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MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION & ANALYSIS

1.0. Basis of Presentation

The following discussion and analysis has been prepared by the Bank's Management based upon the Interim Financial Statements which are included in the following section of this report. The selected financial and operating data set forth below has been subject to rounding, extracted without material adjustment from the Interim Financial Statements. *It should be read in conjunction with, and is qualified in its entirety, by the 2022 Annual Report (audited) and the Interim Financial Statements in the first half of 2023 (unaudited), including the respective notes thereto.*

The Bank's Annual and Interim Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with standards issued or adopted by the International Accounting Standards (IFRS) Board and interpretations issued by the International Financial Reporting Interpretations (IAS) Committee, the general accounting plan for banks in Lebanon, and the regulations of the Central Bank of Lebanon, the Banking Control Commission (BCC) and Lebanese Capital Market Authority (CMA). Such Interim Financial Statements include the results of the Bank and its consolidated subsidiaries as listed in Note 2.4 to the enclosed Interim Financial Statements as at end-June 2023.

Since late October 2019, Lebanon has been facing a very complex political, financial, economic and monetary crisis unprecedented in scale, which was ranked by the World Bank to be in the top three "most severe crises episodes globally since the mid-nineteenth century". The prolonged inaction by the authorities has exacerbated the fallouts, putting the country in deep recession while severely impacting Lebanese banks' operations and financial standing. National losses have been assessed in 2022 at circa USD 70 billion.

By common local and international consensus, the government of Lebanon needs to adopt and implement a credible and comprehensive macro-financial reform program to address, among others, the systemic failure of the financial and banking sectors caused by this crisis. On 20 May 2022, the Lebanese government adopted a resolution plan led by the IMF and subject to the approval of its Executive Board. It still needs to be ratified by the Lebanese parliament. The plan includes several measures that are prerequisites to unlock funds, that could help pull the country out of a three-year financial meltdown. As of date, the parliament approved the reformed bank secrecy law while remaining measures are still pending.

While not much progress was achieved on those fronts, the IMF issued in March 2023 the concluding statement of its 2023 Article IV Mission. It says Lebanon is at a particularly difficult juncture. For over three years, it has been facing an unprecedented crisis, with severe economic dislocation, a dramatic depreciation of the Lebanese Lira and triple-digit inflation that have had a staggering impact on people's lives and livelihoods. Unemployment and emigration have increased sharply, and poverty is at historically high levels. The provision of basic services like electricity, public health, and public education have been severely disrupted, and essential social support programs and public investment have collapsed. More broadly, capacity in public administration has been critically weakened. Banks are unable to extend credit to the economy and bank deposits are mostly inaccessible to customers. The presence of a large number of refugees exacerbates Lebanon's challenges.

Within this environment, the persisting absence of a clear resolution roadmap for the Lebanese Crisis continues to prevent Management from estimating in a true and fair manner, and as per IFRS, the adverse impact of those matters on the Bank's financial position and equity, which it anticipates to be material. In particular, Management wishes to draw attention to the following key points that carry significant uncertainties with potential material impact on the future financial position of the Bank:

- The impact of the valuation of assets and liabilities in foreign currencies is expected to be significant once the revamping of the peg is implemented by the Lebanese government, as seems highly likely.
- Loss allowances on assets held at the Central Bank of Lebanon and the portfolio of Lebanese government securities are set at very low levels and considered insufficient given the underlying risks of those assets. Should an adjustment become necessary, the impact is expected to be pervasive.
- A further deterioration of the credit quality of the loan portfolio as a result of the persisting negative economic conditions and the deepening recession may reveal additional future embedded losses.
- Potential restatement of published financial statements resulting from the use of a functional currency (LBP) related to a hyperinflationary economy as per IAS 29.
- Management has concerns about the effects that the above matters will have on the equity of the Group and the recapitalisation needs that will arise once the necessary adjustments are determined and recorded.

Based on the above, the external auditors expressed again an adverse opinion on the 2022 financial statements.

As per regulatory requirements, the Bank maintains its accounts in Lebanese Pounds (LBP). Nonetheless, all figures presented in the following MD&A are expressed in US Dollars ("USD"), unless specifically otherwise stated. The ensuing difficulty in accessing foreign currencies led to the emergence of a parallel market to the official exchange rate whereby the price to access foreign currencies has been increasing constantly, deviating significantly from the official exchange rate of LBP 1,507.5/ USD 1 prevailing till end-December 2022. In February 2023, the Central Bank of Lebanon adjusted the official exchange rate from LBP 1,507.5 to LBP 15,000 to the US Dollar. The discrepancy of the market rates relative to the official rate has resulted in an uncontrolled rise in prices and the incessant de facto depreciation of the Lebanese Pound, driving high inflation and an uncontrolled rise in the consumer price index.

The Group uses the official published exchange rates above (1,507.5 as of 31 December 2022 and 15,000 as of 30 June 2023) to translate most balances and transactions in foreign currencies, regardless of their source or nature, in line with IAS 21 due to the lack of an alternative legal exchange mechanism. As per regulatory requirement, some balances are translated based on other exchange rate such as but not limited to the "Sayrafa" rate. Consequently, the financial statements do not reflect the change of disclosures required by IAS 29 which applies for hyperinflationary economies since the existence of a wide range of FX rates prevailing on the market and the absence of forthcoming revamping of the official peg make it difficult to proceed with such adjustments, especially when it comes to the valuation of monetary assets and liabilities. Furthermore, the use of different exchange rates renders the comparison of the financial position across period also difficult.

In mid-2021, BdL Circular 158 was issued defining the mechanism for the gradual settlement of foreign currency deposits up to an amount of USD 50,000 based on several eligibility criteria. Eligible funds will be transferred to a subaccount and paid on a monthly basis of USD 400 in cash or equivalent and an amount in LBP equivalent to USD 400 and converted at a rate of USD/LBP 12,000 (before amendment at a rate of USD/LBP 15,000 on 20 January 2023) that will be paid 50% in cash and 50% credited to a payment card. On 5 July 2023, the Central Bank of Lebanon issued Intermediate Circular 674 and introduced several amendments to the Basic Circular 158. First, it cancelled the amount in LBP that clients were able to withdraw on a monthly basis from their foreign currencies accounts opened before October 31, 2019. Second, for the US Dollars portion, the monthly withdrawal remains unchanged at USD 400 per month from the outstanding balance of subaccount opened prior to 1 July 2023 when the client signed the agreement with the Bank based on the aforementioned circular. Third, for all subaccounts created after 30 June 2023, the monthly withdrawal limit is set at USD 300 per month.

Until the above uncertainties are resolved, the Group is continuing its operations as performed since 17 October 2019 and in accordance with the laws and regulations. De facto capital controls and inability to transfer foreign currencies to correspondent banks outside Lebanon are exposing the Group to litigations that are dealt with on a case by case basis when they occur. Management is carefully considering the impact of these litigations and claims. Meanwhile, the Bank believes that a legislative solution is urgently needed, through the enactment of laws that are appropriate for the adjudication of the unconventional legal disputes arising under the current exceptional circumstances. Due to recent developments and the increasing trend in judgments ruled in favour of the plaintiffs and customers since 2021, Management considers that they may affect negatively the offshore liquidity of the Group, its foreign assets and its foreign currency mismatch in the absence of a capital control law that governs the transfers.

Within the aforementioned litigations of a systemic nature, in particular, on 22 February 2022, a complaint was filed by a group of lawyers under the name "الشعب يريد إصلاح النظام" against "Lebanese banks" and the chairmen of their boards of directors for alleged committed crimes of tort and fraudulent bankruptcy, money laundering, fraud and breach of trust. Since then, as a result of this complaint, the Public Prosecutor of Appeal in Mount Lebanon judge Ghada Aoun initiated several procedures and issued several decisions in this respect on selected banks, that differ from bank to bank. These included clarification sessions, interrogations, requests of specific data, examination of data by appointed experts, restraining orders, imposing travel bans, preventing disposal of assets… With respect to Bank Audi sal, the Bank, members of its Board of Directors, as well as a number of current/former employees, were the target of restraining orders preventing them from disposing of their assets in addition to accusations of violation of the Bank secrecy law. Bank Audi sal has so far sought diverse legal expertise on the matter: common consensus converges toward the fact that the claims of the Public Prosecutor of Appeal in Mount Lebanon are baseless and with no legal grounds. H.E. the Prime Minister Designate of Lebanon's sent a letter to the Ministry of Interior dated 22 February 2023, requesting H.E the Minister of Interior to instruct all Internal Security Forces – General Directorate not to execute any decision or order by the said Prosecutor in relation with the above accusations. H.E. the Minister of Interior sent such communication on the same date. Furthermore, on 28 February 2023, the Attorney General of Lebanon instructed the Prosecutor to stop the investigations and inquiries against the Bank, as well as other banks, until the state prosecution request, filed as a result of her actions, has been ruled upon and the decision rendered. On 4 May 2023, a decision was rendered by disciplinary judges in Lebanon to suspend and dismiss the Public Prosecutor of appeal in Mount Lebanon for her services, based on several complaints raised by several parties in claims handled by the latter, noting that the decision is subject to appeal to the Supreme Disciplinary Authority. At present, the case is with the Judge of Instructions, and Management and its legal counsels are in the opinion that the case will be dismissed for the total lack of legal grounds. In addition, the Group may, from time to time, become involved in other legal or arbitration proceedings which may affect its operations and results. In addition, money laundering accusations were recently made against the Chairman and a member of the Board of Directors of the Bank, as well as officers of other Lebanese banks by the same Public Prosecutor of Mount Lebanon who was acting beyond her jurisdiction. The illegality of Prosecutor Ghada Aoun's actions was confirmed by H.E. the Prime Minister Designate of Lebanon in a letter to the Ministry of Interior dated 22 February 2023, denouncing the actions taken by the said Prosecutor in total violation of the law, and requested H.E. the Minister of Interior to instruct all Internal Security Forces – General Directorate not to execute any decision or order made by the Mount Lebanon District Public Prosecutor in relation with the above accusations. H.E. the Minister of Interior has already sent such a communique as requested by H.E. the Prime Minister. Given the fact that the case is now said to be sent to the Judge of Instruction, we hope that the proper proceeding and handling of such case will be followed and will lead to its dismissal for the total lack of legal grounds.

In the midst of the exceptionally difficult economic circumstances and the lack of economically vital decisions by the Lebanese authorities, Bank Audi reiterates its abidance with all regulatory and legal requirements. The Bank also strongly pleas the government of Lebanon to start taking all the necessary steps, starting with the urgent need of a Capital Control law and a comprehensive economic and financial reform plan, as requested by all international concerned bodies, including the IMF and the World Bank, to put a stop to this economic meltdown and to the destruction of its financial system.

In light of the prevailing uncertainties, it remains very difficult to build accurate future plans. Nonetheless, the Group is exerting extended efforts to continuously reinforce its financial standing and strengthening its capitalization and enhancing its ability to withstand additional pressure. The main goal is to position Bank Audi at the forefront of the sector if and when the restructuring and recovery will be upon us.

2.0. Operating Environment

The first half of the year 2023 was characterized by the following trends:
-A prolonged political status quo underlined by the postponement of presidential elections amid a continued vacuum since end-October 2022, the limitation of care taker Cabinet meeting on emergency issues and the stalling of the legislative process at the Parliament level

- A slight improvement in real sector performance driven by a mild rise in private consumption while private investment continues to lag behind. The amelioration of the touristic sector in particular provided a support to domestic consumption at large

- A quasi steadiness in monetary conditions since March, translating into a stability in the LBP exchange rate at slightly above LBP/USD 90,000 amid a continuous BdL intervention on the Sayrafa platform

- A worsening of socio-economic pressures on households within the context of a surge in unemployment to above 30% while CPI inflation reached 300% in June, raising cumulative inflation since crisis onset to above 4600%.

A glance on the economic performance of the early months of this year suggests that real sector indicators were at the image of a mixed economy on the overall, though tending to a slight upward correction, mainly in trade and services. Among indicators with positive growth over the first half, we mention the number of passengers at the airport with a rise of 23.2%, the imported freight through BIA with a rise of 11.5% the number of tourists with an increase of 29.0% and the merchandise at the Port with a rise of 1.9% year-on-year. Among indicators with negative growth over the first half, we mention cleared checks with a contraction of 51.3%.

At the external level, the balance of payments recorded a surplus of USD 1.2 billion over the first 5 months of 2023, after a deficit of USD 3.2 billion over full-year 2022. The surplus in the balance of payments over the first 5 months is the result of a USD 0.8 billion contraction of BdL net foreign assets, while banks net foreign assets expanded by USD 2 billion. The decline in BdL's FX reserves over the first half is mainly the result of BdL intervention on the Sayrafa platform within the context of BdL Circular 161 initiated at 2021 year-end. Within a similar external context, Lebanon's Ministry of Tourism expects about USD 9 billion to be received in 2023 from 2.2 million tourists over the year.

At the capital markets level, equity markets continued the noticeable surge of the past two years. The BSE price index rose by 23.0% in the first half of the year, following a 37.2% increase in the index in 2022, driven by the rise in Solidere shares. This year's rise in prices occurred within the context of a mild 4.9% annual increase in trading volume year-on-year, moving from USD 194 million in the first half of 2022 to USD 204 million in the first half of 2023. In parallel, the turnover ratio (annual trading value to market capitalization) decreased from 2.7% to 2.3% between the two periods.

At the banking level, the cumulative banking sector analysis since the onset of Lebanon's financial crisis, i.e between October 2019 and June 2023, shows the following trends:

- A cumulative decline in total deposits by USD 71.0 billion amid noticeable withdrawals and loan redemption: Customer deposits contracted from USD 168.4 billion at end-October 2019 to USD 97.4 billion at end-June 2023, the equivalent of 42%. Resident deposits contracted by USD 56.9 billion, while non-resident deposits dropped by USD 14.0 billion. FX Deposits contracted by USD 30.7 billion over the period to reach USD 92.9 billion, while LBP deposits rose by LBP 0.1 trillion to reach LBP 67.6 trillion as at end-June 2023. As a result, deposit dollarization went up from 73.4% in October 2019 to 95.4% in June 2023.

- A cumulative decline in total loans by USD 44.9 billion amid bank deleveraging efforts: Lebanese banks have been deleveraging significantly since the onset of the crisis. Their loan portfolio dropped from USD 54.2 billion to USD 9.3 billion, the equivalent of 82.5%. The loan redemption represents 63% of the deposit contraction over the period. FX loans contracted by USD 29.8 billion, while LBP loans dropped by LBP 10.2 trillion over the period. As a result, loan dollarization went up from 70.4% in October 2019 to 90.0% in June 2023.

- A cumulative decline in LBP deposit interest rate by 836 basis points and in USD deposit interest rate by 656 basis points: The average LBP deposit interest rate dropped from 9.03% at end-October 2019 to 0.67% at end-June 2023, while the average USD deposit interest rate declined from 6.61% to 0.05% over the same period. The spread between USD deposit rate and 3-month Libor reached close to -5.50% in June 2023, against +4.71% in October 2019.

- A cumulative decline in banks FX liquidity abroad by USD 4.0 billion: Lebanese banks' claims on non-resident financial sector dropped from USD 8.4 billion at end-October 2019 to reach USD 4.4 billion at end-June 2023. This comes as a result of the significant foreign liquidity usage by Lebanese banks to pay in cash for customers withdrawals at the beginning of the crisis period and more recently under BdL Article 158. Total beneficiaries so far from BdL Circular 158 amounted to 180,976 beneficiary for a total of USD 1,779 million, of which half paid in USD cash on behalf of BdL and banks (USD 889 million).

- A cumulative decline of USD 12.0 billion in banks Eurobonds portfolio amid net domestic sales and provisioning: Lebanese banks Eurobond portfolio reached USD 2.8 billion at end-June 2023, against USD 14.8 billion at end October 2019. The portfolio contraction is tied to banks net sales of Eurobonds at loss, mainly at the early months of the crisis, in addition to high provisioning requirements imposed by monetary authorities on bond portfolios.

- A cumulative decline in shareholders' equity by USD 13.8 billion amid banks' net losses: Shareholders' equity contracted from USD 20.6 billion at end-October 2019 to USD 6.8 billion at end-June 2023 as a result of net bank losses over the period. The losses incurred by Lebanese banks come as a result of noticeable FX costs, the effects of mark-ups, the rising operating expenses tied to the surging inflation, in addition to significant provisions to face private and sovereign risks at large.

By the end of the 2023 first half-year, the IMF issued its Article IV Consultation Mission report for Lebanon for the first time since 2019. The report looks quite constructive. On one hand, it describes well the crisis and its outcomes, while fairly outlining responsibilities and challenges. On the other hand, it draws the requirements of a promising way out of the systemic crisis, especially in its recommendations for fiscal policy, monetary policy and banking reforms.

Lebanon's Major Economic Indicators

(USD Million)	2021	2022	1H 2022	1H 2023
Macro economy				
Real GDP growth(*)	-7.0%	-2.6%	-2.6%	**-0.5%**
Monetary sector				
Var M3	682	18,900	-6,207	**-71,188**
Cleared checks	36,418	37,434	16,878	**8,212**
CPI annual inflation (end-period, %)	283.3%	109.7%	193.7%	**300.7%**
Public sector				
Total gross debt(**)	100,377	101,814	101,724	**102,466**
Foreign debt(**)	38,515	41,337	39,983	**41,574**
Domestic debt(**)	61,861	60,477	61,741	**60,892**
External sector				
Imports	13,641	19,054	9,008	-
Exports	3,887	3,493	1,901	-
Trade deficit	9,754	15,561	7,107	-
Balance of payments	-1,960	-3,197	-2,579	**1,143**
Banking sector(**)				
Var: Total assets	-13,219	-5,767	-3,898	**-52,625**
% change in assets	-7.0%	-3.3%	-2.2%	**-31.1%**
Var: Total deposits	-9,671	-3,751	-2,298	**-28,320**
% change in deposits	-7.0%	-2.9%	-1.8%	**-22.5%**
Var: Total credits	-8,453	-7,664	-3,745	**-10,749**
% change in credits	-23.4%	-27.7%	-13.5%	**-53.6%**

(*) Full-year estimate and forecast by the World Bank.
(**) January figures for 2023
Sources: World Bank, Central Bank of Lebanon, and concerned public and private entities.

3.0. Consolidated Financial Condition

In the first half of 2023, the Bank's consolidated activity and results continue to be severely marked by the persisting heavy challenges prevailing in its 2 main markets of presence: Lebanon and Turkey.

On this backdrop, Management continues to implement its adopted direction axed around the six-going concern pillars which are quite similar to CAMELs criteria identified in the proposed Reform Plan by The IMF to be used for the assessment of viable banks. The main purpose of this direction being to consolidate the financial stranding of the Group and its ability to withstand pressures in its 2 main markets, while positioning the Lebanese entities in the forefront of the Lebanese banking sector post restructuring era to ensure a swift recovery and prompt resumption of normal banking activities.

In Turkey, the first half of 2023 was characterized by the attempt to heal the humanitarian and economic wounds of the earthquake amid an overall tougher global macro environment with persisting high inflationary pressures in different parts of the World. Amid a political atmosphere dominated by election winds in the second quarter, noticeable changes were made in the country's economic management after the government re-election. The new government clearly signals a shift back to orthodox policies. In their early public comments, the new economic team has committed to bringing down inflation, reducing external imbalances and ensuring fiscal discipline. If followed through, the shift towards more orthodox, rules-based and predictable policymaking would bring about less operating volatility allowing institutions to set forth reasonable and credible plans over the short and medium terms. At Odea Bank, Management adjusted to the current policies as quickly as possible while continuing to closely monitor these sensitive developments. Performance-wise, maintaining adequate liquidity levels, monitoring asset quality, protecting the Bank's capital and improving efficiency remain at the top of priorities. Within this context, Odea Bank achieved good results in the first half of 2023, driven by an operation growth focused on sustainable profitability. Total assets of Odea Bank increased in nominal terms by TRY 4.8 billion to stand at TRY 73.7 million as at end-June 2023, driven by an increase in customers deposits by TRY 7.3 billion to stand at TRY 56.8 billion. Loans to customers increased by TRY 2 billion to TRY 30.1 billion. This evolution reflects a real increase in loans denominated in TRY by TRY 1.2 billion within a real decrease in loans denominated in foreign currencies by TRY 4.5 billion. The remaining is accounted for by FX translation effect following the devaluation of the TRY versus the USD from TRY 18.7 per 1 USD as at end-December 2022 to TRY 26.02 per 1 USD as at end-June 2023. Loan quality continue to improve consistently with the ratio of stage 3 to gross loan reaching 4.1%as at end-June 2023 compared to 5% as at end-December 2022. Odea Bank posted net profits TRY 1.1 billion in the first half 2023 compared to TRY 343 million in the first half 2022.

Private Banking entities have also reported a good performance in the first half of 2023 reporting net profits of USD 7.6 million compared to USD 6.7 million of net normalised profits in the first half of 2022, net of the effect of the one-off release of provision on RoL instruments sold. This outperformance was driven by an increase in Assets Under Management of private banking entities from USD 3.8 billion as at end-December 2022 to USD 4.7 billion as at end-June 2023.

Subsequently, and despite the significant translation impact of the devaluation of the Turkish Lira versus the USD, the contribution of foreign entities to consolidated normalised net profits reached USD 60.5 million in the first half of 2023 compared to USD 43 million in the corresponding period of 2022, ensuring a sustainable recurrent earnings stream to the Group.

In Lebanon, the continued absence of the reform packs required to address the crisis is severely hampering Lebanese banks activity. Traditional Banking activity through the customary intermediation of loans and deposits is almost inexistent: inflows of new deposits is hindered by the prevailing informal capital control measures and remain restricted to a limited short term franchise of external accounts in fresh USD funding working capital need of customers. In addition, the prevailing uncertainties negatively affect the corporate sector's investment sentiment and appetite to contract loans, on a backdrop of a restricted capacity of banks to extend new loans. On this backdrop, Bank Audi continued to focus its efforts, in the first half of 2023, on adapting quickly to the changing regulatory requirements while hedging its capital base, improving its quality of earnings, preserving the accumulated off-shore liquidity in foreign currencies, and facing heightened non-financial risks in the absence of a Capital Control law.

On the regulatory front, several circulars were issued towards the end of the tenure of the Central Bank Governor with a potential impact on the financial position of all Lebanese banks alike. These are as follows:

On 5 July 2023, BdL issued Intermediate Circular ("IC") 674 and introduced several amendments to the Basic Circular 158. First, it cancelled the amount in LBP that clients were able to withdraw on a monthly basis from their foreign currencies accounts opened before October 31,2019. Second, for the US Dollars portion, the monthly withdrawal remains unchanged at USD 400 per month from the outstanding balance of sub-account opened prior to 1 July 2023 when the client signed the agreement with the Bank based on the aforementioned circular. Third, for all sub-accounts created after 30 June 2023, the monthly withdrawal limit is set at USD 300 per month. The impact of this change on the Bank's liquidity is the increase by 100% of the fresh USD commitment for the outstanding 158-based accounts while extending it over a longer time horizon. This increase represents an additional USD 30 million commitment based on sub-special balance as at end-July 23 of USD 120 million.

On 24 July 2023, BdL issued Intermediate Circular 675 amending the way open position is computed based on monetary vs non-monetary definition as per International Reporting Standards. Banks not abiding by regulatory FX limits (net trading position <1% of equity, global trading position <40% of equity, etc.) were given until end-August 2023 to regularize their position, subject to penalties afterwards. Besides, the circular freezes new requests for the constitution/amendments of structural and fixed positions. Based on this new computation, the Bank moves from a short position of USD 329 million to a long position of USD 199 million net of the position related to investments in foreign currencies.

Also on 24 July 2023, BdL issued Intermediate Circular 676, requesting Banks to depart from International Reporting Standards by reclassifying negative foreign exchange differences resulting from the periodic revaluation of FX position from Equity to Other Assets, whereas positive foreign exchange differences have to be reclassified into other liabilities. If negative differences were not liquidated by year-end, provisions against the outstanding amount should be taken. The circular also extended the restriction to distribute dividends to common shareholders based on 2023 results.

Notwithstanding, the most salient event of the first half 2023 is the adoption of a new official exchange rate as of 1 February 2023 reaching LBP 15,000 per 1 USD rising by 10-folds from an old rate of LBP 1507.5 per 1 USD, marking the formal relinquishment by the Central Bank of Lebanon of a 30-year old currency peg. This formal devaluation of the LBP versus the USD resulted in a significant impact on all economic sectors' financial figures based on official rates. The effect of the aforementioned devaluation extended to the banking sector, affecting significantly the financial statements and regulatory ratios of all banks operating in Lebanon alike.

The following discussion and analysis includes figures translated in USD from LBP using the prevailing official exchange rates for the period (1,507.5 as of 31 December 2022 and 15,000 as of 30 June 2023). The aforementioned evolution of the official exchange rate coupled with the currency structure of balances adds an FX effect dimension to the evolution of aggregates in the first half of 2023. The FX effect dimension is exacerbated even more for balances and transactions in foreign currencies translated using rates other that official published rates as per regulatory requirements. In practice, Management estimates that this change will result in an inflationary impact on the Group's Financial Statements when expressed in LBP. At the Equity level, positive changes expressed in LBP have resulted from the Bank's open FX position, including the position resulting from the net asset value of the Bank's subsidiaries that have a functional currency other than the Lebanese Pound. As mentioned earlier, the recently issued BdL Intermediary Circular 676 requested the reclassification of this positive difference into other liabilities, which represent a departure from International Reporting Standards. As a result, and expressed in USD, consolidated equity would witness a significant contraction.

In absolute terms, consolidated assets of Bank Audi, translated to USD at the prevailing official rates, moved from USD 26.9 billion as at end-December 2022 to USD 18.0 billion as at end-June 2023, decreasing by USD 8.9 billion in the first half of 2023. The latter decrease reflects a negative FX effect of USD 7.8 billion within a real decrease in consolidated assets by USD 1.1 billion over the period.

The devaluation of the LBP versus the USD had had a much more pervasive effect on consolidated equity, given its non-monetary nature, i.e. its value in LBP does not change with the devaluation of the LBP. This effect was fortunately partially offset by the net asset value of subsidiaries with functional foreign currencies constituting a significant hedge to the Bank's capital. As a result, consolidated equity, translated to USD at the prevailing official rates, moved from USD 4.0 billion as at end-December 2022 to stand at USD 1.1 billion as at end-June 2023 decreasing by USD 2.9 billion in the first half of 2023.

Subsequently, the Bank's capital adequacy ratios of the Group registered a significant negative impact mostly at the level of additional Tier one capital. Despite a contraction in risk-weighted assets by 30%, Common Equity Tier 1 (CET1) ratio dropped from 6.3% as at end-December 2022 to 5.0% as at end-June 2023 following the reclassification of positive effect from devaluation related in part to the net asset value of foreign entities into other liabilities based on the aforementioned BdL requirements. In addition, the treatment of Additional Tier One instruments as non-monetary assets translates in a drop in their contribution to total capital adequacy ratio from 2.53% as at end-December 2022 to 0.36% as at end-June 2023. Given the nature of the components of Tier 2 capital (Stage 1 ECL, decaying subdebt in foreign currencies, FVTOCI gains etc..) unrelated to CET1, its contribution to capital ratio have benefitted from the drop in consolidated risk weighted assets moving from 0.95% as at end-December 2022 to 1.08% as at end-June 2023.
Consequently and as at end-June 2023, consolidated CET1 ratio stood at 5.0% while consolidated Tier 1 ratio reached 5.3% and consolidated capital adequacy ratio 6.4%, compared to the regulatory minimum of 6.0%, 7.5% and 9.5% applicable at end-2023 (including a capital conservation buffer of 1.5%).

At the date of preparation of this report, Management continues to assess the consequences and measures that might be necessary from the application of the aforementioned latest regulatory changes of its capital needs, within a potential revaluation of Lands and Buildings from the formerly adopted Sayrafa rate of LBP 38,000 per USD to the current rate of LBP 86,000 per USD. In doing so, Management is also taking into account the BCC requirement dated July 2023, to adjust operational risk capital charge by re-computing capital ratios based on the new official exchange rate of LBP15,000 per 1 USD for the foreign currency components of operating income for the years 2020 to 2022, thus resulting in an increase of RWA by USD 1,023 million (+6% increase vs total RWA base figures). Discussions with the regulatory bodies are still on going to reach a definitive understanding of the requirements.

Since the outset of the Lebanese Crisis in October 2019, Management have devised to implement remedial measures closely related to the six going concern pillars, which translated in the income statement in one-off flows and aiming at allowing the Bank to weather the Crisis with the least costs while strengthening its financials standing. A comprehensive de-risking of the financial position of the Lebanese entities, save for the exposure to the Central Bank of Lebanon, have been achieved while building the highest level of foreign liquidity in foreign currency in the Lebanese banking sector and endeavoring to replace traditional income source within the application of a stringent cost optimization policy. In the first half of 2023, based on an average exchange rate of LBP 12,751.25 per USD, Bank Audi Lebanon achieved positive normalised net profits of USD 104 million, which Management deems recurrent and sustainable.

As those objectives are now achieved, the Bank is now in the process of devising a new direction aiming at allowing it to cruise along the transitory period leading to the restructuring of the banking sector in the best possible shape. This new direction revolves around resilience and readiness while encompassing:

- Maintaining the implementation of the measures related to the six-going concern pillars;
- Devising new scalable business opportunities for the Corporate and Retail business segments alike. This includes 1) the roll-out of a new Digital Banking solution following the "neo" scheme, involving building an end-to-end digital bank with no branches on digital platforms, in line with global trends and international standards, 2) the promotion of the external accounts, 3) tailor-made deposits and lending products, 4) new Card offering supported by an 8-years exclusive partnership with MasterCard, 5) IT services outsourcing etc.. .
- Sustaining the cost optimization policy in Lebanon to achieve an optimum efficiency level
- Agile operating model supported by flexile analytical models and business planning tools,
- Sustaining compliance with rules and regulations while maintaining clear communication, transparency and disclosures

Activity Analysis

Disclaimer: the Bank's financial statements have been compiled and prepared in accordance with the regulatory requirements, especially in terms of translating all foreign currencies against the Lebanese Pound according to the prevailing official exchange rates issued by the Central Bank of Lebanon. As per regulatory requirements, Bank Audi publishes its figures in LBP, whereby most balances and transactions in foreign currencies, irrespective of their nature and source, are translated from the USD using the prevailing official exchange rate for the period as published by the Central Bank of Lebanon. As per regulatory requirements, some balances in foreign currencies are translated to LBP using other rates, of which but not limited to the "Sayrafa" rate. The official exchange rate stood at LBP 1507.5 per each USD as at end-December 2022 and LBP 15,000 per each USD as at end-June 2023.

All figures presented in the following analysis are expressed in US Dollars ("USD"), unless specifically otherwise stated, which are translated from Lebanese Pounds using the aforementioned official exchange rate published by the Central Bank of Lebanon.

In light of the persisting existence of a number of exchange rates in Lebanon as a result of the prolonged financial crisis, which differ greatly from the official exchange rate, the published results of the Lebanese entities may not represent an accurate reflection of absolute values and are given on an indicative basis only to underscore evolution of main indicators.

Consolidated assets of Bank Audi, translated from Lebanese Pounds at the official exchange rate for the period, stood at USD 18.0 billion as at end-June 2023, compared to USD 26.9 billion as at end-December 2022, i.e. decreasing by USD 8.9 billion. The evolution of the official exchange rate brings in an FX dimension to the evolution of aggregates across the period, taking into account the currency structure of the said aggregate. Indeed, the USD 8.9 billion decrease in consolidated assets in the second quarter of 2023 represents principally a FX effect by USD 7.8 billion and a real decrease by USD 1.1 billion, representing principally the contraction of assets of entities operating abroad. The contribution of Odea Bank to the evolution of consolidated assets in the first half of 2023 represented a negative USD 853 million, underscoring a negative translation impact of USD 581 million following the devaluation of the Turkish Lira against the USD by 39% (from TRY 18.7 per 1 USD as at end-December 2022 to TRY 26.0 per 1 USD as at end-June 2023) leaving a real decrease by USD 272 million. Subsequently, assets of Lebanese entities, net of FX effect and consolidation adjustments, were mostly stable over the same period.

Consolidated deposits moved from USD 19.4 million as at end-December 2022 to USD 15.3 billion as at end-June 2023, i.e decreasing by USD 4.1 billion. By entity, customers' deposits of entities operating abroad decreased by USD 656 million, of which USD 462 million accounted by Odea bank, representing a negative FX impact of USD 470 million, within a slight real increase of USD 7 million. Customers' deposits of Banque Audi (Suisse) has dropped in parallel by USD 184 million, mostly following the transfer of these deposits into fiduciary deposits (AuM) to benefit from the surge of reference rates globally. Customers' deposits of Lebanese entities contracted by USD 3.4 billion, representing a negative FX effect tied to the devaluation of the LBP official exchange rate of USD 3.2 billion, a contraction of deposits denominated in foreign currencies by USD 297 million within a real increase in deposits denominated in LBP by USD 105 million.

In parallel, consolidated net loans decreased by USD 1.5 billion to stand at USD 2.5 billion as at end-June 2023. Loans of entities operating outside Lebanon decreased by USD 276 million, driven by a decrease of net loans at Odea Bank by USD 346 million, underscoring a real decrease by USD 129 million and a negative FX effect of USD 217 million. This was offset by an increase in the Lombard loans at Banque Audi (Suisse) by USD 74 million. In parallel, loans of Lebanese entities contracted by USD 1.2 billion, of which USD 1.1 billion accounted for by loans denominated in LBP while loans denominated in foreign currencies contracted by USD 116 million to stand at a mere USD 219 million as at end-June 2023.

The table below sets out the evolution of the Group's financial position as at end-June 2023, as compared to end-December 2022, expressed in USD:

Summarised Statement of Financial Position

(USD Million)	Dec-22	Jun-23	Change in Volume Jun-23/Dec-22	%
Cash & placements with banks and central banks	11,634	10,791	-843	-7.2%
Portfolio securities	5,535	3,810	-1,725	-31.2%
Loans to customers and related parties	3,937	2,480	-1,457	-37.0%
Other assets	707	315	-392	-55.4%
Fixed assets	5,113	575	-4,538	-88.8%
Assets = Liabilities + Equity	26,926	**17,971**	**-8,955**	**-33.3%**
Bank deposits	2,234	398	-1,836	-82.2%
Customers' deposits and related parties	19,381	15,291	-4,090	-21.1%
Subordinated debt	546	547	1	0.2%
Other liabilities	748	613	-135	-18.1%
Shareholders' equity (profit included)	4,017	1,122	-2,895	-72.1%
AUMs + fid. dep. + cust. acc.	7,573	7,814	241	3.2%
Assets + AUMS	34,499	**25,785**	**-8,714**	**-25.3%**

In relative terms, as at end-June 2023, the share of Lebanese entities in consolidated assets, deposits and loans decreased as aggregates were negatively affected by the effective devaluation of the official exchange rate. 69.4% of consolidated assets were accounted for by Lebanese entities (including consolidation adjustments), 15.7% by Odea Bank in Turkey, and 7.9% by Private Banking entities, with the remaining 7% contributed by other entities (Bank Audi France and Bank Audi LLC (Qatar) predominantly). This is compared to 75.8%, 13.7%, 5.9% and 4.6% respectively as at end-December 2022. Lebanese entities also accounted for 72.5% of consolidated deposits and 12.6% of consolidated loans as at end-June 2023, compared to 74.9% and 37.9% respectively as at end-December 2022. In parallel, Odea Bank's share in consolidated deposits moved from 13.6% as at end-December 2022 to 14.3% as at end-June 2023 while its share in consolidated net loans moved from 38.1% as at end-December 2022 to 46.6% as at end-June 2023.

The following table sets out a breakdown of the Bank's assets, customers' deposits and loans by geography as at the dates indicated:

Breakdown by Geography

	Assets			Deposits			Loans		
	Dec-22	**Jun-23**	Change	Dec-22	**Jun-23**	Change	Dec-22	**Jun-23**	Change
By region									
Lebanon	75.8%	69.3%	-6.5%	74.9%	72.5%	-2.4%	37.9%	12.6%	-25.3%
Abroad	24.2%	30.7%	6.5%	25.1%	27.5%	2.4%	62.1%	87.4%	25.3%

The table below sets out the breakdown of consolidated assets, deposits and loans by currency, highlighting amounts in Lebanese Pounds and in foreign currencies. The latter distinguishes between restricted amounts in local foreign currencies (Lollars) according to the market definition in Lebanon previlaing since the outset of the Crisis and unrestricted amount, labelled fresh:

Breakdown by Foreign Currency – Local vs Fresh

	Jun-23				
		FCY			Total
(USD Million)	LBP	o.w. Lollars(*)	o.w. Fresh(**)	Total FCY	LBP & FCY
Loans and advances to customers and related parties	**93**	**212**	**2,175**	**2,387**	**2,480**
Total assets	1,035	10,411	**6,525**	16,936	17,971
Deposits from customers and related parties	468	10,315	**4,508**	14,823	15,291

	Dec-22				
		FCY			Total
(USD Million)	LBP	o.w. Lollars(*)	o.w. Fresh(**)	Total FCY	LBP & FCY
Loans and advances to customers and related parties	**1,158**	**327**	**2,452**	**2,779**	**3,937**
Total assets	8,721	10,712	**7,493**	18,205	26,926
Deposits from customers and related parties	3,605	10,582	**5,194**	15,776	19,381

	Change Jun-23 / Dec-22 in %				
		FCY			Total
	LBP	o.w. Lollars(*)	o.w. Fresh(**)	Total FCY	LBP & FCY
Loans and advances to customers and related parties	-91.9%	-35.2%	-11.3%	-14.1%	-37.0%
Total assets	**-88.1%**	**-2.8%**	**-12.9%**	**-7.0%**	**-33.3%**
Deposits from customers and related parties	-87.0%	-2.5%	-13.2%	-6.0%	-21.1%

(*)Onshore assets and liabilities in foreign currencies subject to unofficial capital controls in Lebanon.
(**)Offshore assets and liabilities in foreign currencies not subject to capital controls in Lebanon.

As at end-June 2023, the USD 18.0 billion consolidated assets are composed of USD 1 billion of assets denominated in LBP, USD 6.5 billion of unrestricted assets in fresh (including assets of foreign entities) and USD 10.5 billion of restricted assets in foreign currencies.

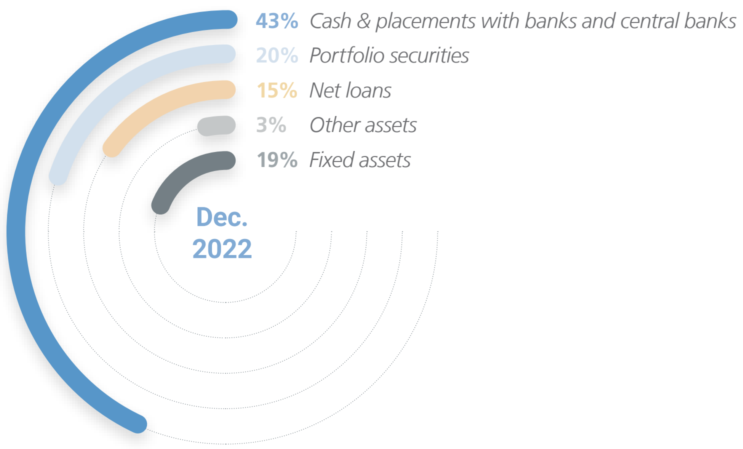
Consolidated assets under management (composed of fiduciary deposits, security accounts and asset under management) moved from USD 7.6 billion as at end-December 2022 to USD 7.8 billion as at end-June 2023, rising by USD 240 million. The latter increase is mostly accounted for by consolidated AuMs, impacted by market conditions, and corresponds to an increase in Private Banking entities by USD 261 million (mainly at Banque Audi (Suisse)) to be added to an increase by USD 194 million in Lebanese entities, the USD 203 million decrease registered at Odea Bank with the remaining accounted for by consolidation adjustments. Subsequently, consolidated assets including fiduciary deposits, security accounts and AuMs aggregated to USD 25.9 billion at end-June 2023, compared to USD 34.5 billion as at end-December 2022.

3.1. Asset Allocation

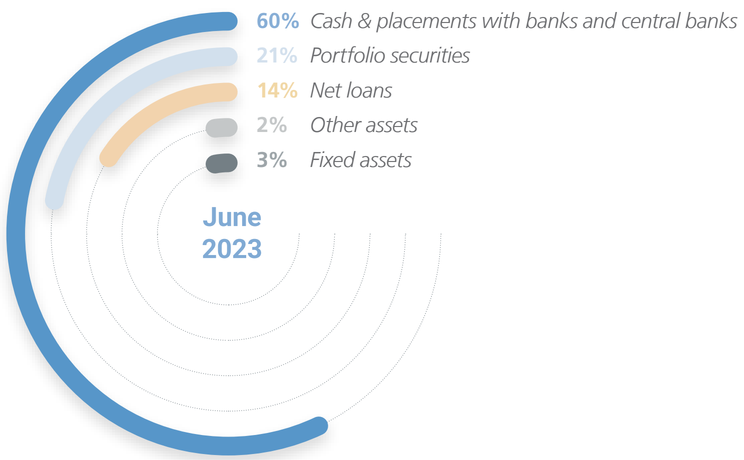
Consolidated assets allocation was almost stable in the first half of 2023, albeit for the share of fixed assets in total consolidated assest moving from 19% as at end-December 2022 to 3% as at end-June 2023. The distorted ratio as at end-December 2022 reflects the inclusion of the USD 4.5 billion of surplus gains of revaluation of real estate properties booked at the prevailing "Sayrafa" rate in November 2022 and reaching LBP 38,000 per each USD and translated at the then prevailing official exchange rate of LBP 1507.5 per each USD. The evolution of the official exchange rate to LBP 15,000 per each USD as at end-June 2023 normalised the effect of this inclusion to a certain extent.

The charts below highlight the structure of the consolidated uses as at end-June 2023 compared to end-December 2022:

Assets Breakdown as at end-December 2022



Assets Breakdown as at end-June 2023



Changes in Placements with Central Banks and Banks

The Bank's consolidated placements with central banks and banks (comprised principally of cash, as well as amounts held at central banks (including free accounts and compulsory reserves and excluding certificates of deposit issued by the Central Bank of Lebanon), placements with banks and loans to banks and reverse repurchase facilities with central banks and financial institutions) decreased from USD 11.6 billion as at end-December 2022 to USD 10.8 billion as at end-June 2023, corresponding to a contraction by USD 0.8 billion.

The table below sets out a breakdown of placements with central banks and banks by type and currency as at end-June 2023:

Placements with Central Bank and Banks (Excluding CDs)

(USD Million)	LBP	USD	EUR	TRY	OTHERS	TOTAL
Cash and placements with central banks	238	7,645	808	28	66	8,785
o.w. Reserves requirements	54	1,580	10	0		1,643
o.w. Sight & term placements	184	6,065	798	28	64	7,142
Placements with banks	1	1,347	133	359	167	2,006
o.w. Deposits with banks	1	1,347	133	210	167	1,857
o.w. Loans to banks and financial institutions and reverse repurchase agreements				149		149
Total placements	240	8,991	940	387	233	10,791

The Bank's placements with central banks and banks in Lebanese Pounds are essentially composed of cash and deposits with the Central Bank of Lebanon. Expressed in USD at the prevailing official exchange rates, placements in Lebanese Pounds decreased by USD 549 million in the first half of 2023, from USD 789 million as at end-December 2022 to stand at USD 240 million as at end-June 2023. As a result, the share of placements with central banks and banks in Lebanese Pounds in consolidated deposits denominated in Lebanese Pounds increased from 21.9% as at end-December 2022 to 51.3% as at end-June 2023, an evolution that is also justified by a faster decrease in deposits denominated in LBP (in real terms as well) then in placements.

The Bank's placements with central banks and banks in foreign currency consist of cash and short-term deposits placed at the Central Bank of Lebanon and other central banks, excluding certificates of deposit issued by BdL, and placements in prime banks in OECD countries. The Bank's placements with central banks and banks in foreign currencies decreased by USD 292 million, of which a decrease in cash deposits at central banks by USD 152 million and in placements with banks by USD 139 million. Subsequently, the Bank's placements with central banks and banks in foreign currencies stood at USD 10.6 billion as at end-June 2023, broken down over USD 8.5 billion of placements with central banks in foreign currencies and USD 2.0 billion of placements with banks in foreign currencies. Part and parcel of the latter, Bank Audi Lebanon had USD 1 billion in free liquidity denominated in foreign currencies as at end-June 2023, reaching USD 639 million, post netting of the external accounts deposits in same currencies of USD 362 million. More significantly, as at end-June 2023, the foreign liquidity of Bank Audi Lebanon, free from any obligation, continued to exceed the regulatory requirement of 3% of customers' deposits as per BdL Basic Circular 154 as amended in October 2022, reaching 8.75% as at 15 July 2023. It would increase to 9.22% after excluding the payments in fresh currency made as per BdL circular 158.

Notwithstanding, reinforcing the bank's free liquidity in foreign currencies continues to be a key priority. In June 2023, the Bank resolved to unwind the remaining USD 650 million of the existing IRS position. After booking MTM and NIM losses in 2021, the Bank gradually improved its position and posted related gains reaching USD 9.1 million in 2023. The lifetime cost from the IRS (coupon, premium, etc.) since inception amounted to USD 55 million.

Owing to a slower contraction in placements with central banks and banks in foreign currencies (-2.7%) than in consolidated customers' deposits in foreign currencies (-6.0%) in the first half of 2023, the share of those placements in deposits denominated in foreign currencies at consolidated basis increased from 68.7% as at end-December 2022 to 71.2% as at end-June 2023. Placements with central banks in foreign currencies represented 57.7% of consolidated customers' deposits as at end-June 2023 compared to 55.1% as at end-December 2022. In parallel, placements with banks in foreign currencies to consolidated customers' deposits in foreign currencies moved from 13.6% as at end-December 2022 to 13.5% as at end-June 2023.

Changes in Securities Portfolio

The Bank's portfolio of securities is comprised principally of certificates of deposit issued by the Central Bank of Lebanon, Lebanese Pound-denominated Treasury bills, foreign currency-denominated sovereign bonds (principally US Dollar-denominated Eurobonds issued by the Lebanese Republic), non-Lebanese sovereign bonds, other fixed income instruments and equity securities.

In the first half of 2023, the Bank's securities portfolio decreased by USD 1.6 billion (-29.8%), from USD 5.5 billion as at end-December 2022 to USD 3.9 billion as at end-June 2023. By currency, this decrease reflects a contraction of portfolio securities denominated in LBP by LBP 1.2 billion, mainly as a result of the adoption of the new official exchange rate within a decrease in portfolio securities denominated in foreign currencies by USD 404 million.

The following table sets out the distribution of the Bank's securities portfolio by type of security as at the dates indicated:

Portfolio Securities Breakdown

(USD Million)	Dec-22	Jun-23	Change in Volume	Change in %
Central Bank of Lebanon certificates of deposit	2,264	2,238	-26	-1.2%
LBP-denominated	17	11	-6	-37.0%
Foreign currency-denominated	2,247	2,227	-20	-0.9%
Net Lebanese Treasury bills and Eurobonds	1,474	161	-1,313	-89.1%
LBP-denominated	1,360	137	-1,223	-90.0%
Foreign currency-denominated	114	25	-89	-78.5%
Risk-ceded government Eurobonds	11	11		
Foreign currency-denominated	11	11		
Other non-Lebanese sovereign securities	1,163	874	-289	-24.9%
TRY	523	298	-225	-43.0%
USD	518	464	-54	-10.5%
EUR	123	112	-11	-9.2%
Other fixed income securities	508	384	-124	-24.3%
Foreign currency-denominated	508	384	-124	-24.3%
Equity securities	114	142	28	24.9%
LBP-denominated	14	1	-13	-90.0%
Foreign currency-denominated	100	140	40	40.4%
Total portfolio securities	5,535	3,810	-1,725	-31.2%

Lebanese Bonds and Central Bank Certificates of Deposit Portfolio

Exposure to the Central Bank of Lebanon in the form of certificates of deposit in Lebanese Pounds decreased in absolute terms by USD 7 million to stand at a mere USD 11 million. In foreign currencies, this exposure contracted by USD 19 million, from USD 2,247 million as at end-December 2022 to USD 2,227 million as at end-June 2023, resulting from a swap against compulsory reserves. When adding the free account placements at the Central Bank of Lebanon denominated in foreign currencies, the total exposure in foreign currencies to the Central Bank of Lebanon would reach USD 10.3 billion as at end-June 2023, compared to USD 10.1 billion as at end-December 2022. This is net of an ECL of USD 195 million taken on this exposure as per regulatory requirement (1.89%) which remained unchanged across the period.

The Group's exposure to Lebanese securities decreased by USD 1.2 billion in the first half of 2023, representing mostly the negative FX impact on the stock of Treasury bills held by the Bank. The Group's exposure to Lebanese sovereign Eurobonds net of ECLs, including the risk-ceded government bonds, decreased by a mere USD 11 million in the first half of 2023, to stand at USD 114 million as at end-June 2023. Since July 2021, Management resolved to purchase RoL Eurobonds based on an opportunistic approach, given the depressed market valuations of these bonds potentially offering investors an attractive upside potential in a post-restructuring era. The Bank is currently booking those securities in "fresh" USD at market value when held in the trading portfolio.

Non-Lebanese Sovereign Securities

The Bank's non-Lebanese sovereign risk decreased by USD 289 million in the first half of 2023, from USD 1,163 million as at end-December 2022 to USD 874 million as at end-June 2023, almost entirely attributed to non-Lebanese sovereign securities in USD, mostly US Treasury and other securities of sovereigns rated A and above, booked by Banque Audi (Suisse) in the context of its assets and liability management to optimize its profitability. The decrease represents a decrease of USD 224 million of TRY instruments (of which USD 147 million of FX devaluation impact within a real decrease of USD 78 million), followed by a USD 53 million decrease of securities denominated in USD and a decrease by USD 11 million in securities denominated in Euro.

In relative terms, the Bank's portfolio of non-Lebanese sovereign bonds represented 22.5% of the total securities portfolio as at end-June 2023 compared to 21.0% as at end-December 2022. It also represents 5.9% of foreign currency-denominated customers' deposits, compared to 7.4% as at end-December 2022.

Other International Fixed Income Securities

The Bank's exposure to other international fixed income securities decreased by USD 124 million in the first half of 2023, from USD 508 million as at end-December 2022 to USD 384 million as at end-June 2023. This is mainly due to the decrease of bonds portfolio related to banks and financial institutions issuers. The portfolio is still concentrated on banks and financial institutions issuers which represent 51.3% of the total portfolio, while corporate issuers accounted for 19% and remainder 29.7% represented loans to customers at fair value through P&L. The largest non-governmental international bonds is related to a AAA rated institution with a USD 58.5 million exposure (denominated in TRY) and representing 15.2% of the total portfolio as at end-June 2023.

Changes in Net Loans to Customers

The Bank continues to face challenging credit conditions and an unprecedented economic downturn in its principal markets of presence, Lebanon and Turkey.

Lebanese Entities

The net loan portfolio of Lebanese entities has contracted during the first half of 2023 by around c/v USD 1,181 million mainly due to the below:

- Official rate of the Lebanese currency against the US Dollar: the official exchange rate as published by the Central Bank of Lebanon was devalued in February 2023 from USD/LBP 1,507.5 to USD/LBP 15,000.
- Collection effort related to settlement of NPL loans
- Settlement of loans in line with the de-risking strategy adopted since the start of the Lebanese crisis.

We note that few selective lending in LBP are being granted to strategic clients operating in defensive sectors.

Analysis of Loans by Currency

Following the above official rate increase, the share of loans in foreign currencies in the total net loan portfolio surged again to reach 72% as at end-June 2023 up from 23% as at end-December 2022, even though foreign currency loans witnessed a decrease during the past 3 years. This evolution is attributed to the massive contraction of LBP loans contribution to the total following the 10:1 devaluation of the national currency.

Loan Quality(*)

Lebanese Entities

(USD Million)	Dec-22	Jun-23	Change Jun-23/Dec-22
Credit-impaired loans	567	**332**	**-235**
o.w. Corporate	435	256	-179
o.w. Retail	132	76	-56
Net loans	1,493	**312**	**-1,181**
o.w. Corporate	1,131	270	-861
o.w. Retail	362	42	-320
Allowance for ECL Stage 3	416	**252**	**-164**
o.w. Corporate	296	179	-117
o.w. Retail	121	72	-49
Allowance for ECL Stages 1 & 2	**39**	13	**-26**
o.w. Corporate	13	9	-4
o.w. Retail	25	4	-21
Credit-impaired loans/Gross loans	**29.1%**	57.6%	**28.6%**
o.w. Corporate	30.2%	55.9%	25.7%
o.w. Retail	25.9%	64.3%	38.4%
Net credit-impaired loans/Gross loans	**7.7%**	14.0%	**6.3%**
o.w. Corporate	9.7%	16.8%	7.1%
o.w. Retail	2.1%	3.1%	0.9%
Credit-impaired loans coverage	**73.5%**	75.7%	**2.2%**
o.w. Corporate	67.9%	69.9%	2.0%
o.w. Retail	91.8%	95.2%	3.5%
Allowance for ECL Stages 1 & 2/Net loans	**2.6%**	4.1%	**1.5%**
o.w. Corporate	1.2%	3.3%	2.2%
o.w. Retail	7.0%	8.8%	1.8%

(*) *As per IFRS 9.*

Credit-impaired loans of Lebanese entities decreased by USD 235 million (a 41% drop) due to collection effort, and stood at USD 332 million as at end-June 2023 broken down by a decrease of USD 179 million in commercial loans and USD 56 million retail. Provisions were released accordingly resulting in a decrease in total allowances for ECL Stage 3 by USD 165 million while the coverage ratio of the credit-impaired loans stood at 75.7% as at end-June 2023 compared to 73.5% as at end-December 2022.

Credit-impaired loans/gross loans ratio increased from 29.1% at end-December 2022 to 57.6% at end-June 2023, being negatively impacted by the substantial decrease in the total loan portfolio amid the increase of the official USD/LBP exchange rate and the fact that the majority of the credit-impaired loans is in foreign currency.

Despite the many uncertainties in the absence of clear strategies around the future operating environment in Lebanon, Management believes that the quality of the loan portfolio of Lebanese entities is not subject to any further deterioration risk.

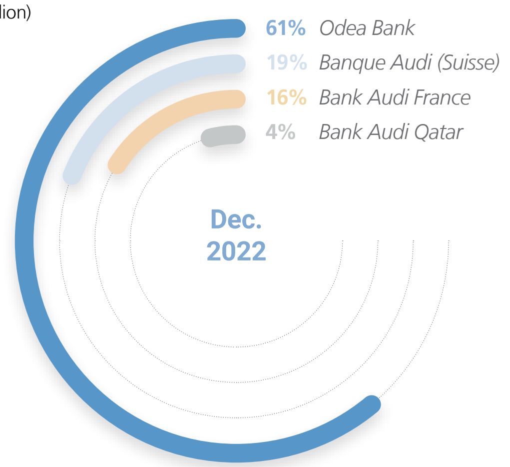
Entities Operating outside Lebanon

A breakdown of the net loan portfolio of entities operating outside Lebanon by geography as at end-June 2023 reveals that 53% were booked in Odea Bank (Turkey), 25% in Banque Audi (Suisse), 18% in Bank Audi France and 4% in Bank Audi Qatar. This is compared to 61%, 19%, 16% and 4% respectively as at end-December 2022.

The total net loan portfolio of entities operating outside Lebanon decreased by USD 276 million during the first half of 2023, standing at USD 2.16 billion at end-June 2023 compared to USD 2.44 billion as at end-December 2022. The decrease stems mainly from a decrease in Odea Bank loan portfolio by USD 346 million as a result of the devaluation of the Turkish Lira, settlement of loans denominated in foreign currency and conversion of foreign currency loans to local currency.

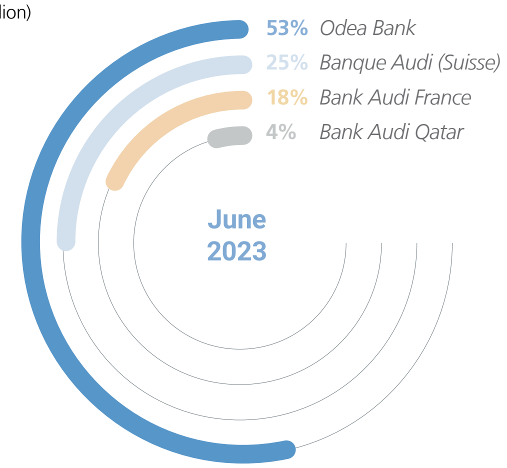
Breakdown of Net Loans & Advances by Entities Operating outside Lebanon as at End-December 2022

(USD Million)



Breakdown of Net Loans & Advances by Entities Operating outside Lebanon as at End-June 2023

(USD Million)

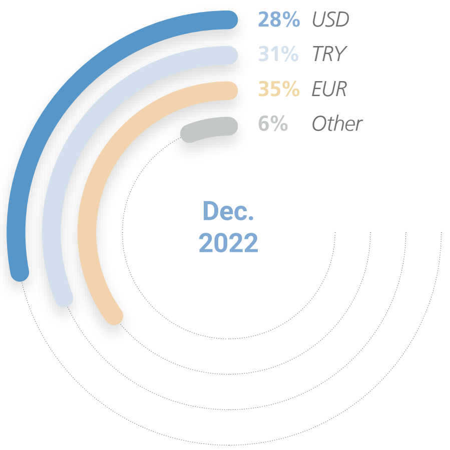


Analysis of Loans by Currency

The dominant currencies of total net loans of entities operating outside Lebanon remained the USD, EUR and TRY with their shares aggregating to 94% as at end-June 2023.

The following charts show the distribution of the Bank's consolidated net loan portfolio by currency as at end-June 2023 as compared to end-December 2022:

Breakdown of Net Loans & Advances in Entities Operating outside Lebanon by Currency Entities as at End-December 2022



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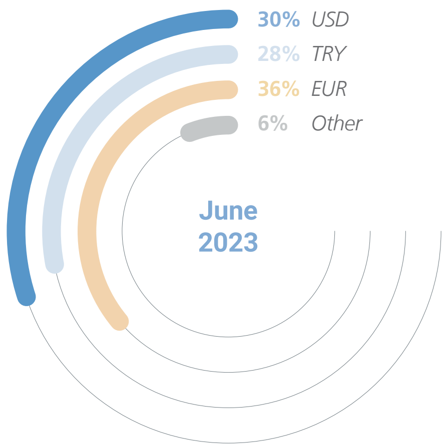
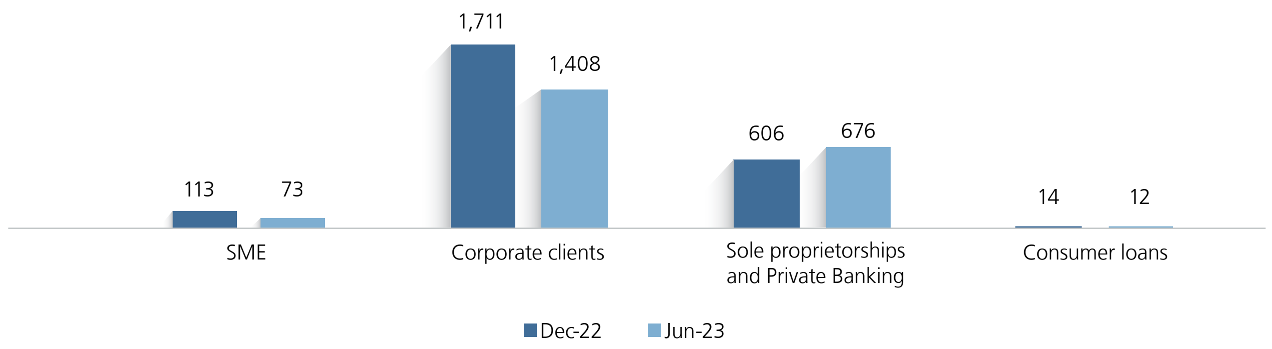


Analysis of Loans by Type of Customer

The distribution of the Bank's net loans of entities operating outside Lebanon by type of borrower continues to show a concentration in the corporate segment which constituted 65% of the loan book as at end-June 2023 (compared to 70% as end-December 2022), followed by the Sole Proprietorship and Private Banking segment representing 31% of the portfolio (compared to 25% as at end-December 2022).

Breakdown of Net Loans & Advances in Entities Operating outside Lebanon by Type of Customer

(USD Million)



Analysis of Loans by Economic Sector

By economic sector, the net loan portfolio of entities operating outside Lebanon mainly consists of loans to the Private Banking customers (25%) which increased by USD 72 million in absolute terms (16%) during the first half of 2023, of Developers and real estate services (19%) which decreased by USD 84 million over the same period (17%), as Management continues to prioritize the contraction of the exposure in risky sectors i.e. Real Estate and Tourism.

Breakdown of Net Loans & Advances in Entities Operating outside Lebanon by Economic Sector

	Dec-22		Jun-23	
(USD Million)		Share in %		Share in %
Manufacturing industries	474	19%	380	18%
Private Banking	467	19%	539	25%
Developers & real estate services	488	20%	404	19%
Hotels and restaurants	236	10%	206	10%
Electricity, gas and water	144	6%	110	5%
Wholesale trade	169	7%	144	7%
Other loans	466	19%	384	18%
Total	2,444	100%	**2,168**	**100%**

Analysis of Loans by Maturity

An analysis of the evolution of the loan book of entities operating outside Lebanon by maturity in the first half of 2023 shows a decrease in medium-term facilities (declining by USD 150 million) and a decrease in long-term facilities (declining by USD 102 million).

The structure of this net loan portfolio across maturities changed with an increase in the share of short-term loans in the total to stand at 58% as at end-June 2023 compared to a share of 53% as at end December 2022 amid a decrease of medium facilities in the total net loans by around 5%.

The following table shows the breakdown of the loan portfolio of entities operating outside Lebanon by maturity as at end-June 2023 compared to end-December 2022.

Breakdown of Net Loans & Advances in Entities Operating outside Lebanon by Maturity since Inception

	Dec-22		Jun-23	
(USD Million)		Share in %		Share in %
Short-term facilities	1,288	53%	1,264	58%
Medium-term facilities	252	10%	102	5%
Long-term facilities	904	37%	802	37%
Total	2,444	100%	**2,168**	**100%**

Analysis of Loans by Type of Collateral

As at end-June 2023, 54% of the consolidated net loan portfolio booked in entities operating outside Lebanon was secured, predominantly by real estate mortgages (45% of the secured portfolio).

The following table shows the distribution of the Bank's loan portfolio by type of collateral as at end-June 2023 as compared to end-December 2022:

Breakdown of Net Loans & Advances in Entities Operating outside Lebanon by Collaterals

(USD Million)	Dec-22	Share in %	Jun-23	Share in %
Secured	1,200	49%	1,171	54%
Cash co. & bank guarantee	259	11%	256	12%
Real estate mortgage	598	24%	528	24%
Securities (bonds & shares)	322	13%	377	17%
Vehicles	21	1%	9	0%
Corporate or personal guarantees	852	35%	679	31%
Unsecured	392	16%	319	15%
Total	2,444	100%	2,168	100%

Loan Quality(*)

Entities Operating outside Lebanon

The Bank applies the IFRS9 standard in estimating collective and specific provisions for the loan portfolio.

The following table shows the main loan quality indicators as at end-June 2023 as compared to end-December 2022 for entities operating outside Lebanon:

Entities Operating outside Lebanon

(USD Million)	Dec-22	Jun-23	Change Jun-23/Dec-22
Credit-impaired loans	103	75	-28
o.w. Corporate	99	73	-26
o.w. Retail	3	2	-1
Net loans	2,444	2,168	-276
o.w. Corporate	2,430	2,156	-274
o.w. Retail	14	12	-2
Allowance for ECL Stage 3	54	48	-6
o.w. Corporate	51	47	-5
o.w. Retail	2	1	-1
Allowance for ECL Stages 1 & 2	82	82	0
o.w. Corporate	82	82	0
o.w. Retail	0	0	0
Credit-impaired loans/Gross loans	4.0%	3.3%	-0.7%
o.w. Corporate	3.9%	3.2%	-0.7%
o.w. Retail	20.4%	16.6%	-3.8%
Net credit-impaired loans/Gross loans	1.9%	1.2%	-0.7%
o.w. Corporate	1.9%	1.2%	-0.7%
o.w. Retail	7.3%	6.0%	-1.2%
Credit-impaired loans coverage	52.2%	64.0%	11.8%
o.w. Corporate	51.8%	64.0%	12.2%
o.w. Retail	64.4%	63.8%	-0.6%
Allowance for ECL Stages 1 & 2/Net loans	3.4%	3.8%	0.4%
o.w. Corporate	3.4%	3.8%	0.4%
o.w. Retail	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

(*) As per IFRS 9.

Stage 2 exposure dropped by USD 50 million mainly coming from Odea Bank as a result of settlement/conversion of stage 2 loans denominated in foreign currencies and the devaluation of the TRY versus the USD over the period. Stage 2 exposure still represents 16% of gross loans as at end-June 2023 (same as at end-December 2022).

Credit-impaired loans of entities operating outside Lebanon decreased by USD 27 million and continued its decreasing trend driven by collection efforts and the effect of devaluation on Odea Bank's Stage 3 loans portfolio which is all denominated in Turkish Lira.

3.2. Funding Sources

Funding sources of Bank Audi sal continue to be predominantly driven by private customers' deposits. As at end-June 2023, consolidated deposits represented 85.1% of total funding sources compared to 72% as at end-December 2022, with the structural shift reflecting predominantly the FX impact following the adoption of the new official exchange rate in 2023. This was compensated by a decrease in the share of shareholders' equity in total funding from 14.9% as at end-December 2022 to 6.2% as at end-June 2023. Banks' deposits, subordinated debt and other liabilities had shares in total funding of 2.2%, 3.0% and 3.3% as at end-June 2023, compared to 8%, 2.0% and 2.8% as at end-December 2022.

The following table sets out the distribution of the Bank's sources of funding as at the dates indicated:

Breakdown of Funding Sources

(USD Million)	Dec-22	Jun-23	Change in Volume	Change in %
Central Bank's deposits	1,814	174	-1,640	-90%
Time deposit	*1,633*	*174*	*-1,459*	*-89%*
Repurchase agreements	*181*	*-*	*-181*	*-100%*
Banks' deposits	420	224	-196	-47%
Sight deposits	*103*	*59*	*-44*	*-43%*
Time deposits	*284*	*165*	*-119*	*-42%*
Repurchase agreements	*33*	*0*	*-33*	*-100%*
Customers' and related parties' deposits	19,381	15,291	-4,090	-21%
Sight deposits	*10,247*	*8,080*	*-2,167*	*-21%*
Time deposits, saving accounts and certificates of deposit	*8,570*	*7,025*	*-1,545*	*-18%*
Collateral and margins	*564*	*187*	*-377*	*-67%*
Subordinated loans	546	547	1	0%
Other liabilities	748	613	-135	-18%
Shareholders' equity	4,017	1,122	-2,895	-72%
Total	26,926	17,971	-8,955	-33.3%

Changes in Customers' Deposits

Consolidated deposits moved from USD 19.4 billion as at end-December 2022 to USD 15.3 billion, i.e. decreasing by USD 4.1 billion of which USD 3.2 billion of FX effect attributable to the adoption of the new official exchange rate in February 2023. By entity, customers' deposits of entities operating abroad decreased by USD 656 million, of which USD 462 million accounted by Odea bank representing a negative FX impact of USD 470 million within a slight real increase of USD 7 million. Customers' deposits of Banque Audi (Suisse) has dropped in parallel by USD 184 million, mostly following the transfer of those deposits into fiduciary deposits (AuM) to benefit from the surge of reference rates globally. Customers' deposits of Lebanese entities contracted by USD 3.4 billion, representing a negative FX effect tied to the devaluation of the LBP official exchange rate of USD 3.2 billion, a real contraction of deposits denominated in foreign currencies by USD 297 million within a real increase in deposits denominated in LBP by USD 105 million.

Customers' deposits of Lebanese entities stood at USD 11.1 billion as at end-June 2023, of which USD 468 million denominated in LBP and USD 10.6 billion in foreign currencies including USD 10.2 billion of restricted deposits in foreign currencies. Customers' deposits of Odea Bank reached USD 2.2 billion as at end-June 2023, while deposits of Private banking entities and other entities aggregated each to USD 1 billion.

Subsequently, Lebanese entities account for a share of 72.5% in consolidated customers' deposits as at end-June 2023, followed by a contribution of 14.3% for Odea Bank and 6.5% from Private Banking entities and 6.8% from other entities. This is compared to 74.9%, 13.6%, 6.1% and 5.4% respectively as at end-December 2022.

Analysis of Customers' Deposits by Business Segment

The share of Retail and Personal Banking deposits in consolidated deposits rose to 89.3% as at end-June 2023 compared to 86.1% as at end-December 2022. Retail and Personal Banking deposits reached USD 13.6 billion as at end-June 2023 compared to USD 16.7 billion as at end-December 2022, decreasing by USD 3 billion over the period.

In parallel, the share of Corporate and SME deposits in consolidated deposits moved from 13.9% as at end-December 2022, to 10.7% as at end-June 2023. This is driven by a decrease of Corporate and SME deposits from USD 2.7 billion at end-December 2022 to stand at USD 1.6 billion as at end-June 2023.

Analysis of Customers' Deposits by Type

As at end-June 2023, the evolution of consolidated customers' deposits by type continues to favour sight deposits. This evolution underscores the low confidence level of depositors in Lebanon amid persisting high uncertainties and the extremely low cost of deposits that has compelled some of those depositors to keep their savings in sight deposits awaiting a resolution of the current financial crisis.

In absolute terms, sight and short-term deposits moved from USD 10.8 billion as at end-December 2022 to USD 8.3 billion as at end-June 2023, decreasing by USD 2.5 billion, an evolution principally justified by the negative FX effect of the adoption of the new official exchange rate in Lebanon. They represented 54.1% of total consolidated deposits as at end-June 2023 compared to 55.8% as at end-December 2022.

In parallel, time deposits that include saving deposits and certificates of deposit decreased by USD 1.5 billion over the same period, from USD 8.6 billion as at end-December 2022 to USD 7.0 billion as at end-June 2023, representing 45.9% of total deposits as at end-June 2023 compared to 44.2% as at end-December 2022.

Analysis of Customers' Deposits by Currency

The following table sets out the distribution of the Bank's consolidated customers' deposits by currency as at the dates indicated:

Breakdown of Deposits by Currency

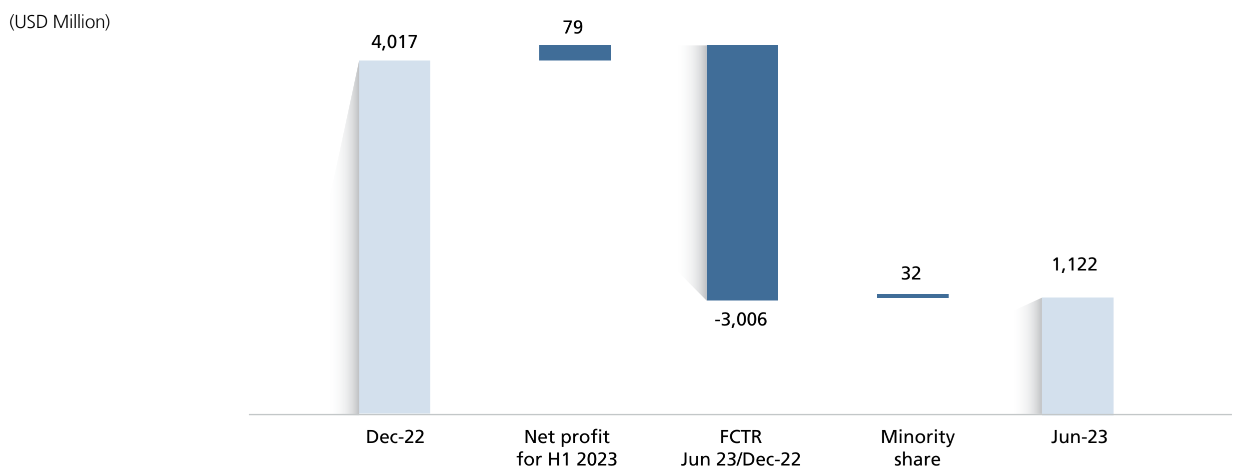
	Dec-22		Jun-23		Change Jun-23/Dec-22	
(USD Million)	Volume	Share in Total	Volume	Share in Total	Volume	Share in Total
Lebanese Pound	3,605	18.6%	468	3.1%	-3,138	-15.5%
US Dollars	12,172	62.8%	11,579	75.7%	-593	12.9%
Turkish Lira	1,669	8.6%	1,349	8.8%	-320	0.2%
Euro	1,447	7.5%	1,365	8.9%	-83	1.5%
Other currencies	488	2.5%	531	3.5%	43	1.0%
Total	19,381	100.0%	15,291	100.0%	-4,090	

Owing to the adoption of the new official rate in Lebanon in February 2023, the share of deposits denominated in LBP in consolidated customers' deposits dropped from 18.6% as at end-December 2022 to 3.1% as at end-June 2023. In parallel, the share of customers' deposits denominated in US Dollars in the total increased from 62.8% as at end-December 2022 to 75.7% as at end-June 2023, and continued to comprise the bulk of consolidated deposits. The share of deposits denominated in Turkish Lira remained mostly stable, standing at 8.8% as at end-June 2023 while the share of deposits denominated in Euro in total deposits increased by 1.5% to stand at 8.9% of the total deposits.

Changes in Shareholders' Equity

In the first half of 2023, consolidated shareholders' equity of Bank Audi contracted by USD 2.9 billion, from USD 4.0 billion as at end-December 2022 to stand at USD 1.1 billion as at end-June 2023. The said decrease reflects primarily the pervasive impact of the devaluation of the LBP versus the USD following the adoption by the Central Bank of Lebanon, early February 2023, of the new official exchange rate, underscoring a devaluation by 10 times relative to the old rate. This effect is even more exacerbated by the non-monetary nature of shareholders' equity, i.e. its value in LBP does not change with the devaluation of the LBP. Following the devaluation, the Bank realized one-offs positive gains impacting shareholders' equity and amounting to circa USD 185 million stemming essentially from the net long effective position related to the net asset value of foreign subsidiaries. However, as stated earlier, BdL issued Intermediate Circular 676 requesting Banks to reclassify this amount to other liabilities, which constitute a departure from international accounting standards. As at end-June 2023, consolidated equity represented 6.2% of consolidated assets compared to 14.9% as at end-December 2022.

Evolution of Shareholders' Equity in the First Half of 2023



Capital Adequacy

The following table sets out the calculation of the Bank's capital adequacy ratios over the different components as at end-June 2023 relative to end-December 2022:

Capital Adequacy Ratio

(USD Million)	Dec-22	Jun-23	Change Jun-23/Dec-22
Risk-weighted assets	23,909	**16,769**	**-7,140**
o.w. Credit risk	23,186	16,384	-6,802
o.w. Market risk	386	315	-71
o.w. Operational risk	336	70	-266
Tier 1 capital	2,118	894	-1,224
o.w. Common Tier 1	1,512	*833*	-679
Tier 2 capital	227	182	-45
Total regulatory capital	2,345	1,075	-1,270
Common Tier 1 ratio	6.33%	4.97%	-1.36%
+ Additional Tier 1 ratio	2.53%	0.36%	-2.17%
= Tier 1 ratio	8.86%	5.33%	**-3.53%**
Tier 2 ratio	0.95%	1.08%	0.13%
Total ratio	9.81%	**6.41%**	**-3.40%**
Minimum capital requirements[*]			
Common Tier 1 ratio	5.25%	**6.00%**	
+ Additional Tier 1 ratio	1.50%	1.50%	
= Tier 1 ratio	6.75%	**7.50%**	
Tier 2 ratio	2.00%	2.00%	
Total Capital ratio	8.75%	**9.50%**	

[*] BdL IC 567 allowed banks exceptionally during 2020 and 2021 to draw down the 2.5% capital conservation buffer on condition of rebuilding it progressively starting 2022 by 0.75% each year, to reach the minimum required level of 2.5% by the end of 2024.

In parallel with the aforementioned decrease in consolidated shareholders' equity observed in the first half of 2023, regulatory capital decreased by USD 1.3 billion, moving from USD 2.3 billion as at end-December 2022 to USD 1.1 billion as at end-June 2023, corresponding to a contraction by 54%.

The change in the official exchange rate also negatively affected consolidated risk weighted assets which moved from USD 23.9 billion as at end-December 2022 to stand at USD 16.8 billion as at end-June 2023, corresponding to a decrease by 30%. Owing to a faster contraction in consolidated assets (-33%), risk-weighted assets' density (calculated by dividing risk-weighted assets over assets) increased from 88.8% as at end-December 2022 to 93.3% as at end-June 2023.

Subsequently, the change of the official exchange rate had a significant impact on the Group's consolidated capital adequacy ratio mostly at the level of additional Tier one capital. CET1 registered a decrease of 44.9% in absolute terms in the first half of 2023. However, the fact that the FCY component of CET1 capital exceeded the total CET1 capital reaching USD 1.1 billion within USD 16.2 billion of consolidated risk weighted assets in foreign currencies offer an implicit hedge to CET1 ratio against further potential devaluation. Notwithstanding, the treatment of Additional Tier One instruments as non-monetary assets translates, despite the 30% contraction in consolidated risk weighted assets, in a drop in their contribution to total capital adequacy ratio, from 2.53% as at end-December 2022 to 0.36% as at end-June 2023.

On the other hand, given the nature of the components of Tier 2 capital (Stage 1 ECL, decaying subdebt in foreign currencies, FVTOCI gains etc..) unrelated to CET1, its contribution to capital ratio have benefitted from the drop in consolidated risk weighted assets moving from 0.95% as at end-December 2022 to 1.08% as at end-June 2023.

As at end-June 2023, consolidated CET1 ratio stood at 5.0% while consolidated Tier 1 ratio reached 5.3% and consolidated capital adequacy ratio 6.4%, compared to the regulatory minimum of 6.0%, 7.5% and 9.5% applicable at end-2023 (including a capital conservation buffer of 1.5%).

At the date of preparation of this report, Management continues to assess the consequences and measures that might be necessary from the application of the aforementioned latest regulatory changes of its capital needs, within a potential revaluation of Lands and Buildings from the formerly adopted Sayrafa rate of LBP 38,000 per USD to the current rate of LBP 86,000 per USD. In doing so, Management is also taking into account the BCC requirement dated July 2023, to adjust operational risk capital charge by re-computing capital ratios based on the new official exchange rate of LBP15,000 per 1 USD for the foreign currency components of operating income for the years 2020 to 2022, thus resulting in an increase of RWA by USD 1,023 million (+6% increase vs total RWA base figures). Discussions with the regulatory bodies are still on going to reach a defined understanding of the requirements.

3.3. Group Results of Operations

In the first half of 2023, Bank Audi reported consolidated net profits of LBP 1 trillion, corresponding to USD 79 million when translated at the compounded average exchange rate of LBP 12,751.25 per 1 USD over the same period. A breakdown by entity shows a contribution of Lebanese entities by USD 10.8 million within a contribution of entities operating abroad by USD 69 million. This is compared to USD 483 million of net profits realized in the first half of 2022, broken down over a contribution of USD 431 million for Lebanese entities and USD 52 million for entities operating abroad.

Efforts put forth for the improvement of the contribution of foreign entities to consolidated net profits have then been fruitful. Despite a significant negative FX translation effect, the contribution of Odea Bank to consolidated net profits increased from USD 17.4 million in the first half of 2022 to USD 53.4 million in the first half of 2023. In parallel, Private Banking reported net profits of USD 7.6 million compared to USD 6.7 million of net normalised profits in the first half of 2022 net of the effect of the one-off release of provision on RoL instruments sold, while other entities (France and Qatar) contributed to USD 8.9 million of net profits in the first half of 2023 compared to USD 3.3 million last year.

A detailed analysis of the performance of Bank Audi Lebanon, by currency (LBP, Local dollars and 'fresh") while excluding any income generated from BdL or sovereign instruments, and translated at the prevailing market rate of exchange for the Lebanese Pounds versus USD shows that the Bank is able to generate positive core profits from its operations despite the quasi absence of traditional banking activity. Management looks to improve this core profitability via the introduction of new loan and deposit products and the implementation of strict cost efficiency measures.

The one-offs flows amounted to a negative USD 80.7 million in the first half of 2023, representing predominantly provisions booked on RoL. In the first half of 2022, one-off costs amounted to a positive USD 11.2 million and encompassed mostly a provision no more required following the sale of RoL instrument at the level of Private Banking entities offset by losses realized on the sale of those instruments as well as the allocation to free provision at the level of Odea Bank.

The following table sets out an overview of the Bank' consolidated financial results in the first half of 2023 relative to the corresponding period of 2022:

Summarised Normalised Consolidated Income Statement

(USD Million)	H1-22	H1-23	YoY HI-23/HI-22	
Interest income[1]	629	258	-371	-58.9%
Net of new taxes on financial investments	*-110*	*-16*	*94*	*-85.6%*
Non-interest income	165	105	-60	-36.4%
Total income	**794**	**363**	**-431**	**-54.2%**
Operating expenses	298	174	-124	-41.8%
Credit expense	15	8	-7	46.3%
Income tax	9	22	13	134.2%
Total expenses	**322**	**203**	**-119**	**-37.0%**
Net profits after tax (normalised from operations)	**472**	**160**	**-312**	**-66.1%**
+ Crisis-related one-offs	11	-81	-92	-
= Net profit (loss) after tax and one-offs	**483**	**79**	**-404**	**-83.6%**

(1) Includes interest revenues from financial assets at FVTPL.

In what follows, we analyse the line-by-line flows of net profits in the first half of 2023 on normalised basis relative to the corresponding period of last year.

Net Interest Income

Consolidated net interest income net of taxes, translated at the prevailing average exchange rate for the period, amounted to USD 258 million in the first half of 2023, compared to USD 629 million in the corresponding period of 2022, representing a decrease by USD 371 million.

This decrease in consolidated net interest income stems principally from entities operating in Lebanon registering a net interest income of USD 152 million in the first half of 2023 relative to USD 548 million in the corresponding period of last year. The drastic decrease reflects predominantly the negative impact of the translation of LBP versus USD in addition to the diminished interest earning activity, stemming from the comprehensive deleveraging of the loan portfolio, maturing and the liquidation of high yielding placements in Lebanese securities denominated in LBP (Treasury bills and placements at the Central Bank of Lebanon) to buy foreign currencies, as well as by the effect of regulatory interest rates cuts on placements with the Central Bank of Lebanon denominated in foreign currencies. On the other hand, the contribution of entities operating outside Lebanon to consolidated interest income reinforced moving from USD 81 million in the first half of 2022 to USD 106 million in the first half of 2023.

Subsequently, consolidated net spread deteriorated year-on-year by 2.3%, from 4.9% in the first half of 2022 to 2.6% in the first half of 2023. Spread in Lebanese entities moved from 5.9% in the first half of 2022 to 1.7% in the first half of 2023. In parallel, Odea Bank's spread improved from 3.6% in the first half of 2022 to 4.2% in the first half of 2023, driven by a significant reduction in the applied cost of deposits.

Non-interest Income

Normalised consolidated non-interest income moved from USD 165 million in the first half of 2022 to USD 105 million in the first half of 2023, reporting a decrease by USD 60 million, entirely accounted for by Lebanese entities as a fallout of the decreased banking activity system-wide. Management have attempted to devise to revive the traditional banking with the launch of the external accounts while increasing commissions perceived on transaction banking. Although the results have been encouraging however in relative terms the amounts are still quite limited to replace the foregone non interest income from traditional banking activity. Along those lines, the Bank considered a number of Digital Banking solutions supporting an optimization of the operating model at a much reduced cost and allowing to increase commission generation. Within that scope, the Bank is currently in the process of launching a "neo" bank scheme involving building an end-to-end digital bank with no branches on digital platforms, in line with global trends and international standards, to provide customers with more convenience, allowing them to benefit from services embedded in the digital customer journey. This direction has been supported by the fact that over the past 3 years, the Bank's operation in Lebanon has reduced by 80% and its income by 63% while its number of customers decreased by only 17%, implying a large clientele base that generates negligible income. Traditional banking services thru the branches would focus primarily on high and medium net worth customers, as well as corporate and commercial clients. The remaining customers, of which mass and millennials, would be migrated to this new operating model which offers a compelling banking proposition at low cost.

Non-interest income of entities operating abroad have increased across the period by USD 6 million, moving from USD 56 million in the first half of 2022 to USD 62 million in the first half of 2023, of which USD 37.7 million generated by Odea Bank (post negative translation impact of the TRY devaluation), USD 19.5 million from Private Banking entities and USD 4.8 million from other entities (mainly Bank Audi France and Bank Audi LLC (Qatar).

Non-interest income accounted for 1.04% of average assets as at end-June 2023 compared to 1.29% as at end-June 2022.

Total Operating Expenses

In the first half of 2023, the Bank's consolidated normalised total operating expenses reached USD174 million relative to USD 298 million in the first half of 2022, registering a decrease by USD 124 million, or 42%. The contribution of entities operating outside Lebanon moved from USD 69 million to USD 80 million, reflecting in large part the prevailing inflationary pressures in the countries of presence, partially offset by the devaluation of the TRY versus the USD. Notwithstanding, the USD 124 million decrease in consolidated expenses stems from Lebanese entities, reflecting the impact of the devaluation of the official exchange rate on the backdrop of the large share of LBP denominated operating expenses, totally offsetting the impact of the prevailing excessive inflation driven by the dollarization of commodities and the reliance for some services on the prices of the domestic oil grid.

In "fresh" dollar terms at the prevailing market rates, with no differentiation between costs paid in LBP, "local" USD and "fresh" USD, general operating expenses of Bank Audi Lebanon moved from USD 21 million in the first half of 2022 to USD 25 million in the first half of 2023, of which USD 11 million in staff expenses, USD 12 million of other operating expenses and USD 1 million of depreciation.

Management of Bank Audi Lebanon will continued to enforce a rigorous cost control policy encompassing a continued freeze on recruitment except for critical needs, with an objective of rightsizing its branch network and human capital with respect to the current level of business activity. This rigorous cost optimization policy will go hand in hand with the launch of the new neo bank scheme involving building an end-to-end digital bank with no branches on digital platforms. Taking into consideration the significantly depressed wages level applied, lying at the bottom of the benchmark scale which levels Management is conscious are not sustainable to retain talented staff, cost saving will hence be generated from reduction of the branch-network size whereby branches are replaced by digital outlets, and the subsequent implicit redundancy of excess staff.

Components of ROAA and ROAE

What follows is an analysis of the profitability ratio at consolidated level based on normalised profits. As at end-June 2023, Bank Audi's normalised return on average assets stood at 1.6% compared to 3.7% in the corresponding period of last year.

The table below sets a breakdown of key performance indicators over the same period:

Key Performance Metrics(*)

	H1-22	H1-23	Change
Spread	4.88%	2.55%	-2.33%
+ Non-interest income/AA	1.28%	1.04%	-0.24%
= Asset utilisation	6.16%	3.60%	-2.56%
X Net operating margin	59.41%	44.08%	-15.33%
o.w. Cost to income	*37.55%*	*47.76%*	*-10.21%*
o.w. Provisons	*1.88%*	*2.21%*	*0.33%*
o.w. Tax cost	*1.16%*	*5.95%*	*4.79%*
= ROAA	3.66%	1.58%	-2.08%
X Leverage	13.65	10.23	-3.42
= ROAE	49.95%	16.22%	-33.73%
ROACE	73.20%	18.89%	-54.31%

(*) Based on normalised consolidated income statement.

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Interim Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements (Unaudited)

Report on review of interim condensed consolidated financial statements to the Board of Directors of Bank Audi sal
Interim condensed consolidated income statement for the six-month periods ended 30 June 2023 and 30 June 2022
Interim condensed consolidated statement of comprehensive income for the six-month periods ended 30 June 2023 and 30 June 2022
Interim condensed consolidated statement of financial position as at 30 June 2023 and 31 December 2022
Interim condensed consolidated statement of changes in equity for the six-month periods ended 30 June 2023 and 30 June 2022
Notes to the interim condensed consolidated financial statements

Interim Condensed Consolidated Income Statement

For the six-month period ended 30 June 2023 (Unaudited)

	Notes	Unaudited for the Period from 1 January to 30 June 2023 LBP Million	Unaudited for the Period from 1 January to 30 June 2022 LBP Million
CONTINUING OPERATIONS			
Interest and similar income		5,419,259	1,299,853
Interest and similar expense		(2,166,283)	(358,073)
Net interest income		3,252,976	941,780
Fee and commission income		1,239,415	175,787
Fee and commission expense	4	(99,685)	(244,304)
Net fee and commission		1,139,730	(68,517)
Net trading gain	5	393,422	158,203
Net gain on derecognition of financial assets at amortised cost		93,092	40,082
Non-interest revenues from financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income		-	71
Gain from associates under equity method		12,681	-
Other operating income		298,013	12,428
Total operating income		5,189,914	1,084,047
Net (impairment loss) recovery on financial assets	6	(1,564,607)	217,872
Net operating income		3,625,307	1,301,919
Personnel expenses		(1,211,026)	(250,880)
Other operating expenses		(936,795)	(270,056)
Depreciation of property and equipment and right-of-use assets		(153,768)	(19,872)
Amortisation of intangible assets		(35,604)	(8,310)
Total operating expenses		(2,337,193)	(549,118)
Operating profit		1,288,114	752,801
Net gain (loss) on disposal of fixed assets		330	(247)
Profit before tax from continuing operations		1,288,444	752,554
Income tax		(275,795)	(24,777)
Profit for the period from continuing operations		1,012,649	727,777
DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS			
Profit for the period from discontinued operations, net of tax		-	-
Profit for the period		1,012,649	727,777
Attributable to:			
Equity holders of the parent		852,055	719,462
Profit for the period from continuing operations		852,055	719,462
Profit for the period from discontinued operations		-	-
Non-controlling interests		160,594	8,315
Profit for the period from continuing operations		160,594	8,315
Profit for the period from discontinued operations		-	-
		1,012,649	727,777
Earnings per share:			
		LBP	LBP
Basic and diluted earnings per share		1,451	1,225
Basic and diluted earnings per share from continuing operations		1,451	1,225

Interim Condensed Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income

For the six-month period ended 30 June 2023 (Unaudited)

	Notes	Unaudited for the Period from 1 January to 30 June 2023 LBP Million	Unaudited for the Period from 1 January to 30 June 2022 LBP Million
Profit for the period from continuing operations		1,012,649	727,777
Other comprehensive income (loss) that will be reclassified to the income statement in subsequent periods from continuing operations			
Foreign currency translation			
Exchange differences on translation of foreign operations		3,063,420	(110,807)
Net foreign currency translation		3,063,420	(110,807)
Cash flow hedge			
Net hedging (loss) gain arising during the period		(2,836)	1,861
Tax effects		598	(292)
Net change in cash flow hedge		(2,238)	1,569
Debt instruments at fair value through other comprehensive income			
Net unrealised (loss) gain		(621,395)	93,549
Tax effects		156,308	(25,113)
Net (loss) gain on debt instruments at fair value through other comprehensive income		(465,087)	68,436
Total other comprehensive income (loss) that will be reclassified to the income statement in subsequent periods from continuing operations		2,596,095	(40,802)
Other comprehensive income (loss) that will not be reclassified to the income statement in subsequent periods from continuing operations			
Gain (loss) resulting from exchange of foreign currencies		-	(1,026,731)
Revaluation on land and buildings			
Tax effects		223	-
Net revaluation of lands and building		223	-
Equity instruments at fair value through other comprehensive income			
Net unrealised gain (loss)		438,351	(1,042)
Tax effects		(73,158)	(29)
Net unrealised loss on equity instruments at fair value through other comprehensive income		365,193	(1,071)
Revaluation of subsidiaries		6,801,516	-
Total other comprehensive income (loss) that will not be reclassified to the income statement in subsequent periods from continuing operations		7,166,932	(1,027,802)
Total comprehensive income (loss) for the period from continuing operations, net of tax		9,763,027	(1,068,604)
Total comprehensive income (loss) for the period, net of tax		10,775,676	(340,827)
Attributable to:			
Equity holders of the parent		10,139,345	(345,867)
Non-controlling interests		636,331	5,040
		10,775,676	(340,827)

Interim Condensed Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

As at 30 June 2023 (Unaudited)

	Notes	Unaudited 30 June 2023 LBP Million	Audited 31 December 2022 LBP Million
ASSETS			
Cash and balances with central banks		131,777,475	14,304,554
Due from banks and financial institutions		27,849,571	3,016,766
Loans to banks and financial institutions and reverse repurchase agreements		2,241,836	216,397
Derivative financial instruments	7	425,497	119,143
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	8	2,456,765	256,745
Loans and advances to customers at amortised cost	9	36,610,724	5,871,120
Loans and advances to related parties at amortised cost		594,082	64,475
Debtors by acceptances		275,954	7,055
Financial assets at amortised cost	10	47,253,827	7,055,456
Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income	11	7,433,563	1,031,841
Investments in associates		153,509	14,359
Property and equipment and right-of-use assets		8,349,634	7,646,768
Intangible assets		279,883	60,777
Assets obtained in settlement of debt		573,117	163,400
Other assets	12	2,109,772	662,458
Deferred tax assets		755,636	57,195
Goodwill		422,204	42,442
TOTAL ASSETS		269,563,049	40,590,951
LIABILITIES			
Due to central banks	13	2,607,843	2,733,967
Due to banks and financial institutions		3,364,693	583,485
Due to banks under repurchase agreements		787	49,799
Derivative financial instruments	7	714,672	54,560
Customers' deposits	14	228,325,010	29,100,938
Deposits from related parties		1,041,177	116,350
Debt issued and other borrowed funds	15	8,206,923	823,443
Engagements by acceptances		275,954	7,055
Other liabilities	16	5,808,257	405,821
Current tax liabilities		372,423	28,996
Deferred tax liabilities		190,183	100,297
Provisions for risks and charges	17	1,826,891	530,898
TOTAL LIABILITIES		252,734,813	34,535,609
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY – GROUP SHARE			
Share capital – common shares		982,859	982,859
Share capital – preferred shares		10,020	10,020
Issue premium – common shares		902,290	902,290
Issue premium – preferred shares		894,480	894,480
Cash contribution to capital		72,586	72,586
Non-distributable reserves		2,535,234	2,529,255
Distributable reserves		35,995	35,995
Treasury shares		(6,945)	(9,537)
Retained earnings – Accumulated losses		1,919,927	(4,193,502)
Other components of equity	18	7,896,579	5,408,056
Result of the period		852,055	(673,985)
		16,095,080	5,958,517
NON-CONTROLLING INTERESTS		733,156	96,825
TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY		16,828,236	6,055,342
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY		269,563,049	40,590,951

Interim Condensed Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity

For the six-month period ended 30 June 2023 (Unaudited)

	Attributable to the Equity Holders of the Group													
	Share Capital - Common Shares	Share Capital - Preferred Shares	Issue Premium - Common Shares	Issue Premium - Preferred Shares	Cash Contribution to Capital	Non-distributable Reserves	Distributable Reserves	Treasury Shares	Retained Earnings-Accumulated Losses	Other Components of Equity	Result of the Period	Total	Non-controlling Interests	Total Shareholders' Equity
	LBP Million	LBP Million	LBP Million	LBP Million	LBP Million	LBP Million	LBP Million	LBP Million	LBP Million	LBP Million	LBP Million	LBP Million	LBP Million	LBP Million
Balance at 1 January 2023	**982,859**	**10,020**	**902,290**	**894,480**	**72,586**	**2,529,255**	**35,995**	**(9,537)**	**(4,193,502)**	**5,408,056**	**(673,985)**	**5,958,517**	**96,825**	**6,055,342**
Net gain for the period	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	852,055	852,055	160,594	1,012,649
Other comprehensive income	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,801,516	2,485,774	-	9,287,290	475,737	9,763,027
Total comprehensive income	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	**6,801,516**	**2,485,774**	**852,055**	**10,139,345**	**636,331**	**10,775,676**
Appropriation of 2022 profits	-	-	-	-	-	5,979	-	-	(679,964)	-	673,985	-	-	-
Treasury share transactions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1,000)	(705)	-	-	(1,705)	-	(1,705)
Transfer between reserves	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,592	(6,341)	2,749	-	-	-	-
Other movements	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1,077)	-	-	(1,077)	-	(1,077)
Balance at 30 June 2023	**982,859**	**10,020**	**902,290**	**894,480**	**72,586**	**2,535,234**	**35,995**	**(6,945)**	**1,919,927**	**7,896,579**	**852,055**	**16,095,080**	**733,156**	**16,828,676**
Balance at 1 January 2022	982,859	10,020	902,290	894,480	72,586	1,869,717	496,533	(9,190)	(90,155)	(1,181,287)	(285,751)	3,662,102	94,091	3,756,193
Adjustment related to prior years (Note 2.5.)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1,395,086)	-	-	(1,395,086)	-	(1,395,086)
Adjusted balance at 1 January 2022	982,859	10,020	902,290	894,480	72,586	1,869,717	496,533	(9,190)	(1,485,241)	(1,181,287)	(285,751)	2,267,016	94,091	2,361,107
Net loss for the period	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	719,462	719,462	8,315	727,777
Other comprehensive loss	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1,026,731)	(38,598)	-	(1,065,329)	(3,275)	(1,068,604)
Total comprehensive loss	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1,026,731)	(38,598)	719,462	(345,867)	5,040	(340,827)
Appropriation of 2021 profits	-	-	-	-	-	2,036	-	-	(287,787)	-	285,751	-	-	-
Transfer between reserves	-	-	-	-	-	644,677	(460,538)	-	(184,033)	(106)	-	-	-	-
Other movements	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,376	-	-	1,376	-	1,376
Balance at 30 June 2022	982,859	10,020	902,290	894,480	72,586	2,516,430	35,995	(9,190)	(2,982,416)	(1,219,991)	719,462	1,922,525	99,131	2,021,656

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1.0. Corporate Information

Bank Audi sal (the Bank) is a Lebanese joint stock company registered since 1962 in Lebanon under No. 11347 at the Register of Commerce and under No. 56 on the banks' list at the Central Bank of Lebanon. The Bank's head office is located in Bank Audi Plaza, Omar Daouk Street, Beirut, Lebanon. The Bank's shares are listed on the Beirut Stock Exchange. Effective 6 November 2020, the global depository receipts were delisted from the London SEAQ.

The Bank, together with its subsidiaries (collectively "the Group"), provides a full range of Retail, Commercial, Investment and Private Banking activities through its headquarters as well as its branches in Lebanon, and its presence in Europe, the Middle East.

The interim condensed consolidated financial statements were authorised for issue in accordance with the Board of Directors' resolution on 1 September 2023.

1.1. Macroeconomic Environment

The Group's operations are mostly in Lebanon that has been witnessing, since 17 October 2019, severe events that have set off an interconnected fiscal, monetary and economic crisis, as well as deep recession that have reached unprecedented levels. Sovereign credit ratings have witnessed a series of downgrades by all major rating agencies and reached the level of default when, on 7 March 2020, the Lebanese Republic announced that it will withhold payment on the bonds due on 9 March 2020, which was followed by another announcement on 23 March 2020 for the discontinuation of payments on all of its US Dollar-denominated Eurobonds.

Throughout this sequence of events, the ability of the Lebanese government and the banking sector in Lebanon to borrow funds from international markets was significantly affected. Banks have imposed de-facto capital controls, restricted transfers of foreign currencies outside Lebanon, significantly reduced credit lines to companies and withdrawals of cash to private depositors, all of which added to the disruption of the country's economic activity, as the economic model of Lebanon relies mainly on imports and consumption. Businesses are downsizing, closing or going bankrupt, and unemployment and poverty are rising fast and have reached unprecedented levels.

The difficulty in accessing foreign currencies led to the emergence of a parallel market to the peg whereby the price to access foreign currencies has been increasing constantly, deviating significantly from the peg of LBP 1,507.5 to the US Dollar. This has resulted in an uncontrolled rise in prices and the incessant de facto depreciation of the Lebanese Pound, impacting intensely the purchasing power of Lebanese citizens, driving a currency crisis, high inflation and rise in the consumer price index.

During 2020, in an attempt to control the high rise in prices and to compensate for the loss in the Lebanese people's purchasing power, the Central Bank of Lebanon, through several circulars, introduced the following measures:

(a) Subsidised imports of essential goods (fuel oil, medicine and wheat) by providing foreign currencies for these imports at the rate of 1,507.5 USD/LBP (the official exchange rate). During 2021, this subsidy was lifted.

(b) Introduced the BdLBasic Circular 151 rate, to be used only in specific circumstances.

(c) Subsidised imports of Tier 2 food basket products (e.g. coffee, tea, canned food, imported meat) by providing foreign currencies for these imports at the Platform Rate. During 2021, this subsidy was lifted.

(d) Introduced exceptional measures for bank depositors to withdraw small amounts of cash in LBP from their "local" foreign currency bank accounts at the Platform Rate, but up to limits set by the Bank.

During May 2021, the Central Bank of Lebanon introduced the framework of exceptional measures for foreign-currency operations. Hence, banks operating in Lebanon must process customers' FX operations (buy and sell) related to their personal or commercial needs on the electronic platform "Sayrafa". Transactions with customers encompass purchase and sale of foreign currencies banknotes against LBP, as well as operations from/to foreign currencies external accounts against LBP. Sayrafa corresponds to a floating system and the Sayrafa average rate and volume of foreign currency operations are published on the website of the Central Bank of Lebanon.

However, despite these efforts, inflation increased at an accelerating pace, eroding the real value of the local currency and "local" foreign currency bank accounts (subject to de-facto capital controls), and tossing Lebanon in hyperinflation and major economic collapse.

In mid-2021, BdL Basic Circular 158 was issued defining the mechanism for the gradual settlement of foreign currency deposits up to an amount of USD 50,000 based on several eligibility criteria. Eligible funds will be transferred to a subaccount and paid on a monthly basis of USD 400 (amended later on to USD 300 for all contracts signed with customers after 1 July 2023 following the issuance of BdL intermediate circular 674 on 5 July 2023) in cash or equivalent and an amount in LBP equivalent to USD 400 and converted at a rate of LBP 12,000 to the US Dollar (before amendment at a rate of LBP 15,000 to the US Dollar on 20 January 2023) that will be paid 50% in cash and 50% credited to a payment card. The Central Bank of Lebanon recently announced that as at 31 December 2022, 170,000 depositors have so far benefited from the application of this circular for a total amount of USD 1.2 billion. The LBP portion was later on removed with the issuance of Intermediate Circular 674 issued on 5 July 2023.

As a result of the de-facto capital controls, the multitude of exchange rates, the hyperinflation, and the potential repercussions of government reform measures on (i) the banks operating in Lebanon, and (ii) the Lebanese people's net worth, their local businesses and their local bank accounts, the Lebanese market saw the need to differentiate between onshore assets and offshore assets, foreign currency bank accounts that are subject to de-facto capital controls and those that are not subject to capital controls, onshore liabilities and offshore liabilities. Hence the new terms in the Lebanese market, such as "local Dollars" to designate local US Dollars bank accounts that are subject to de-facto capital controls, and "fresh funds/accounts" to designate foreign currency cash and foreign currency bank accounts which are free from capital controls (as they are sourced from foreign currency cash and/or from incoming transfers from abroad).

Lebanese Government's Financial Recovery Plan

A financial recovery plan was ratified by the Cabinet on 20 May 2022. The document was passed by the Cabinet in its final session hours before losing decision-making powers, following the election of a new parliament on 15 May.

Lebanon's government foresees cancelling "a large part" of the Central Bank's foreign currency obligations to commercial banks and dissolving non-viable banks by November, according to the Plan.

The latter includes several measures that are prerequisites to unlock funds from a preliminary deal with the International Monetary Fund agreed in April, that could help pull the country out of a three-year financial meltdown.

The endorsed plan foresees a full audit of the Central Bank's forex financial standing by July. Then, the government "will cancel, at the outset, a large part of the Central Bank's foreign currency obligations to banks in order to reduce the deficit in BdL's capital," the document said.

The largest 14 commercial banks, representing 83% of total assets, would also be audited. Viable banks would be recapitalised with "significant contributions" from banks' shareholders and large depositors.

The plan made no mention of a sovereign fund to manage state-owned assets but pledges to limit recourse to public assets, which had been a demand of Lebanon's commercial banks. The plan said it would protect small depositors "to the maximum extent possible" in each viable bank but did not lay out a minimum amount to be protected – unlike draft plans. Non-viable banks, however, would be dissolved by the end of November, it added. As of today, laws for the reinstatement of financial stability, for the resolution of banks and for capital controls are yet to be issued. The timeline for their issuance is affected by the presidential vacuum and political deadlock facing Lebanon. It also said the government would unify the official exchange rate, ending a system in which the government offered various exchange rates for different operations.

International Monetary Fund (IMF)

The Lebanese authorities and the IMF team have reached a staff-level agreement (SLA) on comprehensive economic policies that could be supported by a 46-month Extended Fund Arrangement (EFF) with requested access of SDR 2,173.9 million (equivalent to about USD 3 billion). This agreement is subject to approval by IMF Management and the Executive Board, after the timely implementation of all prior actions and confirmation of international partners' financial support.

Prior actions include the following measures prior the IMF Board's consideration:

- Cabinet approval of a bank restructuring strategy that recognises and addresses upfront the large losses in the sector, while protecting small depositors and limiting recourse to public resources.
- Parliament approval of an appropriate emergency bank resolution legislation which is needed to implement the bank restructuring strategy.
- Initiation of an externally assisted bank-by-bank evaluation for the 14 largest banks.
- Parliament approval of a reformed bank secrecy law to bring it in line with international standards.
- Completion of the special purpose audit of the BdL's foreign asset position.
- Cabinet approval of a medium-term fiscal and debt restructuring strategy.
- Parliament approval of the 2022 budget, to start regaining fiscal accountability.
- Unification by BdL of the exchange rates for authorised current account transactions.

As of date, the parliament approved the reformed bank secrecy law and the 2022 budget. While no much progress was achieved on other fronts, the IMF issued in May 2023, its 2023 Article IV Mission.

With respect to fiscal strategy, the IMF report says that a restructuring of Eurobonds together with an ambitious but feasible improvement in the primary balance should aim to reduce the debt-to-GDP ratio and the gross financing needs to sustainable levels. The tax base should be broadened to create space for higher social and reconstruction spending, while expenditure policy reforms should create a more efficient public administration. Strong international donor financing on concessional terms would be needed to support the authorities' efforts. Wide-raging SOEs reforms are needed to improve their governance, operational viability and limit fiscal risks, particularly, the energy sector to provide better and fairly priced services without draining public resources.

As to monetary policy, the IMF says that unification of the exchange rate and tight monetary policy are needed to rebuild credibility and improve the external position of the economy. Unification would remove harmful distortions, eliminate rent-seeking opportunities, reduce pressures on FX reserves, and pave the way for a market-determined exchange rate. The process should be accompanied by temporary capital controls to help guard the limited FX resources in the financial system needed to ensure an equitable solution for depositors. To help reduce inflation following unification, tight monetary policy would need to make use of all the available tools, and central bank financing to the government should be strictly prohibited. Foreign exchange interventions will need to be very limited and only for disorderly market conditions.

The IMF says upfront actions needed to address the exceptionally large financial sector losses that are due to systemic rather than individual crisis. While the precise formulation of measures should be decided by the authorities, the broader objectives should aim to restore banks profitability and solvency and ensure compliance with prudential requirements according to the Fund. These are essential for confidence in the banking system to return and for banks to be able to play their institutional role in safely intermediating resources in the economy. In this context, the roadmap ahead could include:

-Writing off capital, subordinated debt instruments, and related-party deposits.

-Internal recapitalization through a reduction of the overall deposits by a combination of: (i) write-offs; (ii) conversion into equity or long-term bonds in banks; and (iii) lirafication of deposits at non-market rates.

-Protection of small FX depositors up to a certain amount in viable banks that will undergo restructuring and recapitalization based on a forward-looking analysis of their business plans.

-Fresh capital from current and/or new shareholders for viable banks to recapitalize and restructure these banks under credible and time-bound plans for each bank.

-The exit of unviable banks (by liquidation or a merger with stronger banks).

Budget Draft Law 2023

Lebanon's caretaker government approved in mid-August the preliminary draft of the 2023 budget, which had been prepared by the Finance Ministry. Cabinet began examining the text on July 24. The text, which has now become a draft budget or finance law, organizes state expenditure and revenue for the current year.

The Government sent it to Parliament, where the parliamentary committees will first study it — and possibly amend it — before putting it to the plenary assembly's vote. The budget will come into force once it is published in the Official Gazette.

The projected deficit was revised upwards to 23.57 percent (of total public expenditure), compared with 18.79 percent in the preliminary draft, due to the increases in budgets of some ministries.

The Cabinet also announced that the caretaker cabinet is expected to begin examining next year's draft budget "at the end of August."

The process of voting on the 2023 budget should have been completed by January, the latest, but faced delays amid broader political deadlock in Lebanon.

Change in BdL Governorship

By end-July, the term of the BdL Governor ended without being replaced by a New Governor. Prerogatives went to the First Vice Governor Wassim Mansouri, supported by the three other Vice Governors.

In an effort to address the economic crisis in Lebanon, BdL four Vice Governors have submitted a comprehensive and constructive financial plan to the Administration and Justice Committee of the Parliament. The plan focuses on revising the budget, implementing capital controls, restructuring banks, addressing the fiscal gap, protecting deposits, and enhancing cooperation between BdL, the Parliament, and the government to regulate the dollar market.

The preliminary comprehensive plan aims to correct the monetary policy and initiate the process of economic recovery. Its main objective is to float the exchange rate in a managed manner on an internationally recognized exchange platform, reflecting the true value of the Lebanese Pound. The plan is expected to be implemented over a six-month period while ensuring social stability and safeguarding the purchasing power of public sector employees and the most vulnerable segments of society.

The plan constitutes a high level plan to enable the correction of the monetary policy, and start the recovery process. Its major objective is to float the exchange rate in a "managed" manner on an internationally recognized exchange platform, so that it reflects the real value of the Lebanese Pound.

Maritime Border Demarcation Agreement

The maritime border demarcation agreement between Lebanon and Israel was finalised in October. The deal could enhance long-term economic prospects and improve the country's external position which is positive for Lebanon's credit profile, but implementation risks remain significant. International Rating Fitch disclosed that gas discoveries would generate important economic benefits for Lebanon, should the resources prove to be commercially viable. Moody's disclosed that the agreement is credit positive for Lebanon because it will help alleviate the country's chronic power deficit and kick-start an economic recovery. Such deals and initiatives are of a long term rather than imminent nature and the timing of the flow of economic benefit and positive development on Lebanon is uncertain.

Presidential Vacuum

The presidential term of President Michel Aoun has ended on 31 October 2022 without the election of a new President despite holding a number of electoral sessions that witness non-quorum in their second rounds. As such, Lebanon has entered a presidential vacuum since then, which has stalled cabinet formation, reforms and final IMF agreement.

It remains unclear how this will evolve, and the Bank continues to monitor the situation closely. Any and all such events mentioned above will add up to the already material adverse prospects on the Bank's business, financial condition, results of operations, prospects, liquidity and capital position.

1.2. Regulatory Environment

During 2020 and up to the date of authorisation of issue of these financial statements, the Central Bank of Lebanon has issued several circulars to address the situations, mainly:

- Basic Circular 150 issued on 9 April 2020 and exempting banks from placing mandatory reserves with the Central Bank of Lebanon in relation to funds transferred from abroad or cash deposits in foreign currency received after 9 April 2020, subject to preserving and guaranteeing the liberty of the depositors in determining the use of these funds and benefiting from all kinds of banking services (transfers abroad, international credit card limits, foreign currency cash withdrawals…).

- Basic Circular 151 issued on 21 April 2020 and concerning depositors who wish to withdraw amounts of cash from their foreign currencies accounts as per a specific rate up to limits set by the Bank. The exchange rate specified by the Central Bank of Lebanon in its transactions with banks will remain applicable to all other operations in US Dollar.

- Intermediate Circular 552 issued on 22 April 2020 (amending Basic Circular 23) and requesting banks to grant loans against the settlement of facilities and instalments due during the months of March, April, May and June for clients who are not able to pay their dues due to the current economic situation, as assessed by the Bank. The new loans are to be granted up to 5 years starting 30 June 2020 and on condition, among others, that these are granted to repay the above months' settlements or, if the client is an establishment or corporation, to pay the staff or the production and operational fees, with no commissions or fees and zero interest rate. The Central Bank of Lebanon will grant the banks loans with zero interest rate against the said loans.

- Intermediate Circular 567 issued on 26 August 2020 (amending Basic Circular 23, 44 and 78), which partly altered the directives for the determination of expected credit losses and regulatory capital calculation and ratios, previously set in its Intermediate Circular 543 issued on 3 February 2020. Loss rate applied for the calculation of regulatory expected credit losses on exposures to Lebanese sovereign bonds in foreign currencies was increased from 9.45% to 45%, (later on increased again to 75% by Intermediate Circular 649), while loss rates applied for the calculation of regulatory expected credit losses on exposures to Lebanese sovereign bonds in local currency, exposures to the Central Bank of Lebanon in foreign currencies and exposures to the Central Bank of Lebanon in local currency remained the same (0%, 1.89% and 0% respectively).

  - Allowing banks to constitute the expected credit losses on exposures to Lebanese sovereign and the Central Bank of Lebanon, progressively over a period of five years, noting that the Central Bank of Lebanon's Central Council may accept to extend the term to 10 years for banks that manage to complete the 20% cash contribution to capital requirement. Intermediate circular 649 issued on 24 November 2022 replaced the aforementioned five years and ten years deadline by the fixed dates of 31 December 2026 and 31 December 2029 respectively.

  - Allowing banks not to automatically downgrade loan classification or staging for borrowers that were negatively affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, showing past due and unpaid for the period from 1 February 2020 to 31 December 2020. These borrowers must be identified as either still operating on a going concern basis or not. In case the borrower is still operating as a going concern, the Bank may reschedule the loan. In exceptional cases when the borrower ceases to operate as a going concern following the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Bank must immediately downgrade the loan classification and staging to Stage 3 (default).

  - Requesting from banks to finalise the assessment of the future financial position of their customers by 31 December 2020, and to estimate expected credit losses based on this assessment and recognise the financial impact in the statement of income for the year ended 31 December 2020.

  - Prohibiting banks from distributing dividends on common shares for the years 2019 and 2020 (Years 2021, 2022 and 2023 were subsequently added by way of Intermediate Circulars 616, 659 and 676 respectively).

  - Requesting from banks to increase their own funds (equity) by an amount equal to 20% of their common equity Tier 1 capital as of 31 December 2018, through issuing new foreign currency capital instruments that meet the criteria for inclusion as regulatory capital, except retained earnings and gain from revaluation of fixed assets. The Central Bank of Lebanon's Central Council may exceptionally approve for a bank to complete 50% of the 20% required capital increase through the transfer of real estate properties from the shareholders to the concerned bank. However, these real estate properties must be liquidated in a period of 5 years following the operation.

  - Changing the treatment of revaluation of fixed assets reserve for regulatory capital calculation, to become allowed for inclusion as Common Equity Tier 1 (previously 50% of this reserve was allowed for inclusion as Tier 2), subject to approval of the Central Bank of Lebanon on the revaluation gain. However, on 20 January 2023, Intermediate Circular 659 capped the inclusion of revaluation of fixed assets at 50% under certain conditions while allowing the use of the prevailing Sayrafa rate at the end of each reporting period over 5 years. Besides, it widened the scope of revaluation to include participations and long-term loans to affiliated banks and financial institutions.

  - Banks must comply with the minimum capital adequacy ratios and are forbidden from distributing profits if these ratios drop below 7% for common equity Tier 1, 10% for Tier 1 and 12% for total capital. Banks must maintain a capital conservation buffer of 2.5%, comprised of Common Equity Tier 1.

    When the buffer is drawn down, banks are required to rebuild it. However, under exceptional circumstances, the buffer may be drawn down during 2020 and 2021, but must be rebuilt progressively starting 2022, by at least 0.75% each year, to reach the minimum required of 2.5% by end of 2024.

  - Preparing and presenting to the Central Bank of Lebanon a comprehensive plan for rectifying non-compliances with regulatory capital requirements and other regulations imposed by the Central Bank of Lebanon, taking into consideration all required provisions by the Banking Control Commission of Lebanon (BCCL), as well as other losses or provisions that the Bank expects to incur from all kinds of exposures to risks, and specifying the period of time needed to address the non-compliances.

- Exceptionally for the years 2020 and 2021, Allowances for Expected Credit Losses on Stage 1 and 2 exposures, excluding those relating to Lebanese sovereign and the Central Bank of Lebanon, may be included under regulatory Common Equity Tier 1. This treatment will be amortised over a period of 3 years (2022-2024 by 25% yearly).

• Basic Circular 154 issued on 27 August 2020 and aiming mainly at restoring the operations of banks in Lebanon to their normal levels as at before October 2019, and rectifying any non-compliance with regulatory ratios and banking regulations. The circular mainly introduced the following measures:

- Requesting banks to present a fair assessment of the value of their assets and liabilities for the purpose of putting in place the comprehensive plan referred to in Intermediate Circular 567 (refer to above), in order to be able, within a period limited in time, to comply with the regulatory and banking requirements, mainly those related to liquidity and solvency, and in order to restore the operations of the Bank to their normal levels as at before October 2019.

- Requesting banks to incite each customer who has transferred abroad, between 1 July 2017 and the date of the circular, more than USD 500,000 or their equivalent in other foreign currencies, to deposit in a 5-year term "special account" an amount equal to 15% to 30% (depending on the type of customer) of the transferred amount. Banks shall use this type of deposits to facilitate foreign operations that stimulate the national economy. This is also applicable for the banks' importing customers, based on opened letters of credits during any of the years 2017, 2018 and 2019, and without a minimum threshold.

- Requesting from banks to maintain a current account with a foreign correspondent bank offshore, free of any obligations (liquidity abroad). Such accounts shall be at no time less than 3% of the Bank's total foreign currency deposits as at 31 July 2020, by 28 February 2021. The requirement was later amended through Intermediate Circular 645 to consider foreign currency deposits as at 30 September 2022 as the basis for the computation instead of 31 July 2020, thus lowering liquidity required levels as customers' deposits decreased over the period.

- Requesting from banks, after taking consideration of their fair assessment of their financial position, to present a plan during the first quarter of 2021, to address recapitalisation needs, if any, to the Central Bank of Lebanon's Central Council, for its approval. Banks shall take the necessary legal and regulatory measures in order to facilitate the consensual possibility for their depositors to transfer their deposits to shares or bonds. Bank shares will be exclusively listed in Beirut. Banks can pay interest on the bonds that exceed current levels.

• Intermediate Circular 568 issued on 26 August 2020 (amending Basic Circular 81) and allowing the payments of retail loans denominated in US Dollar in Lebanese Pounds based on the official exchange rate of LBP 1,507.5 to the US Dollar subject to the following conditions:

- The client should be a Lebanese resident.
- The client should not have a bank account denominated in US Dollar.
- The housing loans granted to the client should not exceed USD 800,000 while the aggregate amount of retail loans should not exceed USD 100,000 per client.
- On 20 January 2023, Intermediate Circular 656 revoked the aforementioned provision effective 1 February 2023

• Intermediate Circular 575 issued on 5 November 2020 states that banks should book one third of the capital gains arising from the revaluation of fixed assets held in settlement of debt under Tier 2 capital based on the following binding conditions:

- The Central Bank of Lebanon's Central Council investigating and approving at the expense of the concerned bank the validity of the revaluation process.
- Raising the capital before 31 December 2021, as follows:
  • Add a maximum of one third of the revaluation gains under Tier 2 capital.
  • Increase Common Equity Tier 1 capital in cash by an amount at least equivalent to the amount of the revaluation gains booked under Tier 2 capital.

• Basic Circular 157 issued on 10 May 2021 and setting the framework of exceptional measures for foreign-currency operations. Hence, banks operating in Lebanon must process customers' FX operations (buy and sell) related to their personal or commercial needs on the electronic platform "Sayrafa". Transactions with customers encompass purchase and sale of foreign currencies banknotes against LBP, as well as operations from/to foreign currencies external accounts against LBP. Banks are required to properly document each transaction and should not collect commission margins between buy and sell operations exceeding 1%.

• Basic Circular 158 issued on 8 June 2021 and defining the mechanism for the gradual settlement of foreign currency deposits up to an amount equivalent to USD 50,000. To benefit from the provisions of the said circular, certain eligibility criteria must be met.

Eligible funds will be transferred to a subaccount over which banking secrecy will be lifted vis-à-vis BdL and BCC before being gradually withdrawn and remitted to the customer on a monthly basis. Customers' monthly entitlements are (i) an amount of USD 400 in cash or equivalent (transfer abroad, credited to a payment card with international usage, etc.) (amended later on to USD 300 for all BdL 158-based contracts signed with the customers after 1 July 2023 following the issuance of BdL intermediate circular 674 on 5 July 2023) and (ii) an amount in LBP equivalent to USD 400 and converted at a rate USD/LBP 12,000 (before amendment USD/LBP at 15,000 on 20 January 2023), noting that 50% of the amount will be paid in cash and 50% will be credited to a payment card. The portion in LBP was later on removed with the issuance of BdL Intermediate Circular 674.

The financing of the aforementioned process will be secured equally through (i) BdL reduction of compulsory reserves requirements from 15% to 14% as per BdL Intermediate Circular 586 and (ii) the Bank's offshore liquidity. To that end, the Bank can use its foreign liquidity subject computed as per BdL Basic Circular 154 requirements on the condition that it reconstitutes it by 31 December 2022, extended to 31 December 2023 by Intermediate Circular 626 issued on 21 June 2022.

• Basic Circular 159 issued on 17 August 2021 preventing banks from processing foreign currency funds received from customers whether in the form of cash or through offshore transfers at a value other than its face value, with the exception of transactions pertaining to the settlement of loans (which was subsequently removed by Intermediate Circular 671 issued on 20 June 2023). It also prevented banks from purchasing foreign currencies at parallel rate with the exception of the purchase foreign currencies duly recorded on the electronic platform and resulting from offshore incoming transfers with the purpose of (i) enhancing liquidity, (ii) engaging in medium or long term investments, (iii) settling international commitments. Finally, the circular prevented banks from purchasing bankers' checks and other bank accounts in foreign currencies, whether directly or indirectly.

• Intermediate Circular 600 (amending Basic Circular 73) issued on 3 November 2021 requires banks to record existing and future provisions for expected credit losses in the same currency as the related assets and off-balance sheet exposures. Banks are also required to set in place necessary measures to manage their FX position resulting from provisions recorded in foreign currencies.

• Intermediate Circular 601 issued on 8 December 2021 is an amendment to the provisions of Basic Circular 151. The circular stipulates that the Platform Rate to be applied for withdrawal cash from foreign currencies accounts is LBP 8,000 USD/LBP up to a maximum limit of USD 3,000 per month. On 20 January 2023, Intermediate Circular 657 amended the rate to be 15,000 instead of 8,000 while reducing the limit from USD 3,000 per month to USD 1,600 per month. On 5 July 2023, Intermediate Circular 673 removed the maximum conversion amount of USD 1,600 per month per customer. However, BdL maintained its commitment to buy from the Bank a maximum amount of USD 1,600 per month per customer.

• Basic Circular 161 issued on 16 December 2021 whereby the Central Bank of Lebanon will be providing banks with US Dollar up to the limits set for each bank, at the Sayrafa rate. In return, banks will provide the total amount to their customers at the same Sayrafa rate against LBP at limits set by the bank.

• Intermediate Circular 616 issued on 3 March 2022 prohibiting banks from distributing dividends to ordinary shareholders from results of financial years 2019, 2020 and 2021 (year 2022 and 2023 were added through Intermediate Circulars 659 and 676 respectively).

• Basic Circular 162 issued on 28 March 2022 requesting from banks to secure a level of liquidity sufficient to allow public sector employees to withdraw their monthly salaries and other compensations without setting any type of limits.

• Basic Circular 163 issued on 27 May 2022 defining the framework for the monitoring of the accounts of public officials, the performance of due diligence on their operations and the reporting to the Special Investigation Committee on the basis of founded suspicion.

• Intermediate Circular 637 issued on 27 July 2022 (amending Basic Circulars 65 and 78) requires banks selling real estate properties or participations acquired in accordance with the provisions of Article 153 or 154 of the CMC, only against fresh USD or its equivalent in LBP based on Sayrafa rate.

• Basic Circular 164 issued on 12 October 2022 and requesting banks to report to the Banking Control Commission on the cost of their monthly operating expenses that should be paid with fresh money, the resources for settling these expenses and how to ensure those resources.

• Intermediate Circular 648 issued on 1 November 2022 (amending Basic Circulars 14 and 67) reduced by 50% the interest rates served on foreign currencies placements with BdL and on Certificates of Deposits issued by BdL while continuing paying 50% of coupon payment in the instrument's currency and 50% in LBP at official rate (LBP 1,507.5 to the US Dollar until 31 January 2023 and LBP 15,000 to the US Dollar afterwards).

• Intermediate Circular 649 issued on 24 November 2022 (amending Basic Circulars 44 and 143) introduced a forbearance treatment in capital ratios computation by allowing the exclusion from Common Equity Tier 1 of a portion of losses incurred from FX purchases from BdL against LBP banknotes (66% and 33% respectively in 2022 and 2023)

• Intermediate Circular 659 issued on 20 January 2023 (amending Basic Circulars 32 and 44) states that banks should liquidate their short open FX positions, as at 31 December 2022, gradually, on a period of 5 years. In addition, for the capital ratios computation, it capped the inclusion of revaluation of fixed assets at 50% in Common Equity Tier 1 under certain conditions while allowing the use of the prevailing Sayrafa rate at the end of each reporting period over 5 years.

• Intermediate Circular 661 issued on 31 January 2023 (amending Basic Circulars 23, 152 and 159) states that the exchange rate for repayment of loans was increased to LBP 15,000 to the US Dollar.

• Intermediate Circular 664 issued on 28 March 2023 (amending Basic Circular 81) requires banks to comply with article 863 of the Civil Procedure Law, which does not allow blocking partially or in full the wages and retirement pensions of employees, workers and servants and the salaries of civil servants, for the settlement of retail loans in foreign currencies except according to the ceilings set in the mentioned article. Banks were requested to reschedule retail loans provided in foreign currencies so that the related monthly settlements don't do not exceed the ceilings of article 863 nor 35 % of the family income.

• Basic Circular 165 issued on 19 April 2023 and requesting banks to open new accounts at BdL in LBP and in USD specifically and exclusively for the "Cash Money" (i.e. money transferred from abroad and/or received as banknotes in foreign currencies after 17/11/2019 in addition to the money deposited or which will be deposited as banknotes in new accounts in LBP and which respect the conditions set in BdL basic circular 150 for "fresh money"). These new accounts will be used for the settlement, compensation and transfer operations through BdL National Payment System (BDL-NPS).

• Intermediate Circular 667 issued on 13 April 2023 (amending Basic Circular 69) enhancing the framework of "Electronic Banking and Financial Operations" by introducing mainly new detailed rules applicable to E-signature, E-KYC and data protection, along with the related authorization processes from regulatory bodies.

- Intermediate Circular 675 issued on 24 July 2023 (amending Basic Circular 32) amending the way open position is computed based on monetary vs non-monetary definition as per International Reporting Standards effective 30.06.2023. Banks not abiding by regulatory FX limits (net trading position <1% of equity, global trading position <40% of equity, etc.) were given until end-August 2023 to regularize their position, subject to penalties afterwards. Besides, the circular freezes new requests for the constitution/amendments of structural and fixed positions.
- Intermediate Circular 676 issued on 24 July 2023 (amending Basic Circulars 34 and 44) requesting from Banks to depart from International Reporting Standards by reclassifying negative foreign exchange differences resulting from the periodic revaluation of FX position from Equity to Other Assets, whereas positive foreign exchange differences have to be reclassified into other liabilities. If negative differences were not liquidated by year-end, provisions against the outstanding amount should be taken. The circular also extended the limitation to distribute dividends to common shareholders based on 2023 results.

1.3. Particular Situation of the Group

Assets and liabilities in foreign currency, transactions in foreign currency and foreign currency translation reserves, regardless of whether they are onshore or offshore, were reflected in these interim condensed consolidated financial statements at the official published exchange rate as follows:

	2023		2022	
	Rate as at 30 June	Average Rate for the Six-month Period Ended 30 June	Rate as at 31 December	Average Rate for the Six-month Period Ended 30 June
	LBP	LBP	LBP	LBP
US Dollar	15,000	12,751.25	1,507.5	1,507.5
Euro	16,395,00	13,793.70	1,603.83	1,647.61
Swiss Franc	16,752.29	13,991.87	1,628.67	1,603.80
Turkish Lira	576.37	621.44	80.61	102.83
Saudi Riyal	3,999.40	3,398.78	401.09	401.80
Qatari Riyal	4,117.70	3,495.79	412.56	412.91

The exchange rates above consist of the official exchange rates published by the Central Bank of Lebanon on a monthly basis. However, several exchange rates have emerged since the last quarter of 2019 that vary significantly among each other and from the official one: parallel exchange markets and the Sayrafa rate that are highly volatile, the Platform Rate, estimated exchange rates detailed in the government's Financial Recovery Plan, in addition to different exchange rates adopted for commercial transactions purposes in Lebanon.

- On 21 April 2020, the Central Bank of Lebanon issued Basic Circular 151 concerning depositors who wish to withdraw amounts of cash from their "local" foreign currencies accounts as per a specific rate up to limits set by their bank. The limits set by banks in Lebanon had monthly averages of USD 3,000 per bank account. The specific rate was USD 1 /LBP 3,900 throughout the period from the issuance of the circular. During December 2021, it was increased to USD 1 /LBP 8,000 and to USD 1/LBP 15,000 subsequent to year end 2022.
- On 10 May 2021, the Central Bank of Lebanon issued Basic Circular 157 setting the framework of exceptional measures for foreign-currency operations. Hence, banks operating in Lebanon must process customers' FX operations (buy and sell) related to their personal or commercial needs on the electronic platform "Sayrafa". Transactions with customers encompass purchase and sale of foreign currencies banknotes against LBP, as well as operations from/to foreign currencies external accounts against LBP. Sayrafa corresponds to a floating system and the Sayrafa average rate and volume of foreign currency operations are published on the website of the Central Bank of Lebanon. Foreign currency operations were executed on the Sayrafa platform at the following exchange rates:

	Rate as at 30 June 2023	Average Rate for the Six-month period ended 30 June 2023	Rate as at 31 December 2022	Average Rate for the Six-month period ended 30 June 2022
	LBP	LBP	LBP	LBP
US Dollar	86,200	67,200	38,000	22,679

The Sayrafa platform is not available for the purchase and sale of and "local" foreign currency bank accounts which are subject to de-facto capital controls.

- On 8 June 2021, the Central Bank of Lebanon issued Basic Circular 158 defining the mechanism for the gradual settlement of foreign currency deposits up to an amount equivalent to USD 50,000. To benefit from the provisions of the said circular, certain eligibility criteria must be met. Customers' monthly entitlements are (i) an amount of USD 400 in cash or equivalent (transfer abroad, credited to a payment card with international usage, etc.) and (ii) an amount in LBP equivalent to USD 400 and converted at a USD/LBP rate of 12,000, noting that 50% of the amount will be paid in cash and 50% will be credited to a payment card.
- On 20 January 2023, and as a prelude to the change of the official rate effective the first of February 2023 from LBP 1,507.50 to LBP 15,000 to the US Dollar, the Central of Lebanon issued Intermediate Circular 657 and 658 amending rates used in Basic Circular 151 and Basic Circular 158 respectively from LBP 8,000 and LBP 12,000 to LBP 15,000.
- On 5 July 2023 the Central Bank of Lebanon issued Intermediate Circular 674 and introduce several amendments to the Basic Circular 158. First, it cancelled the amount in LBP that clients were able to withdraw on a monthly basis from their foreign currencies accounts opened before October 31, 2019. Second, for the US Dollars portion, the monthly withdrawal remains unchanged at USD 400 per month from the outstanding balance of subaccount opened prior to 1 July 2023 when the client signed the agreement with the Bank based on the aforementioned circular. Third, for all subaccounts created after 30 June 2023, the monthly withdrawal limit is set at USD 300 per month.

Because of the gap between the several exchange rates available, the number of variables and assumptions affecting the possible future resolution of the uncertainties is very high, increasing the subjectivity and complexity of the judgment, and Management was unable to determine the rate at which the future cash flows represented by the transaction or balance could have been settled depending on its source and nature, if those cash flows had occurred at the measurement date. Accordingly, the Group uses the official published exchange rate above to translate all balances and transactions in foreign currencies, regardless of their source or nature which does not represent a reasonable estimate of expected cash flows in Lebanese Pounds that would have to be generated/used from the realisation of such assets or the payment of such liabilities at the date of the transaction or at the date of the interim condensed consolidated financial statements. We are unable to estimate the effects on these interim condensed consolidated financial statements.

In February 2023, the Central Bank of Lebanon changed the official published exchange rate from LBP 1,507.5 to LBP 15,000 to the US Dollar. Sayrafa Rates and parallel market rates remained highly volatile and divergent from the new official published exchange rate (LBP 42,000 and LBP 58,200 respectively at 1 February 2023).

The Group is using the new rate of LBP 15,000 in its financial information reporting, with the first period being the quarterly reporting as of 31 March 2023.

The gap between the several exchange rates and the subjectivity and complexities surrounding exchange rates remained even after the change in the official published exchange rate and Management believes that the future unification of the exchange rate of the LBP to the US Dollar will further have a significant impact on its financial position and regulatory ratios from the translation of assets and liabilities in foreign currencies at a different rate. However, due to the significant related uncertainties, Management is unable to provide an estimate for this impact. Foreign currency mismatch is detailed in Note 25 to these interim condensed consolidated financial statements.

As at 30 June 2023, loss allowances on assets held at the Central Bank of Lebanon and the portfolio of Lebanese government securities held at amortised cost are recorded in these interim condensed consolidated financial statements at the loss rates mentioned in the Central Bank of Lebanon's Intermediate Circulars 567. Due to the high levels of uncertainty and to the lack of observable indicators and of visibility on the government's plans with respect to banks' exposure to the Central Bank of Lebanon and Lebanese sovereign, we are unable to estimate in a reasonable manner expected credit losses on these exposures. Accordingly, these interim condensed consolidated financial statements do not include adjustments of the carrying amount of these assets to their recoverable amounts based on International Financial Reporting Standards and an expected credit loss model.

The impact is expected to be pervasive and will be reflected in the interim condensed consolidated financial statements once the debt restructuring has been defined conclusively by the government and all uncertainties and constraints are resolved, and once the mechanism for allocating losses by asset class and currency is clear and conclusive. Maximum exposures to the credit risk of the Central Bank of Lebanon and the Lebanese government and the recognised loss allowances, as well as their staging, are detailed in Note 24 to these interim condensed consolidated financial statements.

As a result of the negative economic conditions and the deepening of the recession, the credit quality of the private loans portfolio concentrated in Lebanon has significantly deteriorated since the last quarter of 2019. The deterioration was further aggravated by the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and the significant high inflation in Lebanon. Since the start of the Lebanese crisis, the Bank has been implementing a de-risking strategy by considerably reducing its assets size, specifically its portfolio of private loans concentrated in Lebanon. It has also set up a centralised and specialised remedial function to proactively review and manage the quality of its various portfolios. The private loans portfolio of Lebanese entities has significantly contracted since the onset of the Lebanese crisis as it decreased from USD 39 million at 31 December 2019 to USD 0.4 million. With all other variables held constant, Management believes that the significant devaluation of the Lebanese Pound (and de-facto local US Dollar) and the triple digit inflation, reduced the risks of default compared to 31 December 2019. However, given the high level of uncertainties facing the Lebanese economy and the expected type of instruments underlying future cash flows on settlement of these private loans, loss allowances have been estimated based on the best available information at the reporting date about past events, current conditions and forecasts of economic conditions combined with expert judgment. Maximum exposures to the credit risk of the Group's portfolio of private loans and the recognised loss allowances, as well as their staging, are detailed in Note 24 to these interim condensed consolidated financial statements.

The financial position of the Group, as reported in these interim condensed consolidated financial statements, does not reflect the adjustments that would be required by IFRS as a result of the future government reform program, the deep recession, the currency crisis and the hyperinflation. Due to the high levels of uncertainties, the lack of observable indicators, the high gap between the parallel market rates, the Sayrafa rate and the official published exchange rate, and the lack of visibility on the government's plans with respect to: (a) the high exposures of banks with the Central Bank of Lebanon, (b) the Lebanese sovereign securities, and (c) the currency exchange mechanisms and currency exchange rates that will be applied, Management is unable to estimate in a reasonable manner the impact of these matters on its financial position. Management anticipates that the above matters will have a materially adverse impact on the Group's financial position and its equity.

Litigations and Claims

Until the above uncertainties are resolved, the Group is continuing its operations as performed since 17 October 2019 and in accordance with the laws and regulations. De-facto capital controls and inability to transfer foreign currencies to correspondent banks outside Lebanon are exposing the Group to litigations that are dealt with on a case by case basis when they occur. The Group has been subject to increased litigations as a result of these restrictive measures adopted by Lebanese banks in relation to withdrawal of funds and transfers abroad, as well as in relation to the repayment by customers of local foreign currency loans in Lebanese Pounds. Management is carefully considering the impact of these litigations and claims. There are still uncertainties related to the consequences of these restrictive measures based on the current available information and the prevailing laws and local banking practices. Management believes that a legislative solution is urgently needed, through the enactment of laws that are appropriate for the adjudication of the unconventional legal disputes arising under the current exceptional circumstances. Due to recent developments and the increasing trend in judgments ruled in favour of the plaintiffs and customers during 2021 and 2022, Management considers that they may affect negatively the offshore liquidity of the Group, its foreign assets and its foreign currency exposure (refer to Note 25). The amount cannot be determined presently.

Measures by the Bank

Meanwhile, the Bank is exerting extended efforts to (a) strengthen its capitalisation, (b) enhance the quality of its private loans portfolio, deleveraging it as appropriate and downsizing its balance sheet, (c) build up its offshore liquidity and reduce its commitments and contingencies to correspondent banks and financial institutions outside Lebanon, and (d) manage operating profitability.

On 1 October 2020, the Bank received a letter from the Central Bank of Lebanon, referring to Basic Circular 154 and Intermediate Circular 567, and requesting the Bank to submit a roadmap that sets out the following:

- The Bank's overall strategy for the years 2020-2024.
- The Bank's assessment of its portfolio of private loans and expected credit losses as at 31 December 2020, as well as total realised and expected losses for the year 2020.
- The amount of expected credit losses that have not been translated yet to foreign currencies.
- The capital needs to comply with the minimum required capital and the measures and sources that will be relied upon to cover the shortfall, when existing.
- The Bank's strategy with respect to its investments in foreign banks and branches.
- The mechanism to rectify any non-compliance with regulatory requirements.
- The measures that will be taken to rectify non-compliances with articles 154 and 153 of the Code of Money and Credit, if any.
- The measures that will be taken to attract foreign liquidity or "fresh funds" and to cover liquidity onshore and offshore commitments.

The roadmap was submitted to the Central Bank of Lebanon on 18 February 2021, including a number of assumptions that remain highly susceptible to material change depending on the evolution of the financial, monetary and operating conditions in Lebanon. Hence, a definitive reasonable and credible roadmap can only be achieved once the many material uncertainties still governing the outlook in Lebanon are resolved and the amount of recapitalisation needs is accurately determinable.

Once the above uncertainties are resolved, a pro-forma balance sheet of the Bank will be prepared which will include the effects of the revaluation of the assets and liabilities in foreign currencies, the effects of the hyperinflation, the effects of the restructuring of the government debt securities, the effects of the restructuring of the Central Bank of Lebanon balance-sheet and the effects on its private loan portfolio.

The Bank's key strategic objectives during this challenging period focused on the consolidation and de-risking of the domestic franchise and operations, and the ring-fencing of foreign entities and branches from Lebanon's spill-over effects.

In practise, Management has adopted a new strategic direction focusing on six main pillars to face the current financial and economic environment. These pillars are:

1. **Asset quality:** reduce the risk profile of the Group through the management of the Group's portfolio of assets by (1) sustaining the loan deleveraging policy, (2) maintaining higher loss allowances coverage, (3) closely monitoring the lending portfolios while taking early remedial actions on problematic files, and (4) smoothly reducing sovereign debt exposure, especially in foreign currency.

2. **Quality of earnings:** efforts to attract low cost and stable funding while maintaining relationships with good profile obligors with consistent and recurring returns and ancillary revenues. End result is for foreign entities to continue to provide the Group with diversified income generation capacity. Continuous rationalisation of operating expenses targeting a lean organisational structure, improving operational efficiency and reducing cost structure to adapt to the changing operating environment and the level of revenue streams of the Group.

3. **Liquidity and ALM:** create a liquidity buffer in anticipation of turbulences.

4. **Solvency:** maintain sufficient capital buffers over the minimum regulatory capital adequacy levels (calculated in accordance with the rules established by the Central Bank of Lebanon).

5. **Operational and other non-financial risks:** management of operational, compliance, legal, conduct, cyber, strategic and third-party risks while constantly updating business continuity plans to adapt to disruptions in business activities due to new occurring risks and changes.

6. **Governance:** strict adherence to the internal and regulatory Governance principles, with a particular focus on the control and risk-based oversight role of the Board of Directors to adapt to the particular requirements of the current challenging environment while mobilising the Bank's executive, control, and oversight committees for the continued effectiveness of the control framework. Maintaining abidance by CSR principles to ensure sustainability of the Group, taking into account the economic, social and environmental parameters of our operations in Lebanon and abroad.

The Bank has so far implemented a series of measures in relation to these key strategic objectives and pillars, including:

- Sale of the Bank's Egyptian subsidiary, as well as its Jordanian and Iraqi operations.

- In accordance with Central Bank of Lebanon Intermediary Circular 567, banks are required to increase their own funds (equity) by an amount equal to 20% of their Common Equity Tier 1 capital as of 31 December 2018, through issuing new foreign currency capital instruments. The amount of increase required for the Bank is USD 622 million. On 18 February 2021, the Bank submitted to the regulators the measures taken in this respect which entail:
  - Issuance of common shares for USD 209 million.
  - Dividends distributed by foreign entities of USD 110 million of which USD 30 million in fresh dollars.
  - Positive impact on the Bank's and Lebanon branches standalone equity, from the sale of the Bank's Egyptian subsidiary, investment in Bank Audi Syria and Jordanian and Iraqi operations up to USD 318 million of which USD 304 million in fresh dollars.

The Bank obtained the regulators' formal approval on 7 May 2021 on the aforementioned measures.

- The Bank submitted to the regulators a calculation for meeting the regulatory requirement of 3% liquidity ratio with foreign banks in accordance with Central Bank of Lebanon Basic Circular 154.
- Re-establishing normal banking services with the active promotion of the "External Account" platform.
- Improving operational efficiency and strengthening governance by:
  - Building up on the synergies achieved from the merger of both Audi Private Bank sal and Audi Investment Bank sal under Bank Audi sal.
  - Implementing a cost optimisation plan.

- Significantly reducing its net positions in foreign currencies from a short position to a long position in view of managing risks from fluctuation of exchange rates and the significant devaluation of the LBP, on its income statement and equity. The reduction of the net open position was achieved through purchases of local foreign currencies from customers during 2022 and 2021 resulting in booked losses in other comprehensive income of LBP 1,026,731 million as at 30 June 2022 (Note 5). Net foreign exchange positions that would have an effect on the Group's income statement and equity are disclosed in Note 25 to these interim condensed consolidated financial statements.

However, as at 30 June 2023, consolidated capital adequacy ratios stood at 4.97%, 5.33% and 6.41% for CET1, Tier 1 and Total CAR respectively versus a minimum regulatory levels of 6.00%, 7.50% and 9.50% (including a capital conservation buffer of 1.50%). Despite the forbearance measures and temporary reliefs introduced by the Central Bank of Lebanon's circulars, capital ratios have nonetheless dropped from 6.33%, 8.86% and 9.50% for CET1, Tier 1 and Total CAR respectively as at 31 December 2022. A significant part of this drop is attributable to the Intermediate Circular 676 (amending Basic Circulars 34 and 44) issued by BdL on 24 July 2023 and requesting from Banks to depart from International Reporting Standards by reclassifying positive foreign exchange differences other liabilities. Excluding this reclassification, CET1, Tier 1 and Total CAR would have posted 6.06%, 6.42% and 7.51% at end-June 2023.

The Bank is unable to predict the response of the Central Bank of Lebanon on its submitted roadmap, as well as the level of its adherence with the banking regulations and its planned actions, nor it is able to predict the measures that might be taken by the regulator in that regard. Once the Bank receives an official feedback from the Central Bank of Lebanon, Management will be able to assess its impact on the financial statements of the Group.

The Bank is also uncertain whether the measures set out in its roadmap above would be sufficient to cover all its commitments as they become due and restore the activities of the Bank to normal pre-crisis levels. Such sufficiency and a reasonable and credible plan can only be achieved once the uncertainties from the prevailing crisis, the multitude of exchange rates, hyperinflation, as well as the implementation of a clear national fiscal and economic recovery plan are resolved.

The Lebanese crisis which was set off during the last quarter of 2019 has imposed severe limitations on the ability to conduct Commercial Banking activities or transactions under the normal course of business in Lebanon. Market embedded factors, such as de-facto capital controls, inability to secure foreign liquidity and the existence of several values for the US Dollar, resulted into several practices and transactions that would not qualify as normal course of business in a non-crisis environment, and for which there are no directly observable prices or a governing legal/ regulatory framework. Such practices and transactions expose the Bank to increased litigation and regulatory risks, and negatively impact the financial position of the Bank, its regulatory ratios and covenants due the adverse effects of the uncertainties. There is a significant uncertainty in relation to the extent and period over which this situation will continue and the impact that conducting operations under a crisis environment in the foreseeable future will further have on the Group's financial position, future cash flows, results of operations, regulatory ratios and covenants. The Group's realisation value of assets and sufficiency and settlement value of liabilities are premised on future events, the outcome of which are inherently uncertain.

2.0. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

2.1. Basis of Preparation

The interim condensed consolidated financial statements of Bank Audi sal for the six-month period ended 30 June 2023 are prepared in accordance with International Accounting Standard 34, Interim Financial Reporting.

The interim condensed consolidated financial statements do not include all the information and disclosures required in the annual financial statements and should be read in conjunction with the Group's annual consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022. In addition, results for the six months ended 30 June 2023 are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the financial year ending 31 December 2023.

The interim condensed consolidated financial statements are presented in Lebanese Pounds (LBP) which is the Bank's functional currency, and all values are rounded to the nearest million, except when otherwise indicated.

As of 30 June 2023 and 31 December 2022, all conditions have been met for the Group's financial statements to incorporate the inflation adjustment provided under IAS 29 "Financial Reporting in Hyperinflationary Economies". IFRS requires that financial statements of any entity whose functional currency is the currency of a hyperinflationary economy be restated into the current purchasing power at the end of the reporting period. Paragraph 4 of IAS 29 states that it is preferable for all entities that report in the currency of a hyperinflationary economy to apply the standard at the same date. In order to achieve uniformity as to the identification of an economic environment of this kind, IAS 29 provides certain guidelines: a cumulative three-year inflation rate exceeding 100% is a strong indicator of hyperinflation, but also qualitative factors, such as analysing the behaviour of population, prices, interest rates and wages should also be considered.

The Lebanese Central Administration of Statistics reported 3-year and 12-month cumulative rates of inflation of 1,502% and 122% as at 30 June 2023 (31 December 2022: 1,670% and 122%). Qualitative indicators, following the deteriorating economic condition and currency controls, also support the conclusion that Lebanon is a hyperinflationary economy for accounting purposes for periods ending on or after 31 December 2020. As of March 2022 and based on the inflation data published by Turkey Statistical Institute on 4 April 2022, the three-year cumulative increase in Consumer Price Index has been 109.4%. Accordingly, the Turkish economy was defined as hyperinflationary economy and consequently IAS 29 should be implemented on the financial statements of the Group's subsidiary in Turkey starting for periods ending on or after 30 June 2022.

Therefore, entities whose functional currency is the Lebanese Pound or Turkish Lira should restate their financial statements to reflect the effects of inflation in conformity with IAS 29. Such restatement shall be made as if the Lebanese economy has always been hyperinflationary; using a general price index that reflects the changes in the currency's purchasing power.

The effects of the application of IAS 29 are summarised below:

(a) Financial statements must be adjusted to consider the changes in the currency's general purchasing power, so that they are expressed in the current unit of measure at the end of the reporting period.

(b) In summary, the restatement method under IAS 29 is as follows:

i. Monetary items are not restated in as much as they are already expressed in terms of the measuring unit current at the closing date of the reporting period. In an inflationary period, keeping monetary assets generates loss of purchasing power and keeping monetary liabilities generates an increase in purchasing power. The net monetary gain or loss shall be included as income for the period for which it is reported.

ii. Non-monetary items carried at the current value of the end date of the reporting period shall not be restated to be presented in the balance sheet, but the restatement process must be completed in order to determine into the current purchasing power at the end of the reporting periodthe income derived from such non-monetary items.

iii. Non-monetary items carried at historical cost or at the current value of a date prior to the end of the reporting period are restated using coefficients that reflect the variation recorded in the general level of prices from the date of acquisition or revaluation to the closing date of the reporting period, then comparing the restated amounts of such assets with the relevant recoverable values. Depreciation charges of property, plant and equipment and amortisation charges of intangible assets recognised in profit or loss for the period, as well as any other consumption of non-monetary assets will be determined based on the new restated amounts.

iv. Income and expenses are restated from the date when they were recorded, except for those profit or loss items that reflect or include in their determination the consumption of assets carried at the purchasing power of the currency as of a date prior to the recording of the consumption, which are restated based on the date when the asset to which the item is related originated; and except those profit or loss items originated from comparing two measurements expressed in the purchasing power of currency as of different dates, for which it is necessary to identify the compared amounts, restate them separately and compare them again, but with the restated amounts.

v. At the beginning of the first year of application of the restatement method of financial statements in terms of the current measuring unit, the prior year comparatives are restated in terms of the measuring unit current at the end of the current reporting period. The equity components, except for reserved earnings and undistributed retained earnings, shall also be restated, and the amount of undistributed retained earnings shall be determined by the difference between net assets restated at the date of transition and the other components of opening equity expressed as indicated above, once all remaining equity components are restated.

As of the date of the accompanying financial statements, for the reasons described below, Management is temporarily unable to apply the above mentioned standard, nor is it able to quantify the effect that the application of IAS 29 would have on the presented financial statements. However, Management estimates such effects to be significant. This situation must be taken into account when interpreting the information reported by the Group in the accompanying financial statements including its statement of financial position, income statement, statement of comprehensive income and cash flow statement.

The Group uses the official exchange rate of 15,000 USD/LBP to translate balance and transactions in foreign currencies. Since the emergence of the parallel market and since the introduction by the Central Bank of Lebanon of the "Sayrafa Rate" and "Platform Rate", the Lebanese market has witnessed multiple pricing and valuations of balances receivable and payable and operations in foreign currencies, depending on the settlement method which is based on unofficial markets. The Group is translating balances (assets and liabilities) and transactions in foreign currencies at the official published exchange rate (as disclosed in Note 1), which does not represent a reasonable estimate of expected cash flows in Lebanese Pounds that would have to be generated/used from the realisation of such assets or the payment of such liabilities at the date of the transaction or of the financial statements.

In addition, IAS 29 requires the use of a general price index to reflect changes in purchasing power. Most governments issue periodic price indices that vary in their scope, but all entities that report in the currency of the same economy should use the same index. The consumer price index is normally closest to the concept of the general price index required by IAS 29 because it is at the end of the supply chain and reflects the impact of prices on the general population's consumption basket. The weights allocated for the calculation of the consumer price index impact the consumer price index and might need to be revisited based on the new behaviour of the population as a result of the crisis facing Lebanon.

Such matters impede a proper application of IAS 29 as any application under the current circumstances would not provide more relevant financial statements to Management, shareholders and other users.

The Group is currently assessing the date at which it will apply IAS 29. The application of IAS 29 is very complex and requires the Group to develop new accounting software and processes, internal controls and governance framework. Based on the Group's preliminary assessment, the absence of an official legal payment and settlement mechanism that would reflect in a reasonable manner, the expected cash flows for assets and liabilities in foreign currencies, and the absence of an accurate reflection of price changes impede the useful information that would have been otherwise produced from the application of IAS 29. Accordingly, the Group has postponed the application of IAS 29 and incurring costs for developing accounting processes and a governance framework until the Group is comfortable that such application would provide the users with more relevant information.

2.2. New Standards, Interpretations and Amendments Adopted by the Group

Definition of Accounting Estimates – Amendments to IAS 8

In February 2021, the IASB issued amendments to IAS 8, in which it introduces a definition of "accounting estimates". The amendments clarify the distinction between changes in accounting estimates and changes in accounting policies and the correction of errors. Also, they clarify how entities use measurement techniques and inputs to develop accounting estimates.

The amendments are effective for annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2023, and apply to changes in accounting policies and changes in accounting estimates that occur on or after the start of that period. Earlier application is permitted as long as this fact is disclosed. The amendments are not expected to have a material impact on the Group.

Amendments to IAS 1: Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current

In January 2020, the IASB issued amendments to paragraphs 69 to 76 of IAS 1 to specify the requirements for classifying liabilities as current or non-current. The amendments clarify:

- What is meant by a right to defer settlement.
- That a right to defer must exist at the end of the reporting period.
- That classification is unaffected by the likelihood that an entity will exercise its deferral right.
- That only if an embedded derivative in a convertible liability is itself an equity instrument would the terms of a liability not impact its classification.

The amendments are effective for annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2023 and must be applied retrospectively. The amendments did not have a material impact on the Group.

Disclosure of Accounting Policies – Amendments to IAS 1 and IFRS Practice Statement 2

In February 2021, the IASB issued amendments to IAS 1 and IFRS Practice Statement 2 Making Materiality Judgments, in which it provides guidance and examples to help entities apply materiality judgments to accounting policy disclosures. The amendments aim at helping entities provide accounting policy disclosures that are more useful by replacing the requirement for entities to disclose their "significant' accounting policies" with a requirement to disclose their "material" accounting policies and adding guidance on how entities apply the concept of materiality in making decisions about accounting policy disclosures.

The amendments to IAS 1 are applicable for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2023 with earlier application permitted. Since the amendments to the Practice Statement 2 provide non-mandatory guidance on the application of the definition of material to accounting policy information, an effective date for these amendments is not necessary. The amendments are not expected to have a material impact on the Group.

Deferred Tax related to Assets and Liabilities arising from a Single Transaction - Amendments to IAS 12

In May 2021, the Board issued amendments to IAS 12, which narrow the scope of the initial recognition exception under IAS 12, so that it no longer applies to transactions that give rise to equal taxable and deductible temporary differences. The amendments should be applied to transactions that occur on or after the beginning of the earliest comparative period presented. In addition, at the beginning of the earliest comparative period presented, a deferred tax asset (provided that sufficient taxable profit is available) and a deferred tax liability should also be recognised for all deductible and taxable temporary differences associated with leases and decommissioning obligations. The Group is currently assessing the impact of the amendments on its financial statements.

2.3. Basis of Consolidation

The accompanying interim condensed consolidated financial statements comprise the financial statements of Bank Audi sal and the following key subsidiaries:

	Percentage of Ownership		Country of	Principal	Functional
	30 June 2023	31 December 2022	Incorporation	Activity	Currency
Bank Audi (France) sa	100.00	100.00	France	Banking (Commercial)	EUR
Banque Audi (Suisse) SA	100.00	100.00	Switzerland	Banking (Private)	CHF
Audi Capital (KSA)	99.99	99.99	Saudi Arabia	Financial Services	SAR
Bank Audi LLC (Qatar)	100.00	100.00	Qatar	Banking Services	QAR
SocieteLibanaise de Factoring sal	100.00	100.00	Lebanon	Factoring	LBP
Odea Bank A.Ş.	76.42	76.42	Turkey	Banking (Commercial)	TRY
Audi Investments Holding sal	100.00	100.00	Lebanon	Investment	USD

The interim condensed consolidated financial statements comprise the financial statements of the Bank and its subsidiaries where the Bank holds control over the subsidiaries. Control is achieved when the Group is exposed, or has rights, to variable returns from its involvement with the investee and has the ability to affect those returns through its power over the investee. Specifically, the Group controls an investee if and only if the Group has:

- Power over the investee (i.e. existing rights that give it the current ability to direct the relevant activities of the investee).
- Exposure or rights to variable returns from its involvement with the investee.
- The ability to use its power over the investee to affect its returns.

Subsidiaries are fully consolidated from the date of acquisition, being the date on which the Group obtains control and continued to be consolidated until the date when such control ceases.

The financial statements of subsidiaries are prepared for the same reporting period using consistent accounting policies. When necessary, adjustments are made to the financial statements of subsidiaries to bring their accounting policies into line with those used by the Group. All intra-group balances, transactions, unrealised gains and losses resulting from intra-group transactions and dividends are eliminated in full. Non-controlling interests (the interest not owned by the Group in the equity of subsidiaries) are stated separately within shareholders' equity in the interim condensed consolidated statement of financial position.

2.4. Significant Accounting Judgments and Estimates

In the application of the accounting policies described in Notes 2.1 to 2.2 above, Management is required to make judgments, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

The estimates and underlying assumptions made by the Group's Management for the preparation of the condensed interim consolidated financial information are consistent with those used in the preparation of the consolidated financial statements as at and for the year ended 31 December 2022.

2.5. Correction Related to Prior Years

Management decided to write down any excess of assets with the Central Bank of Lebanon to their nominal amount, and to write off all previously recorded receivables from Central Bank of Lebanon under leverage arrangements by an adjustment to retained earnings as at 1 January 2022 as follows:

	LBP Million
Impact on equity (decrease)	
Cash and balances with Central Bank of Lebanon	(85,711)
Other assets	(1,309,375)
Net impact on equity	(1,395,086)

3.0. Segment Reporting

Management monitors the operating results of its business units separately for the purpose of making decisions about resource allocation and performance assessment. Segments are evaluated based on information relating to net operating income and financial position. Income taxes and operating expenses are managed on a group basis and are not allocated to operating segments.

Interest income is reported net, since Management monitors net interest income as a performance measure and not the gross income and expense amounts. Net interest income is allocated to the business segment based on the assumption that all positions are funded or invested via a central funding unit. An internal Funds Transfer Pricing (FTP) mechanism was implemented between operating segments. Transfer prices between operating segments are on an arm's length basis in a manner similar to transactions with third parties.

The assets and liabilities that are reported in the segments are net from inter-segments' assets and liabilities since they constitute the basis of Management's measures of the segments' assets and liabilities and the basis of the allocation of resources between segments.

Business Segments

The Group operates in four main business segments which are Corporate and Commercial Banking, Retail and Personal Banking, Treasury and Capital Markets, and Group Functions and Head Office.

Corporate and Commercial Banking

Provides diverse products and services to the corporate and commercial customers including loans, deposits, trade finance, as well as all regular Corporate and Commercial Banking activities.

Retail and Personal Banking

Provides individual customers' deposits and consumer loans, overdrafts, credit cards, and funds transfer facilities, as well as all regular Retail and Private Banking activities.

Treasury and Capital Markets

Provides Treasury services including transactions in money and capital markets for the Group's customers, manages investment and trading transactions (locally and internationally), and manages liquidity, foreign currencies, and market risks. This segment also offers Investment Banking and brokerage services, and manages the Group's own portfolio of stocks, bonds, and other financial instruments.

Group Functions and Head Office

Consists of capital and strategic investments, exceptional profits and losses, as well as operating results of subsidiaries which offer non-banking services.

The following tables present net operating income information and financial position information.

Net Operating Income Information

	30 June 2023 (Unaudited)				
	Corporate and Commercial Banking LBP Million	Retail and Personal Banking LBP Million	Treasury and Capital Markets LBP Million	Group Functions and Head Office LBP Million	**Total LBP Million**
Net interest income	749,285	1,066,712	1,406,666	30,313	3,252,976
Non-interest income					
Net fee and commission	647,311	450,592	32,265	9,562	1,139,730
Financial operations	-	33,571	482,952	(30,009)	486,514
Gain from associates under equity method	-	-	-	12,681	12,681
Other operating income	813	10,919	134	286,147	298,013
Total non-interest income	**648,124**	**495,082**	**515,351**	**278,381**	1,936,938
Total operating income	**1,397,409**	**1,561,794**	**1,922,017**	**308,694**	5,189,914
Net impairment loss on financial assets	(389,474)	183,913	(1, 359,046)	-	(1,564,607)
Net operating income	**1,007,935**	**1,745,707**	**562,971**	**308,694**	3,625,307

	30 June 2022 (Unaudited)				
	Corporate and Commercial Banking LBP Million	Retail and Personal Banking LBP Million	Treasury and Capital Markets LBP Million	Group Functions and Head Office LBP Million	Total LBP Million
Net interest income	149,089	253,559	530,193	8,939	941,780
Non-interest income					
Net fee and commission	73,510	73,058	(220,966)	5,881	(68,517)
Financial operations	5,388	17,119	275,560	(99,711)	198,356
Other operating income	78	1,419	8	10,923	12,428
Total non-interest income	78,976	91,596	54,602	(82,907)	142,267
Total operating income	228,065	345,155	584,795	(73,968)	1,084,047
Net recovery on financial assets	77,982	106,554	33,336	-	217,872
Net operating income	306,047	451,709	618,131	(73,968)	1,301,919

Financial Position Information

	30 June 2023 (Unaudited)				
	Corporate and Commercial Banking LBP Million	Retail and Personal Banking LBP Million	Treasury and Capital Markets LBP Million	Group Functions and Head Office LBP Million	**Total LBP Million**
Investments in associates	-	-	-	153,509	153,509
Total assets	28,199,164	24,144,981	206,349,500	10,869,404	269,563,049
Total liabilities	26,411,194	203,452,817	13,949,048	8,921,754	252,734,813

	31 December 2022 (Audited)				
	Corporate and Commercial Banking LBP Million	Retail and Personal Banking LBP Million	Treasury and Capital Markets LBP Million	Group Functions and Head Office LBP Million	Total LBP Million
Investments in associates	-	-	-	14,359	14,359
Total assets	4,774,534	2,901,567	24,749,387	8,165,463	40,590,951
Total liabilities	4,856,224	24,386,881	4,126,942	1,165,562	34,535,609

Capital expenditures amounting to LBP 164,137 million at 30 June 2023 (31 December 2022: LBP 58,115 million) are allocated to the Group Functions and Head Office business segment.

Interest and similar income from exposure to the Central Bank of Lebanon and Lebanese sovereign amounted to LBP 1,793,422 million for the period ended 30 June 2023 (30 June 2022: LBP 728,296 million) arising from time deposits with the Central Bank of Lebanon and financial instruments held by the Group.

The breakdown of interest and similar income from exposure to the Central Bank of Lebanon and Lebanese sovereign is as follows:

	Unaudited 30 June 2023 LBP Million	Unaudited 30 June 2022 LBP Million
Interest and similar income		
Central Bank of Lebanon	1,726,083	659,551
Lebanese sovereign	67,339	68,745
	1,793,422	728,296

Geographical Segments

The Group operates in three geographical segments: Lebanon, Middle East and North Africa, and Turkey (MENAT) and Europe. As such, it is subject to different risks and returns. The following tables show the distribution of the Group's net external operating income, assets and liabilities allocated based on the location of the subsidiaries reporting the results or advancing the funds. Transactions between segments are carried at market prices and within pure trading conditions.

Net Operating Income Information

	30 June 2023 (Unaudited)			
	Lebanon LBP Million	MENAT LBP Million	Europe LBP Million	**Total LBP Million**
Net interest income	1,935,762	854,871	462,343	3,252,976
Non-interest income				
Net fee and commission	604,387	314,641	220,702	1,139,730
Financial operations	247,407	182,241	56,866	486,514
Gain from associates under equity method	12,681	-	-	12,681
Other operating income	14,608	281,489	1,916	298,013
Total non-interest income	879,083	778,371	279,484	1,936,938
Total external operating income	**2,814,845**	**1,633,242**	**741,827**	5,189,914
Net impairment loss on financial assets	(1,489,569)	(33,174)	(41,864)	(1,564,607)
Net external operating income	**1,325,276**	**1,600,068**	**699,963**	3,625,307

	30 June 2022 (Unaudited)			
	Lebanon LBP Million	MENAT LBP Million	Europe LBP Million	Total LBP Million
Net interest income	825,946	99,648	16,186	941,780
Non-interest income				
Net fee and commission	(112,303)	12,862	30,924	(68,517)
Financial operations	136,817	44,227	17,312	198,356
Other operating income	4,847	6,572	1,009	12,428
Total non-interest income	29,361	63,661	49,245	142,267
Total external operating income	855,307	163,309	65,431	1,084,047
Net recovery on financial assets	206,410	(19,969)	31,431	217,872
Net external operating income	1,061,717	143,340	96,862	1,301,919

Financial Position Information

	30 June 2023 (Unaudited)			
	Lebanon LBP Million	MENAT LBP Million	Europe LBP Million	**Total LBP Million**
Capital expenditures	24	154,647	9,466	164,137
Investments in associates	153,509	-	-	153,509
Total assets	191,991,828	42,552,907	35,018,314	269,563,049
Total liabilities	181,988,112	40,556,918	30,189,783	252,734,813

	31 December 2022 (Audited)			
	Lebanon LBP Million	MENAT LBP Million	Europe LBP Million	Total LBP Million
Capital expenditures	21,813	34,392	1,910	58,115
Investments in associates	14,359	-	-	14,359
Total assets	30,900,567	5,757,034	3,933,350	40,590,951
Total liabilities	26,053,997	5,181,591	3,300,021	34,535,609

4.0. Fee and Commission Expense

	Unaudited 30 June 2023 LBP Million	Unaudited 30 June 2022 LBP Million
Mark-up commission (*)	-	1,089
Commission for LBP banknotes(**)	31	224,909
Electronic Banking	15,329	8,381
Brokerage and custody fees	31,731	6,629
Commercial Banking expenses	46,193	2,031
Other fees and commissions	6,401	1,265
	99,685	244,304

(*) In order to build up offshore liquidity, the Group introduced the "multiplier factor" which entails inciting depositors of foreign currency international liquidity, cash deposited or incoming border transfers to convert these funds into local foreign currency deposits after the application of multiplier factors during 2021. Book losses from these transactions amounted to LBP 1,089 million during for the six-month period ended 30 June 2022 and were recorded under commission expense.

(**) In order to service customers need in LBP-denominated banknotes during periods of shortage, during 2023, the Bank paid a premium for the supply of LBP-denominated banknotes amounting to LBP 31 million recorded under commission expense (30 June 2022: LBP 224,909 million).

5.0. Net Trading Income

	Unaudited 30 June 2023 LBP Million	Unaudited 30 June 2022 LBP Million
Gain on financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss	162,410	47,431
Foreign exchange	1,292,660	(49,295)
Derivatives	(1,061,927)	159,795
Dividends	279	272
	393,422	158,203

Foreign exchange includes gains and losses from spot and forward contracts and other currency derivatives, as well as the result of the revaluation of the daily open foreign currency positions.

Interest income from debt instruments at fair value through profit or loss amounted to LBP 14,997 million during the six-month period ended 30 June 2023 (30 June 2022: LBP 4,061 million).

During the six-month period ended 30 June 2022, and in order to manage its FX position, the Group engaged in the following transactions:

- On 11 November 2021, the Bank obtained the approval of the Central Bank of Lebanon to discontinue selling the latter the local foreign currencies purchased through the application of Basic Circular 151. During 2022, these transactions resulted in a loss of LBP 679,354 million recorded in the statement of comprehensive income (loss).
- During 2022, the Bank purchased from its customers local foreign currencies at rates below the rate specified in Basic Circular 151, which resulted in a loss of LBP 347,377 million recorded in the statement of comprehensive income (loss).

6.0. Net Impairment Loss (Recovery) on Financial Assets

	Unaudited 30 June 2023 LBP Million	Unaudited 30 June 2022 LBP Million
Re-measurements:		
Cash and balances with central banks	-	(128)
Banks and financial institutions	-	(502)
Loans and advances to customers at amortised cost	646,281	(113,153)
Financial assets at amortised cost	1,359,046	(33,208)
Financial guarantees and other commitments	(46,678)	(437)
	1,958,649	(147,428)
Recoveries:		
Loans and advances to customers at amortised cost	(131,709)	(65,712)
Financial guarantees and other commitments	(3,737)	(13)
	(135,446)	(65,725)
Net direct recoveries	(258,596)	(4,719)
	1,564,607	(217,872)

7.0. Derivative Financial Instruments

The Group enters into derivatives for trading and for risk management purposes. The table below shows the fair values of derivative financial instruments recorded as assets or liabilities together with their notional amounts. The notional amount, recorded gross, is the quantity of the derivative contracts' underlying instrument (being an equity instrument, commodity product, reference rate or index, etc.). Notional amounts indicate the volume of transactions outstanding at year-end and are not indicative of either the market risk or credit risk.

Forwards and Futures

Forwards and future contracts are contractual agreements to buy and sell a specified financial instrument at a specific price and date in the future. Forwards are customised contracts transacted in the over-the-counter market. Future contracts are transacted in standardised amounts on regulated exchanges and are subject to daily cash margin requirements.

Options

Options are contractual agreements that convey the right, but not the obligation, for the purchaser either to buy or to sell a specific amount of financial instrument at a fixed price, either at a fixed future date or at any time within a specified period.

Swaps

Swaps are contractual agreements between two parties to exchange streams of payments over time based on specified notional amounts, in relation to movements in specified underlying index such as an interest rate, foreign currency rate, commodity index or equity index.

Interest rate swaps relate to contracts taken out by the Group with other counterparties (customers and financial institutions) in which the Group either receives or pay a floating rate of interest, respectively, in return for paying or receiving a fixed rate of interest. The payment flows are usually netted against each other, with difference being paid by one party to the other.

In a currency swap, the Group pays a specified amount in one currency and receives a specified amount in another currency. Currency swaps are mostly gross-settled.

The Group has positions in the following type of derivatives:

30 June 2023 (Unaudited)	Positive Fair Value LBP Million	Negative Fair Value LBP Million	Notional Amount LBP Million
Derivatives held for trading			
Forward foreign exchange contracts	46,099	59,698	3,832,497
Forward precious metals contracts	3,254	84	95,266
Currency swaps	22,286	18,161	20,459,038
Precious metals swaps	3,814	313	293,057
Currency options	112,548	199,171	10,741,834
Interest rate swaps	144,679	342,338	1,956,740
Credit derivatives	-	-	164,237
Equity options	92,817	92,817	219,526
	425,497	712,582	37,762,195
Derivatives held as fair value hedge			
Interest rate swaps	-	2,090	360,231
	-	2,090	360,231
Total	425,497	714,672	38,122,426

31 December 2022 (Audited)	Positive Fair Value LBP Million	Negative Fair Value LBP Million	Notional Amount LBP Million
Derivatives held for trading			
Forward foreign exchange contracts	7,898	5,945	424,742
Forward precious metals contracts	3	18	14,851
Currency swaps	25,741	16,094	2,237,541
Precious metals swaps	56	1,163	72,580
Currency options	18,793	10,972	2,052,441
Interest rate swaps	60,156	13,038	1,193,420
Credit derivatives	-	-	16,506
Equity options	6,496	6,496	14,800
	119,143	53,726	6,026,881
Derivatives held as fair value hedge			
Interest rate swaps	-	834	70,534
	-	834	70,534
Total	119,143	54,560	6,097,415

Derivative Financial Instruments Held for Trading Purposes

Most of the Group's derivative trading activities relate to deals with customers which are normally offset by transactions with other counterparties. Also included under this heading are any derivatives entered into for risk management purposes which do not meet the IFRS 9 hedge accounting criteria.

Derivative Financial Instruments Held for Hedging Purposes

The Group uses derivatives for hedging purposes in order to reduce its exposure to credit risk and market risks. This is achieved by hedging specific financial instruments, portfolio of fixed rate financial instruments and forecast transaction, as well as strategic hedging against overall financial position exposures.

8.0. Financial Assets at Fair Value Through Profit or Loss

	Unaudited 30 June 2023 LBP Million	Audited 31 December 2022 LBP Million
Lebanese sovereign and Central Bank of Lebanon		
Eurobonds	156,841	16,168
Other sovereign		
Treasury bills and bonds	12,761	967
Private sector and other securities		
Banks and financial institutions	1,715,634	199,805
Mutual funds	547,787	37,719
Equity instruments	23,742	2,086
	2,287,163	239,610
	2,456,765	256,745

9.0. Loans and Advances to Customers at Amortised Cost

	Unaudited 30 June 2023 LBP Million	Audited 31 December 2022 LBP Million
Corporate and SME	28,786,289	4,840,238
Retail and Personal Banking	13,321,390	1,870,506
Public sector	418,285	51,088
	42,525,964	6,761,832
Less: allowance for expected credit losses (Note 25)	(5,915,240)	(890,712)
	36,610,724	5,871,120

10. Financial Assets at Amortised Cost

	Unaudited 30 June 2023 LBP Million	Audited 31 December 2022 LBP Million
Lebanese sovereign and Central Bank of Lebanon		
Certificates of deposit	34,218,963	3,478,796
Treasury bills	2,049,197	2,049,587
Eurobonds	2,797,122	260,431
	39,065,282	5,788,814
Other sovereign		
Treasury bills	5,852,459	707,734
Eurobonds	1,150,138	125,626
Other governmental securities	466,825	53,584
	7,469,422	886,944
Private sector and other securities		
Banks and financial institutions debt instruments	2,695,949	398,394
Corporate debt instruments	1,136,647	137,088
	3,832,596	535,482
	50,367,300	7,211,240
Less: allowance for expected credit losses (Note 25)	(3,113,473)	(155,784)
	47,253,827	7,055,456

During 2019, the Bank and the Central Bank of Lebanon signed a netting agreement for specified financial assets and liabilities that qualifies for netting under the requirements of IAS 32. Accordingly, as at 30 June 2023, certificates of deposit amounting to LBP 2,638,000 million (31 December 2022: the same) and term borrowings from the Central Bank of Lebanon are reported on a net basis on the statement of financial position. At 30 June 2023, Lebanese Treasury bills of LBP 1,979,141 million were pledged against term borrowings from the Central Bank of Lebanon (31 December 2022: the same) (Note 13). In addition, the Group, in agreement with credit-linked depositors, settled deposits amounting to LBP 454,867 million in certificates of deposit with the Central Bank of Lebanon denominated in US Dollars having the same nominal amount as at 30 June 2023 (31 December 2022: LBP 452,617 million) (Notes 12 and 14).

11. Financial Assets at Fair Value Through Other Comprehensive Income

	Unaudited 30 June 2023 LBP Million	Audited 31 December 2022 LBP Million
Debt instruments		
Other sovereign		
Treasury bills and bonds	5,648,212	868,073
Private sector and other securities		
Banks and financial institutions debt instruments	181,600	31,513
	52,114	
	5,881,926	899,586
Equity instruments		
Quoted	1,290,820	87,331
Unquoted	260,817	44,924
	1,551,637	132,255
	7,433,563	1,031,841

12. Other Assets

	Unaudited 30 June 2023 LBP Million	Audited 31 December 2022 LBP Million
Advances on acquisition of property and equipment	23,645	17,369
Advances on acquisition of intangible assets	6,386	96
Prepaid charges	228,299	77,580
Electronic cards and regularisation accounts	38,964	3,845
Receivables related to non-banking operations	39,518	1,341
Advances to staff	34,097	8,212
Hospitalisation and medical care under collection	155	401
Interest and commissions receivable	7,415	265
Funds management fees	569	53
Fiscal stamps, bullions and commemorative coins	7,536	1,024
Management and advisory fees receivable	3,161	279
Tax regularisation account	50,212	10,518
Other debtor accounts	1,047,670	132,458
Foreign exchange position	430,113	409,017
Deferred asset from exchange of foreign currencies	192,032	-
	2,109,772	662,458

As at 30 June 2023, other debtors' accounts include an amount of LBP 129,713 million representing collateral under process of being repossessed against settlement of loans (31 December 2022: LBP 18,141 million).

Receivables from the Central Bank of Lebanon under Leverage Arrangements

Receivables from the Central Bank of Lebanon under leverage arrangements amounting to LBP 1,279,783 million as at 31 December 2021 were written off by an adjustment to accumulated losses in equity at 1 January 2022 as disclosed in Note 2.5. These were recorded in prior years against the following transactions:

On 27 September 2021, a debtor exercised a right granted in prior years, to set-off the outstanding loan balance against revenues deposited or to be deposited in its account consisting of an assigned share of cash flows from leverage arrangements entered into by the Group with the Central Bank of Lebanon. At the date of the exercise, the loan facility amounted to LBP 131,974 million and was offset against the transfer of the underlying present value of the debtor's share of the expected future cash flows from leverage arrangements, which was recorded as "receivables from the Central Bank of Lebanon under leverage arrangements" under other assets. Remaining balance related to this transaction amounted to LBP 118,678 million as at 31 December 2021 and was written off against an adjustment to accumulated losses in equity on 1 January 2022.

During 2018, the Group entered into leverage arrangements with the Central Bank of Lebanon against simultaneous time deposits with the latter denominated in US Dollars. During 2020, time deposits were derecognised for the acquisition of certificates of deposit. In agreement with credit-linked depositors, the Group settled deposits amounting to LBP 439,402 million in such certificates of deposit having the same nominal amount as at 31 December 2021. As a result, the Group recognised the present value of future cash flows from the corresponding leverage arrangements as "receivables from the Central Bank of Lebanon under leverage arrangements" against net trading loss. Remaining balance related to this transaction amounted to LBP 209,666 million as at 31 December 2021 and was written off against an adjustment to accumulated losses in equity on 1 January 2022.

During 2018, the Group entered into leverage arrangements with the Central Bank of Lebanon against a simultaneous purchase of Lebanese government Eurobonds that were recorded at amortised cost. During 2019, the amortised cost was adjusted by an amount equivalent to the present value of expected future cash flows from leverage arrangements and recorded as "receivables from the Central Bank of Lebanon under leverage arrangements". These financial instruments were mostly liquidated during 2020 at a price approximating their adjusted carrying amount net of the allowances for expected credit losses at 31 December 2019. Remaining balance related to this transaction amounted to LBP 951,439 million as at 31 December 2021 and was written off against an adjustment to accumulated losses in equity on 1 January 2022.

Foreign Exchange Position

Foreign exchange position as at 30 June 2023 resulted mainly from the application of Basic Circular 159 and 151 and Intermediate Circular 556 (31 December 2022: Basic Circular 159 and 151 and Intermediate Circular 556).

Other Debtor Accounts

Other debtor accounts as at 31 December 2021 include an amount of LBP 29,592 million related to a claim from insurance company on the damage of the Beirut Port Explosion, which was written off against an adjustment to retained earnings on 1 January 2022 (Refer to Note 2.5)

Deferred Asset from Exchange of Foreign Currencies

On 24 July 2023, BdL issued Intermediate Circular 676, requesting from Banks to depart from International Reporting Standards by reclassifying negative foreign exchange differences resulting from the periodic revaluation of FX position from Equity to Other Assets, whereas positive foreign exchange differences have to be reclassified into other liabilities.

13. Due to Central Banks

	Unaudited 30 June 2023 LBP Million	Audited 31 December 2022 LBP Million
Central Bank of Lebanon		
Subsidised loans	615,602	472,674
Term borrowings under leverage arrangements	1,979,141	1,979,141
Accrued interest	11,680	9,342
Other central banks		
Other borrowings	1,420	141
Repurchase agreements	-	272,669
	2,607,843	2,733,967

Subsidised Loans

As at 30 June 2023, subsidised loans consist of utilised amounts on facilities granted by the Central Bank of Lebanon for the purpose of lending to customers at subsidised rates in accordance with Decision No. 6116 dated 7 March 1996. Principals are repayable on monthly basis and based on the amounts withdrawn by the customers (31 December 2022: the same).

Term Borrowings under Leverage Arrangements

Leverage arrangements with the Central Bank of Lebanon represent term borrowings denominated in LBP, bearing a 2% interest rate per annum and having maturities ranging between 2022 and 2031, fully invested in Lebanese Treasury bills, certificates of deposit with the Central Bank of Lebanon in LBP, and blocked term placements with the Central Bank of Lebanon in LBP earning coupon rates ranging between 6.5% per annum and 10.5%. Simultaneously, the Bank has either deposited term placements with the Central Bank of Lebanon in foreign currencies at 6.5% per annum and in LBP at 10.5% per annum (originated from the sale of foreign currencies to the Central Bank of Lebanon) carrying the same maturities; or purchased Lebanese government Eurobonds from the Central Bank of Lebanon. During 2019, the Bank and the Central Bank of Lebanon signed a netting agreement covering only leverage arrangements that were invested in blocked term placement and pledged certificates of deposit with the Central Bank of Lebanon in LBP. This agreement qualifies for netting under the requirements of IAS 32.

Following Intermediate Circular 648 issued on 1 November 2022, interest rate on term placements in local foreign currency decreased from 6.5 % to 3.25%.

The below table summarises the leverage arrangements and related financial assets subject to offsetting, and enforceable similar agreements, and whether offset is achieved in the statement of financial position. The table identifies the amounts that have been offset in the statement of financial position and those amounts that are covered by enforceable netting arrangements (financial collateral) but do not qualify for netting under the requirements of IAS 32 described in the accounting policies:

	Unaudited 30 June 2023 LBP Million	Audited 31 December 2022 LBP Million
Leverage arrangements		
Gross amounts	10,060,141	10,060,141
Amounts offset against[1]		
Placements with the Central Bank of Lebanon	5,443,000	5,443,000
Certificates of deposit with the Central Bank of Lebanon (Note 10)	2,638,000	2,638,000
Net amounts reported on the statement of financial position	1,979,141	1,979,141
Financial collateral		
Lebanese Treasury bills (Note 10)	1,979,141	1,979,141
	1,979,141	1,979,141

[1] Represents amounts that can be offset under IAS 32. Placements with the Central Bank of Lebanon and certificates of deposit with the Central Bank of Lebanon have also been reported on the statement of financial position net of the amounts above.

Financial assets and financial liabilities that were settled on a net basis amounted to LBP 3,081,785 million as at 30 June 2023 (31 December 2022: same).

14. Customers' Deposits

	Unaudited 30 June 2023			
	Corporate and SME LBP Million	Retail and Personal Banking LBP Million	Public Sector LBP Million	Total LBP Million
Sight deposits	14,144,850	106,200,954	561,753	120,907,557
Time deposits	8,481,842	79,109,096	1,355,932	88,946,870
Saving accounts	1,374,586	14,317,698	-	15,692,284
Margins on LCs and LGs	554,092	59,632	-	613,724
Other margins	5,840	-	-	5,840
Other deposits	15,704	233,522	-	249,226
Bankers' drafts	-	1,909,509	-	1,909,509
	24,576,914	201,830,411	1,917,685	228,325,010
Deposits pledged as collateral				10,975,187

	Audited 31 December 2022			
	Corporate and SME LBP Million	Retail and Personal Banking LBP Million	Public Sector LBP Million	Total LBP Million
Sight deposits	2,763,251	12,540,559	99,416	15,403,226
Time deposits	1,008,756	9,317,593	656,190	10,982,539
Saving accounts	212,471	1,654,427	-	1,866,898
Margins on LCs and LGs	59,555	8,422	-	67,977
Other margins	585	-	-	585
Other deposits	4,085	80,495	-	84,580
Bankers' drafts	-	695,133	-	695,133
	4,048,703	24,296,629	755,606	29,100,938
Deposits pledged as collateral				1,263,275

Sight deposits include balances of bullion amounting to LBP 1,568,148 million (31 December 2022: LBP 145,711 million) which were carried at fair value through profit or loss.

Time deposits include balances amounting to LBP 164,237 million as at 30 June 2023 (31 December 2022: LBP 16,506 million), whereby the principal is settled at maturity according to the full discretion of the Group either in cash or in Lebanese government, Eurobonds. As at 30 June 2023, in agreement with such depositors, the Bank settled deposits amounting to LBP 454,867 million in certificates of deposit with the Central Bank of Lebanon denominated in US Dollars and having the same nominal amount (31 December 2022: LBP 452,617 million) (Notes 10 and 12).

Bankers' drafts as at 30 June 2023 and 31 December 2022 consist of checks paid to depositors that have not yet been withdrawn from the Central Bank of Lebanon or other Lebanese banks.

15. Debt Issued and other Borrowed Funds

	Unaudited 30 June 2023 LBP Million	Audited 31 December 2022 LBP Million
USD 116,560,000 due 19 April 2027 – 5.00%	1,609,933	160,257
USD 112,500,000 due 11 April 2024 – 6.55% + Libor 6m	1,687,502	169,594
USD 37,500,000 due 11 April 2024 – 6.55% + Libor 6m	562,498	56,531
USD 276,000,000 due 1 August 2027 – 7.625%	4,126,431	415,028
Accrued interests	220,559	22,033
	8,206,923	823,443

The principal of the loans is to be repaid at maturity. Any principal amount of the loans prepaid may not be re-borrowed. Prepayment on the loans is applicable as follows:

USD 346,730,000 Due 16 October 2023 – 6.75%

In September 2013, the Group issued USD 350 million of subordinated unsecured bonds. The repayment date for the bonds was 16 October 2023, subject to early redemption or acceleration. The bonds carried an annual interest rate of 6.75% payable on a quarterly basis. During 2019, the Group acquired notes with a notional amount of USD 3.3 million for a total consideration of USD 2.6 million, leaving an outstanding sub debt amount of approximately USD 347 million.

In its meeting held on 12 February 2021, the Ordinary General Assembly, pursuant to a recommendation of the Board of Directors, resolved to proceed with the issuance of new unsecured subordinated notes under Lebanese law, the 2022 subordinated notes, to be subscribed to, through the voluntary exchange of the existing subordinated notes.

On 21 October 2021, the Bank announced an invitation to holders of subordinated notes to exchange all of their existing notes for (i) an equivalent principal amount of new notes; and (ii) a cash amount (as defined below) upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in the exchange offer memorandum. Existing holders who do not submit an exchange instruction prior to the settlement deadline will have their existing notes cancelled in exchange for the issue of new notes. The noteholder meeting, set to be held on 2 December 2021, was not quorate and was hence adjourned to 20 January 2022. The latter meeting was also not quorate and was further adjourned to 28 February 2022, date at which the necessary quorum was reached (with 68.08% of the aggregate principal amount of the outstanding existing notes then outstanding being represented) and the resolution was duly passed (with 92.98% of the votes being cast in favour of the resolution).

On 15 July 2021, the Bank received the Central Bank of Lebanon's approval for the exchange offer. On 28 March 2022, the Bank received a letter from the Central Bank of Lebanon with the amended approval, passed by a decision of the Central Council of the Central Bank of Lebanon on 23 March 2022, to include certain items, including the inclusion of the put option, in the terms and conditions of the new notes.

On 30 March 2022, the Bank and the Trustee entered into the Supplemental Trust Deed in order to give effect to the resolution.

Subsequently, on 19 April 2022, the Bank proceeded with the exchange of all of the existing notes, with the new issued notes and the settlement of the exchange offer. The terms and conditions of the new notes are summarised below.

USD 116,560,000 Due 19 April 2027 – 5.00%	Unaudited 30 June 2023 LBP Million	Audited 31 December 2022 LBP Million
Nominal value	1,748,400	175,715
Upfront interest	(138,467)	(15,458)
	1,609,933	160,257

Notes issued on 19 April 2022 in exchange of previous notes issued in September 2013. The terms and conditions for notes are as follows:
- Maturity date: 19 April 2027.
- Upfront interest payment of 10% payable on 19 April 2022, subject to 10% withholding tax.
- Interest payment of 5% p.a., subject to 10% withholding tax, which will start to accrue on 19 April 2022 and will be payable quarterly in arrears.
- Put option at the discretion of the noteholder who may choose to redeem the note at 90.5% of the principal amount. The settlement date of the put option is 19 May 2022.
- In connection to the exchange, a cash amount of USD 118.6875 per 1,000 in principal amount is payable, grossed up, on 19 April 2022.
- These notes are not eligible for integration in Tier 2 in the calculation of the capital adequacy ratio.
- Starting the first anniversary of the issue on 19 April 2023 and after giving a redemption notice, the Bank has the option to redeem in whole but not in part the Notes, including accrued and unpaid interest, noting that the principal amount will be redeemed at 92% of face value. If early redemption is not exercised by the Bank, the redemption percentage will increase thereafter incrementally by 2% at each anniversary date.

On 11 May 2022, the General Assembly resolved to approve: 1) granting of a .put option in favour of the holders of the 2022 Subordinated Notes issued on 19 April 2022 pursuant to the resolution of the Ordinary General Assembly meeting held on 12 February 2021, and (ii) all other terms of the 2022 Subordinated Notes, as per the Board of Directors' proposal and recommendations.

As at 19 May 2022, holders of notes representing approximately USD 230 million had exercised the put option out of USD 347 million outstanding (66% of the total).

USD 112,500,000 Due 11 April 2024 – 6.55% + Libor 6m and USD 37,500,000 Due 11 April 2024 – 6.55% + Libor 6m

The principal amount of the loan (and any interest accrued but unpaid will rank (i) junior in right of payment to the claims of the holders of unsecured and unsubordinated payment obligations of the Bank; (ii) paripassu with the claims of holders of all other subordinated indebtedness of the Bank, and (iii) in priority to the claims of shareholders of the Bank, including in respect of cash contributions to capital. Following satisfaction of unsubordinated claims as aforesaid, the lender shall be entitled to receive and to retain any payment or distribution in respect of the loan and all other amounts outstanding on a paripassu basis with other subordinated indebtedness.

If on a particular interest payment date, the Group does not have free profits available to pay the full amount of accrued and unpaid interest then due in respect of the loan, the Group's obligation to pay such interest shall be deferred and become due and payable on the next interest payment date, to the extent of free profits then available, and if not then available, such deferral shall continue until the interest payment date when all interests have been paid in full on the final maturity date.

The Group determined that the matters disclosed in Note 1 will have an impact on the retained earnings and reserves leading to a need for recapitalisation, the amount of which has not been determined yet due to the high level of uncertainty resulting from these matters. This matter is under objection by the lender. However, the Group believes that it is in a strong position. As at 30 June 2023, deferred interest payable amounted to LBP 637,402 million and was recorded under "Other liabilities" (31 December 2022: LBP 51,582 million) (Note 16).

The Group shall, on any interest payment date or not less than 30 days' prior written notice, have the right to prepay the entire outstanding principal amount of the loan, in whole but not in part, together with accrued but unpaid interest thereon, and all other amounts payable, and subject to the approval of the Central Bank of Lebanon:

- In the event of a change in Lebanese law or regulation resulting in an increase in the withholding tax rate applicable to payments of interest on the loans to more than 5.00% above the rate in effect on the date of the disbursement. No penalty or premium shall be payable in connection with any prepayment following changes in taxation; or
- Subject to the payment of a premium of 2.00% of the outstanding principal amount of the loans to be prepaid, at the option of the Group, on any interest payment date at any time after the fifth anniversary of the date on which the loan is disbursed.

USD 276,000,000 Due 1 August 2027 – 7.625%

On 1 August 2017, Odea Bank A.Ş. issued subordinated unsecured notes in the amount of USD 300 million to third parties. These notes mature on 1 August 2027 and pay semi-annual interest of 7.625%. The notes are listed on the Main Securities Market of the Irish Stock Exchange. Odea Bank A.Ş. shall repay the notes at maturity and may repay the notes in whole, but not in part, (1) starting from the fifth anniversary of the subordinated debt issuance date, or (2) due to changes in BRSA regulation if the loan ceases to be treated as Tier 2 capital under the applicable BRSA regulation. As of 31 December 2021, the total amount bought back amounted to USD 24 million. Odea Bank A.Ş. has not redeemed or cancelled the shares in circulation, thus selling back any portion of such amounts at any time is completely at Management's discretion.

Cash and Non-cash Changes in Debt Issued and Other Borrowed Funds

All changes in debt issued and other borrowed funds arise mainly from cash flows. Non-cash changes, such as foreign exchange gains and losses, were not significant during the period ended 30 June 2023 (31 December 2022: the same).

16. Other Liabilities

	Unaudited 30 June 2023 LBP Million	Audited 31 December 2022 LBP Million
Lease liabilities	218,939	25,697
Accrued expenses	294,011	68,732
Miscellaneous suppliers and other payables	109,037	20,261
Operational taxes	291,043	54,434
Employee accrued benefits	47,851	2,960
Electronic cards and regularisation accounts	140,356	37,517
Social security dues	33,473	9,372
Deferred interest payable (Note 15)	637,402	51,382
Deferred liability from exchange of foreign currencies	2,981,471	-
Other credit balances	1,054,674	135,466
	5,808,257	405,821

Deferred liability from exchange of foreign currencies

On 24 July 2023, BdL issued Intermediate Circular 676, requesting from Banks to depart from International Reporting Standards by reclassifying negative foreign exchange differences resulting from the periodic revaluation of FX position from Equity to Other Assets, whereas positive foreign exchange differences have to be reclassified into other liabilities.

17. Provisions for Risks and Charges

	Unaudited 30 June 2023 LBP Million	Audited 31 December 2022 LBP Million
Provisions for risks and charges	961,896	279,340
Provisions for ECL on financial guarantees and commitments	197,405	26,886
End-of-service benefits	667,590	224,672
	1,826,891	530,898

18. Other Components of Equity

	30 June 2023 (Unaudited)					
	Real Estate Revaluation Reserve LBP Million	Cumulative Changes in Fair Value LBP Million	Foreign Currency Translation Reserve LBP Million	Actuarial Loss on Defined Benefit Obligation LBP Million	Cash Flow Hedge Reserve LBP Million	**Total LBP Million**
Balance at 1 January 2023	**6,971,629**	**48,095**	**(1,464,160)**	**(144,004)**	**(3,504)**	**5,408,056**
Other comprehensive income from continuing operations	219	278,107	2,246,826	(16,241)	(23,137)	2,485,774
Transfers between reserves	-	-	2,749	-	-	2,749
Balance at 30 June 2023	**6,971,848**	**326,202**	**785,415**	**(160,245)**	**(26,641)**	**7,896,579**

	30 June 2022 (Unaudited)					
	Real Estate Revaluation Reserve LBP Million	Cumulative Changes in Fair Value LBP Million	Foreign Currency Translation Reserve LBP Million	Actuarial Loss on Defined Benefit Obligation LBP Million	Cash Flow Hedge Reserve LBP Million	Total LBP Million
Balance at 1 January 2022	262,001	(5,584)	(1,359,027)	(76,633)	(2,044)	(1,181,287)
Other comprehensive loss from continuing operations	-	49,770	(89,631)	-	1,263	(38,598)
Transfer between reserves	(106)	-	-	-	-	(106)
Balance at 30 June 2022	261,895	44,186	(1,448,658)	(76,633)	(781)	(1,219,991)

19. Cash and Cash Equivalents

	Unaudited 30 June 2023 LBP Million	Audited 31 December 2022 LBP Million	Unaudited 30 June 2022 LBP Million
Cash and balances with central banks	54,168,251	5,998,811	7,462,967
Due from banks and financial institutions	20,634,421	2,661,777	1,844,052
Loans to banks and financial institutions and reverse repurchase agreements	344,329	24,265	27,197
Due to central banks	(1,420)	(272,810)	(318,241)
Due to banks and financial institutions	(1,590,212)	(366,911)	(264,304)
Due to banks under repurchase agreement	(787)	(49,799)	(57,961)
	73,554,582	7,995,333	8,693,710

Cash and balances with central banks include amounts of LBP 20,658,157 million at 30 June 2023 (31 December 2022: LBP 3,421,449 million) representing mandatory reserve deposits and balances.

Cash and cash equivalents include balances in foreign currencies that are subject to defacto capital controls and restricted transfers outside Lebanon. Accordingly, these balances are not considered readily convertible to known amounts of cash in the denomination currency without a risk of changes in value. However, the Group maintains their classification as cash and cash equivalents as they are freely transferrable within the Lebanese territory. These balances were as follows as at 30 June 2023 and 31 December 2022:

	Unaudited 30 June 2023 LBP Million	Audited 31 December 2022 LBP Million
Cash and balances with central banks	39,055,907	3,589,840
Due from banks and financial institutions	231,917	22,807
	39,287,824	3,612,647

20. Fair Value of Financial Instruments

The fair values in this note are stated at a specific date and may be different from the amounts which will actually be paid on the maturity or settlement dates of the instrument. In many cases, it would not be possible to realise immediately the estimated fair values given the size of the portfolios measured. Accordingly, these fair values do not represent the value of these instruments to the Group as a going concern. Financial assets and liabilities are classified according to a hierarchy that reflects the significance of observable market inputs. The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are defined below:

Quoted Market Prices – Level 1

Financial instruments are classified as Level 1 if their value is observable in an active market. Such instruments are valued by reference to unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets where the quoted price is readily available, and the price represents actual and regularly occurring market transactions on an arm's length basis. An active market is one in which transactions occur with sufficient volume and frequency to provide pricing information on an ongoing basis.

Valuation Technique Using Observable Inputs – Level 2

Financial instruments classified as Level 2 have been valued using models whose most significant inputs are derived directly or indirectly from observable market data. Such inputs include quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets, quoted prices for identical instruments in inactive markets, and observable inputs other than quoted prices such as interest rates and yield curves, implied volatilities, and credit spreads.

Valuation Technique Using Significant Unobservable Inputs – Level 3

Financial instruments are classified as Level 3 if their valuation incorporates significant inputs that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs).

Effects of Exchange Rates on the Fair Value Measurements

The fair value disclosures for other assets and liabilities are first determined in their original currency, which is not the Lebanese Pound in the case of most of the assets and liabilities reported below. These are then translated to Lebanese Pounds at the official published exchange rate as discussed in Note 1.3. However, in light of the high deviation between the parallel market rate, the Sayrafa rates and the official published exchange rates, Management estimates that the amounts reported in this note in LBP do not reflect a reasonable estimate of expected cash flows in Lebanese Pounds that would have to be generated from the realisation of such assets or the payment of such liabilities at the date of the interim condensed financial statements, and Management is unable to estimate the effects on the fair value measurement. This matter should be taken into consideration when interpreting the fair value disclosures in this note, especially those under Level 1 and Level 2.

Fair Value of Financial Instruments Held at Fair Value

	30 June 2023 (Unaudited)			
	Level 1 LBP Million	Level 2 LBP Million	Level 3 LBP Million	**Total LBP Million**
FINANCIAL ASSETS				
Derivative financial instruments				
Derivatives held for trading				
Forward foreign exchange contracts	2,667	43,432	-	46,099
Forward precious metals contracts	3,254	-	-	3,254
Currency swaps	22,286	-	-	22,286
Precious metals swaps	3,814	-	-	3,814
Currency options	68,849	43,699	-	112,548
Interest rate swaps	-	144,679	-	144,679
Equity options	92,817	-	-	92,817
	193,687	**231,810**	**-**	**425,497**
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss				
Lebanese sovereign and Central Bank of lebanon				
Eurobonds	156,841	-	-	156,841
Other sovereign:				
Treasury bills and bonds	12,761	-	-	12,761
Private sector and other securities				
Banks and financial institutions	1,715,634	-	-	1,715,634
Mutual funds	-	203,993	343,794	547,787
Equity instruments	643	23,099	-	23,742
	1,885,879	**227,092**	**343,794**	**2,456,765**
Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income				
Debt instruments				
Other sovereign				
Treasury bills and bonds	5,648,212	-	-	5,648,212
Private sector and other securities				
Banks and financial institutions	233,714	-	-	233,714
Corporate	52,114	-	-	52,114
Equity instruments				
Quoted	1,290,820	-	-	1,290,820
Unquoted	-	2,644	258,173	260,817
	7,172,746	**2,644**	**258,173**	**7,433,563**
	9,252,312	**461,546**	**601,967**	**10,315,825**
FINANCIAL LIABILITIES				
Derivative financial instruments				
Derivatives held for trading				
Forward foreign exchange contracts	153	59,545	-	59,698
Forward precious metals contracts	84	-	-	84
Currency swaps	18,161	-	-	18,161
Precious metals swaps	313	-	-	313
Currency options	68,848	130,323	-	199,171
Interest rate swaps	-	342,338	-	342,338
Equity options	92,817	-	-	92,817
Derivatives held for cash flow hedge				
Interest rate swaps	-	2,090	-	2,090
	180,376	**534,296**	**-**	**714,672**
Customers' deposits – sight	1,548,148	-	-	1,548,148
	1,728,524	**534,296**	**-**	**2,262,820**

	31 December 2022 (Audited)			
	Level 1 LBP Million	Level 2 LBP Million	Level 3 LBP Million	Total LBP Million
FINANCIAL ASSETS				
Derivative financial instruments				
Derivatives held for trading				
Forward foreign exchange contracts	1,136	6,762	-	7,898
Forward precious metals contracts	3	-	-	3
Currency swaps	1,971	23,770	-	25,741
Precious metals swaps	56	-	-	56
Currency options	6,827	11,966	-	18,793
Interest rate swaps	-	60,156	-	60,156
Equity options	6,496	-	-	6,496
	16,489	102,654	-	119,143
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss				
Lebanese sovereign and Central Bank of Lebanon				
Eurobonds	16,168	-	-	16,168
Other sovereign				
Treasury bills and bonds	967	-	-	967
Private sector and other securities				
Banks and financial institutions	199,805	-	-	199,805
Mutual funds	-	3,169	34,550	37,719
Equity Instruments	52	2,034	-	2,086
	216,992	5,203	34,550	256,745
Financial assets designated at fair value through other comprehensive income				
Debt instruments				
Other sovereign				
Treasury bills	868,073	-	-	868,073
Private sector and other securities				
Banks and financial institutions	31,513	-	-	31,513
Equity instruments				
Quoted	87,331	-	-	87,331
Unquoted	-	266	44,658	44,924
	986,917	266	44,658	1,031,841
	1,220,398	108,123	79,208	1,407,729
FINANCIAL LIABILITIES				
Derivative financial instruments				
Derivative financial instruments				
Derivatives held for trading				
Forward foreign exchange contracts	994	4,951	-	5,945
Forward precious metals contracts	18	-	-	18
Currency swaps	4,274	11,820	-	16,094
Precious metals swaps	1,163	-	-	1,163
Currency options	6,827	4,145	-	10,972
Interest rate swaps	-	13,038	-	13,038
Equity options	6,496	-	-	6,496
Derivatives held for fair value hedge				
Interest rate swaps	-	834	-	834
	19,772	34,788	-	54,560
Customers' deposits – sight	145,711	-	-	145,711
	165,483	34,788	-	200,271

Valuation Techniques Used for Material Classes of Financial Assets and Liabilities Categorised within Level 2 and Level 3

Interest Rate Derivatives

Interest rate derivatives include interest rate swaps and interest rate options. The most frequently applied valuation techniques include forward pricing and swap models, using present value calculations by estimating future cash flows and discounting them with the appropriate yield curves incorporating funding costs relevant for the position. These contracts are generally Level 2 unless adjustments to yield curves or credit spreads are based on significant non-observable inputs, in which case they are Level 3. The Group does not have interest rate derivatives classified as Level 3.

Foreign Exchange Derivatives

Foreign exchange contracts include open spot contracts, foreign exchange forward and swap contracts and over-the-counter foreign exchange options. These instruments are valued by either observable foreign exchange rates, observable or calculated forward points and option valuation models. With the exception of contracts where a directly observable rate is available which are disclosed as Level 1, the Group classifies foreign exchange contracts as Level 2 financial instruments when no unobservable inputs are used for their valuation or the unobservable inputs used are not significant to the measurement (as a whole). The Group does not have foreign exchange derivatives classified as Level 3.

Funds and Equity Shares of Non-listed Entities

Units held in funds are measured based on their net asset value (NAV), taking into account redemption and/or other restrictions. Classification between Level 2 and Level 3 is dependent on whether the NAV is observable or unobservable (i.e. recent and published by the fund administrator or not).

Equity shares of non-listed entities comprise mainly the Group's strategic investments, are generally classified at fair value through other comprehensive income and are not traded in active markets. These are investments in private companies, for which there is no or only limited sufficient recent information to determine fair value. The Group determined that cost adjusted to reflect the investee's financial position and results since initial recognition represents the best estimate of fair value. Classification between Level 2 and Level 3 is based on whether the financial statements of the investee are recent and published or not. These instruments are fair valued using third-party information (NAV or financial statements of non-listed entities), without adjustment. Accordingly, quantitative information about significant unobservable inputs and sensitivity analysis cannot be developed by the Group in accordance with IFRS 13.93 (d).

The movement of items recurrently measured at fair value categorised within Level 3 during the period is as follows:

	30 June 2023 (Unaudited)		31 December 2022 (Audited)	
	Financial Instruments at Fair Value through Profit or Loss	Financial Instruments at Fair Value through Other Comprehensive Income	Financial Instruments at Fair Value through Profit or Loss	Financial Instruments at Fair Value through Other Comprehensive Income
FINANCIAL ASSETS	LBP Million	LBP Million	LBP Million	LBP Million
Balance at 1 January	34,550	44,658	39,491	43,132
Re-measurement recognised in other comprehensive income	-	6,856	-	1,265
Re-measurement recognised in income statement	-	-	(264)	-
Purchases	-	-	-	769
Sales	-	-	(4,677)	-
Foreign exchange difference	309,244	206,659	-	(508)
Balance at 30 June/31 December	**343,794**	**258,173**	34,550	44,658

Fair Value of Financial Instruments not Held at Fair Value

Comparison of Carrying and Fair Values for Financial Assets and Liabilities not Held at Fair Value

Financial Assets and Liabilities Concentrated in Lebanon

These assets consist of balances with the Central Bank of Lebanon and Lebanese banks, Lebanese government securities, loans and advances to customers and related parties and customers and related parties deposits and debt issued and other borrowed funds. These are illiquid in nature and the measurement of their fair value is usually determined through discounted cash flow valuation models using observable market inputs, comprising of interest rates and yield curves, implied volatilities, and credit spreads. Due to the situation described in Note 1 and the unprecedented levels of uncertainty surrounding the economic crisis that Lebanon, and particularly the banking sector, is experiencing, Management is unable to produce faithful estimation of the fair value of these financial assets and liabilities.

The carrying value of the Group's other financial instruments (not concentrated in Lebanon) not measured at fair value is reasonable approximation of their fair value.

21. Contingent Liabilities, Commitments and Leasing Arrangements

Credit-related Commitments and Contingent Liabilities

The Group enters into various commitments, guarantees and other contingent liabilities which are mainly credit-related instruments including both financial and non-financial guarantees and commitments to extend credit. Even though these obligations may not be recognised on the statement of financial position, they do contain credit risk and are therefore part of the overall risk of the Group. The table below discloses the nominal principal amounts of credit-related commitments and contingent liabilities. Nominal principal amounts represent the amount at risk should the contracts be fully drawn upon and clients' default. As a significant portion of guarantees and commitments is expected to expire without being withdrawn, the total of the nominal principal amount is not indicative of future liquidity requirements.

	30 June 2023 (Unaudited)		
	Banks LBP Million	Customers LBP Million	**Total LBP Million**
Guarantees and contingent liabilities			
Financial guarantees	41,037	2,252,338	2,293,375
Other guarantees	762,420	5,395,995	6,158,415
	803,457	**7,648,333**	**8,451,790**
Commitments			
Documentary credits	-	1,488,917	1,488,917
Loan commitments	-	17,702,910	17,702,910
Of which revocable	-	*13,154,928*	*13,154,928*
Of which irrevocable	-	*4,547,982*	*4,547,982*
	-	**19,191,827**	**19,191,827**

	31 December 2022 (Audited)		
	Banks LBP Million	Customers LBP Million	Total LBP Million
Guarantees and contingent liabilities			
Financial guarantees	5,019	248,348	253,367
Other guarantees	6,834	681,641	688,475
	11,853	929,989	941,842
Commitments			
Documentary credits	-	193,869	193,869
Loan commitments	-	2,279,907	2,279,907
Of which revocable	-	*1,746,103*	*1,746,103*
Of which irrevocable	-	*533,804*	*533,804*
	-	2,473,776	2,473,776

Guarantees (Including Standby Letters of Credit)

Guarantees are given as security to support the performance of a customer to third parties. The main types of guarantees provided are:

- Financial guarantees given to banks and financial institutions on behalf of customers to secure loans, overdrafts, and other banking facilities; and
- Other guarantees are contracts that have similar features to the financial guarantee contracts but fail to meet the strict definition of a financial guarantee contract under IFRS. These mainly include performance and tender guarantees.

Documentary Credits

Documentary credits commit the Group to make payments to third parties, on production of documents which are usually reimbursed immediately by customers.

Loan Commitments

Loan commitments are defined amounts (unutilised credit lines or undrawn portions of credit lines) against which clients can borrow money under defined terms and conditions.

Revocable loan commitments are those commitments that can be unconditionally cancelled at any time subject to notice requirements according to their general terms and conditions. Irrevocable loan commitments result from arrangements where the Group has no right to withdraw the loan commitment once communicated to the beneficiary.

Investment Commitments

The Group invested in funds pursuant to the provisions of Decision No. 6116 dated 7 March 1996 of the Central Bank of Lebanon. In accordance with this resolution, the Group can benefit from facilities granted by the Central Bank of Lebanon to be invested in startup companies, incubators and accelerators whose objects are restricted to supporting the development, success and growth of startup companies in Lebanon or companies whose objects are restricted to investing venture capital in startup companies in Lebanon. These investments have resulted in future commitments on the Group of LBP 98,159 million as of 30 June 2023 (31 December 2022: LBP 9,865 million).

Legal Claims

Litigation is a common occurrence in the banking industry due to the nature of the business. At period-end, the Group had several unresolved legal claims in Lebanon and abroad, mainly those relating to the restrictive measures in place with respect to the withdrawal of funds and transfers abroad and a civil action filed in US federal courts in the US District Court in the Eastern District of New York (EDNY) against eleven Lebanese banks including Bank Audi sal, asserting primary and secondary liability claims under the Anti-Terrorism Act ("ATA").

The extent of the impact of these matters cannot always be predicted but may materially impact the Group's operations, financial results, condition and prospects. However, once professional advice has been obtained and the amount of damages reasonably estimated, the Group makes adjustments to account for any adverse effects which the claims may have on its financial standing. Based on advice from legal counsel, and despite the novelty of certain claims and the uncertainties inherent in their unique situation, Management believes that legal claims will not result in any material financial loss to the Group, however they may have an impact on the offshore liquidity of the Group, its foreign assets, and its foreign currency exposure (Note 26).

Capital Expenditure Commitments

	Unaudited 30 June 2023 LBP Million	Audited 31 December 2022 LBP Million
Capital expenditure commitments	4,267	422

Commitments Resulting from Credit Facilities Received

The Group has several commitments and covenants resulting from credit facilities, term loans and subordinated debts with non-resident financial institutions. The Group is in breach with some of the financial covenants which were calculated based on the recorded figures and does not take into consideration the adjustments that may result from the resolution of the uncertainties in Note 1. Due to the high level of uncertainties and the lack of observable reliable indicators and the high gap in currency rates, the Group is unable to estimate in a reasonable manner the impact of these matters on its covenant calculation.

Other Commitments and Contingencies

Certain areas of the Lebanese tax legislation and the tax legislations where the subsidiaries operate are subject to different interpretations in respect of the taxability of certain types of financial transactions and activities. The Bank's books in Lebanon for the years 2015 to 2017 (inclusive) are currently under review by the tax authorities. The outcome of this review cannot be determined yet. The Bank's books in Lebanon remain subject to the review of the tax authorities for the years 2018 to 30 June 2023 and the review of the National Social Security Fund (NSSF) for the period from 30 September 2011 to 30 June 2023. In addition, the subsidiaries' books and records are subject to review by the tax and social security authorities in the countries in which they operate. Management believes that adequate provisions were recorded against possible review results to the extent that they can be reliably estimated.

22. Assets Under Management

Assets under management include client assets managed or deposited with the Group. For the most part, the clients decide how these assets are to be invested.

	Unaudited 30 June 2023 LBP Million	Audited 31 December 2022 LBP Million
Assets under management	101,888,606	9,729,265
Fiduciary assets	15,317,311	1,687,547
	117,205,917	11,416,812

23. Related-Party Transactions

Parties are considered to be related if one party has the ability to control the other party or exercise significant influence over the other party in making financial or operational decisions, or one other party controls both. The definition includes subsidiaries, associates, Key Management Personnel and their close family members, as well as entities controlled or jointly controlled by them.

Subsidiaries

Transactions between the Bank and its subsidiaries meet the definition of related-party transactions. However, where these are eliminated on consolidation, they are not disclosed in the Group's financial statements.

Associates and Other Entities

The Group provides banking services to its associates and to entities under common directorships. As such, loans, overdrafts, interest and non-interest bearing deposits, and current accounts are provided to these entities, as well as other services. These transactions are conducted on the same terms as third-party transactions

Amounts included in the Group's financial statements are as follows:

	Unaudited 30 June 2023 LBP Million	Audited 31 December 2022 LBP Million
Loans and advances	594,082	64,475
Of which: granted to Key Management Personnel	*39,863*	*7,451*
Of which: cash collateral received against loans	*544,129*	*55,241*
Indirect facilities	15,121	1,734
Deposits	1,041,177	116,350
Interest income on loans	511	682
Interest expense on deposits	331	505

Key Management Personnel

Key Management Personnel are those individuals who have the authority and responsibility for planning and exercising power to directly or indirectly control the activities of the Group and its employees. The Group considers the members of the Board of Directors (and it sub-committees) and Executive Committee, and persons and entities connected to them to be Key Management Personnel.

	Unaudited 30 June 2023 LBP Million	Unaudited 30 June 2022 LBP Million
Short-term benefits	8,262	6,833
Post-employment benefits – income statement	304	138

Short-term benefits comprise of salaries, bonuses, attendance fees and other benefits.

Provision for end-of-service benefits of Key Management Personnel amounted to LBP 4,339 million as of 30 June 2023 (31 December 2022: LBP 4,035 million).

24. Credit Risk

Expected Credit Losses

Financial Assets and ECLs by Stage

The tables below present an analysis of financial assets at amortised cost by gross exposure and impairment allowance by stage allocation as at 30 June 2023 and 31 December 2022. The Group does not hold any purchased or originated credit-impaired assets as at period-end.

	Gross Exposure				Impairment Allowance				
30 June 2023 (Unaudited)	Stage 1 LBP Million	Stage 2 LBP Million	Stage 3 LBP Million	**Total LBP Million**	Stage 1 LBP Million	Stage 2 LBP Million	Stage 3 LBP Million	**Total LBP Million**	**Net Exposure LBP Million**
Central banks	8,890,396	120,359,169	-	129,249,565	2,704	2,273,086	-	2,275,790	126,973,775
Due from banks and financial institutions	27,599,187	249,486	5,541	27,854,214	2,494	-	2,149	4,643	27,849,571
Loans to banks and financial institutions and reverse repurchase agreements	2,241,836	-	-	2,241,836	-	-	-	-	2,241,836
Loans and advances to customers at amortised cost	30,282,366	6,129,494	6,114,104	42,525,964	508,823	909,374	4,497,043	5,915,240	36,610,724
Corporate and SME	*18,719,785*	*6,084,919*	*3,981,585*	*28,786,289*	*402,242*	*899,002*	*2,887,318*	*4,188,562*	*24,597,727*
Retail and Personal Banking	*11,511,058*	*43,341*	*1,766,991*	*13,321,390*	*106,322*	*10,368*	*1,321,990*	*1,438,680*	*11,882,710*
Public sector	*51,523*	*1,234*	*365,528*	*418,285*	*259*	*4*	*287,735*	*287,998*	*130,287*
Loans and advances to related parties at amortised cost	594,083	-	-	594,083	1	-	-	1	594,082
Financial assets at amortised cost	11,302,018	34,218,963	4,846,319	50,367,300	43,261	649,272	2,420,940	3,113,473	47,253,827
Financial guarantees and other commitments	14,253,757	415,390	95,496	14,764,643	44,759	126,152	26,494	197,405	14,567,238
Total	**95,163,643**	**161,372,502**	**11,061,460**	**267,597,605**	**602,042**	**3,957,884**	**6,946,626**	**11,506,552**	**256,091,053**

	Gross Exposure				Impairment Allowance				
31 December 2022 (Audited)	Stage 1 LBP Million	Stage 2 LBP Million	Stage 3 LBP Million	Total LBP Million	Stage 1 LBP Million	Stage 2 LBP Million	Stage 3 LBP Million	Total LBP Million	Net Exposure LBP Million
Central banks	1,172,615	13,166,568	-	14,339,183	360	228,094	-	228,454	14,110,729
Due from banks and financial institutions	2,991,951	24,742	544	3,017,237	265	-	206	471	3,016,766
Loans to banks and financial institutions and reverse repurchase agreements	216,397	-	-	216,397	-	-	-	-	216,397
Loans and advances to customers at amortised cost	4,964,052	788,715	1,009,065	6,761,832	53,116	129,074	708,522	890,712	5,871,120
Corporate and SME	*3,414,443*	*744,315*	*681,480*	4,840,238	*23,103*	*114,454*	*472,626*	*610,183*	*4,230,055*
Retail and Personal Banking	*1,540,365*	*43,256*	*286,885*	1,870,506	*30,013*	*14,619*	*207,359*	*251,991*	*1,618,515*
Public sector	*9,244*	*1,144*	*40,700*	51,088	-	*1*	*28,537*	*28,538*	*22,550*
Loans and advances to related parties at amortised cost	64,476	-	-	64,476	1	-	-	1	64,475
Financial assets at amortised cost	1,422,426	3,478,796	2,310,018	7,211,240	2,642	65,252	87,890	155,784	7,055,456
Financial guarantees and other commitments	1,614,563	51,807	10,200	1,676,570	7,649	15,877	3,360	26,886	1,649,684
Total	12,446,480	17,510,628	3,329,827	33,286,935	64,033	438,297	799,978	1,302,308	31,984,627

Analysis of Risk Concentrations

Geographic Location analysis

The Group controls credit risk by maintaining close monitoring credit of its assets exposures by geographic location. The distribution of financial assets by geographic region as of 30 June 2023 and 31 December 2022 is as follows:

	30 June 2023 (Unaudited)									
	Lebanon LBP Million	Turkey LBP Million	MENA LBP Million	Europe LBP Million	North America LBP Million	Asia LBP Million	Rest of Africa LBP Million	Central and South America LBP Million	Rest of the World LBP Million	**Total LBP Million**
Balances with central banks	118,086,083	4,394,549	-	4,493,143	-	-	-	-	-	126,973,775
Due from banks and financial institutions	249,486	3,337,374	2,469,571	19,094,934	2,689,685	8,499	22	-	-	27,849,571
Loans to banks and financial institutions and reverse repurchase agreements	-	2,241,836	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,241,836
Derivative financial instruments	16,732	150,642	1,333	255,841	-	311	638	-	-	425,497
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	157,849	11,753	-	1,715,634	-	-	-	-	-	1,885,236
Loans and advances to customers at amortised cost	6,398,561	17,382,535	4,853,476	3,447,104	164,982	736,884	3,308,372	306,943	11,867	36,610,724
Loans and advances to related parties at amortised cost	37,581	-	544,242	12,245	14	-	-	-	-	594,082
Debtors by acceptances	141,099	-	1,001	18,402	-	-	115,452	-	-	275,954
Financial assets at amortised cost	35,997,831	2,806,406	1,009,993	1,785,392	4,364,070	1,080,804	11,097	-	198,234	47,253,827
Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income	-	5,532,556	127,123	1,447	115,656	105,144	-	-	-	5,881,926
Other assets	1,454,562	242,437	19,897	84,334	-	-	-	-	-	1,801,230
	162,539,784	**36,100,088**	**9,026,636**	**30,908,476**	**7,334,407**	**1,931,642**	**3,435,581**	**306,943**	**210,101**	**251,793,658**

	31 December 2022 (Audited)									
	Lebanon LBP Million	Turkey LBP Million	MENA LBP Million	Europe LBP Million	North America LBP Million	Asia LBP Million	Rest of Africa LBP Million	Central and South America LBP Million	Rest of the World LBP Million	Total LBP Million
Balances with central banks	12,938,474	607,751	-	564,504	-	-	-	-	-	14,110,729
Due from banks and financial institutions	22,997	411,216	201,786	2,028,020	352,190	554	3	-	-	3,016,766
Loans to banks and financial institutions and reverse repurchase agreements	-	216,397	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	216,397
Derivative financial instruments	365	30,489	285	83,341	4,383	122	158	-	-	119,143
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	16,168	868	-	199,805	-	-	-	99	-	216,940
Loans and advances to customers at amortised cost	2,347,976	2,263,487	456,883	341,932	5,928	72,710	342,355	29,930	9,919	5,871,120
Loans and advances to related parties at amortised cost	7,995	-	55,547	933	-	-	-	-	-	64,475
Debtors by acceptances	830	-	220	756	-	-	5,249	-	-	7,055
Financial assets at amortised cost	5,635,950	342,280	117,356	230,219	580,821	129,065	-	-	19,765	7,055,456
Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income	-	843,596	13,577	-	29,497	12,916	-	-	-	899,586
Other assets	506,145	42,416	1,713	6,621	-	-	-	-	-	556,895
	21,476,900	4,758,500	847,367	3,456,131	972,819	215,367	347,765	30,029	29,684	32,134,562

25. Market Risk

Currency Risk

Foreign exchange (or currency) risk is the risk that the value of a portfolio will fall as a result of changes in foreign exchange rates. The major sources of this type of market risk are imperfect correlations in the movements of currency prices, fluctuations in interest rates and exchange rate volatility in general. The Group is subject to currency risk on financial assets and liabilities that are denominated in currencies other than the Lebanese Pound. Most of these financial assets and liabilities are in US Dollars, Euros and Turkish Liras. The Group has also exposure to foreign currency risk through its subsidiaries that have a functional currency other than Lebanese Pounds.

As disclosed in Note 1.3, the Group's assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are valued at the official published exchange rate. Due to the high volatility and the significant variance in exchange rates between the multiple currency markets, this does not always represent a reasonable estimate of expected cash flows in Lebanese Pounds that would have to be generated/used from the realisation of such assets or the payment of such liabilities at the date of the transaction or at the date of the financial statements. In February 2023, the Central Bank of Lebanon changed the official published exchange rate from LBP 1,507.5 to LBP 15,000 to the US Dollars.

The gap between the several exchange rates and the subjectivity and complexities surrounding exchange rates remained even after the change in the official published exchange rate and Management believes that the future unification of the exchange rate of the LBP to the US Dollar will further have a significant impact on its financial position and regulatory ratios from the translation of assets and liabilities in foreign currencies at a different rate. Management is unable to determine what would be a reasonable possible movement in order to provide a useful quantitative sensitivity analysis.

The following tables present the breakdown of assets and liabilities of the Group by currency. Impairment allowances are reflected in the tables below in the currency in which they were recorded, which might differ from the original currency of the impaired asset.

	30 June 2023 (Unaudited)					
	LBP LBP Million	USD LBP Million	EUR LBP Million	TRY LBP Million	Other LBP Million	**Total LBP Million**
Assets						
Cash and balances with central banks	3,568,892	114,315,591	12,422,460	423,869	1,046,663	131,777,475
Due from banks and financial institutions	17,605	20,196,744	1,996,054	3,152,031	2,487,137	27,849,571
Loans to banks and financial institutions and reverse repurchase agreements	-	-	-	2,241,836	-	2,241,836
Derivative financial instruments	-	132,968	62,897	84,257	145,375	425,497
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	-	562,531	-	178,600	1,715,634	2,456,765
Loans and advances to customers at amortised cost	1,397,233	12,713,864	11,468,255	8,990,293	2,041,079	36,610,724
Loans and advances to related parties at amortised cost	4,889	576,145	13,048	-	-	594,082
Debtors by acceptances	-	246,092	29,198	-	664	275,954
Financial assets at amortised cost	2,214,225	40,216,787	1,196,405	3,626,410	-	47,253,827
Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income	21,713	4,580,919	738,632	2,046,011	46,288	7,433,563
Investments in associates	-	153,509	-	-	-	153,509
Property and equipment and right-of-use assets	7,459,937	1,214	95,744	172,797	619,942	8,349,634
Intangible assets	33,917	-	7,717	221,748	16,501	279,883
Assets obtained in settlement of debt	2,685	95,782	-	474,650	-	573,117
Other assets	794,950	812,838	90,215	282,654	129,115	2,109,772
Deferred tax assets	2,572	944	30,536	661,717	59,867	755,636
Goodwill	-	422,204	-	-	-	422,204
Total assets	**15,518,618**	**195,028,132**	**28,151,161**	**22,556,873**	**8,308,265**	**269,563,049**
Liabilities and shareholders' equity						
Due to central banks	2,385,945	221,485	413	-	-	2,607,843
Due to banks and financial institutions	6,332	2,897,666	316,956	32,941	110,798	3,364,693
Due to banks under repurchase agreements	-	-	-	787	-	787
Derivative financial instruments	-	262,135	60,707	242,012	149,818	714,672
Customers' deposits	7,008,830	172,745,215	20,405,021	20,230,043	7,935,901	228,325,010
Deposits from related parties	6,148	940,357	64,034	982	29,656	1,041,177
Debt issued and other borrowed funds	-	8,206,923	-	-	-	8,206,923
Engagements by acceptances	-	246,092	29,198	-	664	275,954
Other liabilities	3,793,613	1,286,214	213,219	336,489	178,722	5,808,257
Deferred tax liabilities	169,557	-	-	-	20,626	190,183
Current tax liability	21,521	-	84,615	253,515	12,772	372,423
Provisions for risks and charges	398,475	866,464	30,837	376,332	154,783	1,826,891
Shareholders' equity	3,800,293	6,568,189	1,244,824	1,562,263	3,652,667	16,828,236
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	**17,590,714**	**194,240,740**	**22,449,824**	**23,035,364**	**12,246,407**	**269,563,049**

	31 December 2022 (Audited)					
	LBP LBP Million	USD LBP Million	EUR LBP Million	TRY LBP Million	Other LBP Million	Total LBP Million
Assets						
Cash and balances with central banks	1,189,224	11,514,238	1,265,328	92,617	243,147	14,304,554
Due from banks and financial institutions	193	2,118,222	274,908	404,129	219,314	3,016,766
Loans to banks and financial institutions and reverse repurchase agreements	-	-	-	216,397	-	216,397
Derivative financial instruments	-	54,949	4,859	49,066	10,269	119,143
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	-	56,439	375	126	199,805	256,745
Loans and advances to customers at amortised cost	1,741,498	1,481,306	1,273,983	1,159,111	215,222	5,871,120
Loans and advances to related parties at amortised cost	4,810	58,735	930	-	-	64,475
Debtors by acceptances	-	5,713	966	-	376	7,055
Financial assets at amortised cost	2,075,903	4,363,497	127,637	488,419	-	7,055,456
Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income	21,713	426,142	82,868	495,335	5,783	1,031,841
Investments in associates	-	14,359	-	-	-	14,359
Property and equipment and right-of-use assets	7,550,404	617	9,960	24,356	61,431	7,646,768
Intangible assets	39,017	-	738	19,602	1,420	60,777
Assets obtained in settlement of debt	2,685	95,782	-	64,933	-	163,400
Other assets	519,123	70,419	8,079	47,892	16,945	662,458
Deferred tax assets	3,217	-	12	47,852	6,114	57,195
Goodwill	-	42,442	-	-	-	42,442
Total Assets	13,147,787	20,302,860	3,050,643	3,109,835	979,826	40,590,951
Liabilities and shareholders' equity						
Due to central banks	2,432,013	29,245	40	272,669	-	2,733,967
Due to banks and financial institutions	179,155	319,332	76,856	-	8,142	583,485
Due to banks under repurchase agreements	-	-	-	49,799	-	49,799
Derivative financial instruments	-	16,728	5,346	19,502	12,984	54,360
Customers' deposits	5,430,165	18,250,570	2,173,998	2,515,948	730,257	29,100,938
Deposits from related parties	4,805	98,178	7,513	137	5,717	116,350
Debt issued and other borrowed funds	-	823,443	-	-	-	823,443
Engagements by acceptances	-	5,713	966	-	376	7,055
Other liabilities	187,744	121,608	17,547	56,914	22,008	405,821
Deferred tax liabilities	98,292	-	-	-	2,005	100,297
Current tax liability	8,834	-	2,500	17,396	266	28,996
Provisions for risks and charges	383,941	40,071	3,009	79,260	24,617	530,898
Shareholders' equity	3,743,997	3,259,269	47,229	(1,272,214)	277,061	6,055,342
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	12,468,946	22,964,157	2,335,004	1,739,411	1,083,433	40,590,951

Assets and liabilities in foreign currencies presented in the tables above include onshore assets and liabilities in foreign currencies that are subject to defacto capital controls in Lebanon, which is further explained in Note 1. These are held by entities operating in Lebanon and Management expects that they will be realised/settled without recourse to foreign currency cash and/or foreign bank accounts outside Lebanon ("fresh funds"). Hence these cannot be perceived to have an economic value equivalent to that of offshore foreign currency assets and liabilities, and should be viewed and managed separately. The tables below detail onshore assets and liabilities in foreign currencies:

	30 June 2023 (Unaudited)			
	USD LBP Million	EUR LBP Million	Other LBP Million	**Total LBP Million**
Assets				
Cash and balances with central banks	109,859,171	6,581,786	97,022	116,537,979
Due from banks and financial institutions	231,884	-	-	231,884
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	284,558	-	-	284,558
Loans and advances to customers at amortised cost	2,848,330	294,401	898	3,143,629
Loans and advances to related parties at amortised cost	31,754	-	-	31,754
Financial assets at amortised cost	33,779,989	-	-	33,779,989
Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income	1,314,103	-	-	1,314,103
Investment in associates	153,509	-	-	153,509
Property and equipment and right-of-use assets	1,214	-	514	1,728
Assets obtained in settlement of debt	95,782	-	-	95,782
Other assets	571,260	14,471	1,310	587,041
Total assets	**149,171,554**	**6,890,658**	**99,744**	156,161,956
Liabilities and shareholders' equity				
Due to central banks	220,478	-	-	220,478
Due to banks and financial institutions	465,526	171	14	465,711
Customers' deposits	146,651,464	6,795,089	967,678	154,414,231
Deposits from related parties	284,001	25,106	2,861	311,968
Other liabilities	597,381	4,377	1,046	602,804
Provisions for risks and charges	632,735	-	-	632,735
Total liabilities	**148,851,585**	**6,824,743**	**971,599**	156,647,927

	31 December 2022 (Audited)			
	USD LBP Million	EUR LBP Million	Other LBP Million	Total LBP Million
Assets				
Cash and balances with central banks	11,060,957	711,704	4,807	11,777,468
Due from banks and financial institutions	22,808	-	-	22,808
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	28,585	-	-	28,585
Loans and advances to customers at amortised cost	445,973	41,954	1,464	489,391
Loans and advances to related parties at amortised cost	3,177	-	-	3,177
Financial assets at amortised cost	3,559,684	-	-	3,565,684
Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income	89,356	315	-	89,671
Investment in associates	14,359	-	-	14,359
Property and equipment and right-of-use assets	617	-	52	669
Assets obtained in settlement of debt	95,782	-	-	95,782
Other assets	65,337	427	264	66,028
Total assets	15,386,635	754,400	6,587	16,147,622
Liabilities				
Due to central banks	29,145	-	-	29,145
Due to banks and financial institutions	43,304	127	26	43,457
Customers' deposits	15,149,980	674,484	95,598	15,920,062
Deposits from related parties	30,262	2,136	276	32,674
Other liabilities	60,724	531	259	61,514
Provisions for risks and charges	22,234	-	-	22,234
Total liabilities	15,335,649	677,278	96,159	16,109,086

26. Litigation Risk

Since 17 October 2019, the Group has been subject to an increased litigations in Lebanon and abroad, as a result of the restrictive measures adopted by Lebanese banks in relation to the withdrawal of funds and transfers abroad, as well as in relation to the repayment by customers of local foreign currency loans in Lebanese Pounds. Management is carefully considering the impact of these existing litigations and claims against the Group in relation to these restrictive measures. There are still uncertainties related to the consequences of these restrictive measures, based on the current available information and the prevailing laws and local banking practices. Due to recent development and the increasing trend in judgments ruled in favor of the plaintiffs and customers during 2021 and 2022 in Lebanon and abroad, management considers that they may affect negatively the offshore liquidity of the Group, its foreign assets and its foreign currency mismatch (refer to Note 54 – Currency Risk). The amount cannot be determined presently. At the balance sheet date, shares owned by the Bank in certain local and foreign subsidiaries were placed under seizure, by court orders in relation to litigations raised by customers for the transfer of funds abroad. Also, amounts held by the Bank at foreign correspondent banks especially in France are being subject to conservatory seizures.

Complaints have also filed by groups of individuals against "Lebanese banks" and the chairmen of their board of directors for alleged committed crimes of tort and fraudulent bankruptcy, money laundering, fraud and breach of trust, which resulted in different legal decisions and actions on several banks. With respect to Bank Audi SAL, the Bank was the target of restraining orders preventing it from disposing of its assets in addition to accusations of violation of the banking secrecy law. Bank Audi SAL has sought legal expertise on the matter: common consensus converges toward the fact that the claims are baseless and with no legal grounds. On 4 May 2023, a decision was rendered by the Disciplinary Council of Judges in Lebanon to suspend and dismiss the Public Prosecutor of Appeal in Mount Lebanon, noting that the decision is subject to the Supreme Disciplinary Authority. At present, the case is with the Judge of Instruction, and Management and its legal counsels are in the opinion that the case will be dismissed for the lack of legal grounds.

In addition, the Group may, from time to time, become involved in other legal or arbitration proceedings which may affect its operations and results. Litigation risk arises from pending or potential legal claims against the Group (Note 21).

27. Political Risk

External factors which are beyond the control of the Group, such as political developments and government actions in Lebanon (Note 1) and other countries may adversely affect the operations of the Group, its strategy and prospects. Other important political risk factors include government intervention on the Group's activities and social developments in the countries in which the Group operates, political developments in Lebanon, and political or social unrest or military conflict in neighbouring countries and/or other overseas areas. Given the above, the Group recognises that unforeseen political events can have negative effects on the fulfilment of contractual relationships and obligations of its customers and other counterparties which will result in significant impact on Group's activities, operating results and position.

28. Capital Management

The adequacy of the Group's capital is monitored using, among other measures, the rules and ratios established by the Central Bank of Lebanon, which is the lead supervisor of the Group.

Central Bank of Lebanon Intermediate Circular 567, issued on 26 August 2020, Intermediate Circular 649, issued on 24 November 2022, Intermediate Circular 659, issued on 21 January 2023 and, Intermediate Circular 676, issued on 24 July 2023, introduced several key changes in the calculation of regulatory capital adequacy ratios.

These changes include:

- Raising the regulatory expected credit loss level for Lebanese government securities in foreign currency and Lebanese government-related exposures in same currency from 9.45% to 45% initially and then again to 75% (the latter level to be reached by 31 December 2026). Regulatory ECL for other exposures remain unchanged. The levels remained applicable in 2022.

	30 June 2023	31 December 2022
Type of financial instrument		
Exposures to Central Bank of Lebanon in foreign currency	1.89%	1.89%
Exposures to Central Bank of Lebanon in Lebanese Pounds	0%	0%
Lebanese government securities in foreign currency	*75%*	*75%*
Lebanese government securities in Lebanese Pounds	0%	0%

- Requesting banks to increase their own funds (capital) by an amount equivalent to 20% of their Common Equity Tier 1 capital as of 31 December 2018, through issuing new foreign currency capital instruments, as well as other approaches that meet the criteria for inclusion as regulatory capital. The deadline for raising capital was initially set at 31 December 2020, but was later extended for the banking sector to 28 February 2021. The Central Bank of Lebanon's Central Council may exceptionally approve a bank to complete 50% of the 20% required capital increase through the transfer of real estate assets owned by the shareholders to the concerned bank. However, these real estate assets must be liquidated during a 5-year period following regulatory approval date on this transaction.

- Inclusion of 50% of revaluations gain of owned real estate properties (excluding ones acquired in settlement of bad debt as per Article 154 of Code Money & Credit) in Common Equity Tier 1, instead of 50% of this gain in Tier 2, as was the case previously. The regulatory deadline for completing the reappraisal process for such properties was set on 31 December 2023. During 2022, the Group revalued real estate properties and recorded a revaluation gain of LBP 7,077,786 million at Sayrafa exchange rate of LBP 38,000 to the US Dollar in accordance with Intermediary Circular 659.

- Exceptionally during 2020 and 2021, allowing banks to draw down the 2.5% capital conservation buffer on condition of rebuilding it progressively starting 2022 by 0.75% each year, to reach the minimum required level of 2.5% by the end of 2024.

- Prohibiting banks from distributing dividends if capital adequacy ratios drop below 7% for Common Equity Tier 1, 10% for Tier 1 and 12% for total capital (compared to the regulatory minimum limits of 7%, 8.5% and 10.5% respectively, including a 2.5% capital conservation buffer).

- Exceptionally for 2020 and 2021, allowing the Bank to include provisions for expected credit losses on Stage 1 and 2 exposures, excluding those relating to Lebanese sovereign and the Central Bank of Lebanon, under regulatory Common Equity Tier 1 (previously only Stage 1 allowances were included in Tier 2 capital, subject to a 1.25% cap relative to credit risk-weighted assets). Such provisions included under CET 1 should be amortised over a period of 3 years starting 2022 and ending in 2024 by 25% yearly. Amounts included as at 30 June 2023 were LBP 1,097,027 million (2022: LBP 156,722 million).

- Exceptionally for 2022 and 2023, allowing banks to include CET 1 part of the losses resulting from the purchase of local dollars from the Central Bank of Lebanon against Lebanese Pound for the purpose of reducing open net FX short positions prior to 17 November 2022. In 2022, 66% of these losses can be included under CET 1, while in 2023, a maximum of 33% level applies. Amounts included as at 30 June 2023 under CET 1 were LBP 340,661 million (2022: LBP 681,323 million).

- Requesting banks to depart from International Reporting Standards by reclassifying negative foreign exchange differences resulting from the periodic revaluation of FX position from Equity to Other Assets, whereas positive foreign exchange differences have to be reclassified into other liabilities. If negative differences were not liquidated by year-end, provisions against the outstanding amount should be taken. Net amount of LBP million was reclassified from shareholders' equity to other assets/other liabilities.

The following table shows the applicable regulatory capital ratios:

	Common Tier 1 Capital Ratio	Tier 1 Capital Ratio	Total Capital Ratio
30 June 2023			
Minimum required capital ratios (including 1.5% applicable capital conservation buffer)	**6.00%**	**7.50%**	**9.50%**
With the full capital conservation buffer of 2.5% (applicable in 2024)	**7.00%**	**8.50%**	**10.50%**
31 December 2022			
Minimum required capital ratios (including 0.75% applicable capital conservation buffer)	5.25%	6.75%	8.75%
With the full capital conservation buffer of 2.5% (applicable in 2024)	7.00%	8.50%	10.50%

	Unaudited 30 June 2023 LBP Million	Audited 31 December 2022 LBP Million
Risk-weighted assets:		
Credit risk	245,756,950	34,953,151
Market risk	4,728,193	581,987
Operational risk	1,047,750	506,936
Total risk-weighted assets	251,532,893	36,042,074

The regulatory capital as of 30 June 2023 and 31 December 2022 is as follows:

	Unaudited 30 June 2023 LBP Million	Audited 31 December 2022 LBP Million
Tier 1 capital	13,403,373	3,192,755
Of which: Common Tier 1	*12,498,873*	*2,280,036*
Tier 2 capital	2,725,109	341,950
Total capital	16,128,482	3,534,705

The capital adequacy ratio including net profit for the period as of 30 June 2023 and 31 December 2022 is as follows:

	Unaudited 30 June 2023	Audited 31 December 2022
Capital adequacy – Common Tier 1	4.97%	6.33%
Capital adequacy – Tier 1	5.33%	8.86%
Capital adequacy – Total capital	6.41%	9.81%

The capital adequacy ratios as at 30 June 2023 and 31 December 2022 were calculated based on the recorded figures and do not take into consideration the adjustments that may result from the resolution of the uncertainties reflected in Note 1. Due to the high levels of uncertainties, the lack of observable reliable indicators, the high gap between the currency parallel market rates, the Platform Rate and the official exchange rate, and the lack of visibility on the government's plans with respect to: (a) the high exposures of Lebanese banks with the Central Bank of Lebanon, (b) the Lebanese sovereign securities, and (c) the currency exchange mechanisms and currency exchange rates that will be applied, Management is unable to estimate in a reasonable manner the impact of these matters on the Group's capital adequacy. Management has concerns about the effects that the above matters will have on the capital of the Group and the recapitalisation needs that may arise once the necessary adjustments are determined and recorded, in particular as a first step, the needs and implications that might result from the accounting for the subsequent change in the official published exchange rate. Management is awaiting guidance from the regulator for the treatment of the effects of the application of the new official published exchange rate on its capital ratios.

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ADDRESSES

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