

Sagicor Life

2018

SAGICOR LIFE JAMAICA

AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS



OPINION OF THE ACTUARY

I have examined the financial condition and valued the policy benefit liabilities of Sagicor Life Jamaica Limited for its statement of financial position as at 31 December 2018 and the corresponding change in the policy liabilities in the income statement for the year then ended. I meet the appropriate qualification standards and am familiar with the valuation and solvency requirements applicable to life insurance companies in Jamaica. I have relied upon the Company's Executive Vice President Finance/CFO, Executive Vice President Individual Insurance Division, and Executive Vice President Employee Benefits Division for the substantial accuracy of the inforce records and information concerning other liabilities.

In my opinion:

(i) the methods and procedures used in the verification of the valuation data are sufficient and reliable, and fulfil acceptable standards of care;

(ii) the valuation of actuarial and other policy liabilities has been made in accordance with generally accepted actuarial practice with such changes as determined and directions made by the Commission;

(iii) the methods and assumptions used to calculate the actuarial and other policy benefit liabilities are appropriate to the circumstances of the Company and of the said policies and claims;

(iv) the amount of the policy benefit liabilities represented in the statement of financial position of Sagicor Life Jamaica Limited makes proper provision for the future payments under the Company's policies and meets the requirements of the Insurance Act and other appropriate regulations of Jamaica;

(v) a proper charge on account of these liabilities has been made in the income statement;

(vi) there is sufficient capital available to meet the solvency standards as established by the Commission.



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Independent auditor's report

To the Members of Sagicor Life Jamaica Limited

Report on the audit of the financial statements

Our opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Sagicor Life Jamaica Limited (the Company) as at 31 December 2018, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards and the requirements of the Jamaican Companies Act.

What we have audited

The Company's financial statements comprise:

- the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2018;
- the income statement for the year then ended;
- the statement of comprehensive income for the year then ended;
- the statement of changes in equity for the year then ended;
- the statement of cash flows for the year then ended; and
- the notes to the financial statements, which include a summary of significant accounting policies.

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 believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Independence

We are independent of the Company in accordance with the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (IESBA Code). We have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the IESBA Code.

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Responsibilities of management for the financial statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards and the Jamaican Companies Act, 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.

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 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.

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

Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

As required by the Jamaican Companies Act, we have obtained all the information and explanations which, to the best of our knowledge and belief, were necessary for the purposes of our audit.

In our opinion, proper accounting records have been kept, so far as appears from our examination of those records, and the accompanying stand-alone financial statements are in agreement therewith and give the information required by the Jamaican Companies Act, in the manner so required.

Chartered Accountants
15 April 2019
Kingston, Jamaica

Sagicor Life Jamaica Limited

Company Statement of Financial Position

31 December 2018

(expressed in Jamaican dollars unless otherwise indicated)

	Note	2018	2017
		$'000	$'000
ASSETS:			
Cash resources	6	414,597	665,253
Financial investments	8	117,479,726	109,164,129
Pledged assets	9	7,507,355	14,051,941
Investment properties	10	553,000	530,000
Intangible assets	11	1,598,901	1,721,510
Property, plant and equipment	12	2,177,651	1,908,133
Reinsurance contracts	13	408,384	38,647
Retirement benefit asset	14	-	149,726
Deferred income taxes	15	794,989	431,361
Taxation recoverable		1,592,148	1,103,114
Other assets	17	10,537,118	10,882,794
TOTAL ASSETS		**143,063,869**	**140,646,608**

The accompanying notes on pages 10 -145 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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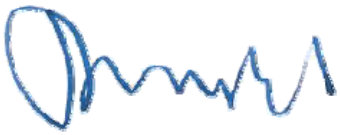
Company Statement of Financial Position (Continued)

31 December 2018

(expressed in Jamaican dollars unless otherwise indicated)

	Note	2018	2017
		$'000	$'000
STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY AND LIABILITIES:			
Stockholders' Equity Attributable			
Stockholders' of the Company			
Share capital	18	7,854,938	7,854,938
Equity reserves	19	(223,247)	507,853
Retained earnings		31,614,389	27,881,956
Total Equity		**39,246,080**	**36,244,747**
Liabilities			
Due to banks and other financial institutions	24	6,324,635	11,211,185
Taxation payable		1,201,183	91,510
Retirement benefit obligations	14	2,039,590	1,924,447
Other liabilities	25	6,435,356	4,847,035
Policyholders' Funds			
Insurance contracts liabilities	26	74,338,899	72,542,894
Investment contracts liabilities	27	10,139,200	10,890,231
Other policy liabilities	28	3,338,926	2,894,559
		87,817,025	86,327,684
Total Liabilities		**103,817,789**	**104,401,861**
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		**143,063,869**	**140,646,608**

Approved for issue by the Board of Directors on April 5, 2019 and signed on its behalf by:





Richard Byles Chairman

Christopher Zacca Director

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Company Income Statement

Year ended 31 December 2018

(expressed in Jamaican dollars unless otherwise indicated)

	Note	2018 $'000	2017 $'000
Revenue:			
Gross premium revenue	30	37,708,894	38,954,701
Insurance premium ceded to reinsurers	30	(506,206)	(410,012)
Net premium revenue	30	37,202,688	38,544,689
Interest income earned from financial assets measured at amortised cost and FVOCI	31	7,290,485	-
Net gains on de-recognition of financial assets measured at amortised cost	31	1,321,397	-
Interest income earned from financial assets measured at fair value through profir and loss and other investment income	31	1,208,838	-
Investment income		9,820,720	11,593,134
Interest and other interest expense	31	(907,700)	(878,621)
Credit impairment loss	31	-	(171,096)
Net investment income	31	8,913,020	10,543,417
Fee and other income	32	3,052,737	2,618,844
Total revenue		**49,168,445**	**51,706,949**
Benefits:			
Insurance benefits incurred		24,167,349	20,962,158
Insurance benefits reinsured		(563,532)	(435,164)
Net insurance benefits	33	23,603,817	20,526,994
Net movement in actuarial liabilities	26(d)	1,871,041	9,561,478
Expenses:			
Administration expenses	35	6,944,616	6,990,208
Commission and sales expenses	36	5,344,960	4,465,633
Depreciation	12	184,935	178,101
Amortisation of intangible assets	11	152,730	151,072
Premium and other taxes	37	186,619	178,503
		12,813,860	11,963,517
		38,288,718	**42,051,989**
Profit before Taxation		10,879,727	9,654,960
Taxation	37	(2,409,706)	(1,616,614)
NET PROFIT		**8,470,021**	**8,038,346**

The accompanying notes on pages 10 -145 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Company Statement of Comprehensive Income

Year ended 31 December 2018

(expressed in Jamaican dollars unless otherwise indicated)

	2018 $'000	2017 $'000
Net profit for the year	**8,470,021**	**8,038,346**
Other comprehensive income:		
Items that may be subsequently reclassified to profit or loss		
Fair value reserve:		
Unrealised gains on available-for-sale investments	-	991,366
Gains reclassified and reported in profit	-	(416,875)
Impairment losses on available-for-sale investments	-	171,096
Net gains on investments in debt instrucments measured at FVOCI	(1,811,833)	-
Net loss on financial assets measured at FVOCI reclassified to profit or loss on disposal	462,607	-
	(1,349,226)	745,587
Change in actuarial liabilities arising from fair value movements in available-for-sale securities	641,721	475,622
Items that will not be subsequently reclassified to profit or loss		
Owner-occupied properties:		
Unrealised gains on owner-occupied properties	217,374	112,302
Re-measurements of retirement benefits obligations	(47,489)	2,047,604
Total other income recognised directly in stockholders' equity, net of taxes	(537,620)	3,381,115
Total Comprehensive Income	**7,932,401**	**11,419,461**

Items in the statement above are stated net of taxes. The income tax relating to each component of other comprehensive income is disclosed in Note 37(c).

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Company Statement of Changes in Equity (Continued)

Year ended 31 December 2018

(expressed in Jamaican dollars unless otherwise indicated)

	Note	Share Capital	Equity Reserves (Note 19)	Retained Earnings	Grand Total
		$'000	$'000	$'000	$'000
Balance at 1 January 2017		7,854,938	(815,658)	22,138,810	29,178,090
Total comprehensive income for the year		-	1,333,511	10,085,950	11,419,461
Transactions with owners -					
Dividends paid to owners of the parent	23	-	-	(4,011,268)	(4,011,268)
Transfer of company shares		-	-	(341,536)	(341,536)
Total transactions with owners		-	-	(4,352,804)	(4,352,804)
To special investment reserve	2(n)	-	15,000	(15,000)	-
To retained earnings	2(o)	-	(25,000)	25,000	-
Total transfers between reserves		-	(10,000)	10,000	-
Balance at 31 December 2017		7,854,938	507,853	27,881,956	36,244,747
Changes on initial application of IFRS 9 (see note 49)		-	(261,969)	184,079	(77,890)
Balance as at January 1, 2018		7,854,938	245,884	28,066,035	36,166,857
Total comprehensive income for the year		-	(490,131)	8,422,532	7,932,401
Transactions with owners -					
Dividends paid to owners of the parent	23	-	-	(4,686,762)	(4,686,762)
Transfer of company shares		-	-	(166,416)	(166,416)
Total transactions with owners		-		(4,853,178)	(4,853,178)
To special investment reserve	2(n)	-	21,000	(21,000)	-
To retained earnings	2(o)	-	-	-	-
Total transfers between reserves		-	-	-	-
Balance at 31 December 2018		7,854,938	(244,247)	31,635,391	39,246,080

The accompanying notes on pages 10 -145 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Company Statement of Cash Flows

Year ended 31 December 2018

(expressed in Jamaican dollars unless otherwise indicated)

	Note	2018	2017
Cash Flows from Operating Activities		**$'000**	**$'000**
Net profit		**8,470,021**	**8,038,346**
Adjustments for:			
Items not affecting cash and changes to policyholders' funds:			
Adjustments for non-cash items, interest and dividends	38(a)	(4,423,122)	2,924,810
Changes in other operating assets and liabilities	38(a)	(3,697,435)	(2,794,939)
Net investment purchases	38(a)	(2,040,088)	(10,071,152)
Interest received		7,090,890	6,666,090
Interest paid		(1,205,649)	(781,319)
Taxes paid		(1,625,161)	(3,318,319)
Net cash generated from operating activities		**2,569,456**	**663,517**
Cash Flows from Investing Activities			
Purchase of property, plant and equipment, net	38(b)	(222,179)	(262,089)
Purchase of investment properties		(6,349)	**-**
Purchase of intangible assets	11	(30,121)	(120,973)
Net cash used in investing activities		**(258,649)**	**(383,062)**
Cash Flows from Financing Activities			
Stock options cost above Black Scholes value		(166,416)	(341,536)
Dividends paid to stockholders		(4,686,762)	(4,011,268)
Net cash used in financing activities		**(4,853,178)**	**(4,352,804)**
Effect of exchange rate on cash and cash equivalents		49,085	(174,449)
(Decrease) / increase in cash and cash equivalents		(2,493,286)	(4,246,798)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		4,596,518	8,843,316
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF YEAR	7	**2,103,232**	**4,596,518**

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Sagicor Life Jamaica Limited

Notes to the Financial Statements
31 December 2018
(expressed in Jamaican dollars unless otherwise indicated)

1. Identification and Activities

Sagicor Life Jamaica Limited (SLJ, the company) is incorporated and domiciled in Jamaica. Effective December 2013, SLJ became a wholly owned subsidiary of Sagicor Group Jamaica Limited (SGJ), which is incorporated and domiciled in Jamaica. The ultimate parent company is Sagicor Financial Corporation (SFC), which is incorporated and domiciled in Bermuda. SFC has an overall interest of 49.11% (2017 – 49.11%) in SGJ.

The principal activities of the company are the provision of life insurance, health insurance, annuities, retirement products, pension administration and investment services. The registered office of the company is located at 28 - 48 Barbados Avenue, Kingston 5, Jamaica.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

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

(a) Basis of preparation

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with and comply with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) and have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the revaluation of available-for-sale investment securities, investment property, certain property, plant and equipment, and financial assets and liabilities at fair value through profit or loss.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with IFRS requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise its judgment in the process of applying the company's accounting policies. Although these estimates are based on management's best knowledge of current events and action, actual results could differ from these estimates. The areas involving a higher degree of judgment or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the financial statements are disclosed in Note 3.

Standards, interpretations and amendments to existing standards effective during the current year

Certain new standards, interpretations and amendments to existing standards have been published that became effective during the current financial year. The Company has assessed the relevance of all such new interpretations and amendments, and has adopted the following, which are relevant to its operations.

IFRS 9, 'Financial Instruments', (effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2018). As of January 1, 2018, the Group adopted IFRS 9 - Financial Instruments ("IFRS 9"). As a result of the application of this new standard, the Group changed its accounting policies as outlined in note 2 (d) below. As permitted by the transition provisions in IFRS 9, the Group has elected not to restate comparative period results; accordingly, the 2017 comparative financial information on financial assets is presented in accordance with IAS 39 – Financial Instruments – Recognition and Measurement (Note 2 (d). Adjustments to the carrying amounts of financial assets and financial liabilities as of January 1, 2018 were recognised directly to statement of equity.

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2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

(a) Basis of preparation (continued)

Standards, interpretations and amendments to existing standards effective during the current year (continued)

IFRS 15, 'Revenue from Contracts with Customers', (effective for the periods beginning on or after 1 January 2018). Sagicor Group adopted IFRS 15. This standard clarifies revenue recognition principles and provides a framework for recognising revenue and cash flows from service contracts from customers.

In accordance with the transition provisions in IFRS 15, the standard has been implemented using the modified retrospective method with no restatement of comparative information. There was no significant impact on the Group resulting from the implementation of the standard and consequently no transition adjustment has been recorded in the statement of equity.

The standard introduces new disclosure requirements for the financial statements which are set out in notes 17, 25 and 33.

Amendments to IFRS 2, Share based payments (effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2018). This amendment clarifies the measurement basis for cash-settled, share-based payments and the accounting for modifications that change an award from cash-settled to equity-settled. It also introduces an exception to the principle in IFRS 2 that will require an award to be treaded as if it was wholly equity-settled, where an employer is obliged to withhold an amount for the employee's tax obligation associated with a share based payments and pay that amount to the tax authority. There was no significant impact from the adoption of this amendment during the year.

IFRS 4, Insurance contracts' regarding the implementation of IFRS 9, Financial Instruments. (effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2018). These amendments introduce two approaches; an overlay approach and a deferral approach. The amended standard will give all companies that issue insurance contracts the option to recognise in other comprehensive income, rather that profit or loss, the volatility that could arise when IFRS 9 is applied before the new insurance contracts standard is issued and give companies whose activities are predominantly connected with insurance an optional temporary exemption from applying IFRS 9 until 2021. The entities that defer the application of IFRS 9 will continue to apply the existing financial instruments standard – IAS 39. There was no significant impact from the adoption of this amendment during the year.

IFRIC 22, 'Foreign currency transactions and advance consideration', (effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2018). This IFRIC address foreign currency transactions or parts of transactions where there is consideration that is denominated or priced in a foreign currency. The interpretation provides guidance for when a single payment / receipt is made as well as for situations where multiple payment / receipts are made. There was no significant impact from the adoption of this amendment during the year.

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2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

(a) Basis of preparation (continued)

Standards, interpretations and amendments to existing standards effective during the current year (continued)

Amendment to IAS 40, Investment property relating to transfers of investment property, (effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2018). These amendments clarify that to transfer to, or from, investment properties there must be change in use. To conclude if a property has changed use, there should be an assessment of whether the property meets the definition. There was no significant impact from the adoption of this amendment during the year.

Annual improvements 2014 – 2017, (effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2018). These amendments impact three standards as follows:

(i) IFRS 12, 'Disclosure of interest in other entities' regarding clarification of the scope of the standard. These amendments should be applied retrospectively for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2018.

(ii) IAS 28 'Investments in associates and joint ventures' regarding measuring an associate or joint venture at fair value effective 1 January 2018. These amendments clarify that companies account for long term interests in associate or joint venture to which the equity method is not applied using IFRS 9. There was no significant impact from the adoption of this amendment during the year.

Standards, amendments and interpretations to existing standards that are not yet effective and have not been early adopted by the Company

At the date of authorisation of these financial statements, certain new standards, amendments and interpretations to existing standards have been issued which are not effective at the date of the statement of financial position, and which the Company has not early adopted. The Company has assessed the relevance of all such new standards, interpretations and amendments, has determined that the following may be relevant to its operations, and has concluded as follows:

IFRS 17, 'Insurance contracts', (effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2021). IFRS 17 replaces IFRS 4 which currently permits a wide variety of practices in accounting for insurance contracts. IFRS 17 will fundamentally change the accounting by all entities that issue insurance contracts and investment contracts with discretionary participation features. The standard requires a current measurement model where estimates are re-measured each reporting period. Contracts are measured using the building blocks of discount probability –weighted cash flows, an explicit risk adjustment, and a contract service margin (CSM) representing the unearned profit of the contract which is recognised as revenue over the coverage period. This IFRS provides a common global insurance accounting standard leading to consistency in recognition, measurement, presentation and disclosure. The standard applies to annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2021, however earlier application is permitted if IFRS 15, 'Revenue from Contracts with Customers', and IFRS 9, 'Financial Instruments', are also applied. The Company is currently assessing the impact of future adoption of the new standard on its financial statements.

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2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

(a) Basis of preparation (continued)

Standards, amendments and interpretations to existing standards that are not yet effective and have not been early adopted by the Company (continued)

Amendment to IAS 28, 'Investments in associates', (effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2019). This amendments clarify that companies account for long-term interests in an associate or joint venture to which the equity method is not applied using IFRS 9. The Company does not expect that this amendment will have a significant impact on its operations.

Amendment to IFRS 3,'Business combinations', (effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2020). This amendment revises the definition of a business. According to feedback received by the International Accounting Standard Board (IASB), application of the current guidance is commonly thought to be too complex, and it results in too many transactions qualifying as business combinations. The Company is currently assessing the impact of future adoption of the new standard on its financial statements.

Amendment to IAS 1 and IAS 8, (effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2020). These amendments to IAS 1, 'Presentation of financial statements', and IAS 8, 'Accounting policies, changes in accounting estimates and errors', and consequential amendments to other IFRSs: i) use of a consistent definition of materiality throughout IFRSs and the Conceptual Framework for Financial Reporting; ii) clarify the explanation of the definition of material; and iii) incorporate some of the guidance in IAS 1 about immaterial information. The Company is currently assessing the impact of future adoption of the new standard on its financial statements.

IFRIC 23, 'Uncertainty over income tax treatments', (effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2019). This IFRIC clarifies how the recognition and measurement requirements of IAS 12 'Income taxes', are applied where there is uncertainty over income tax treatments. The IFRS IC had clarified previously that IAS 12, not IAS 37 'Provisions, contingent liabilities and contingent assets', applies to accounting for uncertain income tax treatments. IFRIC 23 explains how to recognise and measure deferred and current income tax assets and liabilities where there is uncertainty over a tax treatment. An uncertain tax treatment is any tax treatment applied by an entity where there is uncertainty over whether that treatment will be accepted by the tax authority. For example, a decision to claim a deduction for a specific expense or not to include a specific item of income in a tax return is an uncertain tax treatment if its acceptability is uncertain under tax law. IFRIC 23 applies to all aspects of income tax accounting where there is an uncertainty regarding the treatment of an item, including taxable profit or loss, the tax bases of assets and liabilities, tax losses and credits and tax rates. The Company does not expect that this amendment to have a significant impact on its operations

Amendment to IAS 19, 'Employee benefits ' (effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2019). This amendment requires an entity to:

- Use updated assumptions to determine current service cost and net interest for the reminder of the period after a plan amendment, curtailment or settlement; and
- Recognise in profit or loss as part of past service cost, or a gain or loss on settlement, any reduction in surplus, even if that surplus was not previously recognized because of the impact of the asset ceiling.

The Company does not expect this amendment to have a significant impact on its operations

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2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

(a) Basis of preparation (continued)

Standards, amendments and interpretations to existing standards that are not yet effective and have not been early adopted by the Group (continued)

Annual improvement 2015-2017, (effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2019). These amendments includes minor changes to:

- IFRS 3, 'Business Combinations', a company measures its previously held interest in a joint operation when it obtains control of the business.
- IFRS 11, 'Joint arrangements', a company does not measure its previously owed interest in a joint operation when it obtains joint control of the business.
- IAS 12, 'Income taxes', a company accounts for all income taxes consequences of dividend payments in the same way.
- IAS 23, 'Borrowing costs', a company treats as part of general borrowings any borrowing originally made to develop an asset when the asset is ready for its intended use or sale.

The Company does not expect this amendment to have a significant impact on its operations.

IFRS 16, 'Leases', (effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2019) was issued in January 2017 and replaces IAS 17, 'Leases'. A company can choose to apply IFRS 16 before the effective date but only if it also applies IFRS 15, 'Revenue from Contracts with Customers'. The standard introduces a single lessee accounting model and requires a lessee to recognise assets and liabilities for all leases with a term of more than 12 months, unless the underlying asset is of low value. A lessee is required to recognise a right-of-use asset representing its right to use the underlying leased asset and a lease liability representing its obligation to make lease payments.

IFRS 16 substantially carries forward the lessor accounting requirements in IAS 17. Accordingly, a lessor continues to classify its leases as operating leases or finance leases, and to account for those two types of leases differently. IFRS 16 also requires enhanced disclosures to be provided by lessors and lessees that will improve information provided to users of the financial statements. The Company don't expect this standard to have a significant impact on it's operation.

Amendment to IFRS 9, 'Financial instruments', on prepayment features with negative compensation **(effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2019).** The Board has issued a narrow-scope amendment to IFRS 9 to enable companies to measure at amortised cost some prepayable financial assets with negative compensation. The assets affected, that include some loans and debt securities, would otherwise have been measured at fair value through profit or loss (FVTPL). Negative compensation arises where the contractual terms permit the borrower to prepay the instrument before its contractual maturity, but the prepayment amount could be less than unpaid amounts of principal and interest. However, to qualify for amortised cost measurement, the negative compensation1 must be reasonable compensation for early termination of the contract. The Company does not expect that this amendment will have a significant impact on its operations.

There are no other IFRS or IFRIC interpretations that are not yet effective that would be expected to have a material impact on the Company.

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2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

(b) Foreign currency translation

(i) Functional and presentation currency

Items included in the financial statements are measured using the currency of the primary economic environment in which the entity operates ('the functional currency').

The financial statements are presented in Jamaican dollars.

(ii) Transactions and balances

Foreign currency transactions or that require settlement, in a foreign currency are translated into the functional currency using the exchange rates prevailing at the dates of the transactions.

Monetary items denominated in foreign currency are translated with the closing rate as at the reporting date. Non-monetary items measured at historical cost denominated in a foreign currency are translated with the exchange rate as at the date of initial recognition; non-monetary items in a foreign currency that are measured at fair value are translated using the exchange rates at the date when the fair value was determined. These rates represent the weighted average rates at which the company trades in foreign currency.

Foreign exchange gains and losses resulting from the settlement of foreign currency transactions and from the translation at year-end exchange rates of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are recognised in the income statement, except when deferred in equity as gains or losses from qualifying cash flow hedging instruments.

All foreign exchange gains and losses recognised in the income statement are presented net in the income statement within the corresponding item. Foreign exchange gains and losses on other comprehensive income items are presented in other comprehensive income within the corresponding item.

Changes in the fair value of monetary securities denominated in foreign currency classified as available-for-sale are analysed between translation differences resulting from changes in the amortised cost of the security and other changes in the carrying amount of the security. Translation differences related to changes in amortised cost are recognised in profit or loss, and other changes in carrying amount are recognised in other comprehensive income.

Translation differences on non-monetary financial instruments, such as equities held at fair value through profit or loss, are reported as part of the fair value gain or loss. Translation differences on non-monetary financial instruments, such as equities classified as available-for-sale financial assets, are included in the fair value reserve in other comprehensive income.

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2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

(c) Cash and cash equivalents

For the purposes of the cash flow statement, cash and cash equivalents comprise:

- cash balances,
- short term deposits,
- other liquid securities with maturities of three months or less from the acquisition date,
- bank overdrafts which are repayable on demand; and
- other borrowings from financial institutions made for the purpose of meeting cash commitments and which have maturities of three months or less from origination.

Cash equivalents are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value. Cash and cash equivalents exclude balances held to meet statutory requirements.

(d) Financial assets – Policies under IFRS 9

(i) Classification of financial assets

Equity instruments are measured at FVTPL, unless they are not held for trading purposes, in which case an irrevocable election can be made on initial recognition to measure them at FVOCI with no subsequent reclassification to profit or loss. Financial assets are measured on initial recognition at fair value and are classified as and subsequently measured either at amortised cost, at FVOCI or at FVTPL. Financial assets and liabilities are recognised when the Company becomes a party to the contractual provision of the instrument. Purchases and sales of financial assets are recognised on trade-date, the date on which the Company commits to purchase or sell the asset.

Classification of debt instruments

Classification and subsequent measurement of debt instruments depend on:

- the Company's business model for managing the asset; and
- the cash flow characteristics of the asset.

Based on these factors, the Company classifies its debt instruments into one of the following three measurement categories.

Measured at amortised cost

Debt instruments that are held to collect the contractual cash flows and that contain contractual terms that give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest, such as most loans and advances to banks and customers and some debt securities, are measured at amortised cost. The carrying value of these financial assets at initial recognition includes any directly attributable transactions costs.

Measured at fair value through other comprehensive income

Financial assets that are held for collection of contractual cash flows and for selling the assets, where cash flows represent solely payments of principal and interest, and that are not designated at FVPL, are measured at fair value through other comprehensive income (FVOCI). Movement in the carrying amount are taken through OCI, except for the recognition of impairment gains or losses, interest revenue and foreign exchange gains and losses on the instruments amortised cost which are recognised in profit or loss. When the financial asset is derecognised, the cumulative gain or loss previously recognised in OCI is reclassified from equity to profit or loss and recognised in Net Investment income. Interest income from these financial assets is included in "Interest income" using the effective interest rate method.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

(d) Financial assets – Policies under IFRS 9 (continued)

(i) Classification of financial assets (continued)

The use of designation removes or significantly reduces an accounting mismatch.

Measured at fair value through profit and loss
Assets that do not meet the criteria for amortised cost or FVOCI are measured at fair value through profit or loss. Interest income on a debt investment that is subsequently measured at fair value through profit or loss and is not part of a hedging relationship is recgonised in the profit or loss and presented in the profit or loss statement within "Interest income from FVPL' in the period in which it arises, unless it arises from debt instruments that were designated at fair value or which are not held for trading, in which case they are presented separately in "Net investment income'. Interest income from these financial assets is included in 'Interest income' using the effective interest rate method.

Held for trading securities are acquired principally for the purpose of selling in the short-term or if they form part of a portfolio of financial assets in which there is evidence of short-term profit taking. Derivatives are also classified as held for trading unless designated as hedges. Assets held for trading are measured at fair value through profit and loss.

Business model assessment
Business models are determined at the level which best reflects how the Group manages portfolios of assets to achieve business objectives. Judgement is used in determining business models, which is supported by relevant, objective evidence including:

- The past experience on how the cash flows of these assets were collected;
- How the assets performance is evaluated and reported to key management;
- How risks are assessed and managed and how managers are compensated;
- How the Group intends to generate profits from holding a portfolio of assets;
- The historical and future expectations of asset sales within a portfolio.

Solely repayments of principle and interest ("SPPI")
Where the business model is to hold assets to collect contractual cash flows or to collect contractual cash flows and sell, the Group assesses whether the financial instruments' cash flows represent solely payments of principal and interest. In making this assessment, the Group considers whether the contractual cash flows are consistent with a basic lending arrangement. Where the contractual terms introduce exposure to risk or volatility that are inconsistent with a basic lending arrangement, the related financial asset is classified and measured at FVTPL.

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2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

(d) Financial assets – Policies under IFRS 9 (continued)

(i) Unit linked funds fair value model
The Group's liabilities include unit linked funds which are components of insurance contracts issued or unit linked investment contracts issued with terms that the full investment return earned on the backing assets accrue to the contract-holders. As these liabilities are accounted for at FVTPL, the financial assets backing these liabilities are consequently classified as and measured at FVTPL. This is eliminate any accounting mismatched.

(ii) Embedded derivatives
Financial assets with embedded derivatives are considered in its entirety when determining whether their cash flows are solely payment of principal and interest.

(iii) Impairment of financial assets measured at amortized cost and FVOCI
IFRS 9 introduces an impairment model that requires the recognition of expected credit losses ("ECL") on financial assets measured at amortised cost and FVOCI and off balance sheet loan commitments and financial guarantees which were previously provided for under IAS 37 Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets.

At initial recognition, allowance (or provision in the case of some loan commitments and financial guarantees) is required for ECL resulting from default events that are possible within the next 12 months (or less, where the remaining life is less than 12 months) ('12-month ECL').

In the event of a significant increase in credit risk (SICR) an allowance (or provision) is required for ECL resulting from all possible default events over the expected life of the financial instrument ('lifetime ECL'). Financial assets where 12-month ECL is recognised are considered to be 'stage 1'; financial assets which are considered to have experienced a significant increase in credit risk are in 'stage 2'; and financial assets for which there is objective evidence of impairment and are therefore considered to be in default or otherwise credit-impaired are in 'stage 3'. Purchased or originated credit-impaired financial assets ("POCI") are treated differently as set out below.

To determine whether the life-time credit risk has increased significantly since initial recognition, the Group considers reasonable and supportable information that is available including information from the past and forward-looking information. Factors such as whether payments of principal and interest are in delinquency, an adverse change in credit rating of the borrower and adverse changes in the borrower's industry and economic environment are considered in determining whether there has been a significant increase in the credit risk of the borrower.

(iv) Purchased or originated credit-impaired assets
Financial assets that are purchased or originated at a deep discount that reflects the incurred credit losses are considered to be POCI. Theses financial assets are credit-impaired on initial recognition. The Group calculates the credit adjusted effective interest rate, which is calculated based on the fair value origination of the financial asset instead of its gross carrying amount and incorporates the impact of expected credit losses in estimated future cash flows. Their ECL is always measured on a life time basis.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

(d) Financial assets – Policies under IFRS 9 (continued)

(ii) Definition of default

The Company determines that a financial instrument is in default, credit-impaired and in stage 3 by considering relevant objective evidence, primarily whether:

- contractual payments of either principal or interest are past due for 90 days or more;
- there are other indications that the borrower is unlikely to pay such as that a concession has been granted to the borrower for economic or legal reasons relating to the borrower's financial condition; and
- the financial asset is otherwise considered to be in default.

If such unlikeliness to pay is not identified at an earlier stage, it is deemed to occur when an exposure is 90 days past due.

(iii) Write-off

Financial assets (and the related impairment allowances) are normally written off, either partially or in full, when there is no realistic prospect of recovery. Where loans are secured, this is generally after receipt of any proceeds from the realisation of security. In circumstances where the net realisable value of any collateral has been determined and there is no reasonable expectation of further recovery, write-off may be earlier.

(ix) The general approach to recognising and measuring ECL

The measurement of ECL reflects:

- An unbiased and probability-weighted amount that is determined by evaluating a range of possible outcomes;
- The time value of money;
- Reasonable and supportable information that is available without undue cost or effort at the reporting date about past events, current conditions and forecasts of future economic conditions.

Measurement

Expected credit losses are calculated by multiplying three main components, being the probability of default ("PD"), loss given default ("LGD") and the exposure at default ("EAD"), discounted at the original effective interest rate. Management has calculated these inputs based on the estimated forward looking economic and historical experience of the portfolios adjusted for the current point in time. A simplified approach to calculating the ECL is applied to contract and other receivables which do not contain a significant financing component. Generally, these receivables are due within 12 months unless there are extenuating circumstances. Under this approach, an estimate is made of the life-time ECL on initial recognition. For ECL provisions modelled on a collective basis, a grouping of exposures is performed on the basis of shared risk characteristics, such that risk exposures within a group are homogeneous.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

(d) Financial assets – Policies under IFRS 9 (continued)

(ix) The general approach to recognising and measuring ECL(continued)

The PD, LGD and EAD models which support these determinations are reviewed periodically during the year. Therefore, the underlying models and their calibration, including how they react to forward-looking economic conditions remain subject to review and refinement. This is particularly relevant for lifetime PDs, which have not been previously used in regulatory modelling and for the incorporation of 'downside scenarios' which have not generally been subject to experience gained through stress testing. The exercise of judgement in making estimations requires the use of assumptions which are highly subjective and sensitive to the risk factors, in particular to changes in economic and credit conditions across a large number of geographical areas. Many of the factors have a high degree of interdependency and there is no single factor to which loan impairment allowances as a whole are sensitive. Therefore, sensitivities (Note 41 (d)) are considered in relation to key portfolios which are particularly sensitive to a few factors and the results should not be further extrapolated.

One key difference between Stage 1 and Stage 2 expected credit losses is the respective PD horizon. Stage 1 and Stage 2 expected credit losses also incorporate different exposure at default which is based on the amortizing schedule for non-revolving assetsStage 1 estimates will use a maximum of a 12-month PD while Stage 2 estimates will use a lifetime PD. Stage 3 estimates will continue to leverage existing processes for estimating losses on impaired loans, however, these processes will be updated to reflect the requirements of IFRS 9, including the requirement to consider multiple forward-looking scenarios. An expected credit loss estimate will be produced for each individual exposure, including amounts which are subject to a more simplified model for estimating expected credit losses. The measurement of expected credit losses for each stage and the assessment of significant increases in credit risk must consider information about past events and current conditions as well as reasonable and supportable forecasts of future events and economic conditions. The estimation and application of forward-looking information will require significant judgment.

The measurement of expected credit losses for each stage and the assessment of significant increases in credit risk must consider information about past events and current conditions as well as reasonable and supportable forecasts of future events and economic conditions.

For a revolving commitment, the Company includes the current drawn balance plus any further amount that is expected to be drawn up to the current contractual limit by the time of default, should it occur.

For defaulted financial assets, based on management's assessment of the borrower, a specific provision of expected life-time losses which incorporates collateral recoveries, is calculated and recorded as the ECL. The resulting ECL is the difference between the carrying amount and the present value of expected cash flows discounted at the original effective interest rate.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

(d) Financial assets – Policies under IFRS 9 (continued)

(ix) The general approach to recognising and measuring ECL(continued)

Forward looking information
The estimation and application of forward-looking information requires significant judgment. PD, LGD and EAD inputs used to estimate Stage 1 and Stage 2 credit loss allowances are modelled based on the macroeconomic variables (or changes in macroeconomic variables) that are most closely correlated with credit losses in the relevant portfolio.

Each macroeconomic scenario used in the expected credit loss calculation have forecasts of the relevant macroeconomic variables – including, but not limited to, unemployment rates and gross domestic product, for a period up to three years, subsequently reverting to long-run averages. Our estimation of expected credit losses in Stage 1 and Stage 2 is a discounted probability-weighted estimate that considers a minimum of three future macroeconomic scenarios. Our base case scenario is be based on macroeconomic forecasts that are publicly available. Upside and downside scenarios is set relative to our base case scenario based on reasonably possible alternative macroeconomic conditions.

Scenario design, including the identification of additional downside scenarios occurs on at least an annual basis and more frequently if conditions warrant. Scenarios are probability-weighted according to our best estimate of their relative likelihood based on historical frequency and current trends and conditions. Probability weights are updated on a quarterly basis. The base scenario reflects the most likely outcome and is assigned with the highest weighting. Management believes that there is an equal probability of the upside and downside scenario happening, thus equal weighting was assigned to the two scenarios.

	Base	Upside	Downside
Sagicor Jamaica portfolios (excluding Government of Barbados) Refer to note 41(d) for Government of Barbados exposures	80	10	10

Impairment on financial assets measured at amortized cost and FVOCI, recognize impairment gains and losses are recognized in the statement of profit and loss. Unrealised gains and losses arising from changes in fair value on FVOCI assets are measured in other comprehensive income and the loss allowance is recycled to profit and loss in the credit loss provision line. When the asset is sold, the cumulative gain or loss is reclassified to investment income and the impairment on these financial assets will be reversed to provision for credit losses in the profit and loss.

(x) Interest income and interest earned on assets measured at fair value through profit and loss
Interest income is earned based on the interest rate before allowances. Interest earned on assets measured at fair value through profit and loss is recognised based on the effective interest rate. For assets that are credit-impaired when purchased or originated, the carrying amount after allowances for ECL is the basis for applying the interest rate.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

(d) Financial assets – Policies under IFRS 9 (continued)

(xi) Modification of loans
The Group sometimes renegotiates or otherwise modifies the contractual cash flows of loans to customers and debt instruments. When this happens, the Group assesses whether or not the new terms are substantially different to the original terms. The Group does this by considering, among others, the following factors:

- If the borrower is in financial difficulty, whether the modification merely reduces the contractual cash flow to amounts the borrower is expected to be able to pay.
- Whether any substantial new terms are introduced, such as a profit share/equity-based return that substantially affects the risk profile of the loan.
- Significant extension of the loan term when the borrower is not in financial difficulty.
- Significant change in the interest rate.
- Change in the currency the loan is denominated in.
- Insertion of collateral, other security or credit enhancements that significantly affect the credit risk associated with the loan.

If the terms are substantially different, the group derecognises the original financial asset and recognises a new asset at fair value and recalculates the new effective interest rate for the asset. The date of negotiation is consequently considered to the be the date of initial recognition for impairment calculation purposes and the purpose of determining if there has been a significant increase in credit risk. At this point the Group will assess if the asset is POCI.

Financial assets – Policies under IAS 39

The Company classifies its financial assets into the following categories: financial assets at fair value through profit or loss, loans and receivables, held-to-maturity financial assets, and available-for-sale financial assets. Management determines the classification of its financial assets at initial recognition.

(i) Financial asset at fair value through profit or loss
This category has two sub-categories: financial assets held for trading, and those designated at fair value through profit or loss at inception.

A financial asset is classified as held for trading if it is acquired or incurred principally for the purpose of selling or repurchasing in the near term or if it is part of a portfolio of identified financial instruments that are managed together and for which there is evidence of a recent actual pattern of short-term profit-taking. Derivatives are also categorised as held for trading unless they are designated as hedging instruments.

(ii) Loans and receivables
Loans and receivables are non-derivative financial assets with fixed and determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market. They arise when the Company provides money, goods or services directly to a debtor with no intention of trading the receivable. Loans and receivables are initially recognised at fair value, which is the cash consideration to originate or purchase the loan including any transaction costs.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Financial assets – Policies under IAS 39 (continued)

(iii) Held-to-maturity
Held-to-maturity investments are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments and fixed maturities that the Company's management has the positive intention and ability to hold to maturity. Were the Company to sell other than an insignificant amount of held-to-maturity assets, the entire category would be re-classified as available-for-sale. Held-to-maturity investments are initially recognised at fair value, which is the cash consideration including any transaction costs.

(iv) Available-for-sale financial assets
Available-for-sale investments are non-derivative financial assets intended to be held for an indefinite period of time, which may be sold in response to needs for liquidity or changes in interest rates, exchange rates or equity prices. Available-for-sale investments are initially recognised at fair value, which is the cash consideration including any transaction costs.

Purchases and sales of available-for-sale financial assets are recognised at the trade date – the date on which the company commits the purchase or sell the asset. Loans and receivables are recognised when cash is advanced to the borrowers.

Subsequent to initial recognition at cost, financial assets at fair value through profit or loss and available-for-sale financial assets are carried at fair value. Loans and receivables and held-to-maturity financial assets are carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method. Gains and losses arising from changes in the fair value of available-for-sale financial assets are recognised directly in consolidated statement of comprehensive income, until the financial asset is derecognised or impaired. At this time, the cumulative gain or loss previously recognised in the consolidated statement of comprehensive income is recognised in profit or loss. However, interest calculated using the effective interest method and foreign currency gains and losses on monetary assets classified as available for sale are recognised in the income statement. Dividends on available-for-sale equity instruments are recognised in the income statement when the company's right to receive payment is established.

The fair values amounts represents estimates of the consideration that would be agreed upon between knowledgeable, willing parties who are under no compulsion to act and is best evidence by a quoted market value, if one exists. The estimate fair values of the financial assets are based on quoted bid prices of securities as at December 31 where available.

Financial assets are derecognised when the right to received cash flows from the financial assets have expired or where the company has transferred substantially all risks and rewards of ownership. Financial liabilities are derecognised when they are extinguished, that is, when the obligation is discharged, cancelled or expires.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Financial assets – Policies under IAS 39 (continued)

The Company may choose to reclassify a non-derivative financial asset held for trading out of the held-for-trading category if the financial asset is no longer held for the purpose of selling it in the near term. Financial assets other than loans and receivables are permitted to be reclassified out of the held for trading category only in rare circumstances arising from a single event that is unusual and highly unlikely to recur in the near-term. In addition, the Company may choose to reclassify financial assets that would meet the definition of loans and receivables out of the held-for-trading or available-for-sale categories if the Company has the intention and ability to hold these financial assets for the foreseeable future or until maturity at the date of reclassification. Reclassifications are made at fair value as of the reclassification date. Fair value becomes the new cost or amortised cost as applicable, and no reversals of fair value gains or losses recorded before reclassification date are subsequently made. Effective interest rates for financial assets reclassified to loans and receivables and held-to-maturity categories are determined at the reclassification date. Further increases in estimates of cash flows adjust effective interest rates prospectively.

(e) Investment properties

Investment property consists of freehold lands and freehold properties which are held for rental income and/or capital appreciation.

Investment property is recorded initially at cost. In subsequent financial years, investment property is recorded at fair values determined by independent valuers, with the appreciation or depreciation in value being taken to investment income. Investment property includes property held under partnership and joint venture arrangements with third parties which are accounted for using the equity method.

Transfers to or from investment property are recorded when there is a change in use of the property. Transfers to owner-occupied property or to real estate developed for resale are recorded at the fair value at the date of change in use. Transfers from owner-occupied property are recorded at their fair value and any difference with carrying value at the date of change in use is dealt with in accordance with note 2 (h).

Investment property may include property of which a portion is held for rental to third parties and the other portion is occupied by the Company. In such circumstances, the property is accounted for as an investment property if the Company's occupancy level is not significant in relation to the total available occupancy. Otherwise, it is accounted for as an owner-occupied.

Rental income is recognised on an accruals basis.

(f) Leases

(i) As lessee

Leases of property, plant and equipment where the Company has substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership are classified as finance leases. Finance leases are recognised at the inception of the lease at the lower of the fair value of the leased asset or the present value of minimum lease payments. Each lease payment is allocated between the liability and interest charges so as to produce a constant rate of charge on the lease obligation. The interest element of the lease payments is charged to the income statement over the lease period.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

(f) Leases (continued)

(i) As lessee (continued)

Leases where a significant portion of the risks and rewards of ownership are retained by the lessor are classified as operating leases. Payments under operating leases are charged to the income statement on a straight-line basis over the period of the lease.

When an operating lease is terminated before the lease period has expired, any payment required to be made to the lessor by way of penalty is recognised as an expense in the period in which termination takes place.

(ii) As lessor

When assets are leased out under a finance lease, the present value of the lease payments is recognised as a receivable. The difference between the gross receivable and the present value of the receivable is recognised as unearned finance income. Lease income is recognised over the term of the lease in a manner which reflects a constant periodic rate of return on the net investment in the lease.

Assets leased out under operating leases are included in property, plant and equipment in the statement of financial position. They are depreciated over their expected useful lives on a basis consistent with similar owned assets. Rental income is recognised on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

(g) Impairment of assets

Impairment of non-financial assets

Assets that have an indefinite useful life are not subject to amortisation and are tested annually for impairment. 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 other than goodwill that suffered impairment are reviewed for possible reversal of the impairment at each reporting date.

(h) Property, plant and equipment

Freehold land and buildings owned and used by the Company are treated as owner-occupied properties. These properties are stated at their fair values based on valuations by external valuers, less subsequent depreciation for buildings. All other property, plant and equipment are stated at historical cost less accumulated depreciation.

Increases in the carrying amounts arising from the revaluation of owner-occupied properties are included in the investment and fair value reserves. Decreases that offset previous increases of the same asset are charged against the investment and fair value reserves. All other reductions are taken directly to the income statement.

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2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

(h) Property, plant and equipment (continued)

Depreciation is calculated on the straight-line basis at annual rates that will write off the carrying value of each asset over the period of its expected useful life. Annual depreciation rates are as follows:

Freehold buildings	2.5%
Leasehold improvements	Period of lease, not to exceed ten years
Computer equipment	20 - 50%
Furniture	10%
Other equipment	15%
Motor vehicles	20%
Leased assets	Shorter of period of lease or useful life of asset

Land is not depreciated.

Property, plant and equipment are periodically reviewed for impairment. Where the carrying amount of an asset is greater than its estimated recoverable amount, it is written down immediately to its recoverable amount.

Gains or losses on disposal of property, plant and equipment are determined by reference to their carrying amount and are taken into account in determining operating profit. Repairs and renewals are charged to the income statement when the expenditure is incurred. On disposal of revalued assets, the revaluation amounts are transferred to retained earnings.

(i) Real estate developed for sale

Construction in progress for resale are classified as real estate held for resale and are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Gains and losses realised on the sale of real estate are included in revenue at the time of sale.

(j) Intangible assets

(i) Goodwill

Goodwill represents the excess of the cost of an acquisition over the fair value of the Company's share of the net identifiable assets of the acquired subsidiary/associate at the acquisition date. Goodwill on acquisition of subsidiaries is included in intangible assets. Goodwill on acquisition of associates is included in investment in associates.

Goodwill arising on the acquisition of subsidiaries and insurance portfolios is calculated as the amount by which the consideration paid and other related expenses exceed the fair value of the net identifiable assets acquired.

At each year end date, the Company assesses whether there is any indication of impairment. If such indications exist, an analysis is performed to assess whether the carrying amount of goodwill is fully recoverable. A write down is made if the carrying amount exceeds the recoverable amount.

An excess of the identifiable net assets acquired over the acquisition cost is treated as negative goodwill. Negative goodwill related to expected post-acquisition losses is taken to income during the period the future losses are recognised. Negative goodwill which does not relate to expected future losses and expenses is recognised as income immediately.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

(j) Intangible assets (continued)

(ii) Contractual customer relationships
This asset represents the present value of the benefit to the Company from customer lists, contracts, or customers' relationships that can be identified separately and measured reliably. Customer relationships include those of insurance and banking customer relationships with an estimated useful life of 10 to 20 years.

(iii) Trademarks and licences
Trademarks and licences are shown at historical cost. They have a definite useful life and are carried at cost less accumulated amortisation and impairment. Amortisation is calculated using the straight-line method to allocate the cost of trademarks and licences over their estimated useful life.

(iv) Computer software
Acquired computer software licences are capitalised on the basis of the costs incurred to acquire and bring to use the specific software. These costs are amortised over their expected useful life of three years.

Costs that are directly associated with the production of identifiable and unique software products controlled by the Company, and that will probably generate benefits exceeding costs beyond one year, are recognised as intangible assets. Direct costs include the software development team's employee costs and an appropriate portion of relevant overheads. All other costs associated with developing or maintaining computer software programmes are recognised as an expense as incurred.

Intangible assets with indefinite useful lives are assessed for impairment annually, or more frequently if events changed in circumstances indicate a potential impairment.

(k) Employee benefits
The company operates various post-employment schemes, including both defined benefit and defined contribution pension plans and post-employment medical plans.

(i) Pension obligations
A defined contribution plan is a pension plan under which the company pays fixed contributions into a separate entity. The company has no legal or constructive obligations to pay further contributions if the fund does not hold sufficient assets to pay all employees the benefits relating to employee service in the current and prior periods. A defined benefit plan is a pension plan that is not a defined contribution plan.

Typically defined benefit plans define an amount of pension benefit that an employee will receive on retirement, usually dependent on one or more factors such as age, years of service and compensation.

The asset or liability recognised in the statement of financial position in respect of the defined benefit pension plan is the present value of the defined benefit obligation at the statement of financial position date less the fair value of plan assets, together with adjustments for past service costs. The defined benefit obligation is calculated annually by independent actuaries using the projected unit credit method. The present value of the defined benefit obligation is determined by discounting the estimated future cash outflows using interest rates of high-quality corporate bonds that are denominated in the currency in which the benefits will be paid, and that have terms to maturity approximating the terms of the related pension liability.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

(k) Employee benefits (continued)

Actuarial gains and losses arising from experience adjustments and changes in actuarial assumptions are charged or credited to equity in other comprehensive income in the period in which they arise.

Past-service costs are recognised immediately in the income statement.

For the defined contribution plan, the Company pays contributions to privately administered pension insurance plans on a contractual basis. The Company has no further payment obligations once the contributions have been paid. The contributions are charged to the income statement in the period to which they relate.

(ii) Other post-retirement obligations
The Company provides supplementary health, dental and life insurance benefits to qualifying employees upon retirement. The entitlement to these benefits is usually based on the employee remaining in service up to retirement age and the completion of a minimum service period. The expected costs of these benefits are accrued over the period of employment using the same accounting methodology as used for defined benefit pension plans. Actuarial gains and losses arising from experience adjustments and changes in actuarial assumptions are charged or credited to equity in other comprehensive income in the period in which they arise. These obligations are valued annually by independent qualified actuaries.

(iii) Annual leave
Employee entitlements to annual leave are recognised when they accrue to employees. A provision is made for the estimated liability for annual leave as a result of services rendered by employees up to the year end date.

(iv) Share-based compensation

Share options
The Company participates in a Group share based arrangement plan, in which, its executives are awarded stock options over the shares of its immediate parent, Sagicor Group Jamaica Limited (SGJ) whose shares are listed on the Jamaica Stock Exchange. The stock option plan is a group plan, which is:

- The plan is designed and implemented by SGJ;
- All terms and conditions of the plan are set by and can only be changed by SGJ;
- The valuation of the options are done by SGJ;
- SGJ has the obligation to settle all share-based payment transactions;
- All calculation and awards of options are done by SGJ and ;
- All options are on SGJ's shares.

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2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

(k) Employee benefits (continued)

SGJ's shares are held in a Trust, that is controlled and consolidated by SGJ for the stock option plan. The fair value of the options is done by the SGJ using the Black-Scholes model and amortise over the vesting period of the options, that is, four years, which is consistent with the stock option plan. At the group level, the share based payments transactions are accounted as equity-settled award as the Group is obligated to settle the liability with its own shares. The transaction is treated at the subsidiaries' level also as equity-settled as SGJ awards its own shares to the subsidiaries' executives and request a cash recharge to the subsidiaries for the shares that its acquire in the open market. In substance, this transaction is a funding arrangements between SGJ and its subsidiaries. As SGJ awards stock options over its own equity to the executives of its subsidiaries (equity-settled share based payment), the subsidiaries booked the debit to their income statement; and the credit to equity, as a capital contribution over the vesting period of the share-based plan.

The fair value of the employee services received in exchange for the grant of the options is recognised as an expense. The total amount to be expensed over the vesting period is determined by reference to the fair value of the options granted, excluding the impact of any non-market vesting conditions (for example, profitability and sales growth targets). Non-market vesting conditions are included in assumptions about the number of options that are expected to become exercisable. At each statement of financial position date, the entity revises its estimates of the number of options that are expected to become exercisable. It recognises the impact of the revision of original estimates, if any, in the income statement, and a corresponding adjustment to cover the remaining vesting period. The proceeds received net of any directly attributable transaction costs, plus the fair value of the options are credited to share capital when the options are exercised.

Share grants
The market value of the shares issued at grant date is recognised as an expense when granted.

Share purchase plan
Employees of the company are also eligible to purchase shares in the company under a share purchase plan.

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2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

(k) Employee benefits (continued)

(v) Productivity bonus plan
The company recognises a liability and an expense for productivity bonuses as profit-sharing, paid to non-executive administrative staff based on a formula that takes into consideration the profit attributable to the company's stockholders. The company recognises a provision where contractually obliged or where past practice has created a constructive obligation.

(vi) Termination benefits
Termination benefits are payable whenever an employee's employment is terminated before the normal retirement date or whenever an employee accepts voluntary redundancy in exchange for these benefits. The Company recognises termination benefits when it is demonstrably committed to either terminate the employment of current employees according to a detailed formal plan without the possibility of withdrawal or to provide termination benefits as a result of an offer made to encourage voluntary separation. Benefits falling due more than twelve months after the year end date are discounted to present value.

(l) Pension and investment funds

Insurers have issued deposit administration and units linked contracts in which full return of the assets supporting these contracts accrue directly to the contract-holders. As these contracts are not operated under separate legal trusts, they have been consolidated in these financial statements.

The Company manages a number of segregated pension funds, mutual funds and unit trusts. These funds are segregated and investment returns on these accrue directly to the unit-holders. Consequently the assets, liabilities and activity of these funds are not included in these financial statements.

(m) Share capital

Shares are classified as equity when there is no obligation to transfer cash or other assets.

(i) Share issuance cost
Incremental costs directly attributable to the issue of new shares or options are shown in stockholders' equity as a deduction from the proceeds.

(ii) Dividends on ordinary shares are recognised in stockholders' equity in the period in which they are approved by the company's Board of Directors.

Dividends for the year that are declared after the year end date are dealt with in the subsequent events note.

(n) Special investment reserve

Unrealised gains on investment properties are recorded in the income statement under IFRS. Regulatory reserve requirements are met through the following:

(i) Net unrealised gains brought forward at the beginning of each year are transferred from the special Investment reserve to retained earnings at 10%.

(ii) Net unrealised gains earned during the year are transferred from retained earnings to the special investment reserve at 90%.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

(o) Transfers to retained earnings

Unrealised gain on quoted equities is recorded in the investment and fair value reserves under IFRS. Regulatory reserve requirements are met by transferring the following:

(i) Net unrealised gains brought forward at the beginning of each year are transferred from the investment and fair value reserves to retained earnings at 25%.

(ii) Net unrealised gains earned during the year are transferred from the investment and fair value reserves to the retained earnings at 25%.

(p) Financial Liabilities

(i) Classification

Financial liabilities are measured at initial recognition at fair value and are classified as and subsequently measured either at amortised cost, or at fair value through profit or loss (FVTPL). Financial liabilities are derecognised when they are extinguished (i.e. when the obligation specified in the contract is discharged, cancelled or expires).

The financial liabilities described under the unit linked fair value model (see section (a) above) are classified and measured at FVPL as the Company is obligated to provide investment returns to the unit holder in direct proportion to the investment returns on a specific portfolio of assets, which are also carried at FVPL. Derivative financial liabilities are carried at FVTPL. All other financial liabilities are carried at amortised cost. It is noted that the financial liabilities measured at FVTPL do not have a cumulative own credit adjustment gain or loss.

During the ordinary course of business, the Company issues investment contracts or otherwise assumes financial liabilities that expose the Company to financial risk. The recognition and measurement of the Company's principal types of financial liabilities are disclosed in 2 (r) and in the following paragraphs.

Deposit liabilities

Deposits are recognised initially at fair value and are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective yield method plus or minus transaction costs.

Loans and other debt obligations

Loans and other debt obligations are recognised initially at fair value, being their issue proceeds, net of transaction costs incurred. Subsequently, obligations are stated at amortised cost and any difference net proceeds and the redemption value is recognised in the income statement over the period of the loan obligations using the effective yield method.

Obligations undertaken for the purposes of financing operations and capital support are classified as loans payable and associated cost classified as finance costs. Loan obligations undertaken for the purposes of providing funds for on-lending, leasing or portfolio investments are classified as deposit and security liabilities and the associated cost is included in interest expense.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

(q) Insurance and investment contracts

(i) Classification

The Company issues policy contracts that transfer insurance risk and/or financial risk from the policyholder.

The Company defines insurance risk as an insured event that could cause an insurer to pay significant additional benefits in a scenario that has a discernable effect on the economics of the transaction. Insurance contracts transfer insurance risk and may also transfer financial risk. Once a contract has been classified as an insurance contract, it remains an insurance contract for its duration, even if the insurance risk reduces significantly over time. Investment contracts transfer financial risk and no significant insurance risk. Financial risk includes credit risk, liquidity risk and market risk.

A reinsurance contract is an insurance contract in which an insurance entity cedes assumed risks to another insurance entity.

(ii) Recognition and measurement

Insurance contracts and investment contracts issued by the Company are summarised below:

(1.1) Health insurance contracts -

Health insurance contracts are generally one year renewable contracts issued by the insurer covering insurance risks for medical expenses of insured persons.

Premium revenue is accrued when due for contracts where the premium is billed monthly. For contracts where the premium is billed annually or semi-annually, premium revenue is recognised as earned on a pro-rata basis over the term of the respective policy coverage. The provision for unearned premiums represents the portion of premiums written relating to the unexpired terms of coverage.

Claims are recorded on settlement. Reserves are recorded as described in Note 2 (r).

An insurer may obtain reinsurance coverage for its health insurance risks. The reinsurance ceded premium is expensed on a pro-rata basis over the term of the respective policy coverage or of the reinsurance contract as appropriate.

Commissions payable is recognised on the same basis as premiums earned.

(1.2) Long-term traditional insurance contracts

These contracts are traditional participating and non-participating policies. The Company's participating policies do not have a discretionary participation feature as the amount of additional benefits is not paid at the discretion of the Company.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

(q) Insurance and investment contracts (continued)

(ii) Recognition and measurement

(1.2) Long-term traditional insurance contracts (continued)

Long-term traditional insurance contracts are generally issued for fixed terms of five years or more, or for the remaining life of the insured. Benefits are typically a death, disability or critical illness benefit, a cash value on termination and/or a monthly annuity. Annuities are generally payable until the death of the beneficiaries with a proviso for a minimum number of payments. Some of these contracts have a discretionary participation feature in the form of regular bonuses or dividends. Other benefits such as disability and waiver of premium on disability may also be included in these contracts. Some contracts may allow for the advance of policy loans to the policyholder and may also allow for dividend withdrawals by the policyholder during the life of the contract.

Premium revenue is recognised when due. Typically, premiums are fixed and are required to be paid within the due period for payment. If premiums are unpaid, either the contract may terminate, an automatic premium loan may settle the premium, or the contract may continue at a reduced value.

Policy benefits are recognised on the notification of death, disability or critical illness, on the termination or maturity date of the contract, on the declaration of a cash bonus or dividend or on the annuity payment date. Policy loans advanced are recorded as loans and receivables in the financial statements and are secured by the cash values of the respective policies. Policy bonuses may be “non-cash” and utilised to purchase additional amounts of insurance coverage. Accumulated cash bonuses and dividends are recorded as interest bearing policy balances.

Reserves for future policy liabilities are recorded as described in Note 2(r).

An insurer may obtain reinsurance coverage for death benefit insurance risks. Typically, coverage is obtained for individual coverage exceeding prescribed limits. The reinsurance premium is expensed when due, which generally coincides with when the policy premium is due. Reinsurance claim recoveries are established at the time of claim notification. Commissions payable is recognised on the same basis as earned premiums.

(1.3) *Long-term universal life and unit linked insurance contracts*

Universal life and unit linked insurance contracts are generally issued for fixed terms or for the remaining life of the insured. Benefits are typically a death, disability or critical illness benefit, a cash value on termination and/or a monthly annuity. Annuities are generally payable until the death of the beneficiaries with a proviso for a minimum number of payments. Benefits may include amounts for disability or waiver of premium on disability.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

(q) Insurance and investment contracts (continued)

(ii) Recognition and measurement (continued)

(1.3) *Long-term universal life and unit linked insurance contracts*

Universal life and unit linked contracts have either an interest bearing investment account or unit linked investment accounts. Either gross premiums or gross premiums net of allowances are deposited to the investment accounts. Investment returns are credited to the investment accounts and expenses, not included in the aforementioned allowances, are debited to the investment accounts. Interest bearing investment accounts may include provisions for minimum guaranteed returns or returns based on specified investment indices. Allowances and expense charges are in respect of applicable commissions, cost of insurance, and administrative expenses. Fund withdrawals may be permitted.

Premium revenue is recognised when received and consists of all monies received from the policyholders. Typically, premiums are fixed at the inception of the contract or periodically thereafter but additional non-recurring premiums may be paid. Policy benefits are recognised on the notification of death, disability or critical illness, on the receipt of a withdrawal request, on the termination or maturity date of the contract, or on the annuity payment date. Reserves for future policy liabilities are recorded as described in note 26.

An insurer may obtain reinsurance coverage for death benefit insurance risks. Typically, coverage is obtained for individual coverage exceeding prescribed limits. The reinsurance premium is expensed when due, which generally coincides with when the policy premium is due. Reinsurance claims recoveries are established at the time of claim notification.
Commissions are generally recognised only on settlement of premiums.

(iii) Liability adequacy test
At each year end date, liability adequacy tests are performed to ensure the adequacy of the contract liabilities, using current estimates of the related expected future cash flows. If a test indicates that the carrying value of insurance contract liabilities is inadequate, then the liabilities are adjusted to correct the deficiency. The deficiency is included in the income statement under benefits.

(iv) Deposit administration and other investment contracts
Deposit administration contracts are issued by an insurer to registered pension schemes for the deposit of pension plan assets with the insurer.

Deposit administration liabilities are recognised initially at fair value and are subsequently stated at:

- amortised cost where the insurer is obligated to provide investment returns to the pension scheme in the form of interest;
- fair value through income where the insurer is obligated to provide investment returns to the pension scheme in direct proportion to the investment returns on specified blocks of assets.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

(q) Insurance and investment contracts (continued)

(iv) Deposit administration and other investment contracts (continued)

Deposit administration contributions are recorded directly as liabilities. Withdrawals are deducted directly from the liability. The interest or investment return provided is recorded as an interest expense. In addition, the Company may provide pension administration services to the pension schemes. The Company earns fee income for both pension administration and investment services.

Other investment contracts are recognised initially at fair value and are subsequently stated at amortised cost and are accounted for in the same manner as deposit administration contracts which are similarly classified.

(v) Reinsurance contracts held

Contracts entered into by the Company with reinsurers under which the Company is compensated for losses on one or more contracts issued by the Company and that meet the classification requirements for insurance contracts are classified as reinsurance contracts held. Contracts that do not meet these classification requirements are classified as financial assets. Insurance contracts entered into by the Company under which the contract holder is another insurer (inwards reinsurance) are included with insurance contracts.

The benefits to which the Company is entitled under its reinsurance contracts held are recognised as reinsurance assets. These assets consist of short-term balances due from reinsurers (classified within loans and receivables), as well longer term receivables (classified as reinsurance assets) that are dependent on the expected claims and benefits arising under the related reinsured insurance contracts. Amounts recoverable from or due to reinsurers are measured consistently with the amounts associated with the reinsured insurance contracts and in accordance with the terms of each reinsurance contract. Reinsurance liabilities are primarily premiums payable for reinsurance contracts and are recognised as an expense when due.

The Company assesses its reinsurance assets for impairment on a quarterly basis. If there is objective evidence that the reinsurance asset is impaired, the Company reduces the carrying amount of the reinsurance asset to its recoverable amount and recognises that impairment loss in the income statement. The Company gathers the objective evidence that a reinsurance asset is impaired using the same process adopted for financial assets held at amortised cost. The impairment loss is also calculated following the same method used for these financial assets.

Actuarial liabilities arising from reinsurance are included as an insurance contract liability.

(r) Actuarial liabilities

(1.1) Life insurance and annuity contracts

The determination of actuarial liabilities of long term insurance contracts has been done using the Policy Premium Method (PPM) of valuation. Under this method, explicit allowance is made for all future benefits and expenses under the policies and expected earned investment income. The premiums, benefits and expenses for each policy are projected and the resultant future cash flows are discounted back to the valuation date to determine the reserves.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

(r) Actuarial liabilities (continued)

(1.1) Life insurance and annuity contracts (continued)

The process of calculating life insurance and annuity actuarial liabilities for future policy benefits necessarily involves the use of estimates concerning such factors as mortality and morbidity rates, future investment yields, future expense levels and persistency, including reasonable margins for adverse deviations. As experience unfolds, these resulting provisions for adverse deviations will be included in future income to the extent they are released when they are no longer required to cover adverse experience. Assumptions used to project benefits, expenses and taxes are based on insurer and industry experience and are updated annually.

Net insurance contract liabilities represent the amount which, together with estimated future premiums and net investment income, will be sufficient to pay projected future benefits, policyholder dividends and refunds, taxes (other than income taxes) and expenses on policies in-force net of reinsurance premiums and recoveries. The determination of net insurance liabilities is based on an explicit projection of cash flows using current assumptions plus a margin for adverse deviation for each material cash flow item. Investment returns are projected using the current asset portfolios and projected reinvestment yields. The period used for the projection of cash flows is the policy lifetime for most individual insurance contracts.

Under this methodology, assets of each insurer are selected to back its actuarial liabilities. Changes in the carrying value of these assets may generate corresponding changes in the carrying amount of the associated actuarial liabilities. These assets include available for sale securities, whose unrealised gains or losses in fair value are recorded in other comprehensive income. The fair value reserve for actuarial liabilities has been established in the statement of equity for the accumulation of changes in actuarial liabilities which are recorded in other comprehensive income and which arise from recognised unrealised gains or losses in fair value of available for sale securities.

An actuarial valuation is prepared at least annually. Changes in the policyholders' liabilities are recorded in the income statement. Maturities and annuities are accounted for when due.

(1.1) Life insurance and annuity contracts (continued)
Death and disability claims and surrenders are recognised in the financial statements in the year in which they have been notified.

These contracts insure events associated with human life (for example death, or survival) over a long duration. Premiums are recognised as revenue when they become payable by the contract holder. Premiums are shown before deduction of commission.

Benefits are recorded as an expense when they are incurred.

(1.2) Health insurance contracts
The actuarial liabilities of health insurance policies are estimated in, respect of claims that have been incurred but not yet reported or settled.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

(s) Revenue recognition

Revenue recognition – IFRS 15

Revenues from service contracts with customers consist primarily of management and administration fees earned from third party investment funds, pension plans and insurance benefit plans (managed funds or administrative service only (ASO) benefit plans). These service contracts generally impose single performance obligations, each consisting of a series of similar related services to the unitholder or policyholder of each fund or plan. The Group's performance obligations within these service arrangements are generally satisfied over time as the unitholders and policyholders simultaneously receive and consume contracted benefits over time.

The Group also earns revenues for the provision of corporate finance, stockbroking, trust and related services to various customers.

Revenue from service contracts with customers is recognised when (or as) the Group satisfies the performance obligation of the contract. For obligations satisfied over time, revenue is recognised monthly or over some other period. For performance obligations satisfied at a point in time, revenue is recognised at that point in time.

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The various fees are billed periodically and are collected either by deduction or within a short period of time.

(i) Premium income
Gross premiums for traditional life and health insurance contracts are recognised as revenue when due. Revenue for universal life products and annuity contributions are recognised when received. When premiums are recognised, the related actuarial liabilities are computed, resulting in benefits and expenses being matched with revenue.

Where collection of premium is considered doubtful, or payment is outstanding for more than 90 days, the insurance regulations stipulate that the outstanding premium should be provided for in full. IFRS requires that when premiums become doubtful of collection, they are written down to their recoverable amounts and thereafter recognised based on the rate of interest that was used to discount the future cash flows for the purpose of measuring the recoverable amount.

(ii) Fee income
Fees consist primarily of investment management fees arising from services rendered in conjunction with the issue and management of investment contracts where the Company actively manages the consideration received from its customers to fund a return that is based on the investment profile that the customer selected on origination of the instrument. Fee income is recognised on an accrual basis. Loan origination fees for loans which are likely to be drawn down are deferred, together with related direct costs, and recognised as an adjustment to the effective yield on the loan. Fees and commissions arising from negotiating or participating in the negotiation of a transaction for a third party are recognised on completion of the underlying transaction.

The Company charges customers for asset management and other related services using the following approaches:

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

(s) Revenue recognition (continued)

(ii) Fee income (continued)

- Front-end fees are charged to the client on inception. This approach is used particularly for single premium contracts. The consideration received is deferred as a liability and recognised over the life of the contract on a straight-line basis.

- Regular fees charged to the customer periodically either directly or by making a deduction from invested funds. Fees charged at the end of the period are accrued as a receivable that is offset against the financial liability when charged to the customer.

(t) Interest expense

Policies under IAS 39
Interest expense is recognised in the income statement on an accrual basis using the effective yield and interest yield methods where applicable Amounts paid under contracts with principally financial risk are recorded directly to the statement of financial position as an adjustment. The interest credited to these funds is recorded as an interest expense.

Policies under IFRS 9
Interest income (expense) is computed by applying the effective interest rate based to the gross carrying amount of a financial asset (liability), except for financial assets that subsequently become credit-impaired. For credit-impaired financial assets, the effective interest rate is applied to the net carrying amount of the financial asset (i.e. after deduction of the loss allowance). Interest includes coupon interest and accrued discount and premium on financial instruments.

(u) Commissions
Commissions are expensed over the policy year on the same basis as earned premiums.

(v) Taxation
Current and deferred taxes
The tax expense for the period comprises current and deferred tax. Tax is recognised in the income statement, 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 statement of financial position date. 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, using the liability method, on temporary differences arising between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts in the consolidated 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.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

(v) Taxation

Current and deferred taxes

Deferred tax assets are recognised 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 on either the same taxable entity or different taxable entities where there is an intention to settle the balances on a net basis.

(w) Fiduciary activities

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

(x) Financial instruments

Financial instruments carried on the statement of financial position include cash resources, investments, securities purchased under resale agreements, loans & leases, other assets, securities sold under repurchase agreements, due to banks and other financial institutions, customer deposits and other liabilities.

The fair values of the company's financial instruments are discussed in Note 39.

(y) Offsetting of financial instruments

Financial assets and liabilities are offset with the net amount presented in the statements of financial position, only if the Company holds a currently enforceable legal right to set off the recognized amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to relies an assets and settle the liability simultaneously. The legal right to set off the recognized amounts must be enforceable in both the normal course of business, in the event of default, insolvency or bankruptcy of both the Company and its counterparty. In all other situations they are presented gross. When financial assets and financial liabilities are offset in the statement of financial position, the associated income and expense items will also be offset in the income statements, unless specifically prohibited by an applicable accounting standards.

The majority of the offsetting applied by the Company relates to repurchase and reserve repurchase agreements.

(z) Securities purchased under agreements to resell

Securities purchased under agreements to resell (reverse repurchase agreements) are treated as collateralised financing transactions and are recorded at the amount at which the securities were acquired or sold plus accrued interest.

The difference between sale and repurchase price is treated as interest and accrued over the life of the agreements using the effective interest method. Securities lent to counterparties are also retained in the financial statements.

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3. Critical Accounting Estimates, and Judgements in Applying Accounting Policies

The Company makes estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year. Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

(a) Critical judgements in applying the Company's accounting policies

(i) Adoption of IFRS 10, 'Consolidation of financial statements'

Management assessments were done for the Sagicor Pooled Investment Fund to ensure that changes made to IFRS 10 were properly implemented in accordance with the standard. A number of significant judgements were used regarding whether or not these entities had met the requirements to be consolidated within the financial statements of the Company and are highlighted below:

- Sagicor Pooled Investment Fund

  IFRS 10 does not establish bright lines as to what level of exposure definitely result in control and the assessment should be based on the relevant facts and circumstances. In determining whether a fund manager has control over the fund they manage, therefore, involves significant judgement. Management considers that the Company does not have control of Sagicor Pooled Investment Fund. Although the Company contractual terms provide the Company with power over Sagicor Pooled Investment Fund Funds, management is of the view that the overall exposure of the Company to the variability of returns is not sufficient to conclude that the Company has control. Therefore, the Sagicor Pooled Investment Fund has not consolidated in these financial statements.

3. Critical Accounting Estimates, and Judgements in Applying Accounting Policies (Continued)

(b) Key sources of estimation uncertainty

The Company makes estimates and assumptions that affect the reported assets and liabilities within the next financial year. The resulting accounting estimates will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results. Areas of key sources of estimation uncertainty include the following:

(i) Insurance

- *The ultimate liability arising from claims made under insurance contracts*

  There are several sources of uncertainty that need to be considered in the estimate of the liability that the Company will ultimately pay for such claims.

  The determination of the liabilities under long-term insurance contracts is dependent on estimates made by the Company. Estimates are made as to the expected number of deaths for each of the years in which the Company is exposed to risk. The Company bases these estimates on standard industry mortality tables that reflect recent historical mortality experience, adjusted where appropriate to reflect the Company's own experience. For contracts that insure the risk of longevity, appropriate but not excessively prudent allowance is made for expected mortality improvements. The estimated number of deaths determines the value of the benefit payments and the value of the valuation premiums. The main source of uncertainty is that epidemics and wide-ranging lifestyle changes, such as in eating, smoking and exercise habits, could result in future mortality being significantly worse than in the past for the age groups in which the Company has significant exposure to mortality risk. However, continuing improvements in medical care and social conditions could result in improvements in longevity in excess of those allowed for in the estimates used to determine the liability for contracts where the Company is exposed for longevity risk.

  Were the numbers of death in future years to increase per year by 3% for five years from management's estimate, the liability would increase by $4,382,266 (2018 - $3,777,859,000).

  For contracts without fixed terms, it is assumed that the Company will be able to increase mortality risk charges in future years in line with emerging mortality experience.

  Estimates are also made as to future investment income arising from the assets backing long-term insurance contracts. These estimates are based on current market returns as well as expectations about future economic and financial developments. Where the average future investment returns decrease by 0.5% for ten years from management's estimates, the insurance liability would increase by $12,755,418 (2018 - $11,791,861,000).

  For long term insurance contracts, estimates of future deaths, voluntary terminations, investment returns and administration expenses are made and form the assumptions used for calculating the liabilities during the life of the contract. A margin for adverse deviation is added to these assumptions.

  Where the actual lapse experience differs by 200% or by 50% of expected lapse experience the liability would increase by $7,970,487 (2017 - $6,234,225,000).

3. Critical Accounting Estimates, and Judgements in Applying Accounting Policies (Continued)

(b) Key sources of estimation uncertainty (continued)

(ii) Pension and post-retirement benefits

The cost of these benefits and the present value of the pension and the other post-retirement liabilities depend on a number of factors that are determined on an actuarial basis using a number of assumptions. The assumptions used in determining the net cost (income) for pension and post-retirement benefits include the expected long-term rate of return on the relevant plan assets, the discount rate and, in the case of the post-employment medical benefits, the expected rate of increase in medical costs. Any changes in these assumptions will impact the net periodic cost (income) recorded for pension and post-retirement benefits and may affect planned funding of the pension plans. The expected return on plan assets assumption is determined on a uniform basis, considering long-term historical returns, asset allocation and future estimates of long-term investments returns. The discount rate represents the interest rate that should be used to determine the present value of estimated future cash outflows required to meet the pension, life insurance and medical benefits as they fall due. The discount rate is based on yields on long term Government of Jamaica and CARICOM bonds. The expected rate of increase of medical costs is based on expected increases in utilisation and general increases in medical expenses above expected price inflation. Other key assumptions for the pension and post retirement benefits cost and credits are based in part on current market conditions.

(iii) Estimated impairment of intangible assets

Goodwill

The assessment of goodwill impairment involves the determination of the fair value of the cash-generating units to which the goodwill has been allocated. Determination of fair value involves the estimation of future net income of these business units and the expected returns to providers of capital to the business units and the Company as a whole.

Other intangible assets

The assessment of impairment of other intangible assets involves the determination of the intangible asset's fair value or value in use. In the absence of an active market for an intangible, its fair value may need to be estimated. In determining an intangible asset's value in use, estimates are required of future cash flows generated because of the assets.

(iv) Income taxes

Estimates are required in determining the provision for income taxes. There are some transactions and calculations for which the ultimate tax determination is uncertain during the ordinary course of business. The Company recognises liabilities for possible tax issues based on estimates of whether additional taxes will be due. Where the final tax outcome of these matters is different from the amounts that were initially recorded, such differences will impact the income tax and deferred tax provisions in the period in which such determination is made.

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3. Critical Accounting Estimates, and Judgements in Applying Accounting Policies (Continued)

(b) Key sources of estimation uncertainty (continued)

(v) Impairment of financial assets -Policies under IFRS 9
In determining ECL, management is required to exercise judgement in defining what is considered a significant increase in credit risk and in making assumptions and estimates to incorporate relevant information about past events, current conditions and forecasts of economic conditions. Further information about the judgements involved is included in the earlier sections 'Measurement' and 'Forward-looking information'.

- Establishing staging for debt securities and deposits

The Company's internal credit rating model is a 10-point scale which allows for distinctions in risk characteristics and is referenced to the rating scale of international credit rating agencies. The scale is set out in the following table:

Category		Sagicor Risk Rating	Classification	S&P	Moody's	Fitch	AM Best
Non-default	Investment grade	1	Minimal risk	AAA, AA	Aaa, Aa	AAA, AA	aaa, aa
		2	Low risk	A	A	A	a
		3	Moderate risk	BBB	Baa	BBB	bbb
	Non-investment grade	4	Acceptable risk	BB	Ba	BB	bb
		5	Average risk	B	B	B	b
	Watch	6	Higher risk	CCC, CC	Caa, Ca	CCC, CC	ccc, cc
		7	Special mention	C	C	C	c
Default		8	Substandard	D	C	DDD	d

The Company uses its internal credit rating model to determine which of the three stages an asset is to be categorized for the purposes of ECL. Once the asset has experienced a significant increase in credit risk the investment will move from Stage 1 to Stage 2. Sagicor has assumed that the credit risk of a financial instruments has not increased significantly since initial recognition if the financial instrument is determined to have low credit risk at the reporting date. A financial asset that is investment grade or Sagicor risk rating of 1-3 is considered low credit risk. Stage 1 investments are rated (i) investment grade, or (ii) below investment grade and have not been downgraded more than 2 notches since origination. Stage 2 investments are assets which (i) have been downgraded from investment grade to below investment grade, or (ii) are rated below investment grade and have been downgraded more than 2 notches since origination. Stage 3 investments are assets in default.

3. Critical Accounting Estimates, and Judgements in Applying Accounting Policies (Continued)

(b) Key sources of estimation uncertainty (continued)

(v) Impairment of financial assets- Policies under IFRS 9 (continued)

- Establishing staging for other assets measured at amortised cost, lease receivables, loan commitments and financial guarantee contracts.

  Exposures are considered to have resulted in a significant increase in credit risk and are moved to stage 2 when:

  Qualitative test
  Accounts that meet the portfolio's 'high risk' criteria and are subject to closer credit monitoring.

  Backstop Criteria
  Accounts that are 30 calendar days or more past due. The 30 days past due criteria is a backstop rather than a primary driver of moving exposures into stage 2.

- Forward looking information
  When management determines the macro-economic factors that impact the portfolios of financial assets, they first determine all readily available information within the relevant market. Portfolios of financial assets are segregated based on product type, historical performance and homogenous country exposures. There is often limited timely macro-economic data for Jamaica, Cayman Islands and Costa Rica to a lesser extent. Management assesses data sources from local government, International Monetary Fund and other reliable data sources. A regression analysis is performed to determine which factors are most closely correlated with the credit losses for each portfolio. Where projections are available, these are used to look into the future up to three years and subsequently the long term average performance is then used for the remaining life of the product. These projections are re-assessed on a quarterly basis.

Impairment of financial assets– Policies under IAS 39

An available for sale debt security, a loan or a receivable is considered impaired when management determines that it is probable that all amounts due according to the original contract terms will not be collected. This determination is made after considering the payment history of the borrower, the discounted value of collateral and guarantees, and the financial condition and financial viability of the borrower. The determination of impairment may either be considered by individual asset or by a grouping of assets with similar relevant characteristics.

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4. Interest in Structured Entities

A structured entity is an entity in which voting or similar rights are not the dominant factor in deciding control. Structured entities are generally created to achieve a narrow and well defined objective with restrictions around their ongoing activities. An interest in a structured entity is any form of contractual or non-contractual involvement which creates variability in returns arising from the performance of the entity for the Company. Such interests include holdings of debt or equity securities and investment management agreements. Structured entities are assessed for consolidation in accordance with the accounting policy set out in Note 3(a) (i).

Consolidated Structured Entity

The Company has no consolidated structured entity.

Unconsolidated Structured Entity

The Company established the Sagicor Pooled Investment Fund Limited to provide customers and pension funds with several investment opportunities.

Sagicor Pooled Investment Fund

Sagicor Pooled Investment Fund Limited administers assets of the Pooled Pension Investment Funds which are held in trust on behalf of pension funds. The trust has independent trustees. The administration of the assets in trust is done by the Company. The investment manager of these Funds is a fellow subsidiary, Sagicor Investment Jamaica Limited. Both the administration of the assets and the provision of investment management services entitled the Company to receive management fees based on the assets under management.

The table below shows the total assets of the company, the Company's interest in and income arising from involvement with the company as well as the maximum exposure to loss. The maximum exposure to loss from the Company's interests represents the maximum loss that the Company could incur as a result of its involvement with the company regardless of the probability of the loss being incurred. The income from the Company's interest includes recurring and non-recurring fees and any mark-to-market gains/losses on a net basis.

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4. Interest in Structured Entities (Continued)

	2018 $'000	2017 $'000
Total assets of the company	158,043,901	142,198,902
Maximum exposure to loss	13,804,803	12,609,714
Total income from the Company's interests	1,434,398	2,637,217

The Company has not provided any non-contractual financial support during the period and does not anticipate providing non-contractual support to the company in the future.

5. Responsibilities of the Appointed Actuary and External Auditors

The Board of Directors pursuant to the Insurance Act appoints the Actuary whose responsibility is to carry out an annual valuation of the company's policy liabilities in accordance with accepted actuarial practice and regulatory requirements and report thereon to the policyholders and stockholders. In performing the valuation, the Actuary makes assumptions as to the future rates of interest, asset defaults, mortality, morbidity, claims experience, policy termination, inflation, reinsurance recoveries, expenses and other contingencies, taking into consideration the circumstances of the company and the insurance policies in force.

The stockholders pursuant to the Companies Act appoint the external auditors. Their responsibility is to conduct an independent and objective audit of the financial statements in accordance with International Standards on Auditing and report thereon to the stockholders. In carrying out their audit, the auditors also make use of the work of the appointed Actuary and the report on the policy liabilities.

6. Cash Resources

	2018 $'000	2017 $'000
Balances with banks payable on demand	414,472	665,141
Cash in hand	125	112
	414,597	665,253

7. Cash and Cash Equivalent

Cash and cash equivalents include the following for the purposes of the statement of cash flows:

	2018 $'000	2017 $'000
Cash resources	414,597	665,253
Short term deposits	512,453	3,588,923
Treasury bills	485,607	84,646
Securities purchased under resale agreements	904,307	562,068
Bank overdrafts (Note 24)	(213,732)	(304,372)
	2,103,232	4,596,518

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8. Financial Investments

	IFRS 9 basis 2018 $'000	IAS 39 basis 2017 $'000
Short term deposits	512,453	3,588,924
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss -		
Government of Jamaica securities	4,724,985	4,575,841
Corporate bonds	997,055	507,451
Quoted equity	3,604,889	2,713,412
Interest receivable	95,321	102,564
Unit trust shares	21,579,619	17,503,586
Foreign governments securities	-	559,188
	31,001,869	25,962,042
Financial assets at FVOCI (Available-for-sale) -		
Government of Jamaica securities	830,918	821,402
Foreign governments securities	502,825	758,186
Corporate bonds	15,045,377	18,568,994
Quoted equities	-	431,719
Unit trust shares	-	2,911,764
Interest receivable	254,541	350,153
	16,633,661	23,842,218
Investments at amortized cost (Loans and receivables) -		
Government of Jamaica securities	59,834,066	52,847,103
Securities purchased under resale agreement	990,408	648,343
Mortgage loans	3,096,400	3,016,442
Promissory notes	11,243,236	11,675,133
Policy loans	287,306	283,474
Interest receivable	1,387,682	1,352,391
	76,839,098	69,822,886
Total Financial Investments	**124,987,081**	**123,216,070**
Less pledged assets	**(7,507,355)**	**(14,051,941)**
	117,479,726	**109,164,129**

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8. Financial Investments (Continued)

	2018 – IFRS 9 basis			2017
	Mandatory designation $'000	**Designated by election $'000**	**Total $'000**	**IAS 39 basis $'000**
Equity securities	21,723,254	3,556,575	25,279,829	-
Debt securities	5,722,040	-	5,722,040	-
Designated at fair value on initial recognition	-	-	-	25,962,042
Assets held for trading	-	-	-	-
	27,445,294	3,556,575	31,001,869	25,962,042

(a) Reclassification from IAS 39 to IFRS 9

The following table summarises the results of management's reclassification of financial investments from their IAS 39 categories to their IFRS 9 categories:

	IAS 39 classification	**Carrying value December 31, 2017 $'000**	**IFRS 9 classification**	**Carrying value January 1, 2018 $'000**
Debt securities	Available for sale	20,498,735	FVOCI	20,498,735
Debt securities	Fair value through income	5,745,044	FVTPL	5,745,044
Debt securities	Loans and receivables	65,855,679	Amortised cost	65,776,040
Equity securities	Available for sale	3,343,483	FVTPL	-
Equity securities	Fair value through income	20,216,998	FVTPL	23,560,481
Mortgage loans	Loans and receivables	3,028,394	Amortized cost	3,027,538
Policy loans	Loans and receivables	288,274	Amortized cost	288,274
Securities purchased for resale	Loans and receivables	650,538	Amortized cost	650,538
Other accounts receivables	Loans and receivables	1,128,103	Amortized cost	1,122,868
Deposits	Loans and receivables	3,588,924	Amortized cost	3,588,924
		127,346,172		124,584,442

The Company assessed its portfolio and identified certain securities which are managed separately and actively traded for capital gains. These securities which were previously classified as available for sale are reclassified to FVTPL under IFRS 9.

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8. Financial Investments (Continued)

(a) Reclassification from IAS 39 to IFRS 9 (continued)
The Group assessed its business model for securities within the Group's portfolio and identified certain securities which are managed separately and actively traded for capital gains. These securities which were previously classified as available for sale are reclassified to FVTPL under IFRS 9.

Floating rate mortgages being held to received contractual cash flows, which were previously classified as fair value through income, are reclassified as amortised cost under IFRS 9.

(b) Reconciliation of financial investment balances from IAS 39 to IFRS 9
The following tables reconcile the carrying amounts of financial investments, from their previous measurement category in accordance with IAS 39 as of December 31, 2017 to their new measurement categories upon transition to IFRS 9 as at January 1, 2018.

	IAS 39 carrying amount December 31, 2017 $'000	Reclass-ifications	Remeasure-ments	IFRS 9 carrying amount January 1, 2018 $'000
FINANCIAL INVESTMENTS AT AMORTISED COST:				
Debt securities				
Opening balance under IAS 39	65,855,679			
Re-measurement: ECL allowance			(79,639)	
Closing balance under IFRS 9				65,776,040
Mortgage Loans				
Opening balance under IAS 39	3,028,394			
Re-measurement: ECL allowance			(856)	
Closing balance under IFRS 9				3,027,538
Policy Loans				
Opening balance under IAS 39 and Closing balance under IFRS 9	288,274			288,274

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8. Financial Investments (Continued)

(b) Reconciliation of financial investment balances from IAS 39 to IFRS 9 (continued)

	IAS 39 carrying amount December 31, 2017 $'000	Reclass-ifications	Remeasure-ments	IFRS 9 carrying amount January 1, 2018 $'000
Securities purchased for resale				
Opening balance under IAS 39 and Closing balance under IFRS 9	650,538			650,538
Deposits				
Opening balance under IAS 39 and Closing balance under IFRS 9	3,588,924			3,588,924
Other accounts receivables				
Opening balance under IAS 39	1,128,103			
Re-measurement: ECL allowance			(5,235)	
Closing balance under IFRS 9				1,122,868
Total financial investments at amortised cost	74,539,912	-	(85,730)	74,454,182

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8. Financial Investments (Continued)

(b) Reconciliation of financial investment balances from IAS 39 to IFRS 9 (continued)

	IAS 39 carrying amount December 31, 2017 $'000	Reclass-ifications	Remeasure-ments	IFRS 9 carrying amount January 1, 2018 $'000
FINANCIAL INVESTMENTS AT FVOCI:				
Debt securities				
Opening balance under IAS 39 and Closing balance under IFRS 9	20,498,735			20,498,735
Equity securities				
Opening balance: Available for sale under IAS 39	3,343,483			
Subtraction: To FVTPL (IFRS 9)		(3,343,483)		
Closing balance under IFRS 9				-
Total financial investments measured at FVOCI	23,842,218	(3,343,483)	-	20,498,735

	IAS 39 carrying amount December 31, 2017 $'000	Reclass-ifications	Remeasure-ments	IFRS 9 carrying amount January 1, 2018 $'000
FINANCIAL INVESTMENTS AT FVTPL:				
Debt securities				
Opening balance under IAS 39 and Closing balance under IFRS 9	5,745,044			5,745,044
Equity securities				
Opening balance under IAS 39	20,216,998			
Addition: From available for sale (IAS 39)		3,343,483		
Closing balance under IFRS 9				23,560,481
Total financial investments measured at FVTPL	25,962,042	3,343,483		29,305,525

8. Financial Investments (Continued)

Included in quoted equities classified as FVTPL (available-for-sale) for the company are investments in Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs) totaling $340,571,316 (2017 - $1,785,000).

Included in promissory notes for the company are loans with principal of $2,045,651,349, $9,131,290,220 and $20,000,000 (2018 - $2,626,906,000, $8,980,227,000 and $20,000,000) due from the parent company (Sagicor Group Jamaica Limited) and related party (Sagicor Bank Jamaica Limited), respectively. The loans emanated from the group reorganization in 2014 and 2013 attract interest rates of 3% per annum and will mature in May 2019, June 2020 and November 2019 with rolled-over options (2018 – 5% per annum and matured in May 2018, June 2018 and November 2019).

The company recognized impairment releases totaling Nil (2018 - $171,096,000 charge) on equity and debt securities (Note 32).

Included in financial investments are the following amounts which are pledged as collateral:

(a) Government of Jamaica Fixed Rate Benchmark Investment Note with a carrying value of $9,700,000 (2018 - $9,700,000) which have been pledged by the company as security for uncleared effects with the National Commercial Bank Jamaica Limited.

(b) Government of Jamaica Fixed Rate Benchmark Investment Note with a carrying value of $90,000,000 (2018 - $90,000,000) which have been pledged by the company with the Regulator, the Financial Services Commission, pursuant to Section 8 of the Insurance Regulations, 2001.

(c) Government of Jamaica Global bonds with a carrying value of US$23,094,080, a Petroleum Company of Trinidad & Tobago Limited Corporate bond with a carrying value of US$212,889 International Corporate bonds with a carrying value of US$31,538,926, a Peru Corporate bond with a carrying value of US$519,515 and Cash totaling US$3,015,307 have been pledged by the company as security for a loan facility of US$40,000,000 with Credit Suisse NY by Sagicor Life Jamaica Limited.

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9. Pledged Assets

Assets of the Company are pledged as collateral with financial institutions. Mandatory cash reserves and investment securities are also held with the Financial Services Commission.

	Asset		Related Liability	
	2018 $'000	**2017 $'000**	**2018 $'000**	**2017 $'000**
Balance with regulators	94,694	94,601	-	-
Investment securities and securities sold under repurchase agreements	7,412,661	14,051,941	5,109,187	9,943,302
	7,507,355	14,146,542	5,109,187	9,943,302

Of the assets pledged as security, the following represents the total for the those assets pledged for which the transferee has the right by contract or custom to sell or re-pledge the collateral.

	2018 $'000	**2017 $'000**
At end of year	7,412,661	14,051,941

10. Investment Properties

	2018 $'000	**2017 $'000**
At beginning of year	530,000	488,000
Acquired during the year	6,349	-
Fair value gains	16,651	42,000
At end of year	553,000	530,000

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10. Investment Properties (Continued)

The investment properties as at 31 December 2018 were valued at current market value by Clinton Cunningham & Associates and Allison Pitter and Co. Limited, qualified property appraisers and valuers.

Rental income and repairs and maintenance expenditure in relation to investment properties are as follows:

	2018	2017
	$'000	$'000
Rental income	38,617	35,456
Direct operating expenses	(36,734)	(34,450)

The valuations of investment property have been classified as Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy under IFRS 13, *Fair Value Measurement*. The valuations have been performed using a sales comparison approach but, as there have been a limited number of similar sales in the local market, incorporate unobservable inputs determined based on the valuators' judgement regarding size, age, condition and state of the local economy.

11. Intangible Assets

	Goodwill	Contractual Customer Relationship	Computer Software	Total
	$'000	$'000	$'000	$'000
Cost -				
At 1 January 2017	1,385,317	1,428,973	495,424	3,309,714
Additions	-	-	120,973	120,973
At 31 December 2017	1,385,317	1,428,973	616,397	3,430,687
Additions	-	-	30,121	30,121
At 31 December 2018	**1,385,317**	**1,428,973**	**646,518**	**3,460,808**
Amortisation -				
At 1 January 2017	-	1,121,305	436,800	1,558,105
Amortisation charge	-	107,464	43,608	151,072
At 31 December 2017	-	1,228,769	480,408	1,709,177
Amortisation charge	-	107,424	45,306	152,730
At 31 December 2018	**-**	**1,336,193**	**525,714**	**1,861,907**
Net Book Value -				
31 December 2017	1,385,317	200,204	135,989	1,721,510
31 December 2018	**1,385,317**	**92,780**	**120,804**	**1,598,901**

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11. Intangible Assets (Continued)

Amortisation charges of $152,730,000 (2018 - $151,072,000) have been included in expense for the company respectively. Customer relations are amortised over 10 – 20 years and computer software are being amortised over 5 years.

The allocation of goodwill to the company's Cash Generating Units (CGUs) is as follows:

	2018	2017
	$'000	$'000
Individual Lines Division	855	855
Employee Benefits Division	530	530
	1,385,3	1,385,3

At 31 December 2018, management tested goodwill and the unamortised balance of other purchased intangibles allocated to the Individual Lines Division, and Employee Benefits Division for impairment.

The recoverable amounts of Individual Lines Division and Employee Benefits Division are determined on the Capitalised Earnings Approach. These calculations use projected sustainable earnings based on audited earnings and financial budgets approved by management covering a three year period and the earnings multiples stated below.

There was no impairment of any of the Group's CGUs.

Key assumptions used for the impairment calculations is the earnings multiple of 8.9 and 9.7 for Individual Life Division and Employee Benefits Division respectively.

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12. Property, Plant and Equipment

	Leasehold Buildings & Improvements	Freehold Land & buildings	Furniture & Equipment	Motor Vehicles	Total
	$'000	**$'000**	**$'000**	**$'000**	**$'000**
Cost or Valuation -					
At 1 January 2017	286,985	1,253,000	1,323,696	121,921	2,985,602
Additions	22,800	13,647	168,541	61,250	266,238
Revaluation adjustments	-	112,353	-	-	112,353
Disposals	-	-	-	(48,090)	(48,090)
At 31 December 2017	309,785	1,379,000	1,492,237	135,081	3,316,103
Additions	30,787	-	152,074	41,468	224,329
Revaluation adjustments	-	217,250	-	-	217,250
Disposals	-	-	-	(6,685)	(6,685)
At 31 December 2018	**340,572**	**1,596,250**	**1,644,311**	**169,864**	**3,750,997**
Accumulated Depreciation -					
At 1 January 2017	196,494	7	1,009,396	74,457	1,280,354
Charge for the year	20,849	14,042	118,307	24,903	178,101
Relieved on revalued assets	-	(14,049)	-	-	(14,049)
Relieved on disposals	-	-	-	(36,436)	(36,436)
At 31 December 2017	217,343	-	1,127,703	62,924	1,407,970
Charge for the year	21,468	15,250	120,860	27,357	184,935
Relieved on revalued assets	-	(14,000)	-	-	(14,000)
Relieved on disposals	-	-	-	(5,559)	(5,559)
At 31 December 2018	**238,811**	**1,250**	**1,248,563**	**84,722**	**1,573,346**
Net Book Value -					
31 December 2017	92,442	1,379,000	364,534	72,157	1,908,133
31 December 2018	**101,761**	**1,595,000**	**395,748**	**85,142**	**2,177,651**

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12. Property, Plant and Equipment (Continued)

In accordance with the Company's policy, owner-occupied properties were independently revalued during the year by professional real estate valuators. The excess of the carrying value of these property, plant and equipment over the revaluation on such date, amounting to $115,117,329 (2017 - $119,191,740), has been credited to investment and fair value reserves.

If revalued assets of the Company were stated on a historical cost basis, the amounts would be as follows:

	2018	2017
	$'000	$'000
Cost	572,264	572,264
Accumulated depreciation	(47,859)	(43,785)
Net book value	524,405	528,479
Carrying value of revalued assets	1,595,000	1,379,000

13. Reinsurance Contracts

	2018	2017
	$'000	$'000
Claims recoverable from reinsurers	408,384	38,647

14. Retirement Benefits

	2018	2017
	$'000	$'000
Retirement benefit obligations -		
Pension scheme	297,518	-
Other post-retirement benefits	1,742,072	1,924,447
	2,039,590	1,924,447
Pension schemes comprise the following -		
Retirement benefit assets	-	(149,726)
Retirement benefit obligations	297,518	-

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14. Retirement Benefits (Continued)

The Company operates a defined contribution plan for eligible sales agents and administration staff joining on or after August 1, 2009 and a defined benefit plan for eligible administrative staff before August 1, 2009. The assets are held in a trust fund and are separate and apart from the assets of the company. The defined benefits for the staff are based on service and salary, whereas the benefits for agents are based on contributions and interest. The solvency level (the ratio of assets to past service liabilities) as at the last triennial funding valuation (2015) was 106%.

The law requires each plan sponsor to be an ordinary annual contributor but does not stipulate a minimum funding rate or solvency level. In absence of guidance from the regulator, the actuaries have agreed on a minimum employer contribution rate of 0.25% of payroll per annum where plan rules do not specify a minimum.

The Trustees of the pension schemes ensure benefits are funded, benefits are paid, assets invested to maximise returns subject to acceptable investment risks while considering the liability profile.

Any plan surplus or funding deficiency for the defined benefits plans as determined by independent actuaries annually using the Projected Unit Credit Method are absorbed by the Company.

(a) Pension schemes

The amounts recognised in the statement of financial position are determined as follows:

	2018	2017
	$'000	$'000
Present value of funded obligations	17,249,393	15,411,973
Fair value of plan assets	(16,951,875)	(15,561,699)
Deficit of funded plan	297,518	(149,726)
Liability in the balance sheet	297,518	(149,726)

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14. Retirement Benefits (Continued)

(a) Pension schemes (continued)

Movement in the present value of the defined benefit obligations recognised in the statement of financial position:

	2018	2017
	$'000	$'000
Liability at beginning of year	15,411,973	14,570,589
Current service cost	370,467	406,490
Interest cost	1,209,178	1,283,322
Net expense recognised in income	1,579,645	1,689,812
Re-measurement:		
Gains from changes in demographic assumptions		-
Losses/(gains) from changes in financial assumptions	958,432	1,238,387
(Gains)/losses from changes in experience	(528,943)	(1,865,579)
Net (gains)/losses recognised in other comprehensive income	429,489	(627,192)
Contributions by the members	434,442	415,376
Value of purchased annuities	496,227	573,567
Benefits paid	(1,102,383)	(1,210,179)
Net liability, end of year	17,249,393	15,411,973

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14. Retirement Benefits (Continued)

(a) Pension schemes (continued)

Movement in the fair value of plan assets recognised in the statement of financial position:

	2018	2017
	$'000	$'000
Opening balance	15,561,699	12,724,422
Contributions made by the Employer	282,946	266,504
Contributions by the members	434,442	415,376
Value of purchased annuities	496,227	573,567
Benefits paid	(1,095,708)	(1,203,735)
Interest income on plan assets	1,249,597	1,147,475
Re-measurement:		
Losses/(gains) from changes in financial assumptions	(7,027)	60,215
Losses from changes in experience	29,699	1,577,875
Net losses recognised in other comprehensive income	22,672	1,638,090
Balance, end of year	16,951,875	15,561,699

The amounts recognised in the income statements as follows:

	2018	2017
	$'000	$'000
Current service cost	370,467	406,490
Interest cost on plan obligation	1,209,178	1,283,322
Interest income on plan assets	(1,249,597)	(1,147,475)
Total, included in staff cost (Note 35)	330,048	542,337

14. Retirement Benefits (Continued)

(a) Pension schemes (continued)

The amounts recognised in other comprehensive income statements as follows:

	2018	2017
	$'000	$'000
Change in financial assumptions	965,459	1,178,172
Interest income on plan assets	(558,642)	(3,443,454)
	406,817	(2,265,282)
Deferred tax	(101,704)	566,321
	305,113	(1,698,961)

The principal actuarial assumptions used were as follows:

	2018	2017
Discount rate	7.00%	8.00%
Administrative fees	0.50%	0.50%
Expected return on plan assets	7.00%	8.00%
Future salary increases	7.00%	7.50%
Future pension increases	0.50%	1.00%
Minimum Funding Rate (MFR) as a % of payroll	0.00%	0.25%
Average expected remaining working lives (years)	13	13

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14. Retirement Benefits (Continued)

(a) Pension schemes (continued)

Pension plan assets are comprised as follows:

	2018 $'000	%	2017 $'000	%
Equities	5,975,930		5,216,756	34
Mortgages and real estate	3,375,753		3,397,983	23
Money market fund	162,086		204,455	1
Fixed income fund	1,022,628		636,798	4
Foreign currency fund	1,828,091		1,788,882	13
Global market fund	601,217		570,285	3
Diversified investment funds	(44,469)		182,503	1
Inflation-linked	552,981		604,896	4
	13,474,217		12,602,558	83
Value of purchased annuities	3,477,658		2,959,141	17
	16,951,875		15,561,699	100

Assumptions regarding future mortality are set based on actuarial advice in accordance with published statistics and experience in each territory. These assumptions translate into an average life expectancy in years for a pensioner retiring at age 65.

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14. Retirement Benefits (Continued)

(b) Other post-retirement benefits

In addition to pension benefits, the Company offers retiree medical and life insurance benefits that contribute to the health care and life insurance coverage of employees and beneficiaries after retirement. The method of accounting and frequency of valuations are similar to those used for defined benefit pension schemes.

The amounts recognised in the statement of financial position are determined as follows:

	2018 $'000	2017 $'000
Present value of unfunded obligations	1,935,632	2,103,669
Fair value of plan assets	(193,560)	(179,222)
Liability in the statement of financial position	1,742,072	1,924,447

Movement in the amounts recognised in the statement of financial position:

	2018 $'000	2017 $'000
Liability at beginning of year	2,103,669	2,319,583
Current service cost	77,757	97,693
Interest cost	165,629	206,337
Net expense recognised in income	243,386	304,030
Re-measurement:		
Losses/(gains) from changes in financial assumptions	368,621	437,970
(Gains)/losses from changes in experience	(712,119)	(902,827)
Net (gains)/losses recognised in other comprehensive income	(343,498)	(464,857)
Benefits paid	(67,925)	(55,087)
Net liability, end of year	1,935,632	2,103,669

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14. Retirement Benefits (Continued)

(b) Other post-retirement benefits (continued)

The amounts recognised in the income statement are as follows:

	2018	2017
	$'000	$'000
Current service cost	77,757	97,693
Interest cost on plan obligation	165,629	206,337
Interest income on plan assets	(14,338)	(14,798)
Total, included in staff cost (Note 35)	229,048	289,232

The amounts recognised in other comprehensive income statement are as follows:

	2018	2017
	$'000	$'000
Change in financial assumptions	368,621	437,970
Interest income on plan assets	(712,119)	(902,827)
	(343,498)	(464,857)
Deferred tax	85,875	116,214
	(257,623)	(348,643)

The principal actuarial assumption used was as follows:

	2018	2017
Rate of medical inflation	5.00%	7%

14. Retirement Benefits (Continued)

(b) Other post-retirement benefits (continued)

Movement in the fair value of plan assets recognised in the statement of financial position:

	2018	2017
	$'000	$'000
Balance, as previously reported	179,222	164,424
Interest income on plan assets	14,338	14,798
Balance, end of year	193,560	179,222

(c) Plan risks

Through its defined benefit pension plans and post-employment medical plans, the Company is exposed to a number of risks. The Company does not use derivatives to manage its plan risks. Investments are well diversified, such that the failure of any single investment would not have a material impact on the overall level of assets. Pensions are secured through the purchase of annuities. The remaining assets are invested in segregated pooled funds. The Company has not changed the processes used to manage its risks from previous periods.

The most significant of these plan risks are detailed below:

(i) Investment risk

The plan liabilities are calculated using a discount rate set with reference to Government of Jamaica bond yields. If plan assets underperform this yield, this will create a deficit.

The Company ensures that the investment positions are managed within an asset-liability matching (ALM) framework that has been developed to achieve long-term investments that are in line with the obligations under the pension scheme. Within this framework, the Company's ALM objective is to match assets to the pension obligations by investing in long-term assets with maturities that match the benefit payments as they fall due. The Company actively monitors how the duration and the expected yield of the investments are matching the expected cash outflows arising from the pension obligations.

(ii) Changes in bond yields

A decrease in Government of Jamaica bond yields will increase plan liability, although this will be partially offset by an increase in the return on plan's assets which are linked to debt investment.

(iii) Salary risk

The present value of the plan liabilities is calculated in reference to the future salaries of members. Therefore an increase in the salary of members will increase the plan's liability.

(iv) Life expectancy

The majority of the plan's obligations are to provide benefits for the life of the member, so increases in life expectancy will result in an increase in the plan's liabilities.

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14. Retirement Benefits (Continued)

(d) Sensitivity tests

(i) The effect of a 1% increase/decrease in the medical inflation rate assumption:

Decrease by 1% Increase/ (Decrease) in Health & Life benefits $'000	Increase by 1% Increase/ (Decrease) in Health & Life benefits $'000
(217,000)	270,000

(ii) Impact of a 1% increase/decrease in the discount rate assumption:

Decrease by 1% Increase/ (Decrease) in Pension benefits $'000	Decrease by 1% Increase/ (Decrease) in Health & Life benefits $'000	Total $'000
1,196,000	314,000	1,510,000

Increase by 1% Increase/ (Decrease) in Pension benefits $'000	Increase by 1% Increase/ (Decrease) in Health & Life benefits $'000	Total S'000
(917,000)	(250,000)	(1,167,000)

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(d) Sensitivity tests (continued)

(iii) Impact of a 1% increase/decrease in future salary increases:

	Decrease by 1% Increase/ (Decrease) in Pension benefits $'000	Decrease by 1% Increase/ (Decrease) in Health & Life benefits $'000	Total $'000
	(378,000)	(17,000)	(395,000)

	Increase by 1% Increase/ (Decrease) in Pension benefits $'000	Increase by 1% Increase/ (Decrease) in Health & Life benefits $'000	Total $'000
	410,000	19,000	429,000

(iv) Impact of a 1% increase/decrease in future pension increases:

Decrease by 1% Increase/ (Decrease) in Pension benefits $'000	Increase by 1% Increase/ (Decrease) in Health & Life benefits $'000
(1,324,000)	1,514,000

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14. Retirement Benefits (Continued)

(v) Impact of a 1 year change in life expectancy:

	Decrease by 1 year Increase/ (Decrease) in Pension benefits $'000	Decrease by 1 year Increase/ (Decrease) in Health & Life benefits $'000	Total $'000
	(99,000)	(59,000)	(158,000)

	Increase by 1 year Increase/ (Decrease) in Pension benefits $'000	Increase by 1 year Increase/ (Decrease) in Health & Life benefits $'000	Total $'000
	74,000	59,000	133,000

The above sensitivity analyses are based on a change in an assumption while holding all other assumptions constant. In practice, this is unlikely to occur, and changes in some of the assumptions may be correlated. When calculating the sensitivity of the defined benefit obligation to significant actuarial assumptions the same method (present value of the defined benefit obligation calculated with the projected unit credit method at the end of the reporting period) has been applied as when calculating the pension liability recognised within the statement of financial position.

The Company ensures that the investment positions are managed within an asset-liability matching (ALM) framework that has been developed to achieve long-term investments that are in line with the obligations under the pension scheme. Within this framework, the Company's ALM objective is to match assets to the pension obligations by investing in long-term fixed interest securities with maturities that match the benefit payments as they fall due. The Company actively monitors how the duration and the expected yield of the investments are matching the expected cash outflows arising from the pension obligations. The Company has not changed the processes used to manage its risks from previous periods. The Company does not use derivatives to manage its risk. Investments are well diversified, such that the failure of any single investment would not have a material impact on the overall level of assets. A large portion of assets in 2018 consists of bonds and equities.

The weighted average duration of the defined benefit obligation range from 31 years (2017 – 34 years) to 41 years (2017 – 42 years).

15. Deferred Income Taxes

Deferred income taxes are calculated in full on all temporary differences under the liability method using a principal rate of:

(a) 25% (2017 - 25%) for the company.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities, net recognized on the statement of financial position are as follows:

	2018 $'000	2017 $'000
Deferred income tax assets, net	(794,989)	(431,361)

Deferred tax assets and liabilities recognised on the statement of financial position, prior to offsetting, are as follows:

	$'000	$'000
Deferred income tax assets	(1,065,404)	(935,217)
Deferred income tax liabilities	270,415	503,856
	(794,989)	(431,361)

The amounts shown in the statement of financial position included the following:

	2018 $'000	2017 $'000
Deferred tax assets to be recovered after more than 12 months	(1,065,404)	(935,217)
Deferred tax liabilities to be recovered after more than 12 months	114,879	305,371

The movement on the deferred income tax account is as follows:

	2018 $'000	2017 $'000
Balance as at 1 January	(431,361)	(1,138,470)
Charged/(credited) to the income statement (Note 37(a))	(138,535)	(150,708)
Tax charged to components in other comprehensive income (Note 37(c))	(217,251)	857,817
Tax charged to components in other comprehensive income (Note 37(c)) on adoption of IFRS 9	(7,842)	-
Balance as at 31 December	(794,989)	(431,361)

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15. Deferred Income Taxes (Continued)

	Property, plant and equipment	Fair value gains	Unrealised foreign exchange	Post-employment benefits	Other	Total
	$'000	$'000	$'000	$'000	$'000	$'000
At 1 January 2017	127,471	(10,012)	(212,981)	(1,000,332)	(42,616)	(1,138,470)
(Credited)/charged to income statement	12,626	-	(134,818)	(125,884)	97,369	(150,707)
Credited to other comprehensive income	14,100	161,183	-	682,533	-	857,816
At 31 December 2017	154,197	151,171	(347,799)	(443,683)	54,753	(431,361)
(Credited)/charged to income statement	(54,443)	-	(88,921)	(50,385)	55,214	(138,535)
Credited to other comprehensive income	15,125	(209,232)	-	(15,830)	(7,314)	(217,251)
Credited to other comprehensive income on adoption of IFRS 9	-	-	-	-	(7,842)	(7,842)
At 31 December 2018	114,879	(58,061)	(436,720)	(509,898)	94,811	(794,989)

Deferred income tax assets and liabilities are attributable to the following items:

	2018 $'000	2017 $'000
Deferred income tax assets -		
Investment securities - OCI	(58,061)	-
Unrealised foreign exchange gains	(436,720)	(347,799)
Pensions and other post-retirement benefits	(509,898)	(443,683)
Impairment on bonds	(6,237)	(75,236)
Other	(54,488)	(68,499)
	(1,065,404)	(935,217)
Deferred income tax liabilities -		
Property, plant and equipment	114,879	154,197
Interest receivable	155,536	198,488
Investment securities - available-for-sale	-	151,171
	270,415	503,856
	(794,989)	(431,361)

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15. Related Party Balances and Transactions

Parties are considered to be related if one party has the ability to control or exercise significant influence over the other party, in making financial or operational decisions.

The company is controlled by Sagicor Group Jamaica Limited, a company incorporated and domiciled in Jamaica, which owns 100% of the ordinary stock units. Sagicor Group Jamaica Limited's ultimate parent is Sagicor Financial Corporation, a company incorporated and domiciled in Barbados, which owns 49.11% (2017 – 49.11%) of the ordinary stock units. Pan-Jamaican Investment Trust Limited owns 31.55% (2017 – 31.55%) of the ordinary stock units. The remaining 19.34% (2017 – 19.34%) of the stock units is widely held.

Related companies include ultimate parent company, parent company, fellow subsidiaries and associated company. Related parties include directors, key management and companies for which the Group and its parent company provide management services. Pan-Jamaican Investment Trust Limited is a related party by virtue of being a shareholder with significant influence over the parent company. Related parties also include the Pooled Investment Funds and the Segregated Funds managed by the Group.

(a) The statement of financial position includes the following balances with related parties and companies:

	2018	2017
	$'000	$'000
Due from related companies -		
Ultimate parent company	596,730	442,020
Parent company	3,501,020	3,672,926
Fellow subsidiaries	136,346	245,810
Other managed funds	47,696	52,819
	4,281,792	4,413,575

	2018	2017
	$'000	$'000
Due from related parties (Financial Investments)-		
Parent Company	11,356,812	11,916,767
Fellow subsidiaries	1,006,656	565,416
Associate Company	-	112,543
Other managed funds	24,330,406	23,166,148
	36,693,875	35,760,874

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16. Related Party Balances and Transactions (Continued)

(a) The statement of financial position includes the following balances with related parties and companies (continued):

	2018 $'000	2017 $'000
Due to related companies -		
Parent company	445,545	349,154
Other related companies	64,834	834
Other managed funds	120,155	79,065
	630,534	429,053

(b) The above balances include the following transactions with related parties and companies

	2018 $'000	2017 $'000
Ultimate parent company -		
Investment income	440,045	636,362
Parent company -		
Shared services fees	148,130	119,780
Fellow subsidiaries -		
Investment income	39,732	63,237
Administration fee income	37,012	46,444
Management fee income	823,677	815,489
Shared services fees	95,907	88,487

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16. Related Party Balances and Transactions (Continued)

(c) The income statement includes the following transactions with related parties and companies:

	2018 $'000	2017 $'000
Sagicor Pooled Investment Funds -		
Lease rental expense	358,075	359,144
Management fee income	1,157,207	1,021,386
Administration fee income	61,248	54,263
Other related parties -		
Interest and other income earned	1,072,717	871,523
Key management compensation -		
Salaries and other short term benefits	350,929	375,642
Share based payments	160,229	405,408
Contributions to pensions and insurance schemes	25,343	21,440
	536,501	802,490
Directors' emoluments -		
Fees	32,648	31,536
Other expenses	3,478	6,136
Management remuneration (included above)	111,386	315,701
	147,512	353,373

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17. Other Assets

	2018 $'000	2017 $'000
Due from sales representatives	935,020	853,771
Real estate developed for resale – (i)		
Opening balance	823,739	683,244
Additions during the year	163,604	140,495
	987,343	823,739
Premiums due and unpaid	3,314,163	3,417,048
Due from related parties (Note 16 (a))	4,281,792	4,413,575
Service contract assets: (ii)		
Due from Government Employees Administrative Scheme Only Fund and Government Pensioners Administrative Scheme Only Fund and Other ASO	158,586	759,091
Prepayments	610,888	481,179
Other receivables	483,944	369,009
	10,771,736	11,117,412
Provision against doubtful receivables	(234,618)	(234,618)
	10,537,118	10,882,794

(i) Real estate developed for sale relates to the construction of residential and commercial complexes.

(ii) Service contract assets are presented separately in 2018 to conform with IFRS 15. The prior period amount is in accordance with under IAS 18.

18. Share Capital

	2018 $'000	2017 $'000
Authorised:		
13,598,340,000 (2017 – 13,598,340,000)		
Ordinary shares		
Issued and fully paid:		
3,760,991,782 (2017 – 3,760,991,782)		
Ordinary shares at no par	7,854,938	7,854,938

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19. Equity Reserves

	Note	Investment and Fair Value Reserves				Other Reserves		
		Available-for-sale fair value reserve	Actuarial Liabilities	Owner occupied properties fair value reserve	Fair value reserves (FVOCI)	Capital redemption reserve	Special investment reserve	Total
Balance at 1 January 2017		(1,262,273)	(485,348)	671,835	-	2,675	257,453	(815,658)
Net gains recycled to revenue on disposal and maturity of available-for-sale securities		(416,875)	-	-	-	-	-	(416,875)
Net unrealized gains on available-for-sale securities		1,152,547	-	-	-	-	-	1,152,547
Net unrealized losses on revaluation of owner occupied properties		-	-	126,403	-	-	-	126,403
Deferred tax on unrealized capital gains		(161,181)	-	(14,101)	-	-	-	(175,282)
Impairment of equities and bonds		171,096	-	-	-	-	-	171,096
Shadow accounting		-	475,622	-	-	-	-	475,622
Total comprehensive income for the year		745,587	475,622	112,302	-	-	-	1,333,511
Transfers between reserves -								
To special investment reserve	2(o)	-	-	-	-	-	15,000	15,000
To retained earnings	2(p)	(25,000)	-	-	-	-	-	(25,000)
Total transfers between reserves		(25,000)	-	-	-	-	15,000	(10,000)
Balance at 31 December 2017		(541,686)	(9,726)	784,137	-	2,675	272,453	507,853
Changes on initial application of IFRS 9 (see note 48)		541,686	-	-	(803,655)	-	-	(261,969)
Balance at 1 January 2018		-	(9,726)	784,137	(803,655)	2,675	272,453	245,884
Net gains recycled to revenue on disposal and maturity of FVOCI securities		-	-	-	462,607	-	-	462,607
Net unrealized gains on FVOCI securities		-	-	-	(2,028,379)	-	-	(2,028,379)
Net unrealized losses on revaluation of owner occupied properties		-	-	232,499	-	-	-	232,499
Deferred tax on unrealized capital gains		-	-	(15,125)	216,546	-	-	201,421
Shadow accounting		-	641,721	-	-	-	-	641,721
Total comprehensive income for the year		-	641,721	217,374	(1,349,226)	-	-	(490,131)
Transfers between reserves -								
To special investment reserve	2(n)	-	-	-	-	-	21,000	21,000
To retained earnings	2(o)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total transfers between reserves		-	-	-	-	-	21,000	21,000
Balance at 31 December 2018		-	631,995	1,001,511	(2,152,881)	2,675	293,453	(223,247)

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20. Stock Options Reserve

Long-term Incentive plan

The Group offers stock grants and stock options to senior executives as part of its long-term incentive plan. The Group has set aside 150,000,000 of its authorised but un-issued shares of $0.10 each for the stock grants and stock options.

In January 2007, SGJ introduced a new Long Term Incentive (LTI) plan which replaced the previous Stock Option plan. Under the LTI plan, executives are entitled but not obliged to purchase the Group stock at a pre-specified price at some future date. The options are granted each year on the date of the Board of Directors Human Resources Committee meeting following the performance year at which the stock option awards are approved. Stock options vest in 4 equal installments beginning the first December 31 following the grant date and for the next three December 31st dates thereafter (25% per year). Options are not exercisable after the expiration of 7 years from the date of grant. The number of stock options in each stock option award is calculated based on the LTI opportunity via stock options (percentage of applicable salary) divided by the Black-Scholes value of a stock option of Sagicor Group Jamaica Limited stock on 31 March of the measurement year. The exercise price of the options is the closing bid price on 31 March of the measurement year.

Details of the combined share options outstanding are as follows:

	2018		2017	
	Options (thousands)	**Weighted Average exercise price in $ per share**	**Options (thousands)**	**Weighted Average exercise price in $ per share**
At beginning of year	16,471	11.03	29,130	8.81
Granted - 2017	-	-	3,205	23.65
- 2018	2,082	34.10	-	-
Expired	(1,428)	15.28	(215)	4.20
Exercised	(7,239)	9.45	(15,649)	9.58
At end of year	9,886	16.45	16,471	11.03
Exercisable at the end of the period	6,298	12.63	10,638	9.41

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Stock options outstanding at the end of the year for the company have the following expiry dates and exercise prices:

Expiry Date	2018 '000	Exercise Price	2017 '000	Exercise Price
March 2018			-	-
March 2018			-	-
March 2018	-	-	1,597	6.51
March 2019	186	7.52	427	7.52
March 2020	315	10.75	1,570	10.75
March 2021	1,043	7.11	2,867	7.11
March 2022	1,728	9.50	2,988	9.50
March 2023	3,159	10.49	4,830	10.49
March 2024	1,553	23.65	2,191	23.65
March 2025	1,866	34.10	-	-
	9,885	16.45	16,470	11.04

For options outstanding at the end of the year, exercise prices range from $7.11 to $34.10 (2017 - $6.51 to $23.65). The remaining contractual terms range from 3 months to 7 years (2017 – 3 months to 7 years).

The weighted average share price for options exercised during the year was $35.21 (2017 - $27.99) and SLJ's share of the cost of these options was $2,030,000 (2017 - $4,982,000).

The stock options reserve balance at the year-end represents the accumulated fair value of services provided by employees in consideration for shares, as measured by reference to the fair value of the shares. The fair value of the options granted during the year as determined using the Black-Scholes valuation model was $22,841,294. The significant inputs into the model were share price of $36.45, dividend yield of 3.40%, standard deviation of the expected share price returns of 25%, and annual risk free interest rate of 6.49%. The expected volatility is based on statistical analysis of month-end share prices over the preceding seven years.

SLJ recognized cumulative expenses of $20,544,000 in the Stock Option Reserves (2017 - $23,476,000) and share options expense of 15,482,000 (2017 - $33,585,000) in the income statement.

In 2018, the Sagicor Group Jamaica Board HR & Compensation Committee approved the amendment to the Sagicor Group Jamaica LTI Plan rules to state that only Excom members upon retirement will benefit from full and automatic vesting of options and grants already awarded but not exercised in accordance with their contractual arrangements with SFC.

SLJ also has in place a share purchase plan which enables its administrative and sales staff to purchase a pool of Sagicor Group Jamaica Limited shares at a predetermined discount rate of the closing bid price on December 31 each year. During 2018, the Staff Share Purchase Plan Trust purchased Nil (2017 – 6,245,802) shares over the Stock Exchange for a total value of Nil (2017 - $197,627,318). At the point at which the shares are transferred to staff, the Subsidiary Companies recognize their share of the cost of those shares in the income statement.

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21. Investment and Fair Value Reserve

This represents the unrealised surplus or deficit on the re-measurement of available-for-sale securities, the revaluation of property, plant and equipment, an adjustment for equity investments deemed impaired and an adjustment for gains or losses on available-for-sale securities which have matured or have been disposed. An analysis of the investment and fair value reserves is as follows:

	2018	2017
	$000	$000
Owner-occupied properties	1,001,511	784,137
Unrealised gains on FVOCI (available-for-sale) securities	(2,152,881)	(541,686)
Actuarial Liabilities	631,995	(9,726)
	(519,375)	232,725

22. Other Reserves

Special Investment Reserve
This represents a non-distributable reserve under the provisions of the Insurance Regulations, 2001 (Note 2(n)).

23. Dividends Declared

	2018	2017
	$'000	$'000
First interim dividend – 69 cents per share (2017 – 46 cents per share)	2,577,719	1,746,000
Second interim dividend – 56 cents per share (2017 – 60 cents per share)	2,109,043	2,265,268
	4,686,762	4,011,268

24. Due to Banks and Other Financial Institutions

	Interest Rate %	Maturity Period	2018 $'000	2017 $'000
Long term loans :				
National Housing Trust	various	various	1,001,716	963,511
Short term loans :				
Morgan Stanley Smith Barney	-	2018	-	4,942,973
Credit Suisse NY	various	2019	5,109,187	5,000,329
Bank overdraft :				
National Commercial Bank Jamaica Limited			-	304,372
Sagicor Bank Jamaica Limited			213,732	-
			6,324,635	11,211,185

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24. Due to Banks and Other Financial Institutions (Continued)

a) National Housing Trust (NHT)

This is a third party financing agreement between the company and the National Housing Trust, and attracts interest rates ranging from 0.759% to 7%.

b) Bank Overdrafts

The bank overdraft balance represents book overdraft at year end. The actual balances at bank were positive at year end.

c) Credit Suisse NY

This represents loan facilities received from Credit Suisse NY in the amounts of US$40,000,000 by Sagicor Life Jamaica Limited. The loan attached interest of 2.0% plus 6 months USD Libor-BBA. In addition, the loan facility matures on May 2, 2019 and is secured by Government of Jamaica Global bonds totalling US$23,094,080; a Petroleum Company of Trinidad and Tobago bond totalling US$212,889; International Corporate bonds totalling US$31,538,926; a Peru Corporate bond totalling US$519,515 and Cash totalling US$3,015,307. This loan is repayable in one instalment on 2 May 2019.

25. Other Liabilities

	2018	2017
	$'000	$'000
Accounts payable and accruals	574,083	547,381
Accrued vacation	110,438	148,248
Dividends payable	74,771	75,001
Due to related parties (Note 16)	630,534	429,053
Due to brokers and agents	893,178	523,829
Bonus payable	284,329	247,635
Premiums not applied	2,691,330	1,905,108
Reinsurance payable	206,040	186,454
Service contract payable: (i)		
Due to Government Employees Administrative Scheme Only Fund and		
Government Pensioners Administrative Scheme Only Fund	159,794	-
Mortgage principal and real estate payables	330,003	319,378
Statutory payables	369,645	320,290
Miscellaneous	111,211	144,658
	6,435,356	4,847,035

(i) Service contract payables are presented separately in 2018 totals conform with IFRS 15.

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26. Insurance Contract Liabilities

(a) Composition by line of business is as follows:

	2018	2017
	$'000	$'000
Group annuities	44,105,256	42,623,166
Group insurance	4,006,226	4,899,087
Individual insurance	26,227,417	25,020,641
Total	74,338,899	72,542,894

(b) Movements in insurance liabilities:

	2018			
	Group Annuities	Individual Insurance	Group Insurance	Total
	$'000	$'000	$'000	$'000
Balance at the beginning of the year	42,623,166	25,020,640	4,899,088	72,542,894
Normal changes in policyholders' liabilities recorded to income statement (Note 26(d))	1,601,717	1,206,775	(937,451)	1,871,041
Changes in policyholders' liabilities recoded to other comprehensive income	(641,721)	-	-	(641,721)
Changes as a result of revaluation	522,094	-	44,591	566,685
Balance at end of year	44,105,256	26,227,415	4,006,228	74,338,899

	2017			
	Group Annuities	Individual Insurance	Group Insurance	Total
	$'000	$'000	$'000	$'000
Balance at the beginning of the year	37,610,733	21,668,235	4,871,502	64,150,470
Normal changes in policyholders' liabilities recorded to income statement (Note 26(d))	6,121,846	3,352,405	87,227	9,561,478
Changes in policyholders' liabilities recoded to other comprehensive income	(475,622)	-	-	(475,622)
Changes as a result of revaluation	(633,791)	-	(59,641)	(693,432)
Balance at end of year	42,623,166	25,020,640	4,899,088	72,542,894

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26. Insurance Contract Liabilities (Continued)

(c) Investment and other assets supporting policyholders' and other liabilities:

	2018				
	Insurance	**Pensions and Annuities**	**Other Liabilities**	**Capital and Surplus**	**Total**
	$'000	**$'000**	**$'000**	**$'000**	**$'000**
Quoted equities	18,914,478	-	-	3,556,574	22,471,052
Investment properties	-	-	-	553,000	553,000
Fixed income securities	29,340,046	52,063,492	-	15,013,307	96,416,845
Mortgages	-	618,557	-	2,480,413	3,098,970
Other assets	3,311,740	-	(430,525)	17,642,786	20,524,002
	51,566,264	52,682,049	(430,525)	39,246,080	143,063,869

	2017				
	Insurance	**Pensions and Annuities**	**Other Liabilities**	**Capital and Surplus**	**Total**
	$'000	**$'000**	**$'000**	**$'000**	**$'000**
Quoted equities	22,028,054	-	-	3,343,438	25,371,492
Investment properties	-	-	-	530,000	530,000
Fixed income securities	23,985,803	51,881,937	-	15,963,509	91,831,249
Mortgages	-	618,557	-	2,397,886	3,016,443
Other assets	3,101,279	-	2,786,231	14,009,914	19,897,424
	49,115,136	52,500,494	2,786,231	36,244,747	140,646,608

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26. Insurance Contract Liabilities (Continued)

(d) Changes in policy liabilities were caused by the following business activities and changes in actuarial assumptions:

	2018			
	Group Annuities	**Individual Insurance**	**Group Insurance**	**Total**
	$'000	**$'000**	**$'000**	**$'000**
Change in assumed investment yields and inflation rate	287,383	9,482	(22,287)	274,578
Change due to the issuance of new policies and the decrements on in-force policies	1,466,910	5,331,638	(540,836)	6,257,712
Changes in actuarial liabilities recorded in OCI	(641,721)	-	-	(641,721)
Change due to other actuarial assumptions	489,145	(4,134,343)	(374,330)	(4,019,528)
	1,601,717	1,206,777	(937,453)	1,871,041

	2017			
	Group Annuities	**Individual Insurance**	**Group Insurance**	**Total**
	$'000	**$'000**	**$'000**	**$'000**
Change in assumed investment yields and inflation rate	(1,212,011)	(388,400)	(100,294)	(1,700,705)
Change due to the issuance of new policies and the decrements on in-force policies	6,923,604	5,921,960	166,753	13,012,317
Changes in actuarial liabilities recorded in OCI	(475,622)	-	-	(475,622)
Change due to other actuarial assumptions	885,875	(2,181,155)	20,768	(1,274,512)
	6,121,846	3,352,405	87,227	9,561,478

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26. Insurance Contract Liabilities (Continued)

(e) Policy assumptions

At each date for valuation of actuarial liabilities, the Appointed Actuary of each insurer reviews the assumptions made at the last valuation date. The Appointed Actuary tests the validity of each assumption by reference to current data, the Group's experience and where appropriate, changes the assumptions for the current valuation.

Insurance and investment contract liabilities have two major assumptions, best estimate assumptions and provisions for adverse deviation assumptions.

A similar process of review and assessment is conducted in the determination of margins for adverse deviations.

Life Insurance and Annuity Contracts

(i) Best estimate assumptions
Assumptions cover the lifetime of the policies and are made for many variables including mortality, morbidity, investment yields, rates of policy termination, operating expenses and certain taxes.

(ii) Mortality and morbidity
The assumptions are based on past group and industry experience. For individual life policies the Group bases its assumption on the Canadian Institute of Actuaries 97-04 male and female aggregate mortality tables which are 21 year select and ultimate mortality tables. For accidental death and dismemberment benefits the Group bases its assumptions on the 1959 Accidental Death Benefit table for rider benefits and the Canadian Population Accident 1990-1992 sex distinct table for coupon products. Critical illness incidence rates are based on British population sex-distinct incidence rates developed by the Institute of Actuaries. Group annuitant mortality is based on the Society of Actuaries 1994 Group Annuitant male and female basic mortality tables with projection scale AA for improvements in mortality. Individual Annuitant mortality is based on the Society of Actuaries 2012 Individual Annuitant male and female Period mortality tables with projection scale G2 beyond 2012 for improvements in mortality.

(iii) Investment yields
The Group broadly matches assets and liabilities by line of business. The projected cash flows from these assets are combined with future reinvestment rates derived from the current economic outlook and the Group's investment policy to determine expected rates of return on these assets for all future years. The gross long term ultimate reinvestment rate (after 20 years) is based on expectations of risk-free government bond yields. The gross rate is adjusted to take into account investment expenses and asset default. Assumptions taking into account inflation are that real returns after 30 years will be between 2.0% and 3.6%.

(iv) Lapses and persistency
Lapses relate to termination of policies due to non-payment of premiums. Surrender and withdrawals relate to voluntary termination of policies by policyholders. Policy termination assumptions are based on the Group's own experience and vary by type of product. Lapse rates in the first year of a policy range between 4% and 24% of insurance amounts issued. Lapse rates after 20 policy years are assumed to be between 0% and 9.5% of insurance amounts in force. Partial withdrawal rates average about 12.4% of fund values available from policies in force.

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26. Insurance Contract Liabilities (Continued)

(e) Policy assumptions (continued)

Life Insurance and Annuity Contracts (continued)

(v) Policy expenses

Policy maintenance expenses are derived from the Group's own internal cost studies projected into the future with an allowance for inflation. All expenses, including overhead, are functionally allocated by line of business, between the administration of the business and the acquisition of the business. All expenses related to the administration of the business are used to determine the policy maintenance unit costs. No expenses related to the acquisition of the business are included in the unit expense assumption used in the valuation of the actuarial liabilities. Interest sensitive and Universal life policies are assumed to be twice as costly to administer as traditional life policies. The inflation assumption is kept consistent with the investment assumption. The initial inflation rate is based on average calendar year inflation over the last 3 years and declines over the life of the policies such that real returns after 30 years are between 2.0% and 3.6%.

(vi) Provision for adverse deviation assumptions

To recognise the uncertainty in establishing best estimate assumptions, to allow for possible deterioration in experience and to provide greater comfort that the reserves are adequate to pay future benefits, the Appointed Actuary is required to include a margin for adverse deviation in each assumption. The impact of these margins is to increase reserves and so decrease the income that would be recognised on inception of the policy. The Canadian Institute of Actuaries standards indicate that margins are to be between 5% and 20% of the best estimate assumptions or between 2% and 8% of annuitant mortality best estimate assumptions. The Group uses margins for each assumption at the mid to conservative end of the range, taking into account the risk profiles of the business.

(vii) Changes in assumptions

Every financial year, the expectations of the Company with respect to the best estimate assumptions and the margins for adverse deviation described above are reviewed. All assumptions are updated as appropriate to reflect the circumstances of the Company.

Health Insurance Contracts

The outstanding liabilities for health insurance claims incurred but not yet reported and for claims reported but not yet paid are determined by statistical methods using expected loss ratios which have been derived from recent historical data. No material claim settlements are anticipated after one year from the balance sheet date.

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27. Investment Contract Liabilities

	2018 $'000	2017 $'000
Amortised cost -		
Amounts on deposit	8,516,771	7,806,980
Deposit administration fund	1,502,632	2,964,797
Other investment contracts	119,797	118,454
	10,139,200	10,890,231

All financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss are designated by the company to be in this measurement category. The maturity value of these financial liabilities is determined by the fair value of the linked assets, at maturity date. There will be no difference between the carrying amount and the maturity amount at the maturity date.

The fair value of financial liabilities at amortised cost is based on a discounted cash flow valuation technique. This discount rate is determined by current market assessment of the time value of money and risk specific to the liability.

Movement of the Deposit Administration Funds:

	2018 $'000	2017 $'000
Balance at the beginning of the year	2,964,796	3,077,790
Deposits received	102,487	200,483
Interest earned	98,551	152,060
Service charges	(24,485)	(24,551)
Withdrawals	(1,638,717)	(440,985)
Balance at the end of the year	1,502,632	2,964,797

These represent funds managed on behalf of pension plans administered by the company. Interest credited to the funds is paid at a fixed annual rate of return, with the rate being revised on an annual basis. At the end of the year, there were 130 (2017 - 135) clients in the company. The average interest rate paid by the company during the year was 5.35% (2017 – 5.85%).

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28. Other Policy Liabilities

	2018	2017
	$'000	$'000
Insurance benefits payable	2,917,153	2,504,486
Policy dividends and other funds on deposit	421,773	390,073
	3,338,926	2,894,559

29. Investment Contracts Benefits

Benefits from unit linked investment contracts without fixed terms for the Company amounting to $5,920,170 (2018 - $5,311,181) are accrued to the account of the policyholders as the fair value of the net gains arising from the underlying linked assets. All these contracts are designated at fair value through profit or loss.

30. Premium Income

(a) Gross premiums by line of business:

	2018	2017
	$'000	$'000
Group insurance -		
Group creditor life	759,917	723,024
Group health	11,174,379	9,375,501
Group life	2,080,664	1,935,446
	14,014,960	12,033,971
Individual insurance -		
Individual life -		
Insurance premiums	12,649,512	11,566,935
Segregated fund contributions	8,261,596	6,674,147
Individual health	559,490	564,122
Individual annuities	34,496	937
	21,505,094	18,806,141
Bulk annuities		5,712,887
Annuities	2,188,840	2,401,702
	37,708,894	38,954,701
Group insurance -		
Group health	321,427	255,173
Group life	36,203	31,856
	357,630	287,029
Individual life	148,576	122,983
	506,206	410,012
Net premiums	37,202,688	38,544,689

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31. Net Investment Income

	2018	2018	2018
	Amortized cost assets	**FVOCI assets**	**Total**
	$'000	**$'000**	**$'000**
Interest income -			
Debt securities	5,440,551	1,428,447	6,868,998
Mortgage loans	262,658	-	262,658
Policy loans	35,679	-	35,679
Securities purchased for re-sale	26,429	-	26,429
Deposits	96,721	-	96,721
	5,862,038	1,428,447	7,290,485
Interest income from FVTPL investments			295,902
Other income			66,881
Dividend income			26,059
Net investment gains			819,996
			1,208,838
Net gain/(loss) on derecognition of financial assets measured at amortized cost			1,321,397
			9,820,720
Interest expense -			
Customer deposits, repurchase liabilities and investment contracts			(572,790)
Other operating income			(990)
Other Direct investment expenses			(333,920)
			(907,700)
Net investment income			8,913,020

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31. Net Investment Income (Continued)

	2017 $'000
Interest income -	
Short term deposits	91,265
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	220,963
Available-for-sale	1,441,768
Loans and receivable	5,273,036
Loans	277,052
Policy loans	34,153
Government securities purchased under resale agreements	42,904
Other	-
Dividends	55,235
Net foreign exchange gains	(6,378)
Net realised gains on investment properties	42,000
Net realised gains on investment securities	4,124,822
Other investment (losses) / income	(3,686)
	11,593,134
Impairment of equity investments	(171,096)
Interest expense -	
Customer deposits and repurchase liabilities	(42,950)
Investment contracts	(545,446)
Other	(290,225)
	(878,621)
Net investment income	10,543,417

31. Fee and other Income

	2018 $'000	2017 $'000
Administration fees (i)	2,469,086	2,125,698
Other		
Surrender charges	273,745	236,512
Foreign exchange losses	(262,708)	(398,161)
Other operating income	572,614	654,795
	3,052,737	2,618,844

(i) Service contract revenue presented separately in 2018 to conform with IFRS15. The prior period amount is in accordance with under IAS 18.

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33. Insurance Benefits and Claims

	Year ended 31 December 2018			2017
	Gross incurred	Reinsured	Net	Net Claims
	$'000	$'000	$'000	$'000
Death and disability	3,438,328	(139,519)	3,298,809	2,710,053
Maturities	46,982	-	46,982	78,631
Surrenders	611,110	-	611,110	607,504
Segregated funds withdrawals	5,920,170	-	5,920,170	5,311,181
Annuities and pensions	4,309,157	-	4,309,157	3,673,964
Policy dividends and bonuses	55,840	-	55,840	8,281
Health insurance	9,105,623	(424,013)	8,681,610	7,398,671
Other benefits	680,139	-	680,139	738,709
	24,167,349	(563,532)	23,603,817	20,526,994

34. Finance Costs

Finance costs represent interest costs incurred on loans used for business development.

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35. Administration Expenses

	2018 $'000	2017 $'000
Auditors' remuneration -		
Current year	41,232	28,500
Office accommodation	593,833	539,485
Communication and technology	389,071	316,272
Advertising and branding	230,375	197,300
Sales convention and incentives	269,215	236,501
Postage, printing and office supplies	130,994	117,533
Policy stamp duties and reimbursements	67,958	51,514
Regulators fees	215,181	187,276
Directors cost	36,130	37,672
Legal & professional fees	82,859	108,124
Services outsourced	787,085	701,762
Other expenses	523,266	521,551
Staff cost (a)	3,577,417	3,946,717
	6,944,616	6,990,207

(a) Staff costs

	2018 $'000	2017 $'000
Salaries	2,241,880	2,096,212
Payroll taxes	406,219	319,784
Pension costs (Note 14)	330,048	542,226
Other post-retirement benefits (Note 14)	229,048	289,231
Share based compensation	118,003	479,718
Restructuring costs	95,144	42,071
Other	157,075	177,475
	3,577,417	3,946,717

36. Commission and Sales Expense

Amount represents agents' commission and bonuses.

37. Taxation

(a) Tax is computed as follows:

	2018 $'000	2017 $'000
Current year taxation -		
Corporation tax @ 25%	2,548,241	1,767,322
Deferred income tax (Note 16) -		
Deferred tax credit relating to the origination and reversal of temporary differences	(138,535)	(150,708)
Taxation	2,409,706	1,616,614
Asset tax @ 0.25%	181,835	170,739
Withholding tax	4,784	7,764
Other taxes	186,619	178,503

(i) On September 29, 2015, the Provisional Collection of Tax (Income Tax) Order, 2017 was issued amending the income tax regime for life insurance companies effective for the year of assessment 2015. With effect from January 1, 2015, the Company is subject to income tax on its taxable profits at a rate of 25%. Prior to the amendment, the Company was subject to tax on its investment income net of applicable expenses at a rate of 15% and was also subject to a premium tax of 3% on its premium income.

(ii) Asset taxes for Life Insurance Companies are subjected to asset tax at a rate of 0.25% (2017 - 0.25%) of total assets less required capital specified by the Financial Services Commission and withholding tax receivables owed by the Commissioner General of Tax administration Jamaica.

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37. Taxation (Continued)

(b) Reconciliation of applicable tax charges to effective tax charge:

	2018	2017
	$'000	$'000
Profit before taxation	10,879,727	9,654,960
Tax at 25%	2,719,932	2,413,740
Adjusted for:		
Investment income not subject to income tax	(2,049,698)	(3,391,411)
Asset tax not deductible for tax purposes	29,786	29,645
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	1,760,297	2,599,181
Prior year over provision	(3,386)	(51,623)
Net effect of other charges and allowances	(47,225)	17,082
Taxation expense	2,409,706	1,616,614

(c) The tax (charge)/credit relating to components of other comprehensive income is as follows:

	2018			2017		
	Before tax $'000	Tax (charge)/ credit $'000	After tax $'000	Before tax $'000	Tax (charge)/ credit $'000	After tax $'000
Fair value (losses)/gains on available-for-sale investments	(2,021,065)	209,232	(1,811,833)	1,152,547	(161,183)	991,364
Re-measurement of post-employment benefits	(63,319)	15,830	(47,489)	2,730,139	(682,533)	2,047,606
Impairment charges	(41,020)	7,314	(33,706)	-	-	-
Unrealised (losses)/gains on owner-occupied properties	232,499	(15,125)	217,374	126,403	(14,101)	112,302
Shadow Accounting Reserve	641,721	-	641,721	475,622	-	475,622
Other comprehensive income	(1,251,184)	217,251	(1,033,933)	4,484,711	(857,817)	3,626,894
Deferred income taxes (Note 16)		217,251			(857,817)	

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38. Cash Flows

(a) Operating activities

	Note	2018	2017
		$'000	$'000
Adjustments for non-cash items, interest and dividends:			
Depreciation and amortization	11 &12	337,665	329,173
Interest and dividend income	31	(7,679,327)	(7,436,376)
Interest expense and finance costs	31	907,700	878,621
Income tax expense	37	2,409,706	1,616,614
Premium and other tax expense	37	186,619	178,503
Gain on disposal of investment securities/investment properties		(1,011,023)	(1,139,555)
Fair value gains on trading securities		(1,130,274)	(2,978,889)
Impairment charge on investments, loans and other assets and other assets		-	171,096
Share based compensation		13,202	133,316
Gains on revaluation of investment properties	10	(16,651)	(42,000)
Loss/(Gains) on disposal of property, plant and equipment		(1,025)	7,505
Loss on revaluation of property, plant and equipment		1,249	-
Increase in policyholders' funds		(346,345)	695,686
Net movement in actuarial liabilities		1,871,041	9,561,478
Retirement benefit obligations		201,551	503,533
Effect of exchange gains on foreign currency balances		(167,210)	446,105
		(4,423,122)	2,924,810

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38. Cash Flows (Continued)

(a) Operating activities(continued)

	Note	2018	2017
		$'000	$'000
Changes in other operating assets and liabilities:			
Stock options and grants		(11,172)	(37,460)
Reinsurance contracts		(369,737)	4,328
Due to related parties		298,599	(987,526)
Deposit and security liabilities		(4,720,228)	(1,420,360)
Other assets		(280,375)	(1,286,857)
Other liabilities		1,385,478	932,936
		(3,697,435)	(2,794,939)
Net investment purchases:			
Proceeds on sale of investment securities		24,376,672	37,315,505
Purchase of investment securities		(26,416,760)	(47,386,657)
		(2,040,088)	(10,071,152)
(b) Investing Activities			
Property, plant and equipment, net			
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	12	(224,329)	(266,238)
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment		2,150	4,149
		(222,179)	(262,089)

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38. Cash Flows (Continued)

(c) Net debt reconciliation

This section sets out an analysis of net debt and the movements in net debt for each of the periods presented:

	2018 $'000	2017 $'000
Cash and cash equivalents	414,597	665,253
Liquid Investments	1,902,367	4,235,637
Borrowings – repayable within one year (including overdraft)	(277,155)	(6,210,856)
Borrowings – repayable after one year	(6,047,480)	(5,000,329)
Net debt	(4,007,671)	(6,310,295)
Cash and liquid investments	2,316,964	4,900,890
Gross debt – fixed interest rates	(6,110,903)	(10,906,813)
Gross debt – variable interest rates	(213,732)	(304,372)
Net debt	(4,007,671)	(6,310,295)

	Cash $'000	Liquid Investments (i) $'000	Borrowings due within 1 year $'000	Borrowings due after 1 year $'000	Total $'000
Cash and cash equivalents	463,682	1,902,367	(277,155)	(5,946,836)	(3,857,942)
Foreign exchange adjustments	(49,085)			(100,644)	(149,729)
Net debt as at 31 December 2018	414,597	1,902,367	(277,155)	(6,047,480)	(4,007,671)
Cash and cash equivalents	839,702	4,235,637	(6,431,967)	(5,201,762)	(6,558,390)
Foreign exchange adjustments	(174,449)	-	221,111	201,433	248,095
Net debt as at 31 December 2017	665,253	4,235,637	(6,210,856)	(5,000,329)	(6,310,295)

(i)Liquid investments comprise current investments that are traded in an active market, being the company's financial assets held at fair value through profit or loss.

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39. Fair Values of Financial Instruments

Fair value is the amount for which an asset could be exchanged, or a liability settled, between knowledgeable, willing parties in an arm's length transaction. Market price is used to determine fair value where an active market exists as it is the best evidence of the fair value of a financial instrument. However, market prices are not available for a significant number of the financial assets and liabilities held and issued by the Company. Therefore, for financial instruments where no market price is available, the fair values presented have been estimated using present value or other estimation and valuation techniques based on market conditions existing at statement of financial position dates.

The values derived from applying these techniques are significantly affected by the underlying assumptions used concerning both the amounts and timing of future cash flows and the discount rates. The following methods and assumptions have been used:

(i) Investment securities at fair value through profit or loss are measured at fair value by reference to quoted prices when available. If quoted market prices are not available, then fair values are estimated on the basis of pricing models, or discounted cash flows. Fair value is equal to the carrying amount of these items.

(ii) Investment securities classified as FVOCI (available-for-sale) are measured at fair value by reference to quoted market prices or dealer quotes when available (level 1). If quoted market prices are not available, then fair values are based on pricing models or other recognised valuation techniques. Investments in unit trusts are based on prices quoted by the fund managers (level 2).

(iii) The fair value of the interest rate swap is calculated as the present value of the estimated future cash flows. The fair value of currency forward contracts is determined using quoted forward exchange rates. The fair value of the equity indexed options and the exchange traded funds that are shorted are based on quoted prices (level 1). The fair value of the cross currency swap is based on the present value of the net future cash payments and receipts, which fluctuate based on changes in market interest rates and the euro/U.S. dollar exchange rate.

(iv) The fair value of demand deposits and customer accounts with no specific maturity is assumed to be the amount payable on demand at the year end date. The estimated fair value of fixed interest bearing deposits is based on discounted cash flows using interest rates for new deposits (level 3).

(v) The fair value of variable rate financial instruments is assumed to approximate their carrying amounts.

(vi) Loans are net of provision for impairment. The estimated fair value of loans represents the discounted amount of estimated future cash flows expected to be received (level 3). Expected cash flows are discounted at current market rates to determine fair value; and

(vii) Equity securities for which fair values cannot be measured reliably are recognised at cost less impairment (level 3).

Differences between the fair values and the carrying values are accounted for in determining the amount of policyholders' liabilities that must be set aside each year.

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39. Fair Values of Financial Instruments (Continued)

The table below summaries the carrying amount and fair value of financial assets and financial liabilities not presented on the Company's statement of financial position at their fair value:

	Carrying Value 2018 $000	Fair Value 2018 $000	Carrying Value 2017 $000	Fair Value 2017 $000
Financial Assets				
Financial investments – Investments at amortized cost (loans and receivables)	76,839,098	72,819,920	69,822,886	79,632,563
Loans & leases, after allowance for credit losses	-	-	-	-
Financial Liabilities				
Due to banks and other financial institutions	6,324,635	6,324,635	11,211,185	11,211,185

The following table provides an analysis of financial instruments that are measured in the statement of financial position at fair value at 31 December 2018, grouped into Levels 1 to 3 based on the degree to which the fair value is observable:

(i) Level 1 – unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical instruments

A financial instrument is regarded as quoted in an active market if quoted prices are readily and regularly available from an exchange or other independent source, and those prices represent actual and regularly occurring market transactions on an arm's length basis. The Company considers that market transactions should occur with sufficient frequency that is appropriate for the particular market, when measured over a continuous period preceding the date of the financial statements. If there is no data available to substantiate the frequency of market transactions of a financial instrument, then the instrument is not classified as Level 1.

(ii) Level 2 – inputs that are observable for the instrument, either directly or indirectly

A financial instrument is classified as Level 2 if:

- The fair value is derived from quoted prices of similar instruments which would be classified as Level 1; or
- The fair value is determined from quoted prices that are observable but there is no data available to substantiate frequent market trading of the instrument.

In estimating the fair value of non-traded financial assets, the Company uses a variety of methods such as obtaining dealer quotes and using discounted cash flow techniques. Where discounted cash flow techniques are used, estimated future cash flows are discounted at market derived rates for government securities in the same country of issue as the security; for non-government securities, an interest spread is added to the derived rate for a similar government security rate according to the perceived additional risk of the non-government security.

39. Fair Values of Financial Instruments (Continued)

(ii) Level 2 – inputs that are observable for the instrument, either directly or indirectly (continued)

In assessing the fair value of non-traded financial liabilities, the Company uses a variety of methods including obtaining dealer quotes for specific or similar instruments and the use of internally developed pricing models, such as the use of discounted cash flows. If the non-traded liability is backed by a pool of assets, then its value is equivalent to the value of the underlying assets.

Certain of the Company's liabilities are unit linked, i.e. derive their value from a pool of assets which are carried at fair value. The Company assigns a fair value hierarchy of Level 2 to the contract liability if the liability represents the unadjusted fair value of the underlying pool of assets.

(iii) Level 3 – inputs for the instrument that are not based on observable market data

A financial instrument is classified as Level 3 if:

- The fair value is derived from quoted prices of similar instruments that are observable and which would be classified as Level 2; or
- The fair value is derived from inputs that are not based on observable market data.

Level 3 FVOCI (2017 - available for sale) securities include corporate and government agency debt instruments. The fair values of these instruments have been derived from December 31 market yields of government instruments of similar durations in the country of issue of the instruments.

Level 3 assets designated as FVTPL (2017 - fair value through income) include mortgage loans, debt securities and equities for which the full income return and capital returns accrue to holders of unit linked liabilities. These assets are valued with inputs other than observable market data.

The techniques and methods described in the preceding section (ii) for non-traded financial assets and liabilities may also be used in determining the fair value of Level 3 instruments.

	2018			
	Level 1	**Level 2**	**Level 3**	**Total**
	$'000	**$'000**	**$'000**	**$'000**
Financial Assets				
Financial investments	16,210,445	28,712,647	-	44,923,092

	2017			
	Level 1	**Level 2**	**Level 3**	**Total**
	$'000	**$'000**	**$'000**	**$'000**
Financial Assets				
Financial investments	22,892,021	26,912,239	-	49,804,260

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39. Fair Values of Financial Instruments (Continued)

Reconciliation of level 3 items –

	2018	2017
	$'000	$'000
Balance at beginning of year	-	-
Total gains – income statement	-	-
Purchases	-	-
Balance at end of year	-	-

The gains or losses recorded in the income statement are included in Note 31.

Fair Value of Land and Building
An independent valuation of the Company's land and building was performed by valuers to determine the fair value of the land and building as at 31 December 2018. See Note 12 for further details.

Land and building are classified as level 3. The valuation has been performed using the net income approach.

The following table summarizes the quantitative information about the significant unobservable inputs used to measure the valuation of property, plant and equipment:

Description	Fair value at		Unobservable inputs	Range of unobservable inputs		Relationship of unobservable inputs to fair value
	2018 $	2017 $		2018 $	2017 $	
Property, plant and equipment	1,595,000	1,379,000	Valuation and certified costs	10%-159,500	10%-137,900	The higher the cost of construction, the higher the fair value
Investment properties	553,000	530,000	Valuation and certified costs	10%-55,300	10%-53,000	The higher the cost of construction, the higher the fair value

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40. Insurance and Financial Risk Management

The Company's activities expose it to a variety of financial risks and those activities necessitate the analysis, evaluation, control and/or acceptance of some degree of risk or combination of risks. Taking various types of risk is core to the financial services business and operational risks are an inevitable consequence of being in business. The Company's aim is therefore to achieve an appropriate balance between risk and return and minimise potential adverse effects on the Company's financial performance.

The Company has a risk management framework with clear terms of reference. This is supplemented with a clear organisational structure with documented delegated authorities and responsibilities from the Board of Directors to Executive Management committees and senior managers. Policy frameworks which set out the risk profiles for the Company's risk management, control and business conduct standards for the Company's operations have been put in place. Each policy has a member of Executive Management charged with overseeing compliance with that policy.

The Company participated in the National Debt Exchange (NDX) which resulted in significant changes in the Company's investment portfolio in February 2014.

The Board of Directors is ultimately responsible for the establishment and oversight of the risk management framework. The Board of Directors has established committees/departments/structures for managing and monitoring risks, as follows:

(i) Board Audit Committee

The Board Audit Committee comprises independent directors. The Committee:

- Oversees how management monitors internal controls, compliance with the Company's risk management policies and adequacy of the risk management framework to risks faced by the Company;
- Reviews the Company's annual and quarterly financial statements, related policies and assumptions and any accompanying reports or statements; and
- Reviews the internal audit function as well as the external auditor's independence, objectivity and effectiveness.

The Board Audit Committee is assisted in its oversight role by the Internal Audit Department. The Internal Audit Department undertakes both regular and ad hoc reviews of risk management controls and procedures, the results of which are reported to the Board Audit Committee.

(ii) Board Investment Committee

The Board Investment Committee comprises independent directors. As part of its Terms of Reference, the Committee:

- Oversees the Company's financial risk management framework.
- Approves the investment policies within which the Company's investment portfolios are managed;
- Reviews the performance of the Company's investment portfolios;
- Ensures adherence to prudent standards in making investment and lending decisions and in managing investments and loans; and
- Approves new investment projects over certain thresholds, ensuring the required rates of returns are considered.

40. Insurance and Financial Risk Management (Continued)

(iii) Asset/Liability Management (ALM) Committee
The Company has in place an Asset/Liability Management (ALM) Committee. This Committee:

- Monitors the profile of the Company's assets and liabilities;
- Plans, directs and monitors various financial risks including, interest rate risk, equity risk, liquidity risk, currency risk and country risk;
- Provides guidance to the Investment Managers with regards to the appropriateness of investments assigned or purchased to support the liabilities of the various lines of business; and
- Monitors market interest rates and establishes the credited rate for various investment contracts.

(iv) Anti-Money Laundering (AML)
The Company has assigned responsibility for AML and anti-fraud to a designated department. The responsibilities of this department include:

- Maintaining and communicating the AML and Anti-fraud policies and procedures;
- Interrogating financial transactions to identify suspicious and threshold reportable items;
- Coordinating information received from operating departments on reportable items;
- Ensuring that adequate anti-fraud controls are in place; and
- Filing required reports with Management, Board of Directors and Regulatory bodies.

(v) Regulatory Compliance
The Board has assigned responsibility for monitoring regulatory compliance to a designated department. This department maintains a catalogue of all required regulatory filings and follows-up the respective departments to ensure timely submissions. The Department files the required performance reports with management and the Board of Directors.

(vi) Enterprise Risk Management
The Company utilises an Enterprise Risk Management (ERM) framework, including policies and procedures designed to identify, measure and control risk in all business activities. The policies and procedures are reviewed periodically by senior managers and the Board of Directors.

The framework provides for quarterly evaluation of risks by senior management, with reporting to the Board Audit Committee. The risk exposures are prioritised each year and the top twenty (20) risks reported on.

Boards of subsidiary companies and management teams carry similar operating structures where applicable.

The most important types of risk facing the Company are insurance risk, reinsurance risk, credit risk, liquidity risk, market risk and other operational risk. Market risk includes currency risk, interest rate and other price risk.

40. Insurance and Financial Risk Management (Continued)

(a) Insurance risk

The Company issues both short term and long term contracts that transfer insurance risk or financial risk or both.

The risk under any one insurance contract is the possibility that the insured event occurs and the uncertainty of the amount of the resulting claim. By the very nature of an insurance contract, this risk is random and therefore unpredictable.

For a portfolio of insurance contracts where the theory of probability is applied to pricing and provisioning, the principal risk that the company faces under its insurance contracts is that the actual claims and benefit payments exceed the carrying amount of the insurance liabilities. This could occur because the frequency or severity of claims and benefits are greater than estimated. Insurance events are random and the actual number and amount of claims and benefits will vary from year to year from the estimate established using statistical techniques.

Experience shows that the larger the portfolio of similar insurance contracts, the smaller the relative variability about the expected outcome will be. In addition, a more diversified portfolio is less likely to be affected across the board by a change in any subset of the portfolio. The company has developed its insurance underwriting strategy to diversify the type of insurance risks accepted and within each of these categories to achieve a sufficiently large population of risks to reduce the variability of the expected outcome.

Long term insurance contracts

Long-term contracts are typically for a minimum period of 5 years and a maximum period which is determined by the remaining life of the insured. In addition to the estimated benefits which may be payable under the contract, the insurer has to assess the cash flows which may be attributable to the contract. The process of underwriting may also be undertaken and may include specific medical tests and other enquiries which affect the insurer's assessment of the risk. The insurer assesses the likely benefits and cash flows both in establishing the amount of premium payable under the contract and in estimating the statement of financial position liability arising from the contract.

For long-term contracts in-force, the Company has adopted a policy of investing in assets with cash flow characteristics that closely match the cash flow characteristics of its policy liabilities. The primary purpose of this matching is to ensure that cash flows from these assets are synchronised with the timing and the amounts of payments that must be paid to policyholders.

(i) Frequency and severity of claims

For contracts where death is the insured risk the most significant factors that could increase the overall frequency and severity of claims are epidemics (such as AIDS) and wide-ranging lifestyle changes, such as in eating, smoking and exercise habits resulting in earlier or more claims than expected. For contracts where survival is the insured risk, the most significant improvement in medical science and social conditions that would increase longevity.

At present, these risks do not vary significantly in relation to the location of the risk insured by the company. However, undue concentration by amounts could have an impact on the severity of benefit payments on a portfolio basis.

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40. Insurance and Financial Risk Management (Continued)

(a) Insurance risk (continued)

Long term insurance contracts

(i) Frequency and severity of claims (continued)
For contracts with fixed and guaranteed benefits and fixed return premiums, there are no mitigating terms and conditions that reduce the insurance risk accepted.

The table below presents the company's concentration of insured benefits across five bands of insured benefits per individual life assured. The benefit insured figures are shown gross and net of the reinsurance contracts described below in Note 40(b). At year-end, none of these insurance contracts had triggered a recovery under the reinsurance held by the Company. As was the case in the previous year, the risk is concentrated at the higher value bands. (These tables do not include annuity contracts, for which a separate analysis is reported in following pages).

Individual Life Benefits Assured per Life ('000)	**Total Benefits Insured**			
2018	**Before Reinsurance $'000**	**%**	**After Reinsurance $'000**	**%**
0 – 200	7,304,706	1%	7,291,434	1%
200 - 400	11,581,615	1%	11,580,727	1%
400 - 800	69,622,712	6%	69,467,280	6%
800 - 1000	101,745,794	9%	100,646,449	9%
More than 1,000	941,305,458	83%	926,760,532	83%
Total	1,131,560,285	100%	1,115,746,422	100%

Individual Life Benefits Assured per Life ('000)	**Total Benefits Insured**			
2017	**Before Reinsurance $'000**	**%**	**After Reinsurance $'000**	**%**
0 – 200	7,479,833	1%	7,457,780	1%
200 - 400	12,860,466	1%	12,858,187	1%
400 - 800	62,941,631	6%	62,740,051	6%
800 - 1000	91,335,643	9%	90,063,412	9%
More than 1,000	827,633,187	83%	815,364,800	83%
Total	1,002,250,760	100%	988,484,230	100%

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40. Insurance and Financial Risk Management (Continued)

(a) Insurance risk (continued)

Long term insurance contracts (continued)

(i) Frequency and severity of claims (continued)
The table below represents the company's concentration of insured benefits across five bands of insured benefits per group individual life assured. The benefit insured figured are shown gross and net of reinsurance.

Group Life Benefits

Assured per Life ('000)	Total Benefits Insured			
	Before	**%**	**After**	**%**
2018	**Reinsurance**		**Reinsurance**	
	$'000		**$'000**	
0 – 200	495	0%	495	0%
200 - 400	2,800	0%	2,800	0%
400 - 800	16,800	0%	16,800	0%
800 - 1,000	26,040	0%	26,040	0%
More than 1,000	579,427,797	100%	569,883,346	100%
	579,473,932	100%	569,929,481	100%

Assured per Life ('000)	Total Benefits Insured			
	Before	**%**	**After**	**%**
2017	**Reinsurance**		**Reinsurance**	
	$'000		**$'000**	
0 – 200	595	0%	595	0%
200 - 400	2,525	0%	2,525	0%
400 - 800	13,400	0%	13,400	0%
800 - 1,000	33,335	0%	31,335	0%
More than 1,000	519,861,476	100%	513,630,731	100%
	519,911,331	100%	513,678,586	100%

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40. Insurance and Financial Risk Management (Continued)

(a) Insurance risk (continued)

Long term insurance contracts (continued)

(i) Frequency and severity of claims (continued)
The following tables for the company's annuity insurance contracts illustrate the concentration of risk based on five bands that group these contracts in relation to the amount payable per annum as if the annuity was in payment at the year end. The greatest risk concentration remains at the highest band, which is consistent with the prior year. The Company does not hold any reinsurance contracts against the liabilities carried for these contracts.

Annuity Payable per annum per annuitant ('000)	**Total Benefits Insured**	
2018	**$'000**	**%**
0 – 20	7,904	0%
20 - 40	15,138	0%
40 - 80	61,593	2%
80 - 100	40,956	1%
More than 100	3,868,476	97%
Total	3,994,067	100%

Annuity Payable per annum per annuitant ('000)	**Total Benefits Insured**	
2017	**$'000**	**%**
0 – 20	8,114	0%
20 - 40	15,122	0%
40 - 80	65,011	2%
80 - 100	38,306	1%
More than 100	3,586,062	97%
Total	3,712,615	100%

For interest-sensitive and unit-linked contracts the Company charges for mortality risks on a monthly basis for all insurance contracts and has the right to alter these charges based on mortality experience and hence to minimise its exposure to mortality risk. Delays in implementing increases in charges, and market or regulatory restraints over the extent of any increases may reduce this mitigating effect.

The Company manages these risks through its underwriting strategy and reinsurance arrangements.

40. Insurance and Financial Risk Management (Continued)

(a) Insurance risk (continued)

Long term insurance contracts (continued)

(i) Frequency and severity of claims (continued)
The underwriting strategy is intended to ensure that the risks underwritten are well diversified in terms of type of risk and the level of insured benefits. The Company reinsures the excess of the insured benefit for new business for standard risks under an excess of loss reinsurance arrangement. Medical impaired lives are reinsured at lower levels. The Company does not place any reinsurance for contracts that insure survival risk. Insurance risk for contracts is also affected by the policyholders' rights to pay reduced or no future premiums, to terminate the contract completely, or to exercise a guaranteed annuity option. As a result, the amount of insurance risk is also subject to the policyholders' behaviour. On the assumption that the policyholders will make decisions rationally, overall risk can be assumed to be aggravated by such behaviour.

The Company has factored the impact of policyholders' behaviour into the assumptions used to measure these liabilities.

(ii) Sources of uncertainty in the estimation of future benefit payments and premium payments
Uncertainty in the estimation of future benefit payments and premium receipts for long term insurance contracts arises from the unpredictability of long term changes in overall levels of mortality and the variability in the policyholder behaviour.

The Company uses appropriate base tables of standard mortality according to the type of contract being written. An investigation as to the actual experience of the Company is carried out, and statistical methods are used to adjust the crude mortality rates to produce a best estimate of expected mortality for the future. The best estimate of future mortality is based on standard industry tables adjusted for the company's overall experience. For contracts that insure survival, an adjustment is made for future mortality improvements based on the mortality investigations performed by independent actuarial bodies. The Company maintains voluntary termination statistics to investigate the deviation of actual termination experience against assumptions. Statistical methods are used to determine appropriate termination rates to be used for the best estimate assumption.

(iii) Process used in deriving assumptions
The assumptions for short term life contracts and the process used in deriving these assumptions have remained substantially unchanged since the previous year.

For long-term insurance contracts, at the reporting date, the Company determines current best estimate assumptions in relation to future deaths, voluntary terminations, investment returns and administration expenses. The best estimate assumptions are determined based on experience studies and the current circumstances of the business. A margin for adverse deviation based on expected deterioration or mis-estimation of the mean, is added to the best estimate assumptions to derive the valuation assumptions which are used for calculating the liabilities arising under the insurance contracts.

See Note 26(e) for detail policy assumptions.

40. Insurance and Financial Risk Management (Continued)

(a) Insurance risk (continued)

Short-duration life and health insurance contracts
Short-term contracts are typically for one year's coverage, with an option to renew under terms that may be amended by the insurer. In determining the premium payable under the contract, the insurer considers the nature and amount of the risk assumed, and recent experience and industry statistics of the benefits payable. This is the process of underwriting, which establishes appropriate pricing guidelines, and may include specific tests and enquiries which determine the insurer's assessment of the risk. Insurers may also establish deductibles to limit amounts of potential losses incurred.

Policy benefits payable under short-term contracts are generally triggered by an insurable event, i.e. a medical expense or a death claim. Settlement of these benefits is expected generally within one year. However, some benefits are settled over a longer duration.

The principal risks arising from short-term insurance contracts are premium risk, claims risk and reinsurance risk (See Note 40(b)).

Premium risk is the risk that the premium rate has been set too low for the risk being assumed.

Claims risk is the risk that:
- the number of claims may exceed expectations
- the severity of claims incurred may exceed expectations
- the claim amount may develop during the interval between occurrence and settlement.

For the Company's life and health insurance contracts, significant risk exposures arise from mortality and morbidity experience.

(i) Frequency and severity of claims
These contracts are mainly issued to employers to insure their commitments to their employees in terms of their employee benefit plans. This risk is affected by the nature of the industry in which the employer operates. The risk of death and disability will vary by industry. Undue concentration of risk by industry will therefore increase the risk of a change in the underlying average mortality or morbidity of employees in a given industry, with significant effects on the overall insurance risk.

Insurance risk under disability contracts is also dependent on economic conditions in the industry. The Group attempts to manage this risk through its underwriting, claims handling and reinsurance policy. Excess of loss reinsurance contracts have been purchased by the Group to limit the maximum loss on any one life and health claims, see Note 40(b) for retention limits.

(ii) Sources of uncertainty in the estimation of future claim payments
There is no need to estimate mortality rates or morbidity rates for future years because these contracts have short duration.

40. Insurance and Financial Risk Management (Continued)

(a) Insurance risk (continued)

Short-duration life and health insurance contracts (continued)

(iii) Process used in deriving assumptions
The assumptions for short-duration life contracts and the process used in deriving these assumptions have remained substantially unchanged since the previous year.

See Note 26(e) for detail policy assumptions.

The process to derive the assumptions for short-duration life contracts is similar to long-term insurance contracts. However, the short-term nature of the mortality risk underwritten makes the Company's estimate of the liability covering death benefit payments less uncertain than in the case of long-term contracts.

Short-duration property and casualty insurance contracts

Casualty insurance risks
Certain casualty risks for the Company and its affiliates are covered through the subsidiary, Sagicor Re Insurance Company Limited.

The frequency and severity of casualty claims can be affected by several factors. The most significant casualty risks under the professional indemnity, directors and officers liability, medical malpractice, contractors all risk, employer's liability and public liability policies are slip and fall accidents at the insured premises, and damage to areas occupied or contents at the insured premises due to blocked drains or burst pipes. In addition, increasing level of awards, the increasing number of cases coming to court and inflation all impact on ultimate claims costs. The Company manages these risks through its underwriting strategy and proactive claims handling. The underwriting strategy concentrates on fully reinsuring the exposures to casualty risks.

40. Insurance and Financial Risk Management (Continued)

(a) Insurance risk (continued)

Short-duration property and casualty insurance contracts (continued)

(ii) Property insurance risks
Property risks for the Company and its affiliates are covered through one of its subsidiaries, Sagicor Re Insurance Company Limited (Sagicor Re).

For property insurance contracts, climatic changes give rise to more frequent and severe extreme weather events (for example, river flooding, hurricanes, etc.) and their consequences (for example, subsidence claims). For certain contracts, there is a maximum amount payable for claims in any policy year.

The Sagicor Re has the right to re-price the risk on renewal. It also has the ability to impose deductibles and reject fraudulent claims. These contracts are underwritten by reference to the commercial replacement value of the properties and contents insured, and claims payment limits are always included to cap the amount payable on occurrence of the insured event. The cost of rebuilding properties, of replacement or indemnity for contents are the key factors that influence the level of claims under these policies. The greatest likelihood of significant losses on these contracts arises from storm or flood damage.

All of the property and casualty risks insured by Sagicor Re are reinsured with unrelated reinsurance companies. However, in the event that these reinsurers are unable to meet their obligations under the reinsurance agreements, Sagicor Re would be liable to pay the gross amount of settled claims, subject to a “catch all clause”. Sagicor Re mitigates the risks associated with failure of its reinsurers by transacting only with well-established reinsurance companies. The reinsurers are primarily located in Europe, however, a portion of reinsurance is placed with reinsurers located in the Caribbean.

(b) Reinsurance risk
To limit its exposure of potential loss on an insurance policy, the insurer may cede certain levels of risk to a reinsurer. The Company selects reinsurers which have established capability to meet their contractual obligations and which generally have high credit ratings. The credit ratings of reinsurers are monitored.

For its property risks, the Company uses facultative reinsurance on a quota share and layered basis to cover single events and multiple claims arising from catastrophes. The insurer may be required to pay an additional premium to reinstate the reinsurance coverage where a claim exhausts the reinsurance limit.

For other insurance risks, insurers limit their exposure by event or per person by excess of loss or quota share treaties.

40. Insurance and Financial Risk Management (Continued)

(b) Reinsurance risk (continued)

Retention limits represent the level of risk retained by the insurer. The Board of Directors approved policy retention limits. Coverage in excess of these limits is ceded to reinsurers up to the treaty limit. The retention programs used by the Company are summarised below:

Type of insurance contract	Retention by insurers
Health insurance contracts with groups	Retention per individual to a maximum J$1,350,000.
Life insurance contracts with individuals	Retention per individual to a maximum of J$35,000,000 and US$500,000.
Life insurance contracts with groups	Retention per individual to a maximum of J$35,000,000 and US$100,000.

(c) Cash flow and fair value interest rate risk

Cash flow 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 financial position and cash flows. Interest margins may increase as a result of such changes but may reduce or create losses in the event that unexpected movements arise. Interest rate changes may also result in losses if asset and liability cash flows are not closely matched with respect to timing and amount. The Asset and Liability Committee sets limits on the level of mismatch of interest rate repricing that may be undertaken, which is monitored at least quarterly.

The return on investments may be variable, fixed for a term or fixed to maturity. On reinvestment of a matured investment, the returns available on the new investment may be significantly different from the returns formerly achieved. This is known as reinvestment risk.

The Company monitors interest rate risk by calculating the mean duration of the investment portfolio and the liabilities issued. The mean duration is an indicator of the sensitivity of the assets and liabilities to change in current interest rates. The mean duration of the liabilities is determined by means of projecting expected cash flows from the contracts using best estimate assumptions (Note 40(c) for further details).

The Company is exposed to various risks associated with the effects of fluctuations in the prevailing levels of market interest rates on its financial position and cash flows.

(i) Long term traditional insurance contracts and some investment contracts

Insurance and investment contracts with guaranteed and fixed terms have benefit payments that are fixed and guaranteed at the inception of the contract. The financial components of these benefits may include a guaranteed fixed interest rate and hence the Company's primary financial risk on these contracts is the risk that interest income and capital redemptions from the financial assets backing the liabilities is insufficient to fund the guaranteed benefits payable.

40. Insurance and Financial Risk Management (Continued)

(c) Cash flow and fair value interest rate risk (continued)

(ii) Long term insurance contracts and investment contracts without fixed terms
For unit-linked contracts the Company matches all the assets on which the unit prices are based with assets in the portfolio. There is no price, currency, credit, or interest rate risk for these contracts.

The Company's primary exposure to financial risk for these contracts is the risk of volatility in asset management fees due to the impact of interest rate and market price movements on the fair value of the assets held in the linked funds, on which investment management fees are based.

A decrease of 10% in the value of the assets would reduce the asset management fees to $238,788,000 (2018 - $202,136,000) per annum.

Unit-linked and interest-sensitive universal life type contracts have embedded surrender options. These embedded derivatives vary in response to the change in a financial variable (such as equity prices and interest rates). At year end, all embedded derivatives within insurance liabilities were closely related to the host contract and did not require separation.

(iii) Short term contracts
For short term insurance contracts, the Company has matched the insurance liabilities with a portfolio of debt securities. The financial assets in this portfolio are characterised by interest rate risk.

Short term liabilities are not directly sensitive to the level of market interest rates, as they are undiscounted and contractually non-interest bearing.

The following tables summarise carrying amounts of statement of financial position assets, liabilities and equity in order to arrive at the company's interest rate gap based on earlier of contractual repricing or maturity dates.

The disclosures provided in this note are based on the Company's investment portfolio as at 31 December 2018 and 2017.

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40. Insurance and Financial Risk Management (Continued)

(c) Cash flow and fair value interest rate risk (continued)

	2018						
	Immediately Rate Sensitive	**Within 3 months**	**3-12 months**	**1-5 years**	**Over 5 years**	**Non-Interest bearing**	**Total**
Assets	**$000**	**$000**	**$000**	**$000**	**$000**	**$000**	**$000**
Cash resources	414,473	-	-	-	-	124	414,597
Financial investments & pledged assets	-	10,431,442	3,478,407	11,345,167	72,809,878	26,922,187	124,987,081
Reinsurance contracts	-	-	-	-	-	408,384	408,384
Other assets	-	-	-	-	-	8,939,499	8,939,499
Non-financial assets:							
Investment properties	-	-	-	-	-	553,000	553,000
Intangible assets	-	-	-	-	-	1,598,901	1,598,901
Property, plant and equipment	-	-	-	-	-	2,177,651	2,177,651
Taxation recoverable	-	-	-	-	-	1,592,148	1,592,148
Deferred income Taxes	-	-	-	-	-	794,989	794,989
Retirement benefit asset	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other assets	-	-	-	-	-	1,597,619	1,597,619
Total assets	414,473	10,431,442	3,478,407	11,345,167	72,809,878	44,584,503	143,063,869
Liabilities							
Deposit and security liabilities	-	232,540	5,153,802	228,602	709,691	-	6,324,635
Other liabilities	-	-	-	-	-	6,435,356	6,435,356
Insurance contracts liabilities	-	840,412	2,503,945	15,263,938	52,514,347	3,226,257	74,338,899
Investment contracts liabilities	-	5,346,260	1,855,826	2,937,114	-	-	10,139,200
Other policy liabilities	-	421,773	-	-	-	2,917,153	3,338,926
Non-financial liabilities:	-	-	-	-	-		
Taxation payable	-	-	-	-	-	1,201,183	1,201,183
Retirement benefit obligations	-	-	-	-	-	2,039,590	2,039,590
Total liabilities	-	6,830,985	9,513,573	18,429,654	53,224,038	15,819,539	103,817,789
On statement of financial position interest sensitivity gap	414,473	3,600,457	(6,035,166)	(7,084,486)	19,585,839	28,764,964	39,246,080
Cumulative interest sensitivity gap	414,473	4,014,930	(2,020,236)	(9,104,723)	10,481,116	39,246,080	

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40. Insurance and Financial Risk Management (Continued)

(c) Cash flow and fair value interest rate risk (continued)

	2017						
	Immediately Rate Sensitive	Within 3 months	3-12 months	1-5 years	Over 5 years	Non-Interest bearing	Total
Assets	**$000**	**$000**	**$000**	**$000**	**$000**	**$000**	**$000**
Cash resources	665,141	-	-	-	-	112	665,253
Financial investments & pledged assets	4,848,430	6,106,964	13,497,203	1,954,037	71,443,849	25,365,587	123,216,070
Loans & leases, after allowance for credit losses	-	-	-	-	-	38,647	38,647
Reinsurance contracts	-	-	-	-	-	9,583,098	9,583,098
Other assets							
Non-financial assets:	-	-	-	-	-	530,000	530,000
Investment properties	-	-	-	-	-	1,721,510	1,721,510
Intangible assets	-	-	-	-	-	1,908,133	1,908,133
Property, plant and equipment	-	-	-	-	-	1,103,114	1,103,114
Taxation recoverable	-	-	-	-	-	431,361	431,361
Deferred income Taxes	-	-	-	-	-	149,726	149,726
Other assets	-	-	-	-	-	1,299,696	1,299,696
Total assets	5,513,571	6,106,964	13,497,203	1,954,037	71,443,849	42,130,984	140,646,608
Liabilities							
Deposit and security liabilities	-	5,265,200	41,373	5,192,636	683,811	28,165	11,211,185
Other liabilities	-	-	-	-	-	4,847,035	4,847,035
Insurance contracts liabilities	-	834,834	2,451,083	12,993,132	53,125,040	3,138,805	72,542,894
Investment contracts liabilities	-	6,616,568	367,924	3,905,739	-	-	10,890,231
Other policy liabilities	-	390,073	-	-	-	2,504,486	2,894,559
Non-financial liabilities:							
Taxation payable	-	-	-	-	-	91,510	91,510
Retirement benefit obligations	-	-	-	-	-	1,924,447	1,924,447
Total liabilities	-	13,106,675	2,860,380	22,091,507	53,808,851	12,534,448	104,401,861
On statement of financial position interest sensitivity gap	5,513,571	(6,999,711)	10,636,823	(20,137,470)	17,634,998	29,596,536	36,244,747
Cumulative interest sensitivity gap	5,513,571	(1,486,140)	9,150,682	(10,986,787)	6,648,211	36,244,747	

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40. Insurance and Financial Risk Management (Continued)

(c) Cash flow and fair value interest rate risk (continued)

The table summarises the average effective yields by the earlier of the contractual repricing or maturity dates:

	2018					
	Immediately rate sensitive	**Within 3 months**	**3 to 12 months**	**1 to 5 Years**	**Over 5 Years**	**Weighted Average**
	%	**%**	**%**	**%**	**%**	**%**
Cash and deposits		-	-	-	-	-
Investments (1)	-	3.00	4.90	5.56	7.41	5.13
Mortgages (2)		8.33	8.33	8.33	8.33	8.33
Policy loans					11.72	11.72
Investment contracts		5.35	5.35	5.35	5.35	5.35
Amounts due to banks and other financial institutions		3.50	5,76	7.00	7.00	5.82

	2017					
	Immediately rate sensitive	**Within 3 months**	**3 to 12 months**	**1 to 5 Years**	**Over 5 Years**	**Weighted Average**
	%	**%**	**%**	**%**	**%**	**%**
Cash and deposits	2.1	-	-	-	-	2.1
Investments (1)	-	3.53	5.13	6.69	9.53	8.07
Mortgages (2)	-	9.43	9.43	9.43	9.43	9.43
Policy loans	-	-	-	-	12.03	12.03
Investment contracts	-	5.10	5.10	5.10	5.10	5.10
Amounts due to banks and other financial institutions	-	4.59	5.17	7.00	7.00	5.94

(1) Yields are based on book values and contractual interest adjusted for amortization of premiums and discounts.

(2) Yields are based on book values, net of allowances for impairment and contractual interest rates.

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40. Insurance and Financial Risk Management (Continued)

(c) Cash flow and fair value interest rate risk (continued)

Sensitivity

Sensitivity to interest rate risk is considered by operating subsidiaries. The effects of changes in interest rates of assets backing actuarial liabilities are disclosed in Note 46.

The effects of changes in interest rates of assets backing other policy liabilities, deposit and security liabilities and equity are considered below.

(d) Credit risk

Credit risk exposure- financial investments subject to impairment

The following tables contain analyses of the credit risk exposure of financial investments for which an ECL allowance is recognized. The gross carrying amounts of investments below represent the Group's maximum exposure to credit risk on these assets.

	ECL Staging					
Debt securities – amortised cost	**Stage 1 12-month ECL**	**Stage 2 life-time ECL**	**Stage 3 life-time ECL**	**Purchased credit-impaired**	**Total**	**December 31, 2017 Total**
	$000	**$000**	**$000**	**$000**	**$000**	**$000**
Credit grade:						
Investment	11,427,087	-	-	-	11,427,087	11,986,351
Non-investment	61,072,812	-	-	-	61,072,812	53,869,379
Watch	-	-	-	-	-	-
Default	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unrated	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gross carrying amount	72,499,899	-	-	-	72,499,899	65,855,730
Loss allowance	(52,061)	-	-	-	(52,061)	-
Carrying amount	72,447,838	-	-	-	72,447,838	65,855,730

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40. Insurance and Financial Risk Management (Continued)

(d) Credit risk (continued)

Credit risk exposure- financial investments subject to impairment (continued)

Mortgage loans – amortised cost	ECL Staging					December 31, 2017
	Stage 1 12-month ECL	Stage 2 life-time ECL	Stage 3 life-time ECL	Purchased credit-impaired	Total	Total
	$000	$000	$000	$000	$000	$000
Credit grade:						
Investment						
Non-investment	2,259,425	279,831	-	-	2,539,256	2,520,607
Watch						
Default			355,702	-	355,702	300,691
Gross carrying amount	2,259,425	279,831	355,702	-	2,894,958	2,821,298
Loss allowance	(851)	(1,719)	(6,270)		(8,840)	(398)
Carrying amount	2,258,574	278,112	349,432	-	2,886,118	2,820,900

Securities purchased for resale – amortised cost	ECL Staging					December 31, 2017
	Stage 1 12-month ECL	Stage 2 life-time ECL	Stage 3 life-time ECL	Purchased credit-impaired	Total	Total
	$000	$000	$000	$000	$000	$000
Credit grade:						
Non-investment	991,296	-	-	-	991,296	650,538
Gross carrying amount	991,296	-	-	-	991,296	650,538
Loss allowance	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carrying amount	991,296	-	-	-	991,296	650,538

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40. Insurance and Financial Risk Management (Continued)

(d) Credit risk (continued)

Credit risk exposure- financial investments subject to impairment (continued)

Policy loans – amortised cost	ECL Staging					
	Stage 1 12-month ECL	Stage 2 life-time ECL	Stage 3 life-time ECL	Purchased credit-impaired	Total	December 31, 2017 Total
	$000	$000	$000	$000	$000	$000
Credit grade:						
Investment	291,954	-	-	-	291,954	288,274
Unrated						
Gross carrying amount	291,954	-	-	-	291,954	288,274
Loss allowance	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carrying amount	291,954	-	-	-	291,954	288,274

Deposits – amortised cost	ECL Staging					
	Stage 1 12-month ECL	Stage 2 life-time ECL	Stage 3 life-time ECL	Purchased credit-impaired	Total	December 31, 2017 Total
	$000	$000	$000	$000	$000	$000
Credit grade:						
Investment	461,212	-	-	-	461,212	3,552,366
Non-investment	51,241	-	-	-	51,241	36,658
Watch	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unrated	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gross carrying amount	512,453	-	-	-	512,453	3,588,924
Loss allowance	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carrying amount	512,453	-	-	-	512,453	3,588,924

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40. Insurance and Financial Risk Management (Continued)

(d) Credit risk (continued)

Credit risk exposure- financial investments subject to impairment (continued)

Debt securities – FVOCI	ECL Staging					December 31, 2017
	Stage 1 12-month ECL	Stage 2 life-time ECL	Stage 3 life-time ECL	Purchased credit-impaired	Total	Total
	$000	$000	$000	$000	$000	$000
Credit grade:						
Investment	13,929,865	-	-	-	13,929,865	13,330,975
Non-investment	2,886,792	1,777,506	33,148	-	4,697,446	7,887,462
Watch						
Default						
Unrated						
Gross carrying amount	18,816,657	1,777,506	33,148	-	18,627,311	21,218,437
Loss allowance	(28,764)	(316,373)	(11,933)	-	(357,070)	(290,253)
Carrying amount	16,787,893	1,461,133	21,215	-	18,270,241	20,928,184

For financial investments measured at FVTPL under the unit-linked funds fair value model, the unit holders bear the credit risk and the Group has no direct credit exposure.

Maximum exposure to credit risk - Financial instruments not subject to impairment

	Maximum exposure to credit rsk
	$'000
Financial assets designated at fair value	
Debt securities	5,817,360

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40. Insurance and Financial Risk Management (Continued)

(d) Credit risk (continued)

Loss allowances

The allowance for ECL is recognised in each reporting period and is impacted by a variety of factors, as described below:

- Transfers between stages due to financial instruments experiencing significant increases (or decreases) of credit risk or becoming credit-impaired during the period;
- Additional allowances for new financial instruments recognised during the period, as well as releases for financial instruments de-recognised in the period;
- Impact on the measurement of ECL due to inputs used in the calculation including the effect of 'step-up' (or 'step down') between 12-month and life-time ECL;
- Impacts on the measurement of ECL due to changes made to models and assumptions; and
- Foreign exchange retranslations for assets denominated in foreign currencies and other movements;

The following tables contain an analysis of the credit risk exposure of financial investments for which an ECL allowance is recognised. The gross carrying amount of financial assets below represents the Group's maximum exposure to credit risk on these assets.

	ECL staging				
	Stage 1	**Stage 2**	**Stage 3**	**Purchased**	
	12-month ECL	**Lifetime ECL**	**Lifetime ECL**	**credit-impaired**	**Total**
DEBT SECURITIES - FVOCI	**$000**	**$000**	**$000**	**$000**	**$000**
Loss Allowance as at January 01, 2018	**58,965**	**339,125**	**290,253**	**-**	**688,343**
Transfers:					
Transfer from Stage 1 to Stage 2	(217)	217			**-**
Transfer from Stage 1 to Stage 3	(1,278)		1,278		**-**
Transfer from Stage 2 to Stage 3					
New financial assets originated or purchased	6,494	13,970	-	-	**20,464**
Financial assets fully derecognised during the period	(28,218)	(132,888)	(290,253)	-	**(451,359)**
Changes in models/assumptions used in ECL calculation	-	-	-	-	**-**
Changes to inputs used in ECL calculation	(7,258)	91,800	10,655	-	**95,197**
Foreign exchange adjustment	276	4,149	-	-	**4,425**
Loss Allowance as at December 31, 2018	**28,764**	**316,373**	**11,933**	**-**	**357,070**

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40. **Insurance and Financial Risk Management (Continued)**

(d) Credit risk (continued)

Loss allowances (continued)

	ECL staging				
	Stage 1 12-month ECL	**Stage 2 Lifetime ECL**	**Stage 3 Lifetime ECL**	**Purchased credit-impaired**	**Total**
DEBT SECURITIES – AMORTISED COST	**$000**	**$000**	**$000**	**$000**	**$000**
Loss Allowance as at January 01, 2018	**79,639**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**79,639**
New financial assets originated or purchased	12,857	-	-	-	**12,857**
Financial assets fully derecognised during the period	(4,028)	-	-	-	**(4,028)**
Changes in models/assumptions used in ECL calculation					
Changes to inputs used in ECL calculation	(37,091)	-	-	-	**(37,091)**
Foreign exchange adjustment	684	-	-	-	**684**
Loss Allowance as at December 31, 2018	**52,061**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**52,061**

	ECL staging				
	Stage 1 12-month ECL	**Stage 2 Lifetime ECL**	**Stage 3 Lifetime ECL**	**Purchased credit-impaired**	**Total**
MORTGAGE LOANS - AMORTISED COST	**$000**	**$000**	**$000**	**$000**	**$000**
Loss Allowance as at January 01, 2018	**849**	**7**	**398**	**-**	**1,254**
Transfers:					
Transfer from Stage 1 to Stage 2	(63)	63	-	-	**-**
Transfer from Stage 1 to Stage 3	(1)	-	1	-	**-**
Transfer from Stage 2 to Stage 1	1	(1)	-	-	**-**
Transfer from Stage 2 to Stage 3		(3)		3	**-**
Transfer from Stage 3 to Stage 2		225	(225)	-	**-**
Transfer from Stage 3 to Stage 1	258	-	(258)	-	**-**
New financial assets originated or purchased	88	-	-	-	**88**
Financial assets fully derecognised during the period	(20)	-	-	-	**(20)**
Changes to inputs used in ECL calculation	(261)	1,428	6,351	-	**7,518**
Foreign exchange adjustments					
Loss Allowance as at December 31, 2018	**851**	**1,719**	**6,270**	**-**	**8,840**

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(d) Credit risk (continued)

Loss allowances (continued)

	ECL staging				
	Stage 1 12-month ECL	**Stage 2 Lifetime ECL**	**Stage 3 Lifetime ECL**	**Purchased credit-impaired**	**Total**
POLICY LOANS - AMORTISED COST	**$000**	**$000**	**$000**	**$000**	**$000**
Gross carrying amount as at January 01, 2018	**288,274**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**288,274**
Changes in principle and interest	3,680	-	-	-	**3,680**
Foreign exchange adjustment					
Gross carrying amount as at December 31, 2018	**291,954**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**291,954**

	ECL staging				
	Stage 1 12-month ECL	**Stage 2 Lifetime ECL**	**Stage 3 Lifetime ECL**	**Purchased credit-impaired**	**Total**
DEPOSITS - AMORTISED COST	**$000**	**$000**	**$000**	**$000**	**$000**
Loss Allowance as at January 01, 2018	**3,588,924**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**3,588,924**
Changes to inputs used in ECL calculation	(3,085,565)				**(3,085,565)**
Foreign exchange adjustment	9,094				**9,094**
Loss Allowance as at December 31, 2018	**512,453**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**512,453**

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40. Insurance and Financial Risk Management (Continued)

(d) Credit risk (continued)

Loss allowances (continued)

Under IAS 39 there was a collective provision for financial assets recognised of $294,965,000. Upon adoption of IFRS 9 as at January 1, 2018, an expected credit loss on assets in stage 1 and stage 2 replaced the IAS 39 collective provision. The IAS 39 collective provision was reversed from the opening adjustment presented in the condensed consolidated statement of changes in equity.

The most significant period-end assumptions used for the ECL were as follows:

At January 1, 2018

Economic variable assumptions for exposure corporate securities

		2018	2019	2020
Unemployment rate	Base	4.15%	4.13%	4.5%
(USA)	Upside	4.23%	4.03%	4.15%
	Downside	4.55%	4.78%	5%
World GDP growth rate	Base	3.7%	3.7%	3.7%
	Upside	5.55%	5.55%	5.58%
	Downside	2.75%	2.75%	2.77%
WTI Oil Prices/10	Base	$5.94	$5.59	$5.34
	Upside	$1.96	$1.96	$1.96
	Downside	$9.52	$9.52	$9.52

Economic state assumptions for exposure in sovereign securities

		2018	2019	2020
Jamaica	Base	Stable	Stable	Stable
	Upside	Stable	Positive	Positive
	Downside	Stable	negative	negative

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40. Insurance and Financial Risk Management (Continued)

(d) Credit risk (continued)
Loss allowances (continued)

At December 31, 2018

Economic variable assumptions for exposure corporate securities

		2019	2020	2021
Unemployment rate (USA)	Base	4.2%	4.3%	4.4%
	Upside	4%	4.2%	4.3%
	Downside	4.4%	4.7%	4.8%
World GDP growth rate	Base	3.7%	3.7%	3.6%
	Upside	5.4%	5.4%	5.4%
	Downside	2.76%	2.76%	2.68%
WTI Oil Prices/10	Base	$ 4.8	$5.05	$5.15
	Upside	$9.48	$9.48	$9.48
	Downside	$2.95	$3.1	$3.16

Economic state assumptions for exposure in sovereign securities

		2019	2020	2021
Jamaica	Base	Positive	Stable	Stable
		Positive	Positive	Positive
	Downside	Stable	negative	negative

Sagicor's lending operations in Jamaica have limited readily available information regarding economic forecasts. Management has examined the information within the market and selected economic drivers that have the best correlation to the portfolio's performance. Economic state is assigned to reflect the driver's impact on ECL.

At January 1, 2018

Jamaica	Expected state for the next 12 months	
Interest rate	Base	Stable
	Upside	Stable
	Downside	Stable
Unemployment rate	Base	Stable
	Upside	Positive
	Downside	Negative

40. Insurance and Financial Risk Management (Continued)

(d) Credit risk (continued)
Loss allowances (continued)

At December 31, 2018

Jamaica	**Expected state for the next 12 months**	
Interest rate	Base	Positive
	Upside	Positive
	Downside	Stable
Unemployment rate	Base	Positive
	Upside	Super positive
	Downside	Negative

The economic states assigned above are translated into numerical figures.

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40. Insurance and Financial Risk Management (Continued)

(d) Credit risk (continued)

Loss allowances (continued)

SICR and IAS 1 critical estimated disclosure

SICR criteria *	Actual threshold applied	Change in threshold	ECL impact of Change in threshold
Investments	2-notch downgrade since origination	1-notch downgrade since origination	

* See note 3.1 for full criteria for staging. The staging for lending products are primarily based on days past due with 30-day used as backstop, thus sensitivity analysis is not performed.

Loss Given Default	Actual value applied	Change in value	ECL impact of Increase in value	Decrease in value
Investments - Corporate Debts	52%	(- /+ 5) %	33,231	(33,231)
Investments - Sovereign Debts (excluding Government of Barbados and Government of Jamaica)	35%	(- /+ 5) %	34	(34)
Investments - Sovereign Debts (Government of Barbados)	36%	(- /+ 5) %	1,657	(1,657)
Investments - Sovereign Debts (Government of Jamaica)	15%	(- /+ 5) %	17,097	(17,097)

Weighting for downside scenario	Actual value applied	Change in value	ECL impact of Increase in value	Decrease in value
Investments - excluding Government of Barbados	10% (80% for base scenario and 10% for upside scenario)	(- /+ 5) % - keep the weighting for base scenario and adjust the weighting for upside scenario accordingly	7,406	(7,406)
Lending products	10% (80% for base scenario and 10% for upside scenario)	(- /+ 5) % - keep the weighting for base scenario and adjust the weighting for upside scenario accordingly	80	(80)

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40. Insurance and Financial Risk Management (Continued)

(d) Credit risk (continued)

IFRS 9 carrying values

The following tables explain the changes in the carrying value between the beginning and the end of the period due to these factors. The gross carrying amounts of investments below represent the Group's maximum exposure to credit risk on these assets.

	ECL staging				
	Stage 1 12-month ECL	Stage 2 Lifetime ECL	Stage 3 Lifetime ECL	Purchased credit-impaired	Total
DEBT SECURITIES - FVOCI	**$000**	**$000**	**$000**	**$000**	**$000**
Gross carrying amount as at January 01, 2018	**18,343,955**	**2,584,202**	**290,280**	**-**	**21,218,437**
Transfers:					
Transfer from Stage 1 to Stage 2	(353,527)	353,527	-	-	**-**
Transfer from Stage 1 to Stage 3	(29,972)	-	29,972	-	**-**
Transfer from Stage 2 to Stage 3	-	-	-	-	**-**
New financial assets originated or purchased	5,982,448	140,515	-	-	**6,122,963**
Financial assets fully derecognised during the period	(6,219,044)	(1,310,412)	(290,280)	-	**(7,819,736)**
Changes in principle and interest	(1,119,983)	(15,953)	3,176	-	**(1,132,760)**
Foreign exchange adjustment	212,781	25,627	-	-	**238,408**
Gross carrying amount as at December 31, 2018	**16,816,658**	**1,777,506**	**33,148**	**-**	**18,627,312**

	ECL staging				
	Stage 1 12-month ECL	Stage 2 Lifetime ECL	Stage 3 Lifetime ECL	Purchased credit-impaired	Total
DEBT SECURITIES - AMORTISED COST	**$000**	**$000**	**$000**	**$000**	**$000**
Gross carrying amount as at January 01, 2018	**65,855,730**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**65,855,730**
New financial assets originated or purchased	24,890,185	-	-	-	**24,890,185**
Financial assets fully derecognised during the period	(13,599,340)		-	-	**(13,599,340)**
Changes in principal and interest	(5,117,092)	-	-	-	**(5,117,092)**
Foreign exchange adjustment	470,416	-	-	-	**470,416**
Gross carrying amount as at December 31, 2018	**72,499,899**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**72,499,899**

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(d) Credit risk (continued)

IFRS 9 carrying values (continued)

	ECL staging				
	Stage 1 12-month ECL	**Stage 2 Lifetime ECL**	**Stage 3 Lifetime ECL**	**Purchased credit-impaired**	**Total**
MORTGAGE LOANS - AMORTISED COST	**$000**	**$000**	**$000**	**$000**	**$000**
Gross carrying amount as at January 01, 2018	**2,295,829**	**224,778**	**300,691**	**-**	**2,821,298**
Transfers:					
Transfer from Stage 1 to Stage 2	(182,441)	182,441	-	-	**-**
Transfer from Stage 1 to Stage 3	(3,291)	-	3,291	-	**-**
Transfer from Stage 2 to Stage 1	29,278	(29,278)	-	-	**-**
Transfer from Stage 2 to Stage 3		(97,632)	97,632	-	**-**
Transfer from Stage 3 to Stage 2		14,312	(14,312)	-	**-**
Transfer from Stage 3 to Stage 1	12,458	-	(12,458)	-	**-**
New financial assets originated or purchased	234,613	-	-	-	**234,613**
Financial assets fully derecognised during the period	(57,502)	(3,292)	(11,478)	-	**(72,271)**
Write-offs					
Changes in principal and interest	(69,520)	(11,497)	(7,664)	-	**(88,681)**
Gross carrying amount as at December 31, 2018	**2,259,425**	**279,831**	**355,701**	**-**	**2,894,958**

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40. Insurance and Financial Risk Management (Continued)

(d) Credit risk (continued)

IFRS 9 carrying values (continued)

	ECL staging				
	Stage 1 12-month ECL	Stage 2 Lifetime ECL	Stage 3 Lifetime ECL	Purchased credit-impaired	Total
POLICY LOANS - AMORTISED COST	**$000**	**$000**	**$000**	**$000**	**$000**
Gross carrying amount as at January 01, 2018	**288,274**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**288,274**
Changes in principal and interest	3,680	-	-	-	**3,680**
Foreign exchange adjustment	-	-	-	-	**-**
Gross carrying amount as at December 31, 2018	**291,954**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**291,954**

	ECL staging				
	Stage 1 12-month ECL	Stage 2 Lifetime ECL	Stage 3 Lifetime ECL	Purchased credit-impaired	Total
SECURITIES PURCHASED FOR RESALE - AMORTISED COST	**$000**	**$000**	**$000**	**$000**	**$000**
Gross carrying amount as at January 01, 2018	**650,538**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**650,538**
Net new financial assets originated or purchased	340,698	-	-	-	**340,798**
Foreign exchange adjustment	60				**60**
Gross carrying amount as at December 31, 2018	**991,296**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**991,296**

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40. Insurance and Financial Risk Management (Continued)

(d) Credit risk (continued)

IFRS 9 carrying values (continued)

	ECL staging				
	Stage 1 12-month ECL	Stage 2 Lifetime ECL	Stage 3 Lifetime ECL	Purchased credit-impaired	Total
DEPOSITS - AMORTISED COST	**$000**	**$000**	**$000**	**$000**	**$000**
Gross carrying amount as at January 01, 2018	**3,588,924**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**3,588,924**
Changes in principal and interest	(3,085,565)				**(3,085,565)**
Foreign exchange adjustment	9,094	-	-	-	**9,094**
Gross carrying amount as at December 31, 2018	**512,453**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**512,453**

Debt Securities in default

During the month of June 2018, the Government of Barbados (GOB) suspended all payments to creditors of its external commercial debt which is denominated primarily in US dollars. Interest payments due on June 5, 2018 and June 15, 2018 were not made. Principal payments on matured domestic debt which is denominated in Barbados dollars were suspended and debt holders were required to roll-over principal balances.

The announcement of the suspended payments was evidence that the financial assets were credit-impaired and consequently, in June Sagicor re-classified its GOB debt security holdings to Stage 3 with a probability of default of 100%. Some GOB debt instruments were purchased more recently and therefore there were instruments that had not yet experienced a significant increase in credit risk relative to the initial credit risk and moved from Stage 1 to Stage 3 upon the announcement.

On September 7, 2018 the GOB announced its debt restructuring program which is being done in conjunction with the economic recovery plan and an IMF programme. The IMF programme will allow Barbados to reduce its current debt service cost substantially and it is expected that the manageability of the restructured cash flows will improve the credit quality of the instrument offered in the debt exchange.

As at September 30, 2018 the negotiations of the new bond were materially completed and on October 3, 2018 the company signed an agreement with the Government of Barbados which outlined the terms of the debt exchange. In exchange for its debt the Group has accepted the following securities:

Series C
A 15-year amortising bond with interest rates ranging from 1.0% for the first 3 years to 3.75% for years 5 through to maturity. Interest on these bonds is to be paid quarterly with the first payment due on December 31, 2018. The principal will be repaid in four equal quarterly instalments commencing one year prior to maturity.

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40. Insurance and Financial Risk Management (Continued)

(d) Credit risk (continued)

Debt Securities in default (continued)

Series D

A 35-year amortising bond with interest rates ranging from 1.5% for the first 5 years to 7.5% for years 16 through to maturity. Interest on these bonds is paid quarterly with the first payment due on November 30, 2018. The principal will be repaid in three equal instalments commencing one year prior to maturity with the final payment on August 31, 2053.

Series G

A 50-year amortising bond which includes a 15-year grace period on principal payments. The interest rates on the bond range from 4% per annum for the first 15 years to 8% for years 26 through 50 with interest capitalisation of 100% for the first five years.

External Debt

The restructuring of the external debt is yet to be finalised.

Given this agreement and the short timeframe required for the restructuring to close subsequent to September 30, 2018 the Group applied a significant weighting to the probability of the current instruments being exchanged for the new instruments in determining the expected credit loss. The Group has also considered other scenarios, these however are considered unlikely and have not had a significant impact on the expected credit loss computed as at September 30, 2018. As the new instruments have not been issued, the determination of the expected fair value is based on models and an internally developed yield curve. As a result, the actual fair value that the Group will record on exchange may be different to the expected credit loss recorded at December 31.

Accordingly, an expected credit loss has been recognized in the consolidated income statement as follows:

	GOB Exposure	GOB Loss Allowances
	$000	$000
Balance as of December 31, 2018	33,148	11,933

40. Insurance and Financial Risk Management (Continued)

(e) Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Company is unable to meet its payment obligations associated with its financial liabilities when they fall due and to replace funds when they are withdrawn. The consequence may be the failure to meet obligations to repay depositors and fulfill commitments to lend.

The Company is exposed to daily calls on their available cash resources from overnight placement of funds, maturing placement of funds, loan draw-downs and guarantees. The Company does not maintain cash resources to meet all of these needs as experience shows that a minimum level of investment of maturing funds can be predicted with a high level of certainty. The Board sets limits on the minimum proportion of maturing funds available to meet such calls and on the minimum level of inter-bank and other borrowing facilities that should be in place to cover withdrawals at unexpected levels of demand.

Liquidity risk management process

The Company's liquidity management process, as carried out within the Company and monitored by the Treasury Department, includes:

(i) Monitoring future cash flows and liquidity on a daily basis. This incorporates an assessment of expected cash flows and the availability of high grade collateral which could be used to secure funding if required;

(ii) Maintaining a portfolio of highly marketable and diverse assets that can easily be liquidated as protection against any unforeseen interruption to cash flow;

(iii) Maintaining committed lines of credit and optimising cash returns on investments;

(iv) Monitoring statement of financial position liquidity ratios against internal and regulatory requirements. The most important of these is to maintain limits on the ratio of net liquid assets to customer liabilities; and managing the concentration and profile of debt maturities.

Monitoring and reporting take the form of cash flow measurement and projections for the next day, week and month, respectively, as these are key periods for liquidity management. The starting point for those projections is an analysis of the contractual maturity of the financial liabilities and the expected collection date of the financial assets.

The matching and controlled mismatching of the maturities and interest rates of assets and liabilities is fundamental to the management of the Company. It is unusual for companies ever to be completely matched since business transacted is often of uncertain term and of different types. An unmatched position potentially enhances profitability, but can also increase the risk of loss.

The maturities of assets and liabilities and the ability to replace, at an acceptable cost, interest-bearing liabilities as they mature, are important factors in assessing the liquidity of the Company and its exposure to changes in interest rates and exchange rates.

Certain investment portfolios within the Company contain securities which can only be disposed of over a period of time. In such instances, the Company generally maintains higher levels of short term instruments to compensate for the relative illiquidity of the aforementioned securities.

The disclosures provided in this note are based on the company's investment portfolio as at 31 December 2018 and 2017.

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40. Insurance and Financial Risk Management (Continued)

(e) Liquidity risk (continued)

The tables below present the undiscounted cash flows payable (both interest and principal cash flows) of the company's financial and non-financial liabilities based on contractual repayment obligations. The company expects that many policyholders/customers will not request repayment on the earliest date the company could be required to pay. The expected maturity dates of financial assets and liabilities are based on estimates made by management as determined by retention history.

	Within 3 months	3-12 months	1-5 years	Over 5 years	No specific maturity	Total
	$000	$000	$000	$000	$000	$000
Undiscounted Financial Liabilities - 31 December 2018						
Deposit and security liability	36,625	250,448	162,061	5,550,960	1,371,478	7,371,572
Other liabilities	5,517,409	396,502	75,900	-	445,545	6,460,356
Insurance contracts liabilities	830,412	2,503,945	15,263,938	55,740,603	-	74,338,899
Investment contracts liabilities	5,346,260	1,855,826	3,012,992	-	-	10,215,078
Other policy liabilities	421,773	2,917,153	-	-	-	3,338,926
Total undiscounted liabilities	12,152,479	7,925,874	18,514,891	61,291,563	1,817,023	101,699,830

	Within 3 months	3-12 months	1-5 years	Over 5 years	No specific maturity	Total
	$000	$000	$000	$000	$000	$000
Undiscounted Financial Liabilities - 31 December 2017						
Deposit and security liabilities	5,335,345	219,764	5,482,132	1,321,464	-	12,358,705
Other liabilities	4,218,613	141,060	138,208	-	349,154	4,847,035
Insurance contracts liabilities	834,834	2,451,083	12,993,132	56,263,845	-	72,542,894
Investment contracts liabilities	6,616,569	367,924	3,975,120	-	-	10,959,613
Other policy liabilities	390,073	2,504,486	-	-	-	2,894,559
Total undiscounted liabilities	17,395,434	5,684,317	22,588,592	57,585,309	349,154	103,602,806

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40. Insurance and Financial Risk Management (Continued)

(e) Liquidity risk (continued)

The tables below reflect the expected maturities of the company's discounted financial and non-financial assets and liabilities at the year-end date.

	2018					
	Within 3 months	3-12 months	1-5 years	Over 5 years	No Specific Maturity	Total
	$'000	$'000	$'000	$'000	$'000	$'000
Assets:						
Cash resources	414,597	-	-	-	-	414,597
Financial investments & pledged assets	4,021,125	2,321,453	10,890,204	82,565,834	25,184,465	124,987,081
Reinsurance contracts	-	408,384	-	-	-	408,384
Other assets	4,075,275	979,082	-	-	3,885,142	8,939,499
Non-financial assets:						
Investment properties	-	-	-	-	553,000	553,000
Intangible assets	-	-	-	-	1,598,901	1,598,901
Property, plant and equipment	-	-	-	-	2,177,651	2,177,651
Deferred income taxes	-	(127,926)	413,018	509,897	-	794,989
Taxation recoverable	1,592,148	-	-	-	-	1,592,148
Retirement Benefit assets	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other assets	161,818	235,850	886,118	-	313,833	1,597,619
Total assets	10,264,963	3,816,843	12,193,340	83,075,731	33,712,992	143,063,869
Liabilities						
Deposit and security liabilities	232,540	44,615	5,337,789	709,691	-	6,324,635
Other liabilities	5,517,409	396,502	75,900	-	445,545	6,460,356
Insurance contracts liabilities	830,412	2,503,945	15,263,938	55,740,603	-	74,338,899
Investment contracts liabilities	5,346,260	1,855,826	2,937,116	-	-	10,139,201
Other policy liabilities	421,773	2,917,153	-	-	-	3,338,926
Non-financial liabilities:						
Taxation payable	1,201,183	-	-	-	-	1,201,183
Retirement benefit obligations	-	-	-	2,039,590	-	2,039,590
Total liabilities	13,549,577	7,718,041	23,614,742	58,489,884	445,545	103,817,789
On statement of financial position interest sensitivity gap	(3,284,615)	(3,901,198)	(11,421,402)	24,585,847	33,267,447	39,246,080
Cumulative interest sensitivity gap	(3,284,615)	(7,185,812)	(18,607,214)	5,978,633	39,246,080	

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40. Insurance and Financial Risk Management (Continued)

(e) Liquidity risk (continued)

	2017					
	Within 3 months	3-12 months	1-5 years	Over 5 years	Non-Interest bearing	Total
	$'000	$'000	$'000	$'000	$'000	$'000
Assets:						
Cash resources	665,253	-	-	-	-	665,253
Financial investments & pledged assets	5,906,057	12,613,243	2,159,990	78,976,302	23,560,478	123,216,070
Loans and leases, after allowance for credit	-	38,647	-	-	-	38,647
Reinsurance contracts	3,516,603	1,737,930	-	-	4,328,565	9,583,098
Other assets						
Non-financial assets:	-	-	-	-	530,000	530,000
Investment properties	-	-	-	-	1,721,510	1,721,510
Intangible assets	-	-	-	-	1,908,133	1,908,133
Property, plant and	-	431,361	-	-	-	431,361
Deferred income taxes	1,103,114	-	-	-	-	1,103,114
Taxation recoverable	-	-	-	149,726	-	149,726
Other assets	123,592	463,643	447,863	-	264,598	1,299,696
Total assets	11,314,619	15,284,824	2,607,853	79,126,028	32,313,284	140,646,608
Liabilities						
Deposit and security liabilities	5,265,200	41,373	5,220,801	683,811	-	11,211,185
Other liabilities	4,218,613	141,060	138,208	-	349,154	4,847,035
Insurance contracts	834,834	2,451,083	12,993,132	56,263,845	-	72,542,894
Investment contracts	6,616,568	367,924	3,905,738	-	-	10,890,231
Other policy liabilities	390,073	2,504,486	-	-	-	2,894,559
Non-financial liabilities:						
Taxation payable	91,510	-	-	-	-	91,510
Retirement benefit	-	-	-	1,924,447	-	1,924,447
Total liabilities	17,416,798	5,505,926	22,257,880	58,872,103	349,154	104,401,861
On statement of financial position interest sensitivity gap	(6,102,179)	9,778,898	(19,650,027)	20,253,925	31,964,130	36,244,747
Cumulative interest sensitivity gap	(6,102,179)	3,676,718	(15,973,308)	4,280,617	36,244,747	

Assets available to meet all of the liabilities and to cover outstanding loan commitments include cash, central bank balances, items in the course of collection, investment securities and other eligible bills, loans and advances to banks, and loans and advances to customers. In the normal course of business, a proportion of customer loans contractually repayable within one year will be extended. In addition, debt securities and treasury and other bills have been pledged to secure liabilities. The Company is also able to meet unexpected net cash outflows by selling securities and accessing additional funding sources from other financing institutions.

40. Insurance and Financial Risk Management (Continued)

(f) 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 mainly arise from changes in foreign currency exchange rates and interest rates. Market risk is monitored by the Investment department which carries out extensive research and monitors the price movement of financial assets on the local and international markets. Market risk exposures are measured using sensitivity analysis.

Price risk

Price risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market price, other than those arising from currency or interest rate risk, whether those changes are caused by factors specific to the instrument or affecting all similar instruments in the market.

The Company is exposed to equity securities price risk because of investments held by the Company and classified as available-for-sale or at fair value through profit or loss. To manage its price risk arising from investments in equity securities, the Company diversifies its portfolio. Diversification of the portfolio is done in accordance with limits set by the Company.

The Company's investments in equity securities are publicly traded on the Jamaica Stock Exchange (JSE) and the National Association of Securities Dealers Automated Quotation System (NASDAQ). The Company's sensitivity to equity securities price risk is disclosed in Note 41(iii).

Currency risk

Currency risk is the risk that the fair value of future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in foreign exchange rates.

Foreign exchange risk occurs when the Company takes an open position in a currency. To control this exchange risk the Asset and Liability Committee (ALCO) has approved limits for net open position in each currency for both intra-day and overnight position. This limit may vary from time to time as determined by ALCO.

The Company also has transactional currency exposure. Such exposure arises from having financial assets in currencies other than those in which financial liabilities are expected to settle. The Company ensures that its net exposure is kept to an acceptable level by buying or selling foreign assets to address short term imbalances.

Concentrations of currency risk

The company are most sensitive to currency risk in its operating currencies which float against the United States dollar.

The following tables summarise the exposure of the company to foreign currency exchange rate risk. Included in the tables are the company's assets and liabilities at carrying amounts categorized by currency.

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40. Insurance and Financial Risk Management (Continued)

(f) Market risk (continued)

Currency risk (continued)

Concentrations of currency risk (continued)

	2018			
	Jamaican $	**US$**	**Other**	**Total**
	$'000	**$'000**	**$'000**	**$'000**
Financial assets				
Cash resources	394,049	20,548	-	414,597
Financial investments and pledged assets	79,280,981	45,701,406	4,694	124,987,081
Loans & leases, after allowance for credit losses	-	-	-	-
Reinsurance contracts	408,384	-	-	408,384
Other assets	8,939,499	-	-	8,939,499
Non-financial assets:				
Investment properties	553,000	-	-	533,000
Intangible assets	1,598,901	-	-	1,598,901
Property, plant and equipment	2,177,651	-	-	2,177,651
Deferred income taxes	794,989	-	-	794,989
Taxation recoverable	1,592,148	-	-	1,592,148
Retirement Benefit Assets	-	-	-	-
Other assets	1,597,619	-	-	1,597,619
Total assets	97,337,221	45,721,954	4,694	143,063,869
Financial liabilities				
Deposit and security liabilities	1,215,448	5,109,187	-	6,324,635
Other liabilities	6,434,895	461	-	6,435,356
Insurance contracts liabilities	47,867,468	26,471,431	-	74,338,899
Investment contracts liabilities	8,104,528	2,034,672	-	10,139,200
Other policy liabilities	3,321,549	17,377	-	3,338,926
Non-financial liabilities:				
Taxation payable	1,201,183	-	-	1,201,183
Retirement benefit obligations	2,039,590	-	-	2,039,590
Total liabilities	70,184,661	33,633,128	-	103,817,789
Net on statement of financial position	27,152,560	12,088,826	4,694	39,246,080

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40. Insurance and Financial Risk Management (Continued)

(f) Market risk (continued)

Currency risk (continued)

Concentrations of currency risk (continued)

	2017			
	Jamaican $	**US$**	**Other**	**Total**
	$'000	**$'000**	**$'000**	**$'000**
Financial assets				
Cash resources	665,145	108	-	665,253
Financial investments and pledged assets	72,655,952	50,555,517	4,601	123,216,070
Loans & leases, after allowance for credit losses	-	-	-	-
Reinsurance contracts	38,647	-	-	38,647
Other assets	9,583,036	62	-	9,583,098
Non-financial assets:				
Investment properties	530,000	-	-	530,000
Intangible assets	1,721,510	-	-	1,721,510
Property, plant and equipment	1,908,133	-	-	1,908,133
Deferred income taxes	431,361	-	-	431,361
Taxation recoverable	1,103,114	-	-	1,103,114
Retirement Benefit Assets	149,726	-	-	149,726
Other assets	1,299,696	-	-	1,299,696
Total assets	90,086,320	50,555,687	4,601	140,646,608
Financial liabilities				
Deposit and security liabilities	1,261,572	9,949,613	-	11,211,185
Other liabilities	4,846,650	385	-	4,847,035
Insurance contracts liabilities	45,291,886	27,251,008	-	72,542,894
Investment contracts liabilities	8,925,718	1,964,513	-	10,890,231
Other policy liabilities	2,872,260	22,299	-	2,894,559
Non-financial liabilities:				
Taxation payable	91,510	-	-	91,510
Retirement benefit obligations	1,924,447	-	-	1,924,447
Total liabilities	65,214,043	39,187,818	-	104,401,861
Net on statement of financial position	24,882,277	11,367,869	4,601	36,244,747

41. Sensitivity Analysis

Actuarial liabilities for the Company comprise 84.65% (2018 – 84.03%) of total Policyholders' Funds. The determination of actuarial liabilities is sensitive to a number of assumptions, and changes in those assumptions could have a significant effect on the valuation results. These factors are discussed in detail in Note 26(e).

(i) Sensitivity arising from the valuation of life insurance and annuity contracts

In summary, the valuation of actuarial liabilities of life insurance and annuity contracts is sensitive to:

- the economic scenario,
- the investments allocated to back the liabilities,
- the underlying assumptions used, and
- the margins for adverse deviations.

The Appointed Actuary tests the actuarial liabilities under several economic scenarios. These tests have been done and the liabilities have been derived from the scenarios which produce the worst results.

The assumption for future investment yields has a significant impact on actuarial liabilities.

The other assumptions to which the actuarial liabilities of the Company are most sensitive, are in descending order of impact:

- Mortality and morbidity
- Operating expenses and taxes
- Lapse rates

(ii) Dynamic capital adequacy testing (DCAT)

DCAT is a technique used to assess the adequacy of an insurer's future financial condition in the light of different future economic and policy experience scenarios. DCAT assesses the impact over the next 5 years on the insurer's financial position and financial condition under specific scenarios.

The financial position of an insurer is reflected by the amounts of assets, liabilities and equity in the statement of financial position at a given date.

The financial condition of an insurer at a particular date is its prospective ability at that date to meet its future obligations, especially obligations to policyholders, those to whom it owes benefits and to its shareholders.

The purpose of the DCAT is:

- to develop an understanding of the sensitivity of the total equity of the insurer and future financial condition to changes in various experience factors and management policies;
- to alert management and the Board to material, plausible and imminent threats to the insurer's solvency; and
- to describe possible courses of action to address these threats.

A DCAT analysis has been completed for Sagicor Life Jamaica Limited.

41. Sensitivity Analysis (Continued)

(ii) Dynamic capital adequacy testing (DCAT) (continued)

The results are as follows:

(i) Worsening rate of lapse. The scenario was tested in either of the following ways:

For business which produces higher valuation reserves with an increase in lapse rates, the scenario lapse rates were doubled. For business which produces higher valuation reserves with a decrease in lapse rates, the scenario lapse rates were halved.

Overall, this scenario produces adverse results in 2018 and for the next five years.

(ii) High interest rate. An assumed increase in portfolio rate of 0.5% per year for 10 years. Overall, this scenario produces favourable results in 2018 and for the next five years.

(iii) Low interest rate. An assumed decrease in portfolio rate of 0.5% for 10 years was tested in this scenario. Overall, this scenario produces adverse results in 2018 and for the next five years.

(iv) Worsening mortality and morbidity. To test this scenario, mortality and morbidity rates were increased for life insurance, health and critical illness products and decreased for annuity products. For life insurance, health and critical illness products, rates were increased by 3% of the base rate per year for 5 years. For annuity products, rates were decreased by 3% of the base rate for 5 years. Overall, this scenario produces adverse results in 2018 and for the next five years.

(v) Higher expenses. Higher unit maintenance expenses were tested by setting the unit expense rate for each projection year 5% greater than the unit expense rate assumed in the base scenario. Overall, this scenario produces adverse results in 2018 and for the next five years.

(vi) Level new business. New business planned for 2018 was maintained for the 5 year period. Overall, this scenario has no effect on the liabilities in 2018 but produces favourable results for the next five years.

(vii) Double new business. New business planned for the 5 year period was projected to grow at twice the rate of growth anticipated in the base scenario. Overall, this scenario has no effect on the 2018 liabilities, but will produce net lower liabilities over the next five years.

41. Sensitivity Analysis (Continued)

(ii) Dynamic capital adequacy testing (DCAT) (continued)

The DCAT conducted has not tested any correlation that may exist between assumptions. The use of differing sensitivity rates by insurers reflects differences in the insurers' environment.

The following table represents the estimated sensitivity of each of the above scenarios to net actuarial liabilities totalling $72,542,894 for the Company at the year-end date.

Variable	Change in Variable	2018 Change in Liability	2017 Change in Liability
		$'000	$'000
Worsening of mortality/morbidity	+3% for 5 yrs.	4,382,266	3,777,859
Improvement in annuitant mortality	-3% for 5 yrs.	1,143,224	1,030,394
Lowering of investment return	-0.5% for 10 yrs.	12,755,418	11,791,862
Worsening of base renewal expense and inflation rate	+5% for 5 yrs.	2,076,902	2,154,636
Worsening of lapse rate	x2 or x0.5	7,970,487	6,234,225
High Interest	+0.5% for 10 yrs.	(13,607,240)	(12,639,781)

(iii) Sensitivity arising from a decline in equity prices

The Company is sensitive to fair value risk on its financial assets at fair value through profit or loss and available for sale equity securities. The effects of an increase by 10% and a decrease by 10% in equity prices at the year end date are set out below.

	Carrying Value	Effect of 10% change at 31 December 2018
	$'000	$'000
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss and available for sale equity securities:		
Listed on Jamaica Stock Exchange	4,385,937	438,594
Listed on US stock exchanges	340,571	34,057
Other	20,458,000	2,045,800
	25,184,508	2,518,451

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41. Sensitivity Analysis (Continued)

(iv) Sensitivity arising from currency risk

The Company is most sensitive to currency risk in its operating currencies which float against the United States dollar.

The effect of a further 5% (2017 – 5%) depreciation and a 15% (2017 – 15%) appreciation in the Jamaican dollar (JMD) relative to the United States dollar (USD) at the year end date is considered in the following tables.

	2018			2017		
	Balances Denominated in other than JMD $'000	Effect of a 5% depreciation at 31 December 2018 $'000	Effect of a 15% appreciation at 31 December 2018 $'000	Balances Denominated in other than JMD $'000	Effect of a 15% depreciation at 31 December 2017 $'000	Effect of a 1% appreciation at 31 December 2017 $'000
Statement of financial position:						
Assets	45,726,647	48,012,980	38,867,650	50,560,289	53,088,303	42,976,245
Liabilities	33,633,128	35,314,784	28,588,159	39,187,817	41,147,208	33,309,645
Net position	12,093,520	12,698,196	10,279,492	11,372,472	11,941,095	9,666,600
Income statement:						
Net income	-	604,676	(1,814,028)	-	568,624	(1,705,871)
Equity	-	-	-	-	-	-

42. Capital Management

The Company manages its capital resources according to the following objectives:

- To comply with capital requirements established by insurance, banking and other financial intermediary regulatory authorities;
- To comply with internationally recognised capital requirements for insurance, where local regulations do not meet these international standards;
- To safeguard its ability to meet future obligations to policyholders, depositors, note-holders and stockholders;
- To provide adequate returns to stockholders by pricing insurance, investment and other contracts commensurately with the level of risk; and
- To maintain a strong capital base which are sufficient for the future development of the Company's operations.

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42. Capital Management (Continued)

The principal capital resources of the Company comprise its stockholders' equity, its non-controlling interest equity, and its debt financing. The summary of these resources at the year end is as follows:

	2018 $'000	2017 $'000
Stockholders' equity	39,227,330	36,244,747
Total statement of financial position capital resources	39,227,330	36,244,747

The Company deploys its capital resources to activities carried out through various lines of business in operating companies which are either insurance entities or provide other financial services. The capital is deployed in such a manner as to ensure that each line of business generates the desired return on capital employed, that the operating companies have adequate and sufficient capital resources to carry out their activities and to meet regulatory requirements.

Required capital adequacy information is filed with the regulators in the countries in which the Company operates, Jamaica monthly.

The capital adequacy of the principal operating entities within the Company is set out below.

Capital adequacy is managed at the operating company level. It is calculated monthly by the Appointed Actuary and reviewed by Executive Management and the Board of Directors. In addition, the company seeks to maintain internal capital adequacy at levels higher than the regulatory requirements. To assist in evaluating the current business and strategy opportunities, a risk-based capital approach is one of the core measures of financial performance. The risk-based assessment measure which has been adopted is the Minimum Continuing Surplus and Capital Requirement (MCCSR) standard as per the Insurance Regulations, 2001. The minimum standard required Insurance Regulations 2001 at the year-end date is an MCCSR of 150%. The MCCSR for the Sagicor Life Jamaica Limited as at 31 December 2018 and 2017 is set out below.

	2018	2017
Sagicor Life Jamaica Limited	183.8%	186.0%

During 2018 and 2017, the company complied with all of the externally imposed capital requirements to which they are subject.

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43. Fiduciary Risk

The company provides administration, investment management or advisory services to third parties which involve making allocation and purchase and sale decisions in relation to a wide range of financial instruments. These assets are not included in these financial statements and include the following:

(a) Sagicor Pooled Investment Funds Limited administers assets of the Pooled Pension Investment Funds which are held in trust, on behalf of pension funds. At 30 September 2018, the audited assets totaled $156,760,010 (2018 - $114,177,985). At 31 December 2018, the unaudited assets totaled $159,509,665 (2018 - $142,198,902).

(b) The Company also administers a number of self-directed pension funds on behalf of clients. At 31 December 2018, the unaudited assets of these funds totaled $49,234,596 (2018 - $44,559,844).

44. Commitments

In the normal course of business, the Company has entered into commitments at the year-end date for which no provision has been made in these financial statements. The off statement of financial position commitments and their maturity profiles are as follows:

	Contractual cash flows within 1 year $'000	Contractual Cash flows 1-5 years $'000	Contractual Cash flows after 5 years $'000	Current year Total $'000
At 31 December 2018				
Loan commitments	112,080	-	-	112,080
Capital commitments	496,261	-	-	496,261
Operating lease commitments	294,380	160,805	-	455,185
	902,721	160,805	-	1,063,526
At 31 December 2017				
Loan commitments	91,900	-	-	91,900
Capital commitments	231,837	-	-	231,837
Operating lease commitments	334,629	377,132	-	711,761
	658,366	377,132	-	1,035,498

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45. Contingent Liabilities

Legal proceedings

The company are subject to various claims, disputes and legal proceedings, as part of the normal course of business. Provision is made for such matters when, in the opinion of management and its professional advisors, it is probable that a payment will be made by the Company, and the amount can be reasonably estimated.

In respect of claims asserted against the Company which, according to the principles outlined above, have not been provided for, management is of the opinion that such claims are either without merit, can be successfully defended or will result in exposure to the Company which is immaterial to both the financial position and results of operations.

46. Offsetting Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities

(a) Financial assets

The following financial assets are subject to offsetting, enforceable master netting arrangements and similar agreements.

	2018						
					Related amounts not set off in the statement of financial position		
	Gross amounts of financial assets $'000	Gross amounts set off on the balance sheet $'000	Net amounts of financial assets presented on the balance sheet $'000	Impact of master Netting Agreements $'000	Cash collateral $'000	Financial instruments collateral $'000	Net Amount $'000
ASSETS							
Cash resources	414,597	-	414,597	-	-	-	414,597
Financial investments	124,987,081	-	124,987,081	-	-	(7,507,255)	117,479,726
Loans & leases, after allowances for credit losses	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Reinsurance contracts	408,384	-	408,384	-	-	-	408,384
Other assets	8,939,499	-	8,939,499	-	-	-	8,939,499
	134,749,561	-	134,749,561	-	-	(7,507,355)	127,242,206

	2017						
ASSETS							
Cash resources	665,253	-	665,253	-	-	-	665,253
Financial investments	123,216,070	-	123,216,070	(6,916,823)	-	(7,229,720)	109,069,527
Loans & leases, after allowances for credit losses	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Reinsurance contracts	38,647	-	38,647	-	-	-	38,647
Other assets	9,583,102	-	9,583,102	-	-	-	9,583,102
	133,503,072	-	133,503,072	(6,916,823)	-	(7,229,720)	119,356,529

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46. Offsetting Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities (Continued)

(b) Financial liabilities

The following financial liabilities are subject to offsetting, enforceable master netting arrangements and similar agreements.

	2018						
				Related amounts not set off in the statement of financial position			
	Gross amounts of financial assets $'000	Gross amounts set off on the balance sheet $'000	Net amounts of financial assets presented on the balance sheet $'000	Impact of master Netting Agreements $'000	Cash collateral $'000	Financial instruments collateral $'000	Net Amount $'000
LIABILITIES							
Securities liabilities	6,324,635	-	6,324,635	-	-	(5,109,187)	1,215,448
Other liabilities	6,435,356	-	6,435,356	-	-	-	6,435,356
	12,759,991	-	12,759,991	-	-	(5,109,187)	7,650,804

	2017						
LIABILITIES							
Securities liabilities	11,211,185	-	11,211,185	-	-	(9,943,302)	1,267,883
Other liabilities	4,847,062	-	4,847,062	-	-	-	4,847,062
	16,058,247		16,058,247	-	-	(9,943,302)	6,114,945

47. Breach of Insurance Regulations

As at December 31, 2018, the Company was in breach of the following regulations of The Insurance Act, 2001, The Insurance Regulations, 2001:

(i) Regulation 42, which requires that investments placed with any one single counterparty should not exceed 5% of the company's total assets.
(ii) Regulation 82, which requires balances due from related party companies not exceeding 5% of the company total assets.

Management is in discussions with the Regulator, Financial Services Commission, in relation to the above mentioned breaches.

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48. Changes in Accounting Policies

The changes in accounting policies outlined in note 2 (a) which have resulted in changes in accounting policies and adjustments to the amounts previously recognised in the financial statements summarised in the following tables.

	December 31, 2017 as originally presented	Transition adjustment- IFRS 9	As at January 1, 2018
	$'000	$'000	$'000
ASSETS			
Cash resources	665,253	-	665,253
Financial investments	109,164,129	(80,495)	109,083,634
Pledged assets	14,051,941		14,051,941
Loans & leases, after allowance for credit losses	-		-
Investment properties	530,000		530,000
Intangible assets	1,721,510		1,721,510
Property, plant and equipment	1,908,133		1,908,133
Reinsurance contracts	38,647		38,647
Retirement benefit asset	149,726		149,726
Deferred income taxes	431,361	7,841	439,202
Taxation recoverable	1,103,114		1,103,114
Other assets	10,882,794	(5,236)	10,877,558
TOTAL ASSETS	**140,646,608**	**(77,890)**	**140,568,718**

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48. Changes in Accounting Policies (Continued)

	December 31, 2017 as originally presented	Transition adjustment- IFRS 9	As at January 1, 2018
	$'000	$'000	$'000
STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY AND LIABILITIES:			
Stockholders' Equity Attributable			
Stockholders' of the Company			
Share capital	7,854,938		7,854,938
Equity reserves	507,853	(261,969)	245,884
Retained earnings	27,881,956	252,231	28,134,187
Total Equity	**36,244,747**	**(9,738)**	**36,235,009**
Liabilities			
Due to banks and other financial institutions	11,211,185		11,211,185
Taxation payable	91,510		91,510
Retirement benefit obligations	1,924,447		1,924,447
Other liabilities	4,847,035		4,847,035
Policyholders' Funds			
Insurance contracts liabilities	72,542,894	(68,152)	72,474,742
Investment contracts liabilities	10,890,231		10,890,231
Other policy liabilities	2,894,559		2,894,559
	86,327,684	(68,152)	86,259,532
Total Liabilities	**104,401,861**	**(68,152)**	**104,333,709**
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES	**140,646,608**	**(77,890)**	**140,568,718**

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48. Changes in Accounting Policies (Continued)

	Retained Earnings $'000
Balance as of December 31, 2017	27,881,956
Transition adjustments on adoption of IFRS 9:	
Reclassify investments from available-for-sale to FVTPL	499,202
Increase in provision for miscellaneous receivables and contract assets	(5,235)
Increase in provision for debt investments at amortised cost	(80,495)
Increase in provision for debt investments at FVOCI	(252,730)
Increase in deferred tax assets relating to impairment provisions	23,350
Other	
Total transition adjustments	184,079
Restated balance as of January 1, 2018	28,066,035
Actuarial reserve impact recorded to income statement	68,152
Balance as of January 1, 2018	28,134,187

48. Subsequent Event

Dividend Declaration – On April 5, 2019, The Board of Directors declared an interim dividend of $0.79 per share with a record date of April 23, 2019 and a payment date of May 9, 2019.