AmInvestment Bank Berhad

Registration No. 197501002220 (23742-V) (Incorporated in Malaysia)

And Its Subsidiaries

Condensed Interim Financial Statements
For the Financial Period
1 April 2023 to
31 December 2023
(In Ringgit Malaysia)

UNAUDITED STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

| | | Group | | Bank | |
|--|------|---------------------|------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| | Note | 31 December 2023 | 31 March 2023 | 31 December 2023 | 31 March 2023 |
| | | RM'000 | RM'000 | RM'000 | RM'000 |
| ASSETS | | | | | |
| Cash and short-term funds | 8 | 1,440,177 | 273,229 | 1,326,202 | 171,866 |
| Deposits and placements with a bank | 9 | 400,000 | 70,000 | 400,000 | 70,000 |
| Financial assets at fair value through | | | | | |
| other comprehensive income | 10 | 33,148 | 33,466 | 33,148 | 33,466 |
| Financial investments at amortised cost | 11 | 75,000 | 75,000 | 75,000 | 75,000 |
| Loans and advances | 12 | 897,232 | 815,906 | 897,232 | 815,906 |
| Statutory deposit with Bank Negara | | | | | |
| Malaysia ("BNM") | | 17,764 | 14,210 | 17,764 | 14,210 |
| Deferred tax assets | | 44,950 | 8,127 | 42,755 | 5,534 |
| Investment in subsidiaries | | - | - | 51,054 | 51,441 |
| Other assets | 13 | 623,572 | 432,738 | 600,585 | 409,899 |
| Property and equipment | | 14,678 | 15,206 | 14,348 | 14,847 |
| Right-of-use assets | | 2,255 | 2,759 | 2,255 | 2,759 |
| Intangible assets | - | 40,383 | 41,206 | 2,893 | 3,462 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | | 3,589,159 | 1,781,847 | 3,463,236 | 1,668,390 |
| LIABILITIES AND EQUITY | | | | | |
| Deposits and placements of a bank | 14 | 2,500,000 | 850,000 | 2,500,000 | 850,000 |
| Derivative financial liabilities | | - | 4 | - | 4 |
| Other liabilities | 15 | 485,064 | 373,488 | 456,398 | 349,230 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES | - | 2,985,064 | 1,223,492 | 2,956,398 | 1,199,234 |
| | | | | | |
| Share capital | | 330,000 | 330,000 | 330,000 | 330,000 |
| Reserves | - | 274,095 | 228,355 | 176,838 | 139,156 |
| Equity attributable to equity holder of the Bank | - | 604,095 | 558,355 | 506,838 | 469,156 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY | • | 3,589,159 | 1,781,847 | 3,463,236 | 1,668,390 |
| COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES | 25 | 231,641 | 233,651 | 231,641 | 233,651 |
| NET ASSETS PER ORDINARY SHARE (RM) | • | 1.92 | 1.78 | 1.61 | 1.49 |

UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS FOR THE FINANCIAL QUARTER ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

| | | Individual Quarter | | Cumulative Quarter | |
|---|------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Group | Note | 31 December 2023 RM'000 | 31 December 2022 RM'000 | 31 December 2023 RM'000 | 31 December 2022 RM'000 |
| | | IXIVI OOO | IXIII OOO | IXIVI 000 | IXIVI 000 |
| Interest income | 16 | 27,531 | 16,500 | 70,538 | 46,194 |
| Interest expense | 17 | (20,519) | (6,712) | (48,068) | (17,418) |
| Net interest income | - | 7,012 | 9,788 | 22,470 | 28,776 |
| Other operating income | 18 | 103,646 | 91,985 | 280,467 | 247,676 |
| Direct costs | 19 | (19,011) | (14,300) | (51,582) | (45,938) |
| Net income | - | 91,647 | 87,473 | 251,355 | 230,514 |
| Other operating expenses | 20 | (55,256) | (53,027) | (164,310) | (148,684) |
| Operating profit | _ | 36,391 | 34,446 | 87,045 | 81,830 |
| Impaired loans and advances recovered, net | 21 | - | - | 359 | - |
| (Allowance for)/writeback of impairment on: | | | | | |
| Other financial assets | 22 | (505) | 153 | (769) | (784) |
| Other non-financial assets | | (1,186) | - | (1,186) | - |
| Reversal of provision for commitments and | | | | | |
| contingencies | _ | | | 27 | |
| Profit before taxation | | 34,700 | 34,599 | 85,476 | 81,046 |
| Taxation | - | 49,695 | (7,715) | 35,661 | (17,679) |
| Profit for the financial period | | 84,395 | 26,884 | 121,137 | 63,367 |
| Basic/diluted earnings per share (sen) | 23 | 26.9 | 8.6 | 38.6 | 20.2 |

UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE FINANCIAL QUARTER ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

| | Individual Quarter | | Cumulative Quarter | | |
|---|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|
| Group | 31 December 2023 RM'000 | 31 December 2022 RM'000 | 31 December 2023 RM'000 | 31 December 2022 RM'000 | |
| Profit for the financial period | 84,395 | 26,884 | 121,137 | 63,367 | |
| Other comprehensive (loss)/income: | | | | | |
| Item that will not be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss | | | | | |
| Equity instruments at fair value through other comprehensive income ("FVOCI") Net unrealised loss on changes in fair value | - | - | (192) | (166) | |
| Item that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss | | | | | |
| Debt instruments at FVOCI | | | | | |
| Net unrealised gain/(loss) on changes in | | | | | |
| fair value | 106 | 596 | (198) | 551 | |
| Tax effect | (25) | (144) | 47 | (132) | |
| | 81 | 452 | (151) | 419 | |
| Other comprehensive income/(loss) for the | | | | | |
| financial period | 81 | 452 | (343) | 253 | |
| Total comprehensive income for the period | 84,476 | 27,336 | 120,794 | 63,620 | |

UNAUDITED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS FOR THE FINANCIAL QUARTER ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

| | | Individual Quarter | | Cumulative Quarter | |
|---|------|--------------------|-------------|---------------------------|-------------|
| Bank | Note | 31 December | 31 December | 31 December | 31 December |
| | | 2023 | 2022 | 2023 | 2022 |
| | | RM'000 | RM'000 | RM'000 | RM'000 |
| | | | | | |
| Interest income | 16 | 27,119 | 16,111 | 69,118 | 44,858 |
| Interest expense | 17 | (20,483) | (6,676) | (47,957) | (17,310) |
| Net interest income | | 6,636 | 9,435 | 21,161 | 27,548 |
| Other operating income | 18 | 59,919 | 73,131 | 181,576 | 183,115 |
| Direct costs | 19 | (11,455) | (7,805) | (29,228) | (23,925) |
| Net income | | 55,100 | 74,761 | 173,509 | 186,738 |
| Other operating expenses | 20 | (37,144) | (35,516) | (109,206) | (100,296) |
| Operating profit | _ | 17,956 | 39,245 | 64,303 | 86,442 |
| Impaired loans and advances recovered, net | 21 | - | - | 359 | - |
| (Allowance for)/writeback of impairment on: | | | | | |
| Other financial assets | 22 | (506) | 153 | (773) | (784) |
| Investment in subsidiary | | - | - | (387) | - |
| Other non-financial assets | | (1,058) | - | (1,058) | - |
| Reversal of provision for commitments and | | | | | |
| contingencies | | - | - | 27 | - |
| Profit before taxation | - | 16,392 | 39,398 | 62,471 | 85,658 |
| Taxation | - | 53,472 | (4,229) | 50,608 | (5,896) |
| Profit for the financial period | | 69,864 | 35,169 | 113,079 | 79,762 |

UNAUDITED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE FINANCIAL QUARTER ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

| | Individua | l Quarter | Cumulativ | lative Quarter | |
|---|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|
| Bank | 31 December 2023 RM'000 | 31 December 2022 RM'000 | 31 December 2023 RM'000 | 31 December 2022 RM'000 | |
| Profit for the financial period | 69,864 | 35,169 | 113,079 | 79,762 | |
| Other comprehensive (loss)/income: | | | | | |
| Item that will not be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss | | | | | |
| Equity instruments at fair value through other comprehensive income ("FVOCI") Net unrealised loss on changes in fair value | - | - | (192) | (166) | |
| Item that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss | | | | | |
| Debt instruments at FVOCI Net unrealised (loss)/gain on changes in fair value | 106 | 596 | (198) | 551 | |
| Tax effect | (25) | (144) | 47 | (132) | |
| | 81 | 452 | (151) | 419 | |
| Other comprehensive income/(loss) for the | | | , , | | |
| financial period | 81 | 452 | (343) | 253 | |
| Total comprehensive income for the period | 69,945 | 35,621 | 112,736 | 80,015 | |

UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE FINANCIAL QUARTER ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

| | < | | | | | > | |
|---|----------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | | | Non-distr | ibutable | | Distributable | |
| Group | Share capital RM'000 | Capital reserve RM'000 | Regulatory reserve RM'000 | Merger reserve RM'000 | Fair value reserve RM'000 | Retained earnings RM'000 | Total equity RM'000 |
| At 1 April 2022 | 330,000 | 2,815 | 8,457 | 82,115 | 1,703 | 144,979 | 570,069 |
| Profit for the financial period Other comprehensive income Total comprehensive income for the period | - - - | - - - | - - | - - - | 253 253 | 63,367 - 63,367 | 63,367 253 63,620 |
| Transfer to regulatory reserve Dividends Transactions with owner and other equity movements | - - - | - - - | 1,240 - 1,240 | - - - | - - - | (1,240) (94,211) (95,451) | (94,211) (94,211) |
| At 31 December 2022 | 330,000 | 2,815 | 9,697 | 82,115 | 1,956 | 112,895 | 539,478 |
| At 1 April 2023 | 330,000 | 2,815 | 10,478 | 82,115 | 2,259 | 130,688 | 558,355 |
| Profit for the financial period Other comprehensive loss Total comprehensive (loss)/income for the period | - - - | - - - | - - - | - - - | (343) (343) | 121,137 - 121,137 | 121,137 (343) 120,794 |
| Transfer to regulatory reserve Dividends Transactions with owner and other equity movements | | - - - | 652 - 652 | - - - | - - - | (652) (75,054) (75,706) | (75,054) (75,054) |
| At 31 December 2023 | 330,000 | 2,815 | 11,130 | 82,115 | 1,916 | 176,119 | 604,095 |

UNAUDITED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE FINANCIAL QUARTER ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

<------ Attributable to equity holder of the Bank------>

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|---|----------------------------|--|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | | Non-distr | ibutable | Distributable | |
| Bank | Share capital RM'000 | Regulatory reserve RM'000 | Fair value reserve RM'000 | Retained earnings RM'000 | Total equity RM'000 |
| At 1 April 2022 | 330,000 | 8,457 | 1,703 | 139,315 | 479,475 |
| Profit for the financial period Other comprehensive income Total comprehensive income for the period | | - - - | 253 253 | 79,762 - 79,762 | 79,762 253 80,015 |
| Transfer to regulatory reserve Dividends Transactions with owner and other equity movements | | 1,240 - 1,240 | - - - | (1,240) (94,211) (95,451) | (94,211) (94,211) |
| At 31 December 2022 | 330,000 | 9,697 | 1,956 | 123,626 | 465,279 |
| At 1 April 2023 | 330,000 | 10,478 | 2,259 | 126,419 | 469,156 |
| Profit for the financial period Other comprehensive loss Total comprehensive (loss)/income for the period | | <u>-</u> | (343) (343) | 113,079 - 113,079 | 113,079 (343) 112,736 |
| Transfer to regulatory reserve Dividends Transactions with owner and other equity movements | - - - | 652 - 652 | - - - | (652) (75,054) (75,706) | (75,054) (75,054) |
| At 31 December 2023 | 330,000 | 11,130 | 1,916 | 163,792 | 506,838 |

UNAUDITED CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE FINANCIAL QUARTER ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

| | Group | | Bank | | |
|---|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|
| | 31 December 2023 RM'000 | 31 December 2022 RM'000 | 31 December 2023 RM'000 | 31 December 2022 RM'000 | |
| | KIVI UUU | KIVI UUU | RIVI UUU | KIVI UUU | |
| Profit before taxation | 85,476 | 81,046 | 62,471 | 85,658 | |
| Adjustments for non-operating and non-cash | | | | | |
| items | 5,926 | 3,705 | (34,579) | (63,234) | |
| Operating profit before working capital | | _ | | | |
| changes | 91,402 | 84,751 | 27,892 | 22,424 | |
| Change in operating assets | (657,988) | 533,500 | (657,355) | 536,050 | |
| Change in operating liabilities | 1,754,868 | 14,045 | 1,757,849 | 20,079 | |
| Cash generated from operations | 1,188,282 | 632,296 | 1,128,386 | 578,553 | |
| Tax paid | (13,479) | (20,848) | (6,312) | (13,021) | |
| Net cash generated from operating activities | 1,174,803 | 611,448 | 1,122,074 | 565,532 | |
| Net cash (used in)/ generated from investing activities | (2,260) | (2,331) | 37,857 | 64,412 | |
| Net cash used in financing activities | (75,594) | (94,722) | (75,594) | (94,722) | |
| Net increase in cash and cash equivalents Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of | 1,096,949 | 514,395 | 1,084,337 | 535,222 | |
| the financial period | 343,229 | 278,842 | 241,866 | 176,597 | |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of the financial | | | | | |
| period (Note 1) | 1,440,178 | 793,237 | 1,326,203 | 711,819 | |
| | | | | | |
| Note 1: Cash and short term funds | 1,440,177 | 793,237 | 1,326,202 | 711,819 | |
| Deposits and placement with bank | 400,000 | 300,000 | 400,000 | 300,000 | |
| Less: Deposits with original maturity of more than | 100,000 | 000,000 | 100,000 | 000,000 | |
| than 3 months | (400,000) | (300,000) | (400,000) | (300,000) | |
| | 1,440,177 | 793,237 | 1,326,202 | 711,819 | |
| Allowances for expected credit losses | 1 | - | 1 | _ | |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of the financial | 4 440 470 | 700.007 | 4 202 202 | 744.040 | |
| period | 1,440,178 | 793,237 | 1,326,203 | 711,819 | |

EXPLANATORY NOTES:

1. BASIS OF PREPARATION

These condensed interim financial statements have been prepared in accordance with MFRS 134, Interim Financial Reporting issued by the Malaysian Accounting Standards Board ("MASB") and paragraph 9.22 of the Listing Requirements of Bursa Malaysia. These financial statements also comply with IAS 34, Interim Financial Reporting issued by the International Accounting Standards Board.

These condensed interim financial statements do not include all of the information required for full annual financial statements, and should be read in conjunction with the annual financial statements of the Group and the Bank for the financial year ended 31 March 2023 which are available upon request from the Company's registered office at Level 22, Bangunan AmBank Group, No. 55, Jalan Raja Chulan, 50200 Kuala Lumpur.

The condensed interim financial statements incorporate those stockbroking and capital market activities undertaken in compliance with Shariah principles relating to investment banking services which are regulated by Securities Commission and Bursa Malaysia Berhad.

1.1 Significant Accounting Policies

The accounting policies adopted are consistent with those of the previous financial year except for the adoption of the following amendments to published standards:

- Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-Current (Amendments to MFRS 101 *Presentation of Financial Statements*)
- Disclosure of Accounting Policies (Amendments to MFRS 101 Presentation of Financial Statements)
- Definition of Accounting Estimates (Amendments to MFRS 108 Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors)
- Deferred Tax related to Assets and Liabilities arising from a Single Transaction (Amendments to MFRS 112 Income Taxes)
- International Tax Reform Pillar Two Model Rules (Amendments to MFRS 112 Income Taxes)

The adoption of these amendments to published standards did not have any material impact on the financial statements of the Group and of the Bank. The Group and the Bank did not have to change its accounting policies or make retrospective adjustments as a result of adopting these amendments to published standards.

The nature of the amendments to published standards relevant to the Group and the Bank are described below:

Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-Current (Amendments to MFRS 101 *Presentation of Financial Statements*)

The amendments clarified that liabilities are classified as either current or non-current, depending on the rights that exist at the end of the reporting period. Liabilities are classified as non-current if the entity has a substantive right to defer settlement for at least 12 months at the end of the reporting period. Classification is unaffected by the expectations or intentions of the entity, as well as events after the reporting date. The adoption of these amendments did not result in any impact to the financial statements of the Group and the Bank.

Disclosure of Accounting Policies (Amendments to MFRS 101 Presentation of Financial Statements)

The amendments require entities to disclose material accounting policies rather than significant accounting policies in the financial statements. Entities are expected to make disclosure of accounting policies specific to the entity and not generic disclosures on MFRS applications.

An accounting policy is material if, when considered together with other information included in an entity's financial statements, it can reasonably be expected to influence decisions that the users make based on those financial statements. Also, accounting policy information is expected to be material if, without it, the users of the financial statements would be unable to understand other material information in the financial statements. Immaterial accounting policy information need not be disclosed. The adoption of these amendments did not result in any material impact to the financial statements of the Group and the Bank.

1. BASIS OF PREPARATION (CONT'D.)

1.1 Significant Accounting Policies (Cont'd.)

Definition of Accounting Estimates (Amendments to MFRS 108 Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors)

The amendments redefined accounting estimates as "monetary amounts in financial statements that are subject to measurement uncertainty" and provide clarity on how to distinguish changes in accounting policies from changes in accounting estimates.

The amendments further clarified that effects of a change in an input or measurement technique used to develop an accounting estimate (for example, expected credit losses, fair value of an asset or liability, and depreciation for property and equipment) is a change in accounting estimate, if they do not arise from prior period errors. The adoption of these amendments did not result in any material impact to the financial statements of the Group and the Bank.

Deferred Tax related to Assets and Liabilities arising from a Single Transaction (Amendments to MFRS 112 Income Taxes)

The amendments clarified that the initial exemption rule from recognising deferred taxes does not apply to transactions where both an asset and a liability are recognised at the same time resulting in equal amounts of taxable and deductible temporary differences. This essentially means that lessees would not be able to apply the initial exemption rule in MFRS 112 for the assets and liabilities arising from leases. The adoption of these amendments did not result in any material impact to the financial statements of the Group and the Bank.

International Tax Reform - Pillar Two Model Rules (Amendments to MFRS 112 Income Taxes)

The amendments introduced a mandatory temporary exception to the accounting for deferred taxes arising from the jurisdictional implementation of the Pillar Two model rules. The adoption of these amendments did not result in any impact to the financial statements of the Group and the Bank as the Group's activities are principally conducted in Malaysia.

1.2 Standards issued but not yet effective

| Description | Effective for annual periods beginning on or after |
|--|--|
| - Lease Liability in a Sale and Leaseback (Amendments to MFRS 16 <i>Leases</i>) | 1 January 2024 |
| Non-current Liabilities with Covenants (Amendments to MFRS 101 Presentation of Financial Statements) | 1 January 2024 |
| - Supplier Finance Arrangements (Amendments to MFRS 107 Statement of Cash Flows and MFRS 7 Financial Instruments: Disclosures) | 1 January 2024 |
| - Lack of Exchangeability (Amendments to MFRS 121 The Effects of Changes in Foreign | · |
| Exchange Rates) | 1 January 2025 |
| - Sale or Contribution of Assets between an Investor and its Associate or Joint Venture | |
| (Amendments to MFRS 10 Consolidated Financial Statements and MFRS 128 | To be determined |
| Investments in Associates and Joint Ventures) | by MASB |

The nature of the new amendments to published standards that are issued but not yet effective are described below. The Group and the Bank are assessing the financial effects of their adoption.

1. BASIS OF PREPARATION (CONT'D.)

1.2 Standards issued but not yet effective (Cont'd.)

(a) Amendments to published standards effective for financial year ending 31 March 2025

Lease Liability in Sale and Leaseback (Amendments to MFRS 16 Leases)

The amendments clarified that, in subsequently measuring the lease liability, seller-lessee determines lease payments and revised leased payments in a way that does not recognise any amount of the gain or loss that relates to the right of use retained by the seller-lessee.

Non-current Liabilities with Covenants (Amendments to MFRS 101 Presentation of Financial Statements)

The amendments clarified that covenants of loan arrangements which an entity must comply with only after the reporting date would not affect classification of a liability as current or non-current at the reporting date. However, those covenants that an entity is required to comply with on or before reporting date would affect classification as current or non-current, even if the covenant is only assessed after the entity's reporting date.

Supplier Finance Arrangements (Amendments to MFRS 107 Statement of Cash Flows and MFRS 7 Financial Instruments: Disclosures)

The amendments introduced new disclosure requirements for supplier finance arrangements which include terms and conditions of supplier financing arrangements, the amounts of the liabilities that are the subject of such agreements, the range of payment due dates and information on liquidity risk.

(b) Amendments to published standards effective for financial year ending 31 March 2026

Lack of Exchangeability (Amendments to MFRS 121 The Effects of Changes in Foreign Exchange Rates)

The amendments clarified when a currency is exchangeable into another currency and how an entity estimates a spot rate when a currency lacks exchangeability. New disclosure requirements include the nature and financial impacts of the currency not being exchangeable, spot exchange rate used, estimation process and risks to the entity when the currency is not exchangeable.

(c) Standard effective on a date to be determined by MASB

Sale or Contribution of Assets between an Investor and its Associate or Joint Venture (Amendments to MFRS 10 Consolidated Financial Statements and MFRS 128 Investments in Associates and Joint Ventures)

The amendments clarify that:

- gains and losses resulting from transactions involving assets that do not constitute a business, between entity and its associate or joint venture are recognised in the entity's financial statements only to the extent of unrelated investors' interests in the associate or joint venture; and
- gains and losses resulting from transactions involving the sale or contribution to an associate of a joint venture of assets that constitute a business is recognised in full.

1.3 Significant Accounting Judgements, Estimates and Assumptions

The preparation of the condensed interim financial statements in accordance with MFRS requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of accounting policies and reported amounts of revenue, expenses, assets and liabilities, the accompanying disclosures and the disclosure of contingent liabilities. Judgements, estimates and assumptions are continually evaluated and are based on past experience, reasonable expectations of future events and other factors. Uncertainty about these assumptions and estimates could result in outcomes that require a material adjustment to the carrying amount of assets and liabilities affected in future periods.

In the process of applying the Group's and the Bank's accounting policies, the significant judgements, estimates and assumptions made by management were the same as those applied to the annual financial statements for the financial year ended 31 March 2023, except for the tax treatment of exceptional expenses incurred in the financial year ended 31 March 2021. For further details, refer to Note 31.

2. AUDIT QUALIFICATION

There was no audit qualification in the audited annual financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023.

3. SEASONALITY OR CYCLICALITY OF OPERATIONS

The operations of the Group and the Bank are not materially affected by any seasonal or cyclical fluctuation in the current financial quarter and period.

4. UNUSUAL ITEMS DUE TO THEIR NATURE, SIZE OR INCIDENCE

There were no unusual items during the current financial quarter and period.

5. CHANGES IN ESTIMATES

There was no material change in estimates of amounts reported in the prior financial years that have a material effect for the financial quarter and period ended 31 December 2023.

6. ISSUANCE AND REPAYMENT OF DEBT AND EQUITY SECURITIES

The Group and the Bank have not issued any new shares or debentures during the financial quarter and period.

There were no share buy-back, share cancellation, shares held as treasury shares nor resale of treasury shares by the Group and the Bank during the financial quarter and period.

7. DIVIDENDS

The final single-tier dividend of 23.90 sen per ordinary share on 314,035,088 ordinary shares was declared on 26 April 2023 amounting to RM75,054,386 in respect of financial year ended 31 March 2023 and was paid by the Bank on 16 June 2023.

The directors do not recommend the payment of any dividend in respect of the current financial period ended 31 December 2023.

| 8. CASH AND SHORT TERM FUNDS | | Grou | ıр | Bank | |
|------------------------------|---|-------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| | | 31 December 2023 RM'000 | 31 March 2023 RM'000 | 31 December 2023 RM'000 | 31 March 2023 RM'000 |
| | Cash and bank balances | 543,604 | 91,705 | 500,034 | 65,097 |
| | Deposit placements maturing within one month: | | | | |
| | Licensed banks | 390,405 | 165,755 | 320,000 | 91,000 |
| | Bank Negara Malaysia | 490,000 | - | 490,000 | - |
| | Other financial institutions | 16,169 | 15,769 | 16,169 | 15,769 |
| | | 1,440,178 | 273,229 | 1,326,203 | 171,866 |
| | Less: Allowances for ECL | | | | |
| | - Stage 1 -12-month ECL | (1) | | (1) | |
| | | 1,440,177 | 273,229 | 1,326,202 | 171,866 |
| | Movements in allowances for ECL are as follows: | | | | |
| | Group and Bank | | | Stage 1 12-Month ECL RM'000 | Total RM'000 |
| | At 31 December 2023 | | | | |
| | Balance at beginning of the financial period | | | - | - |
| | Net remeasurement of allowances (Note 22) | | | (1) | (1) |
| | Balance at end of the financial period | | • | (1) | (1) |
| | At 31 March 2023 | | | | |
| | Balance at beginning of the financial year | | | 2 | 2 |
| | Net remeasurement of allowances | | | (2) | (2) |
| | Balance at end of the financial year | | • | - | - |
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| 9. | DEPOSITS AND PLACEMENTS WITH A BANK | | |
|-----|--|----------------|----------|
| | | Group and Bank | |
| | | 31 December | 31 March |
| | | 2023 | 2023 |
| | | RM'000 | RM'000 |
| | Licensed bank, a related company | 400,000 | 70,000 |
| | Of which deposit and placements with original maturity of: | | |
| | Three months or less | _ | 70,000 |
| | More than three months | 400,000 | - |
| | | 400,000 | 70,000 |
| 10. | FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INC | OME | |
| | | Group and | Bank |
| | | 31 December | 31 March |
| | | 2023 | 2023 |
| | | RM'000 | RM'000 |
| | At Fair value | | |
| | Money Market Instruments: | | |
| | Malaysian Government Securities | 30,354 | 30,480 |
| | Unquoted Securities: | | |
| | In Malaysia: | | |
| | Shares | 2,766 | 2,960 |
| | | 2,700 | 2,000 |
| | Outside Malaysia: Shares | 28 | 26 |
| | Ondi 63 | 33,148 | 33,466 |
| | | 33,140 | 33,400 |
| 11. | FINANCIAL INVESTMENTS AT AMORTISED COST | | |
| | | Group and | Bank |
| | | 31 December | 31 March |
| | | 2023 | 2023 |
| | | RM'000 | RM'000 |
| | At Amortised Cost: | | |
| | Unquoted Securities in Malaysia: | | |
| | Sukuk | 75,000 | 75,000 |

12. LOANS AND ADVANCES

| | Group and 31 December 2023 RM'000 | I Bank 31 March 2023 RM'000 |
|---|--|--------------------------------------|
| At Amortised Cost | | |
| Share margin financing | 891,508 | 809,495 |
| Revolving credits | 5,342 | 5,974 |
| Staff loans | 383 | 438 |
| Gross loans and advances | 897,233 | 815,907 |
| Less: Allowance for impairment on loans and advances | | |
| Allowances for ECL | | |
| Stage 1 - 12 months expected credit loss ("ECL") | (1) | (1) |
| Net loans and advances | 897,232 | 815,906 |
| (a) Gross loans and advances analysed by type of customers are as follows: | | |
| | Group and | l Rank |
| | 31 December | 31 March |
| | 2023 | 2023 |
| | RM'000 | RM'000 |
| Domestic business enterprises: | | |
| Small medium enterprises | 31,765 | 35,119 |
| Others | 11,625 | 12,339 |
| Individuals | 848,116 | 762,555 |
| Foreign individuals and entities | 5,727 | 5,894 |
| | 897,233 | 815,907 |
| (b) All loans and advances reside in Malaysia. | | |
| (c) Gross loans and advances analysed by interest rate sensitivity are as follows | : | |
| | Group and | l Bank |
| | 31 December | 31 March |
| | 2023 | 2023 |
| | RM'000 | RM'000 |
| Fixed rate | | |
| Other fixed rate loans | - | 809,495 |
| Variable rate: | | |
| Base rate and base lending rate plus | 891,891 | 438 |
| Cost-plus | 5,342 | 5,974 |
| | 897,233 | 815,907 |

12. LOANS AND ADVANCES (CONT'D.)

(d) Gross loans and advances analysed by sector are as follows:

| | Group and Bank | | |
|--|-------------------------------|----------------------------|--|
| | 31 December 2023 RM'000 | 31 March 2023 RM'000 | |
| Agriculture | 351 | 368 | |
| Manufacturing | 4,954 | - | |
| Construction | - | 2,014 | |
| Wholesale and retail trade and hotels and restaurant | 5,370 | 6,990 | |
| Transport, storage and communication | 15,428 | 13,467 | |
| Real estate | 789 | 1,646 | |
| Business activities | 6,920 | 7,134 | |
| Education and health | 9,576 | 9,705 | |
| Household, of which: | 853,845 | 774,583 | |
| Purchase of residential properties | 383 | 438 | |
| Purchase of securities | 853,462 | 774,145 | |
| | 897,233 | 815,907 | |

(e) Gross loans and advances analysed by residual contractual maturity are as follows:

| | Group and Bank | | |
|--|-------------------------------|----------------------------|--|
| | 31 December 2023 RM'000 | 31 March 2023 RM'000 | |
| Maturing within one year Over one year to three years | 896,899 57 | 815,525 83 | |
| Over three years to five years Over five years | 174 103 | 81 218 | |
| | 897,233 | 815,907 | |

(f) Movements in allowances for ECL are as follows:

| Stage 1 |
|----------|
| 12-Month |
| ECL |
| RM'000 |

Group and Bank

At 31 December 2023

Balance at the beginning/end of the financial period 1

At 31 March 2023

Balance at beginning/end of the financial year _____1

13. OTHER ASSETS

| Trade receivables 31 December 2023 RM'000 31 March RM'000 31 December 2023 RM'000 31 December 2023 RM'000 31 March RM'000 31 December 2023 RM'000 31 March RM'000 31 March RM'000 32023 RM'0000 32023 RM'000 32023 RM'000 32023 RM'00 | | Group | | Bank | |
|--|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| RM'000 RM'000 RM'000 RM'000 Trade receivables 395,405 271,463 384,551 258,546 Other receivables, deposits and prepayments 33,076 29,355 17,395 15,090 Interest receivable 9,258 960 9,258 960 | | | | | |
| Trade receivables 395,405 271,463 384,551 258,546 Other receivables, deposits and prepayments 33,076 29,355 17,395 15,090 Interest receivable 9,258 960 9,258 960 | | | | | |
| Other receivables, deposits and prepayments 33,076 29,355 17,395 15,090 Interest receivable 9,258 960 9,258 960 | | RM'000 | RM'000 | RM'000 | RM'000 |
| Interest receivable 9,258 960 9,258 960 | Trade receivables | 395,405 | 271,463 | 384,551 | 258,546 |
| , | Other receivables, deposits and prepayments | 33,076 | 29,355 | 17,395 | 15,090 |
| Tax recoverable 58,862 39,111 58,783 39,035 | Interest receivable | 9,258 | 960 | 9,258 | 960 |
| | Tax recoverable | 58,862 | 39,111 | 58,783 | 39,035 |
| Margin deposits 119,553 95,400 119,553 95,400 | Margin deposits | 119,553 | 95,400 | 119,553 | 95,400 |
| Amount due from: | Amount due from: | | | | |
| Subsidiaries 3,329 3,679 | Subsidiaries | - | _ | 3,329 | 3,679 |
| Other related companies 11,767 472 11,763 472 | Other related companies | 11,767 | 472 | 11,763 | 472 |
| 627,921 436,761 604,632 413,182 | · | 627,921 | 436,761 | 604,632 | 413,182 |
| Less: | Less: | | | | |
| Allowances for impairment (4,349) (4,023) (4,047) (3,283) | Allowances for impairment | (4,349) | (4,023) | (4,047) | (3,283) |
| 623,572 432,738 600,585 409,899 | | 623,572 | 432,738 | 600,585 | 409,899 |

14. DEPOSITS AND PLACEMENTS OF A BANK

The deposit placed with the Bank is by a related company.

15. OTHER LIABILITIES

| | Group | | Bank | |
|--|-------------|----------|-------------|----------|
| | 31 December | 31 March | 31 December | 31 March |
| | 2023 | 2023 | 2023 | 2023 |
| | RM'000 | RM'000 | RM'000 | RM'000 |
| Trade payables | 364,846 | 294,138 | 364,846 | 294,138 |
| Other payables and accruals | 53,693 | 53,875 | 26,881 | 33,928 |
| Interest payable | 52,803 | 7,988 | 52,803 | 7,988 |
| Provision for commitments and contingencies | 146 | 173 | 146 | 173 |
| Lease liabilities | 2,387 | 2,864 | 2,387 | 2,864 |
| Provision for reinstatement of leased properties | 306 | 304 | 306 | 304 |
| Amount due to related companies | 10,883 | 14,146 | 9,029 | 9,835 |
| | 485,064 | 373,488 | 456,398 | 349,230 |

16. INTEREST INCOME

| | Individual Quarter | | Cumulative Quarter | |
|---|---------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Group | 31 December 2023 | 31 December 2022 | 31 December 2023 | 31 December 2022 |
| | RM'000 | RM'000 | RM'000 | RM'000 |
| Cash and short-term funds Financial investments at fair value through other | 12,488 | 5,184 | 27,657 | 14,804 |
| comprehensive income | 319 | 229 | 952 | 504 |
| Financial investments at amortised cost | 788 | 788 | 2,356 | 2,356 |
| Loans and advances | 13,361 | 9,990 | 38,225 | 27,623 |
| Others | 575 | 309 | 1,348 | 907 |
| | 27,531 | 16,500 | 70,538 | 46,194 |
| | | | | |

| | Individual Quarter | | Cumulative Quarter | |
|---|--------------------|------------------|---------------------------|------------------|
| Bank | 31 December 2023 | 31 December 2022 | 31 December 2023 | 31 December 2022 |
| | RM'000 | RM'000 | RM'000 | RM'000 |
| Cash and short-term funds | 12,076 | 4,795 | 26,237 | 13,468 |
| Financial investments at fair value through other | | | | |
| comprehensive income | 319 | 229 | 952 | 504 |
| Financial investments at amortised cost | 788 | 788 | 2,356 | 2,356 |
| Loans and advances | 13,361 | 9,990 | 38,225 | 27,623 |
| Others | 575 | 309 | 1,348 | 907 |
| | 27,119 | 16,111 | 69,118 | 44,858 |

17. INTEREST EXPENSE

| | Individua | l Quarter | Cumulativ | e Quarter |
|--|---|--|---|---|
| Group | 31 December | 31 December | 31 December | 31 December |
| | 2023 | 2022 | 2023 | 2022 |
| | RM'000 | RM'000 | RM'000 | RM'000 |
| Danasita and placements of a bank | 20, 202 | C 407 | 47.400 | 40.770 |
| Deposits and placements of a bank | 20,293 | 6,487 | 47,420 | 16,770 |
| Others | 226 | 225 | 648 | 648 |
| | 20,519 | 6,712 | 48,068 | 17,418 |
| | | | | |
| | Individua | l Quarter | Cumulativ | e Quarter |
| Bank | | I Quarter 31 December | Cumulativ 31 December | e Quarter 31 December |
| Bank | | | | |
| Bank | 31 December | 31 December | 31 December | 31 December |
| | 31 December 2023 | 31 December 2022 | 31 December 2023 RM'000 | 31 December 2022 RM'000 |
| Bank Deposits and placements of a bank Others | 31 December 2023 RM'000 | 31 December 2022 RM'000 | 31 December 2023 | 31 December 2022 |
| Deposits and placements of a bank | 31 December 2023 RM'000 20,293 | 31 December 2022 RM'000 6,487 | 31 December 2023 RM'000 47,420 | 31 December 2022 RM'000 16,770 |

18. OTHER OPERATING INCOME

| | Individua | | Cumulativ | |
|--|---------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Group | 31 December 2023 | 31 December 2022 | 31 December 2023 | 31 December 2022 |
| | RM'000 | RM'000 | RM'000 | RM'000 |
| Fee and commission income: | | | | |
| Fee and commission income that are | | | | |
| provided over time: | | | | |
| Corporate advisory | 5,599 | 7,423 | 17,409 | 14,122 |
| Fees on loans and securities | | | | |
| Agency fees | 790 | 819 | 2,357 | 2,440 |
| Other loans and securities related fees | 1,287 | 945 | 3,791 | 2,722 |
| Portfolio management fees | 10,624 | 11,372 | 31,050 | 31,953 |
| Unit trust management fees | 35,040 | 35,196 | 104,176 | 103,774 |
| Wealth management fees | 153 | 155 | 475 | 531 |
| Fee and commission income from | | | | |
| providing transaction services: | | | | |
| Brokerage fees and commission | 19,567 | 14,456 | 52,787 | 41,095 |
| Corporate advisory | 1,025 | 750 | 2,650 | 1,050 |
| Fees on loans and securities | | | | |
| Arrangement and upfront fees | 18,884 | 8,943 | 26,250 | 12,628 |
| Other loans and securities related fees | 371 | 2,622 | 1,753 | 2,914 |
| Portfolio management fees | - | - | 7,985 | - |
| Underwriting commission | - | 59 | - | 2,551 |
| Wealth management fees | 5,500 | 4,086 | 10,692 | 14,769 |
| Unit trust service charges | 2,914 | 1,742 | 8,633 | 7,550 |
| Placement fees | 73 | 2,378 | 3,485 | 2,978 |
| Other fee and commission income | 1,717 | 989 | 3,986 | 3,002 |
| | 103,544 | 91,935 | 277,479 | 244,079 |
| Investment and trading income: | | | | |
| Dividend income from: | | | | |
| Financial assets at fair value through | | | | |
| other comprehensive income | - | - | 98 | 146 |
| Net foreign exchange (loss)/gain | (533) | (650) | 818 | 1,535 |
| Net gain from sale of financial assets | | | | _ |
| at fair value through profit or loss | | | | 2 |
| | (533) | (650) | 916 | 1,683 |
| Other income: | | | | |
| Net loss on disposal of property and | | | | (00) |
| equipment | - | - | - | (32) |
| Non-trading foreign exchange gain/(loss) | | - - | 3 | (9) |
| Rental income Others | 570 | 581 | 1,734 | 1,753 |
| Others | 65 635 | <u>119</u> 700 | 2,072 | 202 1,914 |
| | 103,646 | 91,985 | 280,467 | 247,676 |
| | 103,040 | 31,305 | 200,407 | 241,010 |

18. OTHER OPERATING INCOME (CONT'D.)

| Bank | Individual 31 December 2023 RM'000 | Quarter 31 December 2022 RM'000 | Cumulativ 31 December 2023 RM'000 | e Quarter 31 December 2022 RM'000 |
|---|---|--|--|--|
| Fee and commission income: | 11 | | 1 | 11 |
| Fee and commission income that are | | | | |
| provided over time: | | | | |
| Corporate advisory | 5,599 | 7,423 | 17,409 | 14,122 |
| Fees on loans and securities | | | | |
| Agency fees | 790 | 819 | 2,357 | 2,440 |
| Other loans and securities related fees | 1,287 | 945 | 3,791 | 2,722 |
| Portfolio management fees | 210 | 249 | 671 | 824 |
| Wealth management fees | 4,234 | 3,935 | 12,441 | 11,898 |
| Fee and commission income from | | | | |
| providing transaction services: | | | | |
| Brokerage fees and commission | 19,567 | 14,456 | 52,787 | 41,095 |
| Corporate advisory | 1,025 | 750 | 2,650 | 1,050 |
| Fees on loans and securities | | | | |
| Arrangement and upfront fees | 18,884 | 8,943 | 26,250 | 12,628 |
| Other loans and securities related fees | 371 | 2,622 | 1,753 | 2,914 |
| Underwriting commission | - | 59 | <u>-</u> | 2,551 |
| Wealth management fees | 5,504 | 4,119 | 10,709 | 14,834 |
| Placement fees | 73 | 2,378 | 3,485 | 2,978 |
| Other fee and commission income | 1,988 | 1,067 | 4,518 | 3,329 |
| | 59,532 | 47,765 | 138,821 | 113,385 |
| Investment and trading income: | | | | |
| Dividend income from : | | | | |
| Subsidiaries | - | 24,600 | 39,890 | 66,000 |
| Financial assets at fair value through | | | | |
| other comprehensive income | - | - | 98 | 146 |
| Net foreign exchange (loss)/gain | (244) | 70 | 714 | 1,676 |
| Net gain from sale of financial assets | | | | |
| at fair value through profit or loss | | | <u> </u> | 2 |
| | (244) | 24,670 | 40,702 | 67,824 |
| Other income: | | | | |
| Net loss on disposal of property and | | | | |
| equipment | - | - | - | (32) |
| Rental income | 571 | 582 | 1,737 | 1,757 |
| Others | 60 | 114 | 316 | 181 |
| | 631 | 696 | 2,053 | 1,906 |
| | 59,919 | 73,131 | 181,576 | 183,115 |
| | | | | |

19. DIRECT COSTS

| | Individual Quarter | | al Quarter Cumulative Qu | |
|---|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Group | 31 December 2023 RM'000 | 31 December 2022 RM'000 | 31 December 2023 RM'000 | 31 December 2022 RM'000 |
| Brokerage commission Unit trust commission Others | 7,655 7,556 3,800 19,011 | 5,083 6,495 2,722 14,300 | 19,679 22,354 9,549 51,582 | 13,993 22,013 9,932 45,938 |
| Bank | | | | |
| Brokerage commission Others | 7,655 3,800 11,455 | 5,083 2,722 7,805 | 19,679 9,549 29,228 | 13,993 9,932 23,925 |

20. OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES

| | Individual Quarter | | Cumulative Quarter | |
|--|--------------------|-------------|--------------------|--------------|
| | 31 December | 31 December | 31 December | 31 December |
| | 2023 | 2022 | 2023 | 2022 |
| Group | RM'000 | RM'000 | RM'000 | RM'000 |
| Personnel costs | | | | |
| - Salaries, allowances and bonuses | 24,247 | 25,623 | 73,768 | 70,085 |
| | 24,247 | 25,025 | 13,100 | 70,065 |
| - Contributions to Employees' Provident | 2 000 | 4.044 | 11 010 | 11 100 |
| Fund ("EPF")/Private Retirement Schemes - Share granted under AMMB Executives' Share | 3,889 | 4,041 | 11,849 | 11,100 |
| Scheme ("ESS") - charge | 472 | 544 | 2,070 | 1 625 |
| - Social security costs | 154 | 151 | 2,070 461 | 1,635 410 |
| - Others | 3,129 | 3,066 | 7,156 | 7,119 |
| - Others | 31,891 | 33,425 | 95,304 | 90,349 |
| Establishment costs | 31,031 | 35,425 | 35,504 | 30,043 |
| - Amortisation of intangible assets | 263 | 236 | 961 | 705 |
| Cleaning, maintenance and security | 341 | 204 | 1,690 | 964 |
| - Computerisation costs | 3,248 | 3,710 | 9,092 | 9,274 |
| - Depreciation of property and equipment | 447 | 443 | 1,321 | 1,333 |
| - Depreciation of right-of-use asset | 168 | 159 | 504 | 476 |
| - Finance costs: | 100 | 100 | 004 | 470 |
| - interest on lease liability | 20 | 24 | 63 | 75 |
| - provision for reinstatement of leased | | | | . • |
| properties | 1 | 1 | 3 | 2 |
| - Rental of premises | 1,451 | 1,722 | 4,330 | 5,162 |
| - Others | 236 | 142 | 536 | 597 |
| | 6,175 | 6,641 | 18,500 | 18,588 |
| Marketing and communication expenses | | | | |
| - Advertising, promotional and other | | | | |
| marketing activities | 388 | 142 | 686 | 345 |
| - Sales commission | 8 | 7 | 22 | 21 |
| - Travelling and entertainment | 330 | 248 | 888 | 603 |
| - Communication expenses | 625 | 329 | 1,287 | 1,048 |
| - Others | 366 | 169 | 815 | 588 |
| | 1,717 | 895 | 3,698 | 2,605 |
| Administration and general expenses | | | | |
| - Professional fees | 3,300 | 3,027 | 9,973 | 9,491 |
| - Travelling | 42 | 67 | 203 | 253 |
| - Others | 3,352 | 3,429 | 10,675 | 9,725 |
| | 6,694 | 6,523 | 20,851 | 19,469 |
| | | | | |
| Service transfer pricing - expense, net (Note 1) | 8,779 | 5,543 | 25,957 | 17,673 |
| | 55,256 | 53,027 | 164,310 | 148,684 |
| | | | | |

Note 1: Higher service transfer pricing ("STP") expense mainly from the revision in allocation methodology of STP expenses.

20. OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES (CONTD.)

| | Individua | Individual Quarter Cumulative | | e Quarter | |
|---|-------------|-------------------------------|---------------|-------------|--|
| | 31 December | 31 December | 31 December | 31 December | |
| | 2023 | 2022 | 2023 | 2022 | |
| Bank | RM'000 | RM'000 | RM'000 | RM'000 | |
| | | | | | |
| Personnel costs | | | | | |
| Salaries, allowances and bonuses | 16,170 | 17,547 | 47,970 | 48,136 | |
| Contributions to EPF/Private Retirement | | | | | |
| Schemes | 2,575 | 2,762 | 7,674 | 7,608 | |
| - Share granted under AMMB | | | | | |
| ESS - charge | 340 | 394 | 1,473 | 1,258 | |
| - Social security costs | 99 | 99 | 298 | 269 | |
| - Others | 1,783 | 1,879 | 4,542 | 4,926 | |
| | 20,967 | 22,681 | 61,957 | 62,197 | |
| Establishment costs | 400 | 100 | 200 | 400 | |
| - Amortisation of intangible assets | 186 | 138 | 692 | 423 | |
| - Cleaning, maintenance and security | 231 | 177 | 1,532 | 898 | |
| - Computerisation costs | 3,037 | 3,426 | 8,434 | 8,942 | |
| - Depreciation of property and equipment | 414 | 405 | 1,209 | 1,202 | |
| - Depreciation of right-of-use asset | 168 | 159 | 504 | 476 | |
| - Finance costs: | 20 | 0.4 | 00 | 7.4 | |
| - interest on lease liability | 20 | 24 | 63 | 74 | |
| - provision for reinstatement of leased | 4 | 4 | 2 | 0 | |
| properties | 1 | 1 | 3 | 3 | |
| - Rental of premises | 1,131 | 1,299 | 3,370 | 3,894 | |
| - Others | 213 | <u>123</u> 5,752 | 485 16,292 | 541 | |
| Marketing and communication expenses | 5,401 | 5,752 | 10,292 | 16,453 | |
| Marketing and communication expenses - Advertising, promotional and other | | | | | |
| marketing activities | 276 | 105 | 416 | 191 | |
| - Sales commission | 8 | 7 | 22 | 21 | |
| - Travelling and entertainment | 287 | 211 | 763 | 528 | |
| - Communication expenses | 309 | 251 | 733 | 799 | |
| - Others | 305 | 98 | 614 | 321 | |
| - Others | 1,185 | 672 | 2,548 | 1,860 | |
| Administration and general expenses | 1,100 | 012 | 2,040 | 1,000 | |
| - Professional fees | 531 | 434 | 1,589 | 1,214 | |
| - Travelling | 41 | 62 | 193 | 241 | |
| - Others | 1,401 | 1,383 | 4,343 | 4,170 | |
| | 1,973 | 1,879 | 6,125 | 5,625 | |
| | .,570 | ., | 5,.20 | 5,520 | |
| Service transfer pricing - expense, net (Note 1) | 7,618 | 4,532 | 22,284 | 14,161 | |
| | 37,144 | 35,516 | 109,206 | 100,296 | |
| | , | , | , | , | |

Note 1: Higher service transfer pricing ("STP") expense mainly from the revision in allocation methodology of STP expense.

21. IMPAIRED LOANS AND ADVANCES RECOVERED, NET

| | Individua | l Quarter | Cumulative Quarter | | |
|--|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|
| | 31 December 2023 RM'000 | 31 December 2022 RM'000 | 31 December 2023 RM'000 | 31 December 2022 RM'000 | |
| Group and Bank | | | | | |
| Impaired loans and advances recovered, net | | | 359 | <u>-</u> | |
| | | | | | |

22. (ALLOWANCE FOR)/ WRITEBACK OF IMPAIRMENT ON OTHER FINANCIAL ASSETS

| | Individual Quarter | | Cumulative Quarter | | |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|
| | 31 December 2023 RM'000 | 31 December 2022 RM'000 | 31 December 2023 RM'000 | 31 December 2022 RM'000 | |
| Group | Kill 000 | TAW 000 | Kill 000 | KW 000 | |
| Cash and short term funds | - | - | (1) | 2 | |
| Other assets | (505) | 153 | (768) | (786) | |
| | (505) | 153 | (769) | (784) | |
| Bank | | | | | |
| Cash and short term funds | - | - | (1) | 2 | |
| Other assets | (506) | 153 | (772) | (786) | |
| | (506) | 153 | (773) | (784) | |

23. BASIC/DILUTED EARNINGS PER SHARE

| Group | Individua 31 December 2023 | | Cumulativ 31 December 2023 | ve Quarter 31 December 2022 |
|--|----------------------------------|---------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Net profit attributable to shareholder of the Group (RM'000) | 84,395 | 26,884 | 121,137 | 63,367 |
| Weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue ('000) | 314,035 | 314,035 | 314,035 | 314,035 |
| Basic/diluted earnings per share (sen) | 26.9 | 8.6 | 38.6 | 20.2 |

24. BUSINESS SEGMENT ANALYSIS

Segment information is presented in respect of the Group's business segments. The business segment information is prepared based on internal management reports, which are regularly reviewed by the Chief Operating Decision-Maker in order to allocate resources to segment and to assess its performance. The division forms the basis on which the Group reports its segment information.

i. The Group comprises the following main business segments:

(a) Investment banking

The Investment Banking division of the Group offers a full range of investment banking solutions and services, encompassing the following business segments:

- (i) Equity Markets provides clients an investment avenue to participate in the equity markets through its multiple distribution channels, including remisiers, Bank Branch Broking, salaried dealers, and the internet trading platform, offering clients the flexibility to trade equities and futures both online and offline.
- (ii) Fund Management comprises the asset and fund management services, offering a variety of investment solutions for various asset classes to retail, corporate and institutional clients.
- (iii) Private Banking manages the private wealth of high net worth individuals, family groups and companies by offering comprehensive wealth management solutions and integrated access to expertise and resources of AMMB Group.
- (iv) Corporate Finance provides an extensive range of corporate finance and advisory services which include mergers and acquisitions, divestitures, take-overs, initial public offerings, restructuring, privatisations, issuance of equity and equity-linked instruments as well as valuation support.
- (v) Debt Markets provides debt financing solutions to clients through a wide array of products which include conventional corporate bonds and Islamic sukuk, loan syndication, capital and project advisory as well as structured finance and securitization deals.
- (vi) Others other Investment Banking supporting function within the Group.

(b) Group Funding and Others

Group Funding and Others comprises activities to maintain the liquidity of the Group as well as support operations of its main business units and non-core operations of the Group.

ii. Measurement of Segment Performance

The segment performance is measured on income, expenses and profit basis. These are shown after allocation of certain centralised cost, funding income and expenses and expenses directly associated with each segment. Transactions between segments are recorded within the segment as if they are third party transactions and are eliminated on aggregation.

Note:

- (i) The Chief Operating Decision Maker relies primarily on the net fee income information to assess the performance of, and to make decisions about resources to be allocated to these operating segments.
- (ii) The financial information by geographical segment is not presented as the Group's activities are principally conducted in Malaysia.
- (iii) The comparatives have been restated to conform with current business realignment.

24. BUSINESS SEGMENT ANALYSIS (CONT'D.)

| BOOMEOU DESIMENT ANALTOIS (SONT 5.) | | Inv | estment Bai | nking | | | | |
|---|-----------|------------|-------------|-----------|----------|----------|----------------------|-----------|
| For the financial period ended 31 December 2023 | Equity | Fund | Private | Corporate | Debt | | Group Funding | |
| Group | Markets | Management | Banking | Finance | Markets | Others | and Others | Total |
| | RM'000 | RM'000 | RM'000 | RM'000 | RM'000 | RM'000 | RM'000 | RM'000 |
| External net income | 79,775 | 119,815 | 21,783 | 17,701 | 25,716 | 181 | (13,616) | 251,355 |
| Intersegments net income | (29,549) | - | (147) | (55) | 97 | 79 | 29,575 | - |
| Net income | 50,226 | 119,815 | 21,636 | 17,646 | 25,813 | 260 | 15,959 | 251,355 |
| Net interest income/(expense) | 14,133 | 1,304 | 51 | (55) | 97 | 79 | 6,861 | 22,470 |
| Other operating income, net of direct costs | 36,093 | 118,511 | 21,584 | 17,701 | 25,716 | 181 | 9,099 | 228,885 |
| Net income | 50,226 | 119,815 | 21,635 | 17,646 | 25,813 | 260 | 15,960 | 251,355 |
| Other operating expenses | (38,567) | (57,271) | (19,381) | (13,065) | (10,574) | (16,466) | (8,986) | (164,310) |
| of which: | | | | | | | | |
| Depreciation of property and equipment | (394) | (113) | (88) | (38) | (19) | (38) | (631) | (1,321) |
| Depreciation of right-of-use assets | - | - | - | - | - | - | (504) | (504) |
| Amortisation of intangible assets | (319) | (269) | (32) | (433) | (1) | 145 | (52) | (961) |
| Operating profit/(loss) | 11,659 | 62,544 | 2,254 | 4,581 | 15,239 | (16,206) | 6,974 | 87,045 |
| Impaired loans and advances recovered, net | 359 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 359 |
| Net writeback of allowance/(allowance) for: | | | | | | | | |
| Other financial assets | 4 | 5 | - | (90) | (686) | - | (2) | (769) |
| Other non-financial assets | - | (129) | - | - | - | - | (1,057) | (1,186) |
| Reversal of provision for commitments | | | | | | | | |
| and contingencies | | - | - | - | - | - | 27 | 27 |
| Profit/(loss) before taxation | 12,022 | 62,420 | 2,254 | 4,491 | 14,553 | (16,206) | 5,942 | 85,476 |
| Taxation | (2,886) | (14,592) | (541) | (1,078) | (3,492) | 3,890 | 54,360 | 35,661 |
| Profit/(loss) for the period | 9,136 | 47,828 | 1,713 | 3,413 | 11,061 | (12,316) | 60,302 | 121,137 |
| Other information: | | | | | | | | |
| Total segment assets | 1,488,432 | 143,110 | 6,939 | 5,742 | 2,264 | 253 | 1,942,419 | 3,589,159 |
| Total segment liabilities | 369,689 | 32,778 | 2,035 | 3,112 | 3,743 | 3,650 | 2,570,057 | 2,985,064 |
| Cost to income ratio | 76.8% | 47.8% | 89.6% | 74.0% | 41.0% | >100% | 56.3% | 65.4% |
| Gross loans and advances | 891,508 | - | 5,342 | - | - | - | 383 | 897,233 |
| Net loans and advances | 891,508 | - | 5,342 | - | - | - | 382 | 897,232 |
| Total deposits and placements | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2,500,000 | 2,500,000 |
| Additions to: | | | | | | | | |
| Property and equipment | 184 | 84 | 345 | 26 | - | 1 | 163 | 803 |
| Intangible assets | 987 | 155 | - | | - | - | 425 | 1,567 |

24. BUSINESS SEGMENT ANALYSIS (CONT'D.)

| | | Inv | estment Bar | nking | | | | |
|--|-----------|------------|-------------|-----------|---------|----------|----------------------|-----------|
| For the financial period ended 30 September 2022 | Equity | Fund | Private | Corporate | Debt | | Group Funding | |
| Group (Restated) | Markets | Management | Banking | Finance | Markets | Others | and Others | Total |
| | RM'000 | RM'000 | RM'000 | RM'000 | RM'000 | RM'000 | RM'000 | RM'000 |
| External net income | 62,042 | 111,767 | 24,703 | 14,224 | 19,472 | 84 | (1,778) | 230,514 |
| Intersegments net income | (15,496) | - | (138) | (16) | 30 | 10 | 15,610 | - |
| Net income | 46,546 | 111,767 | 24,565 | 14,208 | 19,502 | 94 | 13,832 | 230,514 |
| Net interest income | 18,001 | 1,211 | 62 | (16) | 30 | 10 | 9,478 | 28,776 |
| Other operating income, net of direct costs | 28,544 | 110,556 | 24,502 | 14,224 | 19,472 | 84 | 4,356 | 201,738 |
| Net income | 46,545 | 111,767 | 24,564 | 14,208 | 19,502 | 94 | 13,834 | 230,514 |
| Other operating expenses | (37,580) | (50,490) | (17,785) | (13,558) | (9,820) | (17,449) | (2,002) | (148,684) |
| of which: | | | | | | | | |
| Depreciation of property and equipment | (381) | (130) | (76) | (39) | (23) | (38) | (646) | (1,333) |
| Depreciation of right-of-use assets | - | - | - | - | - | - | (476) | (476) |
| Amortisation of intangible assets | (304) | (282) | (66) | (7) | (2) | (36) | (8) | (705) |
| Operating profit/(loss) | 8,965 | 61,277 | 6,779 | 650 | 9,682 | (17,355) | 11,832 | 81,830 |
| Net writeback of allowance/(allowance) for | | | | | | | | |
| other financial assets | 59 | - | - | 314 | (1,159) | - | 2 | (784) |
| Profit/(loss) before taxation | 9,024 | 61,277 | 6,779 | 964 | 8,523 | (17,355) | 11,834 | 81,046 |
| Taxation | (2,167) | (11,763) | (1,627) | (231) | (2,045) | 4,165 | (4,011) | (17,679) |
| Profit/(loss) for the period | 6,857 | 49,514 | 5,152 | 733 | 6,478 | (13,190) | 7,823 | 63,367 |
| Other information: | | | | | | | | |
| Total segment assets | 1,233,196 | 113,773 | 8,479 | 2,994 | 2,008 | 1,369 | 873,732 | 2,235,551 |
| Total segment liabilities | 377,349 | 26,364 | 2,315 | 3,008 | 3,377 | 3,017 | 1,280,643 | 1,696,073 |
| Cost to income ratio | 80.7% | 45.2% | 72.4% | 95.4% | 50.4% | >100% | 14.5% | 64.5% |
| Gross loans and advances | 742,012 | - | 7,033 | - | - | - | 455 | 749,500 |
| Net loans and advances | 742,012 | - | 7,033 | - | - | - | 454 | 749,499 |
| Total deposits and placements | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1,260,000 | 1,260,000 |
| Additions to: | | | | | | | | |
| Property and equipment | 242 | 76 | 42 | 16 | - | 21 | 323 | 720 |
| Intangible assets | 91 | 668 | | | | 1,031 | 537 | 2,327 |

25. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

In the normal course of business, the Group and the Bank make various commitments and incur certain contingent liabilities with legal recourse to its customers. No material losses are anticipated as a result of these transactions. The commitments and contingencies are not secured against the Group's and the Bank's assets.

The principal amounts of the commitments and contingencies and notional contracted amounts of derivatives of the Group and the Bank are as follows:

| | Group and Bank | | |
|--|-------------------------------|----------------------------|--|
| | 31 December 2023 RM'000 | 31 March 2023 RM'000 | |
| Commitments | | | |
| Other commitments, such as formal standby | | | |
| facilities and credit lines, with an original | | | |
| maturity of up to one year | 214,542 | 232,402 | |
| Contingent Liabilities | | | |
| Obligations under an on-going underwriting agreement | 17,012 | - | |
| Derivative Financial Instruments | | | |
| Foreign exchange related contracts: | | | |
| - One year or less | 87 | 1,249 | |
| | 231,641 | 233,651 | |

26. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Determination of fair value and fair value hierarchy

The Group and the Bank measure fair value using the following fair value hierarchy, which reflects the significance of the inputs used in making the measurements.

- Level 1: quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities;
- Level 2: other techniques for which all inputs which have a significant effect on the recorded fair value are observable, either directly or indirectly;
- Level 3: techniques which use inputs which have a significant effect on the recorded fair value that are not based on observable market data.

For assets and liabilities measured at fair value that are recognised on a recurring basis, the Group and the Bank determine whether transfers have occurred between Levels in the hierarchy by re-assessing categorisation (based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement as a whole) at the end of each reporting period.

Financial assets and liabilities measured using a valuation technique based on assumptions that are supported by prices from observable current market transactions are assets and liabilities for which pricing is obtained via pricing services, but where prices have not been determined in an active market, financial assets with fair values based on broker quotes, investments in private equity funds with fair values obtained via fund managers and assets that are valued using the AMMB Group's own models whereby the majority of assumptions are market observable.

Non-market observable inputs means that fair values are determined, in whole or in part, using a valuation technique (model) based on assumptions that are neither supported by prices from observable current market transactions in the same instrument, nor are they based on available market data. The main asset classes in this category are unlisted equity investments and debt instruments. Valuation techniques are used to the extent that observable inputs are not available, thereby allowing for situations in which there is little, if any, market activity for the asset or liability at the measurement date. However, the fair value measurement objective remains the same, that is, an exit price from the perspective of the Group or the Bank. Therefore, unobservable inputs reflect the Group's and the Bank's own assumptions about the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability (including assumptions about risk). These inputs are developed based on the best information available, which might include the Group's and the Bank's own data as well as financial information from the counterparties. Unquoted equity investments at FVOCI are measured using adjusted net asset based on available market information.

8.4% (31 March 2023: 8.9%) of the Group's and the Bank's total financial assets recorded at fair value, are based on estimates and recorded as Level 3 investments. Where estimates are used, these are based on a combination of independent third-party evidence and internally developed models, calibrated to market observable data where possible. While such valuations are sensitive to estimates, it is believed that changing one or more of the assumptions to reasonably possible alternative assumptions would not change the fair value significantly.

There was no transfer between Level 1 and Level 2 during the current financial quarter and previous financial year for the Group and the Bank.

26. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONT'D.)

(a) The following tables show the Group's and the Bank's financial instruments that are measured at fair value at the reporting date analysed by levels within the fair value hierarchy.

| 31 December 2023 | <> | | | | | | |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------------------------|--|--|--|
| | Level 1 RM'000 | Level 2 RM'000 | Level 3 RM'000 | Total RM'000 | | | |
| Assets measured at fair value | | | | | | | |
| Financial investments at fair value through other | | | | | | | |
| comprehensive income | | | | | | | |
| - Money market securities | - | 30,354 | - | 30,354 | | | |
| - Unquoted shares | - | - | 2,794 | 2,794 | | | |
| | | 30,354 | 2,794 | 33,148 | | | |
| | < | • | Bank | | | | |
| 31 March 2023 | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 | Total | | | |
| | | • | | | | | |
| 31 March 2023 Assets measured at fair value Financial investments at fair value through other comprehensive income | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 | Total | | | |
| Assets measured at fair value Financial investments at fair value through other | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 | Total | | | |
| Assets measured at fair value Financial investments at fair value through other comprehensive income | Level 1 | Level 2 RM'000 | Level 3 | Total RM'000 | | | |
| Assets measured at fair value Financial investments at fair value through other comprehensive income - Money market securities | Level 1 | Level 2 RM'000 | Level 3 RM'000 | Total RM'000 30,480 | | | |
| Assets measured at fair value Financial investments at fair value through other comprehensive income - Money market securities | Level 1 | Level 2 RM'000 | Level 3 RM'000 | Total RM'000 30,480 2,986 | | | |

26. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONT'D.)

Movements In Level 3 financial instruments measured at fair value

The level of the fair value hierarchy of financial instruments is determined at the beginning of each reporting period. The following table shows a reconciliation of the opening and closing amounts of Level 3 financial assets which are recorded at fair value:

| | Equity instrur fair value throu comprehensive | ugh other |
|---|---|----------------------------|
| | 31 December 2023 RM'000 | 31 March 2023 RM'000 |
| Group and Bank | | |
| At beginning of the financial period/year Unrealised loss on changes in fair value taken up in statement of | 2,986 | 3,152 |
| comprehensive income | (192) | (166) |
| At end of the financial period/year | 2,794 | 2,986 |

Total loss or gain included in the statement of comprehensive income for financial instruments held at the end of reporting period/year:

| | 31 December 2023 RM'000 | 31 March 2023 RM'000 |
|--|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Financial investments at fair value through other comprehensive income | | |
| Unrealised loss in fair value reserve | (192) | (166) |

There were no transfers between Level 2 and Level 3 financial instruments during the current financial period and previous financial year for the Group and the Bank.

Impact on fair value of Level 3 financial instruments measured at fair value arising from changes to key assumptions.

Changing one or more of the inputs to reasonable alternative assumptions would not change the value significantly for the financial assets in Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy.

27. CAPITAL ADEQUACY

(a) The capital adequacy ratios of the Group and the Bank are as follows:

| Under transitional arrangement (Note (i)) | Group | Bank |
|---|---------|---------|
| As at 31 December 2023 * | | |
| Common Equity Tier 1 ("CET1") Capital Ratio | 26.758% | 28.542% |
| Tier 1 Capital Ratio | 26.758% | 28.542% |
| Total Capital Ratio | 27.408% | 29.339% |
| As at 31 March 2023 | | |
| Before deducting proposed dividends: | | |
| CET1 Capital Ratio | 40.806% | 43.205% |
| Tier 1 Capital Ratio | 40.806% | 43.205% |
| Total Capital Ratio | 41.427% | 43.993% |
| After deducting proposed dividends: | | |
| CET1 Capital Ratio | 34.646% | 35.067% |
| Tier 1 Capital Ratio | 34.646% | 35.067% |
| Total Capital Ratio | 35.267% | 35.856% |

^{*} No interim dividend is proposed for the period ended 31 December 2023.

Notes:

(i) The capital adequacy ratios of the Group and of the Bank are computed in accordance with BNM's policy document on Capital Adequacy Framework (Capital Components) issued on 9 December 2020 and Capital Adequacy Framework (Basel II – Risk Weighted Assets) issued on 3 May 2019. The Group and the Bank have adopted the Standardised Approach for Credit and Market Risks and the Basic Indicator Approach for Operational Risk, based on BNM's Guidelines on Capital Adequacy Framework (Basel II - Risk Weighted Assets).

Pursuant to the revised BNM policy document, Capital Adequacy Framework (Capital Component) issued on 9 December 2020, the capital ratios had been computed by applying transitional arrangements. Under the transitional arrangements, the Group and the Bank are allowed to add back the amount of loss allowance for non-credit impaired exposure (ie: stage 1 and stage 2 provision) to CET1 Capital. Had the transitional arrangements not been applied, the impact to the capital ratios of the Group and the Bank is not material.

- (ii) Pursuant to the BNM's guidelines on Capital Adequacy Framework (Capital Components) issued, a financial institution is required to hold and maintain, at all times, minimum capital adequacy ratios at 4.5% for CET1 Capital, 6.0% for Tier 1 Capital and 8.0% for Total Capital Ratio. In addition, a financial institution is also required to hold and maintain capital buffers in the form of CET1 Capital above the minimum CET1 Capital, Tier 1 Capital and Total Capital adequacy levels. The capital buffers shall comprise the sum of the following:
 - (a) a Capital Conservation Buffer ("CCB") of 2.5%;
 - (b) a Countercyclical Capital Buffer ("CCyB") determined as the weighted-average of the prevailing CCyB rates applied in the jurisdictions in which the banking institution has credit exposures. BNM will communicate any decision on the CCyB rate by up to 12 months before the date from which the rate applies for exposures in Malaysia; and
 - (c) a Higher Loss Absorbency ("HLA") requirement for a financial institution that is designated as a domestic systemically important bank ("DSIB").

27. CAPITAL ADEQUACY (CONT'D.)

(b) The components of CET1, Tier 2 Capital and Total Capital of the Group and the Bank are as follows:

| | Group |) | Bank | | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|----------|-------------|----------|--|
| | 31 December | 31 March | 31 December | 31 March | |
| | 2023 | 2023 | 2023 | 2023 | |
| | RM'000 | RM'000 | RM'000 | RM'000 | |
| CET1 Capital | | | | | |
| Share capital | 330,000 | 330,000 | 330,000 | 330,000 | |
| Retained earnings | 128,558 | 130,688 | 163,792 | 126,419 | |
| Fair value reserve | 1,916 | 2,259 | 1,916 | 2,259 | |
| Regulatory reserve | 11,130 | 10,478 | 11,130 | 10,478 | |
| Capital reserve | 2,815 | 2,815 | - | - | |
| Merger reserve | 82,115 | 82,115 | - | - | |
| Less : Regulatory adjustments applied | | | | | |
| on CET 1 capital: | | | | | |
| Goodwill | (36,442) | (36,442) | - | - | |
| Other intangible assets | (3,941) | (4,764) | (2,893) | (3,462) | |
| Deferred tax assets | (45,116) | (8,257) | (42,920) | (5,664) | |
| 55% of Fair value reserve | (1,054) | (1,243) | (1,054) | (1,243) | |
| Regulatory reserve | (11,130) | (10,478) | (11,130) | (10,478) | |
| Investments in capital instruments | | | | | |
| of unconsolidated financial entities | - | - | (49,809) | (49,809) | |
| Other CET1 regulatory adjustments | | | | | |
| specified by the BNM | 5 | 1_ | 5 | 1 | |
| CET1 Capital/Tier 1 Capital | 458,856 | 497,172 | 399,037 | 398,501 | |
| Tier 2 Capital | | | | | |
| General provisions* | 11,138 | 7,564 | 11,138 | 7,276 | |
| Tier 2 Capital | 11,138 | 7,564 | 11,138 | 7,276 | |
| Total Capital | 469,994 | 504,736 | 410,175 | 405,777 | |

^{*}Consists of stage 1 and stage 2 loss allowances and regulatory reserve.

The breakdown of risk-weighted assets("RWA") of the Group and the Bank in the various risk categories are as follows:

| | Group | | Bank | |
|-----------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| | 31 December 2023 RM'000 | 31 March 2023 RM'000 | 31 December 2023 RM'000 | 31 March 2023 RM'000 |
| Credit RWA | 1,045,449 | 605,137 | 1,014,973 | 582,070 |
| Market RWA | 50,051 | 13,661 | 40,453 | 6,231 |
| Operational RWA | 619,308 | 599,570 | 342,628 | 334,056 |
| Total RWA | 1,714,808 | 1,218,368 | 1,398,054 | 922,357 |

28. PERFORMANCE REVIEW FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

The Group's profit before taxation for the nine months ended 31 December 2023 of RM85.5million was higher mainly due to higher arrangement and upfront fees, brokerage fees and commissions, corporate advisory fees and portfolio management fees offset by lower wealth management fees and underwriting commission, higher personnel and service transfer pricing expenses.

In the opinion of the directors, the results of operations of the Group for the financial period have not been substantially affected by any item, transaction or event of a material and unusual nature.

29. PROSPECTS FOR FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2024 ("FY24")

During the final quarter of 2023, Malaysia's economy expanded by 3.0% year-on-year ("YoY") at a slower pace compared to the previous quarter's 3.3%. This translates into a full year 2023 growth of 3.7% YoY, falling short of the Department of Statistics Malaysia ("DOSM")'s advance estimate of 3.4% YoY quarterly growth and 3.8% YoY annual growth. The full-year performance also came in lower than the government's target of 4.0%-5.0%. The slower growth was a result of a high base effect from 2022, exacerbated by the soft external demand among Malaysia's major trading partners. Nonetheless, sectoral-wise, we saw that the services sector continued to expand at a healthy pace of 4.2% YoY in that quarter. Besides, the mining & quarrying sector posted decent growth of 3.8% YoY, recovering from a 0.1% YoY decline in the prior quarter.

The prospects for global economic conditions in 2024 appear to be mixed. Despite the prolonged high interest rate environment, the International Monetary Fund expects the global economy to grow by 3.1% (projection revised higher from 2.9%), which is the same as 2023's estimate. Globally, the outlook on the manufacturing sector has slightly improved as the latest Global Manufacturing Purchasing Manager's Index ("PMI") has reached a growth threshold of 50, the first time it has done that since August 2022. Furthermore, inflation in most major economies continues to show a downward trend after it peaked in 2022. In the United States, the Federal Reserve's ("Fed") fight against inflation seems well underway as inflation and core inflation are receding, albeit remaining elevated and above the central bank's target of 2%. Conversely, the World Bank anticipates global growth to slow to 2.4% in 2024 from an estimated 2.6% in 2023 as concerns regarding the full effects of unprecedently tight monetary policy on local economies and slump in global trade remain. Nonetheless, we continue to expect the Federal Funds Rate to remain high at the moment. Similarly, rates are likely to remain high in the United Kingdom and the Eurozone, with signs of softer economic activity amid a tight monetary environment already becoming apparent in that economy.

We anticipate continued support for growth from domestic demand and recovery in the external trade for 2024. Despite the already moderating private consumption, tourism and related sectors are still improving and have yet to reach their prepandemic levels. Furthermore, exports may recover in 2024 as the global technology cycle may have bottomed out and is underway for robust growth. Market indicators suggest that the semiconductor industry reached its low point at the end of first half 2023 and has since embarked on a path to recovery, offering positive prospects for 2024. Malaysia's leading index and S&P Manufacturing PMI are slowly on an uptrend. Overall, Malaysia's economy is anticipated to grow by 4.5% in 2024.

In Malaysia's banking industry, the overall outstanding loans expanded by 5.3% in December 2023. While the non-household segment loans expanded slower at 4.5%, household loans remained healthy at 5.8%. As the economy is expected to moderate in 2024, we expect relatively subdued loan growth in the range of 4.0% to 5.0% for the year. The overall banking system remains healthy, underpinned by strong liquidity. This is reflected by the liquidity coverage ratio, registering at 160.9% in December 2023 (November 2023: 149.7%). The funding profile was also well-diversified, with December 2023's loan-to-fund ratio and loan-to-fund-and-equity ratio at 81.9% and 71.6%, respectively (November 2023: 82.4% and 72.0%, respectively).

On the Overnight Policy Rate ("OPR"), with core inflation being modest so far due to slower hiring activities and the lag effect from the 125 bps cumulative rate hikes, we expect the OPR to stay at 3.0% until the end of 2024. Inflation is expected to be between 2.5%-3.5% in 2024. Nevertheless, the upside risk to inflation is expected to come from subsidy rationalisation affecting fuel, which is expected to be implemented as early as second quarter of 2024. Should the situation later translate into persistently high inflation, or private consumption continues to moderate in the first half of 2024, then there is a case to revisit our current OPR call.

On the back of this, the Malaysian financial capital markets are expected to remain positive in FY2024. Activities across Corporate Finance, Debt Markets, Equity Capital and Mergers & Acquisitions are expected to pick up pace, supported by a recovery in economic activities. Government has implemented a number of measures to support businesses to create a more favourable environment for businesses to access financing, which will also see more demand for capital market services.

29. PROSPECTS FOR FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2024 ("FY24") (CONT'D.)

With an encouraging performance for the third quarter of FY2024, Funds Management is expected to continue this trajectory mainly driven by institutional and corporate flows. We have launched an Environmental, Social and Governance ("ESG") fund on Global Lower Carbon Equity Fund and intend to convert several existing conventional funds into Sustainable and Responsible Investment ("SRI") funds and we will leverage on these to further strengthen our position with institution and corporate clients.

On Equity market, we are seeing a pick up in Bursa volume and value which will contribute positively to increase in brokerage income and we expect the trend to continue its current trajectory for the rest of financial year. To further strengthen our market share and remain competitive, we are in the midst of upgrading the trading platform to better serve our customers.

30. VALUATION OF PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

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

31. SIGNIFICANT EVENT DURING THE REPORTING YEAR

The Bank has mutually agreed with Lembaga Hasil Dalam Negeri Malaysia on the tax treatment of exceptional expenses incurred in the financial year ended 31 March 2021. As a result, the total tax deduction for the Bank amounted to RM70.7 million. In the previous financial year, the Bank had recognised a portion of tax deduction amounted to RM13.6 million as tax recoverable. The remaining tax deduction of RM57.1 million was recognised by the Bank during the current financial period.