FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

Ernst & Young Services Limited





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#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

#### TO THE SHAREHOLDER OF REPUBLIC WEALTH MANAGEMENT LIMITED

# **Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements**

# **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Republic Wealth Management Limited ("the Company"), which comprise the statement of financial position as at September 30 2023 and the statements of income, comprehensive income, changes in equity and cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company as at September 30 2023 and financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRSs").

# **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' ("IESBA"), International Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including International Independence Standards) ("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 the Board of Directors for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with IFRSs 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.

The Board of Directors is responsible for overseeing the Company's financial reporting process.



#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

#### TO THE SHAREHOLDER OF REPUBLIC WEALTH MANAGEMENT LIMITED

# Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements (continued)

# 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.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism 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.



# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

# TO THE SHAREHOLDER OF REPUBLIC WEALTH MANAGEMENT LIMITED

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements (continued)

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

We communicate with the Board of 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.

Port of Spain TRINIDAD

November 15, 2023

# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

Expressed in thousands of Trinidad & Tobago dollars (\$'000)

ASSETS	Notes	2023	2022
Cash and cash equivalents		111,062	129,861
Investment securities	4	16,387	29,962
Trade debtors	5	6,432	4,730
Premises and equipment	6	837	952
Right-of-use-assets	7 (a)	187	560
Deferred tax asset	8 (a)	7	7
Other assets		5,477	4,545
Taxation recoverable		869	869
TOTAL ASSETS		141,258	171,486
LIABILITIES & EQUITY			
LIABILITIES			
Lease liabilities	7(b)	157	588
Taxation payable	· /	12,040	13,086
Deferred tax liability	8 (b)	63	63
Other liabilities	9	27,673	55,507
TOTAL LIABILITIES		39,933	69,244
EQUITY			
Stated capital	10	2,002	2,002
Capital reserve		1	1
Retained earnings		99,322	100,239
TOTAL EQUITY		101,325	102,242
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY		141,258	171,486

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

These financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on November 14, 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

Richard Sammy, Chairman

Leesa Murally-Pantin, Director

# STATEMENT OF INCOME

# FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

Expressed in thousands of Trinidad & Tobago dollars (\$'000)

	Notes	2023	2022
Income Commission expense	11 (a)	167,905 (100)	167,251 (24)
Net income Operating expenses	11 (b)	167,805 (10,243)	167,227 (8,728)
Operating profit		157,562	158,499
Net profit before taxation		157,562	158,499
Taxation expense	12	(47,460)	(47,984)
Net profit for the year		110,102	110,515

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

# STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023 Expressed in thousands of Trinidad & Tobago dollars (\$'000)

	2023	2022
Net profit for the year	110,102	110,515
Other comprehensive loss:		
Other comprehensive income/(loss) (net of tax) that will not be reclassified to the statement of income in subsequent periods:		
Remeasurement gain/(loss) on investment securities measured at fair value through other comprehensive income'	15	(475)
Total comprehensive income for the year, net of tax	110,117	110,040

# STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

Expressed in thousands of Trinidad & Tobago dollars (\$'000)

	Stated capital	Capital reserve	Retained earnings	Total
Balance as at October 1, 2021	2,002	1	75,289	77,292
Profit for the year	_	_	110,515	110,515
Other comprehensive loss	_	_	(475)	(475)
Dividends paid (Note 19)			(85,090)	(85,090)
Balance at September 30, 2022	2,002	1	100,239	102,242
Profit for the year	_	_	110,102	110,102
Other comprehensive income	_	_	15	15
Dividends paid (Note 19)			(111,034)	(111,034)
Balance at September 30, 2023	2,002	1	99,322	101,325

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

# STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

Expressed in thousands of Trinidad & Tobago dollars (\$'000)

	Notes	2023	2022
Operating activities			
Net profit before taxation		157,562	158,499
Adjustments for:			
Depreciation of premises and equipment and right-of-use			
assets	6 &7(a)	493	532
Unrealised gain on investment securities	11(a)	(360)	(249)
Accretion of interest expense - lease	7(b)	15	25
Increase in trade debtors and other assets		(2,633)	(4,614)
(Decrease)/increase in other liabilities		(27,834)	35,769
Taxes paid		(48,506)	(48,690)
Cash generated from operating activities		78,737	141,272
Financing activities			
Repayment of principal portion of lease liabilities	7(b)	(446)	(405)
Dividends paid	19	(111,034)	(85,090)
Cash used in financing activities		(111,480)	(85,495)
Investing activities			
Redemption of investment securities		107,529	33,997
Purchase of investments		(93,580)	(44,284)
Additions to premises and equipment	6	(5)	(134)
Cash generated from/(used in) investing activities		13,944	(10,421)
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents		(18,799)	45,356
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		129,861	84,505
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year		111,062	129,861
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year are represented	d by:		
Cash at bank	V	111,062	129,861
Supplemental information:			
Interest received		4	4
Dividends received		250	208

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

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

Expressed in thousands of Trinidad & Tobago dollars (\$'000) except where otherwise stated

# 1. Corporate information

Republic Wealth Management Limited ("the Company") was incorporated on May 7, 1979 in the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago. It was continued under the provision of the Companies Act, 1995 on July 22, 1999 and its registered office is located at 8 Rapsey Street, Ellerslie Plaza, Maraval. The Company became a wholly owned subsidiary of Republic Financial Holdings Limited (RFHL) on February 29, 2004. The Company's principal activity is trading in stocks, shares and other securities on the local stock exchange and via intermediaries on the regional and international stock exchanges.

Republic Financial Holdings Limited ("the Company" or RFHL), the financial holding company for the Republic Group and the ultimate Parent of the Group, is incorporated in the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago and its registered office is located at Republic House, 9-17 Park Street, Port of Spain. Republic Financial Holdings Limited is listed on the Trinidad and Tobago Stock Exchange.

# 2. Significant accounting policies

These financial statements provide information on the accounting estimates and judgements made by the Company. These estimates and judgements are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Given the continued impact of global economic uncertainty exacerbated by high inflation and rising interest rates, the Company has maintained its estimation uncertainty in the preparation of these financial statements. The estimation uncertainty is associated with the extent and duration of the expected economic downturn in the economies in which we operate. This includes forecasts for economic growth, unemployment, interest rates and inflation.

The Company has formed estimates based on information available on September 30, 2023, which was deemed to be reasonable in forming these estimates. The actual economic conditions may be different from the estimates used and this may result in differences between the accounting estimates applied and the actual results of the Company for future

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied across the Company.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

Expressed in thousands of Trinidad & Tobago dollars (\$'000) except where otherwise stated (Continued)

# 2. Significant accounting policies (continued)

# 2.1 Basis of preparation

The financial statements of the Company are prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS), and are stated in Trinidad and Tobago Dollars. These financial statements have been prepared on a historical cost basis except for financial instruments measured at fair value through profit or loss. The preparation of financial statements in conformity with IFRS requires management to make estimates and assumptions. Actual results could differ from those estimates. Significant accounting judgements and estimates in applying the Company's accounting policies have been described in Note 3.

# 2.2 Changes in accounting policies

The accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are consistent with those followed in the preparation of the Company's annual financial statements for the year ended September 30, 2022, except for the adoption of new standards and interpretations below.

Several amendments and interpretations apply for the first time in 2023, but do not have any impact on the financial statements of the Company. These are also described in more detail below. The Company has not early adopted any standards, interpretations or amendments that have been issued but are not yet effective.

# IFRS 3 Business Combinations - Amendments to IFRS 3 (effective January 1, 2022)

The amendments are intended to replace a reference to a previous version of the IASB's Conceptual Framework (the 1989 Framework) with a reference to the current version issued in March 2018 (the Conceptual Framework) without significantly changing its requirements.

The amendments add an exception to the recognition principle of IFRS 3 to avoid the issue of potential 'day 2' gains or losses arising for liabilities and contingent liabilities that would be within the scope of IAS 37 Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets or IFRIC 21 Levies, if incurred separately. The exception requires entities to apply the criteria in IAS 37 or IFRIC 21, respectively, instead of the Conceptual Framework, to determine whether a present obligation exists at the acquisition date.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

Expressed in thousands of Trinidad & Tobago dollars (\$'000) except where otherwise stated (Continued)

# 2. Significant accounting policies (continued)

# 2.2 Changes in accounting policies (continued)

# IFRS 3 Business Combinations - Amendments to IFRS 3 (effective January 1, 2022) (continued)

At the same time, the amendments add a new paragraph to IFRS 3 to clarify that contingent assets do not qualify for recognition at the acquisition date.

The amendments must be applied prospectively. Earlier application is permitted if, at the same time or earlier, an entity also applies all of the amendments contained in the Amendments to References to the Conceptual Framework in IFRS Standards (March 2018).

The amendments are intended to update a reference to the Conceptual Framework without significantly changing requirements of IFRS 3. The amendments will promote consistency in financial reporting and avoid potential confusion from having more than one version of the Conceptual Framework in use.

These amendments had no impact on these financial statements.

# IAS 16 Property, Plant and Equipment - Amendments to IAS 16 (effective January 1, 2022)

The amendment prohibits entities from deducting from the cost of an item of property, plant and equipment (PP&E), any proceeds of the sale of items produced while bringing that asset to the location and condition necessary for it to be capable of operating in the manner intended by management. Instead, an entity recognises the proceeds from selling such items, and the costs of producing those items, in profit or loss.

The amendment must be applied retrospectively only to items of PP&E made available for use on or after the beginning of the earliest period presented when the entity first applies the amendment.

These amendments had no impact on the financial statements of the Company.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

Expressed in thousands of Trinidad & Tobago dollars (\$'000) except where otherwise stated (Continued)

# 2. Significant accounting policies (continued)

# 2.2 Changes in accounting policies (continued)

# IAS 37 Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets - Amendments to IAS 37 (effective January 1, 2022)

The amendments apply a 'directly related cost approach'. The costs that relate directly to a contract to provide goods or services include both incremental costs (e.g., the costs of direct labour and materials) and an allocation of costs directly related to contract activities (e.g., depreciation of equipment used to fulfil the contract as well as costs of contract management and supervision). General and administrative costs do not relate directly to a contract and are excluded unless they are explicitly chargeable to the counterparty under the contract.

The amendments must be applied prospectively to contracts for which an entity has not yet fulfilled all of its obligations at the beginning of the annual reporting period in which it first applies the amendments (the date of initial application). Earlier application is permitted and must be disclosed.

The amendments are intended to provide clarity and help ensure consistent application of the standard. Entities that previously applied the incremental cost approach will see provisions increase to reflect the inclusion of costs related directly to contract activities, whilst entities that previously recognised contract loss provisions using the guidance from the former standard, IAS 11 Construction Contracts, will be required to exclude the allocation of indirect overheads from their provisions. Judgement will be required in determining which costs are 'directly related to contract activities', but we believe that guidance in IFRS 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers will be relevant.

These amendments had no impact on the financial statements of the Company.

# **Improvements to International Financial Reporting Standards**

The annual improvements process of the International Accounting Standards Board deals with non-urgent but necessary clarifications and amendments to IFRS. The following amendments are applicable to annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2022:

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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# 2. Significant accounting policies (continued)

# 2.2 Changes in accounting policies (continued)

# IFRS Subject of Amendment

- IFRS 1 First-time Adoption of International Financial Reporting Standards Subsidiary as a first-time adopter (effective January 1, 2022)
- IFRS 9 Financial Instruments Fees in the '10 per cent' test for derecognition of financial liabilities (effective January 1, 2022)
- IAS 41 Agriculture Taxation in fair value measurements (effective January 1, 2022)

These improvements had no impact on the financial statements of the Company.

# 2.3 Standards in issue not yet effective

The following is a list of standards and interpretations that are not yet effective up to the date of issuance of the Company's financial statements. These standards and interpretations will be applicable to the Company at a future date and will be adopted when they become effective. The Company is currently assessing the impact of adopting these standards and interpretations.

# IAS 8 Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors - Amendments to IAS 8 (effective January 1, 2023)

The amendments clarify the distinction between changes in accounting estimates and changes in accounting policies and the correction of errors. Also, they clarify how entities use measurement techniques and inputs to develop accounting estimates.

The amended standard clarifies that the effects on an accounting estimate of a change in an input or a change in a measurement technique are changes in accounting estimates if they do not result from the correction of prior period errors. The previous definition of a change in accounting estimate specified that changes in accounting estimates may result from new information or new developments. Therefore, such changes are not corrections of errors. This aspect of the definition was retained by the IASB.

The amendments are intended to provide preparers of financial statements with greater clarity as to the definition of accounting estimates, particularly in terms of the difference between accounting estimates and accounting policies. Although the amendments are not expected to have a material impact on entities' financial statements, they should provide helpful guidance for entities in determining whether changes are to be treated as changes in estimates, changes in policies, or errors.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

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# 2. Significant accounting policies (continued)

# 2.3 Standards in issue not yet effective (continued)

# IAS 1 Presentation of Financial Statements and IFRS Practice Statement 2 - Amendments to IAS 1 - Disclosure of Accounting Policies (effective January 1, 2023)

The IASB issued amendments to provide guidance and examples to help entities apply materiality judgements to accounting policy disclosures.

The amendments aim to help entities provide accounting policy disclosures that are more useful by:

- Replacing the requirement for entities to disclose their 'significant' accounting policies with a requirement to disclose their 'material' accounting policies
- Adding guidance on how entities apply the concept of materiality in making decisions about accounting policy disclosures

The amendments provide guidance and examples to help entities apply materiality judgements to accounting policy disclosures. The amendments aim to help entities provide accounting policy disclosures that are more useful by replacing the requirement for entities to disclose their 'significant' accounting policies with a requirement to disclose their 'material' accounting policies and adding guidance on how entities apply the concept of materiality in making decisions about accounting policy disclosures.

# IAS 1 Presentation of Financial Statements and IFRS Practice Statement 2 - Amendments to IAS 1 - Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current (effective January 1, 2024)

The IASB issued amendments to paragraphs 69 to 76 of IAS 1 Presentation of Financial Statements to specify the requirements for classifying liabilities as current or non-current.

The amendments clarify:

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

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

Expressed in thousands of Trinidad & Tobago dollars (\$'000) except where otherwise stated (Continued)

# 2. Significant accounting policies (continued)

# 2.3 Standards in issue not yet effective (continued)

# IFRS 16 Leases - Amendments to IFRS 16 (effective January 1, 2024)

The amendment specifies the requirements that a seller-lessee uses in measuring the lease liability arising in a sale and leaseback transaction, to ensure the seller-lessee does not recognise any amount of the gain or loss that relates to the right of use it retains.

After the commencement date in a sale and leaseback transaction, the seller-lessee applies paragraphs 29 to 35 of IFRS 16 to the right-of-use asset arising from the leaseback and paragraphs 36 to 46 of IFRS 16 to the lease liability arising from the leaseback. In applying paragraphs 36 to 46, the seller-lessee determines 'lease payments' or 'revised lease payments' in such 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. Applying these requirements does not prevent the seller-lessee from recognising, in profit or loss, any gain or loss relating to the partial or full termination of a lease, as required by IFRS 16.

The amendment does not prescribe specific measurement requirements for lease liabilities arising from a leaseback. The initial measurement of the lease liability arising from a leaseback may result in a seller-lessee determining 'lease payments' that are different from the general definition of lease payments in Appendix A of IFRS 16. The seller-lessee will need to develop and apply an accounting policy that results in information that is relevant and reliable in accordance with IAS 8.

A seller-lessee applies the amendment to annual reporting periods beginning on or after January 01 2024. Earlier application is permitted and that fact must be disclosed.

A seller-lessee applies the amendment retrospectively in accordance with IAS 8 to sale and leaseback transactions entered into after the date of initial application (i.e., the amendment does not apply to sale and leaseback transactions entered into prior to the date of initial application). The date of initial application is the beginning of the annual reporting period in which an entity first applied IFRS 16.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

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# 2. Significant accounting policies (continued)

# 2.3 Standards in issue not yet effective (continued)

# IAS 12 Income Taxes - Amendments to IAS 12 - Deferred Tax related to Assets and Liabilities arising from a Single Transaction (effective January 1, 2023)

The amendments to IAS 12, narrows the scope of the initial recognition exception under IAS 12, so that it no longer applies to transactions that give rise to equal taxable and deductible temporary differences.

The amendments clarify that where payments that settle a liability are deductible for tax purposes, it is a matter of judgement (having considered the applicable tax law) whether such deductions are attributable for tax purposes to the liability recognised in the financial statements (and interest expense) or to the related asset component (and interest expense). This judgement is important in determining whether any temporary differences exist on initial recognition of the asset and liability.

Under the amendments, the initial recognition exception does not apply to transactions that, on initial recognition, give rise to equal taxable and deductible temporary differences. It only applies if the recognition of a lease asset and lease liability (or decommissioning liability and decommissioning asset component) give rise to taxable and deductible temporary differences that are not equal.

Nevertheless, it is possible that the resulting deferred tax assets and liabilities are not equal (e.g., if the entity is unable to benefit from the tax deductions or if different tax rates apply to the taxable and deductible temporary differences). In such cases, which the Board expects to occur infrequently, an entity would need to account for the difference between the deferred tax asset and liability in profit or loss.

An entity should apply the amendments to transactions that occur on or after the beginning of the earliest comparative period presented. In addition, at the beginning of the earliest comparative period presented, it should also recognise a deferred tax asset (provided that sufficient taxable profit is available) and a deferred tax liability for all deductible and taxable temporary differences associated with leases and decommissioning obligations.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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# 2. Significant accounting policies (continued)

# 2.4 Summary of significant accounting policies

# a) Cash and cash equivalents

For the purpose of presentation in the statement of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents consist of highly liquid investments, cash at hand and at bank.

Included within cash and cash equivalents at 30 September 2023 is \$17,111 (2022: \$15,891) held within the Company's deposits, which is not immediately available for use in the day-to-day operations of the business.

# b) Financial instruments - initial recognition

# i) Date of recognition

Financial assets and liabilities are initially recognised on the trade date, i.e., the date that the Company becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. This includes regular way trades: purchases or sales of financial assets that require delivery of assets within the time frame generally established by regulation or convention in the market place.

# ii) Initial measurement of financial instruments

The classification of financial instruments at initial recognition depends on their contractual terms and the business model for managing the instruments, as described in Note 2.5c (i). Financial instruments are initially measured at their fair value, except in the case of financial assets recorded at fair value through profit or loss (FVPL), transaction costs are added to, or subtracted from, this amount.

# iii) Measurement categories of financial assets and liabilities

The Company classifies all of its financial assets based on the business model for managing the assets and the asset's contractual terms, measured at either:

- Amortised cost
- FVPL as explained in Note 2.5 c (ii)

Financial liabilities are measured at amortised cost.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

Expressed in thousands of Trinidad & Tobago dollars (\$'000) except where otherwise stated (Continued)

# 2. Significant accounting policies (continued)

# 2.4 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

# c) Financial assets and liabilities

# i) Due from banks, Treasury Bills, Trade debtors, Other assets and Investment securities

The Company only measures Due from banks, Treasury bills, Trade debtors, Other assets and Investment securities at amortised cost if both of the following conditions are met:

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

The details of these conditions are outlined below.

# The SPPI test

For the first step of its classification process, the Company assesses the contractual terms of financial assets to identify whether they meet the SPPI test.

For the purpose of this 'principal' is defined as the fair value of the financial asset at initial recognition and may change over the life of the financial asset (for example, if there are repayments of principal or amortisation of the premium/discount).

The most significant elements of interest within a lending arrangement are typically the consideration for the time value of money and credit risk. To make the SPPI assessment, the Company applies judgement and considers relevant factors such as the currency in which the financial asset is denominated, and the period for which the interest rate is set.

In contrast, contractual terms that introduce a more than de minimis exposure to risks or volatility in the contractual cash flows that are unrelated to a basic lending arrangement do not give rise to contractual cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the amount outstanding. In such cases, the financial asset is required to be measured at FVPL or fair value through other comprehensive income (FVOCI) without recycling.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

Expressed in thousands of Trinidad & Tobago dollars (\$'000) except where otherwise stated (Continued)

# 2. Significant accounting policies (continued)

# 2.4 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

- c) Financial assets and liabilities (continued)
  - Due from banks, Treasury Bills, Trade debtors, Other assets and Investment securities (continued)

Business model assessment

The Company determines its business model at the level that best reflects how it manages groups of financial assets to achieve its business objective.

The Company's business model is not assessed on an instrument-by-instrument basis, but at a higher level of aggregated portfolios and is based on observable factors such as:

- How the performance of the business model and the financial assets held within that business model are evaluated and reported to the entity's key management personnel
- The risks that affect the performance of the business model (and the financial assets held within that business model) and, in particular, the way those risks are managed
- The expected frequency, value and timing of sales are also important aspects of the Company's assessment

The business model assessment is based on reasonably expected scenarios without taking 'worst case' or 'stress case' scenarios into account. If cash flows after initial recognition are realised in a way that is different from the Company's original expectations, the Company does not change the classification of the remaining financial assets held in that business model, but incorporates such information when assessing newly originated or newly purchased financial assets going forward.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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# 2. Significant accounting policies (continued)

# 2.4 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

# c) Financial assets and liabilities (continued)

# ii) Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

Financial assets in this category are those that are designated by management upon initial recognition or are mandatorily required to be measured at fair value under IFRS 9. Management may designate an instrument at FVPL upon initial recognition.

The designation eliminates, or significantly reduces, the inconsistent treatment that would otherwise arise from measuring the assets or recognising gains or losses on them on a different basis.

Financial assets at FVPL are recorded in the statement of financial position at fair value. Interest earned or incurred on instruments designated at FVPL is accrued in interest income, using the effective interest rate (EIR), taking into account any discount/premium and qualifying transaction costs being an integral part of instrument. Dividend income from equity instruments measured at FVPL is recorded in profit or loss as other income when the right to the payment has been established.

#### d) Reclassification of financial assets and liabilities

The Company does not reclassify its financial assets subsequent to their initial recognition, apart from the exceptional circumstances in which the Company acquires, disposes of, or terminates a business line. Financial liabilities are never reclassified.

# e) Derecognition of financial assets and liabilities

#### Financial assets

A financial asset (or, where applicable, a part of a financial asset or part of a Company of similar financial assets) is derecognised when the rights to receive the cash flows from the asset have expired. The Company also derecognises the financial asset if it has both transferred the financial asset and the transfer qualifies for derecognition.

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# 2. Significant accounting policies (continued)

# 2.4 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

# e) Derecognition of financial assets and liabilities (continued)

Financial assets (continued)

The Company has transferred the financial asset if, and only if, either:

- The Company has transferred its contractual rights to receive cash flows from the financial asset, or
- It retains the rights to the cash flows, but has assumed an obligation to pay the received cash flows in full without material delay to a third party under a 'pass-through' arrangement.

Pass-through arrangements are transactions whereby the Company retains the contractual rights to receive the cash flows of a financial asset (the 'original asset'), but assumes a contractual obligation to pay those cash flows to one or more entities (the 'eventual recipients'), when all of the following three conditions are met:

- The Company has no obligation to pay amounts to the eventual recipients unless it has collected equivalent amounts from the original asset, excluding short-term advances with the right to full recovery of the amount lent plus accrued interest at market rates
- The Company cannot sell or pledge the original asset other than as security to the eventual recipients
- The Company has to remit any cash flows it collects on behalf of the eventual recipients without material delay. In addition, the Company is not entitled to reinvest such cash flows, except for investments in cash or cash equivalents including interest earned, during the period between the collection date and the date of required remittance to the eventual recipients.

A transfer only qualifies for derecognition if either:

- The Company has transferred substantially all the risks and rewards of the asset, or
- The Company has neither transferred nor retained substantially all the risks and rewards of the asset, but has transferred control of the asset.

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# 2. Significant accounting policies (continued)

# 2.4 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

# e) Derecognition of financial assets and liabilities (continued)

Financial assets (continued)

The Company considers control to be transferred if and only if, the transferee has the practical ability to sell the asset in its entirety to an unrelated third party and is able to exercise that ability unilaterally and without imposing additional restrictions on the transfer.

When the Company has neither transferred nor retained substantially all the risks and rewards and has retained control of the asset, the asset continues to be recognised only to the extent of the Company's continuing involvement, in which case, the Company also recognises an associated liability. The transferred asset and the associated liability are measured on a basis that reflects the rights and obligations that the Company has retained.

Continuing involvement that takes the form of a guarantee over the transferred asset is measured at the lower of the original carrying amount of the asset and the maximum amount of consideration the Company could be required to pay.

# Financial liabilities

A financial liability is derecognised when the obligation under the liability is discharged, cancelled or expires. Where an existing financial liability is replaced by another from the same lender on substantially different terms, or the terms of an existing liability are substantially modified, such an exchange or modification is treated as a derecognition of the original liability and the recognition of a new liability. The difference between the carrying value of the original financial liability and the consideration paid is recognised in profit or loss.

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# 2. Significant accounting policies (continued)

# 2.4 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

# f) Impairment of financial assets

# i) Overview of the ECL principles

The Company records an allowance for expected credit losses (ECL) for all trade debtors and other assets not held at FVPL, in this section all referred to as 'financial instruments'. Equity instruments are not subject to impairment under IFRS 9.

The Company uses the simplified approach when calculating ECLs. The ECL allowance is based on the credit losses expected to arise over the life of the asset (the lifetime expected credit loss or LTECL), unless there has been no significant increase in credit risk since origination, in which case, the allowance is based on the 12 months' expected credit loss (12mECL).

When estimating the ECLs, the Company considers among other factors the aging of the financial instrument. When relevant, it also incorporates how defaulted assets are expected to be recovered, including the value of the amount that might be received for selling the underlying asset.

# ii) The calculation of ECLs

Expected credit losses on trade debtors are calculated by using the provision matrix approach. The provision matrix is determined based on historical observed default rates over the expected life of the trade debtors and is adjusted for forward looking estimates.

#### g) Leases

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

The Company as a Lessee applies a single recognition and measurement approach for all leases, except for short-term leases and leases of low-value assets. The Company recognises lease liabilities to make lease payments and right-of-use assets representing the right to use the underlying assets.

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# 2. Significant accounting policies (continued)

# 2.4 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

# g) Leases (continued)

# Right-of-use assets

Right-of-use assets are measured at cost, less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses, and adjusted for any remeasurement of lease liabilities. The cost of right-of-use assets includes the amount of lease liabilities recognised, initial direct costs incurred, and lease payments made at or before the commencement date less any lease incentives received. Right-of-use assets are depreciated on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

#### Lease liabilities

At the commencement date of the lease, the entity recognises lease liabilities measured at the present value of lease payments to be made over the lease term. The lease payments include fixed payments (less any lease incentives receivable), variable lease payments that depend on an index or a rate, and amounts expected to be paid under residual value guarantees. The lease payments also include the exercise price of a purchase option reasonably certain to be exercised by the entity and payments of penalties for terminating the lease, if the lease term reflects exercising the option to terminate. Variable lease payments that do not depend on an index or a rate are recognised as expenses in the period in which the event or condition that triggers the payment occurs.

In calculating the present value of lease payments, the Company uses its incremental borrowing rate (IBR) at the lease commencement date because the interest rate implicit in the lease is not readily determinable. After the commencement date, the amount of lease liabilities is increased to reflect the accretion of interest and reduced for the lease payments made. In addition, the carrying amount of lease liabilities is remeasured if there is a modification, a change in the lease term or a change in the lease payments (e.g., changes to future payments resulting from a change in rate used to determine such lease payments).

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# 2. Significant accounting policies (continued)

# 2.4 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

# g) Leases (continued)

Lease liabilities (continued)

The Company applies the short-term lease recognition exemption to its short-term leases of property etc. (i.e., those leases that have a lease term of 12 months or less from the commencement date and do not contain a purchase option). It also applies the lease of low-value assets recognition exemption to leases of IT equipment that are considered to be low-value. Lease payments on short-term leases and leases of low-value assets are recognised as expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

# Company as a lessor

Leases in which the Company does not transfer substantially all the risks and rewards incidental to ownership of an asset are classified as operating leases. Rental income arising is accounted for on a straight-line basis over the lease terms and included in revenue in the statement of income due to its operating nature. Initial direct costs incurred in negotiating and arranging an operating lease are added to the carrying amount of the leased asset and recognised over the lease term on the same basis as rental income. Contingent rents are recognised as revenue in the period in which they are earned.

# h) Premises and equipment

Premises and equipment are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation.

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 other repairs and maintenance are charged to the statement of income during the financial period in which they are incurred.

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# 2. Significant accounting policies (continued)

# 2.4 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

# h) Premises and equipment (continued)

The assets' residual values and useful lives are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at each statement of financial position date. Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing proceeds with carrying amount. These are included in the statement of income.

Leasehold improvements and leased equipment are depreciated on a straight-line basis over the period of the lease. Depreciation other than on leasehold improvements and leased equipment is computed on the declining balance method at rates expected to apportion the cost of the assets over their estimated useful lives.

The depreciation rates used are as follows:

Leasehold premises Straight-line based on lease term

Equipment, furniture and fittings 10% - 25%

# i) Impairment of non-financial assets

Further disclosures relating to impairment of non-financial assets are also provided in the following notes:

- Disclosures for significant assumptions (Note 3)
- Premises and equipment (Note 6)

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

Expressed in thousands of Trinidad & Tobago dollars (\$'000) except where otherwise stated (Continued)

# 2. Significant accounting policies (continued)

# 2.4 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

# i) Impairment of non-financial assets (continued)

The Company assesses, at each reporting date, whether there is an indication that an asset may be impaired. If any indication exists, or when annual impairment testing for an asset is required, the Company estimates the asset's recoverable amount. An asset's recoverable amount is the higher of an asset's fair value less costs of disposal and its value in use. The recoverable amount is determined for an individual asset, unless the asset does not generate cash inflows that are largely independent of those from other assets or groups of assets. When the carrying amount of an asset exceeds its recoverable amount, the asset is considered impaired and is written down to its recoverable amount.

In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows available to shareholders are discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset. In determining fair value less costs of disposal, recent market transactions are taken into account. If no such transactions can be identified, an appropriate valuation model is used. These calculations are corroborated by valuation multiples, quoted share prices for publicly traded companies or other available fair value indicators.

For assets, excluding goodwill, an assessment is made at each reporting date to determine whether there is an indication that previously recognised impairment losses no longer exist or have decreased. If such indication exists, the Company estimates the asset's recoverable amount.

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# 2. Significant accounting policies (continued)

# 2.4 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

# j) Taxation

Deferred income tax is provided in full, using the liability method, on temporary differences arising between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts in the financial statements. Deferred income tax is determined using tax rates (and laws) that have been enacted or substantially enacted by the statement of financial position date and are expected to apply when the related deferred income tax asset is realised or the deferred income tax liability is settled.

Deferred tax assets are recognised where it is probable that future taxable profit will be available against which the temporary differences can be utilised.

Income tax payable on profits, based on the applicable tax law, is recognised as an expense in the period in which profits arise. The tax effects of income tax losses available for carry forward are recognised as an asset when it is probable that future taxable profits will be available against which these losses can be utilised.

# k) Fiduciary assets

The Company provides custodial services to third parties. All related assets are held in a fiduciary capacity and are not included in these financial statements as they are not the assets of the Company. These custodial assets at September 30, 2023 totalled \$909 million (2022: \$293 million).

# 1) Foreign currency translation

The financial statements are expressed in Trinidad and Tobago dollars which is the currency of the primary economic environment in which the entity operates (its functional currency).

Monetary assets and liabilities which are denominated in foreign currencies are expressed in Trinidad and Tobago dollars at rates of exchange ruling on September 30. Non-monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at historic rates. All revenue and expenditure transactions denominated in foreign currencies are translated at mid-exchange rates and the resulting profits and losses on exchange from these trading activities are dealt with in the statement of income.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

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# 2. Significant accounting policies (continued)

# 2.4 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

# m) Revenue recognition

Revenue from contracts with customers is recognised when control of the goods or services are transferred to the customer at an amount that reflects the consideration to which the company expects to be entitled in exchange for goods or services. Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable, taking into account contractually defined terms of payment and excluding taxes or duty. The Company has concluded that it is the principal in all of its revenue arrangements since it is the primary obligor in all the revenue arrangements, has pricing latitude and is also exposed to credit risks.

The specific recognition criteria described below must also be met before revenue is recognised.

#### The EIR method

Interest income and expense is recorded using the EIR method for all financial instruments measured at amortised cost. The EIR is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash receipts through the expected life of the financial instrument or, when appropriate, a shorter period, to the net carrying amount of the financial asset.

The EIR (and therefore, the amortised cost of the asset) is calculated by taking into account any discount or premium on acquisition, fees and costs that are an integral part of the EIR. The Company recognises interest income using a rate of return that represents the best estimate of a constant rate of return over the expected life of the loan. Hence, it recognises the effect of potentially different interest rates charged at various stages, and other characteristics of the product life cycle (including prepayments, penalty interest and charges).

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# 2. Significant accounting policies (continued)

# 2.4 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

# m) Revenue recognition (continued)

Interest income and expense

The Company calculates interest income and expense by applying the EIR to the gross carrying amount of financial assets and liabilities other than credit-impaired assets, measured at amortised cost.

Interest income and expense are recognised in the statement of income for all interestbearing instruments on an accrual basis using the effective interest yield method. Interest income includes coupons earned on fixed income investment and trading securities and accrued discount and premium on other discounted instruments.

Interest income on all trading assets and financial assets mandatorily required to be measured at FVPL is recognised using the contractual interest rate in net trading income and net gains/(losses) on financial assets at FVPL, respectively.

#### Fee and commission income

Unless included in the effective interest calculation, fees and commissions are recognised on an accruals basis as the service is provided. Fees and commissions not integral to effective interest arising from negotiating, or participating in the negotiation of a transaction from a third party are recognised on completion of the underlying transaction. Portfolio and other management advisory service fees are recognised based on the applicable service contracts. Asset management fees related to investment funds are recognised over the period the service is provided.

#### Dividend income

Dividend income is recognised when the right to receive the payment is established.

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# 2. Significant accounting policies (continued)

# 2.4 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

# n) Fair value

The Company measures financial instruments at fair value at each financial position date. Fair value related disclosures for financial instruments and non-financial assets that are measured at fair value or where fair values are disclosed are shown in Note 16 to the financial statements.

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. The fair value measurement is based on the presumption that the transaction to sell the asset or transfer the liability takes place either:

- i) In the principal market for the asset or liability, or
- ii) In the absence of a principal market, in the most advantageous market for the asset or liability.

The fair value of an asset or a liability is measured using the assumptions that market participants would use when pricing the asset or liability, assuming that market participants act in their economic best interest.

A fair value measurement of a non-financial asset takes into account a market participant's ability to generate economic benefits by using the asset in its highest and best use or by selling it to another market participant that would use the asset in its highest and best use.

All assets and liabilities for which fair value is measured or disclosed in the financial statements are categorised within the fair value hierarchy, described as follows, based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement as a whole:

# Level 1

Included in the Level 1 category are financial assets and liabilities that are measured in whole or in part by reference to published quotes in an active market. A financial instrument is regarded as quoted in an active market if quoted prices are readily and regularly available from an exchange, dealer, broker, industry Company, pricing service or regulatory agency and those prices represent actual and regularly occurring market transactions on an arm's length basis.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

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# 2. Significant accounting policies (continued)

# 2.4 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

# n) Fair value (continued)

#### Level 2

Included in the Level 2 category are financial assets and liabilities that are measured using a valuation technique based on assumptions that are supported by prices from observable current market transactions and for which pricing is obtained via pricing services, but where prices have not been determined in an active market. This includes financial assets with fair values based on broker quotes, investments in private equity funds with fair values obtained via fund managers and assets that are valued using the parent's own models whereby the majority of assumptions are market observable.

#### Level 3

Included in the Level 3 category are financial assets and liabilities that are not quoted as there are no active markets to determine a price. These financial instruments are held at cost, being the fair value of the consideration paid for the acquisition of the investment, and are regularly assessed for impairment.

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

Where the Company's financial assets and liabilities are not actively traded in organised financial markets, the fair value is determined using discounted cash flow analysis, which requires considerable judgement in interpreting market data and developing estimates. Accordingly estimates contained herein are not necessarily indicative of the amounts that the Company could realise in a current market exchange. The use of different assumptions and/or estimation methodologies may have a material effect on the estimated fair values. The fair value information for financial assets and liabilities is based on information available to management as at the dates presented. Management is not aware of any factors that would significantly affect the estimated fair value amounts.

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# 2. Significant accounting policies (continued)

# 2.4 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

# n) Fair value (continued)

Financial instruments where carrying value is equal to fair value:- Due to their short-term maturity, the carrying value of certain financial instruments is assumed to approximate their fair values. These include cash and cash equivalents, trade debtors, other assets and other liabilities.

# 3. Significant accounting judgements, estimates and assumptions

The preparation of the Company's financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of revenues, expenses, assets and liabilities, and the accompanying disclosures, and the disclosure of contingent liabilities. Uncertainty about these assumptions and estimates could result in outcomes that require a material adjustment to the carrying amount of assets or liabilities affected in future periods.

Other disclosures relating to the Company's exposure to risks and uncertainties includes:

- a) Risk management (Note 14)
- b) Capital management (Note 15)

# **Estimates and assumptions**

The key assumptions concerning the future and other key sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date, that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year, are described below. The Company based its assumptions and estimates on parameters available when the financial statements were prepared. Existing circumstances and assumptions about future developments, however, may change due to market changes or circumstances arising that are beyond the control of the Company. Such changes are reflected in the assumptions when they occur.

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## 3. Significant accounting judgements, estimates and assumptions (continued)

# Estimates and assumptions (continued)

Impairment losses on financial assets

The measurement of impairment losses under IFRS 9 across all categories of financial assets requires judgement. These estimates are driven by a number of factors, changes in which can result in different levels of allowances.

The Company's ECL calculations are outputs of models with underlying assumptions regarding the choice of variable inputs and their interdependencies. Elements of the ECL models that are considered accounting judgements and estimates include:

- Determination of the existence of associations between macroeconomic scenarios and, economic inputs, such as unemployment levels and collateral values, and the effect on LTECL.
- The inclusion of overlay adjustments based on judgement and future expectations.

## Other assumptions

Deferred taxes (Note 8)

In calculating the provision for deferred taxation, management uses judgment to determine the probability that future taxable profits will be available to facilitate utilisation of temporary tax differences which may arise.

## **Judgements**

In the process of applying the Company's accounting policies, management has made the following judgements, which have the most significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements:

Premises and equipment (Note 6)

Management exercises judgment in determining whether costs incurred can accrue sufficient future economic benefits to the Company to enable the value to be treated as a capital expense. Further judgment is used upon annual review of the residual values and useful lives of all capital items to determine any necessary adjustments to carrying value.

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## 3. Significant accounting judgements, estimates and assumptions (continued)

# **Judgements** (continued)

Leases (Note 7)

The Company determines the lease term as the non-cancellable term of the lease, together with any periods covered by an option to extend the lease if it is reasonably certain to be exercised, or any periods covered by an option to terminate the lease, if it is reasonably certain not to be exercised.

The Company has a lease contract that include extension and termination options. The Company applies judgement in evaluating whether it is reasonably certain whether or not to exercise the option to renew or terminate the lease. That is, it considers all relevant factors that create an economic incentive for it to exercise either the renewal or termination. After the commencement date, the Company reassesses the lease term if there is a significant event or change in circumstances that is within its control that affects its ability to exercise or not to exercise the option to renew or to terminate (e.g., construction of significant leasehold improvements or significant customisation of the leased asset).

The Company cannot readily determine the interest rate implicit in the lease, therefore, it uses its IBR to measure lease liabilities. The IBR is the rate of interest that the Company would have to pay to borrow over a similar term, and with a similar security, the funds necessary to obtain an asset of a similar value to the right-of-use asset in a similar economic environment. The IBR therefore reflects what the Company 'would have to pay', which requires estimation when no observable rates are available or when they need to be adjusted to reflect the terms and conditions of the lease. The Company estimates the IBR using observable inputs (such as market interest rates) when available and is required to make certain entity-specific adjustments to reflect the terms and conditions of the lease.

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4.	Investment securities	2023	2022
a)	Designated as fair value through other comprehensive income		
	Equities	1,600	1,462
b)	Designated as fair value through profit or loss		
	Government bonds	14,787	28,500
	Total investment securities	16,387	29,962
5.	Trade debtors		
	a) Gross receivables Less ECL	6,457 (25)	4,755 (25)
	Net receivables	6,432	4,730
	b) ECL balance brought forward Charge to statement of income	25 _	25 _
	ECL balance carried forward	25	25
6.	Premises and equipment	Equipn furniture & 2023	
	Cost	2023	2022
	At beginning of year Additions at cost	2,571 5	2,437 134
	At end of year	2,576	2,571
	Accumulated depreciation		
	At beginning of year Charge for the year (Note 11b)	1,619 120	1,460 159
	At end of year	1,739	1,619
	Net book value	<u>837</u>	952

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## 7. Leases

a)	Right-of-use assets	Lease pren	
		2023	2022
	Cost		
	At beginning of year	1,679	1,679
	Accumulated depreciation		
	At beginning of year	1,119	746
	Charge for the year (Note 11b)	373	373
	At end of year	1,492	1,119
	Net book value	187	560
b)	Lease liabilities		
	At beginning of year	588	968
	Accretion of interest expense	15	25
	Less: Principal payments	(446)	(405)
	At end of year	157	588

The contractual maturity analysis of lease liabilities are disclosed in Note 17.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

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# 8. Deferred tax assets and liabilities

# a) Deferred tax assets

	Opening balance 2023	Exchange and other adjustments	Statement of income	Closing balance 2023
Leases				<u>7</u>
	Opening balance 2022	Exchange and other adjustments	Statement of income	Closing balance 2022
Leases	7			7
	7			7

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## 8. Deferred tax assets and liabilities (continued)

	b)	Deferred tax liabilities	Opening balance 2023	Exchange and other adjustments	Statement of income	Closing balance 2023
		Premises and				
		equipment	63			63
			63			63
			Opening balance 2022	Exchange and other adjustments	Statement of income	Closing balance 2022
		Premises and				
		equipment	63			63
			63			63
9.	Oth	er liabilities			2023	2022
	Am	ounts due to clients			19,478	16,003
	Am	ounts due to brokers			1,304	2,225
	Oth	er			6,891	37,279
					27,673	55,507

The decrease in other liabilities is attributed to \$33M held in Due to Investor in respect of principal and interest amounts payable as at September 2022, in relation to the company's role as a Paying Agent. Amounts were paid out in the first quarter of fiscal 2023.

## 10. Stated capital

# Authorised

Unlimited ordinary shares of no par value

Issued and fully p	aid
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2,001,988 shares of no par value

2,002 2,002

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11. Op	erating profit	2023	2022
a)	Income		
	Fee and commission income	165,110	165,808
	Dividends	250	208
	Unrealised gains from investments FVPL	360	249
	Other operating income	2,185	986
		167,905	167,251
b)	Operating expenses		
	Staff costs	6,956	6,057
	General administrative expenses	2,794	2,139
	Depreciation expense		
	- Right-of-use-asset (Note 7a)	373	373
	- Premises and equipment (Note 6)	120	159
		10,243	8,728
12. Tax	cation expense		
Cor	poration tax	47,460	47,984

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## 12. Taxation expense (continued)

## Reconciliation between taxation expense and net profit before taxation

Income taxes in the statement of income vary from amounts that would be computed by applying the statutory tax rate for the following reasons:

	2023	2022
Net profit before taxation	157,562	158,499
Tax at applicable statutory tax rates	47,269	47,550
Tax effect of items that are adjustable in determining taxable profit:		
Tax exempt (income)/expense	(75)	(63)
Non-deductible expenses	298	544
Allowable deductions	(32)	(47)
	<u>47,460</u>	47,984

# 13. Related parties

Parties are considered to be related if one party has the ability to control the other party or exercise significant influence over the other party in making financial or operating decisions. A number of transactions are entered into with related parties in the normal course of business. These transactions were carried out on commercial terms and conditions, at market rates.

Assets	2023	2022
Republic Bank Limited	111,027	126,500
Income Republic Bank Limited	157,825	162,014
Expense Republic Bank Limited	42	82

### **Key management compensation**

Key management personnel are those persons having authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the Company.

	2023	2022
Short-term benefits	42	82

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## 14. Risk management

## 14.1 General

The Company's prudent brokering practices are founded on solid risk management. In an effort to keep apace with its dynamic environment, the Company has established a comprehensive framework for managing risks, which is continually evolving as the Company's business activities change in response to market, credit, product and other developments.

The basic principles of risk management followed by the Company include:

- Managing risk within parameters approved by the Board of Directors and Executives;
- Assessing risk initially and then consistently monitoring those risks through their life cycle;
- Abiding by all applicable laws, regulations and governance standards in every country in which we do business;
- Applying high and consistent ethical standards to our relationships with all customers, employees and other stakeholders; and
- Undertaking activities in accordance with fundamental control standards. These controls include the disciplines of planning, monitoring, segregation, authorisation and approval, recording, safeguarding, reconciliation and valuation.

#### Risk governance and risk management strategies

The Board of Directors has ultimate responsibility for the management of risk of the Company. Acting with authority delegated by the Board, the Credit, Audit, Asset/Liability Committee and Enterprise Risk Committees of the Parent Company, review specific areas.

The Internal Audit function of the Parent Company audits Risk Management processes of the Company by examining both the adequacy of the procedures and the Company's compliance with these procedures. Internal Audit discusses the results of all assessments with Management and reports its findings and recommendations to the Audit Committees of the Parent and its respective subsidiaries.

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## 14. Risk management (continued)

## **14.1** General (continued)

## Risk governance and risk management strategies (continued)

The Company's activities expose it to a variety of financial risks: credit risk, market risk and liquidity risk. The Company operates in a highly liquid market and therefore must ensure that it is able to settle all claims that might fall due.

The main risks arising from the Company's financial instruments are credit risk, interest rate and market risk, liquidity risk, foreign currency risk and operational risk. The Company reviews and agrees policies for managing each of these risks as follows:

### 14.2 Credit risk

Credit risk is the potential that an investor will fail to meet its stated obligations in accordance with agreed terms. The effective management of credit risk is a key element of a comprehensive approach to risk management and is considered essential to the long-term success of the Company.

Credit risk arises from cash and cash equivalents, investment securities, deposits with banks and other financial institutions and also credit exposures to clients including receivable balances outstanding. It is the Company's policy to assess the credit quality of clients taking into account the financial positions, past experience and other factors before conducting business. New clients are also required to make a 50% deposit of equity purchases. Trades done on clients' behalf are settled by cheques or direct bank transfers.

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# 14. Risk management (continued)

## 14.2 Credit risk (continued)

## 14.2.1 Analysis of risk concentration

The table below shows the Company's maximum exposure to any client or counter party before taking into account collateral or other credit enhancements:

	Gross maximum		
	2023	2022	
Cash and cash equivalents	111,062	129,861	
Investment securities	14,787	28,500	
Trade debtors	6,432	4,730	
Other assets	5,477	4,545	
	137,758	167,636	

Where financial instruments are recorded at fair value, the amounts shown represent the current credit risk exposure but not the maximum risk exposure that could arise in the future as a result of changes in values.

The Company's credit risk exposure is geographically concentrated in Trinidad and Tobago. Its cash and cash equivalents have been placed within the local private financial services sector. Management considers these institutions to have strong financial performance and the capacity to meet their obligations.

# 14.2.2 Impairment assessment

Financial asset provisions are reviewed annually in accordance with established guidelines. Outstanding trade debtors are reviewed quarterly by the Board however it is not the policy to write off balances. The Company's impairment assessment and measurement approach is set out below.

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# 14. Risk management (continued)

# 14.2 Credit risk (continued)

# 14.2.3 Default and recovery

The Company considers a financial instrument defaulted for ECL calculations in cases when the balance, mainly client receivable balances, becomes 90 days past due on its contractual payments. Broker balances that are reflected in the over 90 days bucket are deemed to be receivable on demand and therefore not defaulted.

## Forward looking information

In its ECL models, the Company considers a broad range of forward looking information as economic inputs, such as:

- Currency rates
- GDP growth
- Unemployment rates
- Industry risk
- Real estate price trends
- Commodity price inflation rates

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# 14. Risk management (continued)

## 14.2 Credit risk (continued)

# 14.2.3 Default and recovery (continued)

In response to COVID-19, the Company undertook a review of its trade debtors and the ECL calculations. The review considered the macroeconomic outlook, customer credit quality, unemployment rates and exposure at default as at the reporting date.

The ECL methodology and definition of default remained consistent with prior periods.

#### Trade debtors

An aged analysis of the Company's trade debtors as at September 30 is as follows:

2023	Less than 45 days	45-90 days	More than 90 days	ECL	Total
Client	414	2,256	979	(25)	3,624
Broker	974	_	1,642	_	2,616
Other receivables	192				192
Total undiscounted	1,580	2,256	2,621	(25)	6,432
2022					
Client	2,428	4	223	(25)	2,630
Broker	664	778	566	_	2,008
Other receivables	57	9	26		92
Total undiscounted	3,149	791	815	(25)	4,730

## 14.3 Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is defined as the risk that the Company either does not have sufficient financial resources available to meet all its obligations and commitments as they fall due, or can access these only at excessive cost.

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# 14. Risk management (continued)

# 14.3 Liquidity risk (continued)

Liquidity management is therefore primarily designed to ensure that funding requirements can be met, including the replacement of existing funds as they mature or are withdrawn, or to satisfy the demands of customers for additional borrowings. Liquidity management focuses on ensuring that the Company has sufficient funds to meet all of its obligations.

The table below summarises the maturity profile of the Company's financial liabilities at September 30 based on contractual undiscounted repayment obligations.

These balances include interest to be paid over the remaining life of those liabilities and will therefore be greater than the carrying amounts on the statement of financial position. Refer to Note 17 for a maturity analysis of assets and liabilities.

## Financial liabilities

2023	On Demand	Up to One Year	1 to 5 Years	Over 5 Years	Total
Lease liabilities Other liabilities Total undiscounted		172 27,673			172 27,673
financial liabilities		27,845			27,845
2022	On Demand	Up to One Year	1 to 5 Years	Over 5 Years	Total
2022 Lease liabilities		-			Total
		-	Years		

#### 14.4 Market risk

Market risk is the risk that investments held in the portfolio will fluctuate due to changes in market prices. Market risk comprises of price risk, currency risk and interest rate risk.

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## 14. Risk management (continued)

# 14.4 Market risk (continued)

The Company is exposed to equity price risk because of investments held and classified as financial assets at FVPL on the statement of financial position. Through daily monitoring, management is able to mitigate market risk resulting from fluctuations in the prices of equities traded and capitalise on profitable disposals.

### 14.4.1 Price risk

The table below summarises the exposure to market risks by geographical concentrations of the Company's designated at fair value through profit or loss portfolio:

	2023		2022	
	\$'000	%	\$'000	%
Domestic	1,600	100	1,462	100

The table below summarises the concentration of the Company's investment securities portfolio by sector:

	2023		2022	
	\$'000	%	\$'000	%
Finance	10	1	10	1
Conglomerate	1,590	99	1,452	99
	<u>1,600</u>	100	1,462	100

The effect on net assets at September 30 due to a reasonable possible change in equity indices, with all other variables held constant, is as follows:

## Change in equity price %

	Effect	Effect on net assets	
	2023	2022	
+/-5	80	73	

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## 14. Risk management (continued)

### **14.4** Market risk (continued)

# 14.4.2 Currency risk

Currency risk is the risk that the value of a financial instrument will fluctuate due to changes in foreign exchange rates.

The Company's exposure to the effects of fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates arises mainly from its investments and recognised assets and liabilities that are denominated in a currency other than the Company's functional currency. The primary currency exposure is that of the United States dollar (USD). The Company's policy is to match the initial net foreign currency investment with funding in the same currency.

The tables below indicate the currencies to which the Company had significant exposure at September 30 on its non-trading monetary assets and liabilities and its forecast cash flows. The analysis also calculates the effect of a reasonably possible movement of each currency rate against the Trinidad & Tobago dollar (TTD), with all other variables held constant.

2023	TTD	USD	Total
FINANCIAL ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	96,788	14,274	111,062
Investment securities	4,603	11,784	16,387
Trade debtors and other assets	8,888	3,003	11,891
	110,279	29,061	139,340
FINANCIAL LIABILITIES			
Other liabilities	14,847	12,826	27,673
	14,847	12,826	27,673
NET CURRENCY RISK EXPOSURE	95,432	16,235	111,667
Reasonably possible change in currency rate:		1%	
Effect on profit before tax		162	

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# 14. Risk management (continued)

# 14.4 Market risk (continued)

# 14.4.2 Currency risk (continued)

	TTD	USD	Total
2022			
FINANCIAL ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	113,882	15,979	129,861
Investment securities	25,349	4,613	29,962
Trade debtors and other assets	8,299	976	9,275
	147,530	21,568	169,098
FINANCIAL LIABILITIES			
Other liabilities	42,805	12,702	55,507
	42,805	12,702	55,507
NET CURRENCY			
RISK EXPOSURE	104,725	8,866	113,591
Reasonably possible change in currency rate:		1%	
Effect on profit before tax		89	

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## 14. Risk management (continued)

## 14.4 Market risk (continued)

#### 14.4.3 Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk arises from the possibility that changes in interest rates will affect future cash flows or the fair values of financial instruments.

The Company's interest bearing financial assets and liabilities expose it to risks associated with the effect of fluctuations in the prevailing levels of market interest rates on its financial position and cash flows. The majority of the Company's financial instruments are held in equities or fixed rate instruments. As a result, the Company's exposure to interest rate risk is considered minimal.

# 14.5 Operational risk

Operational risk is inherent within all business activities and is the potential for financial or reputational loss arising from inadequate or failed internal controls, operational processes or the systems that support them. It includes errors, omissions, disasters and deliberate acts such as fraud.

The Company recognises that such risk can never be entirely eliminated and manages the risk through a combination of systems and procedures to monitor and document transactions. The Parent Company's operational risk department oversees this and where appropriate, risk is transferred by the placement of adequate insurance coverage.

The Parent Company has developed contingency arrangements and established facilities to support operations in the event of disasters. Independent checks on operational risk issues are also undertaken by the internal audit function.

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## 15. Capital management

The primary objective of the Company's capital management process is to ensure that it maintains healthy capital ratios in order to support its business and maximise shareholder value.

The Company manages its capital structure and makes adjustments to it, in light of changes in economic conditions. To maintain or adjust the capital structure, the Company may adjust the dividend payment to the shareholder, return capital to the shareholder or issue new shares. No changes were made in the objectives, policies or processes during the year ended September 30, 2023 (2022: nil).

### 16. Fair value

# 16.1 Carrying values and fair values

### 16.1.1 Determination of fair value and fair value hierarchies

The following table summarises the carrying amounts and the fair values of the Company's financial assets and liabilities:

2023	Carrying value	Fair value	Un- recognised (loss)/gain
Financial assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	111,062	111,062	_
Investment securities	16,387	16,387	_
Trade debtors and other assets	11,909	11,909	_
Financial liabilities			
Other liabilities	27,673	27,673	
Total unrecognised change in unrealised fair value			

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# 16. Fair value (continued)

## **16.1 Carrying values and fair values** (continued)

## **16.1.1 Determination of fair value and fair value hierarchies** (continued)

2022	Carrying value	Fair value	Un- recognised (loss)/gain
Financial assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	129,861	129,861	_
Investment securities	29,962	29,962	_
Trade debtors and other assets	9,275	9,275	_
<b>Financial liabilities</b> Other liabilities	55,507	55,507	
Total unrecognised change in unrealised fair value			

The following table shows the fair value measurement hierarchy of the Company's assets and liabilities.

2023	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Financial assets Investment securities	1,590	14,787	10	16,387
2022				
Financial assets Investment securities	1,452	28,500	10	29,962

Due to their short-term maturity, the carrying value of certain financial instruments are assumed to approximate their fair values. These include balances due from banks, treasury bills, trade debtors, other assets and other liabilities.

## 16.1.2 Transfers between Level 1 and 2

For the year ended September 30, 2023, no assets were transferred between Level 1 and Level 2 (2022: none).

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# 16. Fair value (continued)

# **16.1 Carrying values and fair values (continued)**

# 16.1.3 Reconciliation of movements in Level 3 financial instruments measured at fair value

2023	Balance at beginning of year	Disposals	Balance at end of year
Investment securities	10	 	10
2022	Balance at beginning of year	Disposals	Balance at end of year
Investment securities	10	 	10

# 17. Maturity analysis

2023	Within	After	
	one year	one year	Total
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	111,062	_	111,062
Investment securities	11,654	4,733	16,387
Trade debtors	6,432	_	6,432
Premises and equipment	_	837	837
Right-of-use assets	187	_	187
Deferred tax asset	_	7	7
Taxation recoverable	_	869	869
Other assets	5,477		5,477
Total	134,812	6,446	141,258

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# 17. Maturity analysis (continued)

2023	Within	After	7D 4 1
LIABILITIES	one year	one year	Total
Lease liabilities	157	_	157
Taxation payable	12,040		12,040
Deferred tax liability	12,040	63	63
Other liabilities	27,673	— —	27,673
Total	39,870	63	39,933
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2022	Within	After	T-4-1
ASSETS	one year	one year	Total
Cash and cash equivalents	129,861	_	129,861
Investment securities	28,500	1,462	29,962
Trade debtors	4,730	<del>-</del>	4,730
Premises and equipment	· —	952	952
Right-of-use assets	_	560	560
Deferred tax asset	_	7	7
Taxation recoverable	_	869	869
Other assets	4,545		4,545
Total	167,636	3,850	171,486
LIABILITIES			
Lease liabilities	391	197	588
Taxation payable	13,086	_	13,086
Deferred tax liability	_	63	63
Other liabilities	55,507		55,507
Total	68,984	260	69,244

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## 18. Commitment and contingencies

As at September 30, 2023 there were no litigation matters to disclose or provide for (2022: nil). Commitments and contingencies amounted to \$8,714 as at September 30, 2023 (2022: \$4,651).

## 19. Dividends

The Company proposed that a final dividend of \$34.27 per share (2022: \$45.75) totaling \$68,647 (2022: \$91,600) to be paid to its shareholder. Dividend payments made are outlined below:

	2023	2022
Interim dividends for 2023: \$111,034 (2022: \$18,915)	19,434	18,915
Final dividends for 2022: \$91,600 (2020: \$66,175)	91,600	66,175
	111,034	85,090