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For the year ended March 31, 2024
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# Statement of Management Responsibilities For the year ended March 31, 2024

Management is responsible for the following:

- Preparing and fairly presenting the accompanying financial statements of KSBM Asset Management Limited (the "Company"), which comprises the statement of financial position as at March 31, 2024, the statements of comprehensive income, changes in equity and cash flows for the year then ended, and notes, comprising a summary of material accounting policies and other explanatory information;
- Ensuring that the Company keeps proper accounting records.
- Selecting appropriate accounting policies and applying them in a consistent manner.
- Implementing, monitoring and evaluating the system of internal control that assures security of the Company's assets, detection/prevention of fraud and the achievement of the Company's operational efficiencies.
- Ensuring that the system of internal control operated effectively during the reporting period.
- Producing reliable financial reporting that complies with laws and regulations, including the Companies Act; and
- Using reasonable and prudent judgement in the determination of estimates.

In preparing these financial statements, management utilised the International Financial Reporting Standards, as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board and adopted by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Trinidad and Tobago. Where International Financial Reporting Standards presented alternative accounting treatments, management chose those considered most appropriate in the circumstances.

Nothing has come to the attention of management to indicate that the Company will not remain a going concern for the next twelve months from the reporting date, or up to the date the accompanying financial statements have been authorised for issue, if later.

Management affirms that it has carried out its responsibilities as outlined above.

Ramcharan Kalicharan Managing Director

Date: June 21, 2024

Robert Mayers

Date: June 21, 2024

Chairman



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### **Independent Auditor's Report**

To the Shareholders of KSBM Asset Management Limited

#### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of KSBM Asset Management Limited (the "Company"), which comprise of the statement of financial position as at March 31, 2024 and the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including material accounting policy information.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company as at March 31, 2024, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with IFRS Accounting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IFRS Accounting Standards").

#### **Basis for Opinion**

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

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

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with IFRS Accounting Standards, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Company's financial reporting process.

#### Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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



#### Independent Auditor's Report (continued)

#### Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements (continued)

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

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

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

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June 21, 2024

Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago

# Statement of Financial Position As at March 31, 2024

(Expressed in Trinidad and Tobago Dollars)

	Notes	2024	2023
Assets		14 00 4 050	44 444 572
Cash and cash equivalents Other receivables and prepayments	6	11,224,053 523,654	11,461,573 738,724
Financial assets:	ŭ	323,031	750,721
- Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	7	26,369,293	28,395,704
- Debt instruments at amortised cost	8	300,143,547	316,417,896
Property, plant and equipment	9	2,323,132	2,388,252
Deferred tax asset	10	1,332,453	1,141,095
Total assets		\$341,916,132	\$360,543,244
Liabilities and equity			
Liabilities			
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	11	4,410,567	1,963,463
Taxation payable		220,872	1,004,442
Financial liabilities at amortised cost:			
- Short-term borrowings	12	56,334,098	72,329,471
- Securities sold under repurchase agreements	13	234,717,311	241,354,955
- Lease liabilities	19	730,484	1,138,067
Total liabilities		296,413,332	317,790,398
Equity			
Stated capital	14	15,534,012	15,534,012
Retained earnings		29,968,788	27,218,834
Total equity		45,502,800	42,752,846
Total liabilities and equity		\$341,916,132	\$360,543,244

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

On June 21, 2024 the Board of Directors of KSBM Asset Management Limited authorised these financial statements for issue.

Director

Director

# Statement of Comprehensive Income For the year ended March 31, 2024 (Expressed in Trinidad and Tobago Dollars)

	Notes	2024	2023
Revenue Interest income Interest expense		21,237,010 (12,549,174)	20,728,480 (11,303,125)
Net interest income Investment management fees Other fee income Net fair value gains from financial assets at FVTPL Net gain arising from derecognition of financial assets measured at amortised cost	15	8,687,836 1,341,408 740,314 3,182,019	9,425,355 1,282,356 333,605 1,562,356 3,747,766
Net revenue		13,951,577	16,351,438
Expenses Operating expenses Expected credit loss ("ECL") on financial assets Gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment Foreign exchange gain	16 17	(9,241,456) (1,902,895) 100,705 4,029	(9,113,882) (741,460) - 8,432
Total expenses		(11,039,617)	(9,846,910)
Profit before taxation  Taxation  Profit of the standard being total comprehensive income for the	18	2,911,960 56,249	6,504,528 (1,031,876)
Profit after taxation being total comprehensive income for the year		\$2,968,209	\$5,472,652

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

# Statement of Changes in Equity For the year ended March 31, 2024 (Expressed in Trinidad and Tobago Dollars)

	Stated Capital	Retained Earnings	Total Equity
Year ended March 31, 2024 Balance at April 1, 2023 Total comprehensive income for the year	15,534,012 -	27,218,834 2,968,209	42,752,846 2,968,209
Transactions with owners of the Company Dividends to preference shareholders	-	(218,255)	(218,255)
Total transactions with owners of the Company	-	(218,255)	(218,255)
Balance at March 31, 2024	\$15,534,012	\$29,968,788	\$45,502,800
Year ended March 31, 2023 Balance at April 1, 2022 Total comprehensive income for the year	15,534,012 -	22,646,937 5,472,652	38,180,949 5,472,652
Transactions with owners of the Company Dividends to ordinary shareholders Dividends to preference shareholders		(682,500) (218,255)	(682,500) (218,255)
Total transactions with owners of the Company	-	(900,755)	(900,755)
Balance at March 31, 2023	\$15,534,012	\$27,218,834	\$42,752,846

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

# **Statement of Cash Flows** For the year ended March 31, 2024 (Expressed in Trinidad and Tobago Dollars)

	Notes	2024	2023
Cash flows from operating activities			
Profit before taxation		2,911,960	6,504,528
Adjustments to reconcile profit before taxation to net cash		, ,	, ,
from operating activities:			
Depreciation	9	1,075,628	1,295,272
Net provision for expected credit loss on financial assets		1,902,895	741,460
Gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment		(100,705)	-
Interest income		(21,237,010)	(20,728,480)
Interest receipts		21,849,738	19,632,589
Interest expense		12,549,174	11,303,125
Interest paid		(12,919,725)	(11,434,374)
Taxes paid		(918,677)	(883,511)
		5,113,278	6,430,609
Changes in:		-, ,	-,,
- Debt instruments at amortised cost (note 8)		13,758,726	(29, 171, 422)
- Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss (note 7)		2,026,411	5,243,790
- Other receivables and prepayments		215,070	930,446
- Securities sold under repurchase agreements		(6,267,093)	(5,798,158)
- Accounts payable and accrued liabilities		2,447,103	(17,999)
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities		17,293,495	(22,382,734)
Cash flows from investing activities			_
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	9	(1,092,387)	(37,871)
Proceeds from sale of plant and equipment	,	100,714	(37,071)
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Net cash used in investing activities		(991,673)	(37,871)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Net (repayment of)/proceeds from short-term borrowings		(15,995,373)	17,278,187
Net payment of lease liabilities		(325,714)	(291,203)
Dividends paid	120	(218,255)	(900,755)
Net cash (used in)/from financing activities		(16,539,342)	16,086,229
Decrease in cash and cash equivalents		(237,520)	(6,334,376)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		11,461,573	17,795,949
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year		\$11,224,053	\$11,461,573

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

### Notes to the Financial Statements For the year ended March 31, 2024

(Expressed in Trinidad and Tobago Dollars)

#### 1. General information

KSBM Asset Management Limited (the "Company") was incorporated under the laws of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago on January 13, 2010. The Company's principal business involves dealing in securities as well as providing portfolio management services to individual and institutional investors. The Company is registered with the Trinidad and Tobago Securities and Exchange Commission as a Broker-Dealer under the Securities Act 2012.

The Company's registered office is located at Unit 32-A, One Woodbrook Place, 189 Tragarete Road, Port of Spain.

#### 2. Basis of preparation

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all periods presented in these financial statements, unless otherwise stated.

#### (a) Basis of accounting

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) and interpretations issued by the IFRS Interpretations Committee (IFRIC) applicable to companies reporting under IFRS. These financial statements comply with IFRS Accounting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IFRS Accounting Standards").

These financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis which assumes that the Company will be able to meet the mandatory repayment terms of its current liabilities. The Company has recognised profits of \$2,968,209 after tax for the year ended March 31, 2024, and as at that date, total assets exceed total liabilities by \$45,502,800.

#### (b) Basis of measurement

These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost basis except for the revaluation of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss (FVTPL).

#### (c) Functional and presentation currency

Items included in the financial statements of the Company are measured using the currency of the primary economic environment in which the entity operates (the "functional currency"). The financial statements are presented in Trinidad and Tobago dollars, which is also the Company's functional currency.

#### (d) Use of estimates and judgements

The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with IFRS requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenses. Actual results may differ from these estimates. Estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimates are revised and in any future periods affected.

The areas involving a higher degree of judgement or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the financial statements are disclosed in Note 5.

### Notes to the Financial Statements For the year ended March 31, 2024

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### 3. Material accounting policies

#### (a) Foreign currency transactions

Foreign currency transactions are translated into the functional currency using the exchange rates prevailing at the dates of the transactions or valuation where items are remeasured. Foreign exchange gains and losses resulting from the settlement of such transactions and from the translation at year-end exchange rates of monetary assets and liabilities at amortised cost denominated in foreign currencies are recognised in profit or loss. Translation differences on financial assets and liabilities at FVTPL are recognised in profit or loss as part of net trading income.

#### (b) Financial instruments

Financial instruments include debt instruments, equity securities, cash and cash equivalents, borrowings, securities sold under sale and repurchase agreements, accounts payable and accrued liabilities and lease liabilities.

On initial recognition, the Company classifies its financial assets as debt instruments at amortised cost, debt instruments at FVOCI or financial assets at FVTPL. The classification is based on the Company's business model for managing the financial assets and the contractual cash flow characteristics of the financial assets. Management determines the classification of its financial assets at initial recognition.

All financial assets are recognised and derecognised on the trade date when the purchase or sale of a financial asset is under a contract whose terms require delivery of the financial asset within the timeframe established by the market concerned.

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

#### Debt instruments

Debt instruments are measured at amortised cost if they meet both of the following conditions and are not designated at FVTPL:

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

A debt investment is measured at FVOCI if it meets both of the following conditions and is not designated at FVTPL:

- it is held within a business model whose objective is achieved by both collecting contractual cash flows and selling financial assets; and
- its contractual terms give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding.

### Notes to the Financial Statements For the year ended March 31, 2024

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### 3. Material accounting policies (continued)

#### (b) Financial instruments (continued)

Debt instruments meeting these criteria are measured initially at fair value plus transaction costs (except if they are designated as at FVTPL - see below). All debt instruments not classified as measured at amortised cost or FVOCI as described above are measured at FVTPL. On initial recognition, the Company may irrevocably designate a financial asset that otherwise meets the requirements to be measured at amortised cost or at FVOCI as at FVTPL if doing so eliminates or significantly reduces an accounting mismatch that would otherwise arise.

#### Financial assets at FVTPL

Debt instruments that do not meet the amortised cost or FVOCI criteria, or that meet the criteria but the Company has chosen to designate at FVTPL at initial recognition, are measured at FVTPL.

All equity securities are designated at FVTPL as the Company manages such investments and makes purchases and sales decisions based on their fair value.

Financial assets at FVTPL are measured at fair value, with any gains or losses arising on remeasurement recognised in profit or loss. The net gain or loss recognised in profit or loss incorporates interest income earned on debt instruments. Fair value is determined using market prices provided by recognised independent third parties.

#### Financial liabilities

A financial instrument is classified as a financial liability if it is (1) a contractual obligation to deliver cash or another asset to another entity, or to exchange financial assets or financial liabilities with another entity under conditions that are potentially unfavourable to the reporting entity; or (2) a contract that will or may be settled in the reporting entity's own equity instruments under certain circumstances.

The Company measures financial liabilities at amortised cost. Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost include short-term borrowings, securities sold under repurchase agreements and lease liabilities.

#### Business model assessment

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

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

### Notes to the Financial Statements For the year ended March 31, 2024

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### 3. Material accounting policies (continued)

#### (b) Financial instruments (continued)

#### **Business model assessment (continued)**

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

Transfers of financial assets to third parties in transactions that do not qualify for derecognition are not considered sales for this purpose, consistent with the Company's continuing recognition of the assets.

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

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

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

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

- contingent events that would change the amount and timing of cash flows;
- terms that may adjust the contractual coupon rate, including variable-rate features;
- prepayment and extension features; and
- terms that limit the Company's claim to cash flows from specific assets (e.g. non-recourse asset arrangements).

### Notes to the Financial Statements For the year ended March 31, 2024

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### 3. Material accounting policies (continued)

#### (b) Financial instruments (continued)

A prepayment feature is consistent with the solely payments of principal and interest criterion if the prepayment amount substantially represents unpaid amounts of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding, which may include reasonable additional compensation for early termination of the contract. Additionally, for a financial asset acquired at a discount or premium to its contractual par amount, a feature that permits or requires prepayment at an amount that substantially represents the contractual par amount plus accrued (but unpaid) contractual interest (which may also include reasonable additional compensation for early termination) is treated as consistent with this criterion if the fair value of the prepayment feature is insignificant at initial recognition.

#### Subsequent measurement and gains and losses

#### Debt instruments at amortised cost

These assets are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. The amortised cost is reduced by impairment losses. Interest income, foreign exchange gains and losses and impairment are recognised in profit or loss. Any gain or loss on derecognition is recognised in profit or loss.

The effective interest method is a method of calculating the amortised cost of a debt instrument and of allocating interest income over the relevant period. The effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts the estimated future cash receipts (including all fees paid or received that form an integral part of the effective interest rate, transaction costs and other premiums or discounts) through the expected life of the debt instrument, or (where appropriate) a shorter period, to the gross carrying amount on initial recognition.

#### Debt investments at FVOCI

These assets are subsequently measured at fair value. Interest income calculated using the effective interest method, foreign exchange gains and losses and impairment are recognised in profit or loss. Other net gains and losses are recognised in OCI. On derecognition, gains and losses accumulated in OCI are reclassified to profit or loss.

#### Financial assets at FVTPL

These assets are subsequently measured at fair value. Net gains and losses, including any interest or dividend income, are recognised in profit or loss.

### Notes to the Financial Statements For the year ended March 31, 2024

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### 3. Material accounting policies (continued)

#### (b) Financial instruments (continued)

#### Fair value measurement

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

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

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

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

If an asset or a liability measured at fair value has a bid price and an ask price, then the Company measures assets and long positions at a bid price and liabilities and short positions at an ask price.

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

#### Derecognition of financial instruments

#### Financial assets

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

### Notes to the Financial Statements For the year ended March 31, 2024

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### 3. Material accounting policies (continued)

#### (b) Financial instruments (continued)

#### **Derecognition of financial instruments**

#### Financial assets (continued)

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

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

In transactions in which the Company neither retains nor transfers substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership of a financial asset and it retains control over the asset, the Company continues to recognise the asset to the extent of its continuing involvement, determined by the extent to which it is exposed to changes in the value of the transferred asset.

#### Financial liabilities

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

#### Offsetting

Financial assets and liabilities with the same counter-party are offset and the net amount reported in the statement of financial position when, and only when, there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis, or realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Income and expenses are presented on a net basis only when permitted under IFRS, or for gains and losses arising from a group of similar transactions such as in the Company's trading activity.

#### Modifications of financial assets and financial liabilities

#### Financial assets

If the terms of a financial asset are modified, the Company evaluates whether the cash flows of the modified asset are substantially different. If the cash flows are substantially different, then the contractual rights to cash flows from the original financial asset are deemed to have expired. In this case, the original financial asset is derecognised and a new financial asset is recognised at fair value.

### Notes to the Financial Statements For the year ended March 31, 2024

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### 3. Material accounting policies (continued)

#### (b) Financial instruments (continued)

#### Modifications of financial assets and financial liabilities (continued)

Financial assets (continued)

If the cash flows of the modified asset earned at amortised cost are not substantially different, then the modification does not result in derecognition of the financial asset.

#### Financial liabilities

The Company derecognises a financial liability when its terms are modified and the cash flows of the modified liability are substantially different. In this case, a new financial liability based on the modified terms is recognised at fair value. The difference between the carrying amount of the financial liability extinguished and the new financial liability with modified terms is recognised in profit or loss.

#### Impairment of financial assets

The Company recognises loss allowances for Expected Credit Losses (ECLs) on:

- financial assets measured at amortised cost; and
- debt investments measured at FVOCI.

The Company measures loss allowances at an amount equal to lifetime ECLs, except for the following, which are measured at 12-month ECLs:

- debt securities that are determined to have low credit risk at the reporting date; and
- other debt securities and bank balances for which credit risk (i.e. the risk of default occurring over the expected life of the financial instrument) has not increased significantly since initial recognition.

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

The Company considers a debt security to have low credit risk when its credit risk rating is equivalent to the globally understood definition of 'investment grade'. The Company considers this to be BBB-or higher as rated by Standard & Poor's rating agency.

### Notes to the Financial Statements For the year ended March 31, 2024

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### 3. Material accounting policies (continued)

#### (b) Financial instruments (continued)

#### Impairment of financial assets (continued)

Lifetime ECLs are the ECLs that result from all possible default events over the expected life of a financial instrument.

12-month ECLs are the portion of ECLs that result from default events that are possible within the 12 months after the reporting date (or a shorter period if the expected life of the instrument is less than 12 months).

The maximum period considered when estimating ECLs is the maximum contractual period over which the Company is exposed to credit risk.

#### Measurement of ECLs

ECLs are a probability-weighted estimate of credit losses. Credit losses are measured as the present value of all cash shortfalls (i.e. the difference between the cash flows due to the entity in accordance with the contract and the cash flows that the Company expects to receive). Probabilities of default for debt securities are estimated using data published by Standard & Poor's on historical corporate and sovereign default rates by credit rating over different time horizons. Loss given default parameters are based on estimated recovery rates for individual securities as assessed by Standard & Poor's, Moody's or Fitch, or using historical recovery rates published by Moody's.

ECLs are discounted at the effective interest rate of the financial asset.

#### Credit-impaired financial assets

At each reporting date, the Company assesses whether financial assets carried at amortised cost and debt securities at FVOCI are credit-impaired. A financial asset is 'credit-impaired' when one or more events that have a detrimental impact on the estimated future cash flows of the financial asset have occurred.

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

- significant financial difficulty of the borrower or issuer;
- a breach of contract such as a default or being more than 90 days past due;
- the restructuring of a loan or advance by the Company on terms that the Company would not consider otherwise;
- it is probable that the borrower will enter bankruptcy or other financial reorganisation; or
- the disappearance of an active market for a security because of financial difficulties.

#### Presentation of allowance for ECL in the statement of financial position

Loss allowances for financial assets measured at amortised cost are deducted from the gross carrying amount of the assets. For debt securities at FVOCI, the loss allowance is charged to profit or loss and is recognised in OCI.

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### 3. Material accounting policies (continued)

#### (c) Sale and repurchase agreements

Securities sold subject to repurchase agreements are retained in the financial statements as debt instruments at amortised cost and debt instruments at fair value through profit or loss and the corresponding liability stated as securities sold under repurchase agreements. The difference between the sale and repurchase price is treated as interest and accrued over the life of the repurchase agreement using the effective interest yield method.

### (d) Property, plant and equipment

All property, plant and equipment are stated at historical cost less depreciation and impairment. Historical cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to the acquisition of the items.

Right-of-use assets related to leased office equipment and leased properties that do not meet the definition of investment property are presented as property, plant and equipment.

Subsequent costs are included in the asset's carrying amount or are recognised as a separate asset, as appropriate, only when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to the Company and the cost of the item can be measured reliably. All repairs and maintenance are charged to profit or loss during the financial period in which they are incurred.

Depreciation is calculated using the straight-line method to allocate their cost to their residual values over their estimated useful lives, as follows:

Leasehold improvements and offices - over the term of lease Leasehold office equipment - over the term of lease

Office equipment & fixtures - 4 years
Computer equipment - 3 years
Motor vehicles - 4 years

Right-of-use assets are depreciated over the shorter of the lease term and their useful lives unless it is reasonably certain that the Company will obtain ownership by the end of the lease term.

The assets' residual values and useful lives are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at each reporting date.

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing proceeds with carrying amount. These are included in profit or loss.

#### (e) Intangible assets

The costs of purchasing and implementing computer software, together with associated relevant expenditure, are capitalised where it is probable that future economic benefits that are attributable to the assets will flow to the Company and the cost of the assets can be measured reliably. Computer software is recorded initially at cost and then amortised over its useful life on a straight-line basis which does not exceed 3 years.

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### 3. Material accounting policies (continued)

#### (f) Impairment of non-financial assets

Assets that are subject to amortisation are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. An impairment loss is recognised for the amount by which the asset's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount. The recoverable amount is the higher of an asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use. For the purposes of assessing impairment, assets are grouped at the lowest levels for which there are separately identifiable cash flows (cash-generating units). Non-financial assets that suffered an impairment are reviewed for possible reversal of the impairment at each reporting date.

#### (g) Cash and cash equivalents

In the statement of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents comprise of cash balances on hand, deposits with banks and short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less when purchased.

#### (h) Borrowings

Borrowings are recognised initially at fair value, net of transaction costs incurred. Borrowings are subsequently carried at amortised cost; any difference between the proceeds (net of transaction costs) and the redemption value is recognised in profit or loss over the period of the borrowings using the effective interest method.

#### (i) Preference shares

Preference shares which do not have a fixed maturity date and on which dividends are declared at the discretion of the directors are classified as equity.

#### (i) Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the Company has a present legal or constructive obligation as a result of past events, it is probable that an outflow of resources will be required to settle the obligation and the amount has been reliably estimated.

Where there are a number of similar obligations, the likelihood that an outflow will be required in settlement is determined by considering the class of obligations as a whole. A provision is recognised even if the likelihood of an outflow with respect to any one item included in the same class of obligations may be small.

Provisions are measured at the present value of the expenditures expected to be required to settle the obligation using a pre-tax rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the obligation. The increase in the provision due to passage of time is recognised as interest expense.

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### 3. Material accounting policies (continued)

#### (k) Interest income and expense

Interest income and expense are recognised in profit or loss using the effective interest method. The 'effective interest rate' is the rate that exactly discounts the estimated future cash payments and receipts through the expected life of the financial assets or liability (or, where appropriate, a shorter period) to the carrying amount of the financial asset or liability and is not revised subsequently. When calculating the effective interest rate, the Company estimates the future cash flows considering all contractual terms of the financial instrument, but not the future credit losses.

The calculation of the effective interest rate includes all fees paid or received, transaction costs, and discounts or premiums that are an integral part of the effective interest rate. Transaction costs are incremental costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition, issue or disposal of a financial asset or financial liability.

Interest income is recognised on an accrual basis in the period in which it is due and in accordance with the underlying contract terms and conditions except for loans classified as impaired or for loans classified as non-accrual when in management's judgment there was a deterioration in credit quality that if continued would lead to impairment.

Other income is accounted for on the accruals basis.

#### (l) Leases

At inception of a contract, the Company assesses whether a contract is, or contains, a lease. A contract is, or contains, a lease if the contract conveys the right to control the use of an identified asset for a period of time in exchange for consideration. To assess whether a contract conveys the right to control the use of an identified asset, the Company uses the definition of a lease in IFRS 16.

#### As a lessee

At commencement or on modification of a contract that contains a lease component, the Company allocates the consideration in the contract to each lease component on the basis of its relative stand-alone prices.

The Company recognises a right-of-use asset and a lease liability at the lease commencement date. The right-of-use asset is initially measured at cost, which comprises the initial amount of the lease liability adjusted for any lease payments made at or before the commencement date plus any initial direct costs incurred and an estimate of costs to dismantle and remove the underlying asset or to restore the underlying asset or the site on which it is located, less any lease incentives receive.

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### 3. Material accounting policies (continued)

#### (l) Leases (continued)

The right-of-use asset is subsequently depreciated using the straight-line method from the commencement date to the end of the lease term, unless the lease transfers ownership of the underlying asset to the Company by the end of the lease term or the cost of the right-of-use asset reflects that the Company will exercise a purchase option. In that case the right-of-use asset will be depreciated over the useful life of the underlying asset, which is determined on the same basis as those of property and equipment. In addition, the right-of-use asset is periodically reduced by impairment losses, if any, and adjusted for certain re-measurements of the lease liability.

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

The Company determines its incremental funding rate based on the rate paid to obtain funding via sale and repurchase agreement in the currency of the lease payments for a term of one year, the maximum term offered on sale and repurchase agreement transactions.

Lease payments included in the measurement of the lease liability comprise the following:

- fixed payments, including in-substance fixed payments;
- variable lease payments that depend on an index or a rate, initially measured using the index or rate as at the commencement date;
- amounts expected to be payable under a residual value guarantee; and
- the exercise price under a purchase option that the Company is reasonably certain to exercise, lease payments in an optional renewal period if the Company is reasonably certain to exercise an extension option, and penalties for early termination of a lease unless the Company is reasonably certain not to terminate early.

The lease liability is measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. It is remeasured when there is a change in future lease payments arising from a change in an index or rate, if there is a change in the Company's estimate of the amount expected to be payable under a residual value guarantee, if the Company changes its assessment of whether it will exercise a purchase, extension or termination option or if there is a revised in-substance fixed lease payment.

When the lease liability is re-measured in this way, a corresponding adjustment is made to the carrying amount of the right-of-use asset, or is recorded in profit or loss if the carrying amount of the right-of-use asset has been reduced to zero.

The Company discloses right-of-use assets, that do not meet the definition of investment property, and lease liabilities in the financial statements.

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### 3. Material accounting policies (continued)

#### (l) Leases (continued)

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

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

#### (m) Current and deferred income tax

The tax expense for the period comprises current and deferred tax. Tax is recognised in profit or loss, except to the extent that it relates to items recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity. In this case, the tax is also recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity, respectively.

The current income tax charge is calculated on the basis of the tax laws enacted or substantively enacted at the reporting date in the jurisdiction where the Company operates and generates taxable income. Management periodically evaluates positions taken in tax returns with respect to situations in which applicable tax regulation is subject to interpretation. It establishes provisions where appropriate on the basis of amounts expected to be paid to the tax authorities.

Deferred income tax is recognised in respect of temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes and the amounts used for taxation purposes. However, deferred income tax is not accounted for if it arises from initial recognition of an asset or liability in a transaction other than a business combination that at the time of the transaction affects neither accounting, nor taxable profit or loss. Deferred income tax is determined using tax rates (and laws) that have been enacted or substantially enacted by the reporting date and are expected to apply when the related deferred income tax asset is realised or the deferred income tax liability is settled.

Deferred income tax assets are recognised only to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profit will be available against which the temporary differences can be utilised. Deferred income tax assets and liabilities are offset when there is a legally enforceable right to offset current tax assets against current tax liabilities and when the deferred income taxes assets and liabilities relate to income taxes levied by the same taxation authority.

#### (n) Employee benefits - profit-sharing and bonus plans

The Company recognises a liability and an expense for bonuses and profit-sharing based on a formula that takes into consideration the profit attributable to the Company's shareholders after certain adjustments. The Company recognises a provision where contractually obliged or where there is a past practice that has created a constructive obligation.

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### 3. Material accounting policies (continued)

#### (o) Investment management fees

Investment management fees related to investment funds are recognised rateably over the period the service is provided and accrued in accordance with pre-approved fee scales.

#### (p) Fiduciary activities

The Company acts in fiduciary capacities that result in the holding or placing of assets on behalf of individuals and institutions. These assets and income arising thereon are excluded from these financial statements as they are not assets of the Company.

#### (q) Standards and interpretations

(i) New and amended standards and interpretations adopted by the Company

The Company has adopted all relevant standards and interpretations that are mandatory for financial periods beginning on or after April 1, 2023.

The Company has adopted the following new standards and amendments to standards, including any consequential amendments to other standards, with a date of initial application of April 1, 2023:

- IASB issued amendments to IAS 1, which change the disclosure requirements with respect to accounting policies from 'significant accounting policies' to 'material accounting policy information'. The amendments provide guidance on when accounting policy information is likely to be considered material. The amendments to IAS 1 are effective for annual reporting periods beginning on or after January 1, 2023.
- In February 2021, the IASB issued amendments to IAS 8, which added the definition of Accounting Estimates in IAS 8. The amendments also clarified that the effects of a change in an input or measurement technique are changes in accounting estimates, unless resulting from correction of prior period errors.
- In May 2021, the IASB issued amendments to IAS 12, which clarify whether the initial recognition exemption applies to certain transactions that result in both an asset and a liability being recognised simultaneously (e.g. a lease in the scope of IFRS 16). The amendments introduce an additional criterion for the initial recognition exemption under IAS 12.15, whereby the exemption does not apply to the initial recognition of an asset or liability which at the time of the transaction, gives rise to equal taxable and deductible temporary differences.

The changes in these standards did not have a material impact on the Company's financial statements.

(ii) New standards, amendments and interpretations issued but not effective and not early adopted

The following new standards, interpretations and amendments, which have not been applied in these financial statements, will or may have an effect on the Company's future financial statements in the period of initial application. In all cases the entity intends to apply these standards from application date as indicated in the note below.

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### 3. Material accounting policies (continued)

#### (q) Standards and interpretations (continued)

(ii) New standards, amendments and interpretations issued but not effective and not early adopted (continued)

The following amendments are effective for the period beginning January 1, 2023:

- The IFRS Interpretations Committee issued an agenda decision in June 2020 Sale and leaseback with Variable Payments. The Amendments provide a requirement for the seller-lessee to determine 'lease payments' or 'revised lease payments' in a way that the seller-lessee would not recognise any amount of the gain or loss that relates to the right of use retained by the seller-lessee. The amendments are effective for annual reporting periods beginning on or after January 1, 2024.
- The IASB issued amendments to IAS 1 Classification of Liabilities as Current or Noncurrent in January 2020, which have been further amended partially by amendments Non-current Liabilities with Covenants issued in October 2022. The amendments require that an entity's right to defer settlement of a liability for at least twelve months after the reporting period must have substance and must exist at the end of the reporting period. Classification of a liability is unaffected by the likelihood that the entity will exercise its right to defer settlement for at least twelve months after the reporting period. As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Board deferred the effective date of the amendments by one year to annual reporting periods beginning on or after January 1, 2024.
- Subsequent to the release of amendments to IAS 1 Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-Current, the IASB amended IAS 1 further in October 2022. If an entity's right to defer is subject to the entity complying with specified conditions, such conditions affect whether that right exists at the end of the reporting period, if the entity is required to comply with the condition on or before the end of the reporting period and not if the entity is required to comply with the conditions after the reporting period. The amendments also provide clarification on the meaning of 'settlement' for the purpose of classifying a liability as current or non-current. The amendments are effective for annual reporting periods beginning on or after January 1, 2024.
- On May 25, 2023, the IASB issued Supplier Finance Arrangements, which amended IAS 7 Statement of Cash Flows and IFRS 7 Financial Instruments: Disclosures (the Amendments). The Amendments require entities to provide certain specific disclosures (qualitative and quantitative) related to supplier finance arrangements. The Amendments also provide guidance on characteristics of supplier finance arrangements. The amendments are effective for annual reporting periods beginning on or after January 1, 2024.
- On August 15, 2023, the IASB issued Lack of Exchangeability which amended IAS 21 The
  Effects of Changes in Foreign Exchange Rates (the Amendments). The Amendments
  introduce requirements to assess when a currency is exchangeable into another
  currency and when it is not. The Amendments require an entity to estimate the spot
  exchange rate when it concludes that a currency is not exchangeable into another
  currency. The amendments are effective for annual reporting periods beginning on or
  after January 1, 2025.

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### 3. Material accounting policies (continued)

#### (g) Standards and interpretations (continued)

(ii) New standards, amendments and interpretations issued but not effective and not early adopted (continued)

These standards are not expected to have a material impact on the Company in the current or future reporting periods and on foreseeable future transactions.

#### 4. Financial risk management

#### (a) Financial risk factors

The Company's activities expose it to a variety of financial risks: credit risk, market risk (including currency risk, fair value interest rate risk, cash flow interest rate risk and price risk), and liquidity risk.

The Company is also exposed to operational risks such as custody risk. Custody risk is the risk of loss of securities held in custody occasioned by the insolvency or negligence of the custodian. Although an appropriate legal framework is in place that eliminates the risk of loss of value of the securities held by the custodian, in the event of its failure, the ability of the Company to transfer the securities might be temporarily impaired.

The Company's overall risk management programme seeks to maximise the returns derived for the level of risk to which the Company is exposed and seeks to minimise potential adverse effects on the Company's financial performance. All investments present a risk of loss of capital. The maximum loss on purchased debt and equity securities is limited to the fair value of those positions.

The management of these risks is carried out by the risk manager under policies approved by the Board of Directors (the Board). The Board through the Compliance and Risk Management committee, a Board committee, provides written principles for overall risk management, as well as written policies covering specific areas, such as foreign exchange risk, interest rate risk, credit risk, and the use of derivative financial instruments and non-derivative financial instruments. The Company's policy specifically prevents investment in derivative financial instruments.

The Company's use of leverage and borrowings can increase the Company's exposure to these risks, which in turn, can also increase the potential returns the Company can achieve. The risk manager manages these exposures at a portfolio level. The Company has specific internal limits on the level of leverage and borrowings to manage the overall potential exposure. These limits include a maximum ratio of portfolio to capital.

The Company uses different methods to measure and manage the various types of risk to which it is exposed; these methods are explained below.

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#### 4. Financial risk management (continued)

#### (b) Credit risk

The Company takes on exposure to credit risk which is the risk that one party to a financial instrument will cause a financial loss for the other party by failing to discharge an obligation. The main concentration to which the Company is exposed arises from the Company's investments in debt securities. The Company is also exposed to counterparty credit risk on cash and cash equivalents and other receivable balances.

The maximum exposure to credit risk before any credit enhancements at March 31 is the carrying amount of the financial assets as set out below.

	2024	2023
Cash and cash equivalents	11,224,053	11,461,573
Other receivables (Note 6)	437,939	638,291
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss - debt		
securities (Note 7)	20,019,389	19,707,224
Debt instruments at amortised cost (Note 8)	300,143,547	316,417,896
At March 31	\$331,824,928	\$348,224,984

Management is confident that the Company's focus primarily on investments with a minimum credit rating of BB or higher would enable it to minimise its exposure to credit risk resulting from both its cash and cash equivalents and debt securities portfolios.

The Company's policy to manage credit risk is to invest primarily in debt securities that have been assigned a credit rating of BB or higher by Standard & Poor's or the equivalent by other recognised rating agencies. The highest speculative grade credit rating is BB+ and the lowest investment grade rating is BBB-. Within the above limit, the Company may also invest in unrated assets where a rating is assigned by the risk manager using an approach that is consistent with the approach used by the international rating agencies. The analysis below summarises the credit quality of the Company's debt portfolio.

	Debt securities	Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss (Debt securities)	Total
March 31, 2024 Rating category Investment grade Speculative grade	161,963,922 138,029,550	10,173,695 9,845,694	172,137,617 147,875,244
Not rated	150,075	-	150,075
Total	\$300,143,547	\$20,019,389	\$320,162,936
March 31, 2023 Rating category Investment grade Speculative grade	123,174,779 193,104,933	9,993,379 9,019,749	133,168,158 202,124,682
Not rated	138,184	694,096	832,280
Total	\$316,417,896	\$19,707,224	\$336,125,120

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#### 4. Financial risk management (continued)

#### (b) Credit risk (continued)

Debt securities with a speculative grade rating at March 31 would have had a minimum rating of BB at the time of purchase in accordance with the Company's investment policy. However, certain securities were subject to a ratings downgrade subsequent to purchase. All issuers of debt securities in the Company's portfolios are rated by an external credit rating agency except for an amount representing less than 1% of the portfolio that was received as part of the restructuring of debt securities that were previously rated.

The Company manages limits and controls concentrations of credit risk wherever they are identified; in particular, to individual counterparties and to countries. In accordance with the Company's policy, the risk manager monitors the Company's credit position on a daily basis; the Compliance and Risk Management committee reviews it on a quarterly basis.

Debt securities held in the Company's portfolios are generally unsecured.

#### Debt instruments at amortised cost

For its debt securities the Company monitors changes in credit risk by tracking published external credit ratings. To determine whether published ratings remain up to date and to assess whether there has been a significant increase in credit risk at the reporting date that has not been reflected in published ratings, the Company supplements this by reviewing changes in bond yields and other relevant market data, together with available press and regulatory information about issuers. The Company compares the probability of default on the date of initial recognition to the probability of default on the financial statement date for each debt security to determine whether there has been a significant increase in credit risk.

12-month and lifetime probabilities of default (PD) are determined based on historical data supplied by Standard and Poor's for each credit rating. Loss given default (LGD) parameters are based on estimated recovery rates for individual securities as assessed by Standard & Poor's, Moody's or Fitch, or using historical recovery rates published by Moody's which range from 46% to 48%.

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### 4. Financial risk management (continued)

#### (b) Credit risk (continued)

The following table presents an analysis of the credit quality of debt securities at amortised cost as at March 31. It indicates whether assets measured at amortised cost were subject to a 12-month ECL or lifetime ECL allowance and, in the latter case, whether they were credit impaired.

	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Total
March 31, 2024 Rating category				
Investment grade	162,094,795	-	-	162,094,795
Speculate grade	77,907,560	68,892,874	-	146,800,433
Not rated	150,064	, , , -	-	150,064
Gross carrying amount	240,152,419	68,892,874	-	309,045,292
ECL allowance	(1,402,733)	(7,499,013)	=	(8,901,746)
Net carrying amount	\$238,749,686	\$61,393,861	\$-	\$300,143,547
March 31, 2023				
Rating category				
Investment grade	123,208,042	-	-	123,208,042
Speculate grade	110,824,343	89,246,178	-	200,070,521
Not rated	138,184	-	-	138,184
Gross carrying amount	234,170,569	89,246,178	-	323,416,747
ECL allowance	(1,432,909)	(5,565,942)	-	(6,998,851)
Net carrying amount	\$232,737,660	\$83,680,236	\$-	\$316,417,896

The movement in the allowance for impairment for debt securities at amortised cost during the year was as follows.

	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Total
March 31,2024				
Balance at April 1, 2023	1,432,909	5,565,942	-	6,998,851
Net remeasurement due to changes in PD/LGD	(30,176)	2,007,150	-	1,976,974
New assets added	-	-	-	-
Financial assets repaid		(74,079)	-	(74,079)
Balance at 31 March	\$1,402,733	\$7,499,013	<b>\$-</b>	\$8,901,746

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### 4. Financial risk management (continued)

#### (b) Credit risk (continued)

The increase in the loss allowance during the year is due to credit ratings downgrade of certain securities.

	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Total
March 31,2023				
Balance at April 1, 2022	824,216	5,433,176	=	6,257,392
Net remeasurement due to				
changes in PD/LGD	534,462	2,281,464	-	2,815,926
New assets added	74,231	•	-	74,231
Financial assets repaid		(2,148,698)	-	(2,148,698)
Balance at 31 March	\$1,432,909	\$5,565,942	\$-	\$6,998,851

#### Concentration of risks of financial assets with credit risk exposure

### Geographical sectors

The following table breaks down the Company's credit exposure at their carrying amounts (without taking into account any collateral held or other credit support), as categorised by country. For this table, the Company has allocated exposures to countries or regions based on the country of domicile of its counterparties.

			Central & South	North	
	Trinidad	Caribbean	America	America	Total
March 31, 2024 Cash and cash					
equivalents	9,209,605	=	-	2,014,448	11,224,053
Other receivables FVTPL - debt	437,939	-	-	-	437,939
securities Debt instruments	14,540,775	-	9,393,668	2,434,850	26,369,293
at amortised cost	132,002,262	59,430,222	53,959,949	54,751,114	300,143,547
Total	\$156,190,581	\$59,430,222	\$63,353,617	\$59,200,412	\$338,174,832

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#### 4. Financial risk management (continued)

#### (b) Credit risk (continued)

			Central & South	North	
	Trinidad	Caribbean	America	America	Total
March 31, 2023					
Cash and cash					
equivalents	10,121,957	-	-	1,339,616	11,461,573
Other receivables	638,291	-	-	-	638,291
FVTPL - debt					
securities	16,925,949	258,875	9,033,361	2,177,519	28,395,704
Debt instruments					
at amortised cost	126,513,955	79,451,123	53,250,988	57,201,830	316,417,896
Total	\$154,200,152	\$79,709,998	\$62,284,349	\$60,718,965	\$356,913,464

The Company manages this concentration risk using country limits which are approved by the Board.

#### (c) Market risk

The Company takes on exposure to market risk, which is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market prices. Market risk arise from open positions in equity and fixed income securities in the Company's trading portfolio, which are exposed to general and specific market movements and changes in the level of volatility of market rates or prices such as interest rates and credit spreads as well as from positions held in foreign currencies which are subject to changes in foreign exchange rates.

Positions held in the trading portfolio are entered into primarily to take advantage of market movements to generate capital gains. The performance of positions held in the trading portfolio is monitored by the trading portfolio investment manager on a daily basis and reported to the Compliance and Risk Management Committee of the Board on a quarterly basis.

Market risk is managed through the use of limits on the size and duration of positions in the trading portfolio and restrictions on the period open positions are held to a maximum of 180 days. Exceptions to this limit require the approval of the Compliance and Risk Management Committee of the Board.

### Foreign exchange risk

The Company takes on exposure to the effects of fluctuations in the prevailing foreign currency exchange rates on its financial position and cash flows. The Board sets limits on the level of exposure by currency which is monitored daily. As a matter of policy, the Company only undertakes foreign currency investments in United States dollars.

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### 4. Financial risk management (continued)

### (c) Market risk (continued)

The table below summarises the Company's exposure to foreign currency exchange rate risk. Included in the table are the Company's financial instruments at carrying amounts, categorised by currency.

<u>-</u>	TT\$	US\$	TOTAL
March 31, 2024 Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	3,825,039	7,399,014	11,224,053
Other receivables	437,939	-	437,939
Fair value through profit or loss	7,129,930	19,239,363	26,369,293
Debt instruments at amortised cost	6,868,468	293,275,079	300,143,547
Total	\$18,261,376	\$319,913,456	\$338,174,832
Liabilities			
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	1,998,793	2,411,774	4,410,567
Taxation payable	220,872	-	220,872
Short-term borrowings	· -	56,334,098	56,334,098
Lease liabilities	730,484	· · · · -	730,484
Securities sold under repurchase	,		,
agreements .	75,039,918	159,677,393	234,717,311
Total _	77,990,067	218,423,265	296,413,332
Net assets	\$(59,728,691)	\$101,490,191	\$41,761,500

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#### 4. Financial risk management (continued)

#### (c) Market risk (continued)

Foreign exchange risk (continued)

<u>-</u>	TT\$	US\$	TOTAL
March 31, 2023 Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	6,707,290	4,754,283	11,461,573
Other receivables	394,199	244,092	638,291
Fair value through profit or loss	9,833,805	18,561,899	28,395,704
Debt instruments at amortised cost	1,429,197	314,988,699	316,417,896
Total	\$18,364,491	\$338,548,973	\$356,913,464
Liabilities			
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	1,906,030	57,433	1,963,463
Taxation payable	1,004,442	-	1,004,442
Short-term borrowings	-	72,329,471	72,329,471
Lease liabilities	1,138,067	=	1,138,067
Securities sold under repurchase			
agreements	63,840,003	177,514,952	241,354,955
Total _	67,888,542	249,901,856	317,790,398
Net assets	\$(49,524,051)	\$88,647,117	\$39,123,066

### Sensitivity analysis

The results of the sensitivity analyses conducted as at March 31, on the possible impact on net profits before tax and on equity of fluctuations of the US dollar foreign exchange rate relative to the TT dollar, are presented below:

Change in currency rate	Effect or	Effect on equity		
	2024	2023	2024	2023
Increase of 1%	\$1,014,902	\$886,471	\$710,431	\$620,530
Decrease of 1%	\$(1,014,902)	\$(886,471)	(\$710,431)	\$(620,530)

#### Interest rate risk

Cash flow interest rate risk is the risk that the future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. Fair value interest rate risk is the risk that the value of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates.

The Company takes on exposure to the effects of fluctuations in the prevailing levels of market interest rates on its fair value. Interest margins may increase as a result of such changes but may also reduce resulting in losses in the event that unexpected movements arise.

The table below summarises the Company's exposure to interest rate risks. It includes the Company's financial instruments at carrying amounts, categorised by the earlier of contractual repricing or maturity dates.

# **Notes to the Financial Statements** For the year ended March 31, 2024 (Expressed in Trinidad and Tobago Dollars)

### 4. Financial risk management (continued)

### (c) Market risk (continued)

<u>Interest rate risk</u> (continued)

Interest rate maturities

### March 31, 2024

	Up to 1 Month	1-3 Months	3-12 Months	1-5 Years	Over 5 Years	Non-Interest Bearing	Total
Assets							
Cash and cash equivalents  Debt instruments	11,224,053	-	-	-	-	-	11,224,053
at amortised cost Fair value through	-	-	174,276	94,359,918	205,609,353	-	300,143,547
profit or loss Other receivables	-	- -	-	-	20,019,389	6,349,904 437,939	26,369,293 437,939
Total	11,224,053	-	174,276	94,359,918	225,628,742	6,787,843	338,174,832
Liabilities							
Short-term borrowings	56,334,098	-	-	-	-	-	56,334,098
Securities sold under repurchase							
agreements	6,260,494	27,380,622	126,853,285	74,222,910	-	=	234,717,311
Lease liabilities Taxation payable Accounts payable	-	- -	30,776 -	699,708 -	- -	220,872	730,484 220,872
and accrued liabilities	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	-	<u>-</u>	-	4,410,567	4,410,567
Total	62,594,592	27,380,622	126,884,061	74,922,618	-	4,631,439	296,413,332
Interest sensitivity gap	\$(51,370,539)	\$(27,380,622)	\$(126,709,785)	\$19,437,300	\$225,628,742	\$2,156,404	\$41,761,500

### Notes to the Financial Statements For the year ended March 31, 2024

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### 4. Financial risk management (continued)

### (c) Market risk (continued)

Interest rate risk (continued)

Interest rate maturities (continued)

March 31, 2023

	Up to 1 Month	1-3 Months	3-12 Months	1-5 Years	Over 5 Years	Non- Interest Bearing	Total
Assets Cash and cash equivalents	11,461,573					· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
Debt instruments at	11,401,575	<del>-</del>	-	<del>-</del>	-	-	11,461,573
amortised cost	-	-	20,420,017	53,922,738	242,075,141	-	316,417,896
Fair value through profit or loss Other receivables	- -	- -	- -	694,096 -	19,013,128	8,688,480 638,291	28,395,704 638,291
Total	11,461,573	-	20,420,017	54,616,834	261,088,269	9,326,771	356,913,464
<b>Liabilities</b> Short-term borrowings	72,329,471	-	-	-	-	-	72,329,471
Securities sold under repurchase							
agreements	8,653,032	36,825,376	194,791,469	1,085,078	-	-	241,354,955
Lease liabilities Taxation payable Accounts payable and	<del>-</del> -	<del>-</del> -	- -	1,138,067 -	<del>-</del>	1,004,442	1,138,067 1,004,442
accrued liabilities	-	-	-	=	-	1,963,463	1,963,463
Total	80,982,503	36,825,376	194,791,469	2,223,145	-	2,967,905	317,790,398
Interest sensitivity gap	\$(69,520,930)	\$(36,825,376)	\$(174,371,452)	\$52,393,689	\$261,088,269	\$6,358,866	\$39,123,066

### Sensitivity analysis

The results of the sensitivity analysis conducted as at March 31, on the impact on net profits before tax and on equity as a consequence of changes in interest rates, are presented below:

Change in currency rate	Effect o	n PBT	Effect on equity		
	2024	2023	2024	2023	
Increase of 1%	\$(3,897,551)	\$(4,320,124)	\$(2,728,286)	\$(3,024,087)	
Decrease of 1%	\$3,897,551	\$4,320,124	\$2,728,286	\$3,024,087	

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### 4. Financial risk management (continued)

#### (d) Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Company will be unable to generate or obtain sufficient cash or its equivalent in a timely and cost-effective manner to meet its commitments when they fall due under normal and stress circumstances and arises from fluctuation in cash flows. While the Company's assets and major liabilities have scheduled maturities, there is the inherent risk that early repayment requests or the withdrawal of liquidity facilities may not be met from replacement funding necessitating forced asset sales and resulting in losses.

The Company actively manages liquidity on a daily basis by projecting inflows and outflows and ensuring sufficient funding is available to meet requirements. The Company's liabilities have specified maturity dates which make funding requirements easier to forecast.

The Company's liquidity management strategy include maintaining adequate cash balances and having liquidity back up facilities that are sufficient to cover any single day's maturities, maintaining a portfolio of highly marketable assets that can easily be liquidated to meet any unforeseen cash flow requirements, managing the size and concentration of liabilities and sourcing replacement funding for liabilities that mature and are not renewed.

#### Non-derivative cash flows

The table below presents the cash flows receivable and payable by the Company under non-derivative financial assets and liabilities by remaining contractual maturities at the reporting date. The amounts disclosed in the table are the contractual undiscounted cash flows, which include estimated interest payments, whereas the Company manages the inherent liquidity risk based on expected undiscounted cash inflows. There are no derivative financial assets or liabilities at the reporting date.

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### 4. Financial risk management (continued)

# (d) Liquidity risk (continued)

### March 31, 2024

	Carrying Amount	Gross Nominal flows	Up to 1 Month	1-3 Months	3-12 Months	1-5 Years	Over 5 Years
Assets	Amount	110443	op to 1 Month	1-5 Months	J-12 MOIICIIS	I-J Tears	Over 5 rears
Cash and cash							
equivalents	11,224,053	11,224,053	11,224,053	=	=	=	=
Debt instruments	11,221,033	11,221,033	11,221,033				
at amortised cost	300,143,547	469,214,905	1,416,674	4,320,041	14,554,719	174,728,669	274,194,802
Fair value	300,1 13,3 17	107,211,703	1,110,071	1,320,011	1 1,55 1,7 17	17 1,720,007	27 1,17 1,002
through profit or							
loss	26,369,293	43,631,033	6,653,766	528,830	887,552	6,922,442	28,638,443
Other receivables	437,939	437,939	380,055	, <u>-</u>	, <u>-</u>	57,884	,, · · · -
Total	338,174,832	524,507,930	19,674,548	4,848,871	15,442,271	181,708,995	302,833,245
Liabilities		, ,	, ,	, ,		, ,	, ,
Short-term							
borrowings	56,334,098	56,334,098	56,334,098	_	_	_	_
Securities sold	55,55 .,575	33,33 1,375	55,55 1,575				
under repurchase							
agreements	234,717,311	243,675,722	6,270,974	27,680,349	129,856,764	79,867,635	-
Lease liabilities	730,484	757,646	29,218	58,433	262,949	407,046	=
Taxation payable	220,872	220,872	220,872	, <u>-</u>	, <u>-</u>	, <u>-</u>	-
Accounts payable	ŕ	•	,				
and accrued							
liabilities	4,410,567	4,410,567	3,818,914	591,653	-	-	
Total	296,413,332	305,398,905	66,674,076	28,330,435	130,119,713	80,274,681	
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Net liquidity gap		\$219,109,025	\$(46,999,528)	\$(23,481,564)	\$(114,677,442)	\$101,434,314	\$302,833,245

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### 4. Financial risk management (continued)

### (d) Liquidity risk (continued)

### March 31, 2023

	Carrying Amount	Gross Nominal flows	Up to 1 Month	1-3 Months	3-12 Months	1-5 Years	Over 5 Years
Assets							
Cash and cash							
equivalents	11,461,573	11,461,573	11,461,573	-	-	-	-
Debt instruments	247 447 807	400 420 425	4 202 244	4 242 057	25 402 222	424 720 204	222 500 460
at amortised cost Fair value	316,417,896	498,429,135	1,393,214	4,312,857	35,403,323	134,729,281	322,590,460
through profit or							
loss	28,395,704	48,935,136	8,350,671	525,546	983,880	7,695,674	31,379,365
Other	,	,,	-,,	,	,	.,,	- 1,-11,-11
receivables	638,291	638,291	581,145	-	-	57,146	
Total	356,913,464	559,464,135	21,786,603	4,838,403	36,387,203	142,482,101	353,969,825
Liabilities							
Short-term							
borrowings	72,329,471	72,329,471	72,329,471	-	_	_	_
Securities sold	,=_,,	,=,	, =,==,,				
under							
repurchase							
agreements	241,354,955	247,308,053	8,665,138	37,171,233	200,317,107	1,154,575	=
Lease liabilities	1,138,067	1,203,133	27,779	55,557	270,141	849,656	-
Taxation payable	1,004,442	1,004,442	100,083	361,744	361,744	180,871	
Accounts	1,004,442	1,004,442	100,063	301,744	301,744	160,671	=
payable and							
accrued							
liabilities	1,963,463	1,963,463	929,380	1,034,083	-	-	
Total	317,790,398	323,808,562	82,051,851	38,622,617	200,948,992	2,185,102	
Net liquidity							
gap	\$-	\$235,655,573	\$(60,265,248)	\$(33,784,214)	\$(164,561,789)	\$140,296,999	\$353,969,825

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#### 4. Financial risk management (continued)

#### (e) Fair value of financial assets and liabilities

Fair value hierarchy

IFRS 7 specifies a hierarchy of valuation techniques based on whether the inputs to those valuation techniques are observable or unobservable. Observable inputs reflect market data obtained from independent sources; unobservable inputs reflect the Company's market assumptions. These two types of inputs have created the following fair value hierarchy:

- Level 1 Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities. This level includes listed equity securities and debt instruments on exchanges.
- Level 2 Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (that is, as prices) or indirectly (that is, derived from prices). This level includes the majority of debt securities.
- Level 3 inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs). This level includes debt instruments with significant unobservable components.

This hierarchy requires the use of observable market data when available. The Company considers relevant and observable market prices in its valuations where possible.

The following table shows an analysis of financial instruments measured at fair value by level of the fair value hierarchy:

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
As at March 31, 2024 Financial assets as at fair value through profit or loss:				
Equity securities	6,349,904	-	-	6,349,904
Debt securities	-	20,019,389	-	20,019,389
	\$6,349,904	\$20,019,389	\$-	\$26,369,293
As at March 31, 2023 Financial assets as at fair value through profit or loss:				
Equity securities	8,688,480	-	-	8,688,480
Debt securities	-	19,707,224	-	19,707,224
·	\$8,688,480	\$19,707,224	\$-	\$28,395,704

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#### 4. Financial risk management (continued)

#### (e) Fair value of financial assets and liabilities (continued)

Financial instruments not measured at fair value

The table below shows the financial assets and liabilities not measured at fair value and analyses them by the level in the fair value hierarchy into which the fair value measurement is categorized. It does not include fair value information for financial assets and liabilities not measured at fair value if the carrying amount is a reasonable approximation of fair value.

	Level	Carrying value 2024	Fair value 2024	Carrying value 2023	Fair value 2023
Financial assets Cash and cash equivalents Debt instruments at	-	\$11,224,053	\$11,224,053	\$11,461,573	\$11,461,573
amortised cost	2	\$300,143,547	\$287,136,508	\$316,417,896	\$296,012,417
Financial liabilities Short-term borrowings Securities sold under repurchase agreements	-	\$56,334,098 \$234,717,311	\$56,334,098 \$234,717,311	\$72,329,471 \$241,354,955	\$72,329,471 \$241,354,955
Lease liabilities	-	\$730,484	\$730,484	\$1,138,067	\$1,138,067

#### Debt instruments at amortised cost

The fair value measurement for debt instruments at amortised cost is generally done using inputs at level 2 in the fair value hierarchy, namely, broker/dealer price quotations. Where this information is not available, fair value is estimated based on discounted cash flows using interest rates for securities of comparable credit quality with similar remaining maturity. Approximately 99% of the fair value of Debt instruments at amortised cost was determined using level 2 inputs (2023: 99%).

#### Cash and cash equivalents

These amounts are short-term in nature and are taken to be equivalent to fair value.

#### Financial Liabilities

Short-term borrowings, securities sold under repurchase agreements and lease liabilities are negotiated at market rates and are assumed to have discounted cash flow values that approximate the carrying values.

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#### 4. Financial risk management (continued)

### (f) Capital management

The Company's objectives when managing capital are:

- to comply with the capital requirements set by the regulators of the securities markets in which the Company operates;
- To safeguard the Company's ability to continue as a going concern so that it can continue to provide returns for shareholders and benefits for other stakeholders; and
- To maintain a strong capital base to support the development of its business.

The Company is subject to minimum capital requirements imposed by the Trinidad and Tobago Securities and Exchange Commission (the Authority). The Authority requires each Broker-Dealer to hold the minimum level of the regulatory capital of Five Million Trinidad and Tobago Dollars. Management monitors capital adequacy daily and reports to the Authority on compliance with regulatory capital requirements on a quarterly basis.

In addition to the minimum level of regulatory capital, the Company's management also monitor capital adequacy using relevant benchmarks. Capital adequacy calculations are reported monthly to executive management and quarterly to the Compliance and Risk Management Committee and the Board of Directors.

The table below summarises the composition of regulatory capital of the Company for the year ended March 31. During the financial year the Company complied with all of the externally imposed capital requirements to which it is subject.

	2024	2023
Regulatory capital		
Share capital	15,534,012	15,534,012
Retained earnings	29,968,788	27,218,834
Total equity	\$45,502,800	\$42,752,846
Regulatory requirement	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000

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#### 5. Critical accounting estimates and judgements

The Company makes certain estimates and assumptions regarding the future. Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. In the future, actual experience may differ from these estimates and assumptions. The estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are discussed below.

### (a) Judgements

Information about judgements made in applying accounting policies that have the most significant effects on the amounts recognised in the financial statements are included in the following note:

- Note 3(b) - Classification of financial assets: assessment of the business model within which the assets are held and assessment of whether the contractual terms of the financial asset are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal outstanding.

### (b) Assumptions and estimation uncertainties

Information about assumptions and estimation uncertainties that have a significant risk of resulting in a material adjustment in the year ended March 31, 2024 is included in the following notes:

- Note 4(b) ECL model for determining impairment on debt instruments at amortised cost: Company's criteria for assessing if there has been a significant increase in credit risk; development of ECL model including the choice of inputs; and selection of forward-looking macroeconomic scenarios and their probability of occurrence.
- Note 10 *Recognition of deferred tax assets*: availability of future taxable profit against which unrealised losses can be utilised.

#### 6. Other receivables and prepayments

	2024	2023
Prepayments Other receivables	85,715 437,939	100,433 638,291
	\$523,654	\$738,724

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7.	Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	2024	2023
	Debt securities (i) Equity securities (ii)	20,019,389 6,349,904	19,707,224 8,688,480
		\$26,369,293	\$28,395,704

### (i) Debt securities

The movement in debt securities at fair value through profit or loss may be summarised as follows:

	2024	2023
As at April 1	19,707,224	23,041,526
Additions	80,344,804	130,074,314
Repayments/disposals	(83,087,247)	(133,465,544)
Gains from changes in fair value	3,054,550	56,928
Exchange differences	58	-
As at March 31	\$20,019,389	\$19,707,224

Debt securities at fair value through profit or loss comprise of investment securities with fixed coupons. These investment securities are pledged under the Company's short-term borrowings.

#### (ii) Equity securities

The movement in equity securities at fair value through profit or loss may be summarised as follows:

	2024	2023
As at April 1	8,688,480	10,597,968
Disposals	(917,669)	(2,456,137)
(Losses)/gains from changes in fair value	(1,420,907)	546,649
As at March 31	\$6,349,904	\$8,688,480

#### 8. Debt instruments at amortised cost

Net carrying amount	\$300,143,547	\$316,417,896
Gross carrying amount Expected credit losses	309,045,293 (8,901,746)	323,416,747 (6,998,851)
	2024	2023

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### 8. Debt instruments at amortised cost (continued)

The movement in debt securities at amortised cost may be summarised as follows:

·	2024	2023
As at April 1	316,417,896	286,892,042
Additions	5,497,386	81,321,637
Disposals/repayments	(20,189,383)	(52,482,962)
Net change in accrued interest	(197,563)	1,095,891
Net change in premium/discount amortisation	518,106	332,748
Impairment charge	(1,902,895)	(741,460)
As at March 31	\$300,143,547	\$316,417,896

Debt securities at amortised cost comprise of investment securities with fixed coupons. These investment securities are pledged under the Company's short-term borrowings and sale and repurchase agreements.

### 9. Property, plant and equipment

				Office		
	0.66	Leasehold	Motor	Equipment	Computer	
	Offices	Improvements	Vehicles	& Fixtures	Equipment	Total
Year ended March 31, 2024						
Opening net book value	977,025	980,302	246,423	163,711	20,791	2,388,252
Additions	=	=	1,074,000	-	18,387	1,092,387
Disposals	(81,869)	=	(4)	=	(6)	(81,879)
Depreciation Charge	(272,354)	(293,817)	(403,044)	(89,884)	(16,529)	(1,075,628)
Closing net book value	\$622,802	\$686,485	\$917,375	\$73,827	\$22,643	\$2,323,132
Cost Accumulated	1,676,774	1,760,926	1,074,000	543,501	366,163	5,421,364
depreciation	(1,053,972)	(1,074,441)	(156,625)	(469,674)	(343,520)	(3,098,232)
Net book value	\$622,802	\$686,485	\$917,375	\$73,827	\$22,643	\$2,323,132

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#### 9. Property, plant and equipment (continued)

Year ended March 31, 20	Offices	Leasehold Improvements	Motor Vehicles	Office Equipment & Fixtures	Computer Equipment	Total
Opening net book value Additions Disposals	1,270,132	1,274,118	840,848	226,575 22,491	33,980 15,380	3,645,653 37,871
Depreciation Charge  Closing net book value	(293,107) \$977,025	(293,816) \$980,302	(594,425) \$246,423	(85,355) \$163,711	(28,569) \$20,791	(1,295,272) \$2,388,252
At March 31, 2023						
Cost Accumulated	1,758,644	1,760,926	2,377,701	543,501	352,285	6,793,057
depreciation	(781,619)	(780,624)	(2,131,278)	(379,790)	(331,494)	(4,404,805)
Net book value	\$977,025	\$980,302	\$246,423	\$163,711	\$20,791	\$2,388,252

#### 10. Deferred tax asset

The deferred tax asset is attributable to the following items:

	2024	2023
Net unrealised losses on financial assets at FVTPL Property, plant and equipment	1,023,174 309,279	820,536 320,559
	\$1,332,453	\$1,141,095

(ii) The movement in the deferred tax account comprised:

	2024	2023
Balance at beginning of year	1,141,095	957,726
Credit to profit or loss (Note 18)	191,358	183,369
Balance at end of year	\$1,332,453	\$1,141,095

#### 11. Accounts payable and accrued liabilities

	2024	2023
Accrued expenses	1,296,179	804,021
Other payables	2,411,774	57,434
Due to clients	223,195	180,422
Accrued remuneration	261,165	703,331
Dividend payable	218,255	218,255
	\$4,410,567	\$1,963,463

Included in other payables are amounts owing to the estates of deceased clients in respect of securities sold under repurchase agreements. These amounts are paid when court proceedings are finalised and the Company has a legal basis to pay out the funds. Timing of payment depends on the court and are uncertain.

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#### 12. Short-term borrowings

The Company maintains short-term credit lines with financial institutions. The borrowed funds are secured by investment securities and are repayable on demand. The average funding rate is 6.38% p.a.

#### 13. Securities sold under repurchase agreements

Securities sold under repurchase agreements are secured by the investment security subject to the repurchase agreement (See Notes 4(c) and 8). Interest rates on repurchase agreements range from 3.00% to 4.50%.

#### 14. Stated capital

Authorised	2024	2023
An unlimited number of ordinary shares of no par value		
An unlimited number of preference shares of no par value		
Issued and fully paid		
546 ordinary shares	13,650,000	13,650,000
297 preference shares	1,884,012	1,884,012
	\$15,534,012	\$15,534,012

At the discretion of the Company, the preference shareholders may receive out of legally available funds, dividends at a rate of 11% of the original issue price per annum, payable when, as and if declared by the Board of Directors of the Company. In the event of any liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Company, the holders of the preference shares are entitled to receive in preference to the ordinary shares an amount payable in cash equal to the original issue price for the preference shares plus declared and unpaid dividends.

The Company may, at its sole discretion, repurchase in whole or in part the preference shares for an amount payable in cash equal to the original issue price for the shares plus declared and unpaid dividends. Holders of Preference shares are not entitled to attend or vote at meetings of ordinary shareholders of the company.

Cumulative preference dividends declared during the financial year and included in these financial statements as accrued liabilities as at the reporting date amounted to \$218,255 (2023: \$218,255).

#### 15. Net fair value gains from financial instruments at FVTPL

	2024	2023
Realised	1,272,415	958,778
Unrealised	1,909,604	603,578
	\$3,182,019	\$1,562,356

The realised gain from financial instruments at FVTPL represents the difference between the carrying amount of a financial instrument at the beginning of the reporting period, or the transaction price if it was purchased in the current reporting period, and its settlement price.

The unrealised gain represents the difference between the carrying amount of a financial instrument at the beginning of the period, or the transaction price if it was purchased in the current reporting period, and its carrying amount at the end of the reporting period.

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Deferred tax

**Business levy** 

Income tax expense

16.	Opei	rating expenses				
					2024	2023
	Depr Office Infor Tech Gene Direct	costs eciation e expenses mation technology expenses nical and professional fees eral administrative expenses ctors' fees			6,926,986 1,075,628 398,363 363,509 206,938 134,067 79,000	6,595,504 1,295,272 418,472 343,623 199,187 137,250 79,000
	Mark	eting costs			56,965	45,574
				<u>    \$</u>	9,241,456	\$9,113,882
17.	Ехре	ected credit losses on financial assets				
					2024	2023
	Debt	instruments at amortised cost		\$	1,902,895	\$741,460
18.	Taxa	ition				
	(i)	Taxation expense for the year is made	e up as follows:			
	( )	,	•		2024	2023
		Corporation tax Prior year (over) under provision Deferred tax (Note 10)			130,893 4,216 (191,358)	1,249,778 (34,533) (183,369)
					\$(56,249)	\$1,031,876
	(ii)	The tax on profit before tax differs from rate of tax as follows:	om the theoretical	amount tha	t would arise (	using the basic
			2024	2024	2023	2023
		Profit before taxation	<b>\$</b> 2,911,960	% 100.00	<b>\$</b> 6,504,528	% 100.00
		Tax calculated at 30% Expenses not deductible for tax	873,588	30.00	1,951,358	30.00
		purposes Items deductible for tax purposes Prior year under provision	4,327,710 (5,131,268) 4,216	1.49 (1.76) 0.00	3,644,445 (4,346,025) (34,533)	56.02 (66.81) (0.53)

(191,358)

60,863

\$(56,249)

(0.07)

0.02

29.68

(183, 369)

\$1,031,876

(2.82)

15.86

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#### 19. Leases

The Company leases property and office equipment. The leases typically run for a period of three years, with property leases having an option to renew the lease after that date. For certain leases, the Company is restricted from entering into any sub-lease arrangements.

Information about leases for which the Company is a lessee is presented below.

#### (i) Right-of-use assets

Right-of-use assets related to leased properties, that do not meet the definition of investment property, are disclosed in the financial statements (see Note 3(m)). These right of use assets are included within the property plant and equipment balances.

Year ended March 31, 2024			
·	Office building	Office equipment	Total
Balance at April 1, 2023 Additions to right-of-use assets Renegotiation of lease payments	977,025 (81,870)	59,607	1,036,632 (81,870)
Depreciation charge	(272,353)	(29,804)	(302,157)
Closing net book value	\$622,802	\$29,803	\$652,605
Year ended March 31, 2023			
	Office building	Office equipment	Total
Balance at April 1, 2022 Depreciation charge	1,270,132 (293,107)	89,410 (29,803)	1,359,542 (322,910)
Closing net book value	\$977,025	\$59,607	\$1,036,632
(ii) Amounts recognised in profit and loss			
		2024	2023
Interest on lease liabilities	_	\$30,138	\$42,139
(iii) Amounts recognised in statement of cash flows			
		2024	2023
Interest on lease liabilities Payment of lease liabilities		22,010 325,714	42,139 291,203
Total cash outflow for leases		\$347,724	\$333,342

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#### 19. Leases (continued)

#### (iv) Lease liabilities

Lease liabilities are payable as follows:

	Future minimum Lease payments	Interest	Present value of minimum lease payments
March 31, 2024 Less than one year Between one and five years More than five years	350,600 407,046 	(18,828) (8,334)	331,772 398,712
	\$757,646	\$(27,162)	\$730,484
March 31, 2023 Less than one year Between one and five years More than five years	353,477 849,656 	(32,341) (32,725) -	321,136 816,931
	\$1,203,133	\$(65,066)	\$1,138,067

#### (v) Extension options

The Company has a lease of property that contains options exercisable by the Company up to one year before the end of the non-cancellable contract period. Where practicable, the Company seeks to include extension options in new leases to provide operational flexibility. The extension options held are exercisable only by the Company and not by the lessor. The Company assesses at lease commencement whether it is reasonably certain to exercise the extension options. The Company reassesses whether it is reasonably certain to exercise the options if there is a significant event or significant changes in circumstances within its control.

#### 20. Dividends paid

	\$218,255	\$900,755
Ordinary share dividends Preference share dividends	218,255	682,500 218,255
	2024	2023

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#### 21. Third party assets under management

Third party owned assets which are managed by the Company in a fiduciary capacity, and therefore not included in these financial statements, amounted to \$435 million as at March 31, 2024 (2023: \$392 million).

#### 22. Related party transactions and balances

Directors and key management personnel

	2024	2023
Transactions		
Interest expense	430,370	374,638
Salaries and benefits	4,861,595	4,688,910
	\$5,291,965	\$5,063,548
Balances		
Securities sold under repurchase agreements	\$11,179,551	\$11,569,550

All balances with related parties are conducted on an arm's length basis and are secured by the investment security subject to the repurchase agreement. Interest rates range from 3.50% to 3.75%.

#### 23. Events after the Reporting Date

There are no events occurring after the reporting date and before the date of approval of the financial statements by the Board of Directors that require adjustment to or disclosure in these financial statements.