

JSC Silk Bank
Financial Statements
31 December 2023

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Independent Auditors' Report

To the Supervisory Board of JSC Silk Bank

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of JSC Silk Bank (the "Bank"), which comprise the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2023, the statements of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, changes in equity and cash flows for the year then ended, and notes, comprising material accounting policies and other explanatory information.

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

Basis for Opinion

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

Statement on Management Report

Management is responsible for the Management Report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the Management Report.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the Management Report and, in doing so, consider whether the Management Report is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

We do not express any form of assurance conclusion on the Management Report. We have read the Management Report and based on the work we have performed, we conclude that the Management Report:

- is consistent with the financial statements and does not contain material misstatement;
- contains the information that is required by and is compliant with the Law of Georgia on Accounting, Reporting and Auditing.

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

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

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism 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 auditors' report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditors' report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Bank to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

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

The engagement partner on the audit resulting in this independent auditors' report is:

Nikoloz Chochua



KPMG Georgia LLC
Tbilisi, Georgia
14 May 2024



JSC Silk Bank
Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income for 2023

GEL'000	Notes	2023	2022
Interest income calculated using the effective interest method	5	9,605	5,962
Interest expense	5	(5,475)	(2,521)
Net interest income		4,130	3,441
Fee and commission income		224	187
Fee and commission expense		(207)	(98)
Net fee and commission income		17	89
Net gain from foreign currency dealings and forward contracts	21	871	1,268
Net foreign currency revaluation loss		(169)	(1,229)
Impairment (losses)/reversal on financial instruments	4	(592)	469
Impairment reversal on assets held for sale		558	33
Net loss from disposal of assets held for sale		(78)	(44)
Salaries and employment benefits	7	(6,607)	(3,794)
General administrative expenses	6	(5,348)	(3,789)
Other income		74	167
Loss before income tax		(7,144)	(3,389)
Income tax expense	8	(149)	(537)
Loss for the year		(7,293)	(3,926)
Other comprehensive loss			
<i>Items that will never be reclassified to profit or loss</i>			
Revaluation of land and buildings	13	(350)	(1,168)
Income tax relating to components of other comprehensive income		70	(1,121)
Total other comprehensive loss		(280)	(2,289)
Total comprehensive loss		(7,573)	(6,215)

The financial statements were approved by management on 14 May 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:



Aleksi Khoroshvili
Chief Executive Officer





Nino Tsanava
Deputy Chief Financial Officer



The statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income is to be read in conjunction with the notes to, and forming part of, the financial statements.

GEL'000	Notes	<u>31 December 2023</u>	<u>31 December 2022</u>
Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	9	31,253	10,847
Amounts due from credit institutions	10	22,854	1,516
Loans to customers	12	55,240	18,797
Investment securities	11	27,214	32,185
Property and equipment	13	19,306	19,015
Right-of-use assets	13	1,191	294
Intangible assets		1,120	278
Assets held for sale	12	3,652	3,286
Other assets	19(b)	5,259	1,538
Total assets		<u>167,089</u>	<u>87,756</u>
Liabilities			
Amounts due to credit institutions	15	298	10,027
Current accounts and deposits from customers*	14	98,648	14,238
Subordinated debts	16	2,879	2,879
Deferred tax liabilities	8	1,831	1,752
Lease liabilities	15	1,254	293
Other liabilities		2,962	1,577
Total liabilities		<u>107,872</u>	<u>30,766</u>
Equity			
	17		
Share capital		72,746	62,946
Reserves		3,989	4,356
Accumulated loss		(17,518)	(10,312)
Total equity		<u>59,217</u>	<u>56,990</u>
Total liabilities and equity		<u>167,089</u>	<u>87,756</u>

*Current account and deposits from customers encompass certificate of deposits, which was presented separately in the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2022.

GEL'000	Notes	2023	2022
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Loss for the year		(7,293)	(3,926)
<i>Adjustments for:</i>			
Depreciation and amortisation		971	720
Impairment losses/(reversal) on financial instruments		592	(469)
Net foreign currency revaluation loss		169	1,229
Tax expense		149	537
Net loss from disposal of assets held for sale		78	44
Loss/(gain) on disposal of property and equipment		61	(49)
Net interest income		(4,130)	(3,441)
Impairment reversal on assets held for sale		(558)	(33)
Forward exchange contracts		(179)	414
		(10,140)	(4,974)
<i>Changes in:</i>			
Current accounts and deposits from customers		83,871	5,767
Deposits from banks		293	-
Loans to customers		(36,428)	(4,204)
Amounts due from credit institutions		(21,082)	597
Assets held for sale		114	215
Other assets		(2,611)	(1,383)
Other liabilities and provisions		1,297	513
		15,314	(3,469)
Interest received		9,383	6,187
Interest paid		(5,336)	(2,562)
Net cash flows from operations		19,361	156
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Proceeds from repayment of investment securities		7,000	8,500
Proceeds from sale of property and equipment		3	203
Acquisition of investment securities		(2,202)	-
Acquisition of property and equipment		(1,363)	(586)
Acquisition of intangible assets		(1,019)	(122)
Net cash flows from investing activities		2,419	7,995
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Proceeds from loans from credit institutions	15	24,169	123,944
Proceeds from issue of share capital		8,787	1,800
Repayment of loans from credit institutions	15	(34,168)	(137,165)
Payment of lease liabilities		(106)	(21)
Proceeds from subordinated debts		-	375
Net cash flows used in financing activities		(1,318)	(11,067)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		20,462	(2,916)
Cash and cash equivalents as at the beginning of the year		10,847	14,139
Effect of changes in exchange rates on cash and cash equivalents		(39)	(376)
Effect of expected credit losses on cash and cash equivalents		(17)	-
Cash and cash equivalents as at the end of the year	9	31,253	10,847

The statement of cash flows is to be read in conjunction with the notes to, and forming part of, the financial statements.

GEL'000	Share capital	Revaluation reserve of property and equipment	Accumulated loss	Total equity
Balance as at 1 January 2022	61,146	6,802	(6,543)	61,405
Total comprehensive loss				
Loss for the year	-	-	(3,926)	(3,926)
Other comprehensive loss				
Revaluation of land and buildings	-	(1,168)	-	(1,168)
Deferred tax effect	-	(1,121)	-	(1,121)
Transfer of revaluation reserve of disposed property	-	(21)	21	-
Depreciation of revaluation reserve	-	(136)	136	-
Total other comprehensive loss	-	(2,446)	157	(2,289)
Total comprehensive loss	-	(2,446)	(3,769)	(6,215)
Transactions with owners, recorded directly in equity				
Shares issued	1,800	-	-	1,800
Total transactions with owners	1,800	-	-	1,800
Balance as at 31 December 2022	62,946	4,356	(10,312)	56,990
Balance as at 1 January 2023	62,946	4,356	(10,312)	56,990
Total comprehensive loss				
Loss for the year	-	-	(7,293)	(7,293)
Other comprehensive loss				
Revaluation of land and buildings	-	(350)	-	(350)
Deferred tax effect	-	70	-	70
Depreciation of revaluation reserve	-	(87)	87	-
Total other comprehensive loss	-	(367)	87	(280)
Total comprehensive loss	-	(367)	(7,206)	(7,573)
Transactions with owners, recorded directly in equity				
Shares issued (see note 17)	9,800	-	-	9,800
Total transactions with owners	9,800	-	-	9,800
Balance as at 31 December 2023	72,746	3,989	(17,518)	59,217

The statement of changes in equity is to be read in conjunction with the notes to, and forming part of, the financial statements.

1. Background

(a) Organisation and operations

JSC Silk Bank (the “Bank”) is a Georgian joint stock company. On 12 September 2022, the Bank was renamed from JSC Silk Road Bank to JSC Silk Bank.

The Bank accepts deposits from the public and extends credit, transfers payments in Georgia and abroad, exchanges currencies and provides other banking services to its corporate and retail customers. The Bank’s registered legal address is 2, Zaarbriukeni Square, Tbilisi, Georgia. The Bank is regulated by the National Bank of Georgia (the “NBG”; the central bank of Georgia) and conducts the business under license number 238.

Tax identification number of the Bank is 201955027 and the registering authority is Didube-Chugureti district court.

As at 31 December 2023 and 2022, the shareholders of the Bank are as follows:

Name	Ownership %	
	2023	2022
Silk Road Group Holding (Malta) Limited	58.83	60.00
Partomta LLC	36.42	37.14
Silk Holding JSC	4.74	2.85
Other	0.01	0.01
Total	100.00	100.00

On 13 October 2023, the Bank issued 98,000 ordinary shares, each with a nominal value of 100 Georgian Lari (“GEL”) to its existing shareholders. Bank’s share capital increased by GEL 9,800,000 of which GEL 8,786,800 was paid as of 31 December 2023. On 22 November 2022, the Bank issued 18,000 ordinary shares, each with a nominal value of 100 GEL. Issued shares were acquired by Silk Holding JSC.

The Bank is ultimately controlled by Mr. Giorgi Ramishvili, a Georgian businessman, who has a number of business interests outside the Bank. Related party transactions are disclosed in Note 19.

(b) Business environment

The Bank’s operations are primarily located in Georgia. Consequently, the Bank is exposed to the economic and financial markets of Georgia, which display characteristics of an emerging market. The legal, tax and regulatory frameworks continue development, but are subject to varying interpretations and frequent changes which together with other legal and fiscal impediments contribute to the challenges faced by entities operating in Georgia.

In February 2022, because of the war between the Russian Federation and Ukraine, a number of countries imposed sanctions against the Russian Federation. The conflict affects not only the economic activity of two countries but the global economy as well. As a result of sanctions, commodity and food prices have risen in many countries around the world, the established links between supply of resources have been disrupted, inflation also affects the prices, and analysts also forecast economic implications for the global industry.

Georgia’s economy was also affected by the mentioned events and is subject to future uncertainties in economy as described; on the other hand, growth of Georgian economy was up to 7% in 2023, driven by higher export and tourism revenues and strong private consumption, and further single digit economic growth is expected in 2024.

The financial statements reflect management’s assessment of the impact of the Georgian business environment on the operations and financial position of the Bank. The future business environment may differ from management’s assessment.

2. Basis of preparation

(a) Statement of compliance

The accompanying financial statements are prepared in accordance with IFRS Accounting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (“IFRS Accounting Standards”).

(b) Basis of measurement

The financial statements are prepared on the historical cost basis except derivative financial instruments and land and buildings, which are carried at fair value and assets held for sale, which are stated at lower of carrying value and fair value less costs to sell.

(c) Going Concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis notwithstanding that the Bank has reported loss of GEL 7,293 thousand for the year ended 31 December 2023 (2022: loss of GEL 3,926 thousand). Management foresees that over the next twelve months following the date of these financial statements, the Bank may incur losses and regulatory capital requirements may be breached if no mitigating actions are implemented.

In 2023 and 2022 the Bank has increased the regulatory capital by receiving, respectively, GEL 8,787 thousand and GEL 1,800 thousand fresh capital contribution from existing shareholders (see Note 17). Increase in share capital during 2023 amounted GEL 9,800, however as at 31 December 2023 GEL 1,013 was recognized as a receivable from shareholder, therefore was not considered in regulatory capital. Subsequent to the reporting date, GEL 1,013 was fully repaid, consequently increasing regulatory capital of the Bank (see Note 23). In 2022 GEL 375 thousand subordinated debt was attracted from the shareholder (Silk Road Group Holding (Malta) Limited) (see Note 16). As at 31 December 2023, 31 December 2022 and as at the date these financial statements were authorised for issue, the Bank is in compliance with the regulatory requirements (see Note 22).

Maintaining the minimum regulatory capital in the foreseeable future depends on the Bank’s future performance. Although the Bank is currently loss-making, in 2022 the Bank has attracted new shareholders and instituted several successful measures for the Bank (including digital transformation roadmap and new management. The Bank launched its digital platform, complemented by a mobile application reflecting the Bank's commitment to delivering superior banking experiences) to grow internally in niche segments and to preserve additional finances and it is expected that the Bank will stabilise its operations and start generating profits within two-three years. However, if any potential breach of regulatory capital occurs, the shareholders have indicated their intention to continue to make available funds as are needed to the Bank to meet its regulatory capital requirements and continue operations.

As with any company placing reliance on other group entities for financial support, the directors acknowledge that there can be no certainty that this support will continue although, at the date of approval of these financial statements, they have no reason to believe that it will not do so. As outlined above the ongoing support from shareholders is evident through the capital injections in previous years. In April 2024, the Bank's Tier 1 capital increase was facilitated by the transfer of subordinated debts along with the accrued interest totalling GEL 3,465 thousand from the shareholder, Silk Road Group Holding (Malta) Limited, into the Bank's equity (Tier 1 Capital). Furthermore, subsequent to the reporting date the Bank issued public subordinated debt securities.

Consequently, the directors are confident that the Bank will have sufficient funds to continue to meet its liabilities as they fall due and regulatory requirements for at least 12 months from the date of approval of the financial statements and therefore have prepared the financial statements on a going concern basis. Management therefore believes that there is no material uncertainty with respect to Bank’s ability to continue as a going concern.

(d) Functional and presentation currency

The national currency of Georgia is the Georgian Lari (“GEL”), which is the Bank’s functional currency and the currency in which these financial statements are presented.

All financial information presented in GEL has been rounded to the nearest thousands, except when otherwise indicated.

(e) Use of estimates and judgments

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

Estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognized in the period in which the estimates are revised and in any future periods affected.

Information about critical judgements made in applying accounting policies that have the most significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements is included in the following notes:

- Note 3(e)(vii) and Note 4 - establishing the criteria for determining whether credit risk on a financial asset has increased significantly since initial recognition, determining the methodology for incorporating forward-looking information into measurement of ECL and selection and approval of models used to measure ECL.

Information about assumptions and estimation uncertainties that have a significant risk of resulting in a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year is included in the following notes:

- Note 4 - impairment of financial instruments: determination of inputs into the ECL measurement model, including key assumptions used in estimating recoverable cash flows and incorporation of forward-looking information;
- Note 13 - valuation of land and buildings.

3. Material accounting policies

The Bank has consistently applied the following accounting policies to all periods presented in these financial statements, except if mentioned otherwise.

(a) Foreign currency transactions

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated to the functional currency of the Bank at exchange rates at the dates of the transactions.

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated to the functional currency at the exchange rate at the reporting date. The foreign currency gain or loss on monetary items is the difference between amortised cost in the functional currency at the beginning of the period, adjusted for effective interest, impairment and payments during the period, and the amortised cost in foreign currency translated at the spot exchange rate at the end of the reporting period.

Non-monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies that are measured at fair value are translated to the functional currency at the exchange rate of the date when the fair value is determined. Non-monetary items that are measured based on historical cost in a foreign currency are translated at the exchange rate at the date of the transaction. Foreign currency differences arising on translation are recognized in profit or loss.

(b) Interest

Effective interest rate

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

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

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

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

Amortised cost and gross carrying amount

The ‘amortised cost’ of a financial asset or financial liability is the amount at which the financial asset or financial liability is measured on initial recognition minus the principal repayments, plus or minus the cumulative amortisation using the effective interest method of any difference between that initial amount and the maturity amount and, for financial assets, adjusted for any expected credit loss allowance.

The ‘gross carrying amount of a financial asset’ measured at amortised cost is the amortised cost of a financial asset before adjusting for any expected credit loss allowance.

Calculation of interest income and expense

The effective interest rate of a financial asset or financial liability is calculated on initial recognition of a financial asset or a financial liability. In calculating interest income and expense, the effective interest rate is applied to the gross carrying amount of the asset (when the asset is not credit-impaired) or to the amortised cost of the liability. The effective interest rate is revised as a result of periodic re-estimation of cash flows of floating-rate instruments to reflect movements in market rates of interest.

However, for financial assets that have become credit-impaired subsequent to initial recognition, interest income is calculated by applying the effective interest rate to the amortised cost of the financial asset. If the asset is no longer credit-impaired, then the calculation of interest income reverts to the gross basis.

For financial assets that were credit-impaired on initial recognition, interest income is calculated by applying the credit-adjusted effective interest rate to the amortised cost of the asset. The calculation of interest income does not revert to a gross basis, even if the credit risk of the asset improves.

For information on when financial assets are credit-impaired, see Note 3(e)(vii).

Presentation

Interest income calculated using the effective interest method presented in the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income includes interest on financial assets measured at amortised cost.

Interest expense presented in the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income includes interest on financial liabilities measured at amortised cost and interest expense on lease liabilities.

(c) Fees and commission

Fee and commission income and expense that are integral to the effective interest rate on a financial asset or financial liability are included in the effective interest rate (see Note 3(b)).

If a loan commitment is not expected to result in the draw-down of a loan, then the related loan commitment fee is recognised on a straight-line basis over the commitment period.

A contract with a customer that results in a recognised financial instrument in the Bank's financial statements may be partially in the scope of IFRS 9 and partially in the scope of IFRS 15. If this is the case, then the Bank first applies IFRS 9 to separate and measure the part of the contract that is in the scope of IFRS 9 and then applies IFRS 15 to the residual.

Fees and commission income for ongoing account management are charged to the customer's account on a monthly basis. Transaction-based fees for interchange, foreign currency transactions and overdrafts are charged to the customer's account when the transaction takes place. Servicing fees are charged on a monthly basis and are based on fixed rates reviewed annually by the Bank. Income from account management and servicing fees is recognised over time as the services are provided. Income related to transactions is recognised at the point in time when the transaction takes place.

Other fee and commission expenses relate mainly to transaction and service fees, which are expensed as the services are received.

(d) Taxation

Income tax comprises current and deferred tax. Income tax is recognized in profit or loss except to the extent that it relates to items of other comprehensive income or transactions with shareholders recognized directly in equity, in which case it is recognized within other comprehensive income or directly within equity.

(i) Current tax

Current tax expense is the expected tax payable on the taxable income for the year, using tax rates enacted or substantially enacted at the reporting date, and any adjustment to tax payable in respect of previous years. Current tax payable also includes any tax liability arising from dividends.

(ii) Deferred tax

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

Deferred tax is measured at the tax rates that are expected to be applied to the temporary differences when they reverse, based on the laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the reporting date.

The measurement of deferred tax assets and liabilities reflects the tax consequences that would follow the manner in which the Bank expects, at the end of the reporting period, to recover or settle the carrying amount of its assets and liabilities.

Deferred tax assets are recognized only to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profits will be available against which the temporary differences, unused tax losses and credits can be utilized. Deferred tax assets are reduced to the extent that taxable profit will be available against when the deductible temporary differences can be utilized.

(e) Financial assets and financial liabilities

(i) Recognition and initial measurement

The Bank initially recognises loans to customers, deposits and subordinated liabilities on the date on which they are originated. All other financial instruments (including regular-way purchases and sales of financial assets) are recognised on the trade date, which is the date when the Bank becomes party of contractual provisions of the instrument.

A financial asset or financial liability is measured initially at fair value plus, for an item not at FVTPL, transaction costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition or issue. The fair value of financial instrument at initial recognition is generally its transaction price.

(ii) Classification

Financial asset

On initial recognition, a financial asset is classified as measured at: amortised cost, FVOCI or FVTPL.

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

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

All other financial assets are classified as measured at FVTPL.

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

Business model assessment

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

- the stated policies and objectives for the portfolio and the operation of those policies in practice. In particular, whether management's strategy focuses on earning contractual interest revenue, maintaining a particular interest rate profile, matching the duration of the financial assets to the duration of the liabilities that are funding those assets or realising cash flows through the sale of the assets;
- how the performance of the portfolio is evaluated and reported to the Bank's management;

- the risks that affect the performance of the business model (and the financial assets held within that business model) and how those risks are managed;
- how managers of the business are compensated – e.g. whether compensation is based on the fair value of the assets managed or the contractual cash flows collected; and
- the frequency, volume and timing of sales in prior periods, the reasons for such sales and its expectations about future sales activity. However, information about sales activity is not considered in isolation, but as part of an overall assessment of how the Bank's stated objective for managing the financial assets is achieved and how cash flows are realised.

The Bank's retail and business loans comprises loans to customers that are held for collecting contractual cash flows. In the retail business the loans comprise overdrafts, unsecured and secured lending. Sales of loans from these portfolios are very rare.

Certain debt securities are held by the Bank in a separate portfolio for long term yield. These securities may be sold, but such sales are not expected to be more than infrequent. The Bank considers that these securities are held within a business model whose objective is to hold assets to collect the contractual cash flows.

Financial assets that are held for trading or managed and whose performance is evaluated on a fair value basis are measured at FVTPL because they are neither held to collect contractual cash flows nor held both to collect contractual cash flows and to sell financial assets.

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

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

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

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

Non-recourse loans

In some cases loans made by the Bank that are secured by collateral of the borrower limit the Bank's claim to cash flows of the underlying collateral (non-recourse loans). The Bank applies judgment in assessing whether the non-recourse loans meet SPPI criterion. The Bank typically considers the following information when making the judgement:

- whether the contractual arrangement specifically defines the amounts and dates of cash payments of the loan;
- the fair value of collateral relative to the amount of the secured financial asset;
- the ability and willingness of the borrower to make contractual payments, notwithstanding the decline in the value of collateral;
- the extent to which the collateral represents all or substantial portion of borrower's assets; and
- whether the Bank will benefit from any upside from the underlying asset.

Reclassification

Financial assets are not reclassified subsequent to their initial recognition, except in the period after the Bank changes its business model for managing financial assets.

Financial liabilities

The Bank classifies its financial liabilities, other than financial guarantees and loan commitments, as measured at amortised cost.

(iii) Derecognition

Financial assets

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

On derecognition of a financial asset, the difference between the carrying amount of the asset (or the carrying amount allocated to the portion of the asset derecognised) and the sum of (i) the consideration received (including any new asset obtained less any new liability assumed) and (ii) any cumulative gain or loss that had been recognised in other comprehensive income is recognised in profit or loss.

If the Bank enters into transactions whereby it transfers assets recognised on its statement of financial position, but retains all or substantially all of the risks and rewards of transferred assets or a portion of them, in such cases, the transferred assets are not derecognised. Examples of such transactions are security lending and sale-and-repurchase transactions.

Financial liabilities

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

(iv) Modification of financial assets and financial liabilities

Financial assets

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

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

- fees that are considered in determining the fair value of the new asset and fees that represent reimbursement of eligible transaction costs are included in the initial measurement of the asset; and
- other fees are included in profit or loss as part of the gain or loss on derecognition.

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

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

If such modification is carried out because of financial difficulties of the borrower (see Note 3(e)(vii)), then the gain or loss is presented together with impairment losses. In other cases, it is presented as interest income calculated using the effective interest method (see Note 3(b)).

Financial liabilities

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

For the quantitative assessment the terms are substantially different if the discounted present value of the cash flows under the new terms, including any fees paid net of any fees received and discounted using the original effective interest rate, is at least 10 per cent different from the discounted present value of the remaining cash flows of the original financial liability.

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

(v) *Offsetting*

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

Income and expenses are presented on a net basis only when permitted under IFRS standards, or for gains and losses from a group of similar transactions.

(vi) *Fair value measurement*

‘Fair value’ is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date in the principal or, in its absence, the most advantageous market to which the Bank has access at that date. The fair value of a liability reflects its non-performance risk.

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

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

The best evidence of the fair value of a financial instrument on initial recognition is normally the transaction price – i.e. the fair value of the consideration given or received. If the Bank determines that the fair value on initial recognition differs from the transaction price and the fair value is evidenced neither by a quoted price in an active market for an identical asset or liability nor based on a valuation technique for which any unobservable inputs are judged to be insignificant in relation to the difference, then the financial instrument is initially measured at fair value, adjusted to defer the difference between the fair value on initial recognition and the transaction price. Subsequently, that difference is recognised in profit or loss on an appropriate basis over the life of the instrument but no later than when the valuation is wholly supported by observable market data or the transaction is closed out.

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

(vii) Impairment

See also Note 4.

The Bank recognises loss allowances for expected credit losses (ECL) on the following financial instruments that are not measured at FVTPL:

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

The Bank measures loss allowances at an amount equal to lifetime ECL, except for the following, for which they are measured as 12-month ECL:

- debt investment securities that are determined to have low credit risk at the reporting date; and
- other financial instruments on which credit risk has not increased significantly since their initial recognition (see Note 4).

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

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

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

Measurement of ECL

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

- *financial assets that are not credit-impaired at the reporting date*: as the present value of all cash shortfalls (i.e. the difference between the cash flows due to the entity in accordance with the contract and the cash flows that the Bank expects to receive);
- *financial assets that are credit-impaired at the reporting date*: as the difference between the gross carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flows;

- *undrawn loan commitments*: as the present value of the difference between the contractual cash flows that are due to the Bank if the commitment is drawn down and the cash flows that the Bank expects to receive; and
- *financial guarantee contracts*: the expected payments to reimburse the holder less any amounts that the Bank expects to recover.

When discounting future cash flows, the following discount rates are used:

- *financial assets other than purchased or originated credit-impaired financial assets (POCI)*: the original effective rate or an approximation thereof;
- *undrawn loan commitments*: the effective interest rate or an approximation thereof, that will be applied to the financial asset resulting from the loan commitment; and.
- *financial guarantee contracts issued*: the rate that reflects the current market assessment of the time value of money and the risks that are specific to the cash flows.

Restructured financial assets

If the terms of a financial asset are renegotiated or modified or an existing financial asset is replaced with a new one due to financial difficulties of the borrower, then an assessment is made of whether the financial asset should be derecognised (see Note 3(e)(iii)) and ECL are measured as follows.

- If the expected restructuring will not result in derecognition of the existing asset, then the expected cash flows arising from the modified financial asset are included in calculating the cash shortfalls from the existing asset (see Note 4).
- If the expected restructuring will result in derecognition of the existing asset, then the expected fair value of the new asset is treated as the final cash flow from the existing financial asset at the time of its derecognition. This amount is included in calculating the cash shortfalls from the existing financial asset that are discounted from the expected date of derecognition to the reporting date using the original effective interest rate of the existing financial asset.

Credit-impaired financial assets

At each reporting date, the Bank assesses whether financial assets carried at amortised cost are credit-impaired (referred to as ‘Stage 3 financial assets’). A financial asset is ‘credit-impaired’ when one or more events that have a detrimental impact on the estimated future cash flows of the financial asset have occurred.

Evidence that a financial asset is credit-impaired includes the following observable data:

- the borrower’s / counterparty’s financial condition jeopardizes the ability to repay the debt;
- the borrower’s liability was reduced by partially forgiving or writing off the principal and/or accrued interest on the financial instrument;
- to repay the loan, the Bank should use other means of payment, such as: selling a mortgage or selling other assets of the borrower;
- more than one restructuring of the loan, if it related to worsening of borrower’s conditions;
- loan past due more than 90 days.
- death of borrower, bankruptcy proceedings of the borrower (if legal entity);
- court’s decision, which causes the borrower’s inability to service its debt obligations;
- fraud event or misleading information from the borrowers side, that may affect the company’s solvency;
- transferring any of the borrower’s loan to Stage 3.

For investment securities the Bank takes into consideration the rating agencies assessment of creditworthiness.

Presentation of allowance for ECL in the statement of financial position

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

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

Write-offs

Loans and debt securities are written off (either partially or in full) when there is no reasonable expectation of recovering a financial asset in its entirety or a portion thereof. This is generally the case when the Bank determines that the borrower does not have assets or sources of income that could generate sufficient cash flows to repay the amounts subject to the write-off. This assessment is carried out at the individual asset level.

Recoveries of amounts previously written off are included in ‘impairment loss on debt financial assets and loan commitments, net’ in the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income.

Financial assets that are written off could still be subject to enforcement activities in order to comply with the Bank’s procedures for recovery of amounts due.

(f) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents consist of cash on hand, amounts due from the National Bank of Georgia, excluding obligatory reserves, and amounts due from financial institutions that mature within ninety days or less of the date of acquisition that are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in their fair value, and are used by the Bank in the management of its short-term commitments.

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

(g) Derivatives held for risk management purposes

Derivatives held for risk management purposes include all derivative assets and liabilities that are not classified as trading assets or liabilities. All derivatives are measured at fair value in the statement of financial position.

(h) Loans to customers

‘Loans to customers’ caption in the statement of financial position include loans to customers measured at amortized cost (see Note 3(e)(i)); they are initially measured at fair value plus incremental direct transaction costs, and subsequently at their amortized cost using the effective interest method.

(i) Investment securities

The ‘investment securities’ caption in the statement of financial position includes debt investment securities measured at amortised cost (see 3(e)(i)); these are initially measured at fair value plus incremental direct transaction costs, and subsequently at their amortised cost using the effective interest method.

(j) Property and equipment

(i) Recognition and measurement

Items of property and equipment, except for land and buildings, are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses.

Cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to the acquisition of the asset and bringing the asset to a working condition for their intended use.

The carrying values of equipment are reviewed for impairment when events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value may not be recoverable.

Following initial recognition at cost, land and buildings are carried at a revalued amount, which is the fair value at the date of the revaluation less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses. Valuations are performed frequently enough to ensure that the fair value of a revalued asset does not differ materially from its carrying amount.

Accumulated depreciation as at the revaluation date is eliminated against the gross carrying amount of the asset and the net amount is restated to the revalued amount of the asset. Any revaluation surplus is credited to the revaluation reserve for property and equipment included in other comprehensive income, except to the extent that it reverses a revaluation decrease of the same asset previously recognised in the statement of profit or loss, in which case the increase is recognised in the statement of profit or loss. A revaluation deficit is recognised in the statement of profit or loss, except that a deficit directly offsetting a previous surplus on the same asset is directly offset against the surplus in the revaluation reserve for property and equipment.

An annual transfer from the revaluation reserve for property and equipment to retained earnings is made for the difference between depreciation based on the revalued carrying amount of the assets and depreciation based on the assets original cost. Upon disposal, any revaluation reserve relating to the particular asset being sold is transferred to retained earnings.

(ii) Subsequent costs

Subsequent expenditure is capitalised only if it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the expenditure will flow to the Bank. Ongoing repairs and maintenance are expensed as incurred.

(iii) Depreciation

Depreciation of an asset begins when it is available for use. Land is not depreciated. Depreciation is calculated on a straight-line basis over the following estimated useful lives:

	<u>Years</u>
Buildings	50
Fixtures and fittings	4-10
Computers and communication equipment	4-10
Motor vehicles	5
Other	4-10

The asset's residual values, useful lives and methods are reviewed, and adjusted as appropriate, at each financial year-end.

(k) Impairment of non-financial assets

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

For the purpose of impairment testing, assets are grouped together into the smallest group of assets that generates cash inflows from continuing use that are largely independent of the cash inflows of other assets or CGU.

The recoverable amount of an asset or CGU is the greater of its value in use and its fair value less costs to sell. In assessing value in use, 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 or CGU.

An impairment loss is recognized if the carrying amount of an asset and its related cash-generating unit (CGU) exceeds its estimated recoverable amount.

The Bank's assets do not generate separate cash inflows and are used as one CGU.

Impairment losses are recognised in profit or loss. Impairment losses recognised in respect of CGUs (if any) are allocated first to reduce the carrying amount of any goodwill allocated to the CGU and then to reduce the carrying amounts of the other assets in the CGU on a pro rata basis.

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

(l) Current accounts and deposits from customers and subordinated debts

Current accounts and deposits from customers and subordinated debts are initially measured at fair value minus incremental direct transaction costs. Subsequently, they are measured at their amortised costs using effective interest method (Note 3(e)(ii)).

(m) Assets held for sale

The Bank classifies a non-current asset of repossessed property as "assets held for sale" whose carrying amount will be recovered principally through a sale transaction rather than through continuing use. Fixed assets held for sale are measured at lower of its carrying amount and fair value less cost to sell. Subsequent write downs (which does not include gain or loss from disposals) of carrying amount of fixed assets held for sale are recognized as an impairment loss. Gain on the subsequent increase in fair value less cost to sell of assets held for sale is recognized not in excess of previously recognized impairment loss.

(n) Leases

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

(i) Bank acting as a lessee

The Bank recognises a right-of-use asset and a lease liability at the lease commencement date. The right-of-use asset is initially measured at cost, which comprises the initial amount of the lease liability adjusted for any lease payments made at or before the commencement date, plus any initial direct costs incurred and an estimate of costs to dismantle and remove any improvements made to branch premises.

The right-of-use asset is subsequently depreciated using the straight-line method from the commencement date to the end of the lease term. In addition, the right-of-use asset is periodically reduced by impairment losses, if any, and adjusted for certain remeasurements of lease liability.

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

The Bank determines its incremental borrowing rate by analyzing its borrowings from external sources and makes certain adjustments to reflect the terms of the lease and type of asset leased.

Lease payments included in measurement of the lease liability comprise fixed payments.

The lease liability is measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Short term leases and leases of low-value assets

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

(o) Share capital

(i) Ordinary shares

Ordinary shares are classified as equity. Incremental costs directly attributable to the issue of ordinary shares are recognized as a deduction from equity, net of any tax effects. The bank recognizes receivable from shareholder with a corresponding increase in share capital when the capital increase is legally binding.

(ii) Dividends

The ability of the Bank to declare and pay dividends is subject to the rules and regulations of Georgia. Dividends in relation to ordinary shares are reflected as an appropriation of retained earnings in the period when they are declared.

(p) Standards issued but not yet effective

A number of new standards are effective for annual periods beginning after 1 January 2023, with earlier application permitted; However, the Bank has not early adopted the new or amended standards in preparing these financial statements. The following new and amended standards are not expected to have a significant effect on the Bank's financial statements:

- *Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current and Non-current Liabilities with Covenants (Amendment to IAS 1).*
- *Lease Liability in a Sale and Leaseback (Amendment to IFRS 16).*
- *Supplier Finance Arrangements (Amendments to IAS 7 and IFRS 7).*
- *Lack of Exchangeability (Amendments to IAS 21).*

4. Financial risk review

This note presents information about the Bank's exposure to financial risks. For information on the Bank's financial risk management framework, see Note 21.

Credit quality analysis

The following table sets out information about the credit quality of financial assets measured at amortised cost without taking into account collateral or other credit enhancement. Unless specially indicated, for financial assets, the amounts in the table represent gross carrying amounts. Explanation of the terms: Stage 1, Stage 2, Stage 3, are included in Note 3(e)(vii).

GEL'000	31 December 23			
	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Total
<i>Loans to customers at amortised cost –</i>				
<i>Business loans</i>				
B2	16,617	-	-	16,617
B3	3,632	-	-	3,632
Ba2	9,840	-	-	9,840
Ba3	9,477	-	-	9,477
Caa2	647	173	-	820
Ca-C	246	-	910	1,156
Total	40,459	173	910	41,542
Loss allowance	(431)	(39)	(540)	(1,010)
Carrying amount	40,028	134	370	40,532
<i>Loans to customers at amortised cost -</i>				
<i>Retail loans</i>				
Not overdue	14,545	-	-	14,545
Overdue less than 30 days	156	-	-	156
Overdue 30-60 days	-	42	-	42
Overdue 60-90 days	-	56	-	56
Overdue more than 90 days	-	-	57	57
Overdue less than 90 (with restructure status)	-	111	186	297
Overdue more than 90 (with restructure status)	-	-	88	88
Total retail loans	14,701	209	331	15,241
Loss allowance	(298)	(54)	(181)	(533)
Carrying amount	14,403	155	150	14,708
Grand total of carrying amount of loans to customers	54,431	289	520	55,240

The probability of default for the Business loans is evaluated by an individual approach by an expert on a rating system based on a scoring questionnaire and represents the country's rating (based on Moody's rating agency) adjusted by the individual risk characteristics of each individual borrower and level of their access to the government support.

The tables below summarise PD, LGD and EAD ranges applied by the Bank in Expected Credit Loss calculations:

<i>Business loans</i>	31 December 2023			31 December 2022		
	PD	LGD	EAD	PD	LGD	EAD
Stage 1	1% - 35%	35% - 100%	100%	3% - 35%	38% - 100%	100%
Stage 2	38%	60%	100%	75%	53%	100%
Stage 3	100%	59 - 100%	100%	100%	34%	100%

<i>Retail loans</i>	31 December 2023			31 December 2022		
	PD	LGD	EAD	PD	LGD	EAD
Stage 1	1% - 51%	54% - 100%	91% - 100%	3% - 35%	39% - 87%	91% - 100%
Stage 2	44% - 94%	54%	91% - 100%	37% - 76%	53% - 87%	91% - 100%
Stage 3	100%	54%	100%	100%	53% - 87%	100%

As of 31 December 2023, all the investment securities were classified as Stage 1 financial assets. Probability of default from 0.07% to 0.7% was applied to government treasury bonds and 1% PD was applied to the corporate bond (31 December 2022: PD from 0.04% to 0.59% was applied to the government treasury bonds and 0.17% to the corporate bond); and loss given default of 45% was applied to government treasury bonds and 100% LGD was applied to the corporate bond (31 December 2022: government treasury bonds - 45% corporate bond - 100%).

GEL'000	31 December 2022			
	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Total
Loans to customers at amortised cost – Business loans				
B2	7,488	-	-	7,488
B3	3,968	-	-	3,968
Caa3	50	-	-	50
Ca-C	115	122	1,059	1,296
Total	11,621	122	1,059	12,802
Loss allowance	(204)	(48)	(364)	(616)
Carrying amount	11,417	74	695	12,186
Loans to customers at amortised cost – Retail loans				
Not overdue	6,555	-	-	6,555
Overdue less than 30 days	61	-	-	61
Overdue 30-60 days	-	10	-	10
Overdue 60-90 days	-	2	-	2
Overdue more than 90 days	-	-	6	6
Overdue less than 90 (with restructure status)	-	76	82	158
Overdue more than 90 (with restructure status)	-	-	106	106
Total consumer loans	6,616	88	194	6,898
Loss allowance	(175)	(15)	(97)	(287)
Carrying amount	6,441	73	97	6,611
Grand total of carrying amount of loans to customers	17,858	147	792	18,797

At 31 December 2023, Bank holds no Business loans for which no loss allowance is recognised because of collateral (31 December 2022: nil).

During the period, there was no change in the Bank's collateral policies.

Credit risk - Amounts arising from ECL

Inputs, assumptions and techniques used for estimating impairment

IFRS 9 requires management to make a number of judgements, assumptions and estimates that affect the allowance for ECL. Estimates and judgements are based on management's knowledge and historical experience. See also accounting policy in Note 3(e)(vii).

A summary of the key judgements made by management is set out below.

Significant increase in credit risk

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

For loans to customers the Bank uses three criteria for determining whether there has been a significant increase in credit risk:

- restructuring of the loan;
- qualitative indicators; and
- backstop indicator of more than 30 days past due.

Generating the term structure of PD

Retail loans

Modelling of probability of default of consumer loans is based on the collective analysis method for each segment of loans separately. According to the definition of default, probability of default is based on historic monthly migration analysis in accordance with defaults in segments for previous 7 years period. For the segments lacking historical data, the period differs depending on what period there are factual data.

For every segment, historical average monthly matrix was calculated and the probability of default for desired period was defined by extrapolation of the matrix (1 year and whole lifecycle).

Business loans

The probability of default for the business loan is evaluated by an individual approach by an expert on a rating system based on a scoring questionnaire and represents the country's rating adjusted by the individual risk characteristics of each individual borrower and level of their access to the government support.

Determining whether credit risk has increased significantly

The Bank assesses whether credit risk has increased significantly since initial recognition at each reporting period. What is considered significant will differ for different types of lending, in particular between financial assets assessed individually and collectively. For loans to customers the Bank uses overdue status of the financial assets as a backstop indicator and other qualitative indicators to assess whether significant increase in credit risk has occurred. Below are the description of qualitative indicators of significant increase in credit risk.

- Legal action to borrower, which may cause significant cash outflow;
- Placing lien or restriction on the bank account of the borrower;
- Delay in providing financial information for 1 year;
- Significant deterioration of borrower's financial position, including: loss of contract with main supplier; loss of main customer; forecast of negative cash flow; significant deterioration of profitability.

As a backstop, the Bank considers that a significant increase in credit risk occurs no later than when an asset is more than 30 days past due, except for interbank placements and debt securities. Days past due are determined by counting the number of days since the earliest missed due date in respect of which full payment has not been received. Due dates are determined without considering any grace period that might be available to the borrower.

If there is evidence that there is no longer a significant increase in credit risk relative to initial recognition, then the loss allowance on an instrument returns from lifetime ECL to being measured as 12-month ECL. The general principles of returning an instrument from lifetime ECL to being measured as 12-month ECL for instruments with increased credit risk due to restructuring or other quantitative or qualitative criteria is 6 consecutive successful payments on the instrument; at the same time, the borrower must not have any current overdue or significant risks on the other product.

Definition of default

The Bank considers a financial asset to be in default when:

- the borrower is unlikely to pay its credit obligations to the Bank in full, without recourse by the Bank to actions such as realising security (if any is held);

- the borrower is either more than 90 days past due or has restructured loan more than once due on any material obligations to the Bank, except for interbank placements and debt securities;
- it is becoming probable that the borrower will restructure the asset as a result of bankruptcy due to the borrower’s inability to pay its credit obligations.

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

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

Incorporation of forward-looking information

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

The Bank has identified and documented key drivers of credit risk and credit losses for each portfolio of financial instruments and, using an analysis of historical data, has estimated relationships between macro-economic variables and credit risk and credit losses.

Among the tested macroeconomic parameters such as GDP, inflation, Nominal Effective Exchange Rate, Nominal Effective Exchange Rate (quarterly change) was proved to have statistically significant influence on portfolio probabilities of default. Historical correlations from 2015 up to the reporting date showed the relationship between Nominal Effective Exchange Rate and PD. PD-s for every segment were adjusted by Nominal Effective Exchange Rate forecasts considering the different weights of possible scenarios (optimistic scenario - 25%, base scenario - 50%, pessimistic scenario – 25%) and results were incorporated in the calculation of annual PD by Vasicek’s formula.

Vasicek model uses the correlation between macro parameter and PD estimated through least square regression and adjusts PD based on historical dependency according to the forecasted nominal effective exchange rate.

Nominal Effective Exchange Rate forecasts according to the National Bank of Georgia are as follows:

	2024		
	Optimistic scenario	Base scenario	Pessimistic scenario
Nominal Effective Exchange Rate growth %	2	0.0	-10.0

Modified financial assets

The contractual terms of a loan may be modified for a number of reasons, including changing market conditions, customer retention and other factors not related to a current or potential credit deterioration of the customer. An existing loan whose terms have been modified may be derecognised and the renegotiated loan recognised as a new loan at fair value in accordance with the accounting policy set out in Note 3(e)(iv).

The revised terms usually include extending the maturity, changing the timing of interest payments and amending the terms of loan covenants.

When the terms of a financial asset are modified and the modification does not result in derecognition, the determination of whether the asset's credit risk has increased significantly reflects comparison of:

- its remaining lifetime PD at the reporting date based on the modified terms; with
- the remaining lifetime PD estimated based on data at initial recognition and the original contractual terms.

When modification results in derecognition, a new loan is recognised and allocated to Stage 1 (assuming it is not credit-impaired at that time).

Payment holidays together with reasonable and supportable information, both quantitative and qualitative (for example, because of longer term liquidity or solvency problems of the borrower) is considered to be triggering a SICR.

Measurement of ECL

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

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

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

The methodology of estimating PDs is discussed above under the heading "Generating the term structure of PD".

For the credit loss calculating purposes, the loss of the financial asset defaults is measured. The loss on retail loans is assessed collectively according to segments and business loans according to individual scenarios.

LGD represents the magnitude of the likely loss in the event of default. The Bank estimates LGD parameters based on the historical recovery rates of claims against defaulted counterparties. Defaulted clients are grouped per each month of default event and respective repaid exposures are linked to each group. Future recoveries are forecasted based on monthly historical average growth rate of recoveries. LGD is then computed by discounting both historical and projected future cash flows, using an applicable effective interest rate as the discounting factor.

Exposure at Default (EAD) represents the expected exposure in the event of default. The EAD for financial assets is its gross carrying amount at the time of default. The Bank differentiates EAD on a product basis. For Collateralized and Uncollateralized loans EAD is calculated based on average remaining maturity of these products, for every year separately. Bank assumes, that mid-year is the point of default (month 6), meaning that payments were made during first three months (month 3) and exposure becomes overdue starting from the fourth month.

EAD for the financial instrument other than those mentioned above is defined as 100%.

Loss allowance

The following tables show reconciliations from the opening to the closing balances of the loss allowance by class of financial instruments. The basis for determining transfers due to changes in credit risk is set out in the accounting policy; see Note 3 (e).

	2023				2022			
	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Total	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Total
GEL'000								
Loans to customers at amortised cost								
Balance at 1 January	379	63	461	903	429	97	724	1,250
Transfer to Stage 1	-	-	-	-	37	(37)	-	-
Transfer to Stage 2	-	-	-	-	(2)	2	-	-
Transfer to Stage 3	(2)	(48)	50	-	-	(20)	20	-
Net remeasurement of loss allowance*	(158)	(6)	150	(14)	(308)	9	(210)	(509)
New financial assets originated or purchased	704	-	-	704	240	-	-	240
Transfer to Stage 2	(84)	84	-	-	(12)	12	-	-
Transfer to Stage 3	(109)	-	109	-	(5)	-	5	-
Write-offs	-	-	(50)	(50)	-	-	(78)	(78)
Balance at 31 December	730	93	720	1,543	379	63	461	903

*Out of GEL 14 thousand net remeasurement of loss allowance GEL 149 thousand is attributable to the loans repaid during 2023 (2022: out of 509 thousand, 417 thousand attributable to the repaid loans).

	2023				2022			
	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Total	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Total
GEL'000								
Loans to customers at amortised cost – business loans								
Balance at 1 January	204	48	364	616	306	-	335	641
Transfer to Stage 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfer to Stage 2	-	-	-	-	(2)	2	-	-
Transfer to Stage 3	-	(48)	48	-	-	-	-	-
Net remeasurement of loss allowance	(73)	-	119	46	(233)	46	29	(158)
New financial assets originated or purchased	350	-	-	350	133	-	-	133
Transfer to Stage 2	(39)	39	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfer to Stage 3	(10)	-	10	-	-	-	-	-
Write-offs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balance at 31 December	432	39	541	1,012	204	48	364	616

	2023				2022			
	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Total	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Total
GEL'000								
Loans to customers at amortised cost – retail loans								
Balance at 1 January	175	15	97	287	123	97	389	609
Transfer to Stage 1	-	-	-	-	37	(37)	-	-
Transfer to Stage 2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfer to Stage 3	(2)	-	2	-	-	(20)	20	-
Net remeasurement of loss allowance	(85)	(6)	31	(60)	(75)	(37)	(239)	(351)
New financial assets originated or purchased	354	-	-	354	107	-	-	107
Transfer to Stage 2	(45)	45	-	-	(12)	12	-	-
Transfer to Stage 3	(99)	-	99	-	(5)	-	5	-
Write-offs	-	-	(50)	(50)	-	-	(78)	(78)
Balance at 31 December	298	54	179	531	175	15	97	287

GEL'000	2023	2022
Investment securities at amortised cost		
Balance at 1 January	73	159
Net remeasurement of loss allowance	5	(86)
New financial assets originated or purchased	22	-
Balance at 31 December	100	73

The following table provides a reconciliation between amounts shown in the above tables, reconciling opening and closing balances of loss allowance per class of financial instrument.

GEL'000	2023				Total
	Loans to customers at amortised cost - retail loans	Loans to customers at amortised cost - business loans	Investment securities at amortised cost	Other financial instruments*	
Net remeasurement of loss allowance	(60)	46	5	44	35
New financial assets originated or purchased	354	350	22	57	783
Total	294	396	27	101	818
Recoveries of amounts previously written off	(226)	-	-	-	(226)
Total	68	396	27	101	592

* Other financial instruments include loss allowance movements for cash and cash equivalents, amounts due from credit institutions, loan commitments and financial guarantees issued.

GEL'000	2022			Total
	Loans to customers at amortised cost - retail loans	Loans to customers at amortised cost - business loans	Investment securities at amortised cost	
Net remeasurement of loss allowance	(351)	(158)	(86)	(595)
New financial assets originated or purchased	107	133	-	240
Total	(244)	(25)	(86)	(355)
Recoveries of amounts previously written off	(114)	-	-	(114)
Total	(358)	(25)	(86)	(469)

The significant changes in the gross carrying amount of loans measured at amortized cost disbursed to corporate and retail customers are further explained below.

GEL'000	2023				2022			
	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Total	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Total
Loans to customers at amortised cost								
Balance at 1 January	18,237	210	1,253	19,700	14,164	426	1,598	16,188
Transfer to Stage 1	-	-	-	-	167	(167)	-	-
Transfer to Stage 2	(19)	19	-	-	(135)	135	-	-
Transfer to Stage 3	(26)	(123)	149	-	(7)	(79)	86	-
New financial assets originated or purchased	43,501	-	-	43,501	10,973	-	-	10,973
Transfer to Stage 2	(349)	349	-	-	(81)	81	-	-
Transfer to Stage 3	(193)	-	193	-	(7)	-	7	-
Repayments and other movements (including foreign currency revaluations)	(5,990)	(73)	(305)	(6,368)	(6,837)	(186)	(360)	(7,383)
Write-offs	-	-	(50)	(50)	-	-	(78)	(78)
Balance at 31 December	55,161	382	1,240	56,783	18,237	210	1,253	19,700

GEL'000	2023				2022			
	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Total	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Total
Loans to customers at amortised cost – business loans								
Balance at 1 January	11,621	122	1,059	12,802	9,587	-	1,058	10,645
Transfer to Stage 2	-	-	-	-	(132)	132	-	-
Transfer to Stage 3	-	(122)	122	-	-	-	-	-
New financial assets originated or purchased	31,657	-	-	31,657	6,847	-	-	6,847
Transfer to Stage 2	(173)	173	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfer to Stage 3	(10)	-	10	-	-	-	-	-
Repayments and other movements (including foreign currency revaluations)	(2,635)	-	(282)	(2,917)	(4,681)	(10)	1	(4,690)
Write-offs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balance at 31 December	40,460	173	909	41,542	11,621	122	1,059	12,802

GEL'000	2023				2022			
	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Total	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Total
Loans to customers at amortised cost – retail loans								
Balance at 1 January	6,616	88	194	6,898	4,577	426	540	5,543
Transfer to Stage 1	-	-	-	-	167	(167)	-	-
Transfer to Stage 2	(19)	19	-	-	(3)	3	-	-
Transfer to Stage 3	(26)	(1)	27	-	(7)	(79)	86	-
New financial assets originated or purchased	11,844	-	-	11,844	4,126	-	-	4,126
Transfer to Stage 2	(176)	176	-	-	(81)	81	-	-
Transfer to Stage 3	(183)	-	183	-	(7)	-	7	-
Repayments and other movements (including foreign currency) revaluations	(3,355)	(73)	(23)	(3,451)	(2,156)	(176)	(361)	(2,693)
Write-offs	-	-	(50)	(50)	-	-	(78)	(78)
Balance at 31 December	14,701	209	331	15,241	6,616	88	194	6,898

5. Net interest income

GEL'000	2023	2022
Interest income calculated using the effective interest method		
Loans to customers	3,737	2,295
Nostro accounts and deposits	3,459	268
Investment securities	2,409	3,399
	9,605	5,962
Interest expense		
Current accounts and deposits from customers	4,845	635
Subordinated debts	431	395
Amounts due to credit institutions	130	1,464
Other	69	27
	5,475	2,521

Included in “current accounts and deposits from customers” is interest accrued on certificates of deposits of GEL 4,176 thousand.

6. General administrative expenses

GEL'000	2023	2022
Communications and information services	1,572	1,174
Depreciation and amortization expense	971	720
Legal and consultancy	986	701
Advertising and marketing expenses	352	47
Utilities and office supplies	309	284
Taxes other than on income	258	248
Occupancy and rent	155	146
Security	123	89
Other	622	380
	5,348	3,789

Legal and consultancy expenses include audit fees of GEL 124 thousand (2022: GEL 129 thousand).

7. Salaries and employment benefits

GEL'000	2023	2022
Wages and salaries	6,529	3,759
Other benefits	78	35
	6,607	3,794

The average number of Bank employees (excluding supervisory board members) for the year ended 31 December 2023 equaled 138 individuals (2022: 90 individuals) of which: top management - 9 employees (2022: 7 employees), mid-level managers - 30 employees (2022: 18 employees), and other staff - 99 employees (2022: 65 employees). All employees held full-time positions.

8. Income tax expense

GEL'000	2023	2022
Effect of change in tax legislation	-	(648)
Movement in deferred tax assets and liabilities due to origination and reversal of temporary differences	(149)	111
Total income tax expense	(149)	(537)

In 2022 the Government of Georgia has approved the changes to the current corporate tax model in Georgia for financial institutions, applicable from 2023. According to the amendments to the legislation, the financial sector no longer switched to the Estonian tax model, which was expected to exempt banks from paying corporate taxes on retained earnings and only required a payment of 15% corporate tax rate on distributed earnings. Tax authorities also require the banks to reimburse the tax reliefs (if any) obtained through previous provisioning and interest income calculation differences caused by differences in tax and IFRS standards bases. In addition, with the effect from 2023, the existing corporate tax rate for banks increased from 15% to 20%, while dividends are no longer taxed with 5% dividend tax.

The change to the corporate taxation model had an immediate impact on deferred tax balances and a corresponding income tax expense, attributable to temporary differences between financial and tax accounting balances, arising from prior periods. As a result of these changes, in 2022 the Bank, using the 20% tax rate, has recognized net deferred tax liabilities of GEL 1,752 thousand, tax expense in the amount of GEL 537 thousand in the statement of profit and loss and deferred tax on revaluation reserve of property and equipment of GEL 1,121 thousand in other comprehensive income.

Deferred tax assets for deductible temporary difference and tax loss carry forwards are recognised only to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profits and reversal of deferred tax liabilities will be available against which the deductions can be utilized. As at 31 December 2023 deferred tax assets of GEL 1,852 thousand (31 December 2022: nil) have not been recognized in respect of tax losses.

Reconciliation of effective tax rate for the year ended 31 December:

GEL'000	<u>2023</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>%</u>
Loss before income tax	(7,144)		(3,389)	
Income tax at the applicable tax rate	1,429	(20)	508	(15)
Effect of change in income tax legislation and unrecognized tax asset	(1,545)	22	(648)	19
Non-deductible differences and other	(33)	-	(397)	12
	<u>(149)</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>(537)</u>	<u>16</u>

Deferred tax assets and liabilities

Movements in temporary differences during the years ended 31 December 2023 and 2022 are presented as follows:

2023	1 January	Recognized in	Recognised in	31 December
GEL'000	2023	profit or loss	other	2023
			comprehensive	
			income	
Property and equipment	(3,781)	(332)	70	(4,043)
Loans to customers	(5)	5	-	-
Assets held for sale	(78)	(101)	-	(179)
Lease and other liabilities	81	195	-	276
Tax loss carry forward	2,031	84	-	2,115
	<u>(1,752)</u>	<u>(149)</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>(1,831)</u>

Effect of change in tax legislation					
2022	1 January	Recognized	Recognized	Recognised	31 December
GEL'000	2022	in profit or	in profit or	in other	2022
		loss	loss	comprehensive	
				income	
Property and equipment	(74)	93	(2,679)	(1,121)	(3,781)
Loans to customers	17	(22)	-	-	(5)
Assets held for sale	(56)	(22)	-	-	(78)
Lease and other liabilities	19	62	-	-	81
Tax loss carry forward	-	-	2,031	-	2,031
	<u>(94)</u>	<u>111</u>	<u>(648)</u>	<u>(1,121)</u>	<u>(1,752)</u>

9. Cash and cash equivalents

GEL'000	2023	2022
Cash on hand	2,444	1,857
Cash in transit	-	530
Nostro accounts with the National Bank of Georgia excluding obligatory reserves	353	533
Nostro accounts with other banks		
Rated BB- to BB+	7,630	701
Rated B+ and below	1,231	426
Total nostro accounts with other banks	8,861	1,127
Cash equivalents		
Term deposits with credit institutions with maturities of up to 90 days	19,612	6,800
Total cash and cash equivalents, gross	31,270	10,847
Allowance for expected credit loss	(17)	-
Total cash and cash equivalents, net	31,253	10,847

No cash and cash equivalents are past due. As at 31 December 2023 the Bank allocates cash and cash equivalents under Stage 1 for the purposes of identifying expected credit loss under IFRS 9 (31 December 2022: Stage 1).

As at 31 December 2023 the term deposits of GEL 10,000 thousand and GEL 9,500 thousand, bearing, respectively, 10.5% and 9.5% interest rates, were held with the Georgian banks with long term issuer default ratings of B+ and BB (based on Fitch rating agency). (2022: term deposit of GEL 6,800 thousand, bearing 11% interest rate, was held with the Georgian Bank with long term issuer default rating of BB).

All commercial banks are rated by Fitch rating agency.

As at 31 December 2023 the Bank has two counterparties with the respective balances of GEL 16,376 thousand and GEL 10,092 thousand, exceeding 10% of the Bank's equity (31 December 2022: one counterparty with the balance of GEL 7,353 thousand, exceeding 10% of the Bank's equity).

10. Amounts due from credit institutions

GEL'000	2023	2022
Obligatory reserve with the National Bank of Georgia (NBG)	2,701	1,516
Term deposits with maturities of more than 90 days	20,190	-
Total amounts due from credit institution, gross	22,891	1,516
Allowance for expected credit loss	(37)	-
Total amounts due from credit institution, net	22,854	1,516

In 2023 the credit institutions are required to maintain an interest earning cash deposit (obligatory reserve) with the NBG at 5% in Lari and at 10%-20% in foreign currency (depending on the dollarization ratio of deposits of each commercial bank) of the average of funds attracted from customers and non-resident financial institutions by a credit institution for the appropriate two-week period in GEL and foreign currencies, respectively. However, according to the residual maturities, funds attracted in national currency with a maturity of more than 1 year and foreign currency with a maturity of more than 2 years are exempt from reserve requirements, while funds attracted in foreign currency with a maturity of 1 to 2 years are subject of 10%-15% reserve requirement (depending on the dollarization ratio).

As at 31 December 2023 the Bank allocates amounts due from credit institutions under Stage 1 for the purposes of identifying expected credit loss under IFRS 9 (31 December 2022: Stage 1).

As at 31 December 2023 the term deposit of GEL 20,000 thousand, bearing 10.25% interest rate, was held with the one Georgian Bank with long term issuer default rating of B+ (based on Fitch rating agency). Management estimated ECL of GEL 37 thousand for term deposit.

11. Investment securities

GEL'000	2023	2022
Government treasury bonds	25,000	29,178
Corporate bonds	2,214	3,007
Total investment securities measured at amortized cost	27,214	32,185

	31 December 2023			31 December 2022		
	Nominal interest rate,	Maturity	Amount	Nominal interest rate,	Maturity	Amount
	%			%		
Debt securities of the Ministry of Finance of Georgia	9.1 – 11.6	2024 - 2030	25,000	8.1 – 11.6	2023 - 2030	29,178
Corporate bonds (LLC Austrian Georgian Development)	9	2025	2,214	-	-	-
Corporate bonds (JSC TBC Leasing)	-	-	-	3.3% + 3M TIBR	2023	3,007

No investment securities are past due. During 2023 the Bank purchased investment securities of USD 816 thousand (2022: nil) and GEL 7,000 thousand investment securities were repaid (2022: GEL 8,500 thousand). As at 31 December 2023 the Bank allocates investment securities to Stage 1 for the purposes of identifying expected credit loss under IFRS 9 (31 December 2022: Stage 1). ECL estimation is presented in Note 4.

As at 31 December 2023 no Government treasury bonds were pledged to secure the loan from the credit institution (31 December 2022: GEL 10,620 thousand Government bonds were pledged to secure the loan from the credit institution (see Note 15)).

12. Loans to customers

GEL'000	2023	2022
Business loans		
Corporate loans	17,249	9,800
Micro and SME loans	24,293	3,002
Total Business Loans	41,542	12,802
Retail loans		
Consumer lending - uncollateralized	5,797	4,216
Consumer lending - collateralized	9,444	2,682
Total loans to retail customers	15,241	6,898
Total gross loans to customers	56,783	19,700
Loss allowance	(1,543)	(903)
Net loans to customers	55,240	18,797

Included in corporate loans is receivable from reverse factoring arrangement with gross carrying amount of GEL 8,825 thousand as at 31 December 2023 (31 December 2022: nil).

Information on the credit quality of loans to customers as at 31 December 2023 and 31 December 2022 is disclosed in Note 4.

(a) Analysis of collateral and other credit enhancements

(i) Corporate loans and Micro and SME loans

Corporate and Micro and SME loans are subject to individual credit appraisal and impairment testing. The general creditworthiness of a business customer tends to be the most relevant indicator of credit quality of the loan extended to it. However, collateral provides additional security and the Bank generally requests borrowers to provide it.

The Bank updates the valuation of property held against exposures to business customers' collateral on an annual basis.

The table below sets out the carrying amount and the value of identifiable property (real estate) held against loans to business customers measured at amortised cost. For each loan, the value of disclosed collateral is capped at the nominal amount of the loan that is held against.

	2023		2022	
	Carrying amount	Collateral	Carrying amount	Collateral
Stages 1 and 2	40,162	21,424	11,491	8,044
Stages 3	370	370	695	695
	40,532	21,794	12,186	8,739

The tables above exclude overcollateralization.

For loans secured by multiple types of collateral, only real estate was considered for impairment assessment.

The recoverability of loans which are neither past due nor impaired primarily depends on the creditworthiness of borrowers rather than the value of collateral, and the Bank does not necessarily update the valuation of collateral as at each reporting date.

During the period, there was no change in the Bank's collateral policies.

(ii) Consumer lending

For consumer lending collateralized loans are secured by real estate, cars or deposits. The part of the retail collateralized loans are secured by real estate with LTV ratio of approximately 43% (31 December 2022: 47%). Approximately 22% of credit-impaired loans were collateralized as at 31 December 2023 (31 December 2022: 38%).

(iii) Assets held for sale

As at 31 December 2023 and 2022, assets held for sale comprise from repossessed collateral:

GEL'000	2023	2022
Real estate	3,652	3,286
Total repossessed collateral	3,652	3,286

In 2023 the Bank reversed impairment for assets held for sale of GEL 558 thousand recognised in the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income (2022: GEL 33 thousand).

The Bank's policy is to sell these assets as soon as it is practicable.

(b) Key assumptions and judgments for estimating loan impairment

Key assumptions used by the Bank in estimation of the expected credit loss on loans to customers are as follows:

- Probability of default (PD) - probability of default is the possibility of default occurring within a certain period of time. The probability of default is estimated using migration matrices and macroeconomic forecast data is included in the model;
- Loss given default (LGD) - loss given default is an estimate of the expected loss in the event of default. The LGD model considers the funds received in the form of cash from defaulted customers, discounted by the effective interest rate. Predictions are then made based on the available data;
- Exposure at default (EAD) - exposure at default represents the total carrying amount of financial assets at the time of default.

10 % increase (capped to 100%, if applicable) in any of these assumptions, assuming that all other variables remain constant, could affect the expected credit loss on loans to customers for 2023 by amounts in the range of GEL 1 thousand to GEL 671 thousand for retail customers and up to GEL 1,723 thousand for business customers.

(c) Significant credit exposures

As at 31 December 2023 the Bank has one borrower with balance of GEL 8,816 thousand, whose balances exceed 10% of equity (as at 31 December 2022 no borrowers or groups of connected borrowers' loan balances exceeded 10% of equity).

(d) Loan maturities

The maturity of the loan portfolio is presented in Note 21(c), which shows the remaining period from the reporting date to the contractual maturity of the loans.

13. Property and equipment, and right-of-use assets

GEL'000	Land and building	Computer and communication equipment	Fixtures and fittings	Motor vehicles	Other	Total
<i>Cost/revalued amount</i>						
Balance at						
1 January 2022	19,427	1,877	897	162	1,561	23,924
Additions	43	94	37	-	133	307
Disposals	(124)	(121)	(40)	-	(29)	(314)
Effect of revaluation	(1,539)	-	-	-	-	(1,539)
Balance at 31 December 2022	17,807	1,850	894	162	1,665	22,378
Balance at						
1 January 2023	17,807	1,850	894	162	1,665	22,378
Additions	-	164	42	-	1,157	1,363
Disposals	-	(12)	(90)	-	(111)	(213)
Effect of revaluation	(724)	-	-	-	-	(724)
Balance at 31 December 2023	17,083	2,002	846	162	2,711	22,804
<i>Depreciation</i>						
Balance at						
1 January 2022	-	1,495	869	162	759	3,285
Depreciation for the year	375	129	14	-	92	610
Disposals	(4)	(116)	(39)	-	(2)	(161)
Effect of revaluation	(371)	-	-	-	-	(371)
Balance at 31 December 2022	-	1,508	844	162	849	3,363
Balance at						
1 January 2023	-	1,508	844	162	849	3,363
Depreciation for the year	374	154	16	-	114	658
Disposals	-	(9)	(86)	-	(54)	(149)
Effect of revaluation	(374)	-	-	-	-	(374)
Balance at 31 December 2023	-	1,653	774	162	909	3,498
<i>Carrying amount</i>						
At 31 December 2021	19,427	382	28	-	802	20,639
At 31 December 2022	17,807	342	50	-	816	19,015
At 31 December 2023	17,083	349	72	-	1,802	19,306

The Bank leases branches, service centres and storage facility. Leases are recognised as a right-of-use asset and a corresponding liability from the date when the leased asset becomes available for use by the Bank.

GEL'000	2023	2022
Carrying amount at 1 January	294	41
Additions of new contracts	1,033	278
Depreciation charge	(136)	(25)
Carrying amount at 31 December	1,191	294

Expenses relating to short-term leases and leases of low-value assets amounted GEL 155 thousand during 2023 (2022: GEL 146 thousand). These expenses are included in general administrative expenses (Note 6).

(a) Revalued assets

In 2023 management commissioned independent valuator to appraise land and buildings as at 15 December 2023 which, in accordance with the Bank's accounting policy, is measured at fair value.

The management team regularly reviews significant unobservable inputs and valuation adjustments. As a result of review performed by the management as at 31 December 2023, the fair value of land and buildings was determined to be GEL 17,083 thousand (2022: GEL 17,807 thousand) and reflects market prices in recent transactions. Land and buildings are categorized within level 3 of fair value hierarchy.

The significant unobservable inputs relate to the differences in the characteristics of the properties, such as size, location, access to the properties and conditions for sale. The adjustments related to each of the significant unobservable input above varied between 0% to 10% (2022: 0% to 10%). 5% change in the adjusted market prices used in the valuation would have changed the fair value measurement by GEL 854 thousand (2022: GEL 890 thousand).

If the land and buildings were measured using the cost model, the carrying amounts would be as follows:

GEL'000	2023	2022
Cost	14,122	14,122
Accumulated depreciation	(3,344)	(3,062)
Net carrying amount	10,778	11,060

(b) Capital Commitments

As at 31 December 2023 the Bank has no material capital commitments. (31 December 2022: GEL 148 thousand capital commitments related to the acquisition of the license and related services for the risk management platform).

14. Current accounts and deposits from customers

GEL'000	2023	2022
Current accounts	15,780	10,695
Term deposits	82,868	3,543
	98,648	14,238

Included in term deposits is certificates of deposits of GEL 77,314 thousand (31 December 2022: GEL 1,881 thousand).

As at 31 December 2023 amounts due to customers of GEL 50,060 thousand (51% of total current accounts and deposits from customers balance) were due to the largest customer (2022: GEL 2,790 thousand (20%)).

As at 31 December 2023 the Bank has one customer with the balance of GEL 50,060 thousand, exceeding 10% of the Bank's equity (2022: no customers whose balances exceed 10% of equity).

Current accounts and deposits from customers include accounts with the following types of customers:

GEL'000	2023	2022
Individuals:		
- Current accounts	4,777	3,761
- Term Deposits	24,754	586
Total due to individuals:	29,531	4,347
Legal entities		
- Current accounts	11,003	6,934
- Term Deposits	6,164	1,076
Total due to Legal entities:	17,167	8,010
State and state-owned entities		
- Current accounts	-	-
- Term Deposits	51,950	1,881
Total due to State and state-owned entities:	51,950	1,881
Total Current accounts and deposits from customers	98,648	14,238

An analysis of customer accounts by economic sector is as follows:

GEL'000	2023	2022
Individuals	29,531	4,347
State and state-owned entities	51,950	1,881
Transportation and communication	5,185	2,812
Trade and service	2,841	2,113
Financial services	3,212	1,145
Investing activities	-	1,103
Real estate	3,940	407
Construction	735	107
Other	1,254	323
Current accounts and deposits from customers	98,648	14,238

15. Amounts due to credit institutions

GEL'000	2023	2022
Loans from the National Bank of Georgia	-	10,027
Term deposits	298	-
	298	10,027

As at 31 December 2023 Bank has no outstanding loan balance due to NBG (2022: GEL 10,027 thousand loan with maturity on 20 January 2023 and interest rate of 11.13%. Loan from the National Bank of Georgia was collateralized with the Government treasury bonds of GEL 10,620 thousand (see Note 11)).

Reconciliation of movements of liabilities to cash flows arising from financing activities

GEL'000	Loans from financial institutions	Subordinated debts	Lease liabilities	Total
Balance at 1 January 2023	10,027	2,879	293	13,199
Changes from financing cash flows				
Receipts of loans	24,169	-	-	24,169
Repayment of loans	(34,168)	-	-	(34,168)
Payment of lease liability	-	-	(106)	(106)
Total changes from financing cash flows	(9,999)	-	(106)	(10,105)
The effect of changes in foreign exchange rates	-	-	34	34
Liability-related changes				
New leases	-	-	1,033	1,033
Interest expense	130	431	41	602
Interest paid	(158)	(431)	(41)	(630)
Total other changes	(28)	-	1,033	1,005
Balance at 31 December 2023	-	2,879	1,254	4,133

GEL'000	Loans from financial institutions	Subordinated debt	Lease Liabilities	Total
Balance at 1 January 2022	23,258	2,501	42	25,801
Changes from financing cash flows				
Receipts of loans	123,944	375	-	124,319
Repayment of loans	(137,165)	-	-	(137,165)
Payment of lease liability			(21)	(21)
Total changes from financing cash flows	(13,221)	375	(21)	(12,867)
The effect of changes in foreign exchange rates	-	-	13	13
Other changes				
New leases	-	-	259	259
Interest expense	1,464	395	9	1,868
Interest paid	(1,474)	(392)	(9)	(1,875)
Total other changes	(10)	3	259	252
Balance at 31 December 2022	10,027	2,879	293	13,199

16. Subordinated debts

GEL'000	2023	2022
Subordinated debts from the Shareholder	2,879	2,879
	2,879	2,879

As at 31 December 2023 the Bank has following outstanding subordinated debts received from shareholder Silk Road Group Holding (Malta) Limited: GEL 2,500 thousand received on 30 December 2021 and GEL 375 thousand received on 18 August 2022. Subordinated debts have maturity on 30 December 2031, are denominated in GEL and bear annual interest rate of 15%. Principals are repayable at maturity. Subordinated debts are uncollateralised. The creditor is not entitled to accelerate future payments (interest or principal), except in instances of bankruptcy or liquidation. Conditions pertaining to subordinated loans may only be altered or annulled with the prior written approval of the National Bank of Georgia.

Subordinated debts are included within the Bank's regulatory capital base as Tier 2 capital under the National Bank of Georgia (see Note 22). The capital contribution of all Tier 2 debts is amortised for regulatory purposes in their final five years before maturity.

The debts would in the event of winding-up of the issuer, be subordinated to the claims of depositors and all other creditors of the issuer.

The Bank did not have any defaults of principal or interest or other breaches with respect to its subordinated debts during the years ended 31 December 2023 and 31 December 2022.

17. Share capital and reserves

(a) Issued capital and share premium

As at 31 December 2023, share capital of the Bank comprised 727,464 authorized shares with nominal value GEL 100 each, out of which 717,332 authorized shares were fully paid (2022: 629,464 authorized fully paid shares with the nominal value 100 GEL each). One voting right is granted per issued share, therefore total number of voting rights in the Bank is 727,464.

On 13 October 2023, the Bank issued 98,000 ordinary shares with a nominal value of 100 Georgian Lari (GEL) each to existing shareholders and increased share capital by GEL 9,800,000 of which GEL 8,786,800 is paid as at 31 December 2023. The issuance of new shares resulted in a dilution of the ownership and voting power of existing shareholders.

The share capital of the Bank was contributed by the shareholders in Georgian Lari and they are entitled to dividends and any capital distribution in Georgian Lari.

(b) Nature and purpose of reserves

Revaluation surplus for property and equipment

The revaluation surplus for property and equipment comprises the cumulative positive revalued value of property and equipment after depreciation transfer to retained earnings, until the assets are derecognised or impaired.

(c) Dividends

Dividends payable are restricted to the maximum retained earnings of the Bank, which are determined according to the Georgian legislation.

18. Contingencies

(a) Litigation

In the ordinary course of business, the Bank is subject to legal actions and complaints. Management believes that the ultimate liability, if any, arising from such actions or complaints will not have a material adverse effect on the financial condition or the results of future operations.

(b) Taxation contingencies

The taxation system in Georgia is relatively new and is characterised by frequent changes in legislation, official pronouncements and court decisions, which are sometimes unclear, contradictory and subject to varying interpretation. A tax year remains open for review by the tax authorities during the three subsequent calendar years, however under certain circumstances a tax year may remain open longer.

These circumstances may create tax risks in Georgia that are more significant than in other countries. Management believes that it has provided adequately for tax liabilities based on its interpretations of applicable Georgian tax legislation, official pronouncements and court decisions. However, the interpretations of the relevant authorities could differ and the effect on these financial statements, if the authorities were successful in enforcing their interpretations, could be significant.

19. Related party transactions

(a) Control relationships

As at 31 December 2023, the Bank's immediate and ultimate parent company is Silk Road Group Holding (Malta) Limited, which owns 58.83% of the Bank's share capital (shareholder structure of the bank is presented in Note 1 (a)). No publicly available financial statements are produced by Silk Road Group Holding (Malta) Limited.

The Bank's ultimate controlling party is Georgian businessman Giorgi Ramishvili.

(b) Related party transactions

Total remuneration of key management personnel included in salaries and employment benefits for the years ended 31 December 2023 and 2022 is as follows:

GEL'000	2023	2022
Short-term employee benefits	<u>1,840</u>	<u>1,367</u>

The outstanding balances and average contractual interest rates as at 31 December 2023 and 2022 for related party transactions are shown below:

GEL'000	2023	2022
Statement of financial position		
Loans issued - Net carrying amount		
Entities under common control	4,779	5,009
Shareholders	-	245
Key management personnel	56	189
Subordinated debts		
Shareholders	2,879	2,879
Current accounts and deposits from customers		
Entities under common control	9,711	5,336
Key management personnel	274	77
Shareholders	483	21
Other	735	297

Loans issued to related parties are mainly long-term and bear average interest rate of 9% to 17% (2022: mainly long-term, average interest rate from 9% to 17%). Current accounts and deposits from related parties mainly mature within 1 year and bear interest rate up to 13.4% (2022: mainly short-term, average interest rate up to 11%).

Loans issued to related parties are secured with the collateral with the loan to value ratio from 34% to 165% (2022: from 32% to 185%). Expected credit losses as at 31 December 2023 on loans issued to related parties is GEL 57 thousand (31 December 2022: GEL 75 thousand).

During 2023 impairment reversal on loans issued to related parties amounted GEL 18 thousand (2022: GEL 166 thousand).

As at 31 December 2023 advances to the entities under common control amounted GEL 2,408 thousand for acquisition of intangible assets; and receivables from shareholders – GEL 1,013 thousand, included in other assets in the statement of financial position.

As at 31 December 2023 financial guarantees issued to the entities under common control amounted GEL 1,766 thousand (2022: GEL 757 thousand), of which GEL 1,566 thousand were collateralized with deposits (2022: GEL 556 thousand). As at 31 December 2023, ECL of GEL 5 thousand is recognised for the financial guarantees issued to related parties (2022: GEL 5 thousand).

Amounts included in profit or loss in relation to transactions with related parties are mainly with entities under common control and for the year ended 31 December are as follows:

GEL'000	2023	2022
Profit or loss		
Interest income	563	599
Fees and commission income	71	19
Gain from foreign currency dealings	70	3
Other income	2	28
Interest expense	(477)	(349)
General administrative expenses	(345)	(356)
Consulting fees	(144)	(144)

20. Fair values of financial instruments

The Bank measures fair values using the following fair value hierarchy, which reflects the significance of the inputs used in making the measurements:

- Level 1: quoted market price (unadjusted) in an active market for an identical instrument.
- Level 2: inputs other than quotes prices included within Level 1 that are observable either directly (i.e., as prices) or indirectly (i.e., derived from prices). This category includes instruments valued using: quoted market prices in active markets for similar instruments; quoted prices for similar instruments in markets that are considered less than active; or other valuation techniques where all significant inputs are directly or indirectly observable from market data.
- Level 3: inputs that are unobservable. This category includes all instruments where the valuation technique includes inputs not based on observable data and the unobservable inputs have a significant effect on the instrument's valuation. This category includes instruments that are valued based on quoted prices for similar instruments where significant unobservable adjustments or assumptions are required to reflect differences between the instruments.

The estimated fair values of all financial instruments as at 31 December 2023 and 31 December 2022 approximate their carrying amounts. For the derivative financial instruments, see Note 21.

The estimates of fair value are intended to approximate 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. However, given the uncertainties and the use of subjective judgment, the fair value should not be interpreted as being realisable in an immediate sale of the assets or transfer of liabilities.

21. Risk management

(a) Corporate governance, internal control policies and procedures

The Bank is required to manage financial risks that arise as a consequence of its operations to deliver its policy objectives as well as in the course of managing the Bank's financial position. The Bank has exposure to the following risks from financial instruments:

- credit risk;
- liquidity risk;
- market risks; and
- operational risk.

Risk is inherent in the Bank's activities but it is managed through a process of ongoing identification, measurement and monitoring, subject to risk limits and other controls. This process of risk management is critical to the Bank's operations and each individual within the Bank is accountable for the risk exposures relating to his or her responsibilities.

The independent risk control process does not include business risks such as changes in the environment, technology and industry. They are monitored through the Bank's strategic planning process.

Risk management structure

The Credit Committee members together with the Board of Directors and the Supervisory Board have overall responsibility for the oversight of the risk management framework, management of key risks, review of its risk management policies and procedures and approval of loans based on agreed loan exposure approval limits.

The Supervisory Board is ultimately responsible for identifying and controlling risks; however, there are separate independent bodies responsible for managing and monitoring risks. Currently risk is monitored by the following units with the Management Board:

- credit risk is managed by the respective Credit Risk Committees;
- liquidity risk is managed by ALCO;
- market risk is managed by ALCO;
- operational risk is managed by the Risk Management Department.

(b) Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that the Bank will incur a loss because its customers, clients or counterparties failed to discharge their contractual obligations. Exposure to credit risk arises as a result of the Bank's lending and other transactions with counterparties giving rise to financial assets.

The Bank structures the levels of credit risk it undertakes by placing limits on the amount of risk accepted in relation to one borrower, or groups of borrowers, as well as establishes respective sectoral and product limits.

The Bank established from two to four levels of credit committee which is responsible for approving credit limits for borrowers. Review and approval limits for each credit committee differs per loan size and/or type.

Loan applications originated by the relevant client relationship managers are passed on to the relevant credit committee for approval of credit limit. Exposure to credit risk is also managed, in part, by obtaining collateral and corporate and personal guarantees.

Credit risk exposure is monitored by the Management Board, Credit Risk Committee and Supervisory Board.

The Bank continuously monitors the performance of individual credit exposures and regularly reassesses the creditworthiness of its customers. The review is based on the customer's most recent financial statements and other information submitted by the borrower, or otherwise obtained by the Bank.

The maximum exposure to credit risk from financial assets at the reporting date is as follows:

GEL'000	2023	2022
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	28,809	8,990
Amounts due from credit institutions	22,854	1,516
Loans to customers	55,240	18,797
Investment securities	27,214	32,185
Other financial assets	1,301	183
Total maximum exposure	135,418	61,671

For the analysis of collateral held against loans to customers and concentration of credit risk in respect of loans to customers, see Note 12.

The Bank provides financial guarantees to guarantee the performance of customers to third parties. These agreements have fixed limits and extend for a period of up to six years. The contractual amounts of financial guarantees as at 31 December 2023 amounted GEL 4,287 thousand of which GEL 1,566 thousand were collateralized with deposits (31 December 2022: the contractual amounts of financial guarantees - GEL 1,675 thousand of which GEL 556 thousand were collateralized with deposits. The amounts reflected for guarantees represent the maximum accounting loss that would be recognised at the reporting date if the counterparties failed completely to perform as contracted.

As at 31 December 2023 and 2022 the Bank allocates financial guarantees under Stage 1 for the purposes of identifying expected credit loss under IFRS 9. As at 31 December 2023 the respective ECL amount is GEL 8 thousand (31 December 2022: GEL 10 thousand).

(c) Liquidity risk and funding management

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Bank will be unable to meet its payment obligations when they fall due under normal and stress circumstances. To limit this risk, the Bank's Management manages assets with liquidity in mind, and monitors future cash flows and liquidity on a daily basis. This incorporates an assessment of expected cash flows and the availability of high grade collateral which could be used to secure additional funding if required.

The Bank maintains a portfolio of state securities that can be pledged to the NBG to obtain financing in the event of demand.

The liquidity position is assessed and managed by the Bank based on certain liquidity ratio established by the National Bank of Georgia. The NBG requires banks to maintain liquidity ratio of more than 100%. As at 31 December 2023 and 2022 the ratio was as follows:

	2023	2022
LCR "Liquidity Coverage Ratio"*	260.54%	401.21%

* This ratio is unaudited.

The following tables show the undiscounted cash flows on financial assets, liabilities on the basis of their earliest possible contractual maturity. The total gross inflow and outflow disclosed in the tables is the contractual, undiscounted cash flow on the financial assets and liabilities.

The remaining maturity analysis for financial assets and liabilities as at 31 December 2023 is as follows:

GEL'000	On demand and less than 1 month	1 to 3 months	3 to 12 months	1 to 5 years	More than 5 years	Total gross amount inflow (outflow)	Carrying amount
Cash and cash equivalents	21,171	10,259	-	-	-	31,430	31,253
Amounts due from credit institutions	2,700	20,528	-	-	-	23,228	22,854
Investment securities	715	529	1,705	30,627	1,615	35,191	27,214
Loans to customers	2,415	3,698	23,624	32,419	15,157	77,313	55,240
Other financial assets	1,301	-	-	-	-	1,301	1,301
Total financial assets	28,302	35,014	25,329	63,046	16,772	168,463	137,862
Amounts due to credit institutions	(298)	-	-	-	-	(298)	(298)
Current accounts and deposits from customers	(18,076)	(2,969)	(76,245)	(6,710)	-	(104,000)	(98,648)
Subordinated debts	-	-	(432)	(1,726)	(4,171)	(6,329)	(2,879)
Lease and other financial liabilities	(2,119)	(51)	(373)	(1,325)	(275)	(4,143)	(3,887)
Total financial liabilities	(20,493)	(3,020)	(77,050)	(9,761)	(4,446)	(114,770)	(105,712)
Derivative contracts							
- Cash inflow	2,421	2,732	8,337	-	-	13,490	134
- Cash outflow	(2,391)	(2,689)	(8,068)	-	-	(13,148)	-
Net liquidity gap on recognised financial assets and liabilities	7,839	32,037	(51,452)	53,285	12,326	54,035	32,284

- Notwithstanding the net liability position in 3-12 months bucket, the management believes that the Bank is not exposed to any significant liquidity risk due the following: commercial banks operating in Georgia have option to obtain financing from the NBG by the amount of 95% of the Government treasury bonds and/or up to 80% of the corporate treasury bonds held by the commercial banks. Balance of investment securities held by the Bank as at 31 December 2023 amounted GEL 27,214 thousand (see Note 11).
- In the unlikely worst-case scenario, the Bank can sell the long-term investment securities either back to the NBG or on the secondary market.

The remaining maturity analysis for financial assets and liabilities as at 31 December 2022 is as follows:

GEL'000	On demand and less than 1 month	1 to 3 months	3 to 12 months	1 to 5 years	More than 5 years	Total gross amount inflow (outflow)	Carrying amount
Cash and cash equivalents	10,847	-	-	-	-	10,847	10,847
Amounts due from credit institutions	1,516	-	-	-	-	1,516	1,516
Investment securities	4,878	3,137	1,533	14,868	17,728	42,144	32,185
Loans to customers	1,710	972	4,275	14,088	7,018	28,063	18,797
Other financial assets	183	-	-	-	-	183	183
Total financial assets	19,134	4,109	5,808	28,956	24,746	82,753	63,528
Amounts due to credit institutions	(10,088)	-	-	-	-	(10,088)	(10,027)
Current accounts and deposits from customers	(11,939)	(1)	(374)	(984)	(1,947)	(15,245)	(14,238)
Subordinated debts	-	-	(431)	(1,726)	(4,604)	(6,761)	(2,879)
Lease and other financial liabilities	(638)	(12)	(184)	(439)	(275)	(1,548)	(1,496)
Total financial liabilities	(22,665)	(13)	(989)	(3,149)	(6,826)	(33,642)	(28,640)
Derivative contracts							
- Cash inflow	5,305	-	8,237	-	-	13,542	37
- Cash outflow	(5,287)	-	(8,106)	-	-	(13,393)	(83)
Net liquidity gap on recognised financial assets and liabilities	(3,513)	4,096	4,950	25,807	17,920	49,260	34,842

Maturity analysis of financial assets and liabilities

The table below shows an analysis of financial assets and liabilities according to when they are contractually due to be recovered or settled.

	2023			2022		
	Within one year	More than one year	Total	Within one year	More than one year	Total
Financial assets						
Cash and cash equivalents	31,253	-	31,253	10,847	-	10,847
Amounts due from credit institutions	22,854	-	22,854	1,516	-	1,516
Loans to customers	16,119	39,121	55,240	1,065	17,732	18,797
Investment securities	523	26,691	27,214	7,153	25,032	32,185
Other financial assets	1,301	-	1,301	183	-	183
Total	72,050	65,812	137,862	20,764	42,764	63,528
Financial liabilities						
Amounts due to credit institutions	(298)	-	(298)	(10,027)	-	(10,027)
Current accounts and deposits from customers	(93,145)	(5,503)	(98,648)	(12,150)	(2,088)	(14,238)
Subordinated debts	(4)	(2,875)	(2,879)	(4)	(2,875)	(2,879)
Lease and other financial liabilities	(2,509)	(1,378)	(3,887)	(824)	(672)	(1,496)
Total	(95,956)	(9,756)	(105,712)	(23,005)	(5,635)	(28,640)
Net exposure	(23,906)	56,056	32,150	(2,241)	37,129	34,888

The Bank's ability to discharge its liabilities relies on its ability to realize an equivalent amount of assets within the same period of time.

(d) Market risk

Market risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of financial instruments will fluctuate due to changes in market variables such as interest rates, foreign exchanges, and equity prices. Except for the concentrations within foreign currency and prepayment risks, the Bank has no significant concentration of market risk.

(i) Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. As at 31 December 2023 and 2022, the Bank is not materially exposed to the interest rate risk as it does not have material balances of financial assets or liabilities, bearing variable interest rates.

Average effective interest rates

The table below displays average effective interest rates for interest-bearing assets and liabilities as at 31 December 2023 and 2022. These interest rates are an approximation of the yields to maturity of these assets and liabilities.

	2023			2022		
	Average effective interest rate, %			Average effective interest rate, %		
	GEL	USD	Other currencies	GEL	USD	Other currencies
Interest bearing assets						
Cash and cash equivalents	10.01%	-	-	11.00%	-	-
Loans to customers	18.74%	11.08%	-	15.06%	10.44%	-
Investment securities	9.40%	9%	-	9.89%	-	-
Interest bearing liabilities						
Current accounts and deposits from customers	11.27%	4.27%	-	8.65%	1.40%	-
Subordinated debts	15%	-	-	15%	-	-
Amounts due to credit institutions	-	-	5.50%	11.13%	-	-
Lease liabilities	10.00%	7.23%	-	10.00%	4.51%	-

(ii) Currency risk

The Bank has assets and liabilities denominated in several foreign currencies.

Currency risk is the risk that the fair value or the future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in foreign currency exchange rates. Although the Bank hedges its exposure to currency risk, such activities do not qualify as hedging relationships in accordance with IFRS.

The following table shows the foreign currency exposure structure of financial assets and liabilities as at 31 December 2023:

	USD GEL'000	EUR GEL'000	Other GEL'000	Total GEL'000
ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents	9,486	446	82	10,014
Amounts due from credit institutions	2,679	22	-	2,701
Loans to customers	17,741	-	-	17,741
Investment Securities	2,214	-	-	2,214
Other financial assets	34	1	-	35
Total assets	32,154	469	82	32,705
LIABILITIES				
Current accounts and deposits from customers	(19,257)	(166)	-	(19,423)
Amounts due to credit institutions	-	(298)	-	(298)
Leases and other financial liabilities	(2,632)	(11)	-	(2,643)
Total liabilities	(21,889)	(475)	-	(22,364)
Effect of derivatives*	(12,102)	-	-	(12,102)
Net position	(1,837)	(6)	82	(1,761)

The following table shows the foreign currency exposure structure of financial assets and liabilities as at 31 December 2022:

	USD GEL'000	EUR GEL'000	Other GEL'000	Total GEL'000
ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents	2,146	393	64	2,603
Amounts due from credit institutions	1,456	58	-	1,514
Loans to customers	7,128	-	-	7,128
Other financial assets	32	-	-	32
Total assets	10,762	451	64	11,277
LIABILITIES				
Current accounts and deposits from customers	(6,666)	(155)	-	(6,821)
Leases and other financial liabilities	(549)	(13)	-	(562)
Total liabilities	(7,215)	(168)	-	(7,383)
Effect of derivatives*	(3,897)	538	-	(3,359)
Net position	(350)	821	64	535

* The table above shows the notional amounts of forward contracts. The notional amount, recorded gross, is the amount of a financial instrument's underlying asset or liability, reference rate and is the basis upon which changes in the value of financial instruments are measured. The notional amounts indicate the volume of transactions outstanding at the year end and are not indicative of the credit risk.

Net gain from foreign currency dealings and forward contracts of GEL 871 thousand in 2023 (2022: GEL 1,268 thousand) represents fair value movements on forward exchange contracts and foreign exchange conversion gain/losses during the year and also includes changes in balances at reporting dates as disclosed below.

	31 December 2023		31 December 2022	
	Notional amount	Fair value	Notional amount	Fair value
GEL'000				
Foreign currency derivative contract				
Sell USD buy GEL	12,102	104	8,106	(64)
Buy USD sell GEL	1,046	30	4,747	(19)
Buy EUR sell GEL	-	-	-	-
Buy EUR sell USD	-	-	538	37
Sell EUR buy USD	-	-	-	-
		134		(46)

Included in other assets of GEL 5,259 thousand is the fair value of forward exchange contracts of GEL 134 thousand (31 December 2022: the fair value of forward exchange contracts GEL 37 thousand included in other assets of GEL 1,538 thousand).

As at 31 December 2023 other liabilities of GEL 2,962 thousand does not include the fair value of forward exchange contracts (31 December 2022: the fair value of forward exchange contracts of GEL 83 thousand included in other liabilities of GEL 1,577 thousand).

Change in fair value of forward exchange contracts of GEL 179 thousand in 2023 is included in net gain from foreign currency dealings and forward contracts of GEL 871 thousand above. (2022: change in fair value of GEL 366 thousand included in net gain from foreign currency dealings and forward contracts of GEL 1,268 thousand).

Derivative financial instruments are categorized within level 2 of fair value hierarchy.

The following significant exchange rates have been applied during the year:

in GEL	Average rate		Reporting date spot rate	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
USD 1	2.6279	2.9156	2.6894	2.7020
EUR 1	2.8416	3.0792	2.9753	2.8844

A weakening of the GEL, as indicated below, against the following currencies at 31 December 2023 and 2022, would have increased (decreased) equity and profit or loss by the amounts shown below. This analysis is on a net-of-tax basis and is based on foreign currency exchange rate variances that the Bank considered to be reasonably possible at the end of the reporting period. The analysis assumes that all other variables, in particular interest rates, remain constant.

GEL'000	2023	2022
10% appreciation of USD against GEL	(147)	(30)
10% appreciation of EUR against GEL	-	70

A strengthening of the GEL against the above currencies at 31 December 2023 and 2022 would have had the equal but opposite effect on the above currencies to the amounts shown above, on the basis that all other variables remained constant.

(e) Operational risk

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

22. Capital adequacy

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 ratios established by the National Bank of Georgia in supervising the Bank.

The primary objectives of the Bank's capital management are (i) to ensure that the Bank complies with externally imposed capital requirements set by the NBG, (ii) to safeguard the Bank's ability to continue as a going concern and the Bank's capital is monitored monthly with reports outlining their calculation reviewed and subsequently submitted to the NBG.

The Bank manages its capital structure and makes adjustments to it in the light of changes in economic conditions and the risk characteristics of its activities. In order to maintain or adjust the capital structure, the Bank may reassess its business strategy or adjust the amount of return capital to shareholders or issue capital securities. No changes were made in the objectives, policies and processes from the previous years.

According to the NBG regulations about capital adequacy (Decree N100/04) on 18 December 2017 the minimum capital requirement ratios have been revised. Capital requirements consist of a Pillar 1 minimum requirement (4.5%, 6.0%, 8.0% for CET1, Tier1 and Total Capital consequently), combined buffers (countercyclical and conservation buffers that were set at 0% as at 31 December 2023) and Pillar 2 buffers.

Under total Basel III requirements the Bank was required to maintain a minimum regulatory capital ratio, Tier 1 capital adequacy ratio and Common Equity Tier 1 capital adequacy ratio of 26.18%, 20.58% and 16.34%, respectively (2022: 22.92%, 14.99% and 11.24%, respectively). The Bank was in compliance with these capital adequacy ratios as at 31 December 2023 and as at 31 December 2022.

Based on the regulations issued by the National Bank of Georgia, from 1 January 2023 the commercial banks in Georgia adopted IFRS standards for supervisory reports and comply with supervisory regulations with IFRS standards-based numbers and approaches.

The calculation of the capital adequacy ratios in accordance with the NBG accounting rules and capital adequacy Basel III framework as at 31 December 2023 and 31 December 2022:

GEL'000	2023**	2022**
Tier 1 capital*	53,096	48,511
Supplementary capital*	2,875	3,295
Total regulatory capital*	55,971	51,806
Risk weighted assets*	120,853	57,240
Regulatory capital ratio*	46.31%	90.51%
Common Equity Tier 1 capital adequacy ratio/tier 1 capital adequacy ratio*	43.93%	84.75%

*These amounts are unaudited.

**In 2023 capital adequacy ratios are calculated based on IFRS standards and in 2022 the ratios are calculated based on NBG accounting rules.

As at 31 December 2023 and as at the date these financial statements were authorised for issue (unaudited), the Bank was in compliance with the minimum regulatory capital requirement of GEL 50,000 thousand imposed by the NBG (31 December 2022: the Bank was in compliance with the minimum regulatory capital requirement of GEL 50,000 thousand, please see Note 2 (c)).

23. Subsequent Events

On 8 January 2024, subordinated debt from the shareholder Silk Road Group Holding (Malta) Limited in amount of GEL 431 thousand was obtained.

On 1 February 2024, GEL 1,013 thousand receivable from shareholder was fully repaid.

In April 2024, subordinated debts from the Silk Road Group Holding (Malta) Limited along with the accrued interest totalling GEL 3,465 thousand were transferred into the Bank's Tier 1 capital. As a result the Bank's share capital increased from GEL 72,746 thousand to GEL 76,211 thousand.

On 30 April 2024, the Bank issued subordinated bonds in amount of USD 10,000 thousand.