

CARD SME Bank, Inc., A Thrift Bank

Financial Statements
December 31, 2023 and 2022

and

Independent Auditor's Report



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Stockholders and the Board of Directors
CARD SME Bank, Inc., A Thrift Bank

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of CARD SME Bank, Inc., A Thrift Bank (the Bank), which comprise the statements of financial position as at December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the statements of income, statements of comprehensive income, statements of changes in equity and statements of cash flows for the years then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including material accounting policy information.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Bank as at December 31, 2023 and 2022, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with Philippine Financial Reporting Standards (PFRSs).

Basis for Opinion

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

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

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with PFRSs, 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.



Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with PSAs 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 PSAs, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

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

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.



Report on the Supplementary Information Required Under Section 174 of the Manual of Regulations for Banks (MORB) and Revenue Regulations No. 15-2010

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The supplementary information required under Section 174 of the MORB in Note 22 and Revenue Regulations No. 15-2010 in Note 23 to the financial statements is presented for purposes of filing with the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas and Bureau of Internal Revenue, respectively, and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of the management of CARD SME Bank, Inc., A Thrift Bank. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in our audit of the basic financial statements. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

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CARD SME BANK, INC., A THRIFT BANK
STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	December 31	
	2023	2022
ASSETS		
Cash and other cash items (Note 6)	₱76,140,172	₱93,490,263
Due from Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (Note 6)	789,008,424	782,905,676
Due from other banks (Note 6)	58,261,044	93,298,265
Loans and receivables (Note 7)	8,180,827,403	6,612,835,856
Financial assets at amortized cost (Note 8)	341,666,157	349,201,288
Property and equipment (Note 9)	281,323,836	304,174,062
Investment properties (Note 10)	6,037,637	3,878,425
Intangible assets (Note 11)	2,515,884	7,415,930
Retirement asset (Note 20)	79,967,725	106,968,434
Deferred tax assets (Note 21)	91,763,081	79,632,716
Other assets (Note 12)	95,251,896	70,601,493
TOTAL ASSETS	₱10,002,763,259	₱8,504,402,408
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		
Liabilities		
Deposit liabilities (Notes 13 and 22)		
Demand	₱119,627,198	₱45,643,262
Savings	6,186,504,764	6,025,958,638
	6,306,131,962	6,071,601,900
Bills payable (Note 14)	695,940,753	–
Deposit for stock subscription (Note 17)	97,815,174	44,294,640
Income tax payable	139,027,393	46,495,985
Accrued expenses (Note 15)	59,392,653	75,025,316
Other liabilities (Note 15)	248,197,753	238,857,548
	7,546,505,688	6,476,275,389
Equity		
Common stock (Note 17)	1,495,501,000	1,460,522,700
Surplus (Note 7)	963,045,005	544,645,573
Remeasurement gains on retirement plan (Note 20)	(2,288,434)	22,958,746
	2,456,257,571	2,028,127,019
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	₱10,002,763,259	₱8,504,402,408

See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.



CARD SME BANK, INC., A THRIFT BANK
STATEMENTS OF INCOME

	Years Ended December 31	
	2023	2022
INTEREST INCOME		
Loans and receivables (Note 7)	₱3,100,832,698	₱2,580,546,219
Due from BSP and other banks (Note 6)	65,073,726	49,523,735
Financial assets at amortized cost (Note 8)	20,221,635	13,427,010
Security deposits	636,286	609,230
	3,186,764,345	2,644,106,194
INTEREST EXPENSE		
Deposit liabilities (Notes 13 and 22)	152,100,247	107,454,682
Bills payable (Note 14)	2,140,278	1,481,181
Lease liabilities (Note 23)	7,477,085	6,834,365
	161,717,610	115,770,228
NET INTEREST INCOME	3,025,046,735	2,528,335,966
OTHER INCOME (LOSS)		
Net gain (loss) on sale of fixed assets and investment properties (Notes 9 and 10)	(423,962)	(1,223,968)
Miscellaneous (Note 18)	128,367,771	65,094,355
	127,943,809	63,870,387
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	3,152,990,544	2,592,206,353
OPERATING EXPENSES		
Compensation and fringe benefits (Note 22)	849,903,339	738,182,372
Taxes and licenses	242,983,277	199,449,528
Information technology (Note 22)	204,493,444	143,141,850
Provision for credit losses (Note 7)	168,950,577	440,601,395
Transportation and travel	163,337,932	158,024,287
Depreciation and amortization (Notes 9 and 11)	137,477,161	135,733,580
Stationery and office supplies	116,792,079	99,073,852
Employee trainings (Note 22)	81,090,277	51,867,479
Occupancy and equipment-related cost (Notes 22 and 23)	68,618,043	68,804,579
Power, light and water	49,311,739	44,230,142
Security, messengerial and janitorial	37,044,783	40,301,354
Program monitoring	18,459,639	13,993,392
Professional fees	8,728,909	6,690,123
Representation and entertainment (Note 21)	6,136,717	5,728,684
Miscellaneous (Note 19)	78,840,857	42,064,306
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	2,232,168,773	2,187,886,923
INCOME BEFORE INCOME TAX	920,821,771	404,319,430
PROVISION FOR INCOME TAX (Note 21)	232,422,339	102,361,771
NET INCOME	₱688,399,432	₱301,957,659

See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.



CARD SME BANK, INC., A THRIFT BANK
STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

	Years Ended December 31	
	2023	2022
NET INCOME	₱688,399,432	₱301,957,659
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)		
<i>Other comprehensive income (loss) not recycled to profit or loss in subsequent periods:</i>		
Changes in remeasurement gains (losses) on retirement plan (Note 20)	(33,662,907)	27,807,651
Income tax effect (Note 21)	8,415,727	(6,951,913)
	(25,247,180)	20,855,738
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME	₱663,152,252	₱322,813,397

See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.



CARD SME BANK, INC., A THRIFT BANK

STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

	Common stock (Note 17)	Surplus	Surplus reserves (Note 7)	Remeasurement gains on retirement plan (Note 20)	Total
Balance at January 1, 2023	₱1,460,522,700	₱544,645,573	₱–	₱22,958,746	₱2,028,127,019
Issuance through collection of					
subscriptions receivable (Note 17)	34,978,300	–	–	–	34,978,300
Total comprehensive income for the year	–	688,399,432	–	(25,247,180)	663,152,252
Cash dividends declared (Note 17)	–	(270,000,000)	–	–	(270,000,000)
Balance at December 31, 2023	₱1,495,501,000	₱963,045,005	₱–	(₱2,288,434)	₱2,456,257,571
Balance at January 1, 2022	₱1,432,614,900	₱202,852,977	₱77,334,937	₱2,103,008	₱1,714,905,822
Issuance through collection of					
subscriptions receivable (Note 17)	27,907,800	–	–	–	27,907,800
Total comprehensive income for the year	–	301,957,659	–	20,855,738	322,813,397
Cash dividends declared (Note 17)	–	(37,500,000)	–	–	(37,500,000)
Reclassification of surplus reserves	–	77,334,937	(77,334,937)	–	–
Balance at December 31, 2022	₱1,460,522,700	₱544,645,573	₱–	₱22,958,746	₱2,028,127,019

See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.



CARD SME BANK, INC., A THRIFT BANK
STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

	Years Ended December 31	
	2023	2022
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Income before income tax	₱920,821,771	₱404,319,430
Adjustments for:		
Provision for credit losses (Note 7)	168,950,577	440,601,395
Depreciation and amortization (Notes 9 and 11)	137,477,161	135,733,580
Net pension expense (Note 20)	9,089,790	17,350,195
Interest expense on lease liabilities (Note 23)	7,477,085	6,834,365
Amortization of discount on bills payable (Note 14)	—	263,820
Net loss (gain) on sale of fixed assets and investment properties (Notes 9 and 10)	423,962	1,223,968
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Decrease (increase) in the amounts of:		
Loans and receivables	(1,736,942,124)	(848,988,569)
Other assets	(24,650,403)	28,140,790
Increase (decrease) in the amounts of:		
Deposit liabilities	234,530,061	(611,269,687)
Accrued interest and other expense	(15,632,663)	(4,544,651)
Other liabilities	18,714,947	18,853,181
Net cash used in operations	(279,739,836)	(411,482,183)
Income taxes paid	(143,605,572)	(80,878,039)
Retirement contributions paid (Note 20)	(15,751,988)	(13,643,181)
Net cash used in operating activities	(439,097,396)	(506,003,403)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Acquisitions of:		
Investment properties (Note 10)	(1,343,964)	—
Property and equipment (Note 9)	(32,176,855)	(44,906,730)
Intangible assets (Note 11)	—	(223,928)
Financial assets at amortized cost (Note 8)	—	(201,677,756)
Proceeds from sale of:		
Financial assets at amortized cost (Note 8)	7,535,131	—
Investment properties (Note 10)	1,401,530	1,460,000
Property and equipment (Note 9)	970,861	242,725
Net cash used in investing activities	(23,613,297)	(245,105,689)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Availments of bills payable (Notes 14 and 24)	695,940,753	—
Collections of deposit for future stock subscription	53,520,534	44,294,640
Collections of subscriptions receivable (Note 17)	34,978,300	27,907,800
Cash dividends paid (Note 17)	(270,091,302)	(37,488,536)
Payment of principal portion of lease liabilities (Notes 23 and 24)	(97,922,156)	(94,339,963)
Settlement of bills payable (Notes 14 and 24)	—	(24,480,000)
Net cash used in financing activities	416,426,129	(128,400,699)

(Forward)



	Years Ended December 31	
	2023	2022
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	(₱46,284,564)	(₱835,215,151)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR		
Cash and other cash items	93,490,263	57,091,793
Due from Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas	782,905,676	1,634,133,584
Due from other banks	93,298,265	113,683,978
	969,694,204	1,804,909,355
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF YEAR		
(Note 6)		
Cash and other cash items	76,140,172	93,490,263
Due from Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas	789,008,424	782,905,676
Due from other banks	58,261,044	93,298,265
	₱923,409,640	₱969,694,204
OPERATIONAL CASH FLOWS FROM INTEREST		
Interest received	₱3,144,575,670	₱2,609,994,780
Interest paid	185,646,411	114,408,386

See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.



CARD SME BANK, INC., A THRIFT BANK

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Corporate Information

CARD SME Bank, Inc., A Thrift Bank (the Bank), formerly known as Rural Bank of Sto. Tomas (Batangas), Inc., was incorporated in the Philippines on October 4, 1961. The Bank was granted the authority to operate by the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) on May 10, 1962 as a rural bank with principal office in General Malvar Avenue, Sto. Tomas, Batangas. The Bank was granted by the BSP the authority to operate as a thrift bank on June 15, 2011. On July 25, 2011, the Bank formally started its operations as a thrift bank. Currently, its principal place of business is at #120 M. Paulino St., corner Burgos St., San Pablo City, Laguna. The Bank offers a wide range of products and services such as deposit and loan products mainly to the consumer market. As of December 31, 2023, the Bank has 39 branches.

In 2007, the Bank (with existing branches in Sto. Tomas and Lipa City, Batangas and Tagaytay City, Cavite) became a member of Center for Agriculture and Rural Development (CARD) - Mutually Reinforcing Institutions (MRI) when CARD, Inc. and CARD Employees Multi-Purpose Cooperative (EMPC) acquired the majority of its voting stock. The rehabilitation court and the BSP approved the sale and transfer of shares of stock on September 5, 2007 and February 7, 2008, respectively. This strategic move supports the graduating microenterprise clients of CARD-MRI, by empowering them through continuous access to financial resources and non-financial services. CARD-MRI's social mission of poverty alleviation has been folded into Bank's operation through its microfinance operation.

On May 20, 2010, the Monetary Board of the BSP approved the increase in the authorized capital stock of the Bank from ₱20.00 million to ₱500.00 million and the number of Board of Directors (BOD) from five (5) to nine (9) members. Likewise, on December 9, 2010, the Monetary Board of the BSP thru its Resolution No. 1757 approved the conversion of the operation of the Bank from rural bank category to a regular thrift bank.

The BSP and the Philippine Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) approved on April 8, 2011 and May 11, 2011, respectively, the Bank's amended Articles of Incorporation (AOI) and new by-laws. The approved amendments to the Bank's AOI follow:

- a. Change of the corporate name from 'Rural Bank of Sto. Tomas (Batangas), Inc.' to 'CARD SME Bank, Inc., A Thrift Bank';
- b. Change of the primary and secondary purposes from that of rural banking to thrift banking; and
- c. Change of the principal office address from 'General Malvar Avenue, Sto. Tomas, Batangas' to 'San Pablo City, Laguna'.

On December 7, 2017, the BSP approved the increase in the authorized capital stock of the Bank from ₱500.00 million to ₱1.00 billion and the change of principal office address from San Pablo City, Laguna to #120 M. Paulino St., corner Burgos St., San Pablo City, Laguna. On March 16, 2018, the SEC approved the changes in the AOI.

On February 13, 2020, the BSP approved the increase in the authorized capital stock of the Bank from ₱1.00 billion to ₱1.50 billion. On August 20, 2020, the SEC approved the changes in the AOI.

On October 28, 2022, the BSP approved the increase in the authorized capital stock of the Bank from ₱1.50 billion to ₱2 billion. This was submitted to SEC on November 15, 2022 and under examination as of December 31, 2023.



As a thrift bank, the Bank can (1) provide short-term working capital, medium, and long-term financing, to business engaged in agricultural services, industry, and housing; (2) provide diversified financial and allied services for its chosen market and constituents especially for small and medium enterprises, microfinance, and individuals; and (3) carry on activities specified under Section 10 of Republic Act (RA) No. 7906, otherwise known as '*Thrift Banks Act of 1995*'.

Based on the provisions of the Revised Corporation Code of the Philippines or RA No. 11232, the Bank has a perpetual existence.

As of December 31, 2023 and 2022, the Bank is 36.75% owned by CARD, Inc.

2. Material Accounting Policy Information

Basis of Preparation

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared on a historical cost basis. The financial statements are presented in Philippine peso (₱), the Bank's functional currency, and all values are rounded to the nearest peso except when otherwise indicated.

Statement of Compliance

The financial statements of the Bank have been prepared in accordance with Philippine Financial Reporting Standards (PFRSs).

Presentation of Financial Statements

The statements of financial position of the Bank are presented in order of liquidity. An analysis regarding recovery of assets or settlement of liabilities within 12 months after the reporting date (current) and more than 12 months after the reporting date (noncurrent) is presented in Note 16.

Financial assets and financial liabilities are offset, and the net amount is reported in the statement of financial position only when there is a legally enforceable right to offset the recognized amounts and there is intention to settle on a net basis, or to realize the assets and settle the liabilities simultaneously. The Bank assesses that it has a currently enforceable right of offset if the right is not contingent on a future event and is legally enforceable in the normal course of business, event of default, and event of insolvency or Bankruptcy of the Bank and all of the counterparties.

Income and expense are not offset in the statement of comprehensive income unless required or permitted by any accounting standard or interpretation and as specifically disclosed in the accounting policies of the Bank. This is not generally the case with master netting agreements, where the related assets and liabilities are presented gross amounts in the statement of financial position.

New Standards, Interpretations and Amendments

The accounting policies adopted are consistent with those of the previous financial year, except for the adoption of new standards effective in 2023. The Bank has not early adopted any standard, interpretation or amendment that has been issued but is not effective.

Unless otherwise indicated, adoption of these new standards did not have an impact on the consolidated financial statements of the Bank.



Amendments to Accounting Standards

The adoption of the following amendments and improvements to accounting standards as at January 1, 2023 did not have an impact on the financial statements of the Bank:

- Amendments to PAS 1 and PFRS Practice Statement 2, *Disclosure of Accounting Policies*

The amendments provide guidance and examples to help entities apply materiality judgements to accounting policy disclosures. The amendments aim to help entities provide accounting policy disclosures that are more useful by:

- Replacing the requirement for entities to disclose their ‘significant’ accounting policies with a requirement to disclose their ‘material’ accounting policies, and
- Adding guidance on how entities apply the concept of materiality in making decisions about accounting policy disclosures

The amendments to the Practice Statement provide non-mandatory guidance.

- Amendments to PAS 8, *Definition of Accounting Estimates*

The amendments introduce a new definition of accounting estimates and clarify the distinction between changes in accounting estimates and changes in accounting policies and the correction of errors. Also, the amendments clarify that the effects on an accounting estimate of a change in an input or a change in a measurement technique are changes in accounting estimates if they do not result from the correction of prior period errors.

- Amendments to PAS 12, *Deferred Tax related to Assets and Liabilities arising from a Single Transaction*

The amendments narrow the scope of the initial recognition exception under PAS 12, so that it no longer applies to transactions that give rise to equal taxable and deductible temporary differences.

The amendments also clarify that where payments that settle a liability are deductible for tax purposes, it is a matter of judgement (having considered the applicable tax law) whether such deductions are attributable for tax purposes to the liability recognized in the financial statements (and interest expense) or to the related asset component (and interest expense).

- Amendments to PAS 12, *International Tax Reform – Pillar Two Model Rules*

The amendments introduce a mandatory exception in PAS 12 from recognizing and disclosing deferred tax assets and liabilities related to Pillar Two income taxes.

The amendments also clarify that PAS 12 applies to income taxes arising from tax law enacted or substantively enacted to implement the Pillar Two Model Rules published by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), including tax law that implements qualified domestic minimum top-up taxes. Such tax legislation, and the income taxes arising from it, are referred to as ‘Pillar Two legislation’ and ‘Pillar Two income taxes’, respectively.

The temporary exception from recognition and disclosure of information about deferred taxes and the requirement to disclose the application of the exception, apply immediately and retrospectively upon adoption of the amendments in June 2023.



Meanwhile, the disclosure of the current tax expense related to Pillar Two income taxes and the disclosures in relation to periods before the legislation is effective are required for annual reporting periods beginning on or after January 1, 2023.

Future Changes in Accounting Standards

Pronouncements issued but not yet effective are listed below. Unless otherwise indicated, the Bank does not expect that the future adoption of the said pronouncements will have a significant impact on its financial statements. The Bank intends to adopt the following pronouncements when they become effective.

Effective beginning on or after January 1, 2024

- Amendments to PAS 1, *Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current*
- Amendments to PFRS 16, *Lease Liability in a Sale and Leaseback*
- Amendments to PAS 7 and PFRS 7, *Disclosures: Supplier Finance Arrangements*

Effective beginning on or after January 1, 2025

- PFRS 17, *Insurance Contracts*
- Amendments to PAS 21, *Lack of exchangeability*

Deferred effectivity

- Amendments to PFRS 10, *Consolidated Financial Statements*, and PAS 28, *Sale or Contribution of Assets between an Investor and its Associate or Joint Venture*

Material Accounting Policy Information

Cash and Cash Equivalents

For purposes of reporting cash flows, cash and cash equivalents include cash and other cash items, amounts due from BSP and other banks that are highly liquid, readily convertible to known amounts of cash, with original maturities of three months or less from dates of placements and that are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value.

Due from BSP includes statutory reserves required by the BSP, which the Bank considers as cash equivalents wherein drawings can be made to meet cash requirement. The components of cash and cash equivalents are shown in the statement of cash flows. Cash and cash equivalents are carried at amortized cost in the statement of financial position.

Fair Value Measurement

The Bank measures assets and liabilities at fair value on initial recognition date. Also, fair values of financial instruments measured at amortized cost and investment properties are disclosed in Note 4.

Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The fair value measurement is based on the presumption that the transaction to sell the asset or transfer the liability takes place either:

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

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



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

If an asset or a liability measured at fair value has a bid price and ask price, the price within the bid ask spread that is most representative of fair value in the circumstance shall be used to measure fair value regardless of where the input is categorized within the fair value hierarchy.

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

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

All assets and liabilities for which fair value is measured or disclosed in the financial statement are categorized within the fair value hierarchy, described as follows, based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement as a whole:

- Level 1 - Quoted (unadjusted) market prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities in the absence of a principal market, in the most advantageous market for the asset or liability
- Level 2 - Valuation techniques for which the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement is directly or indirectly observable
- Level 3 - Valuation techniques for which the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement is unobservable

For assets and liabilities that are recognized in the financial statement at fair value on a recurring basis, the Bank determines whether transfers have occurred between levels in the hierarchy by re-assessing categorization (based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement as a whole) at the end of each reporting period. The Bank does not have assets and liabilities carried at fair value as of December 31, 2023 and 2022.

For the purpose of fair value disclosures, the Bank has determined classes of assets and liabilities on the basis of the nature, characteristics and risks of the asset or liability and the level of the fair value hierarchy as disclosed above (Note 4).

Financial Instruments - Initial Recognition and Subsequent Measurement

Date of recognition

Regular way purchases and sales of financial assets that require delivery of assets within the time frame generally established by regulation or convention in the market, except for derivatives, are recognized on the settlement date. Settlement date is the date on which the transaction is settled by delivery of the assets that are the subject of the agreement. Settlement date accounting refers to (a) the recognition of an asset on the day it is received by the Bank, and (b) the derecognition of an asset and recognition of any gain or loss on disposal on the day that it is delivered by the Bank.

'Day 1' difference

Where the transaction price in a non-active market is different from the fair value from other observable current market transactions in the same instrument or based on a valuation technique whose variables include only data from observable market, the Bank recognizes the difference between the transaction price and fair value (a 'Day 1' difference) in the statement of income under 'Miscellaneous' unless it qualifies for recognition as some other type of asset. In cases where the



transaction price used is made of data which is not observable, the difference between the transaction price and model value is only recognized in the statement of income when the inputs become observable or when the instrument is derecognized. For each transaction, the Bank determines the appropriate method of recognizing the 'Day 1' difference amount.

Classification and measurement of financial assets

As part of its classification process, the Bank assesses the contractual terms of financial assets to identify whether they meet the 'solely payments of principal and interest' (SPPI) test. 'Principal' for the purpose of this test is defined as the fair value of the financial asset at initial recognition and may change over the life of the financial asset (e.g., if there are repayments of principal or amortization of the premium or discount).

The most significant elements of interest within a lending arrangement are typically the consideration for the time value of money and credit risk. To make the SPPI assessment, the Bank applies judgment and considers relevant factors such as the currency in which the financial asset is denominated, and the period for which the interest rate is set. In contrast, contractual terms that introduce a more than de minimis exposure to risks or volatility in the contractual cash flows that are unrelated to a basic lending arrangement do not give rise to contractual cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the amount outstanding. In such cases, the financial asset is required to be measured at fair value through profit or loss (FVTPL).

Business model assessment

The Bank determines its business model at the level that best reflects how it manages banks of financial assets to achieve its business objective.

The Bank's business model is assessed on an instrument-by-instrument basis and is based on observable factors such as:

- How the performance of the business model and the financial assets held within that business model are evaluated and reported to the entity's key management personnel
- The risks that affect the performance of the business model (and the financial assets held within that business model) and, in particular, the way those risks are managed
- The expected frequency, value and timing of sales are also important aspects of the Bank's assessment

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

The solely payments of principal and interest (SPPI) test

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Financial assets at amortized cost

Debt financial assets are measured at amortized cost if both of the following conditions are met:

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

Debt financial assets meeting these criteria are measured initially at fair value plus transaction costs. They are subsequently measured at amortized cost using the effective interest method less any impairment in value, with the interest calculated recognized as 'Interest income' in the statement of income. The Bank classified 'Cash and other cash items', 'Due from BSP', 'Due from other banks', 'Loans and receivables', 'Financial assets at amortized cost' and cash collateral deposits and security deposits (included under 'Other assets') as financial assets at amortized cost.

The Bank may irrevocably elect at initial recognition to classify a financial asset that meets the amortized cost criteria above as at FVTPL if that designation eliminates or significantly reduces an accounting mismatch had the debt financial asset been measured at amortized cost. As of December 31, 2023 and 2022, the Bank has not made such designation.

Financial Instrument – Impairment

ECL represent credit losses that reflect an unbiased and probability-weighted amount which is determined by evaluating a range of possible outcomes, the time value of money and reasonable and supportable information about past events, current conditions and forecasts of future economic conditions. ECL allowances are measured at amounts equal to either (i) 12-month ECL or (ii) lifetime ECL for those financial instruments which have experienced a significant increase in credit risk (SICR) since initial recognition. The 12-month ECL is the portion of lifetime ECL that results from default events on a financial instrument that are possible within the 12 months after the reporting date. Lifetime ECL are credit losses that results from all possible default events over the expected life of a financial instrument.

For non-credit-impaired financial instruments:

- Stage 1 is comprised of all non-impaired financial instruments which have not experienced a SICR since initial recognition. The Bank recognizes a 12-month ECL for Stage 1 financial instruments.
- Stage 2 is comprised of all non-impaired financial instruments which have experienced a SICR since initial recognition. A SICR is deemed present in SME loans with 1 day up to 89 days past due but does not demonstrate objective evidence of impairment as of reporting date. The Bank recognizes a lifetime ECL for Stage 2 financial instruments.



For credit-impaired financial instruments:

- Financial instruments are classified as Stage 3 when there is objective evidence of impairment as a result of one or more loss events that have occurred after initial recognition with a negative impact on the estimated future cash flows of a loan or a portfolio of loans. The ECL model requires that lifetime ECL be recognized for impaired financial instruments.

The Bank recognizes lifetime ECL on all of its non-impaired financial instruments since the Bank assessed that the expected life of its financial assets does not exceed 12 months. As a result, the Bank considers these instruments under Stage 1, regardless of whether SICR already exists since initial recognition.

The Bank uses internal credit assessment and approvals at various levels to determine the credit risk of exposures at initial recognition. Assessment can be quantitative or qualitative and depends on the materiality of the facility or the complexity of the portfolio to be assessed.

The Bank defines a financial instrument as in default, which is fully aligned with the definition of credit impaired, in all cases when the borrower becomes past due on its contractual payments (day 1) in case of microfinance loans and at least 90 days past due in case of SME loans and other credit exposures. As a part of a qualitative assessment of whether a customer is in default, the Bank also considers a variety of instances that may indicate unlikeliness to pay. When such events occur, the Bank carefully considers whether the event should result in treating the customer as defaulted. An instrument is considered to be no longer in default (i.e., to have cured) when it no longer meets any of the default criteria for a consecutive period of 180 days (i.e. consecutive payments from the borrowers for 180 days).

Expected Credit Loss (ECL) is a function of the Probability of Default (PD), Exposure at Default (EAD) and Loss Given Default (LGD), with the timing of the loss also considered, and is estimated by incorporating forward-looking economic information and through the use of experienced credit judgment.

The PD represents the likelihood that a credit exposure will not be repaid and will go into default. EAD represents an estimate of the outstanding amount of credit exposure at the time a default may occur. For off-balance sheet and undrawn amounts, EAD includes an estimate of any further amounts to be drawn at the time of default. LGD is the amount that may not be recovered in the event of default. LGD takes into consideration the amount and quality of any collateral held.

Write-off

Financial assets are written off either partially or in their entirety when the Bank no longer expects collections or recoveries within a foreseeable future. If the amount to be written off is greater than the accumulated loss allowance, the difference is first treated as an addition to the allowance that is then applied against the gross carrying amount. Any subsequent recoveries are credited to credit loss expense.

Restructured receivables

Where possible, the Bank seeks to restructure receivables, which may involve extending the payment arrangements and the agreement of new receivable conditions. Once the terms have been renegotiated, the receivable is no longer considered past due. Management continuously reviews restructured receivables to ensure that all criteria are met and that future payments are likely to occur.



If modifications are considered by the Bank as substantial based on qualitative factors, the loan is derecognized. If a receivable has been renegotiated or modified without this resulting in derecognition, the Bank records a modification gain or loss, to the extent that an impairment loss has not already been recorded, based on the change in cash flows discounted at the loan's original effective interest rate (EIR). Modification gain or loss is recognized in 'Provision for credit losses' in the statement of income. The Bank also assesses whether there has been a SICR by comparing the risk of default at reporting date based on modified terms, and the risk of default at initial recognition date based on original terms. Derecognition decisions and classification between Stages 2 and 3 are determined on a case-by-case basis.

Modification

In certain circumstances, the Bank modifies the original terms and conditions of a credit exposure to form a new loan agreement or payment schedule. The modifications may include, but are not limited to, change in interest rate and terms, principal amount, maturity date, date and amount of periodic payments and accrual of interest and charges.

When the contractual terms of a financial asset are renegotiated or otherwise modified due to reasons other than impairment (i.e., statutory relief) and the renegotiation or modification does not result in the derecognition of that financial asset, the Bank shall recalculate the gross carrying amount of the financial asset and shall recognize the net modification gain or loss in the statements of income as a deduction in interest.

Derecognition of Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities

Financial assets

A financial asset (or, where applicable, a part of a financial asset or part of a group of financial assets) is derecognized when:

- the rights to receive cash flows from the asset have expired; or
- the Bank retains the right to receive cash flows from the asset, but has assumed an obligation to pay them in full without material delay to a third party under a 'pass-through' arrangement; or
- the Bank has transferred its rights to receive cash flows from the asset and either (a) has transferred substantially all the risks and rewards of the asset, or (b) has neither transferred nor retained the risks and rewards of the asset but has transferred control over the asset.

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

The transfer of risks and rewards is evaluated by comparing the Bank's exposure, before and after the transfer, with the variability in the amounts and timing of the net cash flows of the transferred asset. The Bank has retained substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of a financial asset if its exposure to the variability in the present value of the future net cash flows from the financial asset does not change significantly as a result of the transfer (e.g., because the entity has sold a financial asset subject to an agreement to buy it back at a fixed price or the sole price plus a lender's return). The Bank has transferred substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of a financial asset if its exposure to such variability is no longer significant in relation to the total variability in the present value of the future net cash flows associated with the financial asset (e.g., because the entity has sold



a financial asset subject only to an option to buy it back at its fair value at the time of repurchase or has transferred fully proportionate share of the cash flows from a larger financial asset in an agreement).

Whether the Bank has retained control of the transferred asset depends on the transferee's ability to sell the asset. If the transferee has the practical ability to sell the asset in its entirety to an unrelated third party and is able to exercise that ability unilaterally and without needing to impose additional restrictions on the transfer, the entity has not retained control.

Financial liabilities

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

Prepayments

Prepayments are expenses paid in advance and recorded as asset before they are utilized. This account consists of prepaid rentals and prepaid expenses under 'Other assets' in the statement of financial position. Prepayments are apportioned over the period covered by the payments and charged to the appropriate accounts in the statements of income when incurred.

Property and Equipment

The Bank's property and equipment consist of land, building, equipment and right-of-use assets that do not qualify as investment properties.

Property and equipment are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses, if any.

The initial cost of property and equipment consists of its purchase price, including nonrefundable taxes and any directly attributable costs of bringing the asset to its working condition and location for its intended use. Expenditures incurred after items of property and equipment have been put into operation, such as repairs and maintenance are normally charged against operations in the period in which the costs are incurred. In situations where it can be clearly demonstrated that the expenditures have resulted in an increase in the future economic benefits expected to be obtained from the use of an item of property and equipment beyond its originally assessed standard of performance, the expenditures are capitalized as an additional cost of property and equipment.

Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives (EUL) of the respective assets. Leasehold improvements are amortized over lease term and the shorter of the terms of the covering leases and EUL of the improvements.

The range of the EULs of the property and equipment follows:

Building and improvements	3 to 10 years
Furniture, fixtures, and equipment	1 to 5 years
Transportation equipment	5 to 7 years
Leasehold improvements	3 to 5 years or term of the lease, whichever is shorter
ROU assets – office space	1.5 to 10 years or term of the lease, whichever is shorter
ROU assets – vehicles	1.5 to 2 years or term of the lease, whichever is shorter



The depreciation method and the EULs are reviewed periodically to ensure that the period and the method of depreciation are consistent with the expected pattern of economic benefits from items of property and equipment.

Fully depreciated assets are retained in the accounts until they are no longer in use and no further depreciation is credited against profit or loss.

An item of property and equipment is derecognized upon disposal or when no future economic benefits are expected from its use or disposal. Any gain or loss arising from derecognition of the asset (calculated as the difference between the net disposal proceeds and the carrying amount of the asset) is included in the statement of income under 'Net gain or loss on sale of asset' in the period the asset is derecognized.

The carrying values of the property and equipment are reviewed for impairment when events or changes in circumstances indicate the carrying value may not be recoverable. If any such indication exists and where the carrying values exceed the estimated recoverable amount, an impairment loss is recognized under 'Provision for credit and impairment losses' in the statement of income.

Investment Properties

Investment properties are measured initially at cost, including transaction costs. An investment property acquired through an exchange transaction is measured at fair value of the asset acquired unless the fair value of such an asset cannot be measured in which case the investment property acquired is measured at the carrying amount of asset given up. Foreclosed properties are classified under 'Investment properties' upon either: a) entry of judgment in case of judicial foreclosure, b) execution of sheriff's certificate of sale in case of extra-judicial foreclosure; or c) notarization of the deed of dacion in case of payment in kind (dacion en pago).

The difference between the fair value of the asset acquired and the carrying amount of the asset given up is recognized under 'Other income' in the statement of income.

Subsequent to initial recognition, investment properties are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation (for depreciable investment properties) and accumulated impairment losses, if any.

Depreciation on buildings and improvements is calculated on a straight-line basis over the EUL of ten years from the time of acquisition of the depreciable investment properties.

Investment properties are derecognized when they have either been disposed of or when the investment property is permanently withdrawn from use and no future benefit is expected from its disposal. Any gains or losses on the retirement or disposal of an investment property are recognized in the statement of income in the period of retirement or disposal. Expenditures incurred after the investment properties have been put into operations, such as repairs and maintenance costs, are charged against income in the period in which the costs are incurred.

Transfers are made to investment properties when, and only when, there is a change in use evidenced by cessation of owner-occupation or commencement of an operating lease to another party or ending of construction or development. Transfers are made from investment property when, and only when, there is a change in use, evidenced by commencement of owner-occupation or commencement of development with a view to sale.



Intangible Assets

Intangible assets acquired separately are measured on initial recognition at cost. The cost of intangible assets acquired in a business combination is their fair value at the date of acquisition. Following initial recognition, intangible assets are carried at cost less any accumulated amortization and accumulated impairment losses. Internally generated intangibles, excluding capitalized development costs, are not capitalized and the related expenditure is reflected in profit or loss in the period in which the expenditure is incurred.

The useful lives of intangible assets are assessed as either finite or indefinite. Intangible assets with finite lives are amortized over the useful economic life and assessed for impairment whenever there is an indication that the intangible asset may be impaired. The amortization period and method for an intangible asset with a finite useful life are reviewed at least at the end of each reporting period. Changes in the expected useful life or the expected pattern of consumption of future economic benefits embodied in the asset are considered to modify the amortization period or method, as appropriate, and are treated as changes in accounting estimates. The amortization expense on intangible assets with finite lives is recognized in the statement of income in the expense category that is consistent with the function of the intangible assets.

Intangible assets consist of software costs which are amortized on a straight-line basis over three years.

Gains or losses arising from derecognition of an intangible asset are measured as the difference between the net disposal proceeds and the carrying amount of the asset and are recognized in the statement of income when the asset is derecognized.

Impairment of Nonfinancial Assets

At each reporting date, the Bank assesses whether there is any indication that its nonfinancial assets may be impaired. When an indicator of impairment exists or when an annual impairment testing for an asset is required, the Bank makes a formal estimate of recoverable amount.

Recoverable amount is the higher of an asset's fair value less costs to sell and its value in use (VIU) and is determined for an individual asset, unless the asset does not generate cash inflows that are largely independent of those from other assets or group of assets, in which case the recoverable amount is assessed as part of the cash generating unit (CGU) to which it belongs.

Where the carrying amount of an asset exceeds its recoverable amount, the asset (or CGU) is considered impaired and is written down to its recoverable amount. In assessing VIU, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset.

An impairment loss is charged against operations in the period in which it arises. An assessment is made at each reporting date as to whether there is any indication that previously recognized impairment losses may no longer exist or may have decreased. If such indication exists, the recoverable amount is estimated. A previously recognized impairment loss is reversed only if there has been a change in the estimates used to determine the asset's recoverable amount since the last impairment loss was recognized. If that is the case, the carrying amount of the asset is increased to its recoverable amount. That increased amount cannot exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined, net of depreciation and amortization, had no impairment loss been recognized for the asset in prior years. Such reversal is recognized in the statement of income. After such a reversal, the depreciation and amortization expense are adjusted in future period to allocate the asset's revised carrying amount, less any residual value, on a systematic basis over its remaining life.



Retirement Benefits

Defined benefit plan

The Bank operates a defined benefit retirement plan and a hybrid retirement plan which require contribution to be made to a separately administered fund. The net defined benefit liability or asset is the aggregate of the present value of the defined benefit obligation at the end of the reporting period reduced by the fair value of plan assets and adjusted for any effect of limiting a net defined benefit asset to the asset ceiling. The asset ceiling is the present value of any economic benefits available in the form of refunds from the plan or reductions in future contributions to the plan.

The cost of providing benefits under the defined benefit plans is actuarially determined using the projected unit credit method.

Defined benefit costs comprise the following:

- service cost;
- net interest on the net defined benefit liability or asset; and
- remeasurements of net defined benefit liability or asset.

Service costs which include current service costs, past service costs and gains or losses on non-routine settlements are recognized as expenses in the statement of income. Past service costs are recognized when plan amendment or curtailment occurs. These amounts are calculated periodically by independent qualified actuaries.

Net interest on the net defined benefit liability or asset is the change during the period in the net defined benefit liability or asset that arises from the passage of time which is determined by applying the discount rate based on government bonds to the net defined benefit liability or asset. Net interest on the net defined benefit liability or asset is recognized as expense or income in the statement of income. Retirement expense is presented under 'Compensation and fringe benefits' in the statement of income.

Remeasurements comprising actuarial gains and losses, return on plan assets and any change in the effect of the asset ceiling (excluding net interest on defined benefit liability) are recognized immediately in the statement of financial position with a corresponding debit or credit to 'Changes in remeasurement gain (loss) on retirement liabilities' under other comprehensive income (OCI) in the period in which they arise. Remeasurements are not reclassified to the statement of income in subsequent periods.

Plan assets are assets that are held by a long-term employee benefit fund. Plan assets are not available to the creditors of the Bank, nor can they be paid directly to the Bank. Fair value of plan assets is based on market price information. When no market price is available, the fair value of plan assets is estimated by discounting expected future cash flows using a discount rate that reflects both the risk associated with the plan assets and the maturity or expected disposal date of those assets (or, if they have no maturity, the expected period until the settlement of the related obligations). If the fair value of the plan assets is higher than the present value of the defined benefit obligation, the measurement of the resulting defined benefit asset is limited to the present value of economic benefits available in the form of refunds from the plan or reductions in future contributions to the plan.

Employee leave entitlement

Employee entitlements to annual leave are recognized as a liability when they are accrued to the employees. The undiscounted liability for leave expected to be settled wholly before 12 months after the end of the annual reporting period is recognized for services rendered by employees up to the end of the reporting period.



Equity

Common stock

Common stock represents the aggregate amount of paid capital stock which is determined using the nominal or par value of shares that have been issued. When the shares are sold at a premium, the difference between the proceeds and par value is credited to 'Capital paid in excess of par value', net of direct costs incurred related to the equity issuance. If 'Capital paid in excess of par value' is not sufficient, the excess is charged against surplus.

Subscribed common stock is recognized at subscribed amount net of subscription receivable. This will be debited upon full payment of the subscription and issuance of the shares of stock.

Subscriptions receivable pertains to uncollected portion of subscribed stocks. The subscription receivable is presented as asset when it is expected to be collected within 12 months or contra-equity when it is expected to be collected for more than 12 months.

Surplus

Surplus represents the accumulated earnings, dividend contributions, prior period adjustments, effect of changes in accounting policy and other capital adjustments.

Own equity instruments which are reacquired (treasury stocks) are recognized at cost and deducted from equity. No gain or loss is recognized in the statement of income on the purchase, sale, issue or cancellation of the Bank's own equity instruments. Any difference between the carrying amount and the consideration, if reissued, is recognized in 'Capital paid in excess of par value'. Voting rights related to treasury stocks are nullified for the Bank and no dividends are allocated to them. When the stocks are retired, the 'Common stock' account is reduced by its par value and the excess of cost over par value upon retirement is debited to 'Capital paid in excess of par value' at the time the stocks were retired and to surplus for the remaining balance.

Dividends

Dividend distributions are at the discretion of the Bank. A dividend distribution to the Bank's shareholders is accounted for as a deduction from retained earnings. A proposed cash or stock dividend is recognized as a liability in the period in which it is approved by the BOD.

Deposit for Future Stock Subscription

Deposit for future stock subscription (DFS) shall be classified under equity account if all of the following conditions are present as of reporting date:

- the unissued authorized capital stock of the Bank is insufficient to cover the amount of shares indicated in the contract;
- there is BOD approval on the proposed increase in authorized capital stock (for which a deposit was received by the Bank);
- there is stockholders' approval of said proposed increase; and
- the application for the approval of the proposed increase has been filed with the BSP and the SEC.

DFS does not meet the foregoing provisions and is treated as a non-financial liability.

Other Comprehensive Income

OCI comprises items of income and expenses that are recognized directly in equity. OCI items are either reclassified to profit or loss or directly within equity in subsequent periods.



Revenue Recognition

Under PFRS 15, *Revenue from Contracts with Customers*, revenue is recognized upon transfer of services to the customer at an amount that reflects the consideration to which the Bank expects to be entitled in exchange for those services.

The following specific recognition criteria must also be met before the revenue is recognized:

Gain (loss) on sale of assets – net

Gain or loss from exchange or sale of assets is recognized upon completion of the earning process. For disposal of nonfinancial assets, this will include whether the collectability of the consideration is reasonably assured.

Loan fees, service fees and penalties

Loan fees are recognized over the term of the credit lines granted to each borrower. Service fees are accrued when earned. Penalties are recognized only upon collection or where there is a reasonable degree of certainty as to their collectability. These items are recognized under 'Miscellaneous income' in the statement of income.

Revenue outside the scope of PFRS 15

Interest income

For all financial assets measured at amortized cost, interest income is recorded at EIR, which is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash payments or receipts through the expected life of the financial instrument or a shorter period, where appropriate, to the net carrying amount of the financial asset or financial liability. The calculation takes into account all contractual terms of the financial instrument including any fees or incremental costs that are directly attributable to the instrument and are an integral part of the EIR, but not future credit losses.

Under PFRS 9, when a financial asset becomes credit-impaired, the Bank calculates interest income by applying the EIR to the net amortized cost of the financial asset. If the financial asset cures and is no longer credit-impaired, the Bank reverts to calculating interest income on a gross basis.

Expense Recognition

Expense is recognized when it is probable that decrease in the future economic benefits related to decrease in an asset or an increase in liability has occurred and that the decrease in economic benefits can be measured reliably. Revenues and expenses that relate to the same transaction or other event are recognized simultaneously.

Expenses encompass losses as well as those expenses that arise in the course of the ordinary activities of the Bank. Expenses are recognized when incurred.

Interest expense

Interest expense for all interest-bearing financial liabilities is recognized in 'Interest expense' in the statement of income using the EIR of the financial liabilities to which they relate.

Taxes and licenses

This includes all other taxes, local and national, including gross receipts taxes (GRT), documentary taxes, real estate taxes, licenses and permit fees that are recognized when incurred.

Leases

The Bank determines at contract inception whether a contract is, or contains, a lease by assessing whether the contract conveys the right to control the use of an identified asset for a period of time in exchange for consideration.



Bank as a lessee

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

- **Right-of-use assets**

At the commencement date of the lease (i.e., the date the underlying asset is available for use), the Bank recognizes right-of-use assets measured at cost. The cost of right-of-use assets includes the amount of lease liabilities recognized, initial direct costs incurred, and lease payments made at or before the commencement date less any lease incentives received. Subsequent to initial recognition, the Bank measures the right-of-use assets at cost less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses and adjusted for any remeasurement of lease liabilities.

The Bank presents the right-of-use assets in 'Property and equipment' and subjects it to impairment in line with the Bank's policy on impairment of nonfinancial assets.

- **Lease liabilities**

At the commencement date of the lease, the Bank recognizes lease liabilities measured at the present value of lease payments to be made over the lease term discounted using the Bank's incremental borrowing rate with a similar security, the funds necessary to obtain an asset of a similar value to the right-of-use asset in a similar economic environment. The lease payments include fixed payments, any variable lease payments that depend on an index or a rate, and any amounts expected to be paid under residual value guarantees. The lease payments also include the exercise price of a purchase option reasonably certain to be exercised by the Bank and payments of penalties for terminating the lease, if the lease term reflects exercising the option to terminate. Variable lease payments that do not depend on an index or a rate are recognized as expenses in the period in which the event or condition that triggers the payment occurs.

After the commencement date of the lease, the Bank measures the lease liabilities by increasing the carrying amount to reflect interest on the lease liabilities (recorded in 'Interest expense on bills payable and other borrowings'), reducing the carrying amount to reflect the lease payments made, and remeasuring the carrying amount to reflect any reassessment or lease modifications, or to reflect revised in-substance fixed lease payments.

- **Short-term leases and leases of low-value assets**

The Bank applies the short-term lease recognition exemption to its leases that have a lease term of 12 months or less from the commencement date and do not contain a purchase option, and the leases of low-value assets recognition exemption to its leases of office spaces and other equipment that are considered of low value (i.e., below ₱350,000). Lease payments on short-term leases and leases of low-value assets are recognized as expense under 'Occupancy and equipment-related costs' on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

Bank as a lessor

For finance leases where the Bank transfers substantially all the risks and rewards incidental to ownership of the leased item, the Bank recognizes a lease receivable in the statement of financial position at an amount equivalent to the net investment (asset cost) in the lease. The Bank includes all income resulting from the receivable in 'Interest income on loans and receivables' in the statement of income.



The residual value of leased assets, which approximates the amount of guaranty deposit paid by the lessee at the inception of the lease, is the estimated proceeds from the sale of the leased asset at the end of the lease term. At the end of the lease term, the residual value of the leased asset is generally applied against the guaranty deposit of the lessee when the lessee decides to buy the leased asset.

In operating leases where the Bank does not transfer substantially all the risks and rewards incidental to ownership of an asset, the Bank recognizes rental income on a straight-line basis over the lease terms. The Bank adds back the initial direct costs incurred in negotiating and arranging an operating lease to the carrying amount of the leased asset and recognizes them as rental income over the lease term on the same basis. The Bank recognizes contingent rents as revenue in the period in which they are earned.

Income Taxes

Income tax on profit or loss for the year comprises current and deferred taxes. Income tax is determined in accordance with tax laws and is recognized in the statement of income, except to the extent that it relates to items directly recognized in OCI.

Current tax

Current tax assets and liabilities for the current periods are measured at the amount expected to be recovered from or paid to the taxation authorities. The tax rates and tax laws used to compute the amount are those that are enacted or substantively enacted at the reporting date.

Deferred tax

Deferred tax is provided, using the balance sheet method, on all temporary differences at the reporting date between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts for financial reporting purposes.

Deferred tax liabilities are recognized for all taxable temporary differences. Deferred tax assets are recognized for all deductible temporary differences, carryforward benefits of unused tax credits from excess minimum corporate income tax (MCIT) over regular corporate income tax (RCIT) and unused net operating loss carryover (NOLCO), to the extent that it is probable that future taxable income will be available against which the deductible temporary differences and carryforward benefits of unused excess MCIT over RCIT and unused NOLCO can be utilized.

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

Unrecognized deferred tax assets are reassessed at each reporting date and are recognized to the extent that it has become probable that future taxable income will allow the deferred tax asset to be recovered.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured at the tax rates that are applicable to the period when the asset is realized or the liability is settled, based on tax rates (and tax laws) that have been enacted or substantively enacted at the reporting date.

Current and deferred taxes relating to items recognized directly in equity are recognized in OCI, and not in the statement of income.

Deferred tax assets and deferred tax liabilities are offset if a legally enforceable right exists to set off current tax assets against current tax liabilities and deferred taxes relate to the same taxable entity and the same taxation authority.



Provisions and Contingencies

Provisions are recognized when the Bank has a present obligation (legal or constructive) as a result of a past event and it is probable that an outflow of resources embodying economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation. Where the Bank expects some or all of a provision to be reimbursed, the reimbursement is recognized as a separate asset but only when the reimbursement is virtually certain. The expense relating to any provision is presented in the statement of income, net of any reimbursement. If the effect of the time value of money is material, provisions are determined by discounting the expected future cash flows at a pre-tax rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and, where appropriate, the risks specific to the liability. Where discounting is used, the increase in the provision due to the passage of time is recognized under 'Interest expense' in the statement of income.

Contingent liabilities are not recognized in the financial statements but are disclosed unless the possibility of an outflow of resources embodying economic benefits is remote. Contingent assets are not recognized but are disclosed in the financial statements when an inflow of economic benefits is probable.

Events After the Reporting Date

Any post-year-end events that provide additional information about the Bank's position at the reporting date (adjusting events) are reflected in the financial statements. Post-year-end events that are not adjusting events, if any, are disclosed when material to the financial statements.

3. Significant Accounting Judgments and Estimates

The preparation of the Bank's financial statements in accordance with PFRSs requires the management to make judgments and estimates that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenue and expenses and disclosure of contingent assets and contingent liabilities, if any. Future events may occur which will cause the judgments used in arriving at the estimates to change. The effects of any change in estimates are reflected in the financial statements as they become reasonably determinable.

Judgments and estimates 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.

Judgments

(a) Fair value of financial instruments

Where the fair values of financial assets and financial liabilities recognized or disclosed in the statements of financial position cannot be derived from active markets, these are determined using internal valuation techniques using generally accepted market valuation models.

The inputs to these models are taken from observable markets where possible, but where this is not feasible, a degree of judgment is required in establishing fair values. These judgments may include considerations of liquidity and model inputs such as correlation and volatility for longer dated derivatives.

Estimates

The key assumptions concerning the future and other key sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date, which have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next period, are described below. The Bank based its assumptions and estimates on parameters available when the financial statements were prepared. Existing



circumstances and assumptions about future developments, however, may change due to market changes or circumstances beyond the control of the Bank. Such changes are reflected in the assumptions when they occur.

(a) Expected credit losses on financial assets

The Bank reviews its financial assets and commitments at each reporting date to determine the amount of expected credit losses to be recognized in the balance sheet and any changes thereto in the statement of income. In particular, judgments and estimates by management are required in determining the following:

- whether a financial asset has had a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition;
- whether default has taken place and what comprises a default;
- macro-economic factors that are relevant in measuring a financial asset's probability of default as well as the Bank's forecast of these macro-economic factors;
- probability weights applied over a range of possible outcomes; and
- sufficiency and appropriateness of data used, and relationships assumed in building the components of the Bank's expected credit loss models.

The related allowance for credit losses of financial assets is disclosed in Note 7.

(b) Present value of defined benefit obligation

The cost of defined benefit retirement plan and other post-employment benefits is determined using actuarial valuations. The actuarial valuation involves making assumptions about discount rates, future salary increases, and mortality rates. Due to the complexity of the valuation, the underlying assumptions and long-term nature of these plans, such estimates are subject to significant uncertainty. All assumptions are reviewed at each reporting date.

In determining the appropriate discount rate, management considers the market yields on Philippine government bonds with terms consistent with the expected employee benefit payout at reporting date, with extrapolated maturities corresponding to the expected duration of the defined benefit obligation. Future salary increases are based on expected future inflation rates for the specific country. The mortality rate is based on publicly available mortality tables for the specific country and is modified accordingly with estimates of mortality improvements.

The present value of the retirement liability and fair value of plan assets are disclosed in Note 20.

4. Fair Value Measurement and Fair Value Hierarchy

Fair Value Measurement

As of December 31, 2023, and 2022, except as discussed below, the carrying values of the Bank's financial assets and financial liabilities as reflected in the statements of financial position and related notes approximate their fair values.

Inputs used in estimating fair values of financial instruments carried at cost and categorized under Level 3 include risk-free rates and applicable risk premium.

The methods and assumptions used by the Bank in estimating fair values of financial instruments and nonfinancial asset for which fair value is disclosed are as follows:



Cash and other cash items, due from BSP, due from other banks, current portion of receivables and unquoted debt securities, accrued interest receivable, refundable deposits, current portion of deposit liabilities, bills payable and finance lease liabilities, deposits for future stock subscription, accrued expenses, accrued interest payable, accounts payable and dividends payable

Carrying values of these financial instruments approximate their fair values in view of the short-term maturities of these instruments.

Accrued vacation leave credits

Carrying values of the accrued vacation leave credits approximate their fair values since these are recognized at discounted value.

Non-current portion of unquoted debt securities, financial assets at amortized cost, refundable deposits

Fair values of noncurrent portion of unquoted debt securities, financial assets at amortized cost, refundable deposit and accrued vacation leave were determined using the discounted cash flow method.

Investment properties

Fair values of the Bank's investment properties have been determined based on valuations made by independent external appraiser based on the recent sales of similar properties in the same area as the investment properties and taking into account the economic conditions prevailing at the time the valuations were made, and comparability of similar properties sold with the property being valued.

The following table summarizes the valuation techniques used and the significant unobservable inputs valuation used by the Bank:

	Valuation Techniques	Significant Unobservable inputs
Investment Property - Land	Market Data Approach	Location, size, shape, utility/neighborhood, improvements and time element
Investment Property – Building	Modified Quantity Survey Approach	Depreciated replacement cost
Noncurrent portion of unquoted debt securities and financial assets at amortized cost	Discounted cash flows method	Interpolated Philippine zero rates ranging from 5.08% to 6.22% and from 3.79% to 6.68% in 2023 and 2022, respectively.
Noncurrent portion of refundable deposits	Discounted cash flows method	Incremental borrowing rates ranging from 5.93% to 7.08% and from 3.72% to 5.96% in 2023 and 2022, respectively.

Description of the valuation techniques, inputs and assumptions used to value the Bank's investment properties are as follows:

Valuation Techniques	Description
Market Data Approach	A process of comparing the subject property being appraised to similar comparable properties recently sold or being offered for sale.
Modified Quantity Survey Approach	A method wherein each building component is priced based on the current cost of materials and labor and indirect costs such as contractor's profits, overhead, taxes, fees and other related expenses are then added in lump sum.



Fair Value Hierarchy

The following table summarizes the carrying values and the fair values by level of the fair value hierarchy of the Bank's assets and liabilities that are carried at fair value or for which fair values is disclosed as at December 31, 2023 and 2022:

	2023				Total Fair Value
	Carrying Value	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	
Assets and liabilities for which fair values are disclosed*:					
<i>Financial assets</i>					
Loans and receivables					
SME (Small and medium-sized enterprises) loans	₱1,336,031,700	₱—	₱—	₱1,021,155,830	₱1,021,155,830
Unquoted debt securities	92,980,762	—	—	74,644,870	74,644,870
Financial assets at amortized cost	341,666,157	—	—	357,565,171	357,565,171
Other asset - refundable deposits	17,771,417	—	—	17,771,417	17,771,417
<i>Nonfinancial asset</i>					
Investment properties	6,037,637	—	—	4,600,000	4,600,000
<i>Financial liabilities</i>					
Deposit liabilities	1,169,713,760	—	—	1,163,647,861	1,163,647,861
<i>*Pertains to noncurrent assets and liabilities</i>					

*Pertains to noncurrent assets and liabilities

	2022				Total Fair Value
	Carrying Value	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	
Assets and liabilities for which fair values are disclosed*:					
<i>Financial assets</i>					
Loans and receivables					
SME (Small and medium-sized enterprises) loans	₱972,034,157	₱—	₱—	₱769,569,954	₱769,569,954
Unquoted debt securities	121,258,561	—	—	98,781,658	98,781,658
Financial assets at amortized cost	349,201,288	—	—	338,754,216	338,754,216
Other asset - refundable deposits	19,908,037	—	—	16,332,066	16,332,066
<i>Nonfinancial asset</i>					
Investment properties	3,878,425	—	—	17,412,000	17,412,000
<i>Financial liabilities</i>					
Deposit liabilities	1,075,519,845	—	—	1,070,465,867	1,070,465,867

*Pertains to noncurrent assets and liabilities

As of December 31, 2023 and 2022, the Bank has no financial instruments carried at fair value.

There were no transfers between Level 1 and Level 2 fair value measurements and no transfers into and out of Level 3 fair value measurements in 2023 and 2022.

5. Financial and Operational Risk Management Policies and Procedures

Financial Risk Management Policies and Procedures

In the course of the business cycle, the Bank has exposure to the following risks from its use of financial instruments: (a) credit risk; (b) market risk; and (c) liquidity risk.

The Bank adheres to the proactive and prudent approach of managing the business that recognizes and manages risks to continuously provide quality financial services to clients and to protect shareholders' value.



Risk management process involves setting of revenue goals, definition of risk philosophy and creating risk culture, determining opportunities that would create risk in the future, identifying and assessing the risk, evaluating and defining risk tolerance, taking actions to mitigate and control the risks through defined roles and responsibilities, close monitoring of the scenarios, reporting of risk taking performance, revalidation of risk methodologies and adjustment of the systems and policies necessary to effectively minimize risk level.

The BOD through its Credit Risk Management Committee (CRMC) is responsible for the development and oversight of the Bank's risk management program, identification and evaluation of risk exposures, monitoring the Bank's implementation of risk management policies and procedures, and for reviewing and evaluating the adequacy of risk management framework in relation to the risks faced by the Bank. The CRMC regularly reports to the BOD the results of reviews of actual implementation of risk management policies. Risk management of the Bank is strengthened in conjunction with Audit Committee (AC) and Internal Audit (IA) functions. IA undertakes both regular and ad hoc reviews of risk management controls and procedures, the results of which are reported to the AC.

Credit Risk

Credit risk is the risk of financial loss to the Bank if the counterparty to a financial instrument fails to meet its contractual obligations. The Bank manages and controls credit risk by setting limits on the amount of risk it is willing to accept for individual counterparties and for geographical and industry concentrations, and by monitoring exposures in relation to such limits.

Management of credit risk

Credit risk is being managed by instilling credit discipline both among the Bank's staff and the borrowers. The Bank's staff performs in-depth credit evaluation and close monitoring of accounts throughout the borrowing period; hence, on-time service delivery motivates the borrowers to fulfill their financial obligation to the highest standards. Borrowers are well-oriented on the credit repayment design they undertake.

For microfinance loans, loan portfolio is diversified in different economic activities or projects. There is geographical diversification to spread the risk brought about by natural calamities. Proper target market selection, rigorous character and background investigation, members' or borrowers' education or training on credit discipline in microfinance and validation of utilization of loan proceeds are applied. Intensive monitoring of all branches is conducted by the Area Manager (AM), Regional Director (RD) and Executive Vice President (EVP). Staff skills and competencies are regularly updated. Strategies are identified to manage competitors. Development of new client or market-oriented loan or deposit products and enhancement of product design systems and procedures, monitoring of members without loans and motivating qualified members to borrow are regularly done. Cost-cutting measures were planted to achieve improved profitability. Financial ratios and evaluation of compliance with BSP standards are regularly monitored.

Furthermore, the Bank has a preventive delinquency management approach through proper and strict credit delivery, monitoring and collection. Close monitoring through conduct of weekly center meetings is being implemented allowing the early determination of early warning signals on each borrower-member. A daily monitoring on the number of defaulted members and intensive follow-up areas are strictly being implemented. Various remedial measures are likewise being implemented to allow rehabilitation of defaulted borrowers. Defaulted borrowers which failed to cooperate despite remedial efforts done are referred to the Bank's legal counsel for collection or filing of appropriate legal action.



In general, borrowers are also perpetual savers. Consequently, their Pledge Savings accounts are pledged and serve as guarantee to their loans, which increase their borrowing capacity. Each business unit has a Unit Manager who reports on all credit-related matters to the local management consisting of the AM, RD and EVP.

Each business unit is responsible for the quality and performance of its credit portfolio and for monitoring and controlling all credit risks in its portfolio. Regular audits of business units and credit processes are undertaken by Internal Auditors.

All past due or impaired accounts are reported on a daily, weekly, and monthly basis to the BOD. Consistent monitoring for this group of accounts is established by competent and diligent staff to maximize recovery. Incentives have been established and subjected to review and assessment periodically. These are given to staff to recover from the accounts and to fully instill credit discipline to borrowers. Restructuring of loan payments are done after full compliance of approved policies and procedures. Writing-off bad accounts is approved by the BOD and reported to the BSP in compliance with the Manual of Regulations for Banks.

Maximum exposure to credit risk

The tables below provide the analysis of the maximum exposure to credit risk of the Bank's financial instruments, excluding those where the carrying values as reflected in the statements of financial position and related notes already represent the financial instrument's maximum exposure to credit risk, before and after taking into account collateral held or other credit enhancements.

2023				
	Maximum Exposure to Credit Risk*	Fair Value of Collateral and Credit Enhancements	Financial Effect of Collateral or Credit Enhancements	Net Exposure to Credit Risk
Loans and receivables:				
Microfinance loans	₱6,757,581,018	₱1,598,866,407	₱1,377,727,577	₱5,379,853,441
SME loans	1,730,954,490	350,150,751	257,033,488	1,473,921,002
	₱8,488,535,508	₱1,949,017,158	₱1,634,761,065	₱6,853,774,443

*Includes accrued interest receivable and net of unearned discount and allowance for credit losses.

2022				
	Maximum Exposure to Credit Risk*	Fair Value of Collateral and Credit Enhancements	Financial Effect of Collateral or Credit Enhancements	Net Exposure to Credit Risk
Loans and receivables:				
Microfinance loans	₱5,595,636,592	₱1,210,866,308	₱1,185,503,426	₱4,410,133,167
SME loans	1,271,757,875	1,112,868,922	367,658,176	904,099,700
	₱6,867,394,467	₱2,323,735,230	₱1,553,161,602	₱5,314,232,867

*Includes accrued interest receivable and net of unearned discount and allowance for credit losses.

Credit enhancement for microfinance loans pertains to deposit hold-out from center fund savings equivalent to 15.00% of the loaned amount of the member as of December 31, 2023 and 2022. For SME loans, collateral includes real and chattel mortgages while credit enhancement consists of deposit hold-out equivalent to 10.00% of the loaned amount or the related actual savings account balance in excess of the minimum maintaining balance, whichever is lower.

As of December 31, 2023 and 2022, the Bank has no financial assets with rights to offset in accordance with Amendments to PAS 32, *Financial Instruments-Offsetting Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities*. There are also no financial instruments that are subject to an enforceable master netting arrangements or similar agreements which require disclosure in the financial statements in accordance with PFRSs.



Additionally, the tables below show the distribution of maximum credit exposure by industry sector of the Bank as of December 31, 2023 and 2022:

	2023				Total
	Due from BSP and other banks	Loans and receivables	Financial assets at amortized cost	Refundable deposits*	
Wholesale and retail trade repair of motor vehicles, motorcycles, and personal and household goods	P=	P3,342,886,577	P=	P=	P3,342,886,577
Government	789,008,424	181,623	—	—	789,190,048
Financial intermediation	58,261,044	100,519,634	341,666,157	—	500,446,834
Real estate, renting and business activities	—	147,918,122	—	17,771,417	165,689,539
Restaurant and hotels	—	717,444,611	—	—	717,444,611
Agriculture	—	1,196,018,159	—	—	1,196,018,159
Manufacturing	—	328,841,616	—	—	328,841,616
Transport, storage, and communication	—	95,433,367	—	—	95,433,367
Education	—	131,462,480	—	—	131,462,480
Construction Private households with employed persons	—	660,738,286	—	—	660,738,286
Health and social work Construction	—	274,888,904	—	—	274,888,904
Water and electricity	—	6,951,261	—	—	6,951,261
Other community, social, and personal service activities Other community, social, and personal service activities	—	1,607,481,508	—	—	1,607,481,508
	847,269,468	8,610,766,148	341,666,157	17,771,417	9,817,473,190
Allowance for credit losses	—	(421,178,620)	—	—	(421,178,620)
Unearned interest and discount	—	(8,760,125)	—	—	(8,760,125)
Total	P847,269,468	P8,180,827,403	P341,666,157	P17,771,417	9,387,534,445

*Included under 'Other assets' (Note 12)

	2022				Total
	Due from BSP and other banks	Loans and receivables	Financial assets at amortized cost	Refundable deposits*	
Wholesale trade and retail trade repair of motor vehicles, motorcycles, and personal and household goods	P=	P4,044,383,925	P=	P=	P4,044,383,925
Government	782,905,676	—	—	—	782,905,676
Financial intermediation	93,298,265	3,856,532	349,201,288	—	446,356,085
Real estate, renting and business activities	—	11,330,504	—	19,908,037	31,238,541
Restaurant and hotels	—	587,186,497	—	—	587,186,497
Agriculture	—	581,493,385	—	—	581,493,385
Manufacturing	—	346,936,524	—	—	346,936,524
Transport, storage, and communication	—	67,510,787	—	—	67,510,787
Education	—	48,376,377	—	—	48,376,377
Construction Private households with employed persons	—	458,857,345	—	—	458,857,345
Health and social work Construction	—	129,027,070	—	—	129,027,070
Water and electricity	—	2,841,310	—	—	2,841,310
Other community, social, and personal service activities Other community, social, and personal service activities	—	736,565,793	—	—	736,565,793
	876,203,941	7,018,366,049	349,201,288	19,908,037	8,263,679,315
Allowance for credit losses	—	(398,931,015)	—	—	(398,931,015)
Unearned interest and discount	—	(6,599,178)	—	—	(6,599,178)
Total	P876,203,941	P6,612,835,856	P349,201,288	P19,908,037	7,858,149,122

*Included under 'Other assets' (Note 12)

Credit quality per class of financial assets

In compliance with BSP Circular No. 855, the Bank is developing and continually reviews and calibrates its internal risk rating system for credit exposures aimed at uniformly assessing its credit portfolio in terms of risk profile. Where appropriate, it obtains security and limit the duration of exposures to maintain and even further enhance the quality of the Bank's credit exposures.

The credit quality of financial assets is monitored and managed using internal ratings.



For SME loan exposures, the credit quality is generally monitored using its internal borrower risk rating system. It is the Bank's policy to maintain accurate and consistent risk ratings across the credit portfolio. This facilitates management to focus on major potential risk and the comparison of credit exposures across all lines of business, demographics, and products. The rating system is supported by a variety of financial analytics, combined with assessment qualitative factors such as of management and market information to provide the main inputs for the measurement of credit or counterparty risk. All PD ratings are tailored with various categories and are derived in accordance with the Bank's rating policy. The attributable risk ratings are assessed and updated every time client will avail loans.

The Bank uses PD Ratings to classify the credit quality of its receivable's portfolio. This is currently undergoing upgrade to enhance credit evaluation parameters across different market segments and achieve a more sound and robust credit risk assessment. The description of the loan grades used by the Bank for SME loan receivables from customers are as follows:

SME Loan Receivables

The Bank has five (5) SME loan types, differentiated according to the purpose of loans. All loan types produce a 6-grade scale with each grade having a corresponding probability of default (PD).

High Grade (PD Rating of 0 to 1)

Accounts in this category have a low probability of defaulting on their obligations over the next 12 months. A comfortable degree of stability and diversity can be found in these borrowers.

Medium Grade (PD Rating of 2 to 3)

The probability of default (PD) of accounts in this category is slightly higher than high grade borrowers. Accounts whose financial ratios exhibit an amount of buffer though somewhat limited. These accounts can withstand minor economic weaknesses but may suffer if conditions deteriorate in a significant way and therefore, default risk is present under such adverse conditions. Repayment ability is more or less assured if economic and industry conditions remain stable.

Low Grade (PD Rating of 4 to 5)

Accounts for which default risk are very much present and those that have defaulted already are included in this category.

It is the Bank's policy to dispose repossessed properties in an orderly transaction. The proceeds are used to reduce or repay the outstanding claims. In general, the Bank does not occupy repossessed properties for business use. The Bank has a program of disposal of its investment properties to reduce the nonperforming assets in its books. Investment properties may be disposed through redemption, negotiated sale or lease purchase.

For Microfinance Loan and Other Loan exposures, the credit rating for this type is still being developed, however continuous and extensive monitoring of past-due is being practiced by the management to ensure that past due rate will not exceed the 3.00% minimum threshold. However, PD ratings are already tailored depending on the days past due of Microfinance loan.

The description of the loan grades used by the Bank for microfinance loan receivable from customers are as follows:

Microfinance Loan and Other Loan Receivables

The Bank has variety of Microfinance and Other Loan types, differentiated according to the purpose of loans. All loan types produce a 6-grade scale with each grade having a corresponding probability of default (PD). However, since Microfinance loan and Other loan are observing day 1 past due, only two grades are being assigned for this loan group.



High Grade (PD Rating of 0)

Accounts in this category have a low probability of defaulting on their obligations over the next 12 months. A comfortable degree of stability and diversity can be found in these borrowers.

Low Grade (PD Rating of 1 to 5)

Accounts for which default risk are very much present and those that have defaulted already are included in this category.

Loans and receivables rated as high and standard grades refer to those accounts that do not have greater than normal risk or have potential weaknesses only.

The following tables illustrate the Bank's credit exposures as at December 31, 2023 and 2022:

2023				
	ECL Staging			Total
	Stage 1 12-month ECL	Stage 2 Lifetime ECL	Stage 3 Lifetime ECL	
Microfinance Loans				
Neither past due nor impaired				
High grade	P=	P=	P=	P=
Standard grade	6,401,857,031	—	—	6,401,857,031
Past due but not impaired	—	—	—	—
Past due and impaired	—	—	159,208,813	159,208,813
	P6,401,857,031	P=	P159,208,813	P6,561,065,844

2022				
	ECL Staging			Total
	Stage 1 12-month ECL	Stage 2 Lifetime ECL	Stage 3 Lifetime ECL	
Microfinance Loans				
Neither past due nor impaired				
High grade	P=	P=	P=	P=
Standard grade	5,231,260,246	—	—	5,231,260,246
Past due but not impaired	—	—	—	—
Past due and impaired	—	—	203,278,242	203,278,242
	P5,231,260,246	P=	P203,278,242	P5,434,538,488

2023				
	ECL Staging			Total
	Stage 1 12-month ECL	Stage 2 Lifetime ECL	Stage 3 Lifetime ECL	
SME Loans				
Neither past due nor impaired				
High grade	P=	P=	P=	P=
Standard grade	1,575,312,491	—	—	1,575,312,491
Past due but not impaired	—	22,361,581	—	22,361,581
Past due and impaired	—	—	106,500,515	106,500,515
	P1,575,312,491	P22,361,581	P106,500,515	P1,704,174,587

2022				
	ECL Staging			Total
	Stage 1 12-month ECL	Stage 2 Lifetime ECL	Stage 3 Lifetime ECL	
SME Loans				
Neither past due nor impaired				
High grade	P=	P=	P=	P=
Standard grade	1,119,499,274	—	—	1,119,499,274
Past due but not impaired	—	11,690,531	—	11,690,531
Past due and impaired	—	—	121,718,492	121,718,492
	P1,119,499,274	P11,690,531	P121,718,492	P1,252,908,297



The tables below show the credit quality per class of financial assets (gross of allowance for credit losses and unearned interest income) as of December 31, 2023 and 2022:

	December 31, 2023			
	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Total
Due from BSP (Note 6)	₱789,008,424	₱–	₱–	₱789,008,424
Due from other banks (Note 6)	58,261,044	–	–	58,261,044
Loans and receivables (Note 7):				
Loans and discounts:				
Microfinance	6,401,857,031	–	159,208,813	6,561,065,844
SME	1,575,312,491	22,361,581	106,500,515	1,704,174,587
Unquoted debt securities	96,782,275	–	–	96,782,275
Other receivables:				
Accrued interest receivable	227,213,948	–	–	227,213,948
Accounts receivable	19,736,229	–	–	19,736,229
Sales contract receivable	1,793,265	–	–	1,793,265
Financial assets at amortized cost (Note 8)	341,666,157	–	–	341,666,157
Other assets – refundable deposits (Note 12)	17,771,417	–	–	17,771,417
	₱9,529,402,281	₱22,361,581	₱265,709,328	₱9,817,473,190

	December 31, 2022			
	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Total
Due from BSP (Note 6)	₱782,905,676	₱–	₱–	₱782,905,676
Due from other banks (Note 6)	93,298,265	–	–	93,298,265
Loans and receivables:				
Loans and discounts:				
Microfinance	5,231,260,246	–	203,278,242	5,434,538,488
SME	1,119,499,274	11,690,531	121,718,492	1,252,908,297
Unquoted debt securities	125,060,074	–	–	125,060,074
Other receivables:				
Accrued interest receivable	185,025,274	–	–	185,025,274
Accounts receivable	18,738,651	–	–	18,738,651
Sales contract receivable	2,095,265	–	–	2,095,265
Financial assets at amortized cost (Note 8)	349,201,288	–	–	349,201,288
Other assets – refundable deposits (Note 12)	19,908,037	–	–	19,908,037
	₱7,926,992,052	₱11,690,531	₱324,996,734	₱8,263,679,317

Liquidity Risk

Liquidity risk is generally defined as the current and prospective risk to earnings or capital arising from the Bank's inability to meet its obligations when they come due without incurring unacceptable losses or costs.

The Asset-Liability Management Committee is responsible in formulating the Bank's liquidity risk management policies. Liquidity management is among the most important activities conducted within the Bank. The Bank manages its liquidity risk through analyzing net funding requirements under alternative scenarios, diversification of funding sources and contingency planning.

Liquidity risk is managed by the Bank through holding sufficient liquid assets and appropriate assessment to ensure short-term funding requirements are met and by ensuring the high collection performance at all times.

The Treasury Group uses liquidity forecast models that estimate the Bank's cash flow needs based on the Bank's actual contractual obligations and under normal circumstances and extraordinary circumstances.



Analysis of financial assets and financial liabilities by remaining maturities

The table below shows the maturity profile of the Bank's financial assets and financial liabilities based on contractual undiscounted cash flows as of December 31, 2023 and 2022:

	2023				Total
	On demand and up to 1 month	More than 1 month to 6 months	More than 6 months to 1 year	Beyond 1 year	
Financial Assets					
Cash and other cash items	₱76,140,172	₱-	₱-	₱-	₱76,140,172
Due from BSP*	789,190,048	-	-	-	789,190,048
Due from other banks	58,261,044	-	-	-	58,261,044
Loans and receivables:					
Loans and discounts*	303,002,094	4,277,148,301	3,033,210,244	2,086,698,013	9,700,058,652
Unquoted debt securities*	127,883	406,374	1,015,146	110,981,470	112,530,874
Other receivables:					
Accounts receivable	19,736,229	-	-	-	19,736,229
Sales contract receivable	-	-	-	1,793,265	1,793,265
Financial assets at amortized cost*	-	91,194,921	-	272,375,224	363,570,145
Other assets - refundable	-	-	-	17,771,417	17,771,417
	1,246,457,470	4,368,749,596	3,034,225,390	2,489,619,389	11,139,051,845
Financial Liabilities					
Deposit liabilities:					
Demand	₱119,627,198	₱-	₱-	₱-	₱119,627,198
Savings* / **	3,915,628,853	1,430,318,037	584,827,960	284,686,642	6,215,461,492
Accrued expenses and other liabilities:					
Bills payable	-	306,838,889	418,833,333	-	725,672,222
Lease liabilities	8,053,259	36,364,179	33,544,802	83,842,481	161,804,721
Accrued interest payable	-	22,256,206	-	-	22,256,206
Accrual for vacation leave credits	-	-	-	16,478,378	16,478,378
Accounts payable	33,260,979	-	-	-	33,260,979
Dividends payable	240,752	-	-	-	240,752
Accrued other expenses	-	18,517,791	-	-	18,517,791
	4,076,811,041	1,814,295,102	1,037,206,095	385,007,501	7,313,319,739
Net undiscounted financial assets (liabilities)	(₱2,830,353,571)	₱2,554,454,494	₱1,997,019,295	₱2,104,611,888	₱3,825,732,106

* Includes future interest

** Based on behavioral expectations

	2022				Total
	On demand and up to 1 month	More than 1 month to 6 months	More than 6 months to 1 year	Beyond 1 year	
Financial Assets					
Cash and other cash items (Note 6)	₱93,490,263	₱-	₱-	₱-	₱93,490,263
Due from BSP (Note 6)*	783,127,432	-	-	-	783,127,432
Due from other Banks (Note 6)	93,298,265	-	-	-	93,298,265
Loans and receivables:					
Loans and discounts*	328,191,549	3,786,619,241	2,337,237,326	1,465,803,371	7,917,851,487
Unquoted debt securities*	23,328,546	8,515	504,185	111,660,252	135,501,498
Other receivables:					
Accounts receivable	18,738,652	-	-	-	18,738,652
Sales contract receivable	-	-	-	2,095,265	2,095,265
Financial assets at amortized cost*	-	-	7,142,509	377,501,464	384,643,973
Other assets - refundable	-	-	-	19,908,037	19,908,037
	1,340,174,707	3,786,627,756	2,344,884,020	1,976,968,389	9,448,654,872

(Forward)



	2022				Total
	On demand and up to 1 month	More than 1 month to 6 months	More than 6 months to 1 year	Beyond 1 year	
Financial Liabilities					
Deposit liabilities:					
Demand	₱45,643,263	₱—	₱—	₱—	₱45,643,263
Savings* / **	5,177,183,019	626,998,352	77,369,765	190,050,764	6,071,601,901
Accrued expenses and other liabilities:					
Lease liabilities	8,056,303	35,628,913	36,314,145	85,781,978	165,781,339
Accrued interest payable	—	48,325,285	—	—	48,325,285
Accrual for vacation leave credits	—	—	—	11,658,905	11,658,905
Accounts payable	23,392,993	—	—	—	23,392,993
Dividends payable	332,054	—	—	—	332,054
Accrued other expenses	—	15,041,126	—	—	15,041,126
	5,254,607,632	725,993,676	113,683,910	287,491,647	6,381,776,866
Net undiscounted financial assets (liabilities)	(₱3,914,432,925)	₱3,060,634,080	₱2,231,200,110	₱1,689,476,742	₱3,066,878,006

* Includes future interest

** Based on behavioral expectations

As of December 31, 2023 and 2022, the Bank had a total of ₱1.90 billion credit lines with local banks, out of which, ₱700.00 million and nil had been drawn as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

Market Risk

Market risk is the risk of loss to future earnings, fair values or future cash flows that may result from changes in the price of a financial instrument. The value of a financial instrument may change as a result of changes in interest rates. The financial instruments of the Bank have fixed interest rates, and therefore are not subject to any interest rate risk.

Interest rate risk

The Bank's nominal interest rate for Real Estate Mortgage (REM) loans is set at a fixed rate of 21.00% in 2023 and 2022. Microfinance loans earn nominal interest rates ranging from 0.64% to 54.00% with equivalent effective interest rates ranging from 11.95% to 69.41% per annum in 2023 and 2022. For SME loans, interest rate charged to a borrower depends on the credit risk rating classification, the deposit level of the client as a percentage of the loan, and the internal basic interest rate.

As of December 31, 2023 and 2022, repricing debt instrument only comprise 2.00% of total loan, thus the effect of interest repricing on loans is immaterial to the Bank.

The Bank's savings deposit liabilities include compulsory and voluntary savings that earn 0.50% to 3.00% interest per annum in 2023 and 2022. Special savings deposits earn 2.75% to 5.40% and 0.75% to 3.40% interest per annum in 2023 and 2022, respectively. These special savings deposits are concentrated on 10 days to one year maturity.

The Bank pays fixed interest rates on bills payable from 5.00% to 6.50% and from 3.00% to 6.56% in 2023 and 2022, respectively.

In order to manage its interest rate risk, the Bank places its excess funds in high yield investments and other short-term time deposits and treasury notes. It also matches its interest rate and maturity to avoid negative gaps between the sources and applications.



Foreign currency risk

The Bank has no foreign currency-denominated transactions; thus, it has no exposure to changes in foreign exchange rates.

Operational Risk Management Policies and Procedures

Operational risk is the probability of risk to capital or earnings, or potential loss arising from fraud, unauthorized activities, errors, omissions, system failures or from external events. This is the broadest risk type encompassing product development and delivery, operational processing, systems development, computing systems, complexity of products and services, and the internal control environment.

Operational risk management is considered a critical element in the Bank's commitment to sound management and corporate governance. Under the Bank's operational risk management framework and operational risk manual, a risk-based approach is used in mapping operational risks along critical/key business processes, addressing any deficiencies/weaknesses through the proactive process of identifying, assessing and limiting impact of risk in every business/operational area.

Bank policies on internal control, information security, and other operational risk aspects have been established. Key risk indicators and risk assessment guidelines have been implemented and disseminated to different sectors of the Bank to provide alerts for operational risk vulnerabilities. The Bank has instituted a risk and control assessment process, as well as an issue escalation procedure to ensure that issues or incidents where lapses in controls occur are captured, evaluated and elevated for correction. The bank has an established a business continuity plan to ensure continued bank operations in the face of potential disruptions to operations as well as fraud management framework for the prevention, detection, investigation and recovery strategies to manage fraud, both internal and external.

6. Cash and Cash Equivalents

The composition of this account follows:

	2023	2022
Cash and other cash items	₱76,140,172	₱93,490,263
Due from BSP	789,008,424	782,905,676
Due from other banks	58,261,044	93,298,265
	₱923,409,640	₱969,694,204

Cash includes cash in vault, in automated teller machines, and in digital cash machines.

Due from BSP consists of:

	2023	2022
Overnight reverse repurchase facility	₱571,153,087	₱88,943,598
Overnight deposit facility	73,000,000	119,000,000
Demand deposit	72,613,348	184,113,984
Settlement account	72,241,989	40,848,094
Securities facility	–	250,000,000
Time deposit facility	–	100,000,000
	₱789,008,424	₱782,905,676



Due from BSP includes the aggregate balance of non-interest-bearing peso savings and demand deposit accounts which the Bank maintains in compliance with the BSP requirements to meet regular and liquidity reserves on deposits. As of December 31, 2023 and 2022, the Bank is compliant with the applicable reserve requirements (Note 13).

Overnight reverse repurchase facility is a placement made by the Bank to BSP. The reverse purchase facility of the BSP is an overnight facility where BSP acts as a seller of government securities. The securities are offered using a fixed-rate and full-allotment method, where individual bidders are awarded a portion of the total offer depending in their bid size. Overnight reverse repurchase facility earn an interest ranging from 5.50% to 6.50% and from 2.00% to 5.50% in 2023 and 2022, respectively, with a maturity of one day.

Overnight deposit facility is a standing liquidity window that absorbs residual or leftover liquidity from BSP operations. Overnight deposit facilities earn an interest ranging from 5.00% to 6.00% and 1.50% to 5.00% in 2023 and 2022, respectively, with a maturity of one day.

Securities facility is one of BSP's liquidity mopping tool to manage inflation which is offered only under a 28-day tenor. Securities facility earns interests ranging from 6.00% to 6.82% and from 1.77% to 6.42% in 2023 and 2022, respectively, with a maturity of 28 to 56 days.

Time deposit facility is a key liquidity absorption facility used by the BSP for active liquidity management. Time deposit facilities earn interests ranging from 6.24% to 6.67% and from 1.67% to 6.33% in 2023 and 2022, respectively, with maturities ranging from 7 to 14 days.

Interest income on BSP placements amounted to ₱64.96 million and ₱49.40 million in 2023 and 2022, respectively.

Due from other banks consists of:

	2023	2022
Demand deposit	₱55,571,560	₱90,797,934
Savings deposit	2,689,484	2,500,331
	₱58,261,044	₱93,298,265

Due from other banks consist of funds deposited in domestic banks which are used as part of the Bank's working capital. Demand and savings deposits bear annual interest rates ranging from 0.05% to 1.00% for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022.

Interest income on due from other banks amounted to ₱0.11 million and ₱0.12 million in 2023 and 2022, respectively.



7. Loans and Receivables

This account consists of:

	2023	2022
Loans and discounts:		
Microfinance	₱6,561,065,844	₱5,434,538,488
SME	1,704,174,587	1,252,908,297
	8,265,240,431	6,687,446,785
Unquoted debt securities	96,782,275	125,060,074
	8,362,022,706	6,812,506,859
Unearned interest income	(8,760,125)	(6,599,178)
	8,353,262,581	6,805,907,681
Other receivables:		
Accrued interest receivable	227,213,948	185,025,274
Accounts receivable (Note 22)	19,736,229	18,738,651
Sales contract receivable	1,793,265	2,095,265
	8,602,006,023	7,011,766,871
Less allowance for credit and impairment losses	421,178,620	398,931,015
	₱8,180,827,403	₱6,612,835,856

Microfinance loans amounting to nil were held as collateral for borrowings with the International Finance Corporation as of December 31, 2023 and 2022 (Note 14).

Loans and discounts earn the following interest rates:

	2023	2022
Loans and discounts:		
Microfinance	12.00% - 51.00%	12.00% - 58.81%
SME	2.67% - 43.39%	3.00% - 60.45%

Unquoted debt securities include Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise Notes and Agrarian Reform Bonds with maturities ranging from one to ten years and interest ranging from 3.79% to 6.68% in 2023 and 2022.

The following table shows the interest income per class of loans and receivables:

	2023	2022
Loans and discounts:		
Microfinance	₱2,932,590,621	₱2,445,160,243
SME	161,643,515	131,136,031
Service fee on loans	6,598,562	4,249,945
	₱3,100,832,698	₱2,580,546,219



The following table shows the breakdown of the allowance for credit and impairment losses:

	2023	2022
Loans and discounts plus accrued interest receivable		
Microfinance	₱258,769,627	₱111,440,723
SME	154,362,187	279,108,341
Accounts receivable	2,452,029	2,485,173
Sales contract receivable	1,793,264	2,095,265
Unquoted debt securities	3,801,513	3,801,513
	₱421,178,620	₱398,931,015

The tables below illustrate the movements of the allowance for credit losses on microfinance loans during the year (effect of movements in ECL due to transfers between stages are shown in the total column):

	2023			
	ECL Staging			Total
	Stage 1 12-month ECL	Stage 2 Lifetime ECL	Stage 3 Lifetime ECL	
Loss allowance at January 1, 2023	₱28,413,872	₱–	₱83,026,851	₱111,440,723
Movements with P&L impact				
New financial assets originated or purchased	208,657,810	–	–	208,657,810
Transfers:				
Transfer from Stage 1 to Stage 3	(67,802,999)	–	67,802,999	–
Changes in PDs/LGDs/EADs	36,274,063	–	73,266,381	109,540,444
Financial assets derecognized during the period	(63,028,234)	–	(4,997,181)	(68,025,415)
Total net P&L charge during the period	114,100,640	–	69,926,850	184,027,490
Other movements without P&L impact				
Write-offs, foreclosures and other movements	(1,965)	–	(36,696,621)	(36,698,586)
Total movements without P&L impact	(1,965)	–	(36,696,621)	(36,698,586)
Loss allowance at December 31, 2023	₱142,512,547	₱–	₱116,257,080	₱258,769,627

	2022			
	ECL Staging			Total
	Stage 1 12-month ECL	Stage 2 Lifetime ECL	Stage 3 Lifetime ECL	
Loss allowance at January 1, 2022	₱95,600,882	₱–	₱158,184,790	₱253,785,672
Movements with P&L impact				
Transfers:				
Transfer from Stage 1 to Stage 3	(2,326,748)	–	2,326,748	–
Transfer from Stage 3 to Stage 1	1,855	–	(1,855)	–
New financial assets originated or purchased	44,551,604	–	–	44,551,604
Changes in PDs/LGDs/EADs	(18,303,211)	–	312,673,424	294,370,213
Financial assets derecognized during the period	(91,110,510)	–	(24,390,296)	(115,500,806)
Total net P&L charge during the period	(67,187,010)	–	290,608,021	223,421,011
Other movements without P&L impact				
Write-offs, foreclosures and other movements	–	–	(365,765,960)	(365,765,960)
Total movements without P&L impact	–	–	(365,765,960)	(365,765,960)
Loss allowance at December 31, 2022	₱28,413,872	₱–	₱83,026,851	₱111,440,723



The tables below illustrate the movements of the allowance for credit losses of SME loans during the year (effect of movements in ECL due to transfers between stages are shown in the total column):

	2023			
	ECL Staging			Total
	Stage 1 12-month ECL	Stage 2 Lifetime ECL	Stage 3 Lifetime ECL	
Loss allowance at January 1, 2023	₱202,289,024	₱4,081,788	₱72,737,529	₱279,108,341
Movements with P&L impact				
New financial assets originated or purchased	79,143,940	–	–	79,143,940
Transfers:				
Transfer from Stage 1 to Stage 2	(2,228,180)	2,228,180	–	–
Transfer from Stage 1 to Stage 3	(13,463,342)	–	13,463,342	–
Transfer from Stage 2 to Stage 1	533,293	(533,293)	–	–
Transfer from Stage 2 to Stage 3	–	(2,449,453)	2,449,453	–
Transfer from Stage 3 to Stage 2	–	3,044,821	(3,044,821)	–
Transfer from Stage 3 to Stage 1	4,474,732	–	(4,474,732)	–
New financial assets originated or purchased	79,143,940	–	–	79,143,940
Changes in PDs/LGDs/EADs	(156,040,446)	(4,693,811)	11,577,870	(149,156,387)
Financial assets derecognized during the period	(19,768,040)	(765,478)	(7,711,199)	(28,244,717)
Total net P&L charge during the period	(107,348,041)	(3,169,034)	12,259,913	(98,257,162)
Other movements without P&L impact				
Write-offs, foreclosures and other movements	(50,967)	(49,547)	(26,388,476)	(26,488,990)
Total movements without P&L impact	(50,967)	(49,547)	(26,388,476)	(26,488,990)
Loss allowance at December 31, 2023	₱94,890,016	₱863,207	₱58,608,966	₱154,362,189

	2022			
	ECL Staging			Total
	Stage 1 12-month ECL	Stage 2 Lifetime ECL	Stage 3 Lifetime ECL	
Loss allowance at January 1, 2022	₱61,822,161	₱2,268,382	₱63,448,210	₱127,538,753
Movements with P&L impact				
New financial assets originated or purchased	97,827,436	–	–	97,827,436
Transfers:				
Transfer from Stage 1 to Stage 2	(1,595,359)	1,595,359	–	–
Transfer from Stage 1 to Stage 3	(17,146,110)	–	17,146,110	–
Transfer from Stage 2 to Stage 1	110,826	(110,826)	–	–
Transfer from Stage 2 to Stage 3	–	(493,183)	493,183	–
Transfer from Stage 3 to Stage 1	4,483,096	–	(4,483,096)	–
New financial assets originated or purchased	97,827,436	–	–	97,827,436
Changes in PDs/LGDs/EADs	81,878,888	906,422	60,899,629	143,684,939
Financial assets derecognized during the period	(25,091,914)	(84,366)	(3,044,301)	(28,220,581)
Total net P&L charge during the period	140,466,863	1,813,406	71,011,525	213,291,794
Other movements without P&L impact				
Write-offs, foreclosures and other movements	–	–	(61,722,206)	(61,722,206)
Total movements without P&L impact	–	–	(61,722,206)	(61,722,206)
Loss allowance at December 31, 2022	₱202,289,024	₱4,081,788	₱72,737,529	₱279,108,341

The movements in microfinance loans (gross of allowance for credit losses) and corresponding accrued interest receivable between stages follow:

	2023			
	ECL Staging			Total
	Stage 1 12-month ECL	Stage 2 Lifetime ECL	Stage 3 Lifetime ECL	
Gross carrying amount and accrued interest receivables as at January 1, 2023	₱5,393,444,441	₱–	₱203,278,242	₱5,596,722,683
New financial assets originated or purchased	6,686,249,060	–	–	6,686,249,060
Transfers:				
Transfer from Stage 1 to Stage 3	(165,954,246)	–	165,954,246	–
Collections of principal and interest	(2,384,891)	–	(47,645,441)	(50,030,332)
Financial assets derecognized during the period	(5,312,976,423)	–	(32,537,290)	(5,345,513,713)
Financial assets written-off during the period	(5,848)	–	(129,840,944)	(129,846,792)
Gross carrying amount and accrued interest receivables as at December 31, 2023	₱6,598,372,093	₱–	₱159,208,813	₱6,757,580,906



	2022			
	ECL Staging			Total
	Stage 1 12-month ECL	Stage 2 Lifetime ECL	Stage 3 Lifetime ECL	
Gross carrying amount and accrued interest receivables as at January 1, 2022	₱4,581,095,201	₱—	₱648,367,466	₱5,229,462,667
Transfers:				
Transfer from Stage 1 to Stage 3	(65,340,838)	—	65,340,838	—
Transfer from Stage 3 to Stage 1	6,000	—	(6,000)	—
New financial assets originated or purchased	5,513,019,429	—	—	5,513,019,429
Collections of principal and interest	(202,755,760)	—	(965,616,372)	(1,168,372,132)
Financial assets derecognized during the period	(4,432,579,591)	—	(820,958,270)	(5,253,537,861)
Financial assets written-off during the period	—	—	(365,765,960)	(365,765,960)
Gross carrying amount and accrued interest receivables as at December 31, 2022	₱5,393,444,441	₱—	(₱1,438,638,298)	₱3,954,806,143

The movements in SME loans (gross of allowance for credit losses) and corresponding accrued interest receivable between stages follow:

	2023			
	ECL Staging			Total
	Stage 1 12-month ECL	Stage 2 Lifetime ECL	Stage 3 Lifetime ECL	
Gross carrying amount and accrued interest receivables as at January 1, 2023	₱1,138,483,822	₱11,690,531	₱121,718,492	₱1,271,892,845
New financial assets originated or purchased	1,068,481,100	—	—	1,068,481,100
Transfers:				
Transfer from Stage 1 to Stage 2	(23,585,476)	23,585,476	—	—
Transfer from Stage 1 to Stage 3	(62,970,176)	—	62,970,176	—
Transfer from Stage 2 to Stage 1	2,705,267	(2,705,267)	—	—
Transfer from Stage 2 to Stage 3	—	(6,578,971)	6,578,971	—
Transfer from Stage 3 to Stage 2	—	4,517,350	(4,517,350)	—
Transfer from Stage 3 to Stage 1	6,671,235	—	(6,671,235)	—
Collections of principal and interest	(288,744,004)	(5,741,245)	(19,987,876)	(314,473,125)
Financial assets derecognized during the period	(237,867,951)	(2,289,627)	(12,326,627)	(252,484,205)
Financial assets written-off during the period	(1,081,423)	(116,666)	(41,264,036)	(42,462,125)
Gross carrying amount and accrued interest receivables as at December 31, 2023	₱1,602,092,394	₱22,361,581	₱106,500,515	₱1,730,954,490

	2022			
	ECL Staging			Total
	Stage 1 12-month ECL	Stage 2 Lifetime ECL	Stage 3 Lifetime ECL	
Gross carrying amount and accrued interest receivables as at January 1, 2022	₱1,091,941,525	₱15,421,271	₱122,358,525	₱1,229,721,321
Transfers:				
Transfer from Stage 1 to Stage 2	(6,318,818)	6,318,818	—	—
Transfer from Stage 1 to Stage 3	(149,991,670)	—	149,991,670	—
Transfer from Stage 2 to Stage 1	638,633	(638,633)	—	—
Transfer from Stage 2 to Stage 3	—	(1,409,347)	1,409,347	—
Transfer from Stage 3 to Stage 1	66,312,755	—	(66,312,755)	—
New financial assets originated or purchased	677,292,879	—	—	677,292,879
Collections of principal and interest	(191,521,002)	(7,456,833)	(17,580,897)	(216,558,732)
Financial assets derecognized during the period	(349,870,480)	(544,745)	(6,425,192)	(356,840,417)
Financial assets written-off during the period	—	—	(61,722,206)	(61,722,206)
Gross carrying amount and accrued interest receivables as at December 31, 2022	₱1,138,483,822	₱11,690,531	₱121,718,492	₱1,271,892,845

While the Bank recognizes in the statements of income the movements in the expected credit losses computed using the models, the Bank also complies with BSP's regulatory requirement to appropriate a portion of its surplus at an amount necessary to bring at least the allowance for credit losses to 1.00% of all outstanding Stage 1 loan accounts. In 2023 and 2022, the amount of surplus reserve for this purpose is nil.



8. Financial Assets at Amortized Cost

As of December 31, 2023 and 2022, financial assets at amortized cost have an outstanding balance amounting to ₱341.67 million and ₱349.20 million, respectively. This account represents investments in government securities acquired through Land Bank of the Philippines and Bank of the Philippine Islands, bearing coupon rates and effective rates ranging from 2.13% to 6.25% with terms of three (3) to five (5) years and from 2.18% to 6.25% with terms of two (2) to five (5) years in 2023 and 2022, respectively. The Bank's purpose for the investment is for compliance with the 20.00% minimum liquidity ratio requirement by the BSP (see Note 17).

Financial assets at amortized cost earned interest income amounting to ₱20.22 million and ₱13.43 million in 2023 and 2022, respectively.



9. Property and Equipment

The composition of and movements in this account follow:

2023									
	Land	Building and improvements	Leasehold improvements	Furniture, fixtures and equipment	Transportation equipment	Construction in progress	ROU assets - Office space	ROU assets - Vehicles and IT equipment	Total
Cost									
Balance at beginning of year	₱46,915,616	₱54,464,165	₱112,825,525	₱125,705,182	₱16,546,783	₱—	₱280,695,702	₱14,639,771	₱651,792,744
Additions	—	—	1,884,431	17,093,207	4,531,025	8,668,192	76,601,015	5,764,125	114,541,995
Disposals/Derecognition	—	—	(30,576)	(154,995)	(1,160,000)	—	(69,651,889)	(11,533,583)	(82,531,043)
Transfers	—	—	—	—	(1,433,000)	—	—	—	(1,433,000)
Balance at end of year	46,915,616	54,464,165	114,679,380	142,643,394	18,484,808	8,668,192	287,644,828	8,870,313	682,370,696
Accumulated depreciation									
Balance at beginning of year	—	38,429,082	78,458,040	82,975,096	7,147,449	—	133,175,251	7,433,764	347,618,682
Depreciation	—	5,020,072	12,764,907	18,963,002	2,859,811	—	84,734,943	8,234,380	132,577,115
Disposals/Derecognition	—	—	—	(98,724)	(197,387)	—	(68,612,739)	(10,240,087)	(79,148,937)
Balance at end of year	—	43,449,154	91,222,947	101,839,374	9,809,873	—	149,297,455	5,428,057	401,046,860
Net book value	₱46,915,616	₱11,015,011	₱23,456,433	₱40,804,020	₱8,674,935	₱8,668,192	₱138,347,373	₱3,442,256	₱281,323,836

2022									
	Land	Building and improvements	Leasehold improvements	Furniture, fixtures and equipment	Transportation equipment	Construction in progress	ROU assets - Office space	ROU assets - Vehicles and IT equipment	Total
Cost									
Balance at beginning of year	₱46,915,616	₱54,430,165	₱94,512,047	₱109,155,445	₱13,952,492	₱—	₱234,401,727	₱18,291,022	₱571,658,514
Additions	—	34,000	7,637,437	23,964,961	2,594,291	10,676,041	104,003,760	7,265,844	156,176,334
Disposals	—	—	—	(7,415,224)	—	—	(57,709,785)	(10,917,095)	(76,042,104)
Transfers	—	—	10,676,041	—	—	(10,676,041)	—	—	—
Balance at end of year	46,915,616	54,464,165	112,825,525	125,705,182	16,546,783	—	280,695,702	14,639,771	651,792,744
Accumulated depreciation									
Balance at beginning of year	—	33,068,140	64,641,098	72,313,996	4,703,012	—	104,596,398	7,302,999	286,625,643
Depreciation	—	5,360,942	13,816,942	18,053,163	2,444,437	—	80,122,895	11,047,860	130,846,239
Disposals	—	—	—	(7,392,063)	—	—	(51,544,042)	(10,917,095)	(69,853,200)
Balance at end of year	—	38,429,082	78,458,040	82,975,096	7,147,449	—	133,175,251	7,433,764	347,618,682
Net book value	₱46,915,616	₱16,035,083	₱34,367,485	₱42,730,086	₱9,399,334	₱—	₱147,520,451	₱7,206,007	₱304,174,062



Depreciation and amortization charged to the statements of income is presented under ‘Depreciation and amortization’ which consists of:

	2023	2022
Property and equipment	₱132,577,115	₱130,846,239
Intangible assets (Note 11)	4,900,046	4,887,341
	₱137,477,161	₱135,733,580

Construction in progress represents the cost of materials, labor, and other capitalizable expenditures incurred in connection with leasehold improvements of bank premises under establishment or renovation. Ongoing construction during 2022 were completed in November 2022.

Disposal of property and equipment resulted in a loss of ₱0.08 million and ₱1.21 million in 2023 and 2022, respectively. This is included under other income – net gain (loss) on sale of fixed assets and investment properties.

There are no restrictions on the titles of the Bank’s property and equipment and the Bank does not have any contractual commitments for the acquisition of property and equipment as of December 31, 2023 and 2022.

10. Investment Properties

The composition of and movements in this account follow:

	2023				
	Land	Building	Asset held by SPV	Transportation Vehicle	Total
Cost					
Balance at beginning of year	₱3,501,799	₱231,001	₱376,625	₱–	₱4,109,425
Additions	1,343,964	–	–	–	1,343,964
Disposals	(1,742,822)	–	–	–	(1,742,822)
Transfers (Note 9)	–	–	–	2,558,070	2,558,070
Balance at end of year	3,102,941	231,001	376,625	2,558,070	6,268,637
Accumulated depreciation	–	231,000	–	–	231,000
Net book value	₱3,102,941	₱1	₱376,625	₱2,558,070	₱6,037,637

	2022				
	Land	Building	Asset held by SPV	Transportation Vehicle	Total
Cost					
Balance at beginning of year	₱4,971,420	₱231,001	₱376,625	₱–	₱5,579,046
Disposals	(1,469,621)	–	–	–	(1,469,621)
Balance at end of year	3,501,799	231,001	376,625	–	4,109,425
Accumulated depreciation	–	231,000	–	–	231,000
Net book value	₱3,501,799	₱1	₱376,625	₱–	₱3,878,425

Direct operating expenses on investment properties amounting to ₱0.33 million and ₱0.54 million in 2023 and 2022 are included under ‘Taxes and licenses’. In 2023 and 2022, all of the Bank’s investment properties are non-revenue generating. The fair values of investment properties are disclosed in Note 4.



The Bank received ₱1.40 million and ₱1.46 million in 2023 and 2022, respectively, for the sale of investment properties. Sale of investment properties resulted in a loss of ₱0.34 million loss and ₱0.01 million loss in 2023 and 2022, respectively. It is included under other income – net gain (loss) on sale of fixed and investment properties.

Assets held by a Special Purpose Vehicle

Assets held by a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) represent foreclosed properties (land) which have been specifically identified for sale under a sale and purchase agreement (SPA) with an SPV.

Under RA No. 9182, *The Special Purpose Vehicle Act of 2002*, the sale of assets to the SPV under the SPA is a true sale, as approved by the BSP. However, under PFRSs, the assets sold remain to be recognized by the Bank since the risks and rewards of ownership over the assets are not yet transferred to the SPV.

Major provisions of the SPA follow:

- The proceeds of the sale shall be paid by the buyer to the Bank and the payment shall not be subject to any interest;
- The buyer covenants and undertakes that any and all proceeds from any subsequent sale, disposition or settlement of any asset shall be earmarked for the payment of the purchase price; and
- If on the due date, the amount of the net proceeds is less than the purchase price, the difference between the net proceeds and purchase price shall be applied against the unpaid balance.

11. Intangible Assets

The composition of and movements in this account follow:

	2023	2022
Cost		
Balance at beginning of year	₱37,704,869	₱37,480,941
Acquisition	–	223,928
Balance at end of year	37,704,869	37,704,869
Accumulated amortization		
Balance at beginning of year	30,288,939	25,401,598
Amortization (Note 9)	4,900,046	4,887,341
Balance at end of year	35,188,985	30,288,939
Net book value	₱2,515,884	₱7,415,930

The account consists of software costs such as Microsoft license, system customization, data analytics platform and data ingest development.



12. Other Assets

This account consists of

	2023	2022
Financial assets		
Refundable deposits	₱17,771,417	₱19,908,037
Nonfinancial assets		
Prepaid expenses (Note 22)	48,549,324	23,825,125
Stationeries and supplies	24,573,155	23,518,331
Application subscriptions and cash bonds	4,358,000	3,350,000
	77,480,479	23,518,331
	₱95,251,896	₱70,601,493

Prepaid expenses include vehicle insurance and the annual fee paid for Temenos and FDS solutions.

Application subscriptions are membership fees to the Philippine Clearing House Corporation and Bayad Center, while cash bonds are with Bancnet for its ATM operations.

13. Deposit Liabilities

The Bank's deposit liabilities follow:

	2023	2022
Savings deposit (Note 22)		
Regular savings	₱5,016,791,004	₱4,950,438,793
Special savings	1,169,713,760	1,075,519,845
Demand deposit	119,627,198	45,643,262
	₱6,306,131,962	₱6,071,601,900

Regular savings deposit liabilities include the aggregate compulsory savings of ₱50.00 per week collected from each microfinance member in 2023 and 2022. Under an assignment agreement, the pledge savings earn annual interest of 2.00% in 2023 and 2022. Pledge savings equivalent to 15.00% of the loan proceed serves as guarantee fund of outstanding receivables from members (Note 7).

Demand deposit liabilities are non-interest-earning deposit account.

Savings deposits include regular and special savings deposits. Regular savings deposits earn annual interest ranging from 0.50% to 3.00% in 2023 and 2022. Special savings deposits earn interest ranging from 2.75% to 5.40% and from 0.75% to 3.40% in 2023 and 2022, respectively.

Details of interest expense on deposit liabilities follow:

	2023	2022
Regular savings	₱88,667,787	₱89,326,164
Special savings	63,432,460	18,128,518
	₱152,100,247	₱107,454,682



BSP requires 2.00% and 3.00% reserve requirement for thrift banks for 2023 and 2022, respectively. Available reserves as of December 31, 2023 and 2022 amounted to ₱144.85 million and ₱184.11 million, respectively (Note 6). As of December 31, 2023 and 2022, the Bank is compliant with the applicable reserve requirements.

14. Bills Payable

The composition of and movements in this account follow:

	2023	2022
Face value		
Balance at beginning of year	₱—	₱24,480,000
Availments	700,000,000	—
Principal payments	—	(24,480,000)
Balance at end of year	700,000,000	—
Unamortized transaction cost		
Balance at beginning of year	—	263,820
Availments	4,059,247	—
Amortization	—	(263,820)
Balance at end of year	4,059,247	—
Carrying value	₱695,940,753	₱—

Local Banks

These are promissory notes from various local banks with terms of six months to one year obtained for working capital requirement of the Bank with annual interest rates ranging from 5.00% to 6.50% in 2023.

International Finance Corporation (IFC)

On December 3, 2015, the Bank entered into a Loan Agreement (“the Agreement”) with IFC for the availment of loan (“the Loan”) amounting to ₱160.00 million which matured on December 15, 2022. The purpose of the loan is to provide funds to be used by the Bank for financing its lending operations to small and medium-sized enterprises and microfinance entities. The note bears a Philippine fixed base rate of 6.56%, inclusive of 2.70% spread, and has a tenor of seven years. The principal of the note is repaid semi-annually.

Borrowings from IFC contain the following embedded derivatives:

- Prepayment option which allows the Bank to redeem the loan (or portion of the loan not less than ₱45.00 million) prior to respective maturities; and
- Cross currency swap which allows the parties to exchange interest payments and principals denominated in different currencies (in USD and Philippine Pesos).

The Bank assessed that these embedded derivatives are clearly and closely related to the host bond instruments, since their redemption price approximate the bonds’ amortized cost on redemption dates. Accordingly, these embedded derivatives were not accounted for separately from the host bond instruments.



Debt covenants

The Agreement covering the loan with IFC provides for restrictions and requirements which include the following negative and financial covenants, among others:

a. Negative covenants

Unless IFC otherwise agrees, the Bank shall not take action on the following, among others:

- Declare or pay any dividend or make any distribution on its share capital (other than dividends or distribution payable in shares of the Bank) unless: (i) the proposed payment or distribution is out of net income of the current Financial Year (excluding any amount resulting from the revaluation of any of the Borrower's assets); (ii) no Event of Default or Potential Event of Default has occurred and is then continuing; and (iii) after giving effect to any such action the Borrower is in compliance with the financial covenants;
- Purchase, redeem or otherwise acquire any shares of the Bank or any option over them;
- Incur, create, assume, or permit to exist any liability that is covered or ranks prior or senior to the Loan, except those that is in existence as of the date of the Agreement;
- Create or permit to exist any lien on any property, revenues, or other assets, present or future, of the Bank subject to exceptions indicated in the Agreement;
- Enter into any transaction except in the ordinary course of business on ordinary commercial terms and on the basis of arm's-length arrangements;
- Enter into or establish any partnership, profit-sharing or royalty agreement or other similar arrangement whereby the Bank's income or profits are, or might be, shared with any other person; or enter into any management contract or similar arrangement whereby its business or operations are managed by any other persons;
- Have any subsidiaries subject to exceptions indicated in the Agreement;
- Change its charter in any manner which would be inconsistent with the provisions of the agreement or any other transaction document, its financial year, or the nature or scope of its present or contemplated business or operations;
- Undertake or permit any merger, spin-off, consolidation, or reorganization; or sell, transfer, lease or otherwise dispose of all or a substantial part of its assets, other than assets acquired in the enforcement of security created in favor of the Bank in the ordinary course of its Banking business, whether in a single transaction or in a series of transaction; and
- Prepay or repurchase any long-term debt (other than the Loan) subject to conditions indicated in the Agreement.

b. Financial covenants

The Bank agreed to prudently manage its financial position in accordance with sound Banking and financial practices, applicable laws, and the prudential standards of the BSP. To the extent that the Banking regulation imposes financial requirements or ratios that are more stringent than the following, the Bank shall observe and comply with those more stringent requirements or ratios.

- Risk Weighted Capital Adequacy Ratio of not less than 10.00%
- Equity to Assets Ratio of not less than 5.00%
- Economic Group Exposure Ratio of not more than 15.00%
- Aggregate Large Exposure Ratio of not more than 400.00%
- Related Party Exposure Ratio of not more than 15.00%
- Open Credit Exposures Ratio of not more than 25.00%
- Fixed Assets Plus Equity Participants Ratio of not more than 35.00%
- Aggregate Foreign Exchange Risk Ratio of not more than 25.00%
- Single Currency Foreign Exchange Risk Ratio of not more than 10.00%
- Interest Rate Risk Ratio of not less than -10.00% and not more than 10.00%



- Aggregate Interest Rate Risk Ratio of not less than -20.00% and not more than 20.00%
- Foreign Currency Maturity Gap Ratio of not less than (i.e., more negative than) -150.00%;
- Aggregate Negative Maturity Gap Ratio of not less than (i.e., more negative than) -300.00%.

The period of compliance with the above covenants commenced on March 31, 2017. As at December 31, 2023 and 2022, the Bank is in compliance with the above covenants. There are no microfinance loans held as collateral for the above borrowings as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively (Note 7).

Interest expense on bills payable in 2023 and 2022 amounted to ₱2.14 million and ₱1.48 million, respectively. Amortization of unamortized transaction costs amounted to nil and ₱0.26 million in 2023 and 2022, respectively.

15. Accrued Expenses and Other Liabilities

Accrued expenses include:

	2023	2022
Financial liabilities		
Accrued interest payable	₱24,396,484	₱48,325,285
Accrued other expenses	18,517,791	15,041,126
	42,914,275	63,366,411
Nonfinancial liabilities		
Accrual for vacation leave credits	16,478,378	11,658,905
	₱59,392,653	₱75,025,316

Accrued other expenses include employee benefits, professional service engagements, and semi-annual assessment of Philippine Deposit Insurance Corporation pursuant to Regulatory Issuance No. 2017-01.

Other liabilities include:

	2023	2022
Financial liabilities		
Lease liabilities (Note 23)	₱145,541,820	₱156,518,360
Accounts payable (Note 22)	33,260,979	23,392,993
Dividends payable	240,752	332,054
Others	—	934,780
	179,043,551	181,178,187
Nonfinancial liabilities		
Gross receipts tax	45,147,661	36,347,481
Withholding taxes	14,184,121	11,857,371
Others	9,822,420	9,474,509
	69,154,202	57,679,361
	₱248,197,753	₱238,857,548



Non-financial liabilities - others pertain to obligations arising from statutory payments on employee benefits which include Social Security System, Home Development Mutual Fund and Philippine Health Insurance Corporation.

16. Maturity Analysis of Assets and Liabilities

The following table shows an analysis of assets and liabilities analyzed according to whether they are expected to be recovered or settled within one year and beyond from reporting date:

	2023			2022		
	Less than Twelve Months	Over Twelve Months	Total	Less than Twelve Months	Over Twelve Months	Total
Financial Assets						
Cash and other cash items	₱76,140,172	₱–	₱76,140,172	₱93,490,263	₱–	₱93,490,263
Due from BSP	789,008,424	–	789,008,424	782,905,676	–	782,905,676
Due from other banks	58,261,044	–	58,261,044	93,298,265	–	93,298,265
Loans and receivables - gross	6,807,609,353	1,803,156,795	8,610,766,148	6,742,674,421	275,691,628	7,018,366,049
Financial assets at amortized cost	–	341,666,157	341,666,157	–	349,201,288	349,201,288
Other assets - refundable deposits	–	17,771,417	17,771,417	–	19,908,038	19,908,037
	<u>7,731,018,993</u>	<u>2,162,594,369</u>	<u>9,893,613,362</u>	<u>7,712,368,625</u>	<u>644,800,954</u>	<u>8,357,169,579</u>
Nonfinancial Assets						
Property and equipment - gross	–	682,370,696	682,370,696	–	651,792,744	651,792,744
Investment properties - gross	–	6,268,637	6,268,637	–	4,109,425	4,109,425
Intangible assets - gross	–	37,704,869	37,704,869	–	37,704,869	37,704,869
Retirement asset	–	79,967,725	79,967,725	–	106,968,434	106,968,434
Deferred tax asset	–	91,763,081	91,763,081	–	79,632,716	79,632,716
Other assets	73,122,479	4,358,000	77,480,479	47,343,456	3,350,000	50,693,456
	<u>73,122,479</u>	<u>902,433,008</u>	<u>975,555,487</u>	<u>47,343,456</u>	<u>883,558,187</u>	<u>930,901,643</u>
	<u>₱7,804,141,472</u>	<u>₱3,065,027,377</u>	<u>10,869,168,849</u>	<u>₱7,759,712,081</u>	<u>₱1,528,359,141</u>	<u>9,288,071,222</u>
Less: Allowance for credit and impairment losses			421,178,620			398,931,015
Accumulated depreciation and amortization			436,466,845			378,138,621
Unearned interest			8,760,125			6,599,178
			<u>₱10,002,763,259</u>			<u>₱8,504,402,408</u>
Financial Liabilities						
Deposit liabilities						
Demand	₱119,627,198	₱–	₱119,627,198	₱45,643,262	₱–	₱45,643,262
Savings	5,975,160,442	211,344,322	6,186,504,764	5,835,907,874	190,050,764	6,025,958,638
Bills payable	695,940,753	–	695,940,753	–	–	–
Accrued expenses and other liabilities						
Lease liabilities	70,125,956	75,415,864	145,541,820	76,187,901	81,265,239	157,453,140
Accrued interest payable	24,396,484	–	24,396,484	48,325,285	–	48,325,285
Accrued expenses	18,517,791	–	18,517,791	15,041,126	–	15,041,126
Accrued vacation leave credits	–	16,478,378	16,478,378	–	11,658,905	11,658,905
Accounts payable	33,260,979	–	33,260,979	23,392,993	–	23,392,993
Deposit for stock subscription	97,815,174	–	97,815,174	44,294,640	–	44,294,640
Dividends payable	240,752	–	240,752	332,054	–	332,054
	<u>7,035,085,529</u>	<u>303,238,564</u>	<u>7,338,324,093</u>	<u>6,089,125,135</u>	<u>282,974,908</u>	<u>6,372,100,043</u>
Nonfinancial Liabilities						
Income tax payable	139,027,393	–	139,027,393	46,495,985	–	46,495,985
Other liabilities						
Accrued taxes	59,331,782	–	59,331,782	48,204,852	–	48,204,852
Others	9,822,420	–	9,822,420	9,474,509	–	9,474,509
	<u>208,181,595</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>208,181,595</u>	<u>104,175,346</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>104,175,346</u>
	<u>₱7,243,267,124</u>	<u>₱303,238,564</u>	<u>₱7,546,505,688</u>	<u>₱6,193,300,480</u>	<u>₱282,974,908</u>	<u>₱6,476,275,389</u>



17. Equity

Capital Stock

As of December 31, 2023 and 2022, the Bank's capital stock consists of:

	2023		2022	
	Shares	Amount	Shares	Amount
Par value – ₱100.00 per share				
Authorized	15,000,000	₱1,500,000,000	15,000,000	₱1,500,000,000
Issued and outstanding				
Beginning balance	14,605,227	₱1,460,522,700	14,326,149	1,432,614,900
Issuance of capital stock from settlement of subscriptions receivable	349,783	34,978,300	279,078	27,907,800
	14,955,010	₱1,495,501,000	14,605,227	₱1,460,522,700

Deposit for Future Stock Subscription

Deposit for future stock (DFS) subscription pertains to total consideration received in excess of the authorized capital of the Bank with the purpose of applying the same as payment for future issuance of shares.

Financial Reporting Bulletin No. 6, dated January 24, 2013 provides that a bank shall classify a contract to deliver its own equity instruments under equity as a separate account from capital stock if and only if, all of the following elements are present as of the reporting period:

1. The unissued authorized capital of the Bank is insufficient to cover the amount of shares indicated in the contract;
2. There is Board of Directors' approval on the proposed increase in authorized capital stock (for which a deposit was received by the Bank);
3. There is stockholders' approval of the said proposed increase; and
4. The application for the approval of the proposed increase has been filed with the SEC.

The application of the proposed increase in authorized capital was approved by the Board on May 14, 2022. The request for increase in authorized capital was submitted to the BSP on July 12, 2022 which was subsequently approved on October 28, 2022. Application to SEC was submitted on November 15, 2022. Subsequently, the Bank also submitted a complete copy of the pre-emptive rights and copy of the official receipt and bank statement as requested by the SEC. To date, the Bank is awaiting for the release of the final approval.

Dividends

Dividends declared by the Bank in 2023 and 2022 are the following:

Date of declaration	Cash dividends		Record date
	Per share	Total amount	
September 9, 2023	₱8.00	₱120.00 million	September 15, 2023
May 13, 2023	10.00	150.00 million	May 18, 2023
May 14, 2022	2.50	37.50 million	April 30, 2022

Capital Management

The Bank's capital management aims to ensure that it complies with regulatory capital requirements, and it maintains strong credit ratings and healthy capital ratios in order to support and sustain its business growth towards maximizing the shareholders' value.



The Bank manages its capital structure and appropriately effect adjustment according to the changes in economic conditions and the risk level it recognizes at every point of time in the course of its business operations. In order to maintain or adjust for good capital structure, the Bank carefully measures the amount of dividend payment to shareholders, call payment due from the capital subscribers or issue capital securities as necessary. No changes were made in the objectives, policies, and processes from the previous years.

Regulatory Qualifying Capital

Under the existing BSP regulations, the determination of the Bank's compliance with the regulatory requirements and ratios is based on the amount of the Bank's unimpaired capital (regulatory net worth) reported to the BSP, determined on the basis of regulatory accounting policies which differ from PFRSs in some respects. The amount of surplus funds available for dividend declaration is determined also on the basis of regulatory net worth after considering certain adjustments.

Under current Banking regulations, the combined capital accounts of each Bank should not be less than an amount equal to ten percent (10.00%) of its risk assets. Risk assets consist of total assets after exclusion of cash on hand, due from BSP, loans covered by hold-out on or assignment of deposits, loans or acceptances under letters of credit to the extent covered by margin deposits, and other non-risk items as determined by the Monetary Board of the BSP.

The CAR of the Bank as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, as reported to the BSP, is shown in the table below:

	2023	2022
Common Equity Tier 1 (CET1)	₱2,395,983,516	₱1,978,559,770
Tier 1	2,395,983,516	1,887,823,021
Tier 2	75,125,281	48,229,775
Total qualifying capital	2,471,108,797	1,936,052,796
Risk-weighted assets	₱10,528,112,191	₱7,820,627,443
CET1	22.76%	25.30%
Tier 1 capital ratio	22.76%	24.14%
Tier 2 capital ratio	0.71%	0.62%
CAR	23.47%	24.76%

As of December 31, 2023 and 2022, the Bank's CAR and capital are in compliance with the regulatory capital requirements.

As of December 31, 2023 and 2022, the Bank's minimum liquidity ratio is 27.84% and 30.40%, respectively. The Bank is compliant with the applicable BSP requirement.

The Bank has no contingencies and commitments arising from off-balance sheet items as of December 31, 2023 and 2022.

The Bank maintains an actively managed capital base to cover risks inherent in the business. The adequacy of the Bank's capital is monitored using, among other measures, the rules and ratios adopted by the BSP in supervising the Bank.



18. Miscellaneous Income

This account consists of:

	2023	2022
Fees from remittances	₱76,853,412	₱28,250,142
Recoveries from written-off accounts	39,950,332	27,551,464
Loans-related fees and other charges	5,605,841	4,953,708
Deposit-related fees and other charges	2,218,834	1,595,389
Overages	412,034	1,325,044
Others	3,327,318	1,418,608
	₱128,367,771	₱65,094,355

Others include appraisal and processing fee, gain from disposal of supplies, income from ATM replacement and rental income.

19. Miscellaneous Expenses

This account consists of:

	2023	2022
Insurance	₱18,308,013	₱18,603,124
Honorarium and director's fees	9,734,913	5,609,296
Donations and charitable institutions	9,230,033	441,519
Fines, penalties, and other charges	7,776,206	40,702
Advertising and publicity	3,046,657	1,979,166
Health and medical expenses	2,865,975	3,281,280
Supervision and examination fee	2,366,310	2,261,490
Periodicals and magazines	1,634,655	1,626,120
Membership fees and dues	808,807	1,686,278
Litigation expense	771,200	428,366
Community development	207,235	92,702
Others	22,090,853	6,014,263
	₱78,840,857	₱42,064,306

Others include expenses related to overtime meals, scholarship allowance, visitor accommodation expenses and subdivision dues.



20. Retirement Benefits

The Bank, CARD MRI Development Institute, Inc., CARD Mutual Benefit Association, Inc., CARD Bank, Inc., CARD MRI Insurance Agency, Inc., CARD Business Development Service Foundation, Inc., CARD MRI Information Technology, Inc., CARD Employees Multi-Purpose Cooperative, Responsible Investments for Solidarity and Empowerment Financing Co., BotiCARD, Inc., CARD Leasing and Finance Corporation, CARD MRI Rizal Bank, Inc., CARD, Inc., FDS Asya Philippines, Inc., CARD MRI Property Management, Inc. CARD MRI Hijos Tours, Inc., CARD MRI Publishing House, Inc., CARD MRI Astro Laboratories Inc. and Mga Likha ni Inay, Inc., maintain a funded and formal noncontributory defined benefit retirement plan - the CARD MRI Multi-Employer Retirement Plan (MERP) - covering all of their regular employees and CARD Group Employees' Retirement Plan (Hybrid Plan) applicable to employees hired on or after July 1, 2017. MERP is valued using the projected unit cost method and is financed solely by the Bank and its related parties.

MERP and Hybrid Plan comply with the requirements of RA No. 7641 (Retirement Law). MERP provides lump sum benefits equivalent to up to 120.00% of final salary for every year of credited service, a fraction of at least six months being considered as one whole year, upon retirement, death, total and permanent disability, or voluntary separation after completion of at least one year of service with the participating companies.

Hybrid Plan provides a retirement benefit equal to 100.00% of the member's employer accumulated value (the Bank's contributions of 8.00% plan salary to Fund A plus credited earnings) and 100.00% of the Member's Employee accumulated value (member's own contributions up to 10.00% of plan salary to Fund B plus credited earnings), if any. Provided that in no case shall 100.00% of the Employee Accumulated Value in Fund A be less than 100.00% of plan salary for every year of credited service. Total retirement expense in 2023 and 2022 related to Hybrid Plan amounted to ₱9.09 million and ₱17.35 million, respectively. The latest actuarial valuation report covers reporting period as of December 31, 2023.



Changes in retirement asset are as follows:

2023														
	Net benefit cost recognized in the statement of income					Remeasurements in other comprehensive income (loss)								
	January 1	Current service cost	Net interest	Net pension expense*	Benefits paid	Transfer from plan assets	Return on plan assets (excluding amount included in net interest)	Actuarial changes arising from changes in demographic assumptions	Actuarial changes arising from changes in financial assumptions	Actuarial changes arising from changes in experience	Changes in the effect of limiting net defined benefit asset to the asset ceiling	Subtotal	Contribution by employer	December 31
Fair value of plan assets	₱344,760,636	₱–	₱25,400,627	₱25,400,627	(₱8,074,123)	(₱1,291,561)	(₱12,450,087)	₱–	₱–	₱–	₱–	(₱12,450,087)	₱15,751,988	₱364,097,480
Present value of defined benefit obligation	(201,512,052)	(17,131,586)	(14,710,380)	(31,841,966)	8,074,123	1,291,561	–	348,628	(30,308,242)	(17,233,803)	–	(47,193,417)	–	(271,181,751)
Effect of asset ceiling	(36,280,150)	–	(2,648,451)	(2,648,451)	–	–	–	–	–	–	25,980,597	25,980,597	–	(12,948,004)
Net defined benefit asset	₱106,968,434	(₱17,131,586)	₱8,041,796	(₱9,089,790)	₱–	₱–	(₱12,450,087)	₱348,628	(₱30,308,242)	(₱17,233,803)	₱25,980,597	(₱33,662,907)	₱15,751,988	₱79,967,725

* Included in Compensation and fringe benefits' in the statements of income.

2022															
	Net benefit cost recognized in the statement of income						Remeasurements in other comprehensive income (loss)						Subtotal	Contribution by employer	December 31
	January 1	Current service cost	Net interest	Net pension expense*	Benefits paid	Transfer from plan assets	Return on plan assets (excluding amount included in net interest)	Actuarial changes arising from changes in demographic assumptions	Actuarial changes arising from changes in financial assumptions	Actuarial changes arising from changes in experience	Changes in the effect of limiting net defined benefit asset to the asset ceiling				
Fair value of plan assets	₱328,379,175	₱–	₱16,995,383	₱16,995,383	(₱8,526,564)	(₱1,860,081)	(₱3,870,458)	₱–	₱–	₱–	₱–	(₱3,870,458)	₱13,643,181	₱344,760,636	
Present value of defined benefit obligation	(234,213,493)	(21,701,742)	(12,061,995)	(33,763,737)	8,526,564	1,860,081	–	3,219,459	56,324,690	(3,465,616)	–	56,078,533	–	(201,512,052)	
Effect of asset ceiling	(11,297,885)	–	(581,841)	(581,841)	–	–	–	–	–	–	(24,400,424)	(24,400,424)	–	(36,280,150)	
Net defined benefit asset	₱82,867,797	(₱21,701,742)	₱4,351,547	(₱17,350,195)	₱–	₱–	(₱3,870,458)	₱3,219,459	₱56,324,690	(₱3,465,616)	(₱24,400,424)	₱27,807,651	₱13,643,181	₱106,968,434	

* Included in Compensation and fringe benefits' in the statements of income.



Transfer from (to) plan assets represents transfer of obligation and plan assets to the respective CARD-MRI entity as a result of movements in employees among the CARD-MRI entities.

The maximum economic benefit of plan assets available is a combination of expected refunds from the plan and reduction in future contributions. The fair values of plan assets by each class as at the end of the reporting period follow:

	2023	2022
Cash and cash equivalents	₱42,817,864	₱56,506,268
Receivables	54,250,525	28,925,417
Investments		
Government securities	247,367,828	236,678,177
Private bonds	15,619,782	17,927,553
Others	4,041,481	4,723,221
Fair value of plan assets	₱364,097,480	₱344,760,636

All plan assets do not have quoted prices in an active market except for government securities. Cash and cash equivalents are deposited in reputable financial institutions and related parties and are deemed to be standard grade. Accrued interest receivables pertain to accruals of interest from time deposits and debt securities.

The plan assets have diverse investments and do not have any concentration risk other than those in government securities which are of low risk.

The overall investment policy and strategy of the Bank's defined benefit plans is guided by the objective of achieving an investment return which, together with contributions, ensures that there will be sufficient assets to pay pension benefits as they fall due while also mitigating the various risk of the plans.

The cost of defined retirement plan as well as the present value of the defined benefit obligation is determined using actuarial valuations. The actuarial valuation involves making various assumptions. The principal assumptions used in determining pension for the defined benefit plans are shown below:

	2023	2022
Discount rates		
January 1	7.30%	5.15%
December 31	6.12%	7.30%
Future salary increases		
January 1	5.00%	5.00%
December 31	5.00%	5.00%

The sensitivity analysis below has been determined based on reasonably possible changes of each significant assumption on the defined benefit obligation as at the end of the reporting period, assuming all other assumptions were held constant:

	2023		2022	
	+100bps	-100bps	+100bps	-100bps
Discount rates	(₱26,049,907)	₱30,764,155	(₱19,877,027)	₱23,553,300
Salary rates	30,802,035	(26,538,296)	23,868,429	(20,455,586)



As of December 31, 2023 and 2022, the average duration of the defined benefit obligation is 10.50 years and 10.80 years, respectively.

The Bank plans to contribute ₱20.45 million to the defined benefit retirement plan in 2024.

Shown below is the maturity analysis of the undiscounted benefit payments:

	2023	2022
Less than one year	₱26,925,635	₱15,480,390
More than 1 year to 5 years	97,645,801	76,202,696
More than 5 years to 10 years	132,536,541	109,419,292
More than 10 years to 15 years	209,157,160	173,264,492
More than 15 years to 20 years	250,342,911	239,489,240
More than 20 years to 25 years	275,562,081	305,069,964
More than 25 years	443,277,233	556,477,125

21. Income Taxes

Under Philippine tax laws, the Bank is subject to percentage and other taxes as well as income taxes. Percentage and other taxes paid consist principally of gross receipts tax (GRT) and documentary stamp taxes presented as ‘Taxes and licenses’ in the statement of income.

Income taxes include final income tax which is paid at the rate of 20.00%. This is generally withheld on gross interest income from government securities and other deposit substitutes.

Tax regulations provide that RCIT rate shall be 25.00% in 2023 and 2022 and MCIT rate of 1.50% and 1.00% in 2023 and 2022, respectively. It further states that nondeductible interest expense shall likewise be reduced to 20.00% of interest income subjected to final tax in 2023 and 2022, respectively.

The excess of the MCIT over the RCIT can be carried-over and applied against the RCIT liability for the next three years.

CREATE Act provides that the MCIT and net operating loss carryover (NOLCO) may be applied against the Bank’s income tax liability and taxable income, respectively, over a three-year period from the year of inception. However, on September 30, 2020, the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) issued Revenue Regulations (RR) 25-2020 implementing Section 4(bbbb) of “Bayanihan to Recover as One Act” which states that the NOLCO incurred for taxable years 2020 and 2021 can be carried over and claimed as a deduction from gross income for the next five (5) consecutive taxable years immediately following the year of such loss.

Tax regulations also provide for the ceiling on the amount of entertainment, amusement and representation (EAR) expense that can be claimed as a deduction against taxable income. Under the regulation, EAR expense allowed as a deductible expense for a service company like the Bank is limited to the actual EAR paid or incurred but not to exceed 1.00% of net revenue. EAR expenses of the Bank amounted to ₱6.14 million and ₱5.73 million in 2023 and 2022, respectively.



Provision for (benefit from) income tax consists of:

	2023	2022
RCIT	₱218,983,455	₱91,595,882
Final tax	17,153,524	12,289,700
	236,136,979	103,885,582
Deferred	(3,714,640)	(1,523,811)
	₱232,422,339	₱102,361,771

Deferred tax recognized in other comprehensive income amounted to ₱8.42 million expense and ₱6.95 million benefit for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

Components of deferred tax assets - net are as follows:

	2023	2022
Deferred tax assets on:		
Allowance for credit and impairment losses	₱105,294,655	₱99,732,754
Accrued vacation leave credits	4,119,594	2,914,727
Unamortized past service cost	2,340,763	3,669,224
Accumulated depreciation - investment properties	—	57,750
Accrued rent	—	370
	111,755,012	106,374,825
Deferred tax liabilities on:		
Retirement asset	19,991,931	26,742,109
	₱91,763,081	₱79,632,716

The reconciliation between the statutory income tax and effective income tax follows:

	2023	2022
Statutory income tax	₱230,205,443	₱101,079,857
Income tax effects of:		
Nondeductible operating expenses	5,923,815	17,019,600
Interest income subject to final tax	(4,170,316)	(15,737,686)
Movements in unrecognized deferred tax asset	463,397	
Provision for income tax	₱232,422,339	₱102,361,771

22. Related Party Transactions

Parties are considered to be related if one party has the ability, directly or indirectly, to control the other party or exercise significant influence over the other party in making financial and operating decisions. The Bank's related parties include:

- key management personnel, close family members of key management personnel and entities which are controlled, significantly influenced by or for which significant voting power is held by key management personnel or their close family members;
- post-employment benefit plans for the benefit of the Bank's employees; and
- entities under common significant influence (CARD-MRI entities).



The Bank has several business relationships with related parties. Transactions with such parties are made in the ordinary course of business and on substantially same terms, including interest and collateral, as those prevailing at the time for comparable transactions with other parties. These transactions also did not involve more than the normal risk of collectability or present other unfavorable conditions.

Transactions with Retirement Plans

Under PFRSs, certain post-employment benefit plans are considered as related parties. CARD-MRI's MERP is a stand-alone entity assigned in facilitating the contributions to retirement starting 2015. The plan assets are mostly invested in time deposits and special savings of related party banks and government bonds (Note 20). As of December 31, 2023 and 2022, the retirement funds do not hold or trade the Bank's shares of stock.

Remunerations of Directors and Other Key Management Personnel

Key management personnel are those persons having authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the Bank, directly or indirectly. The Bank considers the members of the BOD and senior management to constitute key management personnel for purposes of PAS 24, *Related Party Disclosures*.

The compensation of key management personnel included under 'Compensation and fringe benefits' in the statement of income follows:

	2023	2022
Short-term employee benefits	₱11,824,672	₱12,359,530
Post-employment benefits	9,777,939	9,054,312
	₱21,602,611	₱21,413,842

The Bank also provides banking services to directors and other key management personnel and persons connected to them.

Other Related Party Transactions

Transactions between the Bank and its key management personnel meet the definition of related party transactions. Transactions between the Bank and its affiliates within the CARD-MRI, also qualify as related party transactions.

Deposit liabilities, accounts receivable and accounts payable

The table below shows deposit liabilities, accounts receivable and accounts payable held by the Bank for key management personnel and affiliates as of December 31, 2023 and 2022:

		December 31, 2023	
Category	Amount/Volume	Outstanding Balance	Nature, Terms and Conditions
Key Management Personnel			
Deposit liabilities		₱8,041,380	These are savings accounts with annual interest rates ranging from 0.50% to 3.00%.
Deposits	₱50,560,940		
Withdrawals	58,776,775		
Shareholders			
Deposit liabilities		393,079,815	These are savings accounts with annual interest rates ranging from 0.50% to 3.00%.
Deposits	2,596,853,708		
Withdrawals	2,555,424,187		
Interest expense/payable		23,596,680	Pertains to interest on deposit liabilities.
Accounts receivable		—	Share on expenses of transferred staff.
Charges	558,515		These are expected to be collected on January 2024.
Collections	(560,490)		



December 31, 2023			
Category	Amount/Volume	Outstanding Balance	Nature, Terms and Conditions
Accounts payable		–	Pertains to share on various expenses.
Charges	110,295,460		
Payments	(110,295,460)		
Information technology		75,139,712	This pertains to the CMIT's rendered services in relation to the system maintenance agreement.
Employee trainings		29,833,029	These training and development costs for the members and employees are conducted by CMDI. Related seminars and training expenses incurred are shown as part of 'Staff training and development' and 'Members training and development' in the statement of comprehensive income.
Occupancy and equipment-related cost		519,172	These are cost of rental of office premises to CARD Inc.

December 31, 2022			
Category	Amount/Volume	Outstanding Balance	Nature, Terms and Conditions
Key Management Personnel			
Deposit liabilities		₱16,257,215	These are savings accounts with annual interest rates ranging from 1.50% to 6.00%.
Deposits	₱25,051,328		
Withdrawals	26,897,380		
Shareholders			
Deposit liabilities		351,650,294	These are savings accounts with annual interest rates ranging from 1.50% to 6.00%.
Deposits	2,427,491,391		
Withdrawals	2,518,082,924		
Interest expense/payable		2,885,925	Pertains to interest on deposit liabilities.
Accounts receivable		1,975	Share on expenses of transferred staff.
Charges	67,4212		These are expected to be collected on January 2023.
Collections	(127,944)		
Accounts payable	4,743,169	–	Pertains to share on various expenses.
Charges			
Payments	(4,776,695)		
Information technology		66,923,473	This pertains to CMIT's rendered services in relation to the system maintenance agreement.
Employee trainings		21,236,284	These training and development costs for the members and employees are conducted by CMDI. Related seminars and training expenses incurred are shown as part of 'Staff training and development' and 'Members training and development' in the statement of comprehensive income.
Occupancy and equipment-related cost		575,820	These are cost of rental of office premises to CARD Inc.

Below is the percentage of total exposures to related parties as against capital:

Category	2023		2022	
	Net exposure	Ratio	Net exposure	Ratio
Key management personnel	₱8,041,380	0.54%	₱16,257,215	1.11%
Shareholders	393,079,815	26.28%	351,650,294	24.08%



23. Lease Contracts

The Bank leases the premises occupied by some of its branches in which lease payments are subjected to escalation clauses ranging from 5.00% to 13.91%. The lease contracts are for the periods ranging from one to ten years and are renewable upon mutual agreement between the Bank and the lessors such as CARD, Inc., CARD MRI Property Holdings, CARD MBA and third-party lessors.

The following are the amounts recognized in statements of income:

	2023	2022
Depreciation expense of ROU assets included in property and equipment (Note 9)	₱92,969,323	₱91,170,755
Lease payments relating to short-term leases and leases with low value assets	52,764,735	54,934,283
Interest expense on lease liabilities	7,477,085	6,834,365
Total amount recognized in the statements of income	₱153,211,143	₱152,939,403

Rent expense in 2023 and 2022 pertains to expenses from short-term leases and leases of low-value assets. As of December 31, 2023 and 2022, the Bank has no contingent rent payable.

As of December 31, 2023 and 2022, the carrying amounts of 'Lease liabilities' are as follows:

	2023	2022
Balance at beginning of year	₱156,518,360	₱141,731,517
Additions	79,468,531	102,292,441
Interest expense	7,477,085	6,834,365
Payments	(97,922,156)	(94,339,963)
Balance at end of year	₱145,541,820	₱156,518,360

Shown below is the maturity analysis of the undiscounted lease payments:

	2023	2022
Within one year	₱77,962,241	₱79,999,361
Beyond one year	83,842,480	85,781,978
	₱161,804,721	₱165,781,339

24. Notes to Statements of Cash Flows

Non-cash investing activities of the Bank consist of the following:

	2023	2022
Additions to property and equipment through lease contracts (Note 9)	₱82,365,140	₱111,269,604



The following table shows the reconciliation analysis of liabilities arising from financing activities for the year ended December 31, 2023 and 2022.

	2023				
	Bills payable (Note 14)	Lease liabilities (Notes 15 and 23)	Deposit for future stock subscription (Note 17)	Dividends payable (Notes 15 and 17)	Total liabilities from financing activities
Beginning balances as at January 1, 2023	₱-	₱156,518,360	₱44,294,640	₱332,054	₱201,145,054
Cash inflows	695,940,753	-	53,520,534	-	749,461,287
Cash outflows	-	(97,922,156)	-	(270,091,302)	(368,013,458)
Net cash flows	695,940,753	(97,922,156)	53,520,534	(270,091,302)	381,447,829
Non-cash items					
New lease contracts entered during the year	-	79,468,531	-	-	79,468,531
Amortization on interest expenses of lease liabilities	-	7,477,085	-	-	7,477,085
Declaration of dividends	-	-	-	270,000,000	270,000,000
Ending balances as of December 31, 2023	₱695,940,753	₱145,541,820	₱97,815,174	₱240,752	₱939,538,499

	2022				
	Bills payable (Note 14)	Lease liabilities (Notes 15 and 23)	Deposit for future stock subscription (Note 17)	Dividends payable (Notes 15 and 17)	Total liabilities from financing activities
Beginning balances as at January 1, 2022	₱24,216,180	₱141,731,517	₱-	₱320,590	₱166,268,287
Cash inflows	-	-	44,294,640	-	44,294,640
Cash outflows	(24,480,000)	(94,339,963)	-	(37,488,536)	(156,308,499)
Net cash flows	(24,480,000)	(94,339,963)	44,294,640	(37,488,536)	(112,013,859)
Non-cash items					
New lease contracts entered during the year	-	102,292,441	-	-	102,292,441
Amortization of discount of bills payables	263,820	-	-	-	263,820
Amortization on interest expenses of lease liabilities	-	6,834,365	-	-	6,834,365
Declaration of dividends	-	-	-	37,500,000	37,500,000
Ending balances as of December 31, 2022	₱-	₱156,518,360	₱44,294,640	₱332,054	₱201,145,054

25. Approval of the Release of Financial Statements

The accompanying financial statements were approved and authorized for issue by the Bank's BOD on April 26, 2024.

26. Supplementary Information Required under Section 174 of the Manual of Regulations for Banks (MORB)

Presented below is the supplementary information required by BSP under Section 174 of the MORB to be disclosed as part of the notes to financial statements. This supplementary information is not a required disclosure under PFRSs.



Basic qualitative indicators of financial performance

The following basic ratios measure the financial performance of the Bank:

	2023	2022
Return on average equity	35.04%	18.02%
Return on average assets	7.88%	3.43%
Net interest margin	34.61%	30.27%

Description of capital instruments issued

As of December 31, 2023 and 2022, the Bank has one class of capital stock, common stocks.

Significant credit exposures

The BSP considers that loan concentration exists when total loan exposure to a particular industry or economic sector exceeds 30.00% of total loan portfolio. Identified concentration of credit risks are managed and controlled.

Information on the concentration of credit as to industry of loans (gross of unearned discounts and allowance for impairment and credit losses) follows:

	2023		2022	
	Amount	%	Amount	%
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles, and motorcycles	₱3,283,277,426	39.72	₱3,929,768,781	58.76
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	1,161,755,691	14.06	443,597,916	6.63
Accommodation and food service activities	662,177,712	8.01	570,700,313	8.53
Construction	648,206,456	7.84	449,791,728	6.73
Manufacturing	320,158,428	3.87	337,878,403	5.05
Human health and social work activities	267,002,425	3.23	125,589,372	1.88
Real estate activities	143,889,924	1.74	11,174,226	0.17
Education	127,631,610	1.54	46,950,961	0.70
Administrative support service activities	104,798,490	1.27	100,574,449	1.50
Transportation and storage	83,345,251	1.01	65,725,770	0.98
Arts, entertainment and recreation	17,547,280	0.21	19,085,967	0.29
Information and communication	9,776,042	0.12	2,045,469	0.03
Professional, scientific and technical activities	4,013,462	0.05	3,468,272	0.05
Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	3,326,008	0.04	2,024,383	0.03
Electricity, gas, steam and air-conditioning supply	3,414,144	0.04	749,328	0.01
Other service activities	1,424,920,082	17.24	578,321,448	8.65
	₱8,265,240,431		₱6,687,446,785	

The BSP considers that loan concentration exists when total loan exposure to a particular industry or economic sector exceeds 30.00% of total loan portfolio. Identified concentrations of credit risks are controlled and managed accordingly through regular assessment and monitoring of the management and the risk oversight committee.



The following table shows the secured and unsecured portions of loans and discounts as of December 31, 2023 and 2022:

	2023	2022
Secured portion		
Deposit hold-out (Note 13)	₱1,377,727,577	₱1,185,503,426
Chattel mortgage	257,033,488	367,658,176
	1,634,761,065	1,553,161,602
Unsecured portion	6,630,479,366	5,134,285,183
	₱8,265,240,431	₱6,687,446,785

Portfolio at risk (PAR)

In accordance with BSP regulations, the Bank considers loans with one-day past due as part of its portfolio-at-risk (PAR). As of December 31, 2023 and 2022, the Bank's PAR amounted to ₱288.07 million and ₱336.69 million, respectively. The allowance for credit losses recognized for past due loans amounted to ₱175.19 million and ₱329.14 million as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

As of December 31, 2023 and 2022, performing and nonperforming loans (NPLs) based on Circular No. 772 and as reported to the BSP amounted as follows:

	2023	2022
Microfinance Loans		
Performing loans		
Business	₱4,627,735,061	₱3,995,527,893
Educational	117,659,735	42,936,155
Others	1,656,462,235	1,192,796,198
	6,401,857,031	5,231,260,246
Nonperforming loans		
Business	141,088,100	181,939,820
Educational	1,220,873	774,593
Others	16,899,840	20,563,829
	159,208,813	203,278,242
Balance at end of year	₱6,561,065,844	₱5,434,538,488
SME Loans		
Performing loans		
Business	₱1,089,262,832	₱706,805,724
Housing	317,384,480	231,037,320
Car	103,213,943	100,259,177
Agricultural	56,588,093	70,344,121
Fringe	8,863,143	11,052,932
	1,575,312,491	1,119,499,274
Past due but not impaired		
Business	13,160,678	6,199,594
Housing	3,713,878	2,302,752
Car	2,839,551	606,121
Agricultural	2,567,965	2,353,943
Fringe	79,510	228,121
	22,361,582	11,690,531

(Forward)



	2023	2022
Nonperforming loans		
Business	₱60,866,291	₱68,571,625
Housing	23,726,686	21,463,565
Car	3,623,116	9,122,243
Agricultural	17,911,996	22,350,769
Fringe	372,425	210,290
	106,500,514	121,718,492
Balance at end of year	₱1,704,174,587	₱1,252,908,297

Loans are classified as nonperforming in accordance with BSP regulations, or when, in the opinion of management, collection of interest is doubtful. Loans are not reclassified as performing until interest and principal payments are brought current or the loans are restructured in accordance with existing BSP regulations, and future payments appear assured.

Generally, NPLs refer to loans whose principal and/or interest is unpaid for thirty days or more after due date or after they have become past due in accordance with existing BSP rules and regulations. This shall apply to loans that are payable in lump sum and loans that are payable in quarterly, semi-annual, or annual installments, in which case, the total outstanding balance thereof shall be considered nonperforming.

In the case of loans that are payable in monthly installments, the total outstanding balance thereof shall be considered nonperforming when three or more installments are in arrears.

In the case of loans that are payable in daily, weekly, or semi-monthly installments, the total outstanding balance thereof shall be considered nonperforming at the same time that they become past due in accordance with existing BSP regulations, i.e., the entire outstanding balance of the receivable shall be considered as past due when the total amount of arrearages reaches ten percent (10.00%) of the total receivable balance.

In the case of microfinance loans, past due/PAR accounts shall be considered as NPLs.

Related party loans

As required by BSP, the Bank discloses loan transactions with investees and with certain DOSRI. Existing Banking regulations limit the amount of individual loans to DOSRI, 70.00% of which must be secured, to the total of their respective deposits and book value of their respective investments in the lending company within the Bank.

As of December 31, 2023 and 2022, the balance of the secured loans to DOSRI are ₱134.28 million and ₱64.25 million, respectively. There is no unsecured loan to DOSRI as of December 31, 2023 and 2022. In the aggregate, loans to DOSRI generally should not exceed total equity or 15.00% of total loan portfolio, whichever is lower. As of December 31, 2023 and 2022, the Bank is in compliance with the regulatory requirements.



BSP Circular No. 423 dated March 15, 2004, as amended by BSP Circular No. 914 dated June 23, 2016, provide the rules and regulations governing credit exposures to DOSRI. The following table shows information relating to the loans, other credit accommodations and guarantees classified as DOSRI accounts under regulations existing prior to BSP Circular No. 423 and new DOSRI loans and other credit accommodations granted under said circular as of December 31, 2023 and 2022:

Particulars	2023		2022	
	DOSRI Loan's	Related Party Loans (inclusive of DOSRI Loans)	DOSRI Loans	Related Party Loans (inclusive of DOSRI Loans)
Outstanding loans	₱134,280,419	₱197,221,043	₱64,248,034	₱72,423,768
Percent of DOSRI/ Related Party loans to total loan portfolio	1.62%	2.39%	0.96%	1.08%
Percent of unsecured DOSRI/ Related Party loans to total DOSRI/Related Party loans	2.15%	0.00%	3.52%	0.00%
Percent of past due DOSRI/ Related Party loans to total DOSRI/ Related Party loans	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Percent of non-performing DOSRI/ Related Party loans to total DOSRI/ Related Party loans	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

There are no unsecured and past due DOSRI accounts in total outstanding DOSRI loans.

Secured liability and assets pledged as security

As of December 31, 2023 and 2022, the Bank has no liability that is secured by pledged assets.

Commitments and contingencies

There are no commitments and contingencies as at December 31, 2023 and 2022.

27. Supplementary Information Required under Revenue Regulations 15-2010

On November 25, 2010, the BIR issued RR 15-2010 prescribing the manner of compliance in connection with the preparation and submission of financial statements accompanying the tax returns. It includes provisions for additional disclosure requirements in the notes to the financial statements, particularly on taxes, duties and licenses paid or accrued during the year.

The components of 'Taxes and licenses' in 2023 follow:

Gross receipts tax	₱169,339,227
Documentary stamp tax	57,154,556
Business permits and licenses	11,302,133
Real property tax	326,269
Other taxes	4,861,092
	₱242,983,277



In 2023, withholding taxes remittances and withholding taxes lodged under 'Other liabilities - Accrued taxes' account follow:

Remittances:	
Gross receipt tax	₱160,539,046
Documentary stamp tax	72,478,906
Final withholding tax on interest expense	35,622,917
Expanded withholding tax	14,337,769
Withholding taxes on compensation and benefits	6,727,590
	₱289,706,228
Accrued:	
Gross Receipt Tax	₱45,147,661
Documentary stamp tax	5,578,236
Final withholding tax on interest expense	6,712,076
Expanded withholding tax	1,408,052
Withholding taxes on compensation and benefits	485,757
	₱59,331,782

Tax Cases and Assessment

On August 19, 2021, the BIR has rendered a letter of authority to examine the books of accounts and other accounting records for all revenue taxes including documentary stamp tax and other taxes for the taxable period January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020. Documents were submitted on September 15, 2021. The Bank settled the assessment on May 19, 2023.

On October 10, 2023, the Bank received an additional letter of authority for the taxable year ended December 31, 2022. The first follow-up request for presentation of accounting records and the second and final notice for presentation of records was received on November 6, 2023 and November 22, 2023, respectively. Documents were submitted on November 8, 2023, November 13, 2023 and December 8, 2023. The BIR has not yet rendered any assessment following the inspection of the Bank's accounting books and records.

