual counterparties. For debt securities in the core portfolio, external rating agency credit grades are used. The PD's associated with each grade are determined based on realised default rates over the prior 12 months, as published by the rating agency.

Determining whether credit risk has been increased significantly

The Bank assesses whether credit risk has increased significantly since initial recognition at each reporting date. Determining whether an increase in credit risk is significant depends on the characteristics of the financial instrument and the borrower.

The Bank continuously monitors foreign and domestic financial assets subject to ECLs. In order to determine whether an instrument or a portfolio of instruments is subject to 12-month ECL or lifetime ECL, the Bank assesses whether there has been a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition. The Bank applies credit rating scale to determine whether there has been a significant increase in credit risk. Credit risk is deemed to have increased significantly if the credit rating on investment securities and sovereigns moved from investment grade to standard grade as set out in Note 3(b) (i).

When estimating ECLs on a collective basis for a group of similar assets, the Bank applies the same principles for assessing whether there has been a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition. If there is evidence that there is no longer a significant increase in credit risk relative to initial recognition, then the loss allowance on an instrument returns to being measured as 12-month ECL. Some qualitative indicators of an increase in credit risk, such as delinquency or forbearance, may be indicative of an increased risk of default that persists after the indicator itself has ceased to exist.

3. Financial risk management *(continued)*

b) Credit risk *(continued)*

(iii) Amounts arising from ECL *(continued)*

(i) Expected credit loss measurement *(continued)*

a) Significant increase in credit risk (continued)

Determining whether credit risk has been increased significantly (continued)

When contractual terms of a loan have been modified, evidence that the criteria for recognising lifetime ECL are no longer met includes a history of up to-date payment performance against the modified contractual terms.

In assessing whether a borrower is in default, the Bank considers indicators that are:

- qualitative: e.g. breaches of covenant;
- quantitative: e.g. overdue status and non-payment on another obligation of the same issuer to the Bank; and
- based on data developed internally and obtained from external sources.

b) Incorporation of forward-looking information

The Bank incorporates forward-looking information into both the assessment of whether the credit risk of an instrument has increased significantly since its initial recognition and the measurement of ECL.

The Bank formulates three economic scenarios: a base case, which is the central scenario, developed internally based on consensus forecasts, and two less likely scenarios, one upside and one downside scenario and scenario weightings. External information considered includes economic data and forecasts published by supranational organisations such as the International Monetary Fund.

The assessment of SICR and the calculation of ECL both incorporate forward-looking information. The Bank has identified and documented the key economic variables impacting credit risk and expected credit losses for each portfolio of financial instruments. These economic variables and their associated impact on the PD, EAD and LGD vary by financial instrument. Judgement has also been applied in this process. The key drivers for credit risk for foreign reserves portfolio are: GDP growth, GDP per capita and the inflation rate. The bank employs a simplified approach in estimating its forward looking indicators. The scenario weightings are determined by a combination of analysis and judgement, taking account of the range of possible outcomes each chosen scenario is representative of.

3. Financial risk management *(continued)*

b) Credit risk *(continued)*

(iii) Amounts arising from ECL *(continued)*

(i) Expected credit loss measurement *(continued)*

c) Computation of the expected credit losses

The key inputs into the measurement of ECL are the term structure of the following variables:

- probability of default (PD);
- loss given default (LGD); and
- exposure at default (EAD).

ECL for exposures in Stage 1 are calculated by multiplying the 12-month PD by LGD and EAD. Lifetime ECL are calculated by multiplying the lifetime PD by LGD and EAD.

PD represents the likelihood of a borrower defaulting on its financial obligation, either over the next twelve (12-month PD) or over the remaining lifetime (lifetime PD) of the obligation.

The LDG is the magnitude of the likely loss if there is a default. The Bank estimates LGD parameters based on the history of recovery rates of claims against defaulted counterparties.

EAD represents the expected exposure in the event of a default. The Bank derives the EAD from the current exposure to the counterparty and potential changes to the current amount allowed under the contract and arising from amortisation. EAD is computed as the sum of the amortised amount and accrued interest to reflect contractual cash flows.

As described above, and subject to using a maximum of a 12-month PD for Stage 1 financial assets, the Bank measures ECL considering the risk of default over the maximum contractual period (including any borrower's extension options) over which it is exposed to credit risk, even if, for credit risk management purposes, the Bank considers a longer period. The maximum contractual period extends to the date at which the Bank has the right to require repayment of an advance or terminate a loan commitment or guarantee.

The following tables show reconciliations from the opening to the closing balance of the loss allowance by class of financial instrument. The basis for determining transfers due to changes in credit risk is set out in our accounting policy.

3. **Financial risk management** *(continued)*

c) **Credit risk** *(continued)*

(iii) Amounts arising from ECL *(continued)*

Loss allowance

The following tables show reconciliations from the opening to the closing balance of the loss allowance by class of financial instrument.

	2021	**2020**
	$	**$**
	Stage 1	Stage 1
Debt securities at FVOCI		
Balance at the beginning of the year	**985,260**	339,130
Net remeasurement of loss allowance	**(28,725)**	646,130
Balance at the end of the year	**956,535**	985,260

	2021	2020
	Stage 1	Stage 1
Participating governments' securities at amortised cost		
Balance at the beginning of the year	**383,856**	316,824
Net remeasurement of loss allowance	**90,405**	67,032
Balance at the end of the year	**474,261**	383,856

	2021	2020
	Stage 1	Stage 1
Participating governments advances at amortised cost		
Balance at the beginning of the year	**138,520**	116,854
Net remeasurement of loss allowance	**18,195**	21,666
Balance at the end of the year	**156,715**	138,520

3. **Financial risk management** *(continued)*

b) **Credit risk** *(continued)*

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

Credit risk exposure relating to on-balance sheet financial assets is as follows:

As at 31 March

	2021	2020
Assets	**$**	**$**
Foreign assets		
Balances with other central banks	**157,582,923**	13,936,348
Balances with foreign banks	**94,302**	73,661
Money market instruments and money at call	**661,805,648**	1,102,736,060
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	**323,766,452**	391,841,668
Foreign investment securities	**3,620,627,696**	3,420,952,602
	4,763,877,021	4,929,540,339
Domestic assets		
Cash and balances with local banks	**826,962**	1,894,847
Term deposits	**1,151,023**	8,468,521
Participating governments' securities	**210,523,316**	87,256,785
Participating governments' advances	**157,696,828**	45,556,500
Accounts receivable	**7,737,910**	7,323,513
Domestic investment securities	**624,186**	624,186
	378,560,225	151,124,352
Total on-balance sheet credit risk	**5,142,437,246**	5,080,664,691

3. **Financial risk management** *(continued)*

b) **Credit risk** *(continued)*

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

Credit risk exposure relating to off-balance sheet financial assets is as follows:

	2021 $	2020 $
Eastern Caribbean Securities Exchange Limited undertaking and guarantee	**2,000,000**	2,000,000
	2,000,000	2,000,000
Total credit exposure	**5,144,437,246**	5,082,664,691

The above table represents a worst case scenario of credit risk exposure as at 31 March 2021 and 2020 without taking account of any collateral held or other credit enhancements attached.

For statement of financial position assets, the exposures set out in the above table are based on net carrying amounts as reported in the statement of financial position.

As depicted in the table above, 70.41% (2020 – 67.33%) of the total maximum exposure is derived from foreign investment securities and 12.87% (2020 – 21.70%) represents money market instruments and money at call.

3. Financial risk management *(continued)*

b) Credit risk *(continued)*

The following table breaks down the Bank's main credit exposure at the carrying amounts, as categorised by geographical regions as of 31 March 2021. In this table, the Bank has allocated exposure to regions based on the country of domicile of the counterparties.

Geographical concentration of financial assets

	Eastern Caribbean Currency Union $	United States of America and Canada $	Europe and other territories $	Regional states $	Total $
As of 31 March 2021					
Balances with other central banks	-	140,098,648	473,846	17,010,429	157,582,923
Balances with foreign banks	-	94,302	-	-	94,302
Money market instruments and money at call	-	207,157,232	454,648,416	-	661,805,648
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	-	323,766,452	-	-	323,766,452
Foreign investment securities	-	2,816,820,012	803,807,684	-	3,620,627,696
Cash and balances with local banks	826,962	-	-	-	826,962
Term deposits – domestic	1,151,023	-	-	-	1,151,023
Participating governments' securities	210,523,316	-	-	-	210,523,316
Participating governments' advances	157,696,828	-	-	-	157,696,828
Accounts receivable	7,737,910	-	-	-	7,737,910
Domestic investment securities	202,500	-	-	421,686	624,186
	378,138,539	**3,487,936,646**	**1,258,929,946**	**17,432,115**	**5,142,437,246**

3. Financial risk management *(continued)*

b) Credit risk *(continued)*

Geographical concentration of financial assets *(continued)*

	Eastern Caribbean Currency Union $	United States of America and Canada $	Europe and other territories $	Regional states $	Total $
As of 31 March 2020					
Balances with other central banks	-	666,389	348,769	12,921,190	13,936,348
Balances with foreign banks	-	73,661	-	-	73,661
Money market instruments and money at call	-	548,084,079	554,651,981	-	1,102,736,060
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	-	391,697,889	143,779	-	391,841,668
Foreign investment securities	-	2,791,352,089	629,600,513	-	3,420,952,602
Cash and balances with local banks	1,894,847	-	-	-	1,894,847
Term deposits – domestic	8,468,521	-	-	-	8,468,521
Participating governments’ securities	87,256,785	-	-	-	87,256,785
Participating governments’ advances	45,556,500	-	-	-	45,556,500
Accounts receivable	7,323,513	-	-	-	7,323,513
Domestic investment securities	202,500	-	-	421,686	624,186
	150,702,666	**3,731,874,107**	**1,184,745,042**	**13,342,876**	**5,080,664,691**

3. **Financial risk management** *(continued)*

c) Market risk

The Bank is exposed to market risk, which is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate due to changes in market prices. The Bank's reserve management mandate permits investment in a number of instruments. The Bank is exposed to general and specific market movements and volatility of market rates and prices such as interest rates, credit spreads and foreign exchange rates. The Bank enters into currency forward contracts to manage its exposure to fluctuations in foreign exchange rates for non-USD securities. The Bank also has a structured management process which entails the following:

- Careful monitoring of the international market and taking positions to achieve objectives;
- Regular reporting to internal management committees and to the Board of Directors.

i) Interest rate risk

The Bank invests in securities and money market instruments and maintains demand deposit accounts as a part of its normal course of business. Cash flow interest rate risk is the risk that the future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. Fair value interest rate risk is the risk that the value of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. Interest rate risk is the risk of loss arising from changes in prevailing interest rates. The Bank manages this risk by monitoring interest rates daily, and seeks to minimize the exposure by devising a comprehensive risk assessment and tolerance strategy known as "Customised benchmarking". The effect of this tool is to reflect the risk tolerance level of the Bank and to measure the performance of portfolio managers. The table below analyses the effective interest rates for each class of financial asset and financial liability:

	2021	**2020**
	%	**%**
Foreign Assets		
Money market instruments and money at call	0.62	2.14
Foreign investment securities	1.76	1.88
Domestic Assets		
Balances with local banks	0.01	0.00
Term deposits	2.50	2.50
Participating governments' securities	2.35	4.54
Participating governments' advances	2.00	6.50
Liabilities		
Term deposits, call accounts and government operating accounts	0.00	1.39
Demand and deposit liabilities - foreign	0.00	1.29

3. **Financial risk management** *(continued)*

c) **Market risk** *(continued)*

i) Interest rate risk (continued)

As the Bank's investments in foreign securities are locked in at fixed interest rates, the exposure to cash flow and fair value interest rate risk is limited to investments in money market instruments and money at call for which rates vary with market movements. As of 31 March 2021, if interest rates were to move by 25 basis points, profit for the year would have been $1.65m (2020: $2.76m) lower or higher.

The table below summarises the Bank's exposure to interest rate risks. It includes the Bank's financial instruments, categorised by the earlier of contractual repricing or maturity dates.

As of 31 March 2021	Up to 1 month $	1 to 3 months $	3 months to 1 year $	1 to 5 years $	Over 5 years $	Non-Interest bearing $	Total $
Financial assets							
Balances with other central banks	-	-	-	-	-	157,582,923	157,582,923
Balances with foreign banks	-	-	-	-	-	94,302	94,302
Money market instruments and money at call	282,922,957	132,279,156	246,603,535	-	-	-	661,805,648
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	11,037,929	9,846,233	-	-	302,882,290	-	323,766,452
Foreign investment securities	75,636,036	13,555,621	286,155,784	3,216,564,186	28,637,864	78,205	3,620,627,696
Cash and balances with local banks	826,962	-	-	-	-	-	826,962
Term deposits - domestic	891,541	259,482	-	-	-	-	1,151,023
Participating governments' securities	794,372	290,452	15,826,091	89,170,778	104,441,623	-	210,523,316
Participating governments' advances	103,821,163	42,593,577	11,282,088	-	-	-	157,696,828
Accounts receivable	14,157	26,747	101,228	199,623	16,265	7,379,890	7,737,910
Domestic investment securities	-	-	-	-	-	624,186	624,186
	475,945,117	**198,851,268**	**559,968,726**	**3,305,934,587**	**435,978,042**	**165,759,506**	**5,142,437,246**

3. Financial risk management *(continued)*

c) Market risk *(continued)*

i) Interest rate risk (continued)

As of 31 March 2021	Up to 1 month $	1 to 3 months $	3months to 1 year $	1 to 5 years $	Over 5 years $	Non-Interest bearing $	Total $
Financial liabilities							
Demand and deposit liabilities - domestic	189,283,984	-	-	-	-	4,770,162,812	4,959,446,796
Lease liabilities	54,025	108,792	502,073	1,686,476	585,407	-	2,936,773
Demand and deposit liabilities - foreign	-	-	-	-	-	32,662,576	32,662,576
Financial laibilities as FVTPL	-	-	-	-	-	657,516	657,516
IMF Government general resource accounts	-	-	-	-	-	1,195,960	1,195,960
	189,338,009	**108,792**	**502,073**	**1,686,476**	**585,407**	**4,804,678,864**	**4,996,899,621**
Total interest repricing gap, 31 March 2021	**286,607,108**	**198,742,476**	**559,466,653**	**3,304,248,111**	**435,392,635**	**(4,638,919,358)**	**145,537,625**

3. Financial risk management *(continued)*

c) Market risk *(continued)*

i) Interest rate risk (continued)

As of 31 March 2020	**Up to 1 month** $	**1 to 3 months** $	**3 months to 1 year** $	**1 to 5 years** $	**Over 5 years** $	**Non-Interest bearing** $	**Total** $
Financial assets							
Balances with other central banks	-	-	-	-	-	13,936,348	13,936,348
Balances with foreign banks	-	-	-	-	-	73,661	73,661
Money market instruments and money at call	514,971,100	218,489,691	369,275,269	-	-	-	1,102,736,060
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	1,258,716	-	-	-	390,582,952	-	391,841,668
Foreign investment securities	2,718,626	-	118,769,924	3,299,385,847	-	78,205	3,420,952,602
Cash and balances with local banks	1,894,847	-	-	-	-	-	1,894,847
Term deposits - domestic	930,127	426,199	7,112,195	-	-	-	8,468,521
Participating governments' securities	-	220,453	10,773,020	39,121,903	37,141,409	-	87,256,785
Participating governments' advances	22,762,768	5,051,115	17,742,617	-	-	-	45,556,500
Accounts receivable	10,023	18,961	102,962	180,920	21,600	6,989,047	7,323,513
Domestic investment securities	-	-	-	-	-	624,186	624,186
	544,546,207	**224,206,419**	**523,775,987**	**3,338,688,670**	**427,745,961**	**21,701,447**	**5,080,664,691**

3. **Financial risk management** *(continued)*

c) **Market risk** *(continued)*

i) Interest rate risk (continued)

As of 31 March 2020	Up to 1 month $	1 to 3 months $	3months to 1 year $	1 to 5 years $	Over 5 years $	Non-Interest bearing $	Total $
Financial liabilities							
Demand and deposit liabilities - domestic	392,600,833	-	-	-	-	4,493,636,159	4,886,236,992
Lease liabilities	53,108	172,312	337,712	1,674,631	872,729	-	3,110,492
Demand and deposit liabilities - foreign	-	-	-	-	-	60,948,287	60,948,287
Financial liabilities at FVTPL	-		-	-	-	199,259	199,259
IMF Government general resource accounts	-	-	-	-	-	1,196,744	1,196,744
	392,653,941	**172,312**	**337,712**	**1,674,631**	**872,729**	**4,555,980,449**	**4,951,691,774**
Total interest repricing gap, 31 March 2020	**151,892,266**	**224,034,107**	**523,438,275**	**3,337,014,039**	**426,873,232**	**(4,534,279,002)**	**128,972,917**

3. Financial risk management *(continued)*

c) Market risk *(continued)*

ii) Currency risk

The Bank takes on exposure to fluctuations in the prevailing foreign currency exchange rates on its financial position and cash flows. Management seeks to manage this risk by setting limits on the level of exposure by currency, which are monitored daily.

Foreign investment securities

The Bank's investment guidelines require that all non-US dollar securities be hedged back to the US dollar. As of 31 March 2021, the non-US securities in the foreign securities portfolio was nil (2020: nil). The investment managers have entered into forward contracts to sell the non-USD positions forward on a periodic rolling basis. All gains and losses arising from currency revaluation of these assets and the forward contracts are reported in the statement of profit or loss as they occur.

Regional and foreign currencies

The Bank facilitates the repatriation of foreign currency notes collected by member banks during their normal course of operations. The notes are purchased from the commercial banks and shipped to Bank of America on a monthly basis. To manage the foreign currency risk of holding these notes, the Bank forward sells these notes on the same day of purchase for value on the date that the counterparty receives them.

The Bank's exposure to foreign exchange risk is limited to the minimum balances held on non-USD demand accounts and investment in non-USD foreign securities. As at 31 March 2021, if exchange rates were to move by 5 per cent, profit for the year would have been nil (2020: nil) lower or higher and the net statement of financial position balance would have been nil (2020: nil) lower or higher.

3. **Financial risk management** *(continued)*

c) **Market risk** *(continued)*

ii) Currency risk *(continued)*

The table below analyses assets and liabilities of the Bank into the respective currency positions as of 31 March 2021:

	Eastern Caribbean Dollar $	United States Dollar $	British Pound $	Euro $	Other $	Total $
Financial assets						
Balances with other central banks	-	157,009,064	473,846	-	100,013	157,582,923
Balances with foreign banks	-	94,302	-	-	-	94,302
Money market instruments and money at call	-	661,805,648	-	-	-	661,805,648
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	-	323,766,452	-	-	-	323,766,452
Foreign investment securities	-	3,620,627,696	-	-	-	3,620,627,696
Cash and balances with local banks	826,962	-	-	-	-	826,962
Term deposits – domestic	1,151,023	-	-	-	-	1,151,023
Participating governments' securities	210,523,316	-	-	-	-	210,523,316
Participating governments' advances	157,696,828	-	-	-	-	157,696,828
Accounts receivable	7,737,910	-	-	-	-	7,737,910
Domestic investment securities	624,186	-	-	-	-	624,186
	378,560,225	**4,763,303,162**	**473,846**	**-**	**100,013**	**5,142,437,246**
Financial liabilities						
Demand and deposit liabilities – domestic	4,959,446,796	-	-	-	-	4,959,446,796
Lease liability	2,936,773	-	-	-	-	2,936,773
Demand and deposit liabilities – foreign	32,642,289	20,287	-	-	-	32,662,576
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss	-	657,516	-	-	-	657,516
IMF government general resource accounts	1,195,960	-	-	-	-	1,195,960
	4,996,221,818	**677,803**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**4,996,899,621**
Net assets (liabilities)	**(4,617,661,593)**	**4,762,625,359**	**473,846**	**-**	**100,013**	**145,537,625**

3. Financial risk management *(continued)*

c) Market risk *(continued)*

ii) Currency risk *(continued)*

The table below analyses assets and liabilities of the Bank into the respective currency positions as of 31 March 2020:

	Eastern Caribbean Dollar $	United States Dollar $	British Pound $	Euro $	Other $	Total $
Financial assets						
Balances with other central banks	-	13,493,795	348,769	-	93,784	13,936,348
Balances with foreign banks	-	73,661	-	-	-	73,661
Money market instruments and money at call	-	1,102,735,641	-	-	419	1,102,736,060
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	-	391,662,506	65,958	77,266	35,938	391,841,668
Foreign investment securities	-	3,420,952,602	-	-	-	3,420,952,602
Cash and balances with local banks	1,894,847	-	-	-	-	1,894,847
Term deposits – domestic	8,468,521	-	-	-	-	8,468,521
Participating governments' securities	87,256,785	-	-	-	-	87,256,785
Participating governments' advances	45,556,500	-	-	-	-	45,556,500
Accounts receivable	7,323,513	-	-	-	-	7,323,513
Domestic investment securities	624,186	-	-	-	-	624,186
	151,124,352	**4,928,918,205**	**414,727**	**77,266**	**130,141**	**5,080,664,691**
Financial liabilities						
Demand and deposit liabilities – domestic	4,886,236,992	-	-	-	-	4,886,236,992
Lease liability	3,110,492	-	-	-	-	3,110,492
Demand and deposit liabilities – foreign	60,928,000	20,287	-	-	-	60,948,287
IMF government general resource accounts	1,196,744	-	-	-	-	1,196,744
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss	-	-	104,615	77,114	17,530	199,259
	4,951,472,228	**20,287**	**104,615**	**77,114**	**17,530**	**4,951,691,774**
Net assets (liabilities)	**(4,800,347,876)**	**4,928,897,918**	**310,112**	**152**	**112,611**	**128,972,917**

3. Financial risk management *(continued)*

d) Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Bank is unable to provide adequate liquidity support for the financial system to meet its payment obligations associated with its financial liabilities when they fall due and to replace funds when they are withdrawn. It also refers to the risk of financial loss associated with the conversion of assets to cash to meet financial obligations. This would result in the Bank's failure to maintain monetary and financial stability. The Bank is exposed to daily calls on its available cash resources from overnight deposits, current accounts and maturing deposits. Liquidity is a key criterion in determining the composition of the Bank's foreign reserves portfolio. The liquidity tranche is closely monitored in accordance with a cash flow management policy. Additionally, there is consistent monitoring and checking for compliance with approved portfolio diversification, asset allocation and asset quality.

The liquidity management process forms part of the Bank's wider mandate for reserve management and is carried out in accordance with approved guidelines by the Reserve Management Committee and monitored by management. The liquidity tranche is comprised of highly marketable assets that can easily be liquidated to meet unexpected demands. The process entails the following:

- Daily monitoring of balances on the Bank's call accounts to ensure that adequate funds are available to meet current and future requirements.
- Projections of cash inflows and outflows based on historical trends.
- Laddering of money market instruments in the liquidity tranche to ensure that adequate funds are available to meet current liquidity needs.
- Assets held to manage liquidity risk include balances with other central banks, balances with foreign banks, money market instruments and money at call, financial assets at fair value through profit or loss, foreign investment securities and cash and balances with local banks. At the reporting date, the Bank held $4,764,703,983 (2020: $4,931,435,186) of these instruments that are expected to readily generate cash inflows.

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

The table below analyses assets and liabilities of the Bank into relevant maturity groupings based on the remaining period at the reporting date to the contractual maturity date. The resulting liquidity gap does not pose any significant risk to the Bank. Based on the nature of the financial liabilities which principally comprise of bankers current accounts (note 18) and is categorized in the up to 1-month grouping, payouts to commercial banks in the short term are unlikely as these commercial banks are required to maintain with the Bank a reserve equivalent to 6% of their total deposit liabilities.

3. **Financial risk management** *(continued)*

d) **Liquidity risk** *(continued)*

Maturities of liabilities and assets, 31 March 2021	Up to 1 month $	1 to 3 months $	3 months to 1 year $	1 to 5 years $	Over 5 years $	Total $
Financial Liabilities						
Demand and deposit liabilities – domestic	4,959,446,796	-	-	-	-	4,959,446,796
Lease liability	54,025	108,792	502,073	1,686,476	585,407	2,936,773
Demand and deposit liabilities – foreign	32,662,576	-	-	-	-	32,662,576
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss	657,516	-	-	-	-	657,516
IMF government general resource accounts	1,195,960	-	-	-	-	1,195,960
	4,994,016,873	**108,792**	**502,073**	**1,686,476**	**585,407**	**4,996,899,621**
Financial Assets						
Balances with other central banks	157,582,923	-	-	-	-	157,582,923
Balances with foreign banks	94,302	-	-	-	-	94,302
Money market instruments and money at call	282,922,957	132,279,156	246,603,535	-	-	661,805,648
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	11,037,929	9,846,233	-	-	302,882,290	323,766,452
Foreign investment securities	75,636,036	13,555,621	286,155,784	3,216,564,186	28,716,069	3,620,627,696
Cash and balances with local banks	826,962	-	-	-	-	826,962
Term deposits – domestic	891,541	259,482	-	-	-	1,151,023
Participating governments' securities	794,372	290,452	15,826,091	89,170,778	104,441,623	210,523,316
Participating governments' advances	103,821,163	42,593,577	11,282,088	-	-	157,696,828
Accounts receivable	6,219,712	26,747	117,889	225,913	1,147,649	7,737,910
Domestic investment securities	-	-	-	-	624,186	624,186
	639,827,897	**198,851,268**	**559,985,387**	**3,305,960,877**	**437,811,817**	**5,142,437,246**
Net liquidity gap, 31 March 2021	**(4,354,188,976)**	**198,742,476**	**559,483,314**	**3,304,274,401**	**437,226,410**	**145,537,625**

3. Financial risk management *(continued)*

d) Liquidity risk *(continued)*

Maturities of liabilities and assets, 31 March 2020	**Up to 1 month $**	**1 to 3 months $**	**3 months to 1 year $**	**1 to 5 years $**	**Over 5 years $**	**Total $**
Financial Liabilities						
Demand and deposit liabilities – domestic	4,886,236,992	-	-	-	-	4,886,236,992
Lease liability	53,108	172,312	337,712	1,674,631	872,729	3,110,492
Demand and deposit liabilities – foreign	60,948,287	-	-	-	-	60,948,287
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss	199,259	-	-	-	-	199,259
IMF government general resource accounts	1,196,744	-	-	-	-	1,196,744
	4,948,634,390	**172,312**	**337,712**	**1,674,631**	**872,729**	**4,951,691,774**
Financial Assets						
Balances with other central banks	13,936,348	-	-	-	-	13,936,348
Balances with foreign banks	73,661	-	-	-	-	73,661
Money market instruments and money at call	514,971,100	218,489,691	369,275,269	-	-	1,102,736,060
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	1,258,716	-	-	-	390,582,952	391,841,668
Foreign investment securities	2,718,626	-	118,769,924	3,299,385,847	78,205	3,420,952,602
Cash and balances with local banks	1,894,847	-	-	-	-	1,894,847
Term deposits – domestic	930,127	426,199	7,112,195	-	-	8,468,521
Participating governments' securities	-	220,453	10,773,020	39,121,903	37,141,409	87,256,785
Participating governments' advances	22,624,248	5,051,115	17,881,137	-	-	45,556,500
Accounts receivable	6,761,239	18,961	102,962	220,615	219,736	7,323,513
Domestic investment securities	-	-	-	-	624,186	624,186
	565,168,912	**224,206,419**	**523,914,507**	**3,338,728,365**	**428,646,488**	**5,080,664,691**
Net liquidity gap, 31 March 2020	**(4,383,465,478)**	**224,034,107**	**523,576,795**	**3,337,053,734**	**427,773,759**	**128,972,917**

3. Financial risk management *(continued)*

d) Liquidity risk *(continued)*

Derivative cash flows

The following table shows the derivative financial instruments (forward contracts) that will be settled on a gross basis into relevant maturity groupings based on the remaining period at the statement of financial position date to the contractual maturity date. The amounts disclosed in the table are contractual undiscounted cash flows.

At 31 March 2021

Derivatives held for trading (forward contracts)

	0-3 months	3-6 months	Total
Foreign exchange derivatives			
- Outflow	-	-	-
- Inflow	-	-	-

At 31 March 2020

Derivatives held for trading (forward contracts)

	0-3 months	3-6 months	Total
Foreign exchange derivatives			
- Outflow	(7,240,603)	-	(7,240,603)
- Inflow	8,675,049	-	8,675,049

3. Financial risk management *(continued)*

e) Fair value

Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date (an exit price). The fair value of a liability must take account of non-performance risk, including the entity's own credit risk.

Determination of Fair Value

The following methods and assumptions have been used to estimate the fair value of each class of financial instrument for which it is practical to estimate a value:

- Short-term financial assets and liabilities: The carrying value of these financial assets and liabilities is a reasonable estimate of their fair value because of the short maturity of these instruments. Short-term financial assets are comprised of regional and foreign currencies, balances with other central banks, balances with foreign banks, money market instruments and money at call, treasury bills, balances with local banks, due from participating governments, interest receivable, and accounts receivable. Short-term financial liabilities are comprised of demand and deposit liabilities – domestic and foreign, interest payable and certain other liabilities.

- Long-term loans and receivables: The estimated fair value of long-term loans and receivables is based on discounted cash flows using prevailing market interest rates for debts with similar credit risk and remaining terms to maturity. Some of the financial assets included in participating governments' securities and accounts receivable are long term.

3. **Financial risk management** *(continued)*

e) **Fair value** *(continued)*

(i) Financial instruments not measured at fair value

The table below summarises the carrying amounts and fair values of those financial assets and liabilities not presented in the Bank's statement of position at their fair value:

	Carrying value		Fair value	
	2021	**2020**	**2021**	**2020**
	$	**$**	**$**	**$**
Financial assets				
Balances with other central banks	**157,582,923**	13,936,348	**157,582,923**	13,936,348
Balances with foreign banks	**94,302**	73,661	**94,302**	73,661
Money market instruments and money at call	**276,192,923**	643,318,244	**276,192,923**	643,318,244
Cash and balances with local banks	**826,962**	1,894,847	**826,962**	1,894,847
Term deposits – domestic	**1,151,023**	8,468,521	**1,151,023**	8,468,521
Participating governments' securities	**210,523,316**	87,256,785	**210,523,316**	87,256,785
Participating governments' advances	**157,696,828**	45,556,500	**157,696,828**	45,556,500
Accounts receivable	**7,737,910**	7,323,513	**7,737,910**	7,323,513
	811,806,187	807,828,419	**811,806,187**	807,828,419
Financial liabilities				
Demand and deposit liabilities – domestic	**4,959,446,796**	4,886,236,992	**4,959,446,796**	4,886,236,992
Lease liabilities	**2,936,773**	3,110,492	**2,936,773**	3,110,492
Demand and deposit liabilities – foreign	**32,662,576**	60,948,287	**32,662,576**	60,948,287
IMF government general resource accounts	**1,195,960**	1,196,744	**1,195,960**	1,196,744
	4,996,242,105	4,951,492,515	**4,996,242,105**	4,951,492,515
Off-balance sheet financial instruments				
Eastern Caribbean Securities Exchange Limited undertaking and guarantee	-	**-**	**2,000,000**	2,000,000

3. **Financial risk management** *(continued)*

e) **Fair value** *(continued)*

Fair value hierarchy

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

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

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

The following table presents the Bank's financial assets and liabilities that are measured at fair value at 31 March 2021:

	Level 1 $	Level 2 $	Level 3 $
Financial assets			
Commercial paper	366,663,927	-	-
Certificate of deposits	18,948,798	-	-
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	323,766,452	-	-
Foreign investment securities	3,620,549,491	-	-
Domestic investment securities	-	-	624,186
	4,329,928,668	-	**624,186**

	Level 1 $	Level 2 $	Level 3 $
Financial liabilities			
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss	**657,516**	-	-

3. **Financial risk management** *(continued)*

e) **Fair value** *(continued)*

Fair value hierarchy *(continued)*

The following table presents the Bank's financial assets and liabilities that are measured at fair value at 31 March 2020:

	Level 1 $	Level 2 $	Level 3 $
Financial assets			
Commercial paper	395,889,660	-	-
Certificate of deposits	63,528,156	-	-
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	391,662,506	179,162	-
Foreign investment securities	3,420,874,397	-	-
Domestic investment securities	-	-	624,186
	4,271,954,719	**179,162**	**624,186**

	Level 1 $	Level 2 $	Level 3 $
Financial liabilities			
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss	-	199,259	-

f) **Capital risk management**

The Bank's objectives when managing capital are:

- Safeguard the Bank's ability to continue as a going concern;
- Manage and safeguard the value of the Eastern Caribbean currency; and
- Maintain a strong capital base to support its developmental activities.

The Bank manages capital through the maintenance of a general reserve according to prescribed guidelines as mandated in the ECCB Agreement Act 1983 (Note 2q). As at 31 March 2021, the general reserve was $241,335,708 (2020: $217,601,939).

g) **Operational risk**

Operational risk is the risk of direct or indirect loss in both financial and non-financial terms arising from a wide variety of causes associated with the Bank's processes, personnel, technology and infrastructure. It may also arise 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 Bank's operations and are faced by all departments.

3. Financial risk management *(continued)*

g) Operational risk *(continued)*

Managing operational risk in the Bank is seen as an integral part of day-to-day operations and management, which includes explicit consideration of both the opportunities and the risks of all business activities. The Bank's objective is to manage operational risk so as to balance an avoidance of financial losses and damage to the Bank's reputation with overall cost effectiveness and to avoid control procedures that restrict initiative and creativity.

The primary responsibility for the development and implementation of controls to address operational risk is assigned to the management team of each department. This responsibility is supported by bank-wide corporate policies which describe the standard of conduct required of staff and specific internal control systems designed around the particular characteristics of various Bank activities.

In the wake of COVID-19, the Bank would have transitioned to full telecommuting to meet the objectives of the protection of its staff and continued service to the ECCU. This new arrangement would have necessitated a change in operational procedures for various processes and attendant risk mitigating measures in response to the inherent risk issues associated with this new mode of operation. The Bank continually assesses and responds to its risk landscape under these new working arrangements.

Compliance with corporate policies and departmental control systems are managed by:

- Requirements for appropriate segregation of duties, including the independent authorisation of transactions;
- Requirements for the reconciliation and monitoring of transactions;
- Compliance with regulatory and other legal requirements;
- Documentation of controls and procedures;
- Requirements for the periodic assessment of operational risks faced, and the adequacy of the controls and procedures to assess the risks identified;
- Development and periodic testing of contingency plans;
- Training and professional development;
- Ethical and business standards;
- Risk mitigation, including insurance where it is effective;
- Weekly reporting to the senior management;
- Quarterly management affirmation by each department's Risk Liaison Officer that corporate policies and departmental internal control systems have been complied with; and
- A structured induction program for new employees.

Compliance with the Bank's Standards is supported by a programme of periodic reviews undertaken by the Internal Audit Department. The results of the reviews are discussed with the management of the department to which they relate and summaries are submitted to the Board Audit and Risk Committee and Executive Committee of the Bank.

3. Financial risk management *(continued)*

h) Strategic risk

The ECCB's strategic plan, which was launched in October 2017, guided the Bank's operation over the period 2017-2021. This plan hinged on four (4) basic pillars, which reflect the purpose of the Bank, namely:

a. Financial sector stability and development;
b. Fiscal and debt sustainability;
c. Growth, competitiveness and employment; and
d. Organizational effectiveness.

It is recognised that effective delivery of the strategic initiatives as contained in the plan is heavily dependent on the supporting policies and operations which have attendant risks. These risks may be influenced by a wide range of internal and external factors, including an inappropriate use of resources or a fundamental change in the circumstances on which the assumptions were predicated. The Bank has therefore identified specific monitoring frameworks and reporting lines to minimize any negative impact of a perceived or actual failure to deliver on its strategic objectives.

4. Critical accounting estimates and judgements in applying accounting policies

The Bank's financial statements and its financial results are influenced by accounting policies, assumptions, estimates and management judgement, which have to be made in the course of preparation of the financial statements. All estimates and assumptions required are in conformity with IFRS and are best estimates undertaken in accordance with the applicable standard.

Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. The resulting accounting estimates will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results. Management also exercises judgement in applying the Bank's accounting policies. The estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing material adjustments to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are discussed below.

Estimated pension obligation

The present value of the retirement benefit obligations depends on a number of factors that are determined on an actuarial basis using a number of assumptions. Any changes in these assumptions will impact the carrying amount of the pension asset.

The assumptions used in determining the net cost (income) for pensions include the discount rate. The Bank determines the appropriate discount rate at the end of each year. This is the interest rate that should be used to determine the present value of estimated future cash flows expected to be required to settle the pension obligations. The Bank considers the interest rates of high-quality instruments, normally long-term government bonds that are denominated in Eastern Caribbean currency which is the currency in which the benefits will be paid and that have terms of maturity approximating the terms of the related pension liability. Other key assumptions for pension obligations are based on current market conditions.

4. Critical accounting estimates and judgements in applying accounting policies *(continued)*

Impairment of financial assets

The measurement of expected credit loss (ECL) allowance for financial assets measured at amortised cost and FVOCI requires the use of complex models and significant assumptions about future economic conditions and credit behaviour. In determining ECL, management is required to exercise judgement in defining what is considered a significant increase in credit risk and in making assumptions and estimates to incorporate relevant information about past events, current conditions and forecasts of economic conditions. Explanation of the inputs, assumptions and estimation techniques used in measuring ECL is detailed in note 2 (g) (ix).

A number of significant judgements are required in applying the accounting requirements for measuring ECL, such as:

- The Bank's criteria for determining if there has been a significant increase in credit risk with qualitative factors integrating the economic impact of COVID-19;
- Selecting appropriate models and assumptions for the measurement of ECL;
- Establishing the number and relative weightings of forward-looking macroeconomic scenarios with increased uncertainties due to COVID-19 for each type of product or market and the associated ECL;
- Establishing groups of similar financial assets for the purposes of measuring ECL; and
- Determination of associations between macroeconomic scenarios and, economic inputs, such as GDP growth and inflation, and the effect on PDs, EADs and LGDs.

Impairment of non-financial assets

Impairment exists when the carrying value of an asset or cash generating unit exceeds its recoverable amount, which is the higher of its fair value less costs of disposal and its value in use. The fair value less cost of disposal is based on available data from binding sales transactions, conducted at arm's length for similar assets or observable market prices less incremental cost of disposing of the asset. The value in use calculation is based on a discounted cash flow (DCF) model. The recoverable amount is sensitive to the discount rate used for DCF model as well as the future cash inflows.

Fair value of financial instruments

For financial instruments, where recorded current market transactions or observable market data are not available at fair value using valuation techniques, fair value is determined using a valuation model that has been tested against prices or inputs to actual market transactions and using the Bank's best estimates of the most appropriate model assumptions.

4. Critical accounting estimates and judgements in applying accounting policies *(continued)*

Revaluation of land and buildings

The Bank measures its land and buildings at revalued amounts with changes in fair value being recognised in other comprehensive income. The Bank utilises independent valuation specialists to determine fair value of its land and buildings. The valuation specialist uses judgment in the application of valuation techniques. Valuations are determined through the application of different valuation methods which are all sensitive to the underlying assumptions chosen.

Legal and other contingencies

The outcomes of legal proceedings and claims brought against the Bank and other loss contingencies are subject to significant uncertainty. The Bank accrues a charge when management determines that it is probable that an asset has been impaired or a liability has been incurred and the amount of loss can be reasonably estimated. In addition, the management accrues for the authoritative judgments made against the Bank at the time of their rendering regardless of our intent to appeal.

In determining the appropriate accounting for loss contingencies, management considers the likelihood of loss or impairment of an asset or the incurrence of a liability, as well as our ability to reasonably estimate the amount of loss. Management regularly evaluates current information available to determine whether an accrual should be established or adjusted. Estimating the probability that a loss will occur and estimating the amount of a loss or a range of loss involves significant judgment.

5. Balances with other central banks and foreign banks

	2021 $	2020 $
Balances with other central banks		
Balances with Regional central banks	**17,010,429**	12,921,190
Balances with European central banks	**473,846**	348,769
Balances with North American central banks	**140,098,648**	666,389
Total balances with other central banks	**157,582,923**	13,936,348
Balances with foreign banks		
Current accounts denominated in United States dollars	**94,302**	73,661
Current	**157,677,225**	14,010,009

These balances are non-interest bearing.

6. Money market instruments and money at call

By currency	2021 $	2020 $
Balances denominated in United States dollars	**661,742,565**	1,102,363,553
Balances denominated in Australian dollars	**-**	419
	661,742,565	1,102,363,972
Interest receivable	**63,083**	372,088
Total money market instruments and money at call	**661,805,648**	1,102,736,060

By financial instrument type

Money market instruments maturing in less than ninety days:

	2021 $	2020 $
Term deposits	**270,000,000**	351,000,000
Money at call	**6,175,384**	265,161,601
Commercial paper	**120,060,392**	83,447,046
Certificate of deposits	**18,903,254**	33,703,376
Included in cash and cash equivalents (note 26)	**415,139,030**	733,312,023

6. Money market instruments and money at call *(continued)*

Money market instruments maturing after ninety days:	**2021** $	**2020** $
Commercial paper	**246,603,535**	312,442,614
Term deposits	**-**	27,000,000
Certificate of deposits	**-**	29,609,335
	246,603,535	369,051,949
Interest receivable	**63,083**	372,088
Total money market instruments and money at call	**661,805,648**	1,102,736,060

Money market instruments include commercial paper purchased at discounts, term deposits and certificate of deposits with interest rates ranging from 0.01 % to 1.68 % (2020: 0.20% to 3.13%).

Money at call includes cash balances available to the Bank's money managers and funds held at the United States Federal Reserve Bank for the day-to-day operations of the Bank. These balances earned interest at rates ranging from 0.00 % to 0.73% (2020: 0.00% to 2.75%) during the year.

7. Term deposits

	2021 **$**	**2020** **$**
Fixed Deposits:		
- Republic Bank (EC) Limited	**1,124,419**	7,739,655
- Bank of Nova Scotia (BNS), Antigua and Barbuda	**-**	630,090
	1,124,419	8,369,745
Interest receivable	**26,604**	98,776
Total term deposits	**1,151,023**	8,468,521
Current	**1,151,023**	8,468,521

The deposits held with Republic Bank (EC) Limited are not available for use in the Bank's day-to-day operations. These balances are pledged as liquidity support for loans and advances issued by Republic Bank (EC) Limited and the Bank of Nova Scotia, Antigua and Barbuda, to the Bank's employees, at rates that are relatively low in comparison to the normal market rates in the ECCU. These term deposits earned interest at rates of 2.50% (2020: 2.50%) per annum during the year.

8. Financial instruments

a) Classification of financial assets and liabilities

The accounting policies for financial assets and liabilities are set out in note 2(g) above.

The Bank has assessed which business models apply to the financial assets and has classified its financial instruments into the appropriate classification and measurement categories.

(i) Financial assets measured at FVOCI

Money market instruments

Money market instruments consists of commercial paper, certificate of deposits held in the Bank's foreign reserves core portfolio. Money market instruments also includes term deposits, which are held in the liquidity portfolio. The Bank has assessed its business model at the portfolio level as described in note 2 (g) (iii). The Bank concluded the following:

- Money market instruments held in the liquidity portfolio are managed within a business model to hold to collect contractual cash flows and meet the SPPI criteria.

- Money market instruments held in the core foreign reserves portfolio are managed within a business model to hold to collect and sell financial assets and meet the SPPI criteria.

Investment securities other than equity instruments

Foreign debt investment securities are managed within a business model of collecting contractual cash flows and selling the financial assets and meet the SPPI criteria. Accordingly, these investments are classified and measured at FVOCI.

Equity investment instruments

The Bank has elected to irrevocably designate equity investment securities as fair value through other comprehensive income as permitted under IFRS 9.

(ii) Financial assets measured at amortised cost

Money market instruments

Money market instruments (term deposits) held in the liquidity portfolio are managed within a business model of held to collect the contractual cash flows and meet the SPPI criteria.

Domestic financial assets

Financial assets in the domestic portfolio are managed within a business model to collect contractual cash flows and meet the SPPI criteria.

8. Financial instruments *(continued)*

a) Classification of financial assets and liabilities *(continued)*

The following table provides a reconciliation between line item in the statement of financial position and categories of financial instruments as at 31 March 2021:

Financial assets	Mandatorily at FVTPL	Designated at FVTPL	FVOCI - debt instruments	FVOCI - equity instruments	Amortised cost	Total carrying amount
Regional and foreign currencies	-	-	-	-	19,796,925	19,796,925
Balances with other central banks	-	-	-	-	157,582,923	157,582,923
Balances with foreign banks	-	-	-	-	94,302	94,302
Money market instruments and money at call	-	-	385,612,725	-	276,192,923	661,805,648
Financial Assets held for trading	87,393	323,679,059	-	-	-	323,766,452
Foreign investment securities	-	-	3,620,549,491	78,205	-	3,620,627,696
Cash and balances with local banks	-	-	-	-	826,962	826,962
Term Deposits	-	-	-	-	1,151,023	1,151,023
Domestic investment securities	-	-	-	624,186	-	624,186
Participating governments securities	-	-	-	-	210,523,316	210,523,316
Participating governments advances	-	-	-	-	157,696,828	157,696,828
Accounts receivable	-	-	-	-	7,737,910	7,737,910
Total Financial Assets	87,393	323,679,059	4,006,162,216	702,391	831,603,112	5,162,234,171
Demand Liabilities - domestic	-	-	-	-	4,959,446,796	4,959,446,796
Lease liabilities	-	-	-	-	2,936,773	2,936,773
Demand Liabilities - foreign	-	-	-	-	32,662,576	32,662,576
Financial Liabilities held for trading	657,516	-	-	-	-	657,516
IMF government general resource accounts	-	-	-	-	1,195,960	1,195,960
Total Financial Liabilities	657,516	-	-	-	4,996,242,105	4,996,899,621

8. Financial instruments *(continued)*

a) Classification of financial assets and liabilities *(continued)*

The following table provides a reconciliation between line item in the statement of financial position and categories of financial instruments as of 31 March 2020:

Financial assets	Mandatorily at FVTPL	Designated at FVTPL	FVOCI - debt instruments	FVOCI - equity instruments	Amortised cost	Total carrying amount
Regional and foreign currencies	-	-	-	-	74,129,891	74,129,891
Balances with other central banks	-	-	-	-	13,936,348	13,936,348
Balances with foreign banks	-	-	-	-	73,661	73,661
Money market instruments and money at call	-	-	459,202,371	-	643,533,689	1,102,736,060
Financial Assets held for trading	179,162	391,662,506	-	-	-	391,841,668
Foreign investment securities	-	-	3,420,874,397	78,205	-	3,420,952,602
Cash and balances with local banks	-	-	-	-	1,894,847	1,894,847
Term Deposits	-	-	-	-	8,468,521	8,468,521
Domestic investment securities	-	-	-	624,186	-	624,186
Participating governments securities	-	-	-	-	87,256,785	87,256,785
Participating governments advances	-	-	-	-	45,556,500	45,556,500
Accounts receivable	-	-	-	-	7,323,513	7,323,513
Total Financial Assets	179,162	391,662,506	3,880,076,768	702,391	882,173,755	5,154,794,582
Demand Liabilities - domestic	-	-	-	-	4,886,236,992	4,886,236,992
Lease liabilities	-	-	-	-	3,110,492	3,110,492
Demand Liabilities - foreign	-	-	-	-	60,948,287	60,948,287
Financial Liabilities held for trading	199,259	-	-	-	-	199,259
IMF government general resource accounts	-	-	-	-	1,196,744	1,196,744
Total Financial Liabilities	199,259	-	-	-	4,951,492,515	4,951,691,774

9. Investment securities

	2021 $	2020 $
Foreign investment securities measured at fair value through other comprehensive income		
Debt securities		
- quoted, at fair value	**3,608,827,439**	3,406,213,382
Interest receivable	**11,722,052**	14,661,015
Total foreign debt securities at fair value through other comprehensive income	**3,620,549,491**	3,420,874,397
Equity securities designated at fair value through other comprehensive income		
Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunication (SWIFT) 5 (2020: 5) ordinary shares of $15,641 each - unquoted	**78,205**	78,205
	78,205	78,205
Total foreign investment securities	**3,620,627,696**	3,420,952,602
Domestic investment securities		
Equity securities designated at fair value through other comprehensive income		
Caribbean Information and Credit Rating Agency Services Ltd. 156,180 (2020: 156,180) ordinary shares of $2.70 each - unquoted	**421,686**	421,686
Eastern Caribbean Automated Clearing House Services Inc. (2020: 20,500) ordinary shares of $10.00 each - unquoted	**202,500**	202,500
	624,186	624,186
Total investment securities at fair value through other comprehensive income	**3,621,251,882**	3,421,576,788
Current	**375,347,441**	121,488,550
Non-current	**3,245,904,441**	3,300,088,238
	3,621,251,882	3,421,576,788

Allowance for impairment losses on investment securities at FVOCI

The loss allowance on investment securities at FVOCI is recognised in other comprehensive income as the carrying amount of these investments is their fair value.

9. Investment securities *(continued)*

Allowance for impairment losses on investment securities at FVOCI *(continued)*

The following table shows the allowance for impairment losses on investment securities measured at FVOCI:

	2021				2020
	12-month ECL	Lifetime ECL not Credit-impaired	Lifetime ECL credit-impaired	Total	Total
Debt securities at FVOCI					
Balance at 1 April 2020	985,260	-	-	**985,260**	339,130
Decrease in loss allowance recognised in profit or loss during the year	(28,725)	-	-	**(28,725)**	646,130
Balance at 31 March 2021	**956,535**	**-**	**-**	**956,535**	985,260

The movement in investment securities may be summarised as follows:

	Domestic Securities $	**Foreign Investment Securities $**
Balance as of 31 March 2019	**624,186**	**2,772,470,281**
Additions	-	7,492,656,575
Disposals (sale and redemption)	-	(6,933,339,322)
Net gain transfer to equity	-	95,518,420
Net gain transfer from equity	-	(21,092,572)
Balance as of 31 March 2020	**624,186**	**3,406,213,382**
Additions	-	4,538,010,026
Disposals (sale and redemption)	-	(4,280,353,851)
Net loss transfer to equity	-	(19,727,164)
Net gain transfer from equity	-	(35,314,954)
Balance as of 31 March 2021	**624,186**	**3,608,827,439**

The Bank transferred gains of $35,314,954 (2020: $21,092,572) from equity into the statement of profit or loss.

9. Investment securities *(continued)*

Gains less losses from investment securities comprise:

	2021 $	2020 $
Net realised gains from disposal of foreign investment securities	**35,314,954**	21,092,572

10. Participating governments' securities

Participating government securities measured at amortised cost

	Nominal value 2021 $	Amortised cost 2021 $	Nominal value 2020 $	Amortised cost 2020 $
Government of Antigua and Barbuda				
Debenture maturing 2027	**47,505,816**	**47,505,816**	53,405,924	53,405,924
Debenture maturing 2025	**59,689,000**	**58,060,781**	-	-
Government of the Commonwealth of Dominica				
Debenture maturing 2034	**28,743,850**	**27,784,204**	30,000,000	30,000,000
Government of Saint Lucia				
Debenture maturing 2035	**54,000,000**	**51,018,608**	-	-
Government of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines				
Debenture maturing 2030	**10,000,000**	**9,645,755**	-	-
Debenture maturing 2035	**15,000,000**	**14,481,389**	-	-
	214,938,666	**208,496,553**	83,405,924	83,405,924
Interest receivable	**-**	**2,501,024**	-	4,234,717
Total participating governments' securities: debentures, gross	**214,938,666**	**210,997,577**	83,405,924	87,640,641
Less: allowance for impairment losses	**-**	**(474,261)**	-	(383,856)
Total participating governments' securities: debentures, net	**214,938,666**	**210,523,316**	83,405,924	87,256,785

10. Participating governments' securities *(continued)*

Participating government securities measured at amortised cost *(continued)*

Current	**16,910,915**	10,993,473
Non-Current	**193,612,401**	76,263,312
	210,523,316	87,256,785

The Government of Antigua and Barbuda 15-year debenture maturing in 2027 arose as a result of the liquidity support extended to Bank of Antigua Limited under emergency powers exercised by the Eastern Caribbean Central Bank on February 20, 2009.

During the year, the Governments of Antigua and Barbuda, Saint Lucia and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines issued debentures to the ECCB through the member governments' access to their long-term credit allocation at the Bank.

At its 98th Meeting held on 12 February 2021, the ECCB's Monetary Council approved a temporary reduction in the Bank's long-term lending rate from 6.5 per cent to 3.5 per cent, effective 15 February 2021. This decision impacted the repayment terms on certain existing Participating Governments Securities issued to the ECCB. Under the requirements of IFRS 9, Financial Instruments, the Bank considered the impact of this temporary measure on the related cash flows and subsequently recorded a modification loss of $6,552,558 (see Note 31).

The movement in participating governments' securities may be summarized as follows:

	Debentures $
Balance as of 31 March 2019	**59,106,510**
Additions	30,000,000
Payment of principal	(5,700,586)
Balance as of 31 March 2020	**83,405,924**
Additions	138,689,000
Payment of principal	(7,156,258)
Net effect of modification of debentures	(6,442,113)
Balance as of 31 March 2021	**208,496,553**

During the year, participating governments' securities accrued interest at rates ranging from 2% to 3.5% (2020: 3.5% to 6.50%).

11. Participating governments' advances

Participating government advances measured at amortised cost

	2021 $	2020 $
Operating accounts:		
- Government of Anguilla	**1,478,559**	6,162,459
- Government of the Commonwealth of Dominica	**691,325**	-
- Government of Saint Lucia	**85,279,659**	13,087,323
- Government of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	**14,073,364**	-
Total operating accounts	**101,522,907**	19,249,782
Temporary advances		
- Government of Antigua and Barbuda	**37,770,605**	8,600,319
- Government of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	**18,255,984**	17,822,418
	56,026,589	26,422,737
Interest receivable	**304,047**	22,501
Total temporary advances	**56,330,636**	26,445,238
Less: allowance for impairment losses	**(156,715)**	(138,520)
Total due from participating governments' advances	**157,696,828**	45,556,500
Current	**157,696,828**	45,556,500

Amounts due from participating governments for temporary advances and operating account overdraft balances are unsecured and accrued interest at rates ranging from 0% to 2% per annum (2020: 6.50%).

12. Accounts receivable and prepaid expenses

	2021 $	2020 $
Accounts receivable	**9,305,433**	8,646,753
Staff loans	**358,021**	334,466
Prepaid expenses	**27,478,109**	28,466,729
	37,141,563	37,447,948
Less: Allowance for impairment on receivables	**(1,925,544)**	(1,657,706)
	35,216,019	35,790,242
Current	**19,365,025**	16,642,505
Non-current	**15,850,994**	19,147,737
	35,216,019	35,790,242

Staff loans accrue interest at a rate of 4% per annum with variable repayment terms. As the loans are granted at a preferential interest rate, this has given rise to a short-term employee benefit asset in the amount of $64,809 (2020: $92,409) at the statement of financial position date. This amount is included in prepaid expenses.

The Bank's receivables have been assessed for indicators of impairment as required by IFRS 9. The Bank applies the IFRS 9 simplified approach to measuring expected credit losses, which uses a lifetime expected loss allowance for receivables. The Bank has assessed receivables for impairment at the individual asset level and wrote off receivables either partially or in full and any related allowance for impairment losses when there was no reasonable expectation of recovery. Indicators that there is no reasonable expectation of recovery include, amongst others, the failure of a debtor to engage in a repayment plan with the Bank and a failure to make contractual payments for a period of greater than twelve months. Write-offs are charged against previously established allowances for impairment losses and reduce the amount of the receivable.

Allowance for impairment on accounts receivable

The movement in allowance for impairment on accounts receivable is as follows:

	2021 $	2020 $
Balance, beginning of year	**1,657,706**	1,203,095
Allowance during the year	**267,838**	454,611
Balance at end of year	**1,925,544**	1,657,706

13. Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

a) US Agency Mortgage-Backed Securities

The Bank invests in U.S. Government Agency Residential Mortgaged-Backed Securities (Agency RMBS). These investments consist of residential mortgage pass-through securities for which the principal and interest payments are guaranteed by a U.S. Government-sponsored enterprise. Mortgage-Backed Securities (MBS) transactions are executed as specified pools or "to-be-announced" (TBA) securities. The Bank uses TBA securities primarily as a means of investing in the Agency RMBS. The Bank elects to designate MBS investments at fair value through profit or loss. Subsequent changes in fair value for these instruments are recognised in profit or loss.

b) To-be-announced forward contracts

TBAs are forward contracts to buy or sell Agency Residential Mortgage-Back Securities at a future date. TBA contracts specify the coupon rate, issue, term and face value of the bonds to be delivered, with the actual bonds to be delivered identified shortly before the TBA settlement date. The Bank recognises TBA contracts as derivative instruments, which are mandatorily measured at fair value.

The following table presents the fair values of MBS and TBA securities as of 31 March 2021:

	Designated at fair value 2021 $	Mandatorily measured at fair value 2021 $	Total 2021 $	Total 2020 $
US Agency Mortgage-Backed Securities	322,866,324	-	**322,866,324**	390,582,952
To-Be-Announced Securities	-	87,393	**87,393**	3,693
	322,866,324	87,393	**322,953,717**	390,586,645
Interest receivable	812,735	-	**812,735**	1,075,861
Total	323,679,059	87,393	**323,766,452**	391,662,506

The following is an analysis of the TBA contracts held with positive fair value as at 31 March 2021:

Currency	Notional value of contracts	Notional value of contracts EC$ equivalent	Value date of contracts	Fair value of contracts $
USD	4,197,680	11,333,736	14, 19 and 21 April, 2021	87,393
		11,333,736		87,393

13. Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss *(continued)*

c) Foreign currency forward contracts

Currency forwards represent commitments to purchase foreign currency. These contracts are initially recognised at fair value on the date that a derivative contract is established and are subsequently remeasured at fair value.

The Bank held no foreign currency forward contracts as of 31 March 2021.

The following is an analysis of the currency forwards held with positive fair value as at 31 March 2020:

Currency sold /purchased	Notional value of contracts	Notional value of contracts EC$ equivalent	Value date of contracts	Fair value of contracts $
CAD	410,500	816,158	6 April, 2020	35,383
CHF	10,000	28,559	6 April, 2020	555
EUR	1,971,900	5,923,023	6 April, 2020	77,266
GBP	552,900	1,907,309	6 April, 2020	65,958
		8,675,049		179,162

14. Investments in associated undertakings using the equity method

Article 42 (1) of the Eastern Caribbean Central Bank Agreement Act 1983 empowers the Bank, with the approval of the Monetary Council, to administer or participate in corporations or schemes established for the purpose of promoting the development of money, capital or securities markets in the territories of participating governments.

Article 42 (2) of the Eastern Caribbean Central Bank Agreement Act 1983 authorises the Bank, with the approval of the Monetary Council, to subscribe to hold and sell shares of a corporation organised with the approval or under the authority of the participating governments for any of the purposes specified in Article 42 (1). The following are institutions, which were established under Article 42 (1):

Eastern Caribbean Home Mortgage Bank (ECHMB)
The Bank holds 24.8% (2020: 24.8%) of the share capital of the ECHMB – 25,000 Class "A" shares at a cost of $100 each and 41,812 Class "A" shares at a cost of $160 each. The Company was established as a vehicle to foster the development of the money market and secondary market for mortgages in the territories of the participating governments of the ECCB Agreement Act 1983. The ECHMB's principal place of business is Bird Rock, Basseterre, Saint Christopher (St Kitts) and Nevis.

Eastern Caribbean Securities Exchange (ECSE)
The Bank holds 32.74% (2020: 32.74%) of the share capital of the ECSE – 327,419 Class "A" shares at a cost of $10 each. The ECSE was established to enhance and increase investment opportunities, and to foster the development of a securities market in the territories of participating governments of the ECCB Agreement Act 1983. The Eastern Caribbean Central Securities Depository Limited (ECCSD) is a wholly owned subsidiary of the ECSE. The ECSE's principal place of business is Bird Rock, Basseterre, Saint Christopher (St Kitts) and Nevis.

Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States Distribution and Transportation Company (ODTC)
The Bank holds 20% of the share capital of the ODTC – 2,001 Class "A" shares at a cost of $10 each. The Company was established as a vehicle to foster the development of the distribution and transportation sector in the territories of the participating governments of the ECCB Agreement Act 1983. The company has not commenced operations as of 31 March 2021. The company's secretariat is located at Bird Rock, Basseterre, Saint Christopher (St Kitts) and Nevis.

14. Investments in associated undertakings using the equity method *(continued)*

The Bank's investments in associates are detailed below:

	2021 $	2020 $
Eastern Caribbean Home Mortgage Bank (ECHMB)		
Balance at beginning of year	**17,501,407**	15,795,238
Share of profit for the year	**4,219,694**	2,207,259
Dividend received in year	**(1,169,210)**	(501,090)
Balance at end of year	**20,551,891**	17,501,407
Eastern Caribbean Securities Exchange (ECSE)		
Balance at beginning of year	**3,638,301**	3,154,141
Share of profit for the year	**505,946**	638,360
Additional share of profit from prior year	**470,252**	-
Dividend received during the year	**(327,419)**	(154,200)
Balance at end of year	**4,287,080**	3,638,301

	2021 $	2020 $
OECS Distribution and Transportation Company (ODTC)		
Balance at beginning of year	**20,010**	20,010
Purchase during the year	**-**	-
Balance at end of year	**20,010**	20,010
Total investments in associated undertakings	**24,858,981**	21,159,718
Non-current	**24,858,981**	21,159,718

The total share of profit of associates recognised in the statement of profit or loss was $5,195,892 (2020: $2,845,619). During the preparation of the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2020 the ECCB calculated share of profit of the ECSE based on the entity's unaudited profit of $1,949,786. However, the ECSE's audited profit for the year ended 31 March 2020 amounted to $3,386,108, which is reflected below. Therefore, the total share of profit of associates for the current year includes an adjustment for additional share of profit in the amount $470,252 based on the ECSE's audited financial results for the year ended 31 March 2020.

14. Investments in associated undertakings using the equity method *(continued)*

The Bank's interest in its principal associates, both of which are unlisted, is as follows as of 31 March 2021:

Entity	Assets $	Liabilities $	Revenues $	Profit $	% Interest held %
ECHMB	463,017,252	(392,817,812)	23,760,671	18,013,573	24.80
ECSE	115,137,963	(100,776,453)	4,603,398	1,545,345	32.74

The Bank's interest in its principal associates, both of which are unlisted, is as follows as of 31 March 2020:

Entity	Assets $	Liabilities $	Revenues $	Profit $	% Interest held %
ECHMB	350,137,718	(287,674,736)	13,165,265	9,132,552	24.80
ECSE	69,503,922	(55,690,208)	6,571,946	3,386,108	32.74

The Bank's interest has been determined on the basis of the unaudited financial statements for these entities as the timing for receipt of the audited financial statements is after the scheduled date for finalization of the ECCB's accounts. The 2020 comparatives represent audited financial results for these entities, which were not materially different to the unaudited amounts used in the preparation of the Bank's financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2020.

15. Intangible assets

	Computer software $
Cost	
Balance at 1 April 2019	20,717,342
Additions	696,225
Derecognition	(76,834)
Balance at 31 March 2020	21,336,733
Balance at 1 April 2020	**21,336,733**
Additions	**529,331**
Balance at 31 March 2020	**21,866,064**
Accumulated amortisation	
Balance at April 1, 2019	16,258,288
Amortisation	862,438
Balance at 31 March 2020	17,120,726
Balance at 1 April 2020	**17,120,726**
Amortisation	**825,248**
Balance at 31 March 2021	**17,945,974**
Net book value	
At 31 March 2019	4,459,054
At 31 March 2020	4,216,007
At 31 March 2021	**3,920,090**

16. Property and equipment

	Land	Buildings	Furniture and equipment	Computer systems	Land improvements	Building improvements	Motor vehicles	Capital work in progress	Total
	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$
Cost									
Balance at April 1, 2019	26,874,670	100,910,000	25,844,064	7,639,882	53,930	107,295	1,244,672	890,670	163,565,183
Transfers	-	85,062	175,462	292,218	52,861	20,556	-	(626,159)	-
Additions	-	2,526,872	3,967,387	530,455	704,416	68,270	83,000	10,280,698	18,161,098
Derecognition/disposals	-	-	(2,284)	-	-	-	(60,000)	76,833	14,549
Balance at 31 March 2020	**26,874,670**	**103,521,934**	**29,984,629**	**8,462,555**	**811,207**	**196,121**	**1,267,672**	**10,622,042**	**181,740,830**
Balance at 1 April 2020	26,874,670	103,521,934	29,984,629	8,462,555	811,207	196,121	1,267,672	10,622,042	181,740,830
Transfers	1,993,380	6,193,508	5,718,235	466,607	(1,742,888)	(940,471)	-	(11,688,371)	-
Additions	16,871	177,822	159,292	183,285	1,229,788	860,720	-	8,879,409	11,507,187
Revaluation adjustment	(7,058,746)	38,637,378	-	-	-	-	-	-	31,578,632
Derecognition/disposals	-	-	(32,381)	(324,830)	-	-	-	-	(357,211)
Depreciation write-back	-	(10,446,597)	-	-	(233,892)	(116,370)	-	-	(10,796,859)
Balance at 31 March 2021	**21,826,175**	**138,084,045**	**35,829,775**	**8,787,617**	**64,215**	**-**	**1,267,672**	**7,813,080**	**213,672,579**

16. Property and equipment *(continued)*

	Land $	Buildings $	Furniture and equipment $	Computer systems $	Land improvements $	Building improvements $	Motor vehicles $	Capital work in progress $	Total $
Accumulated depreciation									
Balance at April 1, 2019	-	3,482,199	22,522,540	5,906,946	642	4,748	518,782	-	32,435,857
Depreciation charge	-	3,500,856	1,106,573	595,402	69,195	16,602	190,156	-	5,478,784
Depreciation write-back	-	-	-	-	-	-	(60,000)	-	(60,000)
Balance at 31 March 2020	-	6,983,055	23,629,113	6,502,348	69,837	21,350	648,938	-	37,854,641
Balance at 1 April 2020	-	6,983,055	23,629,113	6,502,348	69,837	21,350	648,938	-	37,854,641
Depreciation charge	-	3,640,376	1,439,903	748,904	178,759	95,020	194,109	-	6,297,071
Depreciation write-back	-	(10,446,597)	(25,113)	(324,830)	(233,892)	(116,370)	-	-	(11,146,802)
Balance at 31 March 2021	-	176,834	25,043,903	6,926,422	14,704	-	843,047	-	33,004,910
Net book value									
At April 1, 2019	26,874,670	97,427,801	3,321,524	1,732,936	53,288	102,547	725,890	890,670	131,129,326
At 31 March 2020	**26,874,670**	**96,538,879**	**6,355,516**	**1,960,207**	**741,370**	**174,771**	**618,734**	**10,622,042**	**143,886,189**
At 31 March 2021	**21,826,175**	**137,907,211**	**10,785,872**	**1,861,195**	**49,511**	**-**	**424,625**	**7,813,080**	**180,667,669**

16. Property and equipment *(continued)*

The following is the historical cost carrying amount of land and buildings carried at revalued amounts as of 31 March 2021:

	Land $	Buildings $	Total $
Cost	8,319,630	80,467,557	88,787,187
Accumulated depreciation	-	(54,488,303)	(54,488,303)
Net book value	8,319,630	25,979,254	34,298,884

The following is the historical cost carrying amount of land and buildings carried at revalued amounts as of 31 March 2020:

	Land $	Buildings $	Total $
Cost	8,319,630	73,979,857	82,299,487
Accumulated depreciation	-	(50,847,927)	(50,847,927)
Net book value	8,319,630	23,131,930	31,451,560

An independent Professional Appraiser revalued the Bank's land and buildings as of March of 2021. The revaluation resulted in a revaluation surplus in the amount of $31,578,632, which was credited to revaluation reserves.

16. Property and equipment *(continued)*

Measurement of fair values

Valuation techniques and significant unobservable inputs

The Bank's land and buildings were revalued as of 31 March 2021 by a professional, independent property appraiser. The properties are stated at fair market value, as appraised by the appraiser. The values for the properties were determined using the following methodologies which best reflect the nature of the property: the comparable sales approach and the cost approach.

Land and buildings shown at revalued amounts are included in Level 3 on the fair value hierarchy.

The following table shows the valuation techniques used in measuring Level 3 fair values, as well as the significant unobservable inputs used.

Category	Valuation techniques	Significant unobservable Inputs	Inter-relationship between key unobservable inputs and fair value measurement
Land	Sales Comparable Approach	• Adjustment to price based on land sales in the area – EC$20 to EC$30 per square foot for commercial; and EC$20 to EC$25 per square foot for residential	The estimated fair value would increase /(decrease) if: • Sales value of comparable properties were higher/(lower) • Comparability adjustment were higher/(lower)
Commercial Property	Cost Approach	• Condition of building • Construction cost per square foot - EC$1,800 to EC$2,200 • Mark-up based on standard scale	The estimated fair value would increase /(decrease) if: • the estimated costs of construction for buildings were higher/(lower)
Residential Property	Sales Comparable Approach	• Details of sales of comparable properties – Sale price EC$1.5m to EC$1.8m for the area • Comparable adjustment	The estimated fair value would increase /(decrease) if: • Sales value of comparable properties were higher/(lower) • Comparability adjustment were higher/(lower)

17. Leases

The Bank leases properties mainly for its Agency Offices operations with lease terms ranging from 1 to 10 years. The leases include an option to renew for the same or shorter duration after the end of the contract term, which the Bank is expected to exercise. The Bank has elected not to recognise right-of-use assets and lease liabilities for leases of low-value assets and leases for which the lease term ends within 12 months.

Information about leases for which the Bank is a lessee is presented below:

***(a)* Amounts recognised in the statement of financial position:**

(i) Right-of-use asset

The carrying amounts of right-of-use assets recognised and movements during the year are as follows:

	Buildings
	$
At 1 April 2020	3,044,475
Effect of modification of lease	459,592
Depreciation	(694,796)
Balance at 31 March 2021	2,809,271

	Buildings
	$
At 1 April 2019	3,679,969
Depreciation	(635,494)
Balance at 31 March 2020	3,044,475

(ii) Lease liabilities

The carrying amounts of lease liabilities and movements during the year are as follows:

	Buildings
	$
At 1 April 2020	3,110,492
Effect of modification of lease	459,593
Interest expense	176,387
Lease payments	(809,699)
Balance at 31 March 2021	2,936,773

17. Leases (continued)

***(a)* Amounts recognised in the statement of financial position** *(continued)*

(ii) Lease liabilities *(continued)*

	Buildings $
At 1 April 2019	3,679,969
Interest expense	158,897
Lease payments	(728,374)
Balance at 31 March 2020	3,110,492

	2021 **$**	**2020** **$**
Undiscounted cash flows of lease liability		
Less than one year	**664,890**	563,132
One to five years	**1,686,476**	1,674,631
More than five years	**585,407**	872,729
Carry amount of lease liability	**2,936,773**	3,110,492
Current	**664,890**	563,132
Non-current	**2,271,883**	2,547,360
	2,936,773	3,110,492

***(b)* Amounts recognised in profit or loss**

The following amounts are recognised in profit or loss:

	2021 **$**	**2020** **$**
Depreciation charge on right-of-use assets	**694,796**	635,494
Interest expense on lease liabilities	**176,387**	158,897
Expenses relating to short-term leases	**202,620**	298,738
Balance at end of year	**1,073,803**	1,093,129

18. Demand and deposit liabilities - domestic

	2021	2020
	$	$
Bankers' reserves - current accounts	**2,797,291,363**	2,634,343,850
Currency in circulation	**1,285,530,812**	1,267,025,025
Bankers collateral account	**307,071,176**	253,249,321
Participating governments' call accounts	**135,128,421**	228,407,365
Bankers' dormant accounts	**98,120,753**	88,843,058
Participating governments' operating accounts	**94,459,481**	105,074,752
Eastern Caribbean Securities Exchange accounts	**69,549,726**	35,743,949
Participating governments' fiscal reserve tranche II	**57,911,565**	56,302,825
ECHMB operating account	**30,412,584**	18,014,373
Participating governments' sinking fund call accounts	**13,347,733**	13,563,805
Eastern Caribbean Asset Management Corporation	**11,813,800**	11,813,800
Resolution Trust Corporation	**9,277,808**	488,170
Participating governments' fiscal tranche I call accounts	**7,099,521**	7,099,521
Accounts payable, accruals and provisions	**6,894,091**	9,056,320
Participating governments' drug service accounts	**6,737,842**	4,905,502
Eastern Caribbean Automated Clearing House	**4,939,088**	2,385,708
Eastern Caribbean Partial Credit Guarantee Corporation	**4,869,618**	4,628,364
BAICO Recapitalisation Holding Account	**4,463,848**	8,243,848
British American Liquidity Support	**3,705,577**	4,090,950
Bankers' call accounts	**3,295,725**	3,849,701
British Caribbean Currency Board Coins in Circulation	**2,564,902**	2,565,072
Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States operating accounts	**1,733,625**	2,031,697
Commemorative coins in circulation	**1,379,972**	1,379,972
British Caribbean Currency Board Residual Fund	**833,628**	833,628
DCash in circulation	**400,000**	-
Participating governments' debt restructuring escrow accounts	**364,064**	330,114
Government of Antigua and Barbuda Road Infrastructure	**75,170**	40,501
Statutory and legislative bodies' operating accounts	**59,720**	144,550
Local governments' operating accounts	**47,176**	47,176
Government of Antigua & Barbuda Recovery & Reconstruction Project	**45,155**	45,155
OECS Distribution and Transportation Company Limited	**22,380**	22,380
CANEC Debt Management Advisory Services	**472**	472
Participating governments' fixed deposit accounts	**-**	81,000,000
Bankers' fixed deposit accounts	**-**	40,500,000
Demand and deposit liabilities – domestic	**4,959,446,796**	4,886,070,924
Interest Payable	**-**	166,068
Total demand and deposit liabilities - domestic	**4,959,446,796**	4,886,236,992
Current	**4,959,446,796**	4,886,236,992

18. Demand and deposit liabilities – domestic *(continued)*

During the year, the following balances earned interest at rates ranging from 0% to 1.40% (2020: 0.27% to 1.84%) per annum: fiscal tranche I, bankers' call accounts and fixed deposits, participating governments' and statutory bodies' fixed deposits and ECHMB's operating accounts.

Participating governments' fiscal reserve tranche II

The Monetary Council has approved the establishment of a fiscal reserve fund. In accordance with the Bank's profit distribution policy, forty per cent (40%) of the annual share of distributable profits to member governments' is transferred to the participating governments' fiscal tranche II call account. There was no allocation from profit to the fund in the current financial year (2020: Nil).

	2021 $	2020 $
Balance at beginning of year	**56,302,825**	55,539,085
Loan repayments during the year	**3,033,740**	3,033,740
Covid-19 Grant	**(1,425,000)**	(2,000,000)
Hurricane Relief Grant	-	(270,000)
Balance at end of year	**57,911,565**	56,302,825

Participating governments' fiscal tranche I call accounts

These accounts earn interest at the prevailing call rate offered by the Bank and are readily accessible by the respective governments. There was no allocation from profit to the fund in the current financial year (2020: Nil).

	2021 $	2020 $
Balance at beginning of year	**7,099,521**	6,998,496
Interest on account	-	101,025
Balance at end of year	**7,099,521**	7,099,521

19. Demand and deposit liabilities - foreign

	2021 $	2020 $
Caribbean Development Bank accounts	**1,750,071**	2,590,803
Caribbean Financial Services Corporation account	**301,803**	211,499
Other regional central banks and agency accounts	**20,287**	20,287
Other regional and international organisations	**30,590,415**	58,125,698
Total demand and deposit liabilities – foreign	**32,662,576**	60,948,287
Current	**32,662,576**	60,948,287

These balances earned interest at 0% (2020: 0.27% to 1.84%) during the year.

20. IMF government general resource accounts

	2021 $	2020 $
Saint Lucia	**433,798**	433,883
Antigua and Barbuda	**230,559**	231,075
Grenada	**169,056**	169,123
Saint Christopher (St Kitts) and Nevis	**125,819**	125,882
Commonwealth of Dominica	**118,451**	118,492
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	**118,277**	118,289
Total IMF government general resource accounts	**1,195,960**	1,196,744
Current	**1,195,960**	1,196,744

21. Financial liabilities at fair value through profit of loss

a) To-be-announced forward contracts

The following is an analysis of the TBA contracts held with negative fair value as at 31 March 2021:

Currency	Notional value of contracts	Notional value of contracts EC$ equivalent	Value date of contracts	Fair value of contracts $
USD	31,173,855	84,169,409	14, 19 and 21 April, 2021	657,516
		84,169,409		657,516

b) Foreign currency forward contracts

The Bank held no foreign currency forward contracts as of 31 March 2021.

The following is an analysis of the currency forwards held with negative fair value as of 31 March 2020:

Currency sold/ purchased	Notional value of contracts	Notional value of contracts EC$ equivalent	Value date of contracts	Fair value of contracts $
CAD	412,500	767,049	6 April 2020	17,530
EUR	1,645,300	4,800,428	6 April 2020	77,114
GBP	533,800	1,673,126	6 April 2020	104,615
		7,240,603		199,259
			Current	199,259

22. Other reserves

	2021 $	2020 $
Property and equipment revaluation reserve	**118,910,732**	87,332,100
Pension reserve	**40,124,000**	21,148,000
Self-insurance reserve fund	**14,488,544**	13,450,271
Capital reserve	**6,537,928**	6,537,928
Export Credit Guarantee fund	**1,808,877**	1,808,877
Unrealised holding gain – investment securities	**21,981,747**	77,052,590
Unrealised holding gain – money market instruments	**5,134**	92,221
Total reserves	**203,856,962**	207,421,987

Export Credit Guarantee Fund

Under Article 42 (1) of the Eastern Caribbean Central Bank Agreement Act 1983, the Bank is empowered to administer or participate in an export credit guarantee scheme. In exercise of this power, the Bank has assigned to one of its departments, the objective of providing pre-shipment export credit guarantees to commercial banks in respect of advances made to exporters from the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States.

Article 42 (4) of the Eastern Caribbean Central Bank Agreement Act 1983 provides for the Bank to make discretionary contributions out of its profits towards a guarantee fund for administering the Export Credit Guarantee Scheme. The Board of Directors have agreed to maintain the fund at a minimum of $1,000,000.

Capital reserve

Capital reserve includes the land (8.3568 acres) on which the Bank's headquarters (phase I and II) are constructed, which was donated by the Government of St. Kitts and Nevis. The land was independently valued at $629,528 in 1991 for phase I and $2,720,000 in 2001 for phase II. In 2003 the Government of St. Kitts and Nevis donated an additional 0.61 acres to the Bank, which has been independently valued at $498,400. In 2005, the Government of St. Kitts and Nevis donated an additional 2 acres of land which has been independently valued at $2,690,000.

Self-insurance reserve

The Board of Directors has agreed to appropriate annually to the Self-insurance reserve, from net income, such amount equivalent to the quoted premium from an insurance carrier, to cover potential catastrophe in respect of the Bank's headquarters buildings and full coverage for the other properties. It also agreed to a funded cap of 20% of the replacement value of the relevant buildings (determined by independent valuation).

Pension reserve

The Board of Directors has decided to make appropriations annually to or from net income for the amounts necessary to maintain a pension reserve equivalent to the pension asset.

22. Other Reserves *(continued)*

Revaluation reserve: investment securities

The movements of the "revaluation reserve: investment securities" as a result of changes in the fair values are as follows:

	Foreign investment securities $	Money market instruments $	Total $
Balance at 31 March 2019	1,980,612	217,571	2,198,183
Revaluation of foreign securities	95,518,420	(125,350)	95,393,070
Revaluation transfer to profit or loss on disposal of foreign securities	(21,092,572)	-	(21,092,572)
Impairment of investment securities at FVOCI	646,130	-	646,130
Balance at 31 March 2020	77,052,590	92,221	77,144,811
Revaluation of foreign securities	(19,727,164)	(87,087)	(19,814,251)
Revaluation transfer to profit or loss on disposal of foreign securities	(35,314,954)	-	(35,314,954)
Impairment of investment securities at FVOCI	(28,725)	-	(28,725)
Balance at 31 March 2021	**21,981,747**	**5,134**	**21,986,881**

23. Pension asset

The Bank contributes to a defined pension plan covering substantially all full-time employees. The assets of the plan are held separately in an independent trustee administered fund. The pension plan is valued every three years by a firm of independent qualified actuaries, Bacon Woodrow & de Souza Limited – Actuaries and Consultants. The latest available full valuation of the Pension Fund was at 31 March 2019; it used the projected unit credit method, and showed that the fair value of the Fund's assets at 31 March 2019 represented 116% of the benefits that had accrued to members as at that date. The fair value of the Fund's assets at that time was $111.7 million (2016: $101.7 million) and the required future service contribution rate was 20.5% (2016: 20.6%) of pensionable salaries. The actuary performed a roll-forward of the valuation to 31 March 2021. The next detailed full valuation will be conducted as at 31 March 2022.

	2021 $	2020 $
Net asset in the statement of financial position:		
Present value of defined benefit obligation	**(92,281,000)**	(89,428,000)
Fair value of plan assets	**132,405,000**	110,576,000
Present value of over funded surplus	**40,124,000**	21,148,000
Net asset recognised in the statement of financial position	**40,124,000**	21,148,000

23. Pension asset *(continued)*

	2021 $	2020 $
Reconciliation of amount reported in the statement of financial position:		
Pension asset, beginning of year	**21,148,000**	23,573,000
Net pension costs during the year	**(2,245,000)**	(1,901,000)
Re-measurements recognised in other comprehensive income	**18,588,000**	(3,035,000)
Bank's contributions paid to pension plan	**2,633,000**	2,511,000
Pension asset, end of year	**40,124,000**	21,148,000

Effective April 1, 2007, the Bank adjusted its contribution to the Pension Fund from 16% to 12% to benefit from the current overfunded position of the pension fund and as prescribed by rule 4(3) of the Pension Fund Trust Deed and Rules (1992).

	2021 $	2020 $
Movement in present value of defined benefit obligation over the year is as follows:		
Beginning of year	**89,428,000**	88,090,000
Current service cost	**3,612,000**	3,443,000
Interest cost	**6,081,000**	5,991,000
Contributions by plan participants	**658,000**	628,000
Experience adjustments	**(2,303,000)**	(4,522,000)
Actuarial (loss)/gain from changes in demographic assumptions	-	889,000
Benefits paid	**(5,195,000)**	(5,091,000)
Defined benefit obligation at end of year	**92,281,000**	89,428,000

The defined benefit obligation is allocated between the Plan's members as follows:	2021 %	2020 %
Active and promoted members	**70.0**	70.0
Deferred members	**0**	0
Pensioners	**30**	30
The weighted average duration of the defined benefit obligation at the year end	**14.5 years**	14.5 years

26% of the benefits for active members are for those over age 55 and are vested.

33% of the defined benefit obligation for active members is conditional on future salary increases.

23. Pension asset *(continued)*

	2021 $	2020 $
Movement in fair value of plan assets over the year		
Plan assets at start of year	**110,576,000**	111,663,000
Interest income	**7,667,000**	7,742,000
Return on plan assets, excluding interest income	**16,285,000**	(6,668,000)
Bank's contributions	**2,633,000**	2,511,000
Members' contributions	**658,000**	628,000
Benefits paid	**(5,195,000)**	(5,091,000)
Expense allowance	**(219,000)**	(209,000)
Fair value of plan assets at end of year	**132,405,000**	110,576,000

	2021 $	2020 $
Expense recognised in the statement of profit or loss:		
Current service cost	**3,612,000**	3,443,000
Net interest on net defined benefit liability (asset)	**(1,586,000)**	(1,751,000)
Administration expenses	**219,000**	209,000
Net pension cost included in staff costs (note 30)	**2,245,000**	1,901,000

	2021 $	2020 $
Re-measurements recognised in other comprehensive income		
Experience gains (losses)	**18,588,000**	(3,035,000)
Total amount recognised in other comprehensive income	**18,588,000**	(3,035,000)

	2021 %	2020 %
The principal actuarial assumptions used were as follows:		
Discount rate	**7.0**	7.0
Average individual salary increases	**5.0**	5.0

23. Pension asset *(continued)*

Assumptions regarding future mortality are based on published mortality tables. The life expectancies underlying the value of the defined benefit obligations as at 31 March 2021 are as follows:

	2021	2020
Life expectancy at age 60 for current pensioners in years		
Male	**21.8**	21.7
Female	**26.0**	26.0
Life expectancy at age 60 for current members age 40 in years		
Male	**22.7**	22.6
Female	**27.0**	26.9

Plan assets are comprised as follows:

	2021 $	2020 $
Developed market equities	**54,070,000**	47,076,000
EC Government issued nominal bonds and treasury bills	**9,909,000**	10,309,000
USD denominated bonds	**62,371,000**	48,346,000
USD cash and cash equivalents	**6,686,000**	5,213,000
Net current assets	**(631,000)**	(368,000)
Fair value of plan assets at end of year	**132,405,000**	110,576,000

The largest proportion of assets is invested in debt instruments. Overseas equities in developed markets and USD denominated bonds have quoted prices in active markets. The values of the Eastern Caribbean government bonds are shown at their par values.

The Plan's assets are invested based on a strategy agreed with the Trustees. There are no asset-liability matching strategies used by the Plan.

Sensitivity analysis

The following table summarises the sensitivity of the defined benefit obligation to changes in the assumptions used:

	2021 Impact on defined benefit obligation		
	Change in assumption	Increase in assumption $	Decrease in assumption $
Discount rate	1%	(11,221,000)	13,923,000
Future salary increases	1%	6,041,000	(5,328,000)
Life expectancy	1 year	1,015,000	-

23. Pension asset *(continued)*

Sensitivity analysis *(continued)*

	2020 Impact on defined benefit obligation		
	Change in assumption	Increase in assumption	Decrease in assumption
		$	$
Discount rate	1%	(10,874,000)	13,498,000
Future salary increases	1%	5,854,000	(5,163,000)
Life expectancy	1 year	984,000	-

The above sensitivity analyses are based on a change in an assumption while holding all other assumptions constant. In practice, this is unlikely to occur, and changes in some of the assumptions may be correlated.

These sensitivities were calculated by re-calculating the defined benefit obligations using the revised assumptions. When calculating the sensitivity of the defined benefit obligation to significant actuarial assumptions, the same method (present value of the defined benefit obligation calculated with the projected unit credit method at the end of the year) has been applied as when calculating the pension plan asset recognised within the statement of financial position.

The methods and types of assumptions used in preparing the sensitivity analysis did not change compared to the previous year.

24. Related party balances and transactions

Parties are considered to be related if one party has the ability to control the other party or exercise significant influence over the other party in making financial or operational decisions. The Bank considers the participating governments, board of directors and key management personnel as related parties.

Participating governments

The receivables from and payables to participating governments arise mainly from the Bank carrying out one of its key roles as banker to participating governments as provided for in part nine (ix) of the ECCB Agreement Act 1983.

The year end balances arising from transacting with participating governments are as follows:

	2021	2020
	$	$
Due from participating governments		
Participating governments' securities (note 10)	**210,523,316**	87,256,785
Participating governments' advances (note 11)	**157,696,828**	45,556,500

24. Related party balances and transactions *(continued)*

	2021 $	2020 $
Due to participating governments (note 18)		
Participating governments' call accounts	**135,128,421**	228,407,365
Participating governments' operating accounts	**94,459,481**	105,074,752
Participating governments' fiscal reserve tranche II	**57,911,565**	56,302,825
Participating governments' sinking fund call accounts	**13,347,733**	13,563,805
Participating governments' fiscal tranche I call accounts	**7,099,521**	7,099,521
Participating governments' drug service accounts	**6,737,842**	4,905,502
Participating governments' debt restructuring escrow accounts	**364,064**	330,114
Participating governments' fixed deposits accounts	-	81,000,000

Interest income earned on participating governments securities and advances during the year was $8,165,484 (2020: $7,818,215). These accounts carry interest rates of 2.0 % to 6.5% (2020: 3.5% to 6.5%) during the year.

Interest expense on participating governments demand accounts during the year was $241,188 (2020: $4,900,169). These accounts carry interest rates of 0.00% to 1.4% (2020: 0.27% to 2.36%) during the year.

Key management

A number of transactions were entered into with related parties in the normal course of business. These include loans and other transactions. The value of related party transactions and outstanding balances at the year-end are as follows:

	2021 $	2020 $
Staff mortgage loans		
Loans outstanding at beginning of year	-	66,354
Loans movement during the year	-	(66,354)
Loans outstanding at end of year	-	-
Term deposits		
Republic Bank (EC) Limited	706,242	706,242
	706,242	706,242

The term deposit balance represents amounts pledged as liquidity support for loans issued by Republic Bank (EC) Limited to ECCB eligible employees (see Note 7).

Interest income earned on loans and advances during the year was nil (2020: $913). The loans carry an interest rate of 4% (2020: 4%) per annum. The repayment terms of the loans vary. The outstanding loans are primarily for mortgages and are secured by the mortgaged property.

24. Related party balances and transactions *(continued)*

Key management personnel compensation

The salaries, fees and benefits paid to the Board of Directors and key management personnel of the Bank during the year amounted to $4,062,855 (2020: $3,997,293). The following is an analysis of these amounts:

	2021	2020
	$	$
Salaries and other short-term employee benefits	**3,671,625**	3,596,192
Board of Directors' fees	**240,000**	240,000
Post-employment benefits	**151,230**	161,101
	4,062,855	3,997,293

Transactions and balances with associates

	2021	2020
	$	$
Rental income	**300,000**	300,000
Liability accounts		
Eastern Caribbean Securities Exchange	**69,549,726**	35,743,949
Post-employment benefits	**30,412,584**	18,014,373

25. Contingencies and commitments

Credit extension to participating governments

Article 40 (1) of the ECCB Agreement Act 1983 stipulates that "the Bank may, subject to such terms and conditions as the Board may prescribe, make temporary advances to each Participating Government to meet its seasonal needs…". This can take the form of ECCB's direct investment in government securities, overdrafts on operating accounts and temporary advances.

The approved credit allocation to participating governments for the current financial year is $690,451,000 (2020: $581,943,000). The details are presented in the table below:

	2021	2020
	$	$
Government of Saint Lucia	**149,504,000**	125,883,000
Government of Antigua and Barbuda	**147,353,000**	93,880,000
Government of Saint Christopher (St Kitts) and Nevis	**111,596,000**	99,195,000
Government of Grenada	**99,669,000**	82,781,000
Government of Commonwealth of Dominica	**68,326,000**	82,072,000
Government of Government of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	**79,976,000**	69,672,000
Government of Anguilla	**27,329,000**	22,791,000
Government of Montserrat	**6,698,000**	5,669,000
Total credit allocation	**690,451,000**	581,943,000

25. Contingencies and commitments *(continued)*

Credit extension to participating governments *(continued)*

The undrawn commitments to participating governments for the current financial year amounts to $318,072,000 (2020: $452,866,000). The details are presented in the table below:

	2021	**2020**
	$	**$**
Government of Saint Christopher (St Kitts) and Nevis	**111,596,000**	99,195,000
Government of Grenada	**99,669,000**	82,781,000
Government of Commonwealth of Dominica	**38,891,000**	52,072,000
Government of Anguilla	**25,851,000**	16,629,000
Government of Government of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	**22,669,000**	51,850,000
Government of Saint Lucia	**10,310,000**	112,796,000
Government of Montserrat	**6,698,000**	5,669,000
Government of Antigua and Barbuda	**2,388,000**	31,874,000
Total undrawn commitments	**318,072,000**	452,866,000

The Board has approved a total credit allocation to participating governments for the 2021-2022 financial year in the amount of $750,000,000.

Pending litigations

There are nine (9) pending legal claims against the Eastern Caribbean Central Bank (the "Central Bank") for which the likelihood of settlement appears remote.

1) **Claim No. GDAHCV2001/0490** initiated by Capital Bank International Limited in 2001 is pending before the Grenada Supreme Court.

   The Claimant is seeking:

   (i) A declaration that it is entitled to be admitted to the membership of the Clearing House facility established by the Central Bank pursuant to the provisions of the Eastern Caribbean Central Bank Agreement Act 1983; and

   (ii) An order directing the Central Bank to admit the Claimant immediately as a member of the Clearing House facility operating in Grenada.

   At the High Court hearing of the case in September 2008, the court ordered that the trial of the matter be adjourned to a date to be fixed by the Registrar of the High Court on application by any of the parties to the matter. The Minister for Finance, in Grenada has since revoked the banking licence which was granted to Capital Bank International Limited, appointed a Receiver for the Bank and has also filed a petition before the court for the compulsory liquidation of the Bank.

25. Contingencies and commitments *(continued)*

Pending litigation *(continued)*

2) **Claim No. AXAHCV2016/0051** BETWEEN: SATAY LIMITED et al (Claimants) v MARTIN DINNING, HUDSON CARR, SHAWN WILLIAMS, ROBERT MILLER AND EASTERN CARIBBEAN CENTRAL BANK (Defendants). By claim filed on 28 June 2016 the Claimants claim against the Defendants for breach of fiduciary duty the sum of US$13,028,906.17.

   By Notice of Application dated 12 August 2016, the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 5th Defendants applied to the Court for a declaration that the Court has no jurisdiction to try the claim as filed. The Defendants' application contesting the court's jurisdiction was heard on 13 October 2016 and the Court gave directions for the filing of written submissions by both sides.

   Written submissions were filed by both sides. On 22 February the Court delivered its decision on the preliminary issue in favour of the Claimants. The Defendants filed application for leave to appeal that decision which was granted on 11 April 2017. The Claimants filed an application for extension of time and a counter-appeal. The Defendants filed an application to strike out the application on the basis that it was filed out of time and without the leave of the court. The Court ruled that the Claimants' documents were properly filed at the date of the Order being 4 July 2017.

   The Court, subsequently, issued a Notice of Hearing for 31 July 2017 of the Defendants' application to strike out the counter-appeal, which was heard before the full Court of Appeal (CA) on 23 October 2017 in Anguilla. The Defendants' application was dismissed and costs of EC$5,000.00 were ordered to be paid by the Defendants.

   The substantive appeal was heard the week of 30 April 2018. The Defendants' appeal was dismissed by the Court.

   In April 2019, the Court granted the Claimants permission to serve the first-named Defendant out of State and fourth-named defendant, by way of substituted service on the ECCB. On ECCB's filed application to set aside the order for substituted service on the fourth-named defendant, the Court decided not to set aside the order.

   The ECCB et al filed defense on 1 May 2019. In November 2019, the ECCB filed an application for summary judgment and on 20 March 2020, the Court granted the application and struck out the claim. The Claimants have appealed that decision.

3) **Case No. 16-01279-MG** BETWEEN: NATIONAL BANK OF ANGUILLA (PRIVATE BANKING & TRUST) LTD (the Plaintiff) v. NATIONAL BANK OF ANGUILLA LTD (NBA), NATIONAL COMMERCIAL BANK OF ANGUILLA LTD (NCBA) AND EASTERN CARIBBEAN CENTRAL BANK (ECCB) (hereinafter collectively 'the Defendants').

25. Contingencies and commitments *(continued)*

Pending litigation *(continued)*

3) Case No. 16-01279-MG *(continued)*

The Plaintiff filed complaint on 16 December 2016 before the United States Bankruptcy Court Southern District of New York against the Defendants alleging breach of fiduciary duty and gross negligence and seeking judgment to, inter alia:

(a) avoid transfers of net new money in the amount of US$9.15m to NBA and other transfers to the NCBA and ECCB as actual or constructively fraudulent transfers;
(b) recover the value of avoidable transfers from the Defendants;
(c) avoid and recover NBA's transfers of its funds and assets to NCBA and net payment of US$13,837,233.30 to ECCB; and
(d) damages for breach of fiduciary duty and gross negligence by the ECCB.

On 27 February 2017 the Eastern Caribbean Central Bank filed a motion to dismiss on the basis of lack of subject matter jurisdiction, personal jurisdiction and forum non conveniens. On 20 March 2017 the Plaintiff filed an amended complaint. On 27 April 2017, the ECCB filed an amended motion to dismiss on the basis of lack of subject matter jurisdiction, personal jurisdiction and *forum non conveniens*.

The Court ordered that this matter and the matter listed at (6) below be heard jointly. The cases were heard on 26 October 2017 and on 29 January 2018 the Court ruled that both proceedings should be stayed pending the outcome of the litigation in Anguilla.

4) Claim No. AXA/HCV2017/0017 BETWEEN NATIONAL BANK OF ANGUILLA (PRIVATE BANKING & TRUST) (in administration); Caribbean Commercial Investment Bank Ltd (in administration) (Intended Applicants) and Chief Minister of Anguilla; Attorney General of Anguilla; Gary Moving (as Receiver of the National Bank of Anguilla and Caribbean Commercial Bank); Eastern Caribbean Central Bank (Intended Respondents).

The Intended Applicants have filed application for leave to apply for judicial review of various "decisions" made by the Intended Respondents concerning the implementation of the resolution strategy in respect of National Bank of Anguilla (NBA) and Caribbean Commercial Bank (CCB) including the appointment of the Receiver and the Receiver's actions including his transfer of certain assets and liabilities of NBA and CCB to National Commercial Bank of Anguilla.

Subsequently, the Intended Applicants filed an application for a stay of the application for leave to apply for judicial review referenced above until the conclusion of the US proceedings referenced in (4) and (6). On 14 June 2017 the matter was heard by the Court and the stay was granted pending final determination of US matters listed in (4) and (6). The Intended Applications filed for the stay to be lifted.

25. Contingencies and commitments *(continued)*

Pending litigation *(continued)*

4) Case No. AXA/HCV2017/0017 *(continued)*

The Chief Minister and Attorney General opposed the application for leave. On 3rd February 2020, the Court issued its decision, determining that the Intended Applicants had not established a good arguable case and did not have a reasonable chance of success and refused the application for leave. On 13th February 2020, the Intended Applicants filed a notice of appeal. The appeal was heard on 26 January 2021 and judgment has been reserved.

5) Case No. 17-01058 (SMB) BETWEEN CARIBBEAN COMMERCIAL INVESTMENT BANK LTD. ("CCIB") (the Plaintiff) v CARIBBEAN COMMERCIAL BANK (CCB), NATIONAL COMMERCIAL BANK OF ANGUILLA (NCBA) and THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN CENTRAL BANK (the Defendants).

The Complaint was filed 1 May 2017 before the United States Bankruptcy Court Southern District of New York against the Defendants alleging breach of fiduciary duty and gross negligence and seeking judgment, inter alia:

(a) avoiding transfer of funds to CCB in the amount of at least US$4,481,394.62;

(b) for recovery of transfers to NCBA in an amount of not less than US$2,248,628.46;

(c) for recovery of transfers to ECCB of an amount (i) not less than US$28,673,612.01 during the two years prior to the Petition Date (ii) up to US$67,198,261.96 during the three years' prior to the Petition Date (iii) up to US$70,023,261.96 during the Conservatorship Period (iv) up to US$87,933,896.76 during the six years prior to the Petition Date; and

(d) for damages for breach of fiduciary duty and gross negligence by the ECCB.

The Court ordered that this matter and the matter listed at (3) above be heard jointly. The cases were heard on 26 October 2017 and on 29 January 2018 the Court ruled that both proceedings should be stayed pending the outcome of the litigation in Anguilla.

6) Claim No. 56 of 2018 BETWEEN FIRST ST VINCENT BANK LIMITED (Applicant) v EASTERN CARIBBEAN CENTRAL BANK (Respondent)

On 9 April 2018, the Applicant filed application for leave to apply for judicial review of the 'decision' of the Respondent imposing penalties of $34.7 million for 'alleged' breaches of the Banking Act of St Vincent of the Grenadines. The matter was heard on 19 July 2018 and a decision was granted in favour of the ECCB dismissing the Application. On 17 October 2018, the Applicant filed notice of appeal of the High Court's decision.

25. Contingencies and commitments *(continued)*

Pending litigation *(continued)*

7) **Claim No. AXA/HCV 2016/0032** BETWEEN NATIONAL BANK OF ANGUILLA (PRIVATE BANKING & TRUST) LTD (in administration), CARIBBEAN COMMERCIAL INVESTMENT BANK LTD. (in administration) (the Claimants) v. NATIONAL BANK OF ANGUILLA LTD (in receivership), CARIBBEAN COMMERCIAL BANK (in receivership), NATIONAL COMMERCIAL BANK OF ANGUILLA LTD (NCBA), EASTERN CARIBBEAN CENTRAL BANK (ECCB), MARTIN DINNING, HUDSON CARR, SHAWN WILLIAMS and ROBERT MILLER (hereinafter collectively 'the Defendants').

An amended claim filed by the Claimants on 28 August 2018 against the Defendants (and served on the Central Bank on 7 February 2019) seeks inter alia –

(a) a declaration of breach of fiduciary duty owed to the Claimants by 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th Defendants;

(b) a declaration that certain sums are held by the Defendants on trust for the Claimants;

(c) an order of account and inquiry of such sums in the possession of the Defendants;

(d) an order that the Defendants transfer to the Claimants any sums in the possession of the Defendant identified as part of the account and inquiry;

(e) compensation for breaches of fiduciary duty by 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th Defendants.

The matter is listed for Pre-Trial Review in December 2021.

8) **Claim No AXA/HCV 2019/35** BETWEEN CHRISTOPHER LISS ET AL (the Claimants) v. EASTERN CARIBBEAN CENTRAL BANK, HUDSON CARR, SHAWN WILLIAMS, MARTIN DINNING, ROBERT MILLER (the Defendants)

In August 2019, the Claimants filed claim against the Defendants asserting breach of trust and negligence and claiming the following sums –

- USD $17, 328,419.81
- GBP £25,681.25
- Euro €42,990.89; and
- Interest from August 2013.

In November 2019, the ECCB filed an application for summary judgment. The matter was heard on 18th November 2019 and on 20 March 2020, the Court granted the application and struck out the claim. The Claimants have appealed that decision.

25. Contingencies and commitments *(continued)*

Pending litigation *(continued)*

9) **Claim No AXA/HCV 20190/39** BETWEEN IAN HOPE-ROSS (the Claimant) v. EASTERN CARIBBEAN CENTRAL BANK, HUDSON CARR, SHAWN WILLIAMS, MARTIN DINNING, ROBERT MILLER (the Defendants)

   In August 2019, the Claimant filed claim against the Defendants asserting breach of trust and negligence and claiming USD472,743.83 and interest from August 2013.

   In November 2019, the ECCB filed an application for summary judgment. The matter was heard on 18th November 2019 and on 20 March 2020, the Court granted the application and struck out the claim. The Claimants have appealed that decision.

Eastern Caribbean Securities Exchange Limited

During the year, the Bank has given the following undertaking and guarantee in respect of the Eastern Caribbean Securities Exchange Limited (“ECSE”), a public limited company registered under the Laws of St. Christopher and Nevis:

- Guarantee cover in the event of a budgeted shortfall in respect of the ECSE and its wholly-owned subsidiary companies for the fiscal year ending 31 March 2021 in an amount not expected to exceed $2,000,000 (2020: $2,000,000).

The above undertaking and guarantee will be reviewed on 31 March 2022 and are irrevocable before this date.

Contractual obligation

The Bank contracted the services of Cash Processing Solutions Inc to supply onsite labour equipment maintenance and corrective equipment maintenance to keep the new CPS System in good working order or to restore it to good working order as necessary. The total contract is US$225,000 and extends for a period of 72 months, effective October 2020. As at 31 March 2021, the commitment of the Bank was $506,250 (2020: $nil).

26. Cash and cash equivalents

	2021 $	2020 $
Money market instruments and money at call (note 6)	**415,139,030**	733,312,023
Balances with other central banks (note 5)	**157,582,923**	13,936,348
Regional and foreign currencies	**19,796,925**	74,129,891
Balances with local banks	**826,962**	1,894,847
Balances with foreign banks (note 5)	**94,302**	73,661
Total cash and cash equivalents	**593,440,142**	823,346,770

27. Net interest income

	2021 $	2020 $
Interest income		
Foreign investment securities	**34,771,836**	43,852,999
Money market instruments and money at call	**6,402,322**	45,683,681
Mortgage-backed securities	**5,021,697**	2,895,299
Participating governments' securities and advances	**8,165,484**	7,818,215
Other interest income	**186,197**	247,074
	54,547,536	100,497,268
Interest expense		
Demand liabilities: domestic	**241,188**	4,900,169
Lease liabilities	**176,387**	158,897
	417,575	5,059,066
Net interest income	**54,129,961**	95,438,202

28. Other (losses) gains

	2021 $	2020 $
Unrealised (losses) gains on investments at FVTPL	**(5,689,028)**	8,043,875
Realised gains on investments at FVTPL	**2,324,095**	263,487
	(3,364,933)	8,307,362

29. Other income

	2021 $	2020 $
Income from banking licence fees and penalties	**3,910,000**	4,005,000
Pension fund administrative and management fees	**756,059**	695,536
Rental income	**322,800**	313,300
Gain (loss) on futures contracts	**2,001,937**	(138,760)
Other income	**154,980**	218,287
Gain loss on disposal of property and equipment	**874**	15,544
Income from reserve requirement	-	1,086
Total other income	**7,146,650**	5,109,993

Rental income results from rental of office space to affiliate institutions, namely, ECHMB, ECSE and ECPCGC, which are covered by leasehold rental contracts.

30. Salaries, pensions and other staff benefits

	2021 $	2020 $
Salaries, wages and other benefits	**34,518,844**	33,688,997
Pension (note 23)	**2,245,000**	1,901,000
Social security	**1,194,517**	1,146,079
Vacation leave	**862,407**	464,199
Prepaid employee benefit	**41,984**	39,956
Total salaries, pensions and other staff benefits	**38,862,752**	37,240,231

31. Net impairment losses on financial assets

During the financial year, the following losses (gains) were recognised in the statement of profit or loss in relation to impaired financial assets

	2021 $	2020 $
Impairment losses on financial assets at FVOCI	-	646,130
Impairment losses on financial assets at amortised cost	**108,600**	88,698
Loss allowance on individually impaired receivables	**267,838**	454,611
Reversal of previous impairment loss on financial assets at FVOCI	**(28,725)**	**-**
Loss arising from modification of financial assets measured at amortised cost	**6,552,558**	**-**
Net impairment losses on financial assets	**6,900,271**	1,189,439

32. Administrative and general expenses

	2021 $	2020 $
General supplies and services	**8,329,289**	9,497,900
Professional, legal and consulting fees	**5,592,318**	3,646,012
Special projects	**3,779,271**	4,013,457
Utilities expenses	**1,133,674**	2,445,101
Contribution to Eastern Caribbean Securities Regulatory Commission	**1,057,863**	805,171
Training, recruitment and resettlement	**956,787**	1,701,476
Telephone expense	**847,631**	931,135
Insurance expense	**778,905**	852,802
Service grant	**518,617**	582,551
Repairs and maintenance	**458,346**	574,352
Subscriptions and fees	**285,311**	265,154
Community outreach	**245,494**	312,792
Public education and communication	**232,941**	191,115
Other staff expenses and amenities	**208,280**	679,485
Rental expense	**202,620**	298,738
Affiliate groups	**192,736**	211,981
Conference and meetings	**171,193**	1,352,826
Contribution to staff association	**43,126**	60,290
Directors' travel and other expenses	**42,900**	31,472
Other expenses	**42,496**	129,253
Advertising and promotion	**30,713**	129,400
Printing and postage expenses	**11,734**	34,057
Travel expenses	**-**	1,543,854
Total administrative and general expenses	**25,162,245**	30,290,374

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