Bank of Sharjah P.S.C.

Review report and interim financial information for the three months period ended 31 March 2013

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REPORT ON REVIEW OF INTERIM FINANCIAL INFORMATION

To the Board of Directors Bank of Sharjah P.S.C. Sharjah United Arab Emirates

Introduction

We have reviewed the accompanying condensed consolidated statement of financial position of **Bank of Sharjah P.S.C.** (the "Bank") and its subsidiaries (the "Group") as at 31 March 2013, and the related condensed consolidated income statement, comprehensive income, changes in equity and cash flows for the three months period then ended. Management of the Group is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of this interim financial information in accordance with International Accounting Standard 34 - "Interim Financial Reporting" ("IAS 34"). Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on this interim financial information based on our review.

Scope of review

We conducted our review in accordance with International Standard on Review Engagements 2410, "Review of Interim Financial Information Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity." A review of interim financial information consists of making inquiries, primarily of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters, and applying analytical and other review procedures. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with International Standards on Auditing and consequently does not enable us to obtain assurance that we would become aware of all significant matters that might be identified in an audit. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion.

Conclusion

Based on our review, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the accompanying interim financial information is not prepared, in all material respects in accordance with IAS 34.

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Condensed consolidated statement of financial position

		31 March	31 December
	Notes	2013	2012
		(unaudited)	(audited)
		AED'000	AED'000
ASSETS			
Cash and balances with central banks	8	2,209,148	2,738,642
Deposits and balances due from banks	9	4,402,315	3,726,026
Loans and advances, net	10	12,654,538	12,444,339
Other financial assets measured at fair value	11	1,085,193	1,069,913
Other financial assets measured at amortized cost	11	750,379	746,434
Investment property		230,821	230,821
Goodwill and other intangibles		255,642	257,586
Other assets	12	1,493,819	1,347,998
Property and equipment		265,598	270,929
Total assets		23,347,453	22,832,688
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LIABILITIES AND EQUITY			
Liabilities	12	17.541.045	16 476 274
Customers' deposits	13	16,741,945	16,476,374
Deposits and balances due to banks	14	526,760	445,512
Other liabilities	1.7	1,610,883	1,232,898
Syndicated loan	15	495,855	495,855
Total liabilities		19,375,443	18,650,639
Equity			
Capital and reserves			• 400 000
Share capital		2,100,000	2,100,000
Treasury shares	16	(327,792)	(327,792)
Statutory reserve		1,085,357	1,085,357
Contingency reserve		378,738	378,738
General reserve		92,999	62,565
Investment fair value reserve		113,792	106,134
Retained earnings		335,829	519,305
Equity attributable to owners of the Parent		3,778,923	3,924,307
Non-controlling interests		193,087	257,742
Total equity		3,972,010	4,182,049
Total liabilities and equity		23,347,453	22,832,688
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Mr. Ahmed Al Noman Mr. Varouj Nerguizian

Chairman Executive Director & General Manager

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these condensed consolidated financial statements.

Condensed consolidated income statement (unaudited)

for the three months period ended 31 March 2013

	Notes	2013 AED'000	2012 AED'000
Interest income Interest expense		248,932 (133,046)	251,939 (120,538)
Net interest income		115,886	131,401
Net fee and commission income Exchange profit Investment income Other income		33,429 5,765 1,736 3,538	26,025 5,693 9,806 2,066
Operating income		160,354	174,991
Net impairment charge on financial assets		(31,418)	(60,196)
Net operating income		128,936	114,795
Amortisation of intangible assets General and administrative expenses		(1,946) (54,322)	(1,946) (50,713)
Profit before taxes		72,668	62,136
Income tax expense - overseas		(2,371)	(2,075)
Profit for the period		70,297	60,061
Attributable to:			
Owners of the parent		66,190	56,783
Non-controlling interests		4,107	3,278
		70,297	60,061
Basic earnings per share (AED)	17	0.028	0.023

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Condensed consolidated statement of comprehensive income (unaudited)

for the three months period ended 31 March 2013

	2013 AED'000	2012 AED'000
Profit for the period	70,297	60,061
Other comprehensive income/(loss)		
Items that will not be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss		
Net Changes in fair value of financial assets measured at FVTOCI Charity donations appropriated during the period Directors' remuneration paid during the period	7,658 (2,500) (10,585)	17,045 (2,500) (10,585)
Total other comprehensive (loss)/income for the period	(5,427)	3,960
Total comprehensive income for the period	64,870	64,021
Attributable to: Owners of the parent Non-controlling interests	61,378 3,492	61,751 2,270
	64,870	64,021

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Condensed consolidated statement of changes in equity

for the three months period ended 31 March 2013

	Share capital AED'000	Treasury shares AED'000	Statutory reserve AED'000	Contingency reserve AED'000	Additional reserves AED'000	Investment fair value reserve AED'000	Retained earnings AED'000	Total equity attributable to owners of the parent AED'000	Non- controlling interests AED'000	Total equity AED'000
Balance at 1 January 2012 (audited)	2,100,000	(230,602)	1,085,357	352,078	30,390	(4,947)	618,820	3,951,096	248,225	4,199,321
Profit for the period Other comprehensive income	- -	-	-	- -	- -	17,045	56,783 (12,077)	56,783 4,968	3,278 (1,008)	60,061 3,960
Total comprehensive income for the period			-		-	17,045	44,706	61,751	2,270	64,021
Transfer to reserves Treasury shares acquired during the period Dividends (Note 16)	- - - -	(97,190)	- - -	- - -	32,175	- - -	(32,175) - (193,500)	(97,190) (193,500)	- - - -	(97,190) (193,500)
Balance at 31 March 2012 (unaudited)	2,100,000	(327,792)	1,085,357	352,078	62,565	12,098	437,851	3,722,157	250,495	3,972,652
Balance at 1 January 2013 (audited)	2,100,000	(327,792)	1,085,357	378,738	62,565	106,134	519,305	3,924,307	257,742	4,182,049
Profit for the period Other comprehensive income/(loss)		-		-		7,658	66,190 (12,470)	66,190 (4,812)	4,107 (615)	70,297 (5,427)
Total comprehensive income for the period		-		-		7,658	53,720	61,378	3,492	64,870
Transfer to reserves Dividends (Note 16) Allocation to non-controlling interest Acquisition of non-controlling interest of a	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	30,434	- - -	(30,434) (193,500) (11,147)	(193,500) (11,147)	(7,713) 11,147	(201,213)
subsidiary	<u> </u>				-		(2,115)	(2,115)	(71,581)	(73,696)
Balance at 31 March 2013 (unaudited)	2,100,000 ======	(327,792)	1,085,357	378,738	92,999	113,792	335,829	3,778,923	193,087	3,972,010

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these condensed consolidated financial statements.

Condensed consolidated statement of cash flows(unaudited) for the three months period ended 31 March

	2013 AED'000	2012 AED'000
OPERATING ACTIVITIES	1122 000	
Profit before taxes Adjustments for:	70,297	60,061
Amortisation of intangible assets	1,946	1,946
Depreciation of property and equipment	5,349	2,645
Amortisation of premium/(discount) of debt instruments	926	(699)
Gain on sale of investments	(48)	-
Gain on financial investments carried at FVTPL	(83)	(7,426)
Net impairment charge on financial assets	31,418	60,196
Operating profit before changes in working capital	109,805	116,723
Increase in deposits and due from banks maturing		
after three months	(225,870)	(85,249)
(Increase)/decrease in statutory reserves with central banks	(19,836)	8,294
Increase in loans and advances	(241,617)	(341,904)
(Increase)/decrease in other assets	(145,821)	12,077
Increase in customers' deposits	265,571	526,316
Increase in other liabilities	270,487	84,099
Cash (used in)/generated from operating activities	12,719	320,356
Payment of directors' remuneration and charity donations	(13,085)	(13,085)
Net cash (used in)/generated from operating activities	(366)	307,271
INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Purchase of property and equipment	(18)	(3,608)
Proceeds from disposal of investments	12,593	82,625
Purchase of investments	(24,955)	(30,586)
Acquisition of non-controlling interest of a subsidiary	(73,696)	-
Net cash (used in)/generated from investing activities	(86,076)	48,431
FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Treasury shares acquired	-	(97,190)
Dividend paid	(93,717)	, ,
Net cash used in financing activities	(93,717)	(97,190)
(Decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents	(180,159)	258,512
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period	4,373,539	3,866,518
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period	4,373,339	3,000,310
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period (Note 19)	4,193,380	4,125,030
Non-cash transactions	<u></u>	
Dividend payable	107,498	193,500

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these condensed consolidated financial statements.

1. General information

Bank of Sharjah P.S.C.(the "Bank"), a public shareholding company, was incorporated by an Emiri Decree issued on 22 December 1973 by His Highness The Ruler of Sharjah and was registered in February 1993 under the Commercial Companies Law Number 8 of 1984 (as amended). The Bank commenced its operations under a banking license issued from the United Arab Emirates Central Bank dated 26 January 1974. The Bank is engaged in commercial and investment banking activities.

The Bank's registered office is located at Al Hosn Avenue, P.O. Box 1394, Sharjah, United Arab Emirates.

The Bank operates through five branches in the United Arab Emirates located in the Emirates of Sharjah, Dubai, Abu Dhabi and the City of Al Ain.

2. Basis of preparation

The condensed consolidated financial statements of the Bank and its subsidiaries (together referred to as the "Group") are prepared in accordance with the International Accounting Standard No. 34 - Interim Financial Reporting issued by the International Accounting Standards Board and also comply with the applicable requirements of the laws in the U.A.E.

The condensed consolidated financial statements are presented in U.A.E. Dirhams (AED) as that is the currency in which the majority of the Group's transactions are denominated.

These condensed consolidated financial statements do not include all the information required in full consolidated financial statements and should be read in conjunction with the Group's consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2012. In addition, results for the period from 1 January 2013 to 31 March 2013 are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the financial year ending 31 December 2013.

3. Application of new and revised International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRSs")

3.1 New and revised IFRSs applied with no material effect on the condensed financial statements

The following revised IFRSs have been adopted in these condensed financial statements. The application of these revised IFRSs has not had any material impact on the amounts reported for the current and prior years but may affect the accounting for future transactions or arrangements.

- Amendments to IFRS 1 Government Loans provide relief to first-time adopters of IFRSs by amending IFRS 1 to allow prospective application of IAS 39 or IFRS 9 and paragraph 10A of IAS 20 Accounting for Government Grants and Disclosure of Government Assistance to government loans outstanding at the date of transition to IFRSs
- Amendments to IFRS 7 *Financial Instruments: Disclosures* enhancing disclosures about offsetting of financial assets and liabilities
- IFRS 10 Consolidated Financial Statements uses control as the single basis for consolidation, irrespective of the nature of the investee. IFRS 10 requires retrospective application subject to certain transitional provisions providing an alternative treatment in certain circumstances. Accordingly, IAS 27 Separate Financial Statements and IAS 28 Investments in Associates and Joint Ventures* have been amended for the issuance of IFRS 10.
- IFRS 11 *Joint Arrangements* establishes two types of joint arrangements: Joint operations and joint ventures. The two types of joint arrangements are distinguished by the rights and obligations of those parties to the joint arrangement. Accordingly IAS 28 *Investments in Associates and Joint Ventures* has been amended for the issuance of IFRS 11.

- 3. Application of new and revised International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRSs") (continued)
- 3.1 New and revised IFRSs applied with no material effect on the condensed financial statements(continued)
- IFRS 12 *Disclosure of Interests in Other Entities** combines the disclosure requirements for an entity's interests in subsidiaries, joint arrangements, associates and structured entities into one comprehensive disclosure standard.
- IFRS 13 *Fair Value Measurement* issued in May 2011 establishes a single framework for measuring fair value and is applicable for both financial and non-financial items.
- Amendments to IAS 1 -Presentation of Other Comprehensive Income. The amendments retain the option to present profit or loss and other comprehensive income in either a single statement or in two separate statements. However, items of other comprehensive income are required to be grouped into those that will and will not subsequently be reclassified to profit or loss with tax on items of other comprehensive income required to be allocated on the same basis.
- Amendments to IAS 19 *Employee Benefits* eliminate the "corridor approach" and therefore require an entity to recognise changes in defined benefit plan obligations and plan assets when they occur.
- Amendments to IFRS 7: Financial Instruments: Disclosures— Offsetting Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities
- IFRIC 20 Stripping Costs in the Production Phase of a Surface Mine.
- Annual Improvements to IFRSs 2009 2011 Cycle

The annual improvements include the amendments to five IFRSs which have been summarized below:

- IFRS 1 First Time Adoption of International Financial Reporting Standards -Repeated application of IFRS 1
- IFRS 1 First Time Adoption of International Financial Reporting Standards -Borrowing costs
- IAS 1 Presentation of Financial Statements Clarification of the requirements for comparative information
- IAS 16 Property, Plant and Equipment -Classification of serving equipment
- *IAS 32 Financial Instruments: Presentation* Tax effect of the distribution to the holders of equity instruments.
- IAS 34 Interim Financial Reporting Interim financial reporting and segment information for total assets and liabilities

3.2 Amendments to IFRSs affecting presentation and disclosure only

The following revised IFRSs have been adopted in these condensed financial statements. The application of these revised IFRSs has affected the presentation and disclosure only and did not result in any impact on the reported amounts.

• Amendments to IAS 1 Presentation of Financial Statements

The amendments require items of other comprehensive income to be grouped into two categories in the other comprehensive income section: (a) items that will not be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss and (b) items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss when specific conditions are met. The amendments have been applied retrospectively, and hence the presentation of items of other comprehensive income has been modified to reflect the changes. Other than the above mentioned presentation changes, the application of the amendments to IAS 1 does not result in any impact on profit or loss, other comprehensive income and total comprehensive income.

3. Application of new and revised International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRSs") (continued)

3.2 Amendments to IFRSs affecting presentation and disclosure only (continued)

• Amendments to IAS 34Interim Financial Reporting

The amendments require additional disclosures for the fair value of the financial instruments as required by IFRS 13 Fair Value Measurement and IFRS 7 Financial Instruments.

3.3 New and revised standards and interpretation are in issue but not yet effective

The Group has not applied the following new and revised standards and interpretation that have been issued but are not yet effective:

New and revised IFRSs

Effective for annual periods beginning on or after

- Amendments to IAS 32 Financial Instruments: Presentation relating to application guidance on the offsetting of financial assets and financial liabilities
- 1 January 2014

 Amendments to IFRS 10, IFRS 12 and IAS 27 - Guidance on 1 January 2014 Investment Entities

Management anticipates that the adoption of the above standards in future years will have no material impact on the condensed financial statements of the Group in the period of initial application.

4. Estimates

The preparation of condensed consolidated financial statements requires management to make judgments, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, income and expense. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

In preparing these condensed consolidated financial statements, the significant judgments made by management in applying the Group's accounting policies and the key sources of estimation uncertainty were the same as those that were applied to the consolidated financial statements as at and for the year ended 31 December 2012.

5. Financial risk management

The Group's financial risk management objectives and policies are consistent with those disclosed in the consolidated financial statements as at and for the year ended 31 December 2012.

6. Summary of significant accounting policies

As required by the Securities and Commodities Authority of the U.A.E. ("SCA") Notification No. 2624/2008 dated 12 October 2008, certain required accounting policies have been disclosed in the condensed consolidated financial statements.

6. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

Basis of consolidation

The condensed consolidated financial statements incorporate the financial statements of the Bank and entities controlled by the Bank. Control is achieved where the Bank has the power to govern the financial and operating policies of an entity so as to obtain benefits from its activities.

The interim condensed consolidated financial statements comprise the financial statements of the Bank and of the following subsidiaries. The financial statements of the subsidiaries are prepared for the same reporting period as that of the Bank, using consistent accounting policies.

All significant inter-group balances, income and expense items are eliminated on consolidation.

Changes in the Bank's ownership interests in subsidiaries that do not result in the Bank losing control over the subsidiaries are accounted for as equity transactions. The carrying amounts of the Bank's interests and the non-controlling interests are adjusted to reflect the changes in their relative interests in the subsidiaries. Any difference between the amount by which the non-controlling interests are adjusted and the fair value of the consideration paid/payable or received/receivable is recognised directly in equity and attributed to owners of the Parent.

The Bank's interests, held directly or indirectly, in the subsidiaries are as follows:

Name of Subsidiary	Proportion owner inter	ship	Year of incorporation	Country of incorporation	Principal activities
	2013	2012			
Emirates Lebanon Bank S.A.L	80%*	67.33%	1965	Lebanon	Financial institution
BOS Real Estate FZC	100%	100%	2009	U.A.E.	Real estate development activities
BOS Capital FZC	100%	100%	2009	U.A.E.	Investment of own financial resources
Polyco General Trading L.L.C.	100%	100%	2008	U.A.E	General trading
Borealis Gulf FZC	100%	100%	2011	U.A.E.	Real estate development activities

^{*}During the period, the Bank increased its shareholding in Emirates Lebanon Bank S.A.L. through acquiring the shares of a non-controlling interest. This transaction increased the Bank's equity in the Emirates Lebanon Bank S.A.L. to 80% and the difference between the fair value and the carrying amount of non-controlling interest acquired is recognised in retained earnings. The consideration paid to acquire the non-controlling interest is AED 73.7 million and carrying amount of the acquired share is AED 71.6 million, the difference between the consideration paid and the carrying amount of the acquired shares amounting to AED 2.1 million was recognised directly in retained earnings.

Investment property

Investment properties are held to earn rental income and/or capital appreciation. Investment property includes cost of initial purchase, developments transferred from property under development, subsequent cost of development and fair value adjustments. Investment property is reflected at fair value at the statement of financial position date. The fair values are the estimated amounts for which a property could be exchanged on the date of valuation between a willing buyer and a willing seller in an arm's length transaction. The fair value is determined on a periodic basis by independent professional valuers. Fair value adjustments on investment property are included in the consolidated statement of income in the period in which these gains or losses arise.

7. Seasonality of results

No income of a seasonal nature was recorded in the condensed consolidated statement of income for the three months period ended 31 March 2013 and 2012.

8. Cash and balances with central banks

(a) The analysis of the Group's cash and balances with central banks is as follows:

	31 March	31 December
	2013	2012
	AED'000	AED'000
	(unaudited)	(audited)
Cash on hand	58,232	69,723
Statutory deposits	957,028	937,192
Current account	63,550	166,760
Certificates of deposits	1,130,338	1,564,967
	2,209,148	2,738,642
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(b) The geographical analysis of the cash and balances with central banks is as follows:

	31 March	31 December
	2013	2012
	AED'000	AED'000
	(unaudited)	(audited)
Banks abroad	1,316,160	1,362,013
Banks in the U.A.E.	892,988	1,376,629
	2,209,148	2,738,642
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The statutory deposits with the central banks are not available to finance the day-to-day operations of the Group. However, as per notice 4310/2008, the Central Bank of the U.A.E. has allowed banks to borrow up to 100% of their AED and US\$ reserve requirement limit. As at 31 March 2013, the statutory deposit with the Central Bank of the U.A.E. amounted to AED 407million (31 December 2012: AED 378 million).

9. Deposits and balances due from banks

(a) The analysis of the Group's deposits and balances due from banks is as follows:

	31 March	31 December
	2013	2012
	AED'000	AED'000
	(unaudited)	(audited)
Demand	448,839	716,841
Time	3,953,476	3,009,185
	4,402,315	3,726,026

9. Deposits and balances due from banks (continued)

(b) The above represent deposits and balances due from:

	31 March	31 December
	2013	2012
	AED'000	AED'000
	(unaudited)	(audited)
Banks abroad	1,039,562	841,688
Banks in the U.A.E.	3,362,753	2,884,338
	4,402,315	3,726,026
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10. Loans and advances, net

(a) The analysis of the Group's loans and advances measured at amortised cost is as follows:

	31 March	31 December
	2013	2012
	AED'000	AED'000
	(unaudited)	(audited)
Overdrafts	6,409,571	6,408,389
Commercial loans	6,047,629	5,838,064
Bills receivable	272,754	427,880
Other advances	938,030	740,683
	13,667,984	13,415,016
Less: Allowance for doubtful loans and advances	(874,963)	(844,053)
Less: Interest in suspense	(138,483)	(126,624)
	12,654,538	12,444,339
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(b) The loans and advances of the Group are as follows:

	31 March	31 December
	2013	2012
	AED'000	AED'000
	(unaudited)	(audited)
Loans and advances in the U.A.E.	11,297,125	11,186,335
Loans and advances outside the U.A.E.	2,370,859	2,228,681
	13,667,984	13,415,016
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10. Loans and advances, net (continued)

(c) Loans and advances are stated net of allowance for doubtful loans and advances. The movement in the allowance during the period/year was as follows:

	31 March	31 December
	2013	2012
	AED'000	AED'000
	(unaudited)	(audited)
Balance at the beginning of the period/year	844,053	683,260
Reversal through credit extension premium	(602)	(18,497)
Additions during the period/year	34,694	182,223
Write offs	(289)	(332)
Recoveries	(2,893)	(2,601)
Balance at the end of the period/year	874,963	844,053

11. Other financial assets

Other financial assets of the Group as at 31 March 2013 classified in accordance with IFRS 9 are as follows:

	31 March 2013 AED'000 (unaudited)	31 December 2012 AED'000 (audited)
Other financial assets measured at fair value		
(i) Investments measured at FVTPL		
Quoted equities	43,337	43,528
Debt securities	841	930
	44,178	44,458
(ii) Investments carried at FVTOCI		
Quoted equities	77,742	72,902
Unquoted equity	963,273	952,553
	1,041,015	1,025,455
Total other financial assets measured at fair value	1,085,193	1,069,913
Other financial assets measured at amortized cost		
Debt securities	750,379	746,434
Total other financial assets	1,835,572	1,816,347

11. Other financial assets (continued)

The composition of the other financial assets portfolio by geography is as follows:

United Arab Emirates	31 March 2013 AED'000 (unaudited) 305,146	31 December 2012 AED'000 (audited) 300,592
G.C.C. countries (other than U.A.E.) Middle East and Africa (other than G.C.C. countries) Europe	4,786 1,520,247 5,393	4,774 1,505,674 5,307
	1,835,572	1,816,347
12. Other assets		
	31 March 2013 AED'000 (unaudited)	31 December 2012 AED'000 (audited)
Acceptances- contra Assets acquired in settlement of debt Receivable from sale of investments Clearing receivables Interest receivable Prepayments Positive fair value of derivatives Other	1,239,230 185,956 9,829 5,428 18,949 181 34,246 1,493,819	987,308 185,956 91,825 29,372 6,878 8,918 363 37,378 1,347,998
13. Customers' deposits	31 March 2013 AED'000	31 December 2012 AED'000
Current and other accounts Saving accounts Time deposits	(unaudited) 3,526,119 1,525,362 11,690,464	(audited) 3,461,747 1,511,482 11,503,145
	16,741,945	16,476,374

14. Deposits and balances due to banks

31 March	31 December
2013	2012
AED'000	AED'000
(unaudited)	(audited)
115,207	-
208,182	218,514
203,371	226,998
526,760	445,512
362,033	157,000
164,727	288,512
526,760	445,512
	2013 AED'000 (unaudited) 115,207 208,182 203,371 526,760 ====================================

15. Syndicated loan

On 26 July 2011, the Bank signed a new USD 135 million (AED 496 million) syndicated term loan facility. The purpose of the facility is to finance general corporate activities. The facility has a tenor of two years and is payable at maturity. The facility carries an interest rate of one year LIBOR plus a margin of 150 basis points which is payable on a quarterly basis.

16. Dividend and treasury shares

Dividends

At the Annual General Meeting of the shareholders held on 16 March 2013, the shareholders approved a cash dividend of AED 0.10 per outstanding share (2012: cash dividend of AED 0.10 per outstanding share). In addition to the above, an amount of AED 29.4 million cash dividend was approved by the shareholders of Emirates Lebanon Bank S.A.L., a subsidiary of the Bank (2012: Nil) out of which the non-controlling interest share amounted to AED 7.7 (2012: Nil).

The shareholders also approved Directors' remuneration of AED 7.5 million (2012: AED 7.5 million) and charity donations of AED 2.5 million (2012: AED 2.5 million). In addition to the above, an amount of AED 3.1 million was paid as Directors' remuneration to Emirates Lebanon Bank S.A.L., a subsidiary of the Bank (2012: AED 3.1 million). Further, the shareholders approved to transfer AED 23.3 million to the general reserve (2012: AED 32.1 million), and additional AED 7.1 million were allocated to the general reserve at the subsidiary level "Emirates Lebanon Bank S.A.L.".

Treasury shares

As at 31 March 2013, the market value of the treasury shares is AED 228 million (31 December 2012: AED 211 million).

17. Earnings per share

Earnings per share are computed by dividing the profit for the period by the weighted average number of shares outstanding during the period as follows:

	3 months ended 31 March		
	2013	2012	
	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	
Basic earnings per share			
Profit attributable to owners of the parent for the period			
(AED'000)	66,190	56,783	
Charitable donations (AED'000)	(2,500)	(2,500)	
Directors' remuneration (AED'000)	(9,968)	(9,577)	
Profit available to the equity holders of the parent	53,722	44,706	
Weighted average number of shares outstanding during the period (in thousands)	1,935,000	1,941,417	
Basic earnings per share (AED)	0.028	0.023	

As at 31 March 2013 and 31 March 2012, there were no potential dilutive shares outstanding.

18. Commitments and contingent liabilities

	31 March	31 December
	2013	2012
	AED'000	AED'000
	(unaudited)	(audited)
Financial guarantees for loans	1,559,434	1,618,864
Other guarantees	1,466,238	1,393,331
Letters of credit	1,867,668	1,055,267
Capital commitments	104,333	104,333
	4,997,673	4,171,795
Irrevocable commitments to extend credit	1,390,096	1,542,500
	6,387,769	5,714,295
	=========	

19. Cash and cash equivalents

	31 March 2013 AED'000 (unaudited)	31 March 2012 AED'000 (unaudited)
Cash and balances with central banks (Note 8)	2,209,148	2,603,673
Deposits and balances due from banks (Note 9)	4,402,315	2,972,253
Deposits and balances due to banks (Note 14)	(526,760)	(458,318)
Lossy Danasits and balances due from banks - maturity more than	6,084,703	5,117,608
Less: Deposits and balances due from banks - maturity more than three months	(934,295)	(91,368)
Less: Statutory deposits with central banks (Note 8)	(957,028)	(901,210)
	4,193,380	4,125,030

20. Fiduciary assets

As at 31 March 2013, the Group holds investments at fair value amounting to AED 1.1 billion (31 December 2012: at fair value AED 1.1 billion) which are held in custody on behalf of customers and therefore they are not treated as assets in the condensed consolidated statement of financial position.

21. Related party transactions

The Group enters into transactions with major shareholders, directors, senior management and their related concerns in the ordinary course of business at commercial interest and commission rates.

Transactions between the Group and its subsidiaries have been eliminated on consolidation and are not disclosed in this note.

The related parties balances included in the condensed consolidated statement of financial position and the significant transactions with related parties are as follows:

	31 March	31 December
	2013	2012
	AED'000	AED'000
	(unaudited)	(audited)
Loans and advances	2,320,995	2,098,878
Deposits	371,502	332,259
Letters of credit, guarantee and acceptances	1,151,480	1,171,841

As at 31 March 2013, entities related to one of the directors accounted for 73% (31 December 2012: 56%) of the total aforementioned loans and advances, 29% (31 December 2012: 65%) of the total aforementioned deposits, 97% (31 December 2012: 95%) of the total aforementioned financial guarantees for loans.

21. Related party transactions (continued)

		3 months ended 31 March	
	2013 AED'000 (unaudited)	2012 AED'000 (unaudited)	
Interest income	42,797	26,628	
Interest expense	2,376	9,058	
Directors fees	10,587	10,585	

22. Segmental information

Operating segments are identified on the basis of internal reports about components of the Group that are regularly reviewed by the chief operating decision maker in order to allocate resources to the segment and to assess its performance.

For operating purposes, the Group is organised into two major business segments:

- (i) Commercial Banking, which principally provides loans and other credit facilities, deposits and current accounts for corporate, government, institutional and individual customers; and
- (ii) Investment Banking, which involves the management of the Group's investment portfolio.

These segments are the basis on which the Group reports its segment information. Transactions between segments are conducted at rates determined by management, taking into consideration the cost of funds and an equitable allocation of expenses.

The following table presents information regarding the Group's operating segments:

31 March 2013 (unaudited):	Commercial Banking AED'000	Investment Banking AED'000	Unallocated AED'000	Total AED'000
Segment assets	20,760,875	2,066,393	520,185	23,347,453
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Segment liabilities	18,507,935 =======	495,855	371,653 =======	19,375,443
31 December 2012 (audited):				
Segment assets	20,153,900	2,138,994	539,794	22,832,688
Segment liabilities	17,880,194	495,855	274,590	18,650,639

22. Segmental information (continued)

The following table presents information regarding the Group's operating segments for the period ended 31 March 2013 (unaudited):

	Commercial Banking AED'000	Investment Banking AED'000	Unallocated AED'000	Total AED'000
Revenue from external customers				
- Net interest income	108,620	7,266	-	115,886
- Net fee and commission income	33,429	-	-	33,429
- Exchange profit	5,765		-	5,765
- Investment income	-	1,736	-	1,736
- Other income	3,538	-	-	3,538
Operating income	151,352	9,002	-	160,354
Expenses				
- Net impairment charge on				
financial assets	(31,418)	-	-	(31,418)
- Depreciation of property and	,			, ,
equipment	-	-	(5,349)	(5,349)
- Administration and general				
expenses	(41,627)	(7,346)	-	(48,973)
- Amortization of intangible				
assets	(1,946)	-	-	(1,946)
- Income taxes	-	-	(2,371)	(2,371)
Profit for the period after taxes	76,361	1,656	(7,720)	70,297

22. Segmental information (continued)

The following table presents information regarding the Group's operating segments for the period ended 31 March 2012 (unaudited):

	Commercial Banking AED'000	Investment Banking AED'000	Unallocated AED'000	Total AED'000
Revenue from external customers				
- Net interest income	125,754	5,647	-	131,401
- Net fee and commission income	26,025	-	-	26,025
- Exchange profit	5,693	-		5,693
- Investment income	-	9,806	-	9,806
- Other income	2,066	-	-	2,066
Operating income	159,538	15,453	-	174,991
Expenses				
- Net impairment charge on	(60.106)			(60.106)
financial assets	(60,196)	-	-	(60,196)
- Depreciation of property and equipment	-	-	(2,645)	(2,645)
- Administration and general	(40.050)	(7.210)		(49.069)
expenses	(40,858)	(7,210)	-	(48,068)
- Amortization of intangible assets	(1,946)	-	(2.075)	(1,946)
- Income taxes			(2,075)	(2,075)
Profit for the period after taxes	56,538	8,243 ======	(4,720)	60,061

Revenue reported above represents revenue generated from external customers. There were no inter-segment sales in the period (2012: Nil). Transactions between segments, inter-segment cost of funds and allocation of expenses are not determined by management for the purpose of resource allocation. The accounting policies of the reportable segments are the same as the Group's accounting policies as disclosed in the consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2012.

For the purposes of monitoring segment performance and allocating resources between segments:

- All assets are allocated to reportable segments except for property and equipment, goodwill and other intangibles and certain amounts included in other assets; and
- All liabilities are allocated to reportable segments except for certain amounts included in other liabilities.

22. Segmental information (continued)

Geographical information

The Group operates in two principal geographical areas - United Arab Emirates (country of domicile) and Lebanon (referred to as 'foreign').

The Group's revenue from external customers and information about its non-current assets by geographical location are detailed below:

2013	Country of domicile AED'000	Foreign AED'000	Total AED'000
Operating income (from external customers) for the 3 months period ended 31 March 2013 (unaudited)	125,656	34,698	160,354
Non-current assets as at 31 March 2013 (unaudited)	748,401	295,157	1,043,558
2012			
Operating income (from external customers) for the 3 months period ended 31 March 2012 (unaudited)	141,507	33,484	174,991
Non-current assets as at 31 March 2012 (unaudited)	814,006	296,877	1,110,883

23. Fair value of financial instruments

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. Differences can therefore arise between book value under historical cost method and fair value estimates.

24. Approval of condensed consolidated financial statements

The condensed consolidated financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors and authorized for issue on 2013.