



February 26, 2025

Atty. Stefanie Ann B. Go

Officer-in-Charge, Disclosure Department
The Philippine Stock Exchange, Inc.
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Dear Atty. Go,

We submit herewith the Audited Financial Statements of Rizal Commercial Banking Corporation and its subsidiaries for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023 and the corresponding Notes to Financial Statements, which were approved by the Board of Directors at its meeting held on February 24, 2025.

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Very truly yours,

Florentino M. Madonza
FSVP, Head - Controllership Group

cc: Philippine Dealing Exchange Corp.
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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Regulation Code, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.



FLORENTINO M. MADONZA
FSVP, Head - Controllership Group



MA. CHRISTINA P. ALVAREZ
FSVP, Head - Corporate Planning Group



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Financial Statements and
Independent Auditors' Report

Rizal Commercial Banking Corporation

December 31, 2024, 2023 and 2022

Report of Independent Auditors

The Board of Directors and the Stockholders
Rizal Commercial Banking Corporation
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Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Rizal Commercial Banking Corporation and subsidiaries (together hereinafter referred to as the Group) and of Rizal Commercial Banking Corporation (the Parent Company), which comprise the statements of financial position as at December 31, 2024 and 2023, and the statements of profit or loss, statements of comprehensive income, statements of changes in equity and statements of cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2024, and notes to the financial statements, including material accounting policy information.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Group and of the Parent Company as at December 31, 2024 and 2023, and their financial performance and their cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2024 in accordance with Philippine Financial Reporting Standards (PFRS Accounting Standards).

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audits in accordance with Philippine Standards on Auditing (PSA). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report. We are independent of the Group in accordance with the Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants in the Philippines (Code of Ethics) together with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audits of the financial statements in the Philippines, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and the Code of Ethics. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Key Audit Matters

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgment, were of most significance in our audit of the financial statements of the current period. These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of the financial statements as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters.

The following are the key audit matters identified in our audit of the financial statements of the Group and of the Parent Company:

(a) Valuation of Loans and Other Receivables (Expected Credit Losses)

Description of the Matter

As at December 31, 2024, the Group's and the Parent Company's expected credit losses (ECL) allowance for loans and receivables amounted to P20,130 million and P18,730 million, respectively, while the carrying amount of loans and receivables amounted to P742,497 million and P736,531 million, respectively (as disclosed in Note 11). We have identified the Group's and the Parent Company's ECL model significant to our audit as this:

- requires significant management judgment on the interpretation and implementation of the requirements of PFRS 9, *Financial Instruments*, in assessing impairment of loans and receivables based on an ECL model that involves segmenting credit risk exposures, defining when does default occur and what constitutes a significant increase in credit risk (SICR) of different exposures;
- involves high degree of estimation uncertainty related to management's use of various inputs and assumptions applied in the ECL model such as credit risk rating and probability of default for corporate loans, flow rates for consumer loans, expected amount and timing of cash flows, including recovery of collaterals for defaulted accounts, and forward-looking macroeconomic information which may be affected by management estimation bias; and,
- requires complex estimation process that entails implementation of internal controls and use of information system in ensuring the completeness and accuracy of data used in the ECL calculation and in the preparation of required disclosures in the financial statements.

In accordance with their policy, the Group and the Parent Company regularly conducts a review of its ECL models to validate the assumptions used for each parameter used, and to determine the accuracy and effectiveness of the ECL methodologies in place. In 2024, the Parent Company incorporated post model adjustments on its ECL models as a result of this review. These adjustments arise from the application of credit analytics and credit judgments, allowing for a more granular segmentation of credit exposures. These also take into account the respective collection behaviors and updates for specific accounts that meet a certain criteria, reflecting recent trends in their performance and key changes in the risk appetite that have not been considered or present yet during the model development in 2023.

The material accounting policy information, significant judgments, including estimation applied by the management, and those related to the credit risk assessment process of the Group and the Parent Company are disclosed in Notes 2, 3 and 4 to the financial statements, respectively.

How the Matter was Addressed in the Audit

We obtained an understanding of the Group's and the Parent Company's accounting policies and methodologies applied, and evaluated whether those: (a) are established and implemented consistent with the underlying principles of PFRS 9; (b) are appropriate in the context of the Group's lending activities and asset portfolio that takes into consideration the different segments of credit exposures and the relevant regulatory framework; and, (c) are supported by pertinent processes and controls, including documentations of the accounting policies that capture in sufficient detail the judgment, including estimation applied in the development of the Group's refreshed ECL model.

We also obtained an understanding of the post model adjustments and the corresponding results, and evaluated whether: (a) any historical and forward-looking information used as inputs are accurate and reliable; (b) the assumptions used are appropriate and properly reflect the current portfolio and credit practices; (c) the underlying theory and any statistical approaches used are appropriate and generally accepted; and (d) the resulting overlays to the ECL model are supported, documented and approved.

With respect to the use of significant judgments, including those involving estimation of inputs and assumptions used in the post model adjustments, we performed the following:

- engaged our Firm specialist to assist in evaluating the appropriateness of methodologies and assumptions used in the ECL calculation, including the changes arising from the Group's post model adjustments;
- assessed the Group's and the Parent Company's segmentation of its credit risk exposures based on homogeneity of credit risk characteristics and past due determination based on portfolio flow rates, and evaluated the appropriateness of the specific model applied for each loan portfolio;
- evaluated both the quantitative and qualitative criteria applied in the definition of default against historical analysis for each segment of loan portfolio and in accordance with credit risk management practices, and tested the criteria in the determination of the SICR, including assignment of a loan or group of loans into different stages of impairment;
- tested the Group's and the Parent Company's application of internal credit risk rating system for selected items of loans, and verified the mapping of the ratings to the ECL calculation;
- for forward-looking information, evaluated management's selection of macro-economic factors, scenarios and probability weightings, and assessed the reasonableness of the forecasted economic indicators by comparing with trusted publicly available information;
- tested loss given default information across various types of loan by inspecting records of historical recoveries and relevant costs, including valuation and cash flows from collateral, and write-offs;
- for post model adjustments, tested the completeness and accuracy of data inputs used as basis for judgments applied, assessed the suitability of the refined segmentation used, and recalculated the impact of recent recoveries to the loss given default for credit card receivables and specific corporate borrowers; and,
- reconciled and tested exposure at default for all outstanding loans against the relevant loan databases, including review of the potential exposures from undrawn commitments against historical drawdown and impact of loan modifications.

As part of our audit of the ECL methodology, we reviewed the completeness and accuracy of the historical and measurement data used in the ECL model through reconciliation of loan data subjected to the ECL calculations, which were prepared by management outside its general ledger system, against the relevant financial reporting applications and other accounting records. Moreover, we tested the stratification of loan data that were disaggregated into various portfolio segments for purposes of ECL calculations. Furthermore, we verified the mathematical formula and the computation logics applied in the calculation of the different inputs in the ECL model and the estimation of the credit losses for all loans and receivables subjected to impairment assessment.

We also evaluated the completeness and appropriateness of the disclosures in the financial statements against the requirements of the relevant financial reporting standards.

(b) Systems Migration for Loans and Other Receivables

Description of the Matter

In 2024, the Parent Company migrated its auto and housing loan products into a new loan management system. The goals of the systems migration are to streamline the consumer lending process, upgrade the existing systems to further support the demands of the consumer loans business, and enhance integration capabilities with other existing solutions and platforms. The implementation of the new system included the migration of existing data, transition of business-as-usual functionalities, and booking of new consumer loan accounts from the old system to the new system.

We have identified that the systems migration is significant to our audit due to the following:

- there is a high degree of inherent risk on loss of integrity of key financial data being migrated, and potential breakdowns in operation or monitoring of IT dependent controls within the consumer lending process, such as loan origination, credit evaluation, underwriting, loan management, booking, disbursement, collateral management and collection, which could lead to financial errors or misstatements and inaccurate financial reporting; and,
- the consumer lending processes, which represents a significant portion of the loans portfolio of the Parent Company, are heavily dependent on the new system, and there is a risk that automated and related manual IT dependent controls are not designed and operating effectively.

The Parent Company has auto and housing loans with outstanding balance, gross of allowance for ECL, amounting to P161,351 million as of December 31, 2024, which are presented as part of Loans and Receivables account in the 2024 statement of financial position (see Note 11).

How the Matter was Addressed in the Audit

In testing the systems migration, we performed the following with the assistance of our Firm's IT specialist:

- examined the governance framework over the Parent Company's IT organization and the general controls over program changes;
- assessed and tested the controls specifically established over the implementation process, and reviewed the processes implemented over the download of data from the old system and the upload of data to the new system;

- tested the completeness and accuracy of the data transfer from the old to the new loan management system, including reconciliation of data to identify any discrepancies between migrated data and source records, transaction history, and customer information;
- conducted tests of certain aspects of the security of the new loan management system including access management and segregation of duties;
- tested IT application controls within the relevant business processes on the new system, including the configurations on automated calculation of amortized cost measurement and interest income, and the automated recording to the general ledger; and,
- assessed and tested the design and operating effectiveness of controls over the continued integrity of both the old and new systems that were relevant to the financial reporting during the year.

Other Information

Management is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Group's and the Parent Company's Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) Form 20-IS (Definitive Information Statement), SEC Form 17-A and Annual Report for the year ended December 31, 2024, but does not include the financial statements and our auditors' report thereon. The SEC Form 20-IS, SEC Form 17-A and Annual Report for the year ended December 31, 2024 are expected to be made available to us after the date of this auditors' report.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we will not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audits of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information identified above when it becomes available and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audits, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

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

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

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Group's and the Parent 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 Group and the Parent Company or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

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

Auditors' 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 auditors' 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 PSA 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 PSA, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Group's and the Parent 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 Group's and the Parent 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 auditors' 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 auditors' report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Group and the Parent 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.
- Obtain sufficient and appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business activities within the Group to express an opinion on the financial statements. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the group audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

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.

We also provide those charged with governance with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

From the matters communicated with those charged with governance, we determine those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the financial statements of the current period and are therefore the key audit matters. We describe these matters in our auditors' report unless law or regulation precludes public disclosure about the matter or when, in extremely rare circumstances, we determine that a matter should not be communicated in our report because the adverse consequences of doing so would reasonably be expected to outweigh the public interest benefits of such communication.

Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. As discussed in Note 25 to the financial statements, the Parent Company presented the supplementary information required by the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) under Revenue Regulations (RR) No. 15-2010 in a supplementary schedule filed separately from the basic financial statements. RR No. 15-2010 requires the supplementary information to be presented in the notes to financial statements. The supplementary information for the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023 and 2022 required by the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) as disclosed in Note 33 to the financial statements is presented for purposes of additional analysis. Such supplementary information required by the BIR and BSP are the responsibility of management and are not a required part of the basic financial statements prepared in accordance with PFRS Accounting Standards; it is neither a required disclosure under the Revised Securities Regulation Code Rule 68 of the SEC. The supplementary information have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

The engagement partner on the audits resulting in this independent auditors' report is Maria Isabel E. Comedia.

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By: Maria Isabel E. Comedia
Partner

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February 24, 2025

RIZAL COMMERCIAL BANKING CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES
STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION
DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023
(Amounts in Millions of Philippine Pesos)

	Notes	GROUP		PARENT COMPANY	
		2024	2023	2024	2023
<u>RESOURCES</u>					
CASH AND OTHER CASH ITEMS	9	P 23,003	P 19,875	P 22,907	P 19,812
DUE FROM BANGKO SENTRAL NG PILIPINAS	9	115,230	151,762	112,763	150,771
DUE FROM OTHER BANKS	9	14,569	14,892	14,433	14,630
LOANS ARISING FROM REVERSE REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS	9	-	35,799	-	34,948
TRADING AND INVESTMENT SECURITIES - Net	10	429,086	330,742	426,866	328,443
LOANS AND RECEIVABLES - Net	11	742,497	649,929	736,531	643,681
INVESTMENTS IN SUBSIDIARIES AND ASSOCIATES - Net	12	600	509	6,720	6,401
BANK PREMISES, FURNITURE, FIXTURES AND EQUIPMENT - Net	13	8,033	9,129	7,060	7,805
INVESTMENT PROPERTIES - Net	14	695	543	695	543
DEFERRED TAX ASSETS - Net	25	6,052	5,775	5,578	5,351
OTHER RESOURCES - Net	15	20,388	19,377	19,599	18,505
TOTAL RESOURCES		P 1,360,153	P 1,238,332	P 1,353,152	P 1,230,890

See Notes to Financial Statements.

	Notes	GROUP		PARENT COMPANY	
		2024	2023	2024	2023
<u>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</u>					
DEPOSIT LIABILITIES	17	P 1,022,794	P 956,712	P 1,022,737	P 957,369
BILLS PAYABLE	18	86,616	50,858	80,928	43,957
BONDS PAYABLE	19	26,935	34,939	26,935	34,939
ACCRUED INTEREST, TAXES AND OTHER EXPENSES	20	11,667	12,082	11,319	11,786
OTHER LIABILITIES	21	<u>53,650</u>	<u>31,466</u>	<u>52,751</u>	<u>30,573</u>
Total Liabilities		<u>1,201,662</u>	<u>1,086,057</u>	<u>1,194,670</u>	<u>1,078,624</u>
EQUITY	22				
Attributable to:					
Parent Company's Shareholders		158,485	152,269	158,482	152,266
Non-controlling Interests		<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
		<u>158,491</u>	<u>152,275</u>	<u>158,482</u>	<u>152,266</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		<u>P 1,360,153</u>	<u>P 1,238,332</u>	<u>P 1,353,152</u>	<u>P 1,230,890</u>

See Notes to Financial Statements.

RIZAL COMMERCIAL BANKING CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES
STATEMENTS OF PROFIT OR LOSS
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024, 2023 AND 2022
(Amounts in Millions of Philippine Pesos, Except Per Share Data)

	Notes	GROUP			PARENT COMPANY		
		2024	2023	2022	2024	2023	2022
INTEREST INCOME							
Loans and receivables	11	P 61,051	P 49,407	P 34,970	P 60,270	P 48,569	P 34,367
Trading and investment securities	10	15,965	13,239	9,755	15,904	13,171	9,683
Due from BSP and other banks	9	2,067	3,643	1,110	1,981	3,544	1,077
		<u>79,083</u>	<u>66,289</u>	<u>45,835</u>	<u>78,155</u>	<u>65,284</u>	<u>45,127</u>
INTEREST EXPENSE							
Deposit liabilities	17	31,108	28,035	10,057	31,104	28,056	10,055
Bills payable and other borrowings	13, 18, 19, 21, 23	5,474	4,625	4,562	5,093	4,246	4,173
		<u>36,582</u>	<u>32,660</u>	<u>14,619</u>	<u>36,197</u>	<u>32,302</u>	<u>14,228</u>
NET INTEREST INCOME		<u>42,501</u>	<u>33,629</u>	<u>31,216</u>	<u>41,958</u>	<u>32,982</u>	<u>30,899</u>
IMPAIRMENT LOSSES - Net							
Financial assets	4, 10, 11	8,337	6,677	5,347	8,287	5,864	5,131
Non-financial assets	14, 15	282	211	359	277	210	358
		<u>8,619</u>	<u>6,888</u>	<u>5,706</u>	<u>8,564</u>	<u>6,074</u>	<u>5,489</u>
NET INTEREST INCOME AFTER IMPAIRMENT LOSSES		<u>33,882</u>	<u>26,741</u>	<u>25,510</u>	<u>33,394</u>	<u>26,908</u>	<u>25,410</u>
OTHER OPERATING INCOME							
Service fees and commissions		8,485	6,658	5,469	7,962	6,362	5,112
Foreign exchange gains (losses) - net		(1,976)	(15)	1,567	(1,996)	(22)	1,555
Trading and securities gains (losses) - net	10	1,495	444	(37)	1,533	429	22
Gain on assets sold - net	13, 14, 15	1,352	6,714	3,088	1,342	6,656	2,985
Share in net earnings (losses) of subsidiaries and associates	12	85	92	32	491	(157)	154
Trust fees	26	-	423	415	-	423	415
Gain on disposal of subsidiaries	12	-	243	-	-	243	-
Miscellaneous - net	24	1,466	1,809	2,704	1,161	1,373	2,012
		<u>10,907</u>	<u>16,368</u>	<u>13,238</u>	<u>10,493</u>	<u>15,307</u>	<u>12,255</u>
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME (Forward)		P 44,789	P 43,109	P 38,748	P 43,887	P 42,215	P 37,665

See Notes to Financial Statements.

	Notes	GROUP			PARENT COMPANY		
		2024	2023	2022	2024	2023	2022
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME		P 44,789	P 43,109	P 38,748	P 43,887	P 42,215	P 37,665
OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES							
Employee benefits	23	8,059	7,150	6,563	7,061	6,321	5,794
Taxes and licenses		6,536	6,534	4,645	6,398	6,416	4,508
Occupancy and equipment-related	27, 28	3,892	3,262	2,908	3,790	3,172	2,813
Depreciation and amortization	13, 14, 15	3,379	3,365	3,037	3,113	3,014	2,544
Miscellaneous	24	9,935	9,283	7,947	10,661	9,791	8,408
		31,801	29,594	25,100	31,023	28,714	24,067
PROFIT BEFORE TAX		12,988	13,515	13,648	12,864	13,501	13,598
TAX EXPENSE	25	3,468	1,298	1,568	3,344	1,283	1,518
NET PROFIT		P 9,520	P 12,217	P 12,080	P 9,520	P 12,218	P 12,080
ATTRIBUTABLE TO:							
PARENT COMPANY'S SHAREHOLDERS		P 9,520	P 12,218	P 12,080			
NON-CONTROLLING INTERESTS		-	(1)	-			
		P 9,520	P 12,217	P 12,080			
Earnings Per Share							
Basic and diluted	29	P 3.48	P 5.07	P 5.42			

See Notes to Financial Statements.

RIZAL COMMERCIAL BANKING CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES
STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024, 2023 AND 2022
(Amounts in Millions of Philippine Pesos)

	Notes	GROUP			PARENT COMPANY		
		2024	2023	2022	2024	2023	2022
NET PROFIT		P 9,520	P 12,217	P 12,080	P 9,520	P 12,218	P 12,080
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)							
Items that will not be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss							
Actuarial gains (losses) on defined benefit plan	23	371 (	1,366)	782	377 (	1,324)	782
Fair value gains on equity securities at fair value through other comprehensive income (FVOCI)	10, 22	232	263	191	238	276	272
Share in other comprehensive income (losses) of the subsidiaries and associates:							
Actuarial gains (losses) on defined benefit plan	12	7	16	4	1 (	26)	4
Fair value losses on equity securities at FVOCI	12, 22	-	-	-	(5)	(13)	(81)
		<u>610</u> (	<u>1,087</u>)	<u>977</u>	<u>611</u> (	<u>1,087</u>)	<u>977</u>
Items that will be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss							
Fair value gains (losses) on debt securities at FVOCI	10, 22	(372)	1,432	(5,446)	(373)	1,432	(5,446)
Translation adjustments on foreign operations	22	<u>6</u>	-	-	<u>6</u>	-	-
		(<u>366</u>)	<u>1,432</u>	(<u>5,446</u>)	(<u>367</u>)	<u>1,432</u>	(<u>5,446</u>)
Total Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)	22	<u>244</u>	<u>345</u>	(<u>4,469</u>)	<u>244</u>	<u>345</u>	(<u>4,469</u>)
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR		P 9,764	P 12,562	P 7,611	P 9,764	P 12,563	P 7,611
ATTRIBUTABLE TO:							
PARENT COMPANY'S SHAREHOLDERS		P 9,764	P 12,563	P 7,611			
NON-CONTROLLING INTERESTS		-	(1)	-			
		<u>P 9,764</u>	<u>P 12,562</u>	<u>P 7,611</u>			

See Notes to Financial Statements.

RIZAL COMMERCIAL BANKING CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES
STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024, 2023 AND 2022
(Amounts in Millions of Philippine Pesos)

GROUP

Notes	ATTRIBUTABLE TO PARENT COMPANY'S SHAREHOLDERS											NON-CONTROLLING INTERESTS	TOTAL EQUITY
	COMMON STOCK	PREFERRED STOCK	CAPITAL PAID IN EXCESS OF PAR	HYBRID PERPETUAL SECURITIES	REVALUATION RESERVES	TREASURY SHARES	RESERVE FOR TRUST BUSINESS	OTHER RESERVES	GENERAL LOAN LOSS RESERVE	SURPLUS	TOTAL		
Balance at January 1, 2024	P 24,195	P 3	P 58,228	P 14,463	(P 6,044)	P -	P 551	(P 86)	P 4,599	P 56,360	P 152,269	P 6	P 152,275
Transactions with owners:													
Cash dividends	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(3,548)	(3,548)	-	(3,548)
Net profit for the year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9,520	9,520	-	9,520
Other comprehensive income	-	-	-	-	244	-	-	-	-	-	244	-	244
General loan loss appropriation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	965	(965)	-	-	-
Transfer of fair value loss on financial asset at fair value through other comprehensive income (FVOCI) to surplus	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	(2)	-	-	-
Transfer from reserve for trust business to surplus	-	-	-	-	-	(551)	-	-	-	551	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	246	-	(551)	-	965	9,104	9,764	-	9,764
Balance at December 31, 2024	P 24,195	P 3	P 58,228	P 14,463	(P 5,798)	P -	P -	(P 86)	P 5,564	P 61,916	P 158,485	P 6	P 158,491
Balance at January 1, 2023	P 22,509	P 3	P 42,493	P 14,463	(P 6,392)	P 9,287	P 532	(P 86)	P 3,824	P 48,294	P 116,353	P 8	P 116,361
Transactions with owners:													
Reissuance of treasury shares	-	-	-	-	-	9,287	-	-	-	-	9,287	-	9,287
Issuance of common stock	1,686	-	15,735	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17,421	-	17,421
Cash dividends	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(3,289)	(3,289)	-	(3,289)
	1,686	-	15,735	-	-	9,287	-	-	-	(3,289)	23,419	-	23,419
Net profit for the year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12,218	12,218	(1)	12,217
Other comprehensive income	-	-	-	-	345	-	-	-	-	-	345	-	345
General loan loss appropriation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	775	(775)	-	-	-
Transfer to fair value loss on financial asset at FVOCI to surplus	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	(3)	-	-	-
Changes in ownership interest of a subsidiary	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(66)	(66)	(1)	(67)
Transfer from surplus to reserve for trust business	-	-	-	-	-	19	-	-	-	(19)	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	348	-	19	-	775	11,355	12,497	(2)	12,495
Balance at December 31, 2023	P 24,195	P 3	P 58,228	P 14,463	(P 6,044)	P -	P 551	(P 86)	P 4,599	P 56,360	P 152,269	P 6	P 152,275
Balance at January 1, 2022	P 22,509	P 3	P 42,505	P 14,463	(P 1,923)	(P 9,287)	P 508	(P 97)	P 3,617	P 38,764	P 111,062	P 18	P 111,080
Transactions with owners:													
Reissuance of treasury shares	-	-	(12)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(12)	-	(12)
Cash dividends	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(2,308)	(2,308)	-	(2,308)
	-	-	(12)	-	-	-	-	-	-	(2,308)	(2,320)	-	(2,320)
Net profit for the year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12,080	12,080	-	12,080
Other comprehensive loss	-	-	-	-	(4,469)	-	-	-	-	-	(4,469)	-	(4,469)
General loan loss appropriation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	207	(207)	-	-	-
Changes in ownership interest of a subsidiary	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(11)	-	(10)	(10)
Transfer from surplus to reserve for trust business	-	-	-	-	-	-	24	-	-	(24)	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	(4,469)	-	24	-	11	207	11,838	(10)	7,601
Balance at December 31, 2022	P 22,509	P 3	P 42,493	P 14,463	(P 6,392)	(P 9,287)	P 532	(P 86)	P 3,824	P 48,294	P 116,353	P 8	P 116,361

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		PARENT COMPANY									
Notes	COMMON STOCK	PREFERRED STOCK	CAPITAL PAID IN EXCESS OF PAR	HYBRID PERPETUAL SECURITIES	REVALUATION RESERVES	TREASURY SHARES	RESERVE FOR TRUST BUSINESS	GENERAL LOAN LOSS RESERVE	SURPLUS	TOTAL EQUITY	
	P		P	P	(P	P	P	P	P	P	
Balance at January 1, 2024	24,195	3	58,228	14,463	6,044	-	551	4,589	56,281	152,266	
Transactions with owners:											
Cash dividends	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(3,548)	(3,548)	
Net profit for the year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9,520	9,520	
Other comprehensive income	-	-	-	-	244	-	-	-	-	244	
General loan loss appropriation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	948	(948)	-	
Transfer of fair value loss on financial asset at fair value through other comprehensive income (FVOCI) to surplus	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	(2)	-	
Transfer from surplus to reserve for trust business	-	-	-	-	-	-	(551)	-	551	-	
	-	-	-	-	246	-	(551)	948	9,121	9,764	
Balance at December 31, 2024	P 24,195	P 3	P 58,228	P 14,463	(P 5,798)	P -	P -	P 5,537	P 61,854	P 158,482	
Balance at January 1, 2023	P 22,509	P 3	P 42,493	14,463	(P 6,392)	(P 9,287)	P 532	P 3,823	P 48,140	P 116,284	
Transactions with owners:											
Reissuance of treasury shares	-	-	-	-	-	9,287	-	-	-	9,287	
Issuance of common stock	1,686	-	15,735	-	-	-	-	-	-	17,421	
Cash dividends	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(3,289)	(3,289)	
	1,686	-	15,735	-	-	9,287	-	-	(3,289)	23,419	
Net profit for the year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12,218	12,218	
Other comprehensive income	-	-	-	-	345	-	-	-	-	345	
General loan loss appropriation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	766	(766)	-	
Transfer of fair value loss on financial asset at FVOCI to surplus	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	(3)	-	
Transfer from surplus to reserve for trust business	-	-	-	-	-	-	19	-	(19)	-	
	-	-	-	-	348	-	19	766	11,430	12,563	
Balance at December 31, 2023	P 24,195	P 3	P 58,228	P 14,463	(P 6,044)	P -	P 551	P 4,589	P 56,281	P 152,266	
Balance at January 1, 2022	P 22,509	P 3	P 42,505	P 14,463	(P 1,923)	(P 9,287)	P 508	P 3,616	P 38,599	P 110,993	
Transactions with owners:											
Reissuance of treasury shares	-	-	(12)	-	-	-	-	-	-	(12)	
Cash dividends	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(2,308)	(2,308)	
	-	-	(12)	-	-	-	-	-	(2,308)	(2,320)	
Net profit for the year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12,080	12,080	
Other comprehensive loss	-	-	-	-	(4,469)	-	-	-	-	(4,469)	
General loan loss appropriation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	207	(207)	-	
Transfer from surplus to reserve for trust business	-	-	-	-	-	-	24	-	(24)	-	
	-	-	-	-	(4,469)	-	24	207	11,849	7,611	
Balance at December 31, 2022	P 22,509	P 3	P 42,493	P 14,463	(P 6,392)	(P 9,287)	P 532	P 3,823	P 48,140	P 116,284	

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RIZAL COMMERCIAL BANKING CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES
STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024, 2023 AND 2022
(Amounts in Millions of Philippine Pesos)

	Notes	GROUP			PARENT COMPANY		
		2024	2023	2022	2024	2023	2022
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES							
Profit before tax		P 12,988	P 13,515	P 13,648	P 12,864	P 13,501	P 13,598
Adjustments for:							
Interest income	9, 10, 11	(79,083)	(66,289)	(45,835)	(78,155)	(65,284)	(45,127)
Interest received		64,448	47,718	45,379	59,532	46,932	44,516
Interest paid		(36,633)	(30,830)	(12,577)	(36,249)	(30,476)	(12,145)
Interest expense	17, 18, 19, 21, 23	36,582	32,660	14,619	36,197	32,302	14,228
Impairment losses - net	16	8,619	6,888	5,706	8,564	6,074	5,489
Depreciation and amortization	13, 14, 15	3,379	3,365	3,037	3,113	3,014	2,544
Gain on assets sold - net	13, 14, 15	(1,352)	(6,714)	(3,088)	(1,342)	(6,656)	(2,985)
Dividend income	24	(322)	(318)	(311)	(273)	(252)	(227)
Share in net losses (earnings) of subsidiaries and associates	12	(85)	(92)	(32)	(491)	(157)	(154)
Gain on disposal of subsidiaries	12	-	(243)	-	-	(243)	-
Operating profit (loss) before working capital changes		8,541	(340)	20,546	3,760	(931)	19,737
Decrease (increase) in financial assets at fair value through profit and loss		1,544	(4,741)	(1,174)	1,429	(4,815)	(1,260)
Increase in loans and receivables		(81,428)	(70,302)	(36,129)	(77,672)	(71,114)	(35,938)
Decrease (increase) in investment properties		(236)	2,072	2,093	(235)	1,842	2,009
Decrease (increase) in other resources		(1,302)	(6,100)	180	(1,222)	(6,322)	725
Increase in deposit liabilities		66,082	99,468	184,785	65,368	99,730	183,225
Increase (decrease) in accrued interest, taxes and other expenses		(400)	2,590	256	(475)	2,552	189
Increase (decrease) in other liabilities		27,297	(694)	10,688	27,214	(442)	10,585
Cash generated from operations		20,098	21,953	181,245	18,167	20,500	179,272
Income taxes paid		(3,709)	(4,099)	(2,069)	(3,511)	(3,910)	(1,973)
Net Cash From Operating Activities		16,389	17,854	179,176	14,656	16,590	177,299
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES							
Acquisition of securities at fair value through other comprehensive income (FVOCI)	10	(391,742)	(442,380)	(131,018)	(391,718)	(442,360)	(130,903)
Disposal of securities at FVOCI	10	315,409	476,584	60,578	315,386	476,576	59,863
Acquisition of investments in securities at amortized cost	4	(26,330)	(16,099)	(149,832)	(24,245)	(14,092)	(148,342)
Proceeds from redemption and maturity of securities at amortized cost	4	2,674	31,956	61,045	629	29,688	59,894
Acquisitions of bank premises, furniture, fixtures, and equipment	13	(1,387)	(3,716)	(1,627)	(1,291)	(1,432)	(1,251)
Proceeds from disposals of bank premises, furniture, fixtures and equipment	13	1,047	9,836	2,487	856	7,401	2,032
Acquisitions of software	15	(519)	(381)	(334)	(518)	(362)	(333)
Cash dividends received	12, 24	322	318	293	280	344	798
Net Cash From (Used in) Investing Activities (Forward)		(P 100,526)	P 56,118	(P 158,408)	(P 100,621)	P 55,763	(P 158,242)

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	Notes	GROUP			PARENT COMPANY		
		2024	2023	2022	2024	2023	2022
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES							
Proceeds from availments of bills payable	30	P 43,948	P 15,333	P 62,142	P 41,100	P 15,333	P 55,380
Maturity of bonds payable	30	(31,542)	(39,041)	(31,170)	(31,542)	(39,041)	(31,170)
Payments of bills payable	30	(10,232)	(29,767)	(52,865)	(6,171)	(28,399)	(44,867)
Issuance of bonds payable	19, 30	23,138	-	14,756	23,138	-	14,756
Dividends paid	22	(3,548)	(3,289)	(2,308)	(3,548)	(3,289)	(2,308)
Payment of lease liabilities	21, 30	(2,366)	(2,131)	(2,265)	(2,283)	(2,044)	(2,189)
Net proceeds from issuance of shares of stock	22	-	17,421	-	-	17,421	-
Reissuance of treasury shares	22	-	9,287	(12)	-	9,287	(12)
Net Cash From (Used in) Financing Activities		19,398	(32,187)	(11,722)	20,694	(30,732)	(10,410)
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		(64,739)	41,785	9,046	(65,271)	41,621	8,647
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR							
Cash and other cash items	9	19,875	18,078	14,691	19,812	18,024	14,663
Due from Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas		151,762	156,664	130,170	150,771	155,340	128,931
Due from other banks		14,892	5,836	12,162	14,630	5,383	11,860
Loans arising from reverse repurchase agreements		35,799	8,724	11,691	34,948	8,552	11,656
Interbank loans receivable		27,780	19,021	30,563	27,780	19,021	30,563
		250,108	208,323	199,277	247,941	206,320	197,673
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF YEAR							
Cash and other cash items	9	23,003	19,875	18,078	22,907	19,812	18,024
Due from Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas		115,230	151,762	156,664	112,763	150,771	155,340
Due from other banks		14,569	14,892	5,836	14,433	14,630	5,383
Loans arising from reverse repurchase agreements		-	35,799	8,724	-	34,948	8,552
Interbank loans receivable		32,567	27,780	19,021	32,567	27,780	19,021
		P 185,369	P 250,108	P 208,323	P 182,670	P 247,941	P 206,320

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RIZAL COMMERCIAL BANKING CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2024, 2023 AND 2022
(Amounts in Millions of Philippine Pesos, Except Share and Per Share Data or As Indicated)

1. CORPORATE MATTERS

1.1 Incorporation and Operations

Rizal Commercial Banking Corporation (the Parent Company, the Bank or RCBC), a universal bank engaged in all aspects of banking, was originally incorporated on September 23, 1960. The Bank has been granted with perpetual existence by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) on September 30, 2022. It provides products and services related to traditional loans and deposits, trade finance, domestic and foreign fund transfers or remittance, cash management, treasury, and trust and custodianship services. Under relevant authority granted by the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP), the Bank is also licensed to deal in different types of derivative products such as, but not limited, to foreign currency forwards, interest rate swaps and cross currency swaps. The Parent Company and its subsidiaries (together hereinafter referred to as the Group) are engaged in all aspects of traditional banking, investment banking, retail financing (credit cards, auto loans, mortgage/housing and microfinance loans), remittance, leasing and stock brokering.

As a banking institution, the Group's operations are regulated and supervised by the BSP. As such, the Group is required to comply with banking rules and regulations such as those relating to maintenance of reserve requirements on deposit liabilities and deposit substitutes and those relating to the adoption and use of safe and sound banking practices, among others, as promulgated by the BSP. The Group's activities are subject to the provisions of Republic Act (R.A.) No. 8791, the *General Banking Law of 2000*, and other related banking laws.

The Parent Company's common shares are listed in the Philippine Stock Exchange (PSE).

The Group and the Parent Company's banking network within and outside the Philippines as of December 31 follows:

	Group		Parent Company	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
Automated teller machines (ATMs)	1,482	1,460	1,482	1,460
ATM Go	7,947	3,861	7,947	3,861
Branches	453	454	437	438
Extension offices	12	4	2	2

RCBC is a 33.92%-owned subsidiary of Pan Malayan Management and Investment Corporation (PMMIC or Ultimate Parent), a company incorporated and domiciled in the Philippines. PMMIC is the holding company of the flagship institutions of the Yuchengco Group of Companies (YGC), with registered business address at 48th Floor, Yuchengco Tower, RCBC Plaza, 6819 Ayala Avenue cor. Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City. As of December 31, 2024 and 2023, Cathay Life Insurance Corporation (Cathay) also owns 18.68% interest in RCBC.

On August 26, 2022 and September 30, 2022, the BSP and Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), respectively, approved the amendment of Articles of Incorporation (AOI) of the Parent Company to allow foreign ownership to exceed 40% (see Note 22.1).

In 2023, Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation (SMBC) has completed its acquisition of an additional 15.01% equity stake in RCBC resulting in an increase of SMBC's shareholding to 20.00% (see Note 22.2), effectively making RCBC 44.10% foreign-owned. As of December 31, 2024 and 2023, SMBC owns 20.00% interest in RCBC. To comply with constitutional requirements on land ownership, the Bank disposed of its land through the following measures:

- sale and leaseback transaction of bank premises and investment properties with AT Yuchengco Center Inc. (ATYCI) [see Notes 13 and 27.7(a)];
- disposal of 119 Bank-owned real estate properties to a property holding company - Frame Properties Inc. (see Notes 13, 23.2 and 27.5);
- sale of subsidiaries Niyog Property Holdings, Inc. (NPHI) and Cajel Realty Corporation (Cajel) to Filinvest Land Inc. (FLI) (see Notes 12 and 15.1);
- donation and transfer of 19.41% ownership in RCBC-JPL Holding Company, Inc. (RCBC JPL) (see Note 23.2); and,
- disposal of the remaining consolidated properties of the Bank (see Note 15.1).

With the endorsement of the Group's Trust Committee, on November 28, 2022, the Bank's Board of Directors (BOD) approved the spin-off of the trust operations from the Parent Company into a separate corporate entity by establishing a Stand-Alone Trust Corporation in accordance with the Manual of Regulations for Non-Bank Financing Institutions. The BOD approved the capital infusion by the Parent Company equivalent to 40% of the required capital under the capital build-up plan.

On March 27, 2023, the Bank's BOD approved the incorporation of the RCBC Trust Corporation (RTC), where the Bank subscribed to 400,000 shares amounting to P40, equivalent to 40% of the subscribed share capital of RTC. RTC was officially incorporated on June 29, 2023, while its application of Trust License from BSP – Stage 3 was approved on October 10, 2023. RTC started operations on January 2, 2024 (see Notes 12 and 26).

The Parent Company's registered address, which is also its principal office, is at Yuchengco Tower, RCBC Plaza, 6819 Ayala Avenue cor. Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City.

1.2 Subsidiaries and Associates

The Parent Company holds ownership interests in the following subsidiaries and associates at the end of 2024 and 2023:

Subsidiaries and Associates	Line of Business	Explanatory Notes	Effective Percentage of Ownership	
			2024	2023
Subsidiaries:				
RCBC Forex Brokers Corporation (RCBC Forex)	Foreign exchange dealing		100.00	100.00
RCBC Telemoney Europe (RCBC Telemoney)	Remittance	(a)	-	100.00
RCBC International Finance Limited (RCBC IFL)	Remittance		100.00	100.00
RCBC Investment Ltd.	Remittance	(b)	100.00	100.00
RCBC Capital Corporation (RCBC Capital)	Investment house		99.96	99.96
RCBC Securities, Inc. (RSI or RCBC Securities)	Securities brokerage and dealing	(c)	99.96	99.96
RCBC Bankard Services Corporation (RBSC)	Credit card management	(c)	99.96	99.96
RCBC JPL	Property holding	(e)	80.00	99.41
Rizal Microbank, Inc. (Rizal Microbank)	Thrift banking and microfinance		100.00	100.00
RCBC Leasing and Finance Corporation (RCBC LFC)	Financial leasing		99.67	99.67
RCBC Rental Corporation (RRC)	Property leasing	(d)	99.67	99.67
Associates:				
YGC Corporate Services, Inc. (YCS)	Support services for YGC		40.00	40.00
RTC	Trust, fiduciary and investment management	(f)	40.00	40.00
Luisita Industrial Park Co. (LIPC)	Real estate buying, developing, selling and rental		35.00	35.00
Honda Cars Phils., Inc. (HCPI)	Sale of motor vehicles		12.88	12.88

Except for RCBC Telemoney (Italy), RCBC IFL (Hongkong) and RCBC Investment Ltd. (Hongkong), all other subsidiaries and associates are incorporated and conducting their businesses in the Philippines.

Explanatory Notes:

- (a) Operational only until March 1, 2016 and liquidated in 2024.
- (b) A wholly-owned subsidiary of RCBC IFL.
- (c) Wholly-owned subsidiaries of RCBC Capital.
- (d) A wholly-owned subsidiary of RCBC LFC.
- (e) In 2024, 19.41% ownership on RCBC JPL was donated and transferred to the Bank's retirement fund.
- (f) In 2023, the Bank subscribed to 400 thousand shares equivalent to 40% of subscribed share capital of RTC (see Note 1.1).

1.3 Approval of Financial Statements

The consolidated financial statements of the Group and the separate financial statements of RCBC as of and for the year ended December 31, 2024 (including the comparative financial statements as of December 31, 2023 and for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022) were approved and authorized for issue by the BOD of the Parent Company on February 24, 2025.

2. MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION

The material accounting policies that have been used in the preparation of these financial statements are summarized below. The accounting policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, except when otherwise indicated.

2.1 Basis of Preparation of Financial Statements

(a) Statement of Compliance with Philippine Financial Reporting Standards

The consolidated financial statements of the Group and the separate financial statements of the Parent Company have been prepared in accordance with Philippine Financial Reporting Standards (PFRS Accounting Standards). PFRS Accounting Standards are adopted by the Financial and Sustainability Reporting Standards Council (FSRSC) from the pronouncements issued by the International Accounting Standards Board, and approved by Philippine Board of Accountancy.

These financial statements have been prepared using the measurement bases specified by PFRS Accounting Standards for each type of resource, liability, income and expense. The measurement bases are more fully described in the accounting policies that follow.

(b) Presentation of Financial Statements

The financial statements are presented in accordance with Philippine Accounting Standards (PAS) 1, *Presentation of Financial Statements*. The Group presents all items of income and expenses in two statements: a “statement of profit or loss” and a “statement of comprehensive income”.

The Group presents a third statement of financial position as of the beginning of the preceding period when it applies an accounting policy retrospectively, or makes a retrospective restatement or reclassification of items that have a material effect on the information in the statement of financial position at the beginning of the preceding period. The related notes to the third statement of financial position are not required to be disclosed.

(c) Functional and Presentation Currency

These financial statements are presented in Philippine pesos, the Group’s functional and presentation currency (see Note 2.10). All amounts are in millions, except share and per share data or when otherwise indicated.

Items included in the financial statements of the Group are measured using its functional currency. Functional currency is the currency of the primary economic environment in which the Group operates. The financial statements of the Group's foreign currency deposit unit (FCDU), which is reported in United States (US) dollar, are translated to Philippine peso based on Philippine Dealing System closing rates (PDSCR) at the end of reporting period for the statement of financial position accounts and at the average PDS rate for the period for the profit and loss accounts.

2.2 *Adoption of Amended PFRS Accounting Standards*

(a) *Effective in 2024 that are Relevant to the Group and Parent Company*

The Group adopted for the first time the following amendments to PFRS Accounting Standards, which are mandatorily effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2024:

PAS 1 (Amendments)	:	Presentation of Financial Statements – Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current, and Non-current Liabilities with Covenants
PFRS 16 (Amendments)	:	Leases – Lease Liability in a Sale and Leaseback
PAS 7 and PFRS 7 (Amendments)	:	Statement of Cash Flows, and Financial Instruments: Disclosures – Supplier Finance Arrangements

Discussed below are the relevant information about these pronouncements.

- (i) PAS 1 (Amendments), *Presentation of Financial Statements – Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current*. The amendments provide guidance on whether a liability should be classified as either current or non-current. The amendments clarify that the classification of liabilities as current or non-current should be based on rights that are in existence at the end of the reporting period and that the classification is unaffected by expectations about whether an entity will exercise its right to defer settlement of a liability. The application of these amendments had no significant impact on the Group and Parent Company's financial statements.
- (ii) PAS 1 (Amendments), *Presentation of Financial Statements – Non-current Liabilities with Covenants*. The amendments specify that if the right to defer settlement for at least 12 months is subject to an entity complying with conditions after the reporting period, then those conditions would not affect whether the right to defer settlement exists at the end of the reporting period for the purposes of classifying a liability as current or non-current. For non-current liabilities subject to conditions, an entity is required to disclose information about the conditions, whether the entity would comply with the conditions based on its circumstances at the reporting date and whether and how the entity expects to comply with the conditions by the date on which they are contractually required to be tested. The application of these amendments had no significant impact on the Group and Parent Company's financial statements.

- (iii) PFRS 16, *Lease Liability in a Sale and Leaseback*. The amendments require a seller-lessee to subsequently measure lease liabilities arising from a leaseback in a way that it does not recognize any amount of the gain or loss that relates to the right of use it retains. The application of these amendments had no significant impact on the Group and Parent Company's financial statements.
- (iv) PAS 7 and PFRS 7 (Amendments), *Statement of Cash Flows, Financial Instruments: Disclosures – Supplier Finance Arrangements*. The amendments add a disclosure objective to PAS 7 stating that an entity is required to disclose information about its supplier finance arrangements that enables users of financial statements to assess the effects of those arrangements on the entity's liabilities and cash flows. In addition, PFRS 7 is amended to add supplier finance arrangements as an example within the requirements to disclose information about an entity's exposure to concentration of liquidity risk. The application of these amendments had no significant impact on the Group and Parent Company's financial statements.

(b) *Effective Subsequent to 2024 but not Adopted Early*

There are new standards and amendments to existing standards effective for annual periods subsequent to 2024, which are adopted by the FSRSC. Management will adopt the following relevant pronouncements below in accordance with their transitional provisions; and, unless otherwise stated, none of these are expected to have significant impact on the Group and Parent Company's financial statements:

- (i) PAS 21 (Amendments), *The Effects of Changes in Foreign Exchange Rates – Lack of Exchangeability* (effective from January 1, 2025)
- (ii) PFRS 9 and PFRS 7 (Amendments), *Financial Instruments, and Financial Instruments: Disclosures – Amendments to the Classification and Measurement of Financial Instruments* (effective from January 1, 2026)
- (iii) PFRS 18, *Presentation and Disclosure in Financial Statements* (effective from January 1, 2027). The new standard impacts the classification of profit or loss items (i.e., into operating, investing and financing categories) and the presentation of subtotals in the statement of profit or loss (i.e., operating profit and profit before financing and income taxes). The new standard also changes the aggregation and disaggregation of information presented in the primary financial statements and in the notes. It also introduces required disclosures about management-defined performance measures. The amendments, however, do not affect how an entity recognizes and measures its financial condition, financial performance and cash flows.
- (iv) PFRS 10 and PAS 28 (Amendments), *Consolidated Financial Statements and Investments in Associates and Joint Ventures – Sale or Contribution of Assets between an Investor and its Associate or Joint Venture* (effective date deferred indefinitely)

2.3 Basis of Consolidation and Accounting for Investments in Subsidiaries and Associates in the Separate Financial Statements

The Parent Company's investments in subsidiaries are initially recognized at cost and subsequently accounted for in its separate financial statements using the equity method.

The Parent Company reassesses whether or not it controls an entity if facts and circumstances indicate that there are changes to one or more of the three elements of controls. Accordingly, entities are deconsolidated from the date that control ceases.

Acquired subsidiaries are subject to either of the following relevant policies:

- (i) *Purchase method* – is applicable if the business combination does not involve entities under common control. The method involves the revaluation at fair value of all identifiable assets and liabilities, including contingent liabilities of a subsidiary, at the acquisition date, regardless of whether or not they were recorded in the financial statements of a subsidiary prior to acquisition.
- (ii) *Pooling of interest method* – is applicable for business combinations involving entities under common control. On initial recognition, the assets and liabilities of a subsidiary are included in the consolidated statement of financial position at their book values. Adjustments, if any, are recorded to achieve uniform accounting policies. The combining entities' results and financial positions are presented in the consolidated financial statements as if they had always been combined.

No goodwill or negative goodwill is recognized. Any difference between the cost of the investment and the subsidiary's identifiable net assets is recognized on consolidation in Capital Paid in Excess of Par account in equity.

Acquired investments in associates are subject to purchase method of accounting as described above. However, any goodwill that represents the excess of identifiable net assets of the acquiree at the date of acquisition or fair value adjustment attributable to the Group's share in the associate is included in the amount recognized as investments in associates.

The Group reassesses whether or not an entity qualifies as an associate in the occurrence of changes to facts and circumstances surrounding its ability to exert significant influence.

2.4 Financial Instruments

(a) Financial Assets

(i) Classification and Measurement of Financial Assets

The Group's financial assets include financial assets at amortized cost, at fair value through other comprehensive income (FVOCI) and at fair value through profit or loss (FVTPL).

Financial Assets at Amortized Cost

Where the business model is to hold assets to collect contractual cash flows, the Group assesses whether the financial instruments' cash flows represent solely payments of principal and interest (SPPI). In making this assessment, the Group considers whether the contractual cash flows are consistent with basic lending arrangements, i.e., interest includes only consideration for the time value of money, credit risk, other basic lending risks and a profit margin. Where the contractual terms introduce exposure to risk or volatility that are inconsistent with basic lending arrangements, the related financial asset is classified and measured at FVTPL.

The Group may irrevocably elect at initial recognition to classify a financial asset that meets the amortized cost criteria as at FVTPL if that designation eliminates or significantly reduces an accounting mismatch had the financial asset been measured at amortized cost.

Financial Assets at Fair Value Through Other Comprehensive Income

At initial recognition, the Group can make an irrevocable election (on an instrument-by-instrument basis) to designate equity investments as at FVOCI; however, such designation is not permitted if the equity investment is held by the Group for trading or a contingent consideration recognized arising from a business combination. The Group has made irrevocable designation of equity instruments not held for trading into this category.

Financial Assets at Fair Value Through Profit or Loss

The Group can only reclassify financial assets if the objective of its business model for managing those financial assets changes. Accordingly, the Group is required to reclassify financial assets: (i) from amortized cost to FVTPL, if the objective of the business model changes so that the amortized cost criteria are no longer met; and, (ii) from FVTPL to amortized cost, if the objective of the business model changes so that the amortized cost criteria start to be met and the characteristic of the instrument's contractual cash flows meet the amortized cost criteria.

A change in the objective of the Group's business model will be effected only at the beginning of the next reporting period following the change in the business model.

(ii) *Effective Interest Rate Method and Interest Income*

Interest income on financial assets measured at amortized cost and all interest-bearing debt financial assets classified as at FVTPL, or at FVOCI, is recognized using the effective interest rate method.

The effective interest rate is calculated by taking into account any discount or premium on acquisition, fees and costs that are an integral part of effective interest rate. The Group recognizes interest income using a rate of return that represents the best estimate of a constant rate of return over the expected life of the instrument; hence, it recognizes the effect of potentially different interest rates charged at various stages, and other characteristics of the product life cycle (including prepayments, penalty interest and charges).

If expectations regarding the cash flows on the financial asset are revised for reasons other than credit risk, the adjustment is booked as a positive or negative adjustment to the carrying amount of the asset with an increase or reduction in interest income. The Group calculates interest income by applying the effective interest rate to the gross carrying amount of the financial assets, except for those that are subsequently identified as credit-impaired and or are purchased or originated credit-impaired assets.

For financial assets that have become credit-impaired subsequent to initial recognition, interest income is calculated by applying the effective interest rate to the net carrying amount of the financial assets (after deduction of the loss allowance). If the asset is no longer credit-impaired, the calculation of interest income reverts to gross basis. For financial assets that were credit-impaired on initial recognition, interest income is calculated by applying a credit-adjusted effective interest rate to the amortized cost of the asset. The calculation of interest income does not revert to a gross basis even if the credit risk of the asset subsequently improves.

(iii) Impairment of Financial Assets

The Group's expected credit loss (ECL) model follows a three-stage impairment approach, which guide in the determination of the loss allowance to be recognized in the financial statements. The staging of financial assets and definition of default for purposes of determining ECL are further discussed in Note 4.4.

ECL is a function of the probability of default (PD), loss-given default (LGD), and exposure-at-default (EAD), with the timing of the loss also considered, and is estimated by incorporating forward-looking economic information and through the use of experienced credit judgement. These elements are discussed more fully in Note 4.4.

The Group calculates ECL either on an individual or a collective basis. For consumer loans which were carried out on a collective basis, the financial instruments are grouped on the basis of shared credit risk characteristics, such as but not limited to instrument type, credit risk rating, collateral type, product type, historical net charge-offs, industry type, and geographical locations of the borrowers or counterparties. The Group calculates ECL for corporate loans, finance lease receivables, and investment securities at amortized cost on an individual basis.

The Group applies a simplified ECL approach for its accounts receivables and other risk assets wherein the Group uses a provision matrix that considers historical changes in the behavior of the portfolio of credit exposures based on internally collected data to predict conditions over the span of a given observation period. These receivables include claims from various counterparties, which are not originated through the Group's lending activities. For these instruments, the Group measures the loss allowance at an amount equal to lifetime ECL.

The Group recognizes an impairment loss in profit or loss for all financial instruments subjected to ECL impairment assessment with a corresponding adjustment to their carrying amount through a loss allowance account. With respect to investments in debt securities that are measured at FVOCI, the related loss allowance account is recognized in other comprehensive income and accumulated in the Revaluation Reserves account, and does not reduce the carrying amount of the financial asset in the statement of financial position.

For loan commitments, the loss allowance is recognized as provisions (presented and included as part of Other Liabilities account in the statement of financial position). Where a financial instrument includes a drawn and undrawn component, and the Group cannot identify the ECL on the loan commitment component separately from those on the drawn commitment; the Group presents a combined allowance for ECL for both components. The combined amount is presented as a deduction from the gross carrying amount of the drawn component. Any excess of the loss allowance over the gross amount of the drawn component is presented as provisions.

If the Group retains substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of a transferred financial asset, the Group continues to recognize the financial asset and also recognizes a collateralized borrowing for the proceeds received.

(iv) Modification of Loans

When the Group renegotiates or otherwise modifies the contractual cash flows of loans to customers, the Group assesses whether or not the new terms are substantially different to the original terms of the instrument.

In making such assessment, the Group considers, among others:

- If the borrower is in financial difficulty, whether the modification merely reduces the contractual cash flows to amounts the borrower is expected to be able to pay;
- Whether any substantial new terms are introduced that will affect 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; and/or,
- Insertion of collateral, other security or credit enhancements that will significantly affect the credit risk associated with the loan.

If the terms are substantially different, the Group derecognizes the original financial asset and recognizes a “new” asset at fair value and recalculates a new effective interest rate for the asset. The date of renegotiation is consequently considered to be the date of initial recognition for impairment calculation, including for the purpose of determining whether significant increase in credit risk (SICR) has occurred.

However, the Group also assesses whether the new financial asset recognized is deemed to be credit-impaired at initial recognition, especially in circumstances where the renegotiation was driven by the debtor being unable to make the originally agreed payments. Differences in the carrying amount between the old financial asset derecognized and the fair value of the new financial asset are recognized in profit or loss as either gain or loss on derecognition of financial assets.

As to the impact on ECL measurement, the expected fair value of the “new” financial asset is treated as the final cash flow from the existing financial asset at the date of derecognition. Such amount is included in the calculation of cash shortfalls from the existing financial asset that are discounted from the expected date of derecognition to the reporting date using the original effective interest rate of the existing financial asset.

If the terms are not substantially different, the renegotiation or modification does not result in derecognition, and the Group recalculates the gross carrying amount based on the revised cash flows of the financial asset and recognizes the gain or loss arising from the modification in profit or loss.

The new gross carrying amount is recalculated by discounting the modified cash flows of the original effective interest rate (or credit-adjusted effective interest rate for purchased or originated credit-impaired financial assets).

As to the impact on ECL measurement, the derecognition of the existing financial asset will result in the expected cash flows arising from the modified financial asset to be included in the calculation of cash shortfalls from the existing financial asset.

(b) Financial Liabilities

Financial liabilities including deposit liabilities, bills payable, bonds payable, accrued interest and other expenses, and other liabilities (except derivatives with negative fair value, tax-related payables, post-employment defined benefit obligation and deferred income)

(c) Financial Guarantees and Undrawn Loan Commitments

The Group issues financial guarantees and loan commitments. Financial guarantees are those issued by the Group to creditors as allowed under existing rules and regulations whereby it guarantees third party obligations by signing as guarantor in the contract or agreement. Undrawn loan commitments and letters of credit are commitments under which, over the duration of the commitment, the Group is required to provide a loan with pre-specified terms to the customer. The ECL related to financial guarantees and loan commitments without outstanding drawn amounts is recognized under Other Liabilities account in the statement of financial position.

(d) Derivative Financial Instruments

The Group enters into a variety of derivative financial instruments some of which are held for trading while others are held to manage its exposure to interest rate risk. Derivatives held include foreign currency short-term forwards, interest rate swaps, cross currency swaps, debt warrants and options. Further details of derivative financial instruments are disclosed in Note 10.

Derivatives are initially recognized at fair value at the date a derivative contract is entered into and are subsequently remeasured to the fair value at each reporting date.

(e) Hedge Accounting

The Group has approved certain assets and liabilities as hedged items for interest rate risk exposures: fixed rate bonds, loans receivable and loans payable, floating rate bonds, loans receivable and loans payable, and fixed/floating rate highly probable bonds.

The Group also designates certain derivatives as hedging instruments in respect of interest rate risk in fair value hedges, or cash flow hedges, as appropriate. The Group applies PFRS 9 hedge accounting rules in full for these derivatives.

At the inception of the hedge relationship, the Group documents the relationship between the hedging instrument and the hedged item, along with its risk management objectives and its strategy for undertaking various hedge transactions. Furthermore, at the inception of the hedge and on an ongoing basis, the Group documents whether the hedging instrument is effective in offsetting changes in fair values or cash flows of the hedged item attributable to the hedged risk, which is when the hedging relationships meet all of the following hedge effectiveness requirements:

- there is an economic relationship between the hedged item and the hedging instrument;
- the effect of credit risk does not dominate the value changes that result from that economic relationship; and
- the hedge ratio of the hedging relationship is the same as that resulting from the quantity of the hedged item that the Group actually hedges and the quantity of the hedging instrument that the Group actually uses to hedge that quantity of hedged item.

The Group uses both qualitative and quantitative assessment to determine whether there is an economic relationship between the hedged item and the hedging instrument. The conclusion that an economic relationship exists may be purely qualitative when the critical terms of the hedging instrument and the hedged item are matched. In cases when the critical terms are not aligned, it will be necessary to perform a quantitative assessment to establish that there is an economic relationship and that this source of ineffectiveness is not material. These assessments may be through critical matching, by identifying critical terms in both the hedged item or the derivative that may be a source of ineffectiveness, or regression analysis, when the critical terms of the hedging instrument and hedged item are not closely aligned, and there is increased uncertainty about the extent of offset, such that the hedge effectiveness is more difficult to predict.

The Group shall perform effectiveness assessment on an ongoing basis, whether a hedging relationship continue to meet the hedge effectiveness requirements. In measuring ineffectiveness, the Group constructs a hypothetical derivative that represents a hedge for the hedged risk of the hedged item, and assesses the impact of credit risk.

Hedge ineffectiveness can arise from the following:

- counterparties' credit risk differently affecting the fair value movements of the hedging instrument and hedged item; and
- Any subsequent changes in the contractual terms of the hedged item or hedging instrument may create potential source of ineffectiveness.

The results of the effectiveness assessment shall determine whether the hedge needs to be rebalanced or discontinued. Discontinuation may apply to only part of the hedging relationship. For example, the hedge ratio might be adjusted in such a way that some of the volume of the hedged item is no longer part of a hedging relationship, hence hedge accounting is discontinued only for the volume of the hedged item that is no longer part of the hedging relationship. If a hedging relationship ceases to meet the hedge effectiveness requirement relating to the hedge ratio but the risk management objective for that designated hedging relationship remains the same, the Group adjusts the hedge ratio of the hedging relationship (i.e., rebalances the hedge) so that it meets the qualifying criteria again.

The fair value change on qualifying hedging instruments is recognized in profit or loss except when the hedging instrument hedges an equity instrument designated at FVOCI in which case it is recognized in OCI. The Group has not designated fair value hedge relationships where the hedging instrument hedges an equity instrument designated at FVOCI. The carrying amount of a hedged item not already measured at fair value is adjusted for the fair value change attributable to the hedged risk with a corresponding entry in profit or loss.

Where hedging gains or losses are recognized in profit or loss, they are recognized in the same line as the hedged item. The Group discontinues hedge accounting only when the hedging relationship (or a part thereof) ceases to meet the qualifying criteria (after rebalancing, if applicable). This includes instances when the hedging instrument expires or is sold, terminated or exercised. The discontinuation is accounted for prospectively. The fair value adjustment to the carrying amount of hedged items for which the EIR method is used (i.e. debt instruments measured at amortized cost or at FVOCI) arising from the hedged risk is amortized to profit or loss commencing no later than the date when hedge accounting is discontinued.

Note 4.3 sets out the details of the fair values of the derivative instruments used for hedging purposes.

2.5 Bank Premises, Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment

All bank premises, furniture, fixtures and equipment are carried at cost less accumulated depreciation, amortization and any impairment in value.

Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the depreciable assets as follows:

Buildings	20 to 50 years
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	3 to 15 years

Leasehold rights and improvements are amortized over the term of the lease or the estimated useful lives of the improvements of 1 to 12 years, whichever is shorter.

2.6 Investment Properties

Investment properties pertain to buildings or condominium units acquired by the Group, in settlement of loans from defaulting borrowers through foreclosure or dacion in payment, which are either held by the Group for sale in the next 12 months or being used in the rendering of services or for administrative purposes, or held for rental. In 2024, the Bank ceased to acquire investment properties through dacion in payment, as a result of the change in capital structure of the Bank.

Investment properties are stated at cost, less accumulated depreciation and any impairment losses (see Note 2.11).

Transfers from other accounts (such as bank premises, furniture, fixtures and equipment) are made to investment properties when and only when, there is a change in use, evidenced by ending of owner-occupation or commencement of an operating lease to another party or holding the property for capital appreciation, while transfers from investment properties are made when, and only when, there is a change in use, evidenced by commencement of owner-occupation or commencement of development with a view to sell. In isolation, a change in management's intentions for the use of a property does not provide evidence of a change in use.

Investment properties, except land, are depreciated on a straight-line basis over a period of 10 years.

2.7 Intangible Assets

Intangible assets include goodwill, branch licenses, trading right, and computer software licenses which are accounted for under cost model and are reported under Other Resources account in the statement of financial position.

Goodwill represents the excess of the cost of acquisition over the fair value of the identifiable net assets acquired at the date of acquisition (see Note 2.3).

Branch licenses represent the rights given by the BSP to the Group to establish a certain number of branches in various areas in the country.

Goodwill and branch licenses are classified as intangible assets with indefinite useful life and, thus, not subject to amortization but are tested annually for impairment (see Note 2.11). After initial recognition, goodwill and branch licenses are subsequently carried at cost less any accumulated impairment losses. Goodwill is allocated to cash-generating units for the purpose of impairment testing. Each of those generating units is represented by each primary reporting segment.

Trading right, included as part of Miscellaneous under Other Resources account, represents the right given to RSI, a subsidiary engaged in stock brokerage, to preserve its access to the trading facilities and to transact business at the PSE. Trading right is assessed as having an indefinite useful life. It is carried at the amount allocated from the original cost of the exchange membership seat (after a corresponding allocation was made to the value of the PSE shares) less allowance for impairment, if any. The trading right is tested annually for any impairment in value (see Note 2.11).

Acquired computer software licenses are amortized on a straight line basis over the expected useful lives of the software of three to 10 years.

Computer software development costs recognized as assets are amortized using the straight-line method over their useful lives (not exceeding 10 years).

2.8 Other Income and Expense Recognition

The Group assesses its revenue arrangements against specific criteria to determine if it is acting as a principal or agent. The Group concluded that it is acting as a principal in all its revenue arrangements except for certain brokerage transactions.

For revenues arising from various services which are to be accounted for under PFRS 15, *Revenue from Contracts from Customers*, the following provides information about the nature and timing of satisfaction of performance obligations in contracts with customers, including significant payment terms, and the related revenue recognition policies:

(a) *Service fees and Commissions*

The following service fees and commissions are recognized as follows:

- (i) *Commissions and fees* – these income arising from loans, deposits, and other banking and brokerage transactions are recognized as income based on agreed terms and conditions with customers, which are generally when the services have been performed.
- (ii) *Annual membership fees* – pertain to annual fees charged to credit cardholders. Revenues from membership fees are recognized over time from the date of renewal of the credit card until the validity date covered by the said renewal, usually termed as the expiry date of the issued cards. The credit card's validity period is deemed to be the servicing period.
- (iii) *Interchange fees, net of interchange costs* – are recognized as income upon presentation by member establishments of charges arising from RBSC and non-RBSC (associated with MasterCard, JCB, VISA and China UnionPay labels) credit card availments passing through the Point of Sale (POS) terminals of the Parent Company. These discounts are computed based on agreed rates and are deducted from the amounts remitted to member establishments. Interchange costs pertain to the other credit card companies' share in RBSC's merchant discounts whenever their issued credit cards transact in the Parent Company's POS terminals.

The Parent Company operates a rewards program related to its deposit, loan, and credit card operations, allowing cardholders to accumulate non-expiring loyalty points that can be redeemed for free products, including travel airmiles, shopping vouchers, gift certificates and rewards credits. These loyalty points create a separate performance obligation, as they provide a material right to the cardholder.

The rewards liability of the Parent Company represents the best estimate of the cost associated with the loyalty points earned that are expected to be redeemed by cardholders. Specifically, the Bank calculates the expected breakage which is the proportion of rewards that will not be redeemed by its customers, and recognizes the liability associated with its loyalty programs by accounting for this expected breakage. This model considers the historical data and trends in cardholder behavior, including the effects of short-term and long-term promotional campaigns, to establish the best estimate of the rewards liability expected to be settled in the future. This estimate assumes that the vast majority of all points earned will ultimately be redeemed.

Accordingly, the Parent Company allocates a portion of the interchange fee billed to participating merchants to the loyalty points granted to cardholders, based on their relative stand-alone selling price. A liability equivalent to the estimated loyalty points is recognized until these points are redeemed. Revenue is recognized upon actual redemption by the cardholder.

- (iv) *Loan syndication fees* – are recognized as revenue when the syndication has been completed and the Group retained no part of the loan package for itself or retained a part at the same effective interest rate for the other participants.

(v) *Underwriting and arrangers fees* – are fees arising from negotiating, or participating in the negotiation of a transaction for a third party such as arrangement of the acquisition of shares or other securities or the purchase or sale of businesses, are recognized at the completion of the underlying transaction and where there are no further obligations to perform under the agreement.

(b) *Trust Fees*

These pertain to service fees earned in 2023 and prior years in reference to the net asset value of the funds managed and deducted from the customer's account balance on a monthly basis which are recognized over time as the asset management services are provided. These are also applicable for wealth management and asset custody services that are continuously provided over an extended period of time. No trust fees were earned in 2024 due to the spin-off of the trust operations from the Parent Company into RTC (see Note 1.1).

For other income outside the scope of PFRS 15, the following provides information about the nature and the related revenue recognition policies:

(a) *Trading and Securities Gains (Losses)*

These are recognized when the ownership of the securities is transferred to the buyer and is computed as the difference between the selling price and the carrying amount of the securities disposed of. These also include trading gains and losses as a result of the mark-to-market valuation of investment securities classified as FVTPL.

(b) *Gain on Assets Sold*

Gain on assets sold arise from the disposals of bank premises, furniture, fixtures and equipment, investment properties, real estate properties for sale, and assets held-for-sale. The Group recognizes the gain on sale at the time the control of the assets is transferred to the buyer, when the Group does not retain either continuing managerial involvement to the degree usually associated with ownership, or effective control over the assets sold, and when the collectability of the entire sales price is reasonably assured. Gain on assets sold are included as part of Other Operating Income account in the statement of profit or loss.

(c) *Dividend Income*

Dividend income is recognized when the Group and Parent Company's right to receive payment is established.

(d) *Recoveries from Assets Written Off*

These are income recognized from the increase in carrying amount of assets previously written off. The amount of reversal does not exceed the amount of impairment loss previously recognized for the related asset.

Collections from accounts, which did not qualify for revenue recognition are treated as customers' deposit included as part of Accounts payable under Other Liabilities account in the statement of financial position.

2.9 Leases

The Group accounts for its leases as follows:

(a) *Group as Lessee*

The Group has elected to account for short-term leases and leases of low-value assets using the practical expedients. Instead of recognizing a right-of-use asset and lease liability, the payments in relation to these are recognized as an expense in profit or loss on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

(b) *Group as Lessor*

The Group applies judgment in determining whether a lease contract is a finance or operating lease (see Note 3.1).

(c) *Sale and Leaseback Transaction*

As a seller-lessee, the Group measures the right-of-use asset arising from the leaseback at the proportion of the previous carrying amount of the asset that relates to the right of use retained by the Group. Accordingly, the Group recognizes only the amount of any gain or loss that relates to the rights transferred to the buyer-lessor.

2.10 Foreign Currency Transactions and Translations

Except for the foreign subsidiaries and accounts of the Parent Company's FCDU, the accounting records of the Group are maintained in Philippine pesos. Foreign currency transactions during the period are translated into the functional currency at exchange rates which approximate those prevailing at transaction dates. Resources and liabilities denominated in U.S. dollars are translated to Philippine pesos at the prevailing PDSCR at the end of the reporting period.

For financial reporting purposes, the accounts of the FCDU are translated into their equivalents in Philippine pesos based on the prevailing PDSCR at the end of each reporting period (for resources and liabilities) and at the weighted average PDSCR for the period (for income and expenses). Any foreign exchange difference is recognized in profit or loss.

The translation of the financial statements into Philippine peso should not be construed as a representation that the amounts stated in currencies other than the Philippine peso could be converted in Philippine peso amounts at the translation rates or at any other rates of exchange.

2.11 Impairment of Non-financial Assets

Investments in subsidiaries and associates, bank premises, furniture, fixtures and equipment (including right-of-use assets), investment properties, and other resources (including intangible assets and assets held for sale and disposal group) and other non-financial assets are subject to impairment testing.

For purposes of assessing impairment, assets are grouped at the lowest levels for which there are separately identifiable cash flows [cash-generating units (CGU)]. As a result, some assets are tested for impairment either individually or at the CGU level. Except for intangible assets with an indefinite useful life (i.e., goodwill, branch licenses and trading right) or those not yet available for use, individual assets or CGU are tested for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that their carrying amount may not be recoverable.

All assets, except for intangible assets with indefinite useful life, are subsequently reassessed for indications that an impairment loss previously recognized may no longer exist. An impairment loss is reversed if the asset's or CGU's recoverable amount exceeds its carrying amount.

2.12 Employee Benefits

The Group provides post-employment benefits to employees through a defined benefit plan and defined contribution plans, and other employee benefits.

The Group's defined benefit post-employment plan covers all regular full-time employees. The pension plan is tax-qualified, non-contributory and administered by a trustee.

The defined benefit obligation is calculated annually by independent actuaries using the projected unit credit method.

3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING JUDGMENTS AND ESTIMATES

The preparation of the Group and Parent Company's financial statements in accordance with PFRS Accounting Standards requires management to make judgments and estimates that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and related notes. Judgments and estimates 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. Actual results may ultimately vary from these estimates.

3.1 Critical Management Judgments in Applying Accounting Policies

In the process of applying the Group and Parent Company's accounting policies, management has made the following judgments, apart from those involving estimation, which have the most significant effect on the amounts recognized in the financial statements:

(a) Application of ECL to Financial Assets at Amortized Cost and Financial Assets at FVOCI

The Group uses the general approach to calculate ECL for all debt instruments carried at amortized cost and FVOCI, together with loan commitments and financial guarantee contracts. The allowance for impairment is based on the ECL associated with the probability of default of a financial instrument in the next 12 months, unless there has been a significant increase in credit risk since origination of the financial instrument, in such case, a lifetime ECL for the instrument is recognized.

The Group has established a policy to perform an assessment, at the end of each reporting period, whether a financial instrument's credit risk has increased significantly since initial recognition, by considering the change in the risk of default occurring over the remaining life of the financial instrument.

(b) Evaluation of Business Models Applied in Managing Financial Instruments

The Group manages its financial assets based on business models that maintain adequate level of financial assets to match its expected cash outflows, largely, its core deposit funding arising from customers' withdrawals and continuing loan disbursements to borrowers, while maintaining a strategic portfolio of financial assets for trading activities consistent with its risk appetite.

The Group's business models reflect how it manages its portfolio of financial instruments. The Group's business models need not be assessed at entity level or as a whole but applied at the level of a portfolio of financial instruments (i.e., group of financial instruments that are managed together by the Group) and not on an instrument-by-instrument basis (i.e., not based on intention or specific characteristics of individual financial instrument).

In determining the classification of a financial instrument, the Group evaluates in which business model a financial instrument or a portfolio of financial instruments belongs to taking into consideration the objectives of each business model established by the Group (e.g., held-for-trading, generating accrual income, direct matching to a specific liability) as those relate to the Group's investment, trading and lending strategies.

If more than an infrequent sale is made out of a portfolio of financial assets carried at amortized cost, an entity should assess whether and how such sales are consistent with the objective of collecting contractual cash flows. In making this judgment, the Group considers certain circumstances documented in its business model manual to assess that an increase in the frequency or value of sales of financial instruments in a particular period is not necessarily inconsistent with the HTC business model if the Group can explain the reasons for those sales and why those sales do not reflect a change in the Group's objective for the business model.

There is no disposal of HTC investments in 2024 and 2023.

The Parent Company is currently performing an evaluation of its business models for HTC and FVOCI investments as a result of internal changes on how it manages these financial assets. Such changes are determined by senior management as significant to the Parent Company's operations wherein it implemented adjustments to its portfolio strategies in light of the revised long-term outlook following the pandemic and other global developments. Revisions in the business models may result in reclassifications in the categories of portfolio investments to be effected only at the beginning of the next reporting period following the change in business model. As of December 31, 2024, the Parent Company is yet to complete its assessment.

(c) *Testing the Cash Flow Characteristics of Financial Assets and Continuing Evaluation of the Business Model*

In determining the classification of financial assets, the Group assesses whether the contractual terms of the financial assets give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are SPPI on the principal outstanding, with interest representing time value of money and credit risk associated with the principal amount outstanding. The assessment as to whether the cash flows meet the test is made in the currency in which the financial asset is denominated. Any other contractual term that changes the timing or amount of cash flows (unless it is a variable interest rate that represents time value of money and credit risk) does not meet the amortized cost criteria. In cases where the relationship between the passage of time and the interest rate of the financial instrument may be imperfect, known as modified time value of money, the Group assesses the modified time value of money feature to determine whether the financial instrument still meets the SPPI criterion. The objective of the assessment is to determine how different the undiscounted contractual cash flows could be from the undiscounted cash flows that would arise if the time value of money element was not modified (the benchmark cash flows). If the resulting difference is significant, the SPPI criterion is not met. In view of this, the Group considers the effect of the modified time value of money element in each reporting period and cumulatively over the life of the financial instrument.

(d) *Determination of Timing of Satisfaction of Performance Obligation*

The Group determines that its revenue shall be recognized at a point in time for loan syndication and underwriting fees and commission. In making its judgment, the Group considers the timing of receipt and consumption of benefits provided by the Group to the customers. The services provided by the Group would need substantial reperformance from other entities. This demonstrates that the customers do not simultaneously receive and consume the benefits provided by the Group.

For the revenues from services related to credit card membership and account management, the Group determines that its revenues shall be recognized over time. In making its judgment, the Group considers the timing of receipt and consumption of benefits provided to the customers. As the work is performed, the Group becomes entitled to payments. This demonstrates that the customers simultaneously receive and consume the benefits of the Group's rendering of these services as it performs.

(e) *Determination of Lease Term of Contracts with Renewal and Termination Options*

In determining the lease term, management considers all relevant factors and circumstances that create an economic incentive to exercise a renewal option or not exercise a termination option. Renewal options and/or periods after termination options are only included in the lease term if the lease is reasonably certain to be extended or not terminated.

For leases of offices, branches, and equipment, the factors that are normally the most relevant are (a) if there are significant penalties should the Group pre-terminate the contract, and (b) if any leasehold improvements are expected to have a significant remaining value, the Group is reasonably certain to extend and not to terminate the lease contract.

The Group did not include renewal options as part of the lease term as the terms are renewable upon mutual agreement.

The lease term is reassessed if an option is actually exercised or not exercised or the Group becomes obliged to exercise or not exercise it. The assessment of reasonable certainty is only revised if a significant event or a significant change in circumstances occurs, which affects this assessment, and that is within the control of the Group.

(f) *Distinction Between Investment Properties and Owner-occupied Properties*

The Group determines whether a property qualifies as an investment property. In making its judgment, the Group considers whether the property generates cash flows largely independent of the other assets held by the Group. Owner-occupied properties generate cash flows that are attributable not only to property but also to other assets used in the production, supply process, and in the Group's banking operation.

Some properties comprise a portion that is held to earn rental or for capital appreciation and another portion that is held for use for administrative purposes. If these portions can be sold separately (or leased out separately under finance lease) then these portions can be accounted for separately. If the portions cannot be sold separately, the property is accounted for as investment property only if an insignificant portion is held for use in operations or for administrative purposes. Judgment is applied in determining whether ancillary services are so significant that a property does not qualify as investment property.

(g) *Determination of the Classification of Assets/Liabilities under Assets Held-for-Sale and Disposal Group*

The Group classifies an asset (or disposal group) as held-for-sale if its carrying amount will be recovered principally through a sale transaction rather than through continuing use. In determining whether reclassification is in order, the asset (or disposal group) must be available for immediate sale in its present condition subject to usual terms and the same must be highly probable, evidenced by a commitment to a plan to sell the asset, and an active program to locate a buyer and complete the plan must have been initiated. Further, the asset (or disposal group) must be actively marketed for sale at a price that is reasonable in relation to its current fair value. In addition, the sale should be expected to qualify for recognition as a completed sale within one year from the date of classification, except if a delay will be caused by events or circumstances beyond the Group's control and there is sufficient evidence that the Group remains committed to its plan to sell the asset (or disposal group).

(h) *Distinction Between Operating and Finance Leases where the Group is the Lessor*

The Group has entered into various lease agreements as a lessor. Judgment was exercised by management to distinguish each lease agreement as either an operating or finance lease by looking at the transfer or retention of significant risk and rewards of ownership of the properties covered by the agreements. Failure to make the right judgment will result in either overstatement or understatement of assets or liabilities (see Note 2.9).

In determining whether the lease arrangements of the Parent Company and RCBC LFC qualify as a finance lease, the following factors have been considered:

- (i) the lease provides the lessee an option to purchase the asset; or,
- (ii) the lease transfers ownership of the property at the end of the lease and the related lease terms approximate the estimate useful life of the asset being leased.

(i) *Classification and Determination of Fair Value of Acquired Properties*

The Group classifies its acquired properties as Bank Premises, Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment if used in operations, as Assets held-for-sale and disposal group presented under Other Resources account if the Group expects that the assets will be sold within one year from the date of recognition, or as Investment Properties if held for rental or for currently undetermined future use and is regarded as held for capital appreciation, or as financial assets. At initial recognition, the Group determines the fair value of acquired properties through internal and external appraisal depending on the Group's threshold policy. The appraised value is determined based on the current economic and market conditions, as well as the physical condition of the property.

The Group's methodology in determining the fair value of Investment Properties are further discussed in Note 7.4.

(j) *Assessment of Significant Influence on HCPI in which the Group and the Parent Company Holds Less than 20% Ownership*

The management considers that the Group and the Parent Company have significant influence on HCPI even though it holds less than 20% of the outstanding ordinary shares of the latter. In making this judgment, management considered the Group's and the Parent Company's agreement with another stockholder of HCPI to commit and undertake to vote, and to regulate the conduct of voting and the relationship between them with respect to their exercise of their voting rights (see Note 12.1).

(k) *Recognition of Provisions and Contingencies*

Judgment is exercised by management to distinguish between provisions and contingencies. Provisions are recognized when present obligations will probably lead to an outflow of economic resources, and they can be estimated reliably even if the timing or amount of the outflow may still be uncertain.

Where the possible outflow of economic resource as a result of present obligations is considered improbable or remote, or the amount to be provided for cannot be measured reliably, no liability is recognized in the financial statements. Similarly, possible inflows of economic benefits to the Group that do not yet meet the recognition criteria of an asset are considered contingent assets; hence, are not recognized in the financial statements. On the other hand, any reimbursement that the Group can be virtually certain to collect from a third party with respect to the obligation is recognized as a separate asset not exceeding the amount of the related provision.

In dealing with the Group's various legal proceedings, the Group's estimate of the probable costs that may arise from claims and contingencies has been developed in consultation and coordination with the Group's internal and outside counsels acting in defense for the Group and the Parent Company's legal cases and are based upon the analysis of probable results.

Although the Group does not believe that its on-going proceedings, as disclosed in Note 28, will have material adverse effect on the Group's financial position, it is possible that future results of operations could be materially affected by changes in the estimates or in the effectiveness of the strategies conducted relating to those proceedings.

3.2 Key Sources of Estimation Uncertainty

The key assumptions concerning the future, and other key sources of estimation uncertainty at the end of each reporting period, that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next reporting period are described below and in the succeeding pages.

(a) Estimation of Expected Credit Loss on Financial Assets

When measuring allowance for ECL for relevant categories of financial assets, management applies judgment in defining the criteria in assessing whether a financial asset has experienced SICR since initial recognition, and in the estimation of the contractual cash flows due from counterparty and those that the Group would expect to receive, taking into account the cash flows from the realization of collateral and integral credit enhancements. The Group's ECL calculations are outputs of complex models with a number of underlying assumptions about future economic conditions and credit behavior of counterparties (e.g., the likelihood of counterparties defaulting and the resulting losses). The computation of the ECL also considers the use of reasonable and supportable forward-looking information, which is based on assumptions for the future movement of different economic drivers and how these drivers will affect each other that may result in different levels of loss allowance.

Significant factors affecting the estimates on the ECL model include:

- internal rating matrix which determines the PD to be assigned to a financial asset;
- criteria for assessing if there has been an SICR and when a financial asset will be transferred between the three stages;
- the Group's definition of default for different segments of credit exposures that considers the regulatory requirements;
- establishing groups of similar financial assets (i.e., segmentation) for the purposes of measuring ECL on a collective basis;
- establishment of LGD parameters based on historical recovery rates of claims against defaulted counterparties across different group of financial instruments; and,
- establishing the number and relative weightings of forward-looking scenarios for each type of product/market and the associated ECL.

The explanation of inputs, assumptions and estimation techniques used in measuring ECL and the analysis of the allowance for ECL on various groups of financial instruments is further discussed in Note 4.4.

(b) Fair Value Measurement for Financial Assets at FVTPL and at FVOCI

The Group carries certain financial assets at fair value which requires judgment and extensive use of accounting estimates. In cases when active market quotes are not available, fair value is determined by reference to the current market value of another financial instrument which is substantially the same or is calculated based on the expected cash flows of the underlying net base of the instrument or other more appropriated valuation techniques (see Note 7.2).

The amount of changes in fair value would differ if the Group had utilized different valuation methods and assumptions. Any change in fair value of the financial assets and financial liabilities would affect profit or loss or other comprehensive income. The fair value of derivative financial instruments that are not quoted in an active market is determined through valuation techniques such as net asset value method, or market-based approach (price-to-book value method) (see Note 7.2).

The carrying values of the Group's and the Parent Company's trading and investment securities and the amounts of fair value changes recognized on those financial assets are disclosed in Note 10.

(c) *Estimation of Useful Lives of Bank Premises, Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment, Right-of-use Assets, Investment Properties, Computer Software, Goodwill, Branch Licenses and Trading Right*

The Group estimates the useful lives of bank premises, furniture, fixtures and equipment, including right-of-use assets, investment properties and computer software based on the period over which the assets are expected to be available for use. The estimated useful lives of these assets are reviewed periodically and are updated if expectations differ from previous estimates due to physical wear and tear, technical or commercial obsolescence and legal or other limits on the use of the assets.

The Group's goodwill, branch licenses and trading right were regarded as having indefinite useful lives considering there is no foreseeable limit to the period over which such assets are expected to generate net cash inflows for the Group. The assessment of having indefinite useful lives is reviewed periodically and is updated whether events and circumstances such as the period of control over these assets and legal or similar limits on the use of these assets continue to support such assessment.

The carrying amounts of bank premises, furniture, fixtures and equipment, including right-of-use assets, investment properties and computer software are analyzed in Notes 13, 14 and 15, respectively, while the carrying amounts of goodwill, branch licenses and trading right are analyzed in Note 15. Based on management's assessment as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, there are no changes in the useful lives of these assets.

(d) *Determination of Realizable Amount of Deferred Tax Assets*

The Group reviews its deferred tax assets at the end of each reporting period and reduces the carrying amount to the extent that it is no longer probable that sufficient taxable profit will be available to allow all or part of the deferred tax asset to be utilized. Significant judgment is applied by management to determine the amount of deferred tax assets that can be recognized based on the likely timing and level of the Group's future taxable income together with its future tax planning strategies. The Group assessed its projected performance in determining the sufficiency of the future taxable income to support the recognition of deferred tax assets.

The carrying values of recognized and unrecognized deferred tax assets as of December 31, 2024 and 2023 are disclosed in Note 25.1.

(e) *Estimation of Impairment Losses of Non-financial Assets*

Except for intangible assets with indefinite useful lives, PFRS requires that an impairment review be performed when certain impairment indications are present. The Group's policy on estimating the impairment of non-financial assets is discussed in detail in Note 2.11.

The Group assesses impairment on these non-financial assets and considers the following important indicators:

- significant changes in asset usage;
- significant decline in assets' market value;
- obsolescence or physical damage of an asset;
- significant underperformance relative to expected historical or projected future operating results;
- significant changes in the manner of usage of the acquired assets or the strategy for the Group's overall business; and,
- significant negative industry or economic trends.

If such indications are present and where the carrying amount of the asset exceeds its recoverable amount, the asset is considered impaired and is written down to its recoverable amount. Though management believes that the assumptions used in the estimation of fair values of non-financial assets are appropriate and reasonable, significant changes in these assumptions may materially affect the assessment of recoverable values and any resulting impairment loss could have a material adverse effect on the results of operations.

(f) *Determination of Fair Value of Investment Properties*

The Group's investment properties are composed of buildings and condominium units which are measured using cost model. The estimated fair value of investment properties disclosed in Note 7.4 is determined by either an independent or internal appraiser on the basis of current appraised values of the properties or similar properties in the same location and condition.

For investment properties with appraisal conducted prior to the end of the current reporting period, management determines whether there are significant circumstances during the intervening period that may require adjustments or changes in the disclosure of fair value of those properties.

A significant change in key inputs and sources of information used in the determination of the fair value disclosed for those assets may result in adjustment in the carrying amount of the assets reported in the financial statements if their fair value will indicate evidence of impairment.

(g) *Determination of Appropriate Discount Rate in Measuring Lease Liabilities*

The Group measures its lease liabilities at present value of the lease payments that are not paid at the commencement date of the lease contract. The lease payments were discounted using a reasonable rate deemed by management equal to the Group's incremental borrowing rate. In determining a reasonable discount rate, management considers the term of the leases, the underlying asset and the economic environment.

(h) *Recognition of Reward Points*

The Group has a reward program related to its deposits, loans and credit card operations, which allows its cardholders to accumulate award credits or loyalty points that can be redeemed for free products.

The Group allocated a portion of the interchange fee billed to participating merchants to the loyalty points granted to cardholders based on relative stand-alone selling price and recognizes liability equivalent to the estimated loyalty points until these are redeemed.

(i) *Valuation of Post-employment Defined Benefits*

The determination of the Group's obligation and cost of post-employment defined benefits is dependent on the selection of certain assumptions used by actuaries in calculating such amounts. Those assumptions include, among others, discount rates, and salary increase rate. A significant change in any of these actuarial assumptions may generally affect the recognized expense, other comprehensive income or loss, and the carrying amount of the post-employment benefit obligation in the next reporting period.

The amounts of post-employment benefit obligation and related income or expense, and an analysis of the movements in the estimated present value of post-employment benefit obligation, as well as the significant assumptions used in estimating such obligation, are presented in Note 23.2.

(j) *Determination of Recoverable Amount of Assets Held-for-Sale*

In determining the recoverable amount of assets the Group's assets held-for-sale, the estimated fair value less cost to sell are determined by an independent appraiser or internal appraiser based on current appraised values of the properties or similar properties in the same location and condition.

The amount of assets classified as held-for sale by the Group, its impairment and recovery are presented in Notes 15.1 and 16, respectively.

4. **RISK MANAGEMENT POLICIES AND OBJECTIVES**

The Group is exposed to risks in relation to its operating, investing, and financing activities, and the business environment in which it operates. The Group's objectives in risk management are to ensure that it identifies, measures, monitors, and controls the various risks that arise from its business activities, and that it adheres strictly to the policies, procedures, and control systems which are established to address these risks.

A committee system is a fundamental part of the Group's process of managing risk. The following five committees of the Parent Company's BOD are relevant in this context:

- The Executive Committee, which meets weekly, has the power to act and pass upon such matters as the BOD may entrust to it for action in between BOD meetings. It may also consider and approve loans and other credit related matters, investments, purchase of shares of stock, bonds, securities and other commercial papers for the Bank's portfolio. The Executive Committee also has the power to review an asset or loan to ensure timely resolution and recognition of losses of impaired assets.
- The Risk Oversight Committee (ROC), which meets monthly, carries out the BOD's oversight responsibility for Group's capital adequacy and risk management strategy and actions covering credit, market and operational risks under Pillar I of the Basel framework; as well as the management of other material risks determined under Pillar II and the Internal Capital Adequacy Assessment Process (ICAAP) (see Note 5.2). Risk limits are reviewed and approved by the ROC.

- The Audit and Compliance Committee (ACC), which meets monthly, reviews the results of the Internal Audit examinations and recommends remedial actions to the BOD as appropriate. The ACC also performs oversight functions over the Regulatory Affairs Group on matters such as compliance risk assessment, annual testing work plan, compliance breaches, and other regulatory issues.
- The Related Party Transactions (RPT) Committee, which meets monthly and as necessary, reviews proposed material RPTs to ensure that they are conducted in the regular course of business and not undertaken on more favorable economic terms (e.g. price, commissions, interest rates, fees, tenor, collateral requirement) to such related parties than similar transactions with non-related parties under similar circumstances and that no corporate or business resources of the Bank are misappropriated or misapplied, and to determine any potential reputational risk issues that may arise as a result of or in connection with the transactions. On favorable review, the RPT Committee endorses material RPTs to the BOD for approval.
- The Anti-Money Laundering (AML) Board Committee, which meets monthly, oversees the implementation of the Bank's Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing Prevention Program (MTPP) and ensures that Money Laundering/Terrorist Financing risks are effectively managed. The AML Board Committee also ensures that infractions are immediately corrected, issues are addressed and AML training of directors, officers, and staff are regularly conducted.

Four senior management committees also provide a regular forum to take up risk issues.

- The Credit and Collection Committee (CRECOL), chaired by the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and composed of the heads of credit risk-taking business units and the head of credit management group, meets weekly to review and approve credit exposures within its authority. It also reviews plans and progress on the resolution of problem loan accounts.
- The Asset/Liability Committee (ALCO), chaired by the Treasurer of the Parent Company and with the participation of the CEO and key business and support unit heads meets weekly to appraise market trends, and economic and political developments. It provides direction in the management of interest rate risk, liquidity risk, foreign currency risk, and trading and investment portfolio decisions. It sets prices or rates for various asset and liability, and trading products, in light of funding costs and competitive and other market conditions. It receives confirmation that market risk limits (as described in the succeeding pages) are not breached; or if breached, it provides guidance on the handling of the relevant risk exposure in between ROC meetings.
- The Related Party Transactions Management Committee (RPT ManCom), composed of the Group Heads of the business units as specified in the charter or their respective designates. It meets monthly to review and approve proposed non-material RPTs or those that do not require Board approval to ensure that the said RPTs are conducted in the regular course of business and not undertaken on more favorable economic terms (e.g. price, commissions, interest rates, fees, tenor, collateral requirement) to such related parties than similar transactions with non-related parties under similar circumstances. On favorable review, the RPT ManCom approves the non-material RPT and submits the same to the BOD for confirmation.

- The Anti-Money Laundering Management Committee (AML ManCom), which meets weekly, evaluates the unusual/suspicious transaction reported by the different bank units, RCBC Business Centers, alerts that are generated by the Bank's Screening System (Accuity), Transaction Monitoring System (Predator) and other referrals from relevant Regulators to determine the filing of Suspicious Transaction Reports (STRs) to the Anti-Money Laundering Council (AMLC).

The AML ManCom is composed of the Chief Compliance Officer as the Chairperson and Presiding Officer and the Heads of Operations Group, Retail Banking Group, Controllership Group, Legal Affairs Group, Risk Management Group or their duly appointed designates, as members, and Investigators from the Compliance Operations Division (COD) as the Rapporteur. The AML Monitoring and Reporting Division (AMRD), through the Chief Compliance Officer, reports to the AML Board Committee its monthly activities including the results of the AML ManCom meetings.

The Parent Company established a Risk Management Group (RMG), headed by the Chief Risk Officer, to ensure that consistent implementation of the objectives of risk identification, measurement and/or assessment, mitigation, and monitoring are pursued via practices commensurate with the group-wide risk profile.

In addition to established risk management systems and controls, the Group holds capital commensurate with the levels of risk it undertakes (see Note 5), in accordance with regulatory capital standards and internal benchmarks set by the Parent Company's BOD.

4.1 Group's Strategy in Using Financial Instruments

It is the Group's intent to generate returns mainly from the traditional financial intermediation and service-provision activities, augmented by returns from positions based on views on the financial markets. The main source of risk, therefore, remains to be that arising from credit risk exposures. Nevertheless, within BSP regulatory constraints, and subject to limits and parameters established by the BOD and/or the ROC, the Group is exposed to liquidity risk and interest rate risk inherent in the Group's operations, and other market risks, which include foreign exchange risk.

In the course of performing financial intermediation function, the Group accepts deposits from customers at fixed and floating rates, and for various periods, and seeks to earn interest margins by investing these funds in high-quality assets. The conventional strategy to enhance net interest margin is the investment of short-term funds in longer-term assets, such as fixed-income securities. While, in doing so, the Group maintains liquidity at prudent levels to meet all claims that fall due, the Group fully recognizes the consequent interest rate risk exposure.

The Group's investment portfolio is composed mainly of marketable, sovereign and corporate debt instruments.

The Parent Company was granted by the BSP additional derivatives authorities effective January 2011. Products approved under the Limited Dealer Authority (Type 2) are foreign currency forwards, non-deliverable forwards, interest rate and cross currency swaps while credit-linked notes and bond options were approved under the Limited User Authority (Type 3). In February 2012, bond forwards, non-deliverable swaps and foreign exchange options have been included under the same Type 3 license. In June 2013, the Parent Company was granted a Type 2 license non-deliverable swaps, foreign currency options, bond and interest rate options, and asset swaps. During the same period, additional Type 3 licenses for foreign exchange-option and bond-option linked notes were likewise approved. The Parent Company's derivatives portfolio consists mostly of short-term currency forward contracts and swaps, and interest rate swaps and futures.

In relation to the adoption of hedge accounting in accordance with PFRS 9, the Bank maintains an overall risk management strategy that incorporates the use of derivative instruments to reduce certain risks related to interest rate. By hedging interest rate risk exposures, the Group manages the impact of interest rate movements on interest accruals and by extension, capital. The ability to manage interest rate risk through hedging gives the Group more flexibility in its choice of funding sources, in providing competitive pricing and in managing the balance sheet. Interest rate exposures are identified and hedged on an instrument-by-instrument basis. Hedging transactions are evaluated and executed by the Treasury Group within the boundaries set by interest rate risk limits and hedging product limits. Hedging decisions may also be initiated by the appropriate senior management committees.

In 2024, the Group hedges the benchmark interest rate risk component of the bonds payable which is an observable and reliably measurable component of interest rate risk. Specifically, the Group has designated fair value hedge relationships to hedge against the movements in a benchmark rate. The Group applied hedge accounting for economic hedge relationships that meet the hedge accounting criteria (see Note 2.4).

4.2 Liquidity Risk

Liquidity risk refers to current and prospective risk to earnings or capital arising from a bank's inability to meet its obligations when they come due without incurring unacceptable losses or costs. Liquidity risk includes the inability to manage unplanned decreases or changes in funding sources. The Group manages liquidity risk by limiting the maturity mismatch between assets and liabilities, and by holding sufficient liquid assets of appropriate quality and marketability.

The Group recognizes the liquidity risk inherent in its activities, and identifies, measures, monitors and controls the liquidity risk inherent to the members of the Group which are financial intermediaries.

The Group's liquidity policy is to manage its operations to ensure that funds available are more than adequate to meet demands of its customers and to enable deposits to be repaid on maturity. The Group's liquidity policies and procedures are set out in its funding and liquidity plan which contains certain funding requirements based on assumptions and uses resources and liability maturity gap analysis.

The Group uses Maximum Cumulative Outflow (MCO) model to measure liquidity risk arising from mismatches of assets and liabilities. MCO is a liquidity gap tool to project cash flow expectations on a status quo condition. The MCO is generated by distributing the cash flows of the Group's assets, liabilities and off-balance sheet items to time buckets based cash flow expectations such as contractual maturity, nature of the account, behavioral patterns, projections on business strategies, and/or optionality of certain products.

The incorporation of behavioral cash flow assumptions and business projections or targets results in a dynamic gap report which realistically captures the behavior of the products and creates a forward-looking cash flow projection.

The Group monitors MCO regularly to ensure that it remains within the set limits. The Parent Company generates and monitors daily its MCO. The subsidiaries generate at least monthly their respective MCO reports. The liquidity profile of the Group is reported monthly to the Parent Company's ROC. To supplement the status quo scenario parameters reflected in the MCO report, the Group also conducts liquidity stress testing to determine the impact of extreme factors, scenarios and events to the Group's liquidity profile.

The gap analyses as of December 31, 2024 and 2023 are presented below and in the succeeding pages.

	Group					Total
	One to three Months	Three months to one year	One to Five Years	More than five years	Non- maturity	
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>						
Resources:						
Cash and cash equivalents	117,757	742	1,855	15,474	49,541	185,369
Investments - net	110,320	12,674	122,724	181,941	1,427	429,086
Loans and receivables - net	39,475	31,072	185,464	170,919	283,000	709,930
Other resources - net	8,225	6,894	1,675	820	18,154	35,768
Total resources	275,777	51,382	311,718	369,154	352,122	1,360,153
Liabilities:						
Deposit liabilities	224,180	15,023	30,570	289,649	463,372	1,022,794
Bills payable	57,801	9,073	17,022	648	2,072	86,616
Bonds payable	-	-	26,935	-	-	26,935
Other liabilities	12,850	38,798	1,093	-	12,576	65,317
Total liabilities	294,831	62,894	75,620	290,297	478,020	1,201,662
Equity	-	14,463	-	-	144,028	158,491
Total liabilities and equity	294,831	77,357	75,620	290,297	622,048	1,360,153
On-book gap	(19,054)	(25,975)	236,098	78,857	(269,926)	-
Cumulative on-book gap	(19,054)	(45,029)	191,069	269,926	-	-
Contingent resources	59,188	12,687	-	28,995	-	100,870
Contingent liabilities	85,349	12,944	-	29,478	-	127,771
Off-book gap	(26,161)	(257)	-	(483)	-	(26,901)
Cumulative off-book gap	(26,161)	(26,418)	(26,418)	(26,901)	(26,901)	-
Periodic gap	(45,215)	(26,232)	236,098	78,374	(269,926)	26,901
Cumulative total gap	(45,215)	(71,447)	164,651	243,025	(26,901)	-

	Group					Total
	One to three Months	Three months to one year	One to Five Years	More than five years	Non- maturity	
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>						
Resources:						
Cash and cash equivalents	190,847	1,502	1,727	1	56,031	250,108
Investments - net	9,989	3,818	112,095	201,914	2,926	330,742
Loans and receivables - net	38,995	29,486	153,155	151,395	249,118	622,149
Other resources - net	<u>7,716</u>	<u>6,507</u>	<u>1,100</u>	<u>1,354</u>	<u>18,656</u>	<u>35,333</u>
Total resources	<u>247,547</u>	<u>41,313</u>	<u>268,077</u>	<u>354,664</u>	<u>326,731</u>	<u>1,238,332</u>
Liabilities:						
Deposit liabilities	184,137	15,725	22,859	7	733,984	956,712
Bills payable	42,698	2,293	4,349	396	1,122	50,858
Bonds payable	-	30,809	4,130	-	-	34,939
Other liabilities	<u>12,833</u>	<u>16,507</u>	<u>297</u>	<u>411</u>	<u>13,500</u>	<u>43,548</u>
Total liabilities	239,668	65,334	31,635	814	748,606	1,086,057
Equity	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>152,275</u>	<u>152,275</u>
Total liabilities and equity	<u>239,668</u>	<u>65,334</u>	<u>31,635</u>	<u>814</u>	<u>900,881</u>	<u>1,238,332</u>
On-book gap	<u>7,879</u>	<u>(24,021)</u>	<u>236,442</u>	<u>353,850</u>	<u>(574,150)</u>	<u>-</u>
Cumulative on-book gap	<u>7,879</u>	<u>(16,142)</u>	<u>220,300</u>	<u>574,150</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Contingent resources	53,274	6,091	-	-	-	59,365
Contingent liabilities	<u>71,752</u>	<u>6,140</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>77,892</u>
Off-book gap	<u>(18,478)</u>	<u>(49)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>18,527</u>
Cumulative off-book gap	<u>(18,478)</u>	<u>(18,527)</u>	<u>(18,527)</u>	<u>(18,527)</u>	<u>(18,527)</u>	<u>-</u>
Periodic gap	<u>(10,599)</u>	<u>(24,070)</u>	<u>236,442</u>	<u>353,850</u>	<u>(574,150)</u>	<u>18,527</u>
Cumulative total gap	<u>(10,599)</u>	<u>(34,669)</u>	<u>201,773</u>	<u>555,623</u>	<u>(18,527)</u>	<u>-</u>

Parent Company						
2024						
	One to three Months	Three months to one year	One to Five Years	More than five years	Non- maturity	Total
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>						
Resources:						
Cash and cash equivalents	116,255	204	1,370	15,474	49,367	182,670
Investments - net	108,777	12,674	122,724	181,941	750	426,866
Loans and receivables - net	38,817	30,513	180,789	170,898	282,947	703,964
Other resources - net	8,115	6,893	1,675	820	22,149	39,652
Total resources	<u>271,964</u>	<u>50,284</u>	<u>306,558</u>	<u>369,133</u>	<u>355,213</u>	<u>1,353,152</u>
Liabilities:						
Deposit liabilities	223,743	14,814	30,569	290,110	463,501	1,022,737
Bills payable	57,435	7,900	14,870	646	-	80,928
Bonds payable	-	-	26,935	-	-	26,935
Other liabilities	12,61	38,770	1,093	-	11,595	64,070
Total liabilities	293,790	61,561	73,467	290,756	475,096	1,194,670
Equity	-	14,463	-	-	144,019	158,482
Total liabilities and equity	<u>293,790</u>	<u>76,024</u>	<u>73,467</u>	<u>290,756</u>	<u>619,115</u>	<u>1,353,152</u>
On-book gap	<u>(21,826)</u>	<u>(25,740)</u>	<u>233,091</u>	<u>78,377</u>	<u>(263,902)</u>	<u>-</u>
Cumulative on-book gap	<u>(21,826)</u>	<u>(47,566)</u>	<u>185,525</u>	<u>263,902</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Contingent resources	59,180	12,687	-	28,995	-	100,862
Contingent liabilities	85,345	12,944	-	29,478	-	127,767
Off-book gap	<u>(26,165)</u>	<u>(257)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(483)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(26,905)</u>
Cumulative off-book gap	<u>(26,165)</u>	<u>(26,422)</u>	<u>(26,422)</u>	<u>(26,905)</u>	<u>(26,905)</u>	<u>-</u>
Periodic gap	<u>(47,991)</u>	<u>(25,997)</u>	<u>233,091</u>	<u>77,894</u>	<u>(263,902)</u>	<u>26,905</u>
Cumulative total gap	<u>(47,991)</u>	<u>(73,988)</u>	<u>159,103</u>	<u>236,997</u>	<u>(26,905)</u>	<u>-</u>

	Parent Company					Total
	2023					
	One to three Months	Three months to one year	One to Five Years	More than five years	Non-maturity	
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>						
Resources:						
Cash and cash equivalents	170,128	20,756	1,118	1	55,938	247,941
Investments - net	10,134	408	112,095	203,726	2,080	328,443
Loans and receivables - net	38,525	28,726	148,270	151,286	249,094	615,901
Other resources - net	7,630	6,350	1,100	1,499	22,026	38,605
Total resources	226,417	56,240	262,583	356,512	329,138	1,230,890
Liabilities:						
Deposit liabilities	183,600	15,579	22,856	8	735,326	957,369
Bills payable	42,314	-	1,247	396	-	43,957
Bonds payable	-	30,809	4,130	-	-	34,939
Other liabilities	11,853	16,483	297	1,275	12,451	42,359
Total liabilities	237,767	62,871	28,530	1,679	747,777	1,078,624
Equity	-	-	-	-	152,266	152,266
Total liabilities and equity	237,767	62,871	28,530	1,679	900,043	1,230,890
On-book gap	(11,350)	(6,631)	234,053	354,833	(570,905)	-
Cumulative on-book gap	(11,350)	(17,981)	216,072	570,905	-	-
Contingent resources	53,269	6,091	-	-	-	59,360
Contingent liabilities	71,752	6,140	-	-	-	77,892
Off-book gap	(18,483)	(49)	-	-	-	(18,532)
Cumulative off-book gap	(18,483)	(18,532)	(18,532)	(18,532)	(18,532)	-
Periodic gap	(29,833)	(6,680)	234,053	354,833	(570,905)	18,532
Cumulative total gap	(29,833)	(36,513)	197,540	552,373	(18,532)	-

Pursuant to applicable BSP regulations, the Group is required to maintain reserves against deposit liabilities which are based on certain percentages of deposits. The required reserves against deposit liabilities shall be kept in the form of deposits placed in the Group's demand deposit accounts with the BSP. The BSP also requires the Parent Company to maintain asset cover of 100% for foreign currency-denominated liabilities of its FCDO.

4.2.1 Foreign Currency Liquidity Management

The liquidity risk management policies and objectives described also apply to the management of any foreign currency to which the Group maintains significant exposure. Specifically, the Group ensures that its measurement, monitoring, and control systems account for these exposures as well. The Group sets and regularly reviews limits on the size of the cash flow mismatches for each significant individual currency and in aggregate over appropriate time horizons. The Group also assesses its access to foreign exchange markets when setting up its risk limits.

Following MORB Section 130 and Appendices 94, 95, and 96 on ICAAP, the Group likewise calculates and maintains a level of capital needed to support unexpected losses attributable to liquidity risk (see Note 5.2).

4.2.2 Liquidity Risk Stress

To augment the effectiveness of the Group's gap analysis, the Group regularly assesses liquidity risk based on behavioral and hypothetical assumptions under stress conditions. Survivability and resilience of the Group are assessed for a minimum stress period of 30 days for all crisis scenarios enumerated in MORB Section 145 and Appendix 71: *Guidelines on Liquidity Risk Management*. The results of these liquidity stress simulations are reported monthly to ALCO and ROC.

4.3 Market Risk

The Group's exposure to market risk is the potential diminution of earnings arising from the adverse movement of market interest rates and foreign exchange rates, as well as the potential loss of market value, primarily of its holdings of foreign exchange currencies, debt securities and derivatives.

The market risks of the Group are: (a) foreign exchange risk, (b) interest rate risk and (c) equity price risk. The Group manages these risks via a process of identifying, analyzing, measuring and controlling relevant market risk factors, and establishing appropriate limits for the various exposures. The market risk metrics in use, each of which has a corresponding limit, include the following:

- Nominal Position – an open risk position that is held as of any point in time expressed in terms of the nominal amount of the exposure.
- Dollar Value of 01 (DV01) – an estimate of the price impact due to a one-basis point change in the yield of fixed income securities. It effectively captures both the nominal size of the portfolio as well as its duration. A given DV01 limit accommodates various combinations of portfolio nominal size and duration, thus providing a degree of flexibility to the trading/risk taking function, but at the same time represents a ceiling to the rate sensitivity of the exposure according to the Group's risk appetite.
- Value-at-Risk (VaR) – an estimate of the amount of loss that a given risk exposure is unlikely to exceed during a given time period, at a given level of statistical confidence. Analytically, VaR is the product of: (a) the sensitivity of the market value of the position to movements of the relevant market risk factors, and (b) the volatility of the market risk factor for the given time horizon at a specified level of statistical confidence. Typically, the Group uses a 99% confidence level for this measurement. VaR is used as a risk measure for trading positions, which are marked-to-market (as opposed to exposures resulting from banking, or accrual, book resources and liabilities). Foreign Exchange Position VaR uses a one-day holding period, while Fixed Income VaR uses a defeasance period assessed periodically as appropriate to allow an orderly unwinding of the position. VaR models are back-tested to ensure that results remain consistent with the expectations based on the chosen statistical confidence level. The Bank employs appropriate back-testing methodology to perform a "reality check" on the models used. More specifically, the current back-test procedure employs the "hypothetical P&L" method where the daily position from which the VaR was computed is marked-to-market using the closing price of that day and the closing price of the next trading day. Any change in value in excess of the day's VaR is treated as an exception.

The Parent Company uses VaR as an important tool for measuring market risk, they are cognizant of its limitations, notably the following:

- The use of historical data as a basis for determining the possible range of future outcomes may not always cover all possible scenarios, especially those of an exceptional nature.
- VaR is based on historical volatility. Future volatility may be different due to either random, one-time events or structural changes (including changes in correlation). VaR may be unable to capture volatility due to either of these.
- The holding period assumption may not be valid in all cases, such as during periods of extremely stressed market liquidity.
- VaR is, by definition, an estimate at a specified level of confidence. Losses may occur beyond VaR. A 99% VaR implies that losses can exceed VaR 1% of the time.
- In cases where a parametric distribution is assumed to calculate VaR, the assumed distribution may not fit the actual distribution well.
- VaR assumes a static position over the holding period. In reality, trading positions change, even during the trading day.

In addition to the limits corresponding to the above measurements, the following are also in place:

- Loss Limit – represents a ceiling on accumulated month-to-date and year-to-date losses. For trading positions, a Management Action Trigger (MAT) is also usually defined to be at 50% of the Loss Limit. When MAT is breached, the risk-taking unit must consult with ALCO for approval of a course of action moving forward.
- Product Limit – the nominal position exposure for certain specific financial instruments is established.

Stress Testing, which uses more severe rate/price volatility and/or holding period assumptions, (relative to those used for VaR) is applied to marked-to-market positions to arrive at “worst case” loss estimates. This supplements the VaR measure, in recognition of its limitations mentioned above.

A summary of the VaR position of the trading portfolios at December 31 is as follows:

	Group and Parent Company			
	At December 31	Average	Maximum	Minimum
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>				
2024				
Foreign currency risk	61	86	167	22
Interest rate risk	443	595	754	405
Overall	504	681	921	427
2023				
Foreign currency risk	45	77	215	14
Interest rate risk	417	398	640	289
Overall	462	475	855	303

	Group and Parent Company			
	At December 31	Average	Maximum	Minimum
2022				
Foreign currency risk	54	56	106	27
Interest rate risk	639	435	639	376
Overall	693	491	745	403

4.3.1 Foreign Exchange Risk

Foreign exchange risk is the risk to earnings or capital arising from changes in foreign exchange rates. The net foreign exchange exposure, or the difference between foreign currency denominated assets and foreign currency denominated liabilities, is capped by current BSP regulations. Compliance with this ceiling by the Group and the respective foreign currency positions of its subsidiaries are reported to the BSP on a daily basis as required. Beyond this constraint, the Group manages its foreign exchange exposure by limiting it within the conservative levels justifiable from a return/risk perspective. In addition, the Group regularly calculates VaR for each currency position, which is incorporated in the foregoing market risk management discussion.

The following table sets forth the impact of reasonably possible changes in the USD exchange rate and other currencies per Philippine peso on pre-tax income and equity of the Group and Parent Company:

	2024			2023		
	Change in currency rate in %	Effect on profit before tax	Effect on equity	Change in currency rate in %	Effect on profit before tax	Effect on equity
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>						
Currency:						
USD	+1.00%	2	2	+1.00%	(P 4)	(P 4)
	-1.00%	(2)	(2)	-1.00%	4	4
EUR	+1.00%	(9)	(9)	+1.00%	(4)	(4)
	-1.00%	9	9	-1.00%	4	4
GBP	+1.00%	-	-	+1.00%	2	2
	-1.00%	-	-	-1.00%	(2)	(2)
Others	+1.00%	(14)	(14)	+1.00%	7	7
	-1.00%	14	14	-1.00%	(7)	(7)

Closing exchange rates and weighted average rates (WAR) of USD to Philippine peso as of and for each of the year ended December 31 are as follows:

	2024	2023	2022
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>			
Closing	57.85	55.37	55.76
WAR	58.31	55.51	55.58

The breakdown of the financial resources and financial liabilities as to foreign and Philippine peso-denominated balances, after elimination of intercompany accounts or transactions, as of December 31 follows:

	Group		Total
	Foreign Currencies	Philippine Pesos	
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>			
2024			
<u>Resources:</u>			
Cash and other cash items	1,155	21,848	23,003
Due from BSP	-	115,230	115,230
Due from other banks	13,563	1,006	14,569
Financial assets at FVTPL	10,010	224	10,234
Financial assets at FVOCI	61,704	96,926	158,630
Investment securities			
at amortized cost - net	97,506	162,716	260,222
Loans and receivables - net	97,981	644,516	742,497
Other resources - net	41	1,647	1,688
	281,960	1,044,113	1,326,073
<u>Liabilities:</u>			
Deposit liabilities	189,457	833,337	1,022,794
Bills payable	80,928	5,688	86,616
Bonds payable	16,053	10,882	26,935
Accrued interest			
and other expenses	29	10,337	10,366
Other liabilities	1,610	48,702	50,312
	288,077	908,946	1,197,023
2023			
<u>Resources:</u>			
Cash and other cash items	1,146	18,729	19,875
Due from BSP	-	151,762	151,762
Due from other banks	13,836	1,056	14,892
Loans arising from reverse			
repurchase agreements	-	35,799	35,799
Financial assets at FVTPL	3,788	7,990	11,778
Financial assets at FVOCI	17,582	64,855	82,437
Investment securities			
at amortized cost - net	87,444	149,083	236,527
Loans and receivables - net	85,639	564,290	649,929
Other resources - net	40	1,419	1,459
	209,475	994,983	1,204,458
<u>Liabilities:</u>			
Deposit liabilities	189,457	767,255	956,712
Bills payable	43,957	6,901	50,858
Bonds payable	16,053	18,886	34,939
Accrued interest			
and other expenses	29	10,716	10,745
Other liabilities	1,610	25,380	26,990
	251,106	829,138	1,080,244

	Parent Company		
	Foreign Currencies	Philippine Pesos	Total
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>			
2024			
<u>Resources:</u>			
Cash and other cash items	1,155	21,752	22,907
Due from BSP	-	112,763	112,763
Due from other banks	13,548	885	14,433
Financial assets at FVTPL	5,012	4,513	9,525
Financial assets at FVOCI	61,701	96,253	157,954
Investment securities			
at amortized cost - net	97,506	161,881	259,387
Loans and receivables - net	97,981	638,550	736,531
Other resources - net	41	1,628	1,669
	276,944	1,038,225	1,315,169
<u>Liabilities:</u>			
Deposit liabilities	189,457	833,280	1,022,737
Bills payable	80,928	-	80,928
Bonds payable	16,053	10,882	26,935
Accrued interest			
and other expenses	29	11,283	11,312
Other liabilities	1,610	47,827	49,437
	288,077	903,272	1,191,349
2023			
<u>Resources:</u>			
Cash and other cash items	1,146	18,666	19,812
Due from BSP	-	150,771	150,771
Due from other banks	13,819	811	14,630
Loans arising from reverse			
repurchase agreements	-	34,948	34,948
Financial assets at FVTPL	3,788	7,166	10,954
Financial assets at FVOCI	17,576	64,181	81,757
Investment securities			
at amortized cost - net	87,444	148,288	235,732
Loans and receivables - net	85,639	558,042	643,681
Other resources - net	40	1,417	1,457
	209,452	984,290	1,193,742
<u>Liabilities:</u>			
Deposit liabilities	189,457	767,912	957,369
Bills payable	43,957	-	43,957
Bonds payable	16,053	18,886	34,939
Accrued interest			
and other expenses	29	10,446	10,475
Other liabilities	1,610	24,608	26,218
	251,106	821,852	1,072,958

4.3.2 Interest Rate Risk in the Banking Book (IRRBB)

The interest rate risk inherent in the Group's financial statements arises from re-pricing mismatches between financial assets and financial liabilities. The IRRBB Management Framework details the Group's policy on managing its assets and liabilities to ensure that exposure to fluctuations in interest rates are kept within acceptable limits.

To aid the Group in managing IRRBB, the following measurement techniques are used. These are prepared and reported to ALCO and ROC, on a monthly basis.

Technique	Description
Interest Rate Gap or Re-pricing Gap	<p><i>Contractual Gap</i> Measures the sensitivity of assets, liabilities and off-balance sheet items towards changes in the market interest rates based on the re-pricing frequency of each item.</p> <p><i>Behavioral Gap</i> Behavioral assumption (BeA) is applied to the contractual cash flows to reflect sensitivity to market conditions or behavioral characteristics (i.e., early redemption of deposits, prepayment of loans, etc.).</p>
Earnings Approach Net Interest Income at Risk	Measures the sensitivity of earnings to market interest rates movements over a short- and medium-term horizon. Interest rate volatility is based on the maximum volatility of the 1-mo, 3-mo, 6-mo and 1-yr tenors over a 260-day look back.
Economic Value Approach Earnings-at-Risk	Measures the sensitivity of capital to market interest rates given the resulting Net Interest Income (NII)-at-Risk and fair value through profit and loss portfolio value-at-risk (FVTPL VaR).
Capital-at-Risk	Measures the sensitivity of capital to market interest rates given the resulting EaR and fair value through other comprehensive income value-at-risk (FVOCI VaR).
Economic Value of Equity (EVE)	Measures the sensitivity of economic value of all non-trading book assets, liabilities and interest rate sensitive off-balance sheet products to interest rate movements over a longer time horizon.
Stress Test	<p>Assesses the ability to withstand such changes, usually in relation to the capacity of its capital and earnings to absorb potentially significant losses. Stress testing, which includes both scenario and sensitivity analysis, is an integral part of IRR management. Scenario analysis estimates possible outcomes given an event or series of events, while sensitivity analysis estimates the impact of change in one or only a few of model's significant parameters.</p> <p><i>Earnings approach:</i> NII-at-Risk Stress Test assumes gradual increase in Peso and USD interest rates to 400bps and 300bps, respectively. These are based on past local and global market events.</p> <p><i>Economic Value approach:</i> The EVE Stress Test uses Basel's six interest rate scenarios to capture parallel and non-parallel gap risks. The standardized scenarios are as follows: 1) parallel shock up; 2) parallel shock down; 3) steeper shock (short rates down and long rates up); 4) flattener shock (short rates up and long rates down); 5) short rates shock up; and, 6) short rates shock down.</p>

The interest rate gap analyses of financial assets and financial liabilities as of end of the reporting period based on re-pricing maturities are shown in the succeeding pages. It should be noted that such interest rate gap analyses are based on the following key assumptions:

- Loans and time deposits are subject to re-pricing on their contractual maturity dates. Non-performing loans (NPL), however, are not re-priced;
- Debt securities at amortized cost are bucketed based on their re-pricing profile;
- Held-for-trading securities and derivatives are considered as non-rate sensitive; and,
- For financial assets and financial liabilities with no definite re-pricing schedule or maturity, slotting is based on the Group's empirical assumptions.

These assumptions are reviewed on a regular basis. Similarly, other assumptions and behavioral models used in the preparation of other IRRBB metrics are also being reviewed, annually, at the minimum.

	Group					Total
	One to Three Months	Three Months to One Year	One to Five Years	More than Five Years	Non-rate Sensitive	
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>						
Resources:						
Cash and cash equivalents	132,755	1,279	16,080	12,174	23,081	185,369
Investments - net	100,739	12,129	124,105	181,688	10,425	429,086
Loans and receivables - net	259,297	60,125	152,442	100,835	137,231	709,930
Other resources - net	8,225	1,231	1,842	887	23,583	35,768
Total resources	<u>501,016</u>	<u>74,764</u>	<u>294,469</u>	<u>295,584</u>	<u>194,320</u>	<u>1,360,153</u>
Liabilities:						
Deposit liabilities	498,020	33,608	259,331	231,537	298	1,022,794
Bills payable	72,671	9,073	2,152	648	2,072	86,616
Bonds payable	-	-	26,935	-	-	26,935
Other liabilities	598	256	841	2	63,620	65,317
Total liabilities	<u>571,289</u>	<u>42,937</u>	<u>289,259</u>	<u>232,187</u>	<u>65,990</u>	<u>1,201,662</u>
Equity	<u>-</u>	<u>14,463</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>144,028</u>	<u>158,491</u>
Total liabilities and equity	<u>571,289</u>	<u>57,400</u>	<u>289,259</u>	<u>232,187</u>	<u>210,018</u>	<u>1,360,153</u>
On-book gap	<u>(70,273)</u>	<u>17,364</u>	<u>5,210</u>	<u>63,397</u>	<u>(15,698)</u>	<u>-</u>
Cumulative on-book gap	<u>(70,273)</u>	<u>(52,909)</u>	<u>(47,699)</u>	<u>15,698</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Contingent resources	59,188	12,687	-	28,995	-	100,870
Contingent liabilities	85,349	12,944	-	29,478	-	127,771
Off-book gap	<u>(26,161)</u>	<u>(257)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(483)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(26,901)</u>
Cumulative off-book gap	<u>(26,161)</u>	<u>(26,418)</u>	<u>(26,418)</u>	<u>(26,901)</u>	<u>(26,901)</u>	<u>-</u>
Periodic gap	<u>(96,434)</u>	<u>17,107</u>	<u>5,210</u>	<u>62,914</u>	<u>(15,698)</u>	<u>26,901</u>
Cumulative total gap	<u>(96,434)</u>	<u>(79,327)</u>	<u>(74,117)</u>	<u>(11,203)</u>	<u>(26,901)</u>	<u>-</u>

	Group 2023					Total
	One to Three Months	Three Months to One Year	One to Five Years	More than Five Years	Non-rate Sensitive	
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>						
<u>Resources:</u>						
Cash and cash equivalents	166,452	2,103	29,153	32,376	20,024	250,108
Investments - net	1,822	3,286	69,910	243,158	12,566	330,742
Loans and receivables - net	391,011	58,068	132,177	5,557	35,336	622,149
Other resources - net	<u>7,772</u>	<u>988</u>	<u>1,113</u>	<u>1,693</u>	<u>23,767</u>	<u>35,333</u>
Total resources	<u>567,057</u>	<u>64,445</u>	<u>232,353</u>	<u>282,784</u>	<u>91,693</u>	<u>1,238,332</u>
<u>Liabilities:</u>						
Deposit liabilities	458,990	44,396	237,728	215,292	306	956,712
Bills payable	42,698	2,293	4,349	396	1,122	50,858
Bonds payable	-	30,809	4,130	-	-	34,939
Other liabilities	<u>55</u>	<u>223</u>	<u>44</u>	<u>1,574</u>	<u>41,652</u>	<u>43,548</u>
Total liabilities	<u>501,743</u>	<u>77,721</u>	<u>246,251</u>	<u>217,262</u>	<u>43,080</u>	<u>1,086,057</u>
<u>Equity</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>152,275</u>	<u>152,275</u>
Total liabilities and equity	<u>501,743</u>	<u>77,721</u>	<u>246,251</u>	<u>217,262</u>	<u>195,355</u>	<u>1,238,332</u>
On-book gap	<u>65,314</u>	<u>(13,276)</u>	<u>(13,898)</u>	<u>65,522</u>	<u>(103,662)</u>	<u>-</u>
Cumulative on-book gap	<u>65,314</u>	<u>52,038</u>	<u>38,140</u>	<u>103,662</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Contingent resources	53,274	6,091	-	-	-	59,365
Contingent liabilities	<u>71,752</u>	<u>6,140</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>77,892</u>
Off-book gap	<u>(18,478)</u>	<u>(49)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(18,527)</u>
Cumulative off-book gap	<u>(18,478)</u>	<u>(18,527)</u>	<u>(18,527)</u>	<u>(18,527)</u>	<u>(18,527)</u>	<u>-</u>
Periodic gap	<u>46,836</u>	<u>(13,325)</u>	<u>(13,898)</u>	<u>65,522</u>	<u>(103,662)</u>	<u>18,527</u>
Cumulative total gap	<u>46,836</u>	<u>33,511</u>	<u>19,613</u>	<u>85,135</u>	<u>(18,527)</u>	<u>-</u>

Parent Company						
2024						
	One to Three Months	Three Months to One Year	One to Five Years	More than Five Years	Non-rate Sensitive	Total
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>						
Resources:						
Cash and cash equivalents	131,253	740	15,595	12,174	22,908	182,670
Investments - net	99,196	12,129	124,105	181,688	9,748	426,866
Loans and receivables - net	258,639	59,566	147,768	100,814	137,177	703,964
Other resources - net	8,115	1,231	1,842	887	27,577	39,652
Total resources	497,203	73,666	289,310	295,563	197,410	1,353,152
Liabilities:						
Deposit liabilities	497,583	33,400	259,961	231,793	-	1,022,737
Bills payable	72,305	7,977	-	646	-	80,928
Bonds payable	-	-	26,935	-	-	26,935
Other liabilities	-	229	841	2	62,998	64,070
Total liabilities	569,888	41,606	287,737	232,441	62,998	1,194,670
Equity	-	14,463	-	-	144,019	158,482
Total liabilities and equity	569,888	56,069	287,737	232,441	207,017	1,353,152
On-book gap	(72,685)	17,597	1,573	63,122	(9,607)	-
Cumulative on-book gap	(72,685)	(55,088)	(53,515)	9,607	-	-
Contingent resources	59,180	12,687	-	28,995	-	100,862
Contingent liabilities	85,345	12,944	-	29,478	-	127,767
Off-book gap	(26,165)	(257)	-	(483)	-	(26,905)
Cumulative off-book gap	(26,165)	(26,422)	(26,422)	(26,905)	(26,905)	-
Periodic gap	(98,850)	17,340	1,573	62,639	(9,607)	26,905
Cumulative total gap	(98,850)	(81,510)	(79,937)	(17,298)	(26,905)	-

	Parent Company					Total
	2023					
	One to Three Months	Three Months to One Year	One to Five Years	More than Five Years	Non-rate Sensitive	
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>						
Resources:						
Cash and cash equivalents	126,153	1,547	28,545	71,884	19,812	247,941
Investments - net	282	3,286	112,230	195,089	17,556	328,443
Loans and receivables - net	425,330	57,308	98,344	5,538	29,381	615,901
Other resources - net	15,137	988	1,061	115	21,304	38,605
Total resources	566,902	63,129	240,180	272,626	88,053	1,230,890
Liabilities:						
Deposit liabilities	458,452	44,250	238,758	215,909	-	957,369
Bills payable	42,314	-	1,247	396	-	43,957
Bonds payable	-	30,809	4,130	-	-	34,939
Other liabilities	-	199	44	1,273	40,843	42,359
Total liabilities	500,766	75,258	244,179	217,578	40,843	1,078,624
Equity	-	-	-	-	152,266	152,266
Total liabilities and equity	500,766	75,258	244,179	217,578	193,109	1,230,890
On-book gap	66,136	(12,129)	(3,999)	55,048	(105,056)	-
Cumulative on-book gap	66,136	54,007	50,008	105,056	-	-
Contingent resources	53,269	6,091	-	-	-	59,360
Contingent liabilities	71,752	6,140	-	-	-	77,892
Off-book gap	(18,483)	(49)	-	-	-	(18,532)
Cumulative off-book gap	(18,483)	(18,532)	(18,532)	(18,532)	(18,532)	-
Periodic gap	47,653	(12,178)	(3,999)	55,048	(105,056)	(18,532)
Cumulative total gap	47,653	35,475	31,476	86,524	(18,532)	-

The table below summarizes the potential impact on the Group and the Parent Company's annual interest income of parallel rate shifts using the re-pricing.

	Changes in Interest Rates (in basis points)			
	-100	-200	+100	+200
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>				
December 31, 2024				
Group	493	986	(493)	(986)
Parent Company	518	1,037	(518)	(1,037)
December 31, 2023				
Group	(517)	(1,033)	517	1,033
Parent Company	(529)	(1,058)	529	1,058

In 2024, the Group also entered into interest rate swap contracts which are accounted for under hedge accounting, under which the Group agreed to exchange the difference between fixed and floating rate interest amounts calculated on contracted notional principal amounts. Such contracts enable the Group to mitigate the risk of changing interest rates on the fair value of issued fixed rate debt issued. The fair value of interest rate swaps as at December 31, 2024 is determined by discounting the future cash flows using the interest rate curves at the reporting date adjusted for the credit risk inherent in the contract. The average interest rate is based on the outstanding balances at the end of the financial year (see Note 10.6).

The interest rate swaps settle on a quarterly basis and the floating rate on the interest rate swaps is based on SOFR. The pay fixed interest rate swap contracts exchanging fixed rate interest for floating rate interest are designated and effective as fair value hedges in respect of interest rates on the Group's fixed rate bonds. In 2024, the derivatives were highly effective in hedging the fair value exposure to interest rate movements and as a result the carrying amount of the hedged bonds were adjusted by P204, which was included in profit or loss at the same time that the fair value of the interest rate swap was included in profit or loss.

4.3.3 Equity Price Risk

The Group's exposure to price risk on equity securities held and classified in the statement of financial position as financial assets at FVTPL or financial assets at FVOCI (under Trading and Investment Securities account) as of December 31, 2024 and 2023 is managed through diversification of portfolio and monitoring of changes in market prices. Diversification of the portfolio is done in accordance with the limits set by the Group.

Moreover, RCBC Capital and RSI estimate the potential loss and determine the market and position risk requirement on equity securities at FVTPL in the computation of the market and position risk requirement for all equity positions.

RCBC Capital uses the delta-normal approach as its VaR model to estimate the daily potential loss that can be incurred from equity securities held for trading. VaR is a key measure in the management of market price risk. RCBC Capital uses a 99% confidence level and a minimum 260-day observation period in VaR calculation. In addition, RSI computes its market and position risk for all equity positions, if any, in conjunction with the Risk Based Capital Adequacy ratio required to be maintained. Market and position risk requirement is calculated using position risk factor multiplied by mark-to-market value security.

4.4 Credit Risk

Credit risk is the risk that the counterparty in a transaction may default, and arises from lending, trade finance, treasury, derivatives and other activities undertaken by the Group. The Group manages credit risk through a system of policies and authorities that govern the processes and practices of all credit-originating and borrowing relationship management units.

The Enterprise Risk Division of RMG assists senior management: (a) in establishing risk concentration limits at the portfolio level; and (b) in the continuous monitoring of the actual credit risk portfolio from the perspective of those limits and other risk management objectives. The Credit Management Group (CMG), on the other hand, is responsible for: (a) the development of credit policies relating to account management; (b) the financial evaluation and credit risk rating of borrowers; and, (c) asset quality review.

At the individual borrower level, exposure to credit risk is managed via adherence to a set of policies, the most notable features of which, in this context, are: (a) credit approving authority, except as noted below, is not exercised by a single individual but rather, through a hierarchy of limits that is effectively exercised collectively; (b) business center (BC) managers have limited approval authority only for credit exposure related to deposit-taking operations in the form of bills purchase, acceptance of second endorsed checks and 1:1 loan accommodations; (c) an independent credit risk assessment by the CMG of large corporate and middle-market borrowers, summarized into a borrower risk rating, is provided as input to the credit decision-making process; and, (d) borrower credit analysis is performed at origination and at least annually thereafter or co-terminus with the renewal of the credit line. In addition, adverse economic and market conditions that may impact a certain borrower or a group of borrowers may trigger the Group to conduct a special credit review prior to expiry of credit line.

CMG also identifies homogenous target market and design Credit Programs that will accelerate credit processing of accounts without sacrificing underwriting quality, and, set up enhanced data framework that would deepen the Bank's ability to identify potential problem accounts earlier.

In 2023, the Bank engaged an independent consultant to conduct an independent validation and refresh of the Bank's ECL model parameters, assumptions, design, and calibration. As a result of this refresh, the Bank made the following adjustments to its model:

- accounts with 1 to 30 days past due (DPD) are classified as Stage 1 instead of Stage 2 (see Note 4.4.3);
- a 12-month performance window is observed to consider the probability of an account defaulting in the future (see Note 4.4.5);
- periods affected by the COVID-19 were excluded from the computation of default rates to exclude abnormally high default rates during the pandemic period considering the full recovery from the impact of COVID-19;
- a mean reversion approach was used for consumer loans to project the macroeconomic variables (MEVs) influencing the associated credit risk of the borrowers (Note 4.4.5); and
- the Vasicek equation was used to transform through-the-cycle PDs into point-in-time PDs (Note 4.4.5).

The updated ECL framework of the Bank was approved by ROC on January 19, 2024.

In 2024, the Bank made post model adjustments on the ECL models arising from the use of credit analytics and credit judgments, to consider the effects of the following:

- more granular level of segmentation of credit exposures for auto loans and credit cards based on customer segment, payment behavior, and credit score, among others;
- the respective collection behaviors on auto loan accounts and credit card receivables considering accounts that do not flow to further delinquencies, and accounts previously provided with 100% LGD but had subsequent recoveries; and
- account updates for specific corporate borrowers arising from regular credit monitoring activities

Post model adjustments made in estimating the reported ECL as at December 31, 2024 are set in the following table:

	Group and Parent Company		
	BAU Model	Post Model Overlays	Final ECL
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>			
Loans and discounts:			
Corporate	11,083	(1,140)	9,943
Consumer	2,406	(209)	2,197
Credit card receivables	5,392	(963)	4,429
	<u>18,881</u>	<u>(2,312)</u>	<u>16,569</u>

Based on the Bank's policy, a model validation shall be conducted when significant changes are made to the models, to ensure that the models are suitable for their proposed usage on an ongoing basis. The Bank plans to conduct another independent validation of its ECL models in the next reporting period.

4.4.1 Concentrations of Credit Risk

Credit risk concentration in the context of banking generally denotes the risk arising from an uneven distribution of counterparties in credit or in any other business relationships, or from a concentration in business sectors or geographic regions which is capable of generating losses large enough to jeopardize an institution's solvency. The Group monitors concentrations of credit risk by sector.

An analysis of concentrations of credit risk of the loan portfolio at the end of the reporting period is shown in Note 33.

In the course of the Group's implementation of ICAAP (see Note 5.2), it adopts a quantification of credit risk concentration following frameworks prescribed by some of the more advanced European central banks as well as established concentration metrics. Using sector distribution as a tool, the Group performs a straightforward application of the Herfindahl-Hirshman Index (HHI) to determine the existence of credit risk concentration. The Group supplements this methodology with the use of the Comprehensive Concentration Index (CCI) to monitor and analyze name concentration.

The Group, however, recognizes the inherent limitations of the use of HHI and CCI to assess credit concentration risk. To augment this measure and to appropriately manage said risk, the Group performs an in-depth analysis of its large borrowing groups. To ensure the independence of this process, the review and analysis are done during the ROC meetings.

4.4.2 Credit Risk Assessment

The Group's credit risk assessment is performed based on the different segments of financial asset portfolio such as (a) corporate, which generally include corporate banking group loans, commercial and small-medium size segment loans, lease contract and finance receivables, and unquoted debt securities classified as loan (UDSCL), (b) retail, which include housing, auto, credit cards, and microfinance lending; and, (c) treasury, which covers credit exposures on debt securities under the Group's HTC portfolio and financial assets at FVOCI. The Group also established credit risk assessment procedures for sales contract receivables and other risk assets including accounts receivables.

i. Corporate Loans

Loans, regardless if the accounts have been fully paid, extended or renewed in subsequent period, are subjected to evaluation for possible losses. The Group's estimation of credit exposure for risk management purposes is complex and requires the use of models, as the exposure varies with changes in market conditions (or industry performance), expected cash flows, and the passage of time. The assessment of credit risk of a portfolio of assets requires further estimations as to the PDs occurring, of the associated loss ratios, and of default correlations between counterparties; accordingly, such credit risk is measured using PD, LGD, and EAD, for purposes of measuring ECL.

The Group uses its internal credit risk rating system (ICRRS) to determine any evidence of potential deterioration in the quality of an instrument that takes into consideration both quantitative and qualitative criteria. The rating system classifies performing accounts from a scale of AAA indicating an extremely strong capacity of the counterparty to meet financial commitments down to ratings lower than CCC demonstrating weakness in the counterparty's economic and financial condition that could lead to payment default on financial commitments.

Past due accounts, accounts identified for phase-out and those that exhibit the characteristics of classified loans shall be risk-rated following the guidelines on credit classification per BSP Manual of Regulations for Banks and under the BSP Circular No. 1011, i.e., Especially Mentioned, Substandard, Doubtful or Loss. These guidelines are used by the Group to assign the individually assessed loan or a group of loans within a particular portfolio segment to a specific stage category under the PFRS 9 loan impairment standards (i.e., Stage 1, 2, 3).

The ICRRS is established by the Group in congruence with and with reference to the credit risk rating methodology used by Standard & Poor's (S&P) in measuring the creditworthiness of an individual borrower, whether the related borrowing is still performing or current in status. The risk ratings determined by the Group for its portfolio of loans and receivables at a given review date is updated to consider the possible shift in the economy or business environment or circumstances affecting the industry and the entity or borrower, in particular.

Accordingly, a periodic assessment of credit quality may improve the borrower's rating or it could lead to one or more rating downgrades over time; hence, could lead to the transfer of credit exposure in different stages of impairment. The credit risk ratings in ICRRS are calibrated such that the risk of default increases exponentially at each higher risk rating (e.g., a difference in the PD between a risk rating of A and A- is lower than the difference in the PD between a B and B- risk rating).

In the process of applying the Group's ICRRS in determining the credit quality of loans and receivables, the Group analyzes the credit quality of the borrowers and counterparties through a set of criteria and rating scale classified into the following:

<u>Rating Scale</u>	<u>Rating Description/Criteria</u>
AAA	Extremely strong capacity to meet financial commitments.
AA*	Very strong capacity to meet financial commitments.
A*	Strong capacity to meet financial commitments, but somewhat susceptible to adverse economic conditions and changes in circumstances.
BBB*	Adequate capacity to meet financial commitments, but more subject to adverse economic conditions.
BB*	Less vulnerable in the near-term but faces major ongoing uncertainties to adverse business, financial and economic conditions.
B*	More vulnerable to adverse business, financial and economic conditions but currently has the capacity to meet financial commitments.
CCC and below*	Not at risk of loss at the moment and the borrower has the financial capacity to meet its obligations but its exposure to adverse business, financial or economic conditions has weakened it and, unless present trends are reversed, could eventually lead to losses.
Especially Mentioned	Has potential weaknesses that deserve management's close attention and if left uncorrected, these weaknesses may affect the repayment of the loan.
Substandard	Have well-defined weakness(es), that may jeopardize repayment/liquidation in full, either in respect of the business, cash flow or financial position, which may include adverse trends or developments that affect willingness or repayment ability of the borrower.
Doubtful	Loans and credit accommodations that exhibit more severe weaknesses than those classified as "Substandard", whose characteristics on the basis of currently known facts, conditions and values make collection or liquidation highly improbable.
Loss	Loans considered absolutely uncollectible or worthless.

** Ratings from AA to CCC are modified by a plus (+) or minus (-) sign to show relative standing within the rating categories.*

As part of credit risk assessment documentation and reporting, the Group includes financial instruments rated as AAA to B- under the “Pass” classification, while instruments rated CCC+ and below are grouped under the Watchlisted classification. Generally, “Pass” classification includes loans and other credit accommodations that do not have a greater-than-normal credit risk and do not possess the characteristics of classified loans. These are credits that have the apparent ability and willingness to satisfy their obligations in full and therefore, no loss in ultimate collection is anticipated. On the other hand, watchlisted counterparties are characterized by the following:

- those that belong to an unfavorable industry or has company-specific risk factors which represent a concern;
- the operating performance and financial strength may be marginal and it is uncertain if borrower can attract alternative course of finance;
- borrower finds it hard to cope with any significant economic downturn and a default in such a case is more than a possibility; and,
- borrower incurs net losses and has salient financial weaknesses, reflected on their financial statements, specifically in profitability.

Split classification/rating may apply for non-performing secured loans and other credit accommodations, depending on the recoverability and liquidity of the collateral. The secured portion may be classified as “substandard” or “doubtful”, as appropriate, while the unsecured portion shall be classified “loss” if there is no other source of payment other than the collateral.

In the case of syndicated loans, the Group shall maintain credit information on the borrower, and grade and make provision for its portion of the syndicated loan in accordance with its policy. The lead financial institution or bank shall provide participating financial institutions with the credit information on the borrower upon request by the participating financial institutions and inform the latter if the loan will be classified so as to achieve uniform classification of the syndicated loan.

(ii) Retail and Other Products

CMG is tasked to measure, control and manage credit risk on the consumer loans business of the Group through the performance of regular monitoring, reporting and recommendation of risk mitigation measures of the actual credit risk portfolio to the CRECOL and ROC, as well as accomplishment of the corresponding review and development of credit policies and guidelines to sustain asset quality.

For consumer loans, risk assessment is performed on an individual borrower through the use of a credit application scorecard for Housing, Auto and Personal Loans while for Corporate Salary Loans, rule-based credit criteria on company accreditation and borrower evaluation has been established. The credit application scorecard makes use of customer, loan and collateral characteristics which have been assigned weights based on their predictive power in determining the propensity of an account to default or maintain a satisfactory credit performance. Credit decisions are based on recommended score cut-offs.

Asset quality of the Group is monitored through a regular portfolio performance review including customer segmentation and loan concentration risk assessment to identify sources of risk and to determine risk mitigation on segments that drive delinquency or manifests triggers for default. Likewise, close monitoring and review of industry performance, economic changes and market conditions that may affect the consumer loans business is also taken into consideration to establish a holistic risk assessment process.

For the credit card portfolio of the Group, credit risk assessment is performed through segmentation process to diversify the portfolio risk into different homogeneous populations or segments. Over-all account distribution is analyzed for three different snapshots with respect to month-on-month DPD to see consistency in the portfolio.

For microfinance and small business loans, regardless if the accounts have been fully paid, extended or renewed in subsequent period, are subjected to evaluation for possible losses. Credit risk assessment is performed based on groups of loan portfolio segmented by product type such as (a) credit accommodations to small-medium size borrowers; and, (b) agricultural and microfinance loans.

The Group classifies the consumer, microfinance and small business loans based on days past due following the categories that are consistent with the manner applied under the Group's internal credit risk assessment and regulatory reporting as follows:

<u>Bucket</u>	<u>Classification</u>	<u>Secured</u>	<u>Unsecured</u>
Current	Unclassified	Unclassified	Unclassified
One to 30 days	Especially Mentioned	Unclassified	Especially Mentioned
31 to 60 days	Especially Mentioned	Especially Mentioned	Especially Mentioned
61 to 90 days	Substandard	Especially Mentioned	Substandard
91 to 180 days	Substandard	Substandard	Substandard
181 to 365 days	Doubtful	Doubtful	Doubtful
More than 365 days	Loss	Loss	Loss

The Group assigns consumer, microfinance and small business loans based on classification into stages of impairment as follows:

<u>Classification</u>	<u>Stage</u>
Unclassified	1
Especially Mentioned	2
Defaulted	3

For purposes of the information disclosed for credit risk exposures, 'defaulted' accounts include those which are classified as Substandard, Doubtful, and Loss.

The groupings of financial instruments into a pool of shared credit quality are subject to the regular review by the Group's CMG in order to ensure that credit exposures within a particular group remain appropriately homogenous.

(iii) Debt Securities at Amortized Cost and at FVOCI

For debt securities, the Group adopts similar credit risk ratings published by reputable external rating agency (e.g., S&P). These ratings are continuously monitored and updated. The PD associated with each rating is determined based on realized default rates over the previous 12 months, as published by the rating agency.

4.4.3 Assessment of SICR

In assessing whether the credit risk on a financial instrument has increased significantly since initial recognition, the Group assesses the change in the risk of a default occurring over the remaining life of the financial instrument. In making this assessment, the Group assesses on a periodic basis both quantitative and qualitative information that is reasonable and supportable, including historical experience and forward-looking information as appropriate. These may include macroeconomic conditions, economic sector and geographical region relevant to the counterparty or borrower and other factors that are counterparty-specific. As the Group holds various arrays of financial instruments, the extent of assessment may depend on the materiality of the financial instrument or the complexity of the portfolio being assessed.

The Group ECL model follows a three-stage impairment approach in determining the loss allowance to be recognized in the financial statements:

- (i) Stage 1 – comprises of all credit exposures that are considered ‘performing’ and with no observed SICR since initial recognition. These include those financial instruments with low credit risk. For these financial instruments, the loss allowance is determined based on a 12-month ECL. PFRS 9 provides a rebuttable presumption that credit risk is considered to have significantly increased since initial recognition if the contractual payment is more than 30 days past due. The rebuttal must be in consideration of a reasonable and supportable information that is available without undue cost or effort.
- (ii) Stage 2 – comprises of all financial instruments assessed to have SICR since initial recognition based on the Group’s quantitative and qualitative criteria, though not yet deemed to be credit-impaired. Using the Group’s ICRRS, Stage 2 includes credit exposures that are considered ‘under-performing’ in which risk ratings were downgraded by at least three notches and/or downgraded to CCC+ to Especially Mentioned. Stage 2 financial instruments may also include those facilities where the credit risk has improved and have been reclassified from Stage 3 subject to the Group’s observation period on the creditworthiness of the counterparty. A lifetime ECL is recognized for these financial instruments.
- (iii) Stage 3 – comprises credit exposures which are assessed as ‘credit-impaired’, thus considered by the Group as ‘non-performing’, which is assessed consistently with the Group’s definition of default. Generally, this includes accounts classified as Substandard, Doubtful and Loss. The Group recognizes a lifetime ECL for all credit-impaired financial assets.

The Group considers low credit risk for listed debt security when its credit risk rating is equivalent to a globally understood definition of ‘investment grade’ (which should be from at least one major rating agency); other debt securities are considered to be low credit risk when they have a low risk of default and the issuer has a strong capacity to meet its contractual cash flow obligations in the near term.

Financial assets that are credit-impaired on initial recognition are classified as purchased or originated credit-impaired assets. ECL is only recognized or released to the extent that there is a subsequent change in the ECLs.

The criteria for determining whether credit risk has increased significantly vary by portfolio and include quantitative changes in probabilities of default and qualitative factors, including a backstop based on delinquency. The credit risk of a particular exposure is deemed to have increased significantly since initial recognition if, based on the Group's internal credit assessment, the borrower or counterparty is determined to have well-defined credit weaknesses. Under the Group's ICRRS, these are exposures rated at least Especially Mentioned. For exposures with no internal credit risk rating performed, if contractual payments are more than a specified days past due threshold, the credit risk is deemed to have increased significantly since initial recognition. Depending on the number of days past due which differ across the various retail products of the Group, a credit exposure may be transferred to Stage 2 or Stage 3. Days past due are determined by counting the number of days since the earliest elapsed due date in respect of which full payment has not been received. In subsequent reporting periods, if the credit risk of the financial instrument improves such that there is no longer a SICR since initial recognition, the Group shall revert to recognizing a 12-month ECL.

As a general rule, an upgrade or transfer of credit exposure from Stage 3 to Stage 1 is allowed when there is sufficient evidence to support that full collection of principal and interest is probable, consistent with the Group's definition of curing period which is 6 months of satisfactory performance before an account is moved from Stage 3 to Stage 2 and another 6 months from Stage 2 to Stage 1.

For portfolios in respect of which the Group has limited historical data, external benchmark information (e.g., Basel LGD) is used to supplement the internally available data. The portfolios for which external benchmark information represents a significant input into measurement of ECL include exposures to foreign borrowers and low default borrower segments.

4.4.4 Definition of Default and Credit-impaired Assets

i. Loans and Receivables

The Group defines a loan instrument as in default, which is aligned with the definition of credit-impaired, when the borrower is more than 90 days past due on its contractual payments, except for the 30 days past due threshold for retail loans of the Group and one day past due for microfinance loan portfolio of Rizal Microbank. As part of a qualitative assessment of whether a customer is in default, the Group also considers a variety of instances and factors that may indicate unlikeliness to pay which may include (a) significant financial difficulty of the issuer or borrower; (b) the restructuring of a loan by the Group, for economic or legal reasons relating to the borrower's financial difficulty, on terms that the Group would not consider otherwise; or (c) it becoming probable that the borrower will enter bankruptcy or other financial reorganization. When such events occur, the Group carefully considers whether the event should result in treating the customer as defaulted.

A loan that has been renegotiated due to a deterioration in the borrower's condition is usually considered to be credit-impaired unless there is evidence that the risk of not receiving contractual cash flows has reduced significantly and there are no other indicators of impairment.

An instrument is considered to be no longer in default or have cured when the borrower is able to repay the installments in arrears and the account no longer meets any of the default criteria for a consecutive period of 180 days observation period, within which the borrower shall make consecutive payments.

The definitions of default and observation period have been aligned with the definition used for regulatory capital purposes. Definitions of default and cure period can be rebutted and the rebuttal will be monitored and reviewed by the CMG on annual basis to ensure definitions remains appropriate.

These criteria are consistent with the definition of default used for internal credit risk management purposes that is aligned with the default criteria used for regulatory capital purposes. Such definition is consistently applied in determining PD, LGD, and EAD for each loan portfolio segment and throughout the ECL calculations of the Group.

ii. Investments in Debt Securities

Investments in debt securities is assessed as credit-impaired and impairment losses are incurred if, and only if, there is objective evidence of impairment as a result of an event that occurred after the initial recognition of the security (a “loss event”) and that loss event has impact on the estimated future cash flows of the securities. Losses expected as a result of future events, shall also be considered in estimating the ECL.

Objective evidence that the security is impaired includes observable data that comes to the attention of the holder of the security about the following loss events:

- significant financial difficulty of the issuer or obligor;
- breach of contract, such as a default or delinquency in interest or principal payments;
- the financial institution, for economic or legal reasons relating to the issuer’s financial difficulty, granting to the issuer a concession that the financial institution would not otherwise consider;
- it becoming probable that the issuer will enter bankruptcy or other financial reorganization;
- the disappearance of an active market for that security because of financial difficulties; or,
- observable data indicating that there is a measurable decrease in the estimated future cash flows from a portfolio of securities since the initial recognition of those assets, although the decrease cannot yet be identified with the individual securities in the portfolio, including adverse change in the payment status of issuers in the portfolio; or national or local economic conditions that correlate with defaults on the securities in the portfolio.

The disappearance of an active market because a financial institution’s held securities are no longer publicly traded is not evidence of impairment. A downgrade of an issuer’s credit rating is not, by itself, evidence of impairment, although it may be evidence of impairment when considered with other available information. A decline in the fair value of a security below its cost or amortized cost is not necessarily evidence of impairment (for example, a decline in fair value of an investment in debt security that results from an increase in the risk-free interest rate).

In making an assessment of whether an investment in sovereign debt is credit-impaired, the Group considers the following factors:

- the market's assessment of creditworthiness as reflected in the bond yields;
- the rating agencies' assessment of credit-worthiness;
- the country's ability to access the capital markets for new debt issuance;
- the probability of debt being restructured, resulting in holders suffering losses through voluntary or mandatory debt forgiveness; or,
- the internal support mechanism in place to provide the necessary support as 'lender of last resort' to that country, as well as the intention, reflected in public statements, of governments and agencies to use those mechanisms. This includes an assessment of the depth of those mechanisms and, irrespective of the political intent, whether there is the capacity to fulfill the required criteria.

4.4.5 ECL Measurement Inputs

Integral in the Group's established policies in measuring and calculating ECL on financial instrument is the use of appropriate model for each segment of financial asset that applies relevant inputs and assumptions, including forward-looking information as appropriate.

(a) Key Inputs and Assumptions in the ECL Model

The ECL is determined by projecting the PD, LGD and EAD for each future month and for each individual exposure or collective segment.

- (i) PD represents an estimate of likelihood of a borrower defaulting on its financial obligation over a given time horizon, either over the next 12 months (12-month PD) or over the remaining lifetime (lifetime PD) of the obligation. PD is calculated based on statistical rating models, and assessed using rating tools tailored to the various categories of counterparties and exposures which considers both quantitative and qualitative factors. In determining PD, the Group performed segmentation of its credit exposures based on homogenous characteristics [including corporate loan and retail loan (including credit-card and microfinance)] and developed a systematic PD methodology for each portfolio. Generally, if a counterparty or exposure migrates between rating classes, this will lead to a change in the estimate of the associated PD.
- (ii) LGD pertains to estimate of loss related to the amount that may not be recovered after the borrower defaults. The Group estimates LGD parameters based on historical recovery rates of claims against defaulted counterparties, which takes into consideration the realization of any collateral that is integral to the financial asset. For secured credit exposure, the determination of LGD is dependent on the Group's collateral data which are available at the origination of the instrument which takes into account the amount and timing of the cash inflows (actual recovery) and outflows (actual expenses) and on the time value of money. Recoveries are calculated on a discounted cash flows basis using the effective interest rate as the discounting factor.

(iii) EAD represents the gross carrying amount of the exposure in the event of default which include the amortized cost amount of an instrument and any accrued interest receivable. For lending commitments, the EAD includes the amount of drawn and undrawn irrevocable loan commitments under the contract, which are estimated based on historical observations and forward-looking forecast. For some financial assets (e.g., credit card lending), EAD is determined by modelling the range of possible exposure outcomes at various points in time using scenario and statistical technique which considers the ability of borrowers to increase its exposure from the time of ECL calculation to the time of default (i.e., credit conversion factor).

These three components are multiplied together and adjusted for the likelihood of survival (i.e., the exposure has not been prepaid or defaulted in an earlier month). This effectively calculates an ECL for each future month, which is then discounted back to and summed at the end of the reporting period. The discount rate used in the ECL calculation is the original effective interest rate or the relevant fund transfer pricing rate, whichever is more applicable.

The lifetime PD is developed by applying a maturity profile to the current 12-month PD. The maturity profile looks at how defaults develop on a portfolio from the point of initial recognition throughout the life of the instrument. The maturity profile is based on historical observed data and is assumed to be the same across all assets within a portfolio and credit grade band. Such profile is supported by a historical analysis (i.e., an observation period of five years) which uses, among others the number of rated accounts and ratings of bad accounts at the time of default. Bad accounts are defaulted accounts classified into three classes such as the non-performing loans, accounts classified as Substandard, Doubtful or Loss, and real past due accounts.

For consumer loans, the PD models are used to compute a through-the-cycle (TTC) PD, which are PDs neutral to changes in conditions over the economic cycle covering the lifetime of the exposure. These TTC PDs are adjusted using a single factor Vasicek model to reflect the impact of macroeconomic factors to arrive at forward-looking Point-In-Time (PIT) PDs to consider the probability of default in current economic conditions in accordance with PFRS 9.

In a risk rating model applied by the Group for corporate loans, a better rating or score denotes less probability of default than those of a worse rating. Identifying the counterparty default is done through a computation of the portfolio's observed default rate (ODR). In cases when ODR method and the data to be used is limited, the Group may also employ the implied probability of default frequency (IPD) and the application of overlay factors in the PD.

Using the historical defaults under the Group's ICRRS based on S&P scale, ODR is calculated for each rating bucket as the ratio of the total number of defaults in next 12 months divided by the total count of accounts. On the other hand, unrated accounts are distributed to existing S&P rating classes using normal distribution assumption.

The 12-month and lifetime EADs are determined based on the expected payment profile, which varies by product type.

For loans with periodic amortization and one-time full payment at end of the term, EAD is based on the contractual repayments owed by the borrower over a 12-month or lifetime basis. This will also be adjusted for any expected overpayments made by a borrower. Early repayment or refinancing assumptions are also incorporated into the calculation.

For revolving products (such as credit cards and credit line facilities), EAD is determined by taking current drawn balance and adding a “credit conversion factor” which allows for the expected drawdown of the remaining limit by the time of default. These assumptions vary by product type and current limit utilization band, based on analysis of the Group’s recent default data.

The 12-month and lifetime LGDs are determined based on the factors which impact the recoveries made post default, and may vary by product type. For secured products, this is primarily based on collateral type and projected collateral values, historical discounts to market or book values due to forced sales, time to repossession and recovery costs observed. For unsecured products, LGD is typically set at product level due to the limited differentiation in recoveries achieved across different borrowers. The LGD is influenced by collection strategies.

For cash and cash equivalents and debt securities, the Group applies the low credit risk simplification. The probability of default and loss given defaults are publicly available and are considered to be low credit risk investments. It is the Group’s policy to measure ECL on such instruments on a 12-month basis. However, when there has been a SICR since origination, the allowance will be based on the lifetime ECL. The Group uses the ratings from S&P to determine whether the debt instrument has significantly increased in credit risk and to estimate ECL.

The assumptions underlying the ECL calculation are monitored and reviewed on an annual basis. With the changes in the current economic condition and granular behavior analysis of customers, the management has enhanced its existing ECL model in 2022 to reflect the continuing impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and the Group’s and Parent Company’s financial support program to its customers on a reasonable and supportable basis. In 2023, the Bank conducted an independent model validation which encompasses comprehensive model testing to assess model robustness. A refresh is applied to update the ECL model to ensure it remains relevant and effective in estimating credit losses. The Bank further applied post model adjustments in 2024 to consider the results of its ongoing review of customer segmentation recovery updates (see Note 4.4).

The determination of the 12-month and lifetime PD, LGD, and EAD includes the overlay of forward-looking economic information discussed below.

(b) Overlay of Forward-looking Information

The Group incorporates forward-looking information (FLI) in its calculation of ECL. The Group has performed historical analysis and has identified the key MEVs impacting credit risk associated with its borrowers and/or counterparties and the ECL for relevant portfolio of debt instruments.

The MEVs and their associated impact on the PD, LGD and EAD vary by financial instrument. For corporate loans, a multivariate analysis in the context of Vector Autoregressive (VAR) model is used to assess the effect of macroeconomic factors as historical and deterministic regressors to the portfolios PD. To determine the MEV, all possible combinations of the time series and considered lags with NPL ratio were considered and evaluated based on the soundness of economic theory, goodness of fit, and in accordance with the assumptions of VAR. For consumer loans, to project the MEVs for the full remaining life of each financial instrument, a mean reversion approach has been used for consumer loans, which means that MEVs tend to converge to either a long run average rate (e.g., for unemployment) or a long run average growth rate [e.g., Gross Domestic Product (GDP)] over a period of two to five years.

The impact of these economic variables on the PD, LGD and EAD has been determined by performing statistical regression analysis to understand the impact changes in these variables have had historically on default rates and on the components of LGD and EAD.

The MEVs considered by the Group include economic data and forecasts published by government bodies (e.g., BSP and Philippine Statistics Authority), international organizations (e.g., International Monetary Fund), and certain reputable private and academic organizations involved in forecasting. Accordingly, the Group has identified key drivers for credit risk for its corporate loans portfolio, which include among others, GDP growth rate, inflation rate, unemployment rate, interest rate (i.e., based on 91-day T-bill Yield), household consumption expenditure growth, OFW remittances, and foreign currency exchange rates.

On the other hand, the key drivers for the Group's retail and consumer loans portfolio include unemployment rate, GDP growth rate, consumer price index (CPI), foreign currency exchange rates, inflation rate, and bank lending rates. Using an analysis of historical data, the Group has estimated relationships between MEVs and credit risk and credit losses.

As with any economic forecasts, the projections and likelihoods of occurrence are subject to a high degree of inherent uncertainty, and therefore, the actual outcomes may be significantly different to those projections. The Group considers these forecasts to represent its best estimate of the possible outcomes.

Management has also considered other FLI not incorporated within the above economic scenarios, such as any regulatory, legislative, or political changes, but are not deemed to have a significant impact on the calculation of ECL. Management reviews and monitors the appropriateness of FLIs on a regular basis and additional factors may be incorporated from time to time as deemed appropriate.

4.4.6 Credit Risk Exposures

An analysis of the maximum credit risk exposure relating to receivables from customers is shown below:

	Group			
	Gross Maximum Exposure	Fair Value of Collaterals	Net Exposure	Financial Effect Of Collaterals
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>				
2024				
Loans and discounts:				
Corporate	421,744	477,408	-	421,744
Consumer*	174,873	143,253	31,620	143,253
Credit card receivables	110,453	-	110,453	-
Leasing and finance	2,401	5,677	-	2,401
Microfinance and small business	1,163	4,148	-	1,163
Other receivables	51,993	4,332	47,661	4,332
	762,627	634,818	189,734	572,893
2023				
Loans and discounts:				
Corporate	414,311	356,230	58,081	356,230
Consumer*	128,867	145,505	2,777	126,090
Credit card receivables	74,667	-	74,667	-
Leasing and finance	2,801	3,900	-	2,801
Microfinance and small business	1,276	5,978	-	1,276
Other receivables	45,402	5,504	39,898	5,504
	667,324	517,117	175,423	491,901

**The net exposure balance includes unsecured personal and salary loans*

	Parent Company			
	Gross Maximum Exposure	Fair Value of Collaterals	Net Exposure	Financial Effect Of Collaterals
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>				
2024				
Loans and discounts:				
Corporate	419,085	477,408	-	419,085
Consumer*	174,873	143,253	31,620	143,253
Credit card receivables	110,453	-	110,453	-
Other receivables	50,850	4,332	46,518	4,332
	755,261	624,993	188,591	566,670
2023				
Loans and discounts:				
Corporate	411,706	351,499	60,207	351,499
Consumer*	128,867	145,505	2,777	126,090
Credit card receivables	74,667	-	74,667	-
Other receivables	44,462	5,504	38,958	5,504
	659,702	502,508	176,609	483,093

*The net exposure balance includes unsecured personal and salary loans

The table below sets out the gross carrying amounts of the exposures to credit risk on financial assets with low credit risk measured at amortized cost and debt securities at FVOCI as of December 31.

	Group		Parent Company	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>				
Cash and cash equivalents	185,369	250,108	182,670	247,941
Debt securities:				
At amortized cost	260,344	236,688	259,419	235,803
At FVOCI	154,488	78,533	154,376	78,417
	600,201	565,329	596,465	562,161

Cash and cash equivalents include loans and advances to banks [i.e., Due from BSP, Due from Other Banks, Loans Arising from Repurchase Agreements, and Interbank Loans Receivables (see Note 9)]. Debt securities includes government and corporate bonds and bills. These are held with the central bank, financial institutions and other counterparties that are reputable and with low credit risk; corresponding allowance for ECL is shown in the succeeding pages.

The information about the credit exposures on the above financial assets as well as on loan commitments by stages of impairment as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, shown at their gross carrying amounts with the corresponding allowance for ECL are shown in the succeeding pages. All instruments, which were not assessed by the Group for ECL based on individual credit risk rating were evaluated on a collective basis, applying applicable PD and LGD based on the segment of instrument.

The maximum exposure to credit risks for other financial assets is limited to their carrying values as of December 31, 2024 and 2023.

a) *Loans and receivables*

	Group				Total
	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Purchased credit-impaired*	
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>					
2024					
Corporate loans					
Pass					
AAA to BBB	3,936	-	-	-	3,936
BBB- to B-	360,442	162	227	-	360,831
Watchlisted	31,530	200	1,352	-	33,082
Especially mentioned	-	6,921	7,854	-	14,775
Substandard	-	-	8,458	-	8,458
Defaulted	-	-	579	20	599
Unrated	63	-	-	-	63
	395,971	7,283	18,470	20	421,744
Allowance for ECL	(957)	(472)	(8,352)	(16)	(9,797)
Carrying amount	395,014	6,811	10,118	4	411,947
Consumer loans					
Current	154,061	-	-	-	154,061
1-30 dpd	7,620	-	-	-	7,620
31-90 dpd	-	5,289	-	-	5,289
Defaulted	-	-	7,903	-	7,903
	161,681	5,289	7,903	-	174,873
Allowance for ECL	(820)	(515)	(1,669)	-	(3,004)
Carrying amount	160,861	4,774	6,234	-	171,869
Credit cards					
Current	102,931	51	-	-	102,982
1-29 dpd	1,714	19	-	-	1,733
30-59 dpd	-	911	-	-	911
60-89 dpd	-	833	-	-	833
Defaulted	-	-	3,994	-	3,994
	104,645	1,814	3,994	-	110,453
Allowance for ECL	(734)	(891)	(2,804)	-	(4,429)
Carrying amount	103,911	923	1,190	-	106,024
Leasing and finance receivables**					
AAA+ to B+	290	-	-	-	290
B-	777	7	-	-	784
CCC below	-	127	1,116	-	1,243
Unrated	84	-	-	-	84
	1,151	134	1,116	-	2,401
Allowance for ECL	(144)	(25)	(824)	-	(993)
Carrying amount	1,007	109	292	-	1,408
Micro and small business loans***					
Unclassified	892	-	-	-	892
Especially mentioned	-	50	-	-	50
Defaulted	-	-	221	-	221
	892	50	221	-	1,163
Allowance for ECL	(1)	-	(92)	-	(93)
Carrying amount	891	50	129	-	1,070
Balance forwarded	661,684	12,667	17,963	4	692,318

	Group				Total
	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Purchased credit-impaired*	
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>					
<i>Balance carried forward</i>	661,684	12,667	17,963	4	692,318
<i>Other receivables</i>					
Current	48,794	-	1	-	48,795
Past due	-	883	2,315	-	3,198
	48,794	883	2,316	-	51,993
Allowance for ECL	(143)	(81)	(1,590)	-	(1,814)
Carrying amount	48,651	802	726	-	50,179
Total gross amount	713,134	15,453	34,020	20	762,627
Allowance for ECL	(2,799)	(1,984)	(15,331)	(16)	(20,130)
Carrying amount	710,335	13,469	18,689	4	742,497

*Purchased credit-impaired financial assets pertain to the non-performing loans of RCBC JPL

**Leasing and finance receivables are from RCBC LFC

***Micro and small business loans are from Rizal Microbank

	Group				Total
	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Purchased credit-impaired*	
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>					
2023					
Corporate Loans					
Pass					
AAA to BBB	16,339	1	-	-	16,340
BBB- to B-	351,474	32	4	-	351,510
Watchlisted	20,104	836	4	-	20,944
Especially mentioned	-	4,565	4,395	-	8,960
Substandard	-	-	9,032	-	9,032
Defaulted	-	-	518	20	538
Unrated	6,955	1	31	-	6,987
	394,872	5,435	13,984	20	414,311
Allowance for ECL	(923)	(222)	(7,891)	(16)	(9,052)
Carrying amount	393,949	5,213	6,093	4	405,259
Consumer loans					
Current	111,978	-	-	-	111,978
1-30 dpd	6,216	-	-	-	6,216
31-90 dpd	-	3,686	-	-	3,686
Defaulted	-	-	6,987	-	6,987
	118,194	3,686	6,987	-	128,867
Allowance for ECL	(558)	(280)	(1,187)	-	(2,025)
Carrying amount	117,636	3,406	5,800	-	126,842
Credit cards					
Current	69,735	30	-	-	69,765
1-29 dpd	1,129	13	-	-	1,142
30-59 dpd	-	660	-	-	660
60-89 dpd	-	544	-	-	544
Defaulted	-	-	2,556	-	2,556
	70,864	1,247	2,556	-	74,667
Allowance for ECL	(886)	(747)	(2,018)	-	(3,651)
Carrying amount	69,978	500	538	-	71,016
<i>Balance forwarded</i>	581,563	9,119	12,431	4	603,117

	Group				Total
	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Purchased credit-impaired*	
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>					
<i>Balance carried forward</i>	581,563	9,119	12,431	4	603,117
<i>Leasing and finance receivables**</i>					
AAA+ to B+	512	-	-	-	512
B-	136	-	-	-	136
CCC below	-	1,216	937	-	2,153
	648	1,216	937	-	2,801
Allowance for ECL	(85)	(235)	(716)	-	(1,036)
Carrying amount	563	981	221	-	1,765
<i>Micro and small business loans***</i>					
Unclassified	994	-	-	-	994
Especially mentioned	-	79	-	-	79
Defaulted	-	-	203	-	203
	994	79	203	-	1,276
Allowance for ECL	(1)	(1)	(66)	-	(68)
Carrying amount	993	78	137	-	1,208
<i>Other receivables</i>					
Current	43,050	-	1	-	43,051
Past due	-	344	2,007	-	2,351
	43,050	344	2,008	-	45,402
Allowance for ECL	(188)	(29)	(1,346)	-	(1,563)
Carrying amount	42,862	315	662	-	43,839
Total gross amount	628,622	12,007	26,675	20	667,324
Allowance for ECL	(2,641)	(1,514)	(13,224)	(16)	(17,395)
Carrying amount	625,981	10,493	13,451	4	649,929

*Purchased credit-impaired financial assets pertain to the non-performing loans of RCBC JPL

**Leasing and finance receivables are from RCBC LFC

***Micro and small business loans are from Rizal Microbank

	Parent Company				
	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Purchased credit- impaired*	Total
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>					
2024					
Corporate loans					
Pass					
AAA to BBB	3,936	-	-	-	3,936
BBB- to B-	359,746	160	227	-	360,133
Watchlisted	31,361	136	833	-	32,330
Especially mentioned	-	6,921	7,647	-	14,568
Substandard	-	-	7,756	-	7,756
Defaulted	-	-	362	-	362
	395,043	7,217	16,825	-	419,085
Allowance for ECL	(956)	(472)	(8,352)	-	(9,780)
Carrying amount	394,087	6,745	8,473	-	409,305
Consumer loans					
Current	154,061	-	-	-	154,061
1-30 dpd	7,620	-	-	-	7,620
31-90 dpd	-	5,289	-	-	5,289
Defaulted	-	-	7,903	-	7,903
	161,681	5,289	7,903	-	174,873
Allowance for ECL	(820)	(515)	(1,669)	-	(3,004)
Carrying amount	160,861	4,774	6,234	-	171,869
Credit cards					
Current	102,931	51	-	-	102,982
1-29 dpd	1,714	19	-	-	1,733
30-59 dpd	-	911	-	-	911
60-89 dpd	-	833	-	-	833
Defaulted	-	-	3,994	-	3,994
	104,645	1,814	3,994	-	110,453
Allowance for ECL	(734)	(891)	(2,804)	-	(4,429)
Carrying amount	103,911	923	1,190	-	106,024
Other receivables					
Current	47,941	-	-	-	47,941
Past due	-	883	2,026	-	2,909
	47,941	883	2,026	-	50,850
Allowance for ECL	(142)	(81)	(1,294)	-	(1,517)
Carrying amount	47,799	802	732	-	49,333
Total gross amount	709,310	15,203	30,748	-	755,261
Allowance for ECL	(2,652)	(1,959)	(14,119)	-	(18,730)
Carrying amount	706,658	13,244	16,629	-	736,531

	Parent Company				Total
	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Purchased credit-impaired*	
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>					
<u>2023</u>					
<i>Corporate loans</i>					
Pass					
AAA to BBB	15,793	1	-	-	15,794
BBB- to B-	351,474	32	4	-	351,510
Watchlisted	19,761	295	4	-	20,060
Especially mentioned	-	4,294	4,395	-	8,689
Substandard	-	-	8,326	-	8,326
Defaulted	-	-	340	-	340
Unrated	6,955	1	31	-	6,987
	<u>393,983</u>	<u>4,623</u>	<u>13,100</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>411,706</u>
Allowance for ECL	<u>(923)</u>	<u>(222)</u>	<u>(7,890)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(9,035)</u>
Carrying amount	<u>393,060</u>	<u>4,401</u>	<u>5,210</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>402,671</u>
<i>Consumer loans</i>					
Current	111,978	-	-	-	111,978
1-30 dpd	6,216	-	-	-	6,216
31-90 dpd	-	3,686	-	-	3,686
Defaulted	-	-	6,987	-	6,987
	<u>118,194</u>	<u>3,686</u>	<u>6,987</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>128,867</u>
Allowance for ECL	<u>(558)</u>	<u>(280)</u>	<u>(1,187)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,025)</u>
Carrying amount	<u>117,636</u>	<u>3,406</u>	<u>5,800</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>126,842</u>
<i>Credit cards</i>					
Current	69,735	30	-	-	69,765
1-29 dpd	1,129	13	-	-	1,142
30-59 dpd	-	660	-	-	660
60-89 dpd	-	544	-	-	544
Defaulted	-	-	2,556	-	2,556
	<u>70,864</u>	<u>1,247</u>	<u>2,556</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>74,667</u>
Allowance for ECL	<u>(886)</u>	<u>(747)</u>	<u>(2,018)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(3,651)</u>
Carrying amount	<u>69,978</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>538</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>71,016</u>
<i>Other receivables</i>					
Current	42,401	-	-	-	42,401
Past due	-	344	1,717	-	2,061
	<u>42,401</u>	<u>344</u>	<u>1,717</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>44,462</u>
Allowance for ECL	<u>(187)</u>	<u>(29)</u>	<u>(1,094)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,310)</u>
Carrying amount	<u>42,214</u>	<u>315</u>	<u>623</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>43,152</u>
Total gross amount	625,442	9,900	24,360	-	659,702
Allowance for ECL	<u>(2,554)</u>	<u>(1,278)</u>	<u>(12,189)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(16,021)</u>
Carrying amount	<u>622,888</u>	<u>8,622</u>	<u>12,171</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>643,681</u>

b) Investments in debt securities at amortized cost and at FVOCI

	Group		Parent Company	
	HTC	FVOCI	HTC	FVOCI
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>				
2024				
<i>Government securities</i>				
AAA to A+	19,033	45,969	19,033	45,969
BBB+ to BBB-	211,269	94,428	210,344	94,428
	230,302	140,397	229,377	140,397
<i>Corporate debt securities</i>				
AAA	-	536	-	536
AA+ to A+	1,130	-	1,130	-
A to A-	715	-	715	-
BBB+ to BBB-	12,855	3,527	12,855	3,527
BB+ to BB-	-	581	-	500
B+ and below	15,342	9,447	15,342	9,416
	30,042	14,091	30,042	13,979
Allowance for ECL	(122)	(14)	(32)	(14)
	29,920	14,077	30,010	13,965
	260,222	154,474	259,387	154,362
2023				
<i>Government securities</i>				
AAA to A+	15,778	808	15,778	808
BBB+ to BBB-	192,383	64,623	191,498	64,623
	208,161	65,431	207,276	65,431
<i>Corporate debt securities</i>				
AAA	-	515	-	515
AA+ to A+	830	-	830	-
A to A-	687	-	687	-
BBB+ to BBB-	16,024	9,620	16,024	9,620
BB+ to BB-	10,823	2,934	10,823	2,851
B+ and below	163	33	163	-
	28,527	13,102	28,527	12,986
Allowance for ECL	(161)	(13)	(71)	(13)
	28,366	13,089	28,456	12,973
	236,527	78,520	235,732	78,404

c) *Loan Commitments*

The credit quality of the Group and Parent Company's irrevocable loan commitments with amounts determined after considering credit conversion factor, as of December 31 follows:

	Group and Parent Company			Total
	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>				
2024				
Corporate loans				
Pass				
AAA to BBB	72	-	-	72
BBB- to B-	6,804	-	-	6,804
Watchlisted	123	-	-	123
Especially mentioned	-	10	-	10
	6,999	10	-	7,009
ECL provisions	(12)	-	-	(12)
Carrying amount	6,987	10	-	6,997
Credit cards				
Current	30,646	-	-	30,646
ECL provisions	(358)	-	-	(358)
Carrying amount	30,288	-	-	30,288
	37,277	10	-	37,287
2023				
Corporate loans				
Pass				
AAA to BBB	474	-	-	474
BBB- to B-	7,150	-	-	7,150
Watchlisted	59	-	-	59
Especially mentioned	-	3	-	3
Unrated	599	-	-	599
	8,282	3	-	8,285
ECL provisions	(11)	-	-	(11)
Carrying amount	8,271	3	-	8,274
Credit cards				
Current	23,718	-	-	23,718
ECL provisions	(293)	-	-	(293)
Carrying amount	23,425	-	-	23,425
	31,696	3	-	31,699

4.4.7 Maximum Exposure to Credit Risk of Financial Instruments not Subject to Impairment

The following table contains analysis of the maximum credit risk exposure from financial assets not subject to impairment (i.e., FVTPL).

	Group		Parent Company	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>				
Government securities	7,257	9,647	7,252	9,615
Corporate debt securities	132	28	132	19
Derivative financial assets	2,067	1,320	2,067	1,320
	9,456	10,995	9,451	10,954

4.4.8 Allowance for ECL

The succeeding tables show the reconciliation of the loss allowance for ECL by class of significant financial instruments.

a) Loans and receivables

	Group				
	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Purchased credit-impaired	Total
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>					
2024					
Corporate loans					
Balance at beginning of year	923	222	7,891	16	9,052
Transfers:					
Stage 1 to Stage 2	(8)	8	-	-	-
Stage 1 to Stage 3	(63)	-	63	-	-
Stage 2 to Stage 1	7	(7)	-	-	-
Stage 2 to Stage 3	-	(107)	107	-	-
Stage 3 to Stage 2	-	355	(355)	-	-
Assets derecognized or repaid	(667)	(217)	(38)	-	(922)
New assets originated:					
Remained in Stage 1	765	-	-	-	765
Moved to Stages 2 and 3	-	218	684	-	902
	34	250	461	-	745
Balance at end of year	957	472	8,352	16	9,797
Consumer loans					
Balance at beginning of year	558	280	1,187	-	2,025
Transfers:					
Stage 1 to Stage 2	(57)	57	-	-	-
Stage 1 to Stage 3	(139)	-	139	-	-
Stage 2 to Stage 1	130	(130)	-	-	-
Stage 2 to Stage 3	-	(145)	145	-	-
Stage 3 to Stage 2	-	29	(29)	-	-
Assets derecognized or repaid	(149)	(61)	(272)	-	(482)
New assets originated:					
Remained in Stage 1	477	-	-	-	477
Moved to Stages 2 and 3	-	485	607	-	1,092
Write-offs	-	-	(108)	-	(108)
	262	235	482	-	979
Balance at end of year	820	515	1,669	-	3,004
<i>Balance forwarded</i>	1,777	987	10,021	16	12,801

	Group				
	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Purchased credit- impaired	Total
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>					
<i>Balance carried forward</i>	1,777	987	10,021	16	12,801
<i>Credit cards</i>					
Balance at beginning of year	886	747	2,018	-	3,651
Transfers:					
Stage 1 to Stage 2	(40)	40	-	-	-
Stage 1 to Stage 3	(252)	-	252	-	-
Stage 2 to Stage 1	76	(76)	-	-	-
Stage 2 to Stage 3	-	(623)	623	-	-
Stage 3 to Stage 1	50	-	(50)	-	-
Stage 3 to Stage 2	-	51	(51)	-	-
Assets derecognized or repaid	(1,046)	(396)	(524)	-	(1,966)
New assets originated:					
Remained in Stage 1	1,060	-	-	-	1,060
Moved to Stages 2 and 3	-	1,148	5,508	-	6,656
Write-offs	-	-	(4,972)	-	(4,972)
	(152)	144	786	-	778
Balance at end of year	734	891	2,804	-	4,429
<i>Leasing and finance receivables*</i>					
Balance at beginning of year	85	235	716	-	1,036
Transfers:					
Stage 1 to Stage 2	(3)	3	-	-	-
Stage 1 to Stage 3	(10)	-	10	-	-
Stage 2 to Stage 1	1	(1)	-	-	-
Stage 2 to Stage 3	-	(66)	66	-	-
Stage 3 to Stage 1	2	-	(2)	-	-
Assets derecognized or repaid	(25)	(147)	(119)	-	(291)
New assets originated:					
Remained in Stage 1	94	-	-	-	94
Moved to Stages 2 and 3	-	1	174	-	175
Write-offs	-	-	(21)	-	(21)
	59	(210)	108	-	(43)
Balance at end of year	144	25	824	-	993
<i>Balance forwarded</i>	2,655	1,903	13,649	16	18,223

	Group				Total
	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Purchased credit-impaired	
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>					
<i>Balance carried forward</i>	2,655	1,903	13,649	16	18,223
<i>Micro and small business loans**</i>					
Balance at beginning of year	1	1	66	-	68
Transfers:					
Stage 1 to Stage 2	(1)	1	-	-	-
Stage 1 to Stage 3	(1)	-	1	-	-
Stage 2 to 3	-	(2)	2	-	-
Stage 3 to 1	1	-	(1)	-	-
Stage 3 to 2	-	2	(2)	-	-
Assets derecognized or repaid	-	(3)	(10)	-	(13)
New assets originated:					
Remained in Stage 1	1	-	-	-	1
Moved to Stages 2 and 3	-	1	39	-	40
Write-offs	-	-	(3)	-	(3)
	-	(1)	26	-	25
Balance at end of year	1	-	92	-	93
<i>Other receivables</i>					
Balance at beginning of year	188	29	1,346	-	1,563
Transfers:					
Stage 1 to Stage 2	(59)	59	-	-	-
Stage 1 to Stage 3	(2)	-	2	-	-
Stage 2 to Stage 1	2	(2)	-	-	-
Stage 2 to Stage 3	-	(44)	44	-	-
Stage 3 to Stage 2	-	26	(26)	-	-
Assets derecognized or repaid	(9)	(39)	(203)	-	(251)
New assets originated:					
Remained in Stage 1	23	-	-	-	23
Moved to Stages 2 and 3	-	52	427	-	479
	(45)	52	244	-	251
Balance at end of year	143	81	1,590	-	1,814
	2,799	1,984	15,331	16	20,130

	Group				Total
	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Purchased credit- impaired	
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>					
<u>2023</u>					
<i>Corporate loans</i>					
Balance at beginning of year	1,607	1,200	5,818	18	8,643
Transfers:					
Stage 1 to Stage 2	(127)	127	-	-	-
Stage 1 to Stage 3	(40)	-	40	-	-
Stage 2 to Stage 1	81	(81)	-	-	-
Stage 2 to Stage 3	-	(1,089)	1,089	-	-
Stage 3 to Stage 1	52	-	(52)	-	-
Stage 3 to Stage 2	-	147	(147)	-	-
Assets derecognized or repaid	(1,254)	(126)	(270)	(2)	(1,652)
New assets originated:					
Remained in Stage 1	604	-	-	-	604
Moved to Stages 2 and 3	-	44	1,700	-	1,744
Write-offs	-	-	(287)	-	(287)
	<u>(684)</u>	<u>(978)</u>	<u>2,073</u>	<u>(2)</u>	<u>409</u>
Balance at end of year	<u>923</u>	<u>222</u>	<u>7,891</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>9,052</u>
<i>Consumer loans</i>					
Balance at beginning of year	210	222	2,024	-	2,456
Transfers:					
Stage 1 to Stage 2	(31)	31	-	-	-
Stage 1 to Stage 3	(13)	-	13	-	-
Stage 2 to Stage 1	73	(73)	-	-	-
Stage 2 to Stage 3	-	(33)	33	-	-
Stage 3 to Stage 1	31	-	(31)	-	-
Stage 3 to Stage 2	-	11	(11)	-	-
Assets derecognized or repaid	(54)	(160)	(990)	-	(1,204)
New assets originated:					
Remained in Stage 1	342	-	-	-	342
Moved to Stages 2 and 3	-	282	885	-	1,167
Write-offs	-	-	(736)	-	(736)
	<u>348</u>	<u>58</u>	<u>(837)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(431)</u>
Balance at end of year	<u>558</u>	<u>280</u>	<u>1,187</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,025</u>
<i>Credit cards</i>					
Balance at beginning of year	718	310	1,662	-	2,690
Transfers:					
Stage 1 to Stage 2	(34)	34	-	-	-
Stage 1 to Stage 3	(68)	-	68	-	-
Stage 2 to Stage 1	60	(60)	-	-	-
Stage 2 to Stage 3	-	(75)	75	-	-
Stage 3 to Stage 1	53	-	(53)	-	-
Stage 3 to Stage 2	-	40	(40)	-	-
Assets derecognized or repaid	(1,401)	(316)	(398)	-	(2,115)
New assets originated:					
Remained in Stage 1	1,558	-	-	-	1,558
Moved to Stages 2 and 3	-	814	3,779	-	4,593
Write-offs	-	-	(3,075)	-	(3,075)
	<u>168</u>	<u>437</u>	<u>356</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>961</u>
Balance at end of year	<u>886</u>	<u>747</u>	<u>2,018</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,651</u>
<i>Balance forwarded</i>	<u>2,367</u>	<u>1,249</u>	<u>11,096</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>14,728</u>

	Group				Total
	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Purchased credit – impaired	
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>					
<i>Balance carried forward</i>	2,367	1,249	11,096	16	14,728
<i>Leasing and finance receivables*</i>					
Balance at beginning of year	26	100	624	-	750
Transfers:					
Stage 1 to Stage 2	(34)	34	-	-	-
Stage 2 to Stage 1	1	(1)	-	-	-
Stage 3 to Stage 1	5	-	(5)	-	-
Assets derecognized or repaid	(6)	(32)	(73)	-	(111)
New assets originated:					
Remained in Stage 1	93	-	-	-	93
Moved to Stages 2 and 3	-	134	242	-	376
Write-offs	-	-	(72)	-	(72)
	59	135	92	-	286
Balance at end of year	85	235	716	-	1,036
<i>Micro and small business loans**</i>					
Balance at beginning of year	1	2	65	-	68
Transfers:					
Stage 1 to Stage 2	(1)	1	-	-	-
Stage 1 to Stage 3	(1)	-	1	-	-
Stage 2 to Stage 1	2	(2)	-	-	-
Stage 2 to Stage 3	-	(1)	1	-	-
Assets derecognized or repaid	-	-	(9)	-	(9)
New assets originated:					
Remained in Stage 1	-	-	-	-	-
Moved to Stages 2 and 3	-	1	17	-	18
Write-offs	-	-	(9)	-	(9)
	-	(1)	1	-	-
Balance at end of year	1	1	66	-	68
<i>Other receivables</i>					
Balance at beginning of year	128	57	1,238	-	1,423
Transfers:					
Stage 1 to Stage 2	(7)	7	-	-	-
Stage 2 to Stage 1	2	(2)	-	-	-
Stage 2 to Stage 3	-	(19)	19	-	-
Assets derecognized or repaid	(3)	(32)	(293)	-	(328)
New assets originated:					
Remained in Stage 1	68	-	-	-	68
Moved to Stages 2 and 3	-	18	382	-	400
	60	(28)	108	-	140
Balance at end of year	188	29	1,346	-	1,563
	2,641	1,514	13,224	16	17,395

	Parent Company				
	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Purchased credit-impaired	Total
<i>(Amounts in PHIP)</i>					
2024					
Corporate loans					
Balance at beginning of year	923	222	7,890	-	9,035
Transfers:					
Stage 1 to Stage 2	(8)	8	-	-	-
Stage 1 to Stage 3	(63)	-	63	-	-
Stage 2 to Stage 1	7	(7)	-	-	-
Stage 2 to Stage 3	-	(107)	107	-	-
Stage 3 to Stage 2	-	355	(355)	-	-
Assets derecognized or repaid	(667)	(217)	(38)	-	(922)
New assets originated:					
Remained in Stage 1	764	-	-	-	764
Moved to Stages 2 and 3	-	218	685	-	903
	<u>33</u>	<u>250</u>	<u>462</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>745</u>
Balance at end of year	956	472	8,352	-	9,780
Consumer loans					
Balance at beginning of year	558	280	1,187	-	2,025
Transfers:					
Stage 1 to Stage 2	(57)	57	-	-	-
Stage 1 to Stage 3	(139)	-	139	-	-
Stage 2 to Stage 1	130	(130)	-	-	-
Stage 2 to Stage 3	-	(145)	145	-	-
Stage 3 to Stage 2	-	29	(29)	-	-
Assets derecognized or repaid	(149)	(61)	(272)	-	(482)
New assets originated:					
Remained in Stage 1	477	-	-	-	477
Moved to Stages 2 and 3	-	485	607	-	1,092
Write-offs	-	-	(108)	-	(108)
	<u>262</u>	<u>235</u>	<u>482</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>979</u>
Balance at end of year	820	515	1,669	-	3,004
Credit cards					
Balance at beginning of year	886	747	2,018	-	3,651
Transfers:					
Stage 1 to Stage 2	(40)	40	-	-	-
Stage 1 to Stage 3	(252)	-	252	-	-
Stage 2 to Stage 1	76	(76)	-	-	-
Stage 2 to Stage 3	-	(623)	623	-	-
Stage 3 to Stage 1	50	-	(50)	-	-
Stage 3 to Stage 2	-	51	(51)	-	-
Assets derecognized or repaid	(1,046)	(396)	(524)	-	(1,966)
New assets originated:					
Remained in Stage 1	1,060	-	-	-	1,060
Moved to Stages 2 and 3	-	1,148	5,508	-	6,656
Write-offs	-	-	(4,972)	-	(4,972)
	<u>(152)</u>	<u>144</u>	<u>786</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>778</u>
Balance at end of year	734	891	2,804	-	4,429
<i>Balance forwarded</i>	2,510	1,878	12,825	-	17,213

	Parent Company				
	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Purchased credit-impaired	Total
<i>(Amounts in PHIP)</i>					
<i>Balance carried forward</i>	2,510	1,878	12,825	-	17,213
<i>Other receivables</i>					
Balance at beginning of year	187	29	1,094	-	1,310
Transfers:					
Stage 1 to Stage 2	(59)	59	-	-	-
Stage 1 to Stage 3	(2)	-	2	-	-
Stage 2 to Stage 1	2	(2)	-	-	-
Stage 2 to Stage 3	-	(44)	44	-	-
Stage 3 to Stage 2	-	26	(26)	-	-
Assets derecognized or repaid	(9)	(39)	(205)	-	(253)
New assets originated:					
Remained in Stage 1	23	-	-	-	23
Moved to Stages 2 and 3	-	52	385	-	437
	(45)	52	200	-	207
Balance at end of year	142	81	1,294	-	1,517
	2,652	1,959	14,119	-	18,730
<i>(Amounts in PHIP)</i>					
<u>2023</u>					
<i>Corporate loans</i>					
Balance at beginning of year	1,607	1,200	5,818	-	8,625
Transfers:					
Stage 1 to Stage 2	(127)	127	-	-	-
Stage 1 to Stage 3	(40)	-	40	-	-
Stage 2 to Stage 1	80	(80)	-	-	-
Stage 2 to Stage 3	-	(1,089)	1,089	-	-
Stage 3 to Stage 1	47	-	(47)	-	-
Stage 3 to Stage 2	-	147	(147)	-	-
Assets derecognized or repaid	(1,244)	(117)	(322)	-	(1,683)
New assets originated:					
Remained in Stage 1	600	-	-	-	600
Moved to Stages 2 and 3	-	34	1,459	-	1,493
	(684)	(978)	2,072	-	410
Balance at end of year	923	222	7,890	-	9,035
<i>Balance forwarded</i>	923	222	7,890	-	9,035

	Parent Company				Total
	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Purchased credit-impaired	
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>					
<i>Balance carried forward</i>	923	222	7,890	-	9,035
<i>Consumer loans</i>					
Balance at beginning of year	210	222	2,024	-	2,456
Transfers:					
Stage 1 to Stage 2	(31)	31	-	-	-
Stage 1 to Stage 3	(13)	-	13	-	-
Stage 2 to Stage 1	73	(73)	-	-	-
Stage 2 to Stage 3	-	(33)	33	-	-
Stage 3 to Stage 1	31	-	(31)	-	-
Stage 3 to Stage 2	-	11	(11)	-	-
Assets derecognized or repaid	(54)	(160)	(990)	-	(1,204)
New assets originated:					
Remained in Stage 1	342	-	-	-	342
Moved to Stages 2 and 3	-	282	885	-	1,167
Write-offs	-	-	(736)	-	(736)
	348	58	(837)	-	(431)
Balance at end of year	558	280	1,187	-	2,025
<i>Credit cards</i>					
Balance at beginning of year	718	310	1,662	-	2,690
Transfers:					
Stage 1 to Stage 2	(34)	34	-	-	-
Stage 1 to Stage 3	(68)	-	68	-	-
Stage 2 to Stage 1	60	(60)	-	-	-
Stage 2 to Stage 3	-	(75)	75	-	-
Stage 3 to Stage 1	53	-	(53)	-	-
Stage 3 to Stage 2	-	40	(40)	-	-
Assets derecognized or repaid	(1,401)	(316)	(398)	-	(2,115)
New assets originated:					
Remained in Stage 1	1,558	-	-	-	1,558
Moved to Stages 2 and 3	-	814	3,779	-	4,593
Write-offs	-	-	(3,075)	-	(3,075)
	168	437	356	-	961
Balance at end of year	886	747	2,018	-	3,651
<i>Other receivables</i>					
Balance at beginning of year	76	52	1,189	-	1,317
Transfers:					
Stage 1 to Stage 2	(10)	10	-	-	-
Stage 1 to Stage 3	(1)	-	1	-	-
Stage 2 to Stage 1	11	(11)	-	-	-
Stage 2 to Stage 3	-	(36)	36	-	-
Stage 3 to Stage 1	1	-	(1)	-	-
Stage 3 to Stage 2	-	1	(1)	-	-
Assets derecognized or repaid	(13)	(4)	(472)	-	(489)
New assets originated:					
Remained in Stage 1	123	-	-	-	123
Moved to Stages 2 and 3	-	17	342	-	359
	111	(23)	(95)	-	(7)
Balance at end of year	187	29	1,094	-	1,310
	2,554	1,278	12,189	-	16,021

Presented below are the composition of allowance for ECL as by loan portfolio (see Note 11):

	Group		Parent Company	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>				
Corporate	9,797	9,052	9,780	9,035
Credit card receivables	4,429	3,651	4,429	3,651
Consumer	3,004	2,025	3,004	2,025
Leasing and finance	993	1,036	-	-
Microfinance and small business	93	68	-	-
Other receivables	1,814	1,563	1,517	1,310
	20,130	17,395	18,730	16,021

b) *Investments in debt securities at amortized cost and at FVOCI*

	Group			
	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Total
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>				
Amortized cost				
2024				
Balance at beginning of year	161	-	-	161
Transfer:				
Stage 1 to Stage 2	(2)	2	-	-
Net remeasurement of loss allowance	(39)	-	-	(39)
Balance at end of year	120	2	-	122
2023				
Balance at beginning of year	163	-	-	163
Net remeasurement of loss allowance	(2)	-	-	(2)
Balance at end of year	161	-	-	161
	Parent Company			
	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Total
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>				
Amortized cost				
2024				
Balance at beginning of year	71	-	-	71
Transfer:				
Stage 1 to Stage 2	(2)	2	-	-
Net remeasurement of loss allowance	(39)	-	-	(39)
Balance at end of year	30	2	-	32
2023				
Balance at beginning of year	71	-	-	71
Net remeasurement of loss allowance	-	-	-	-
Balance at end of year	71	-	-	71

	Group and Parent Company			Total
	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>				
FVOCI				
2024				
Balance at beginning of year	13	-	-	13
Transfer:				
Stage 1 to Stage 2	(2)	2	-	-
Net remeasurement of loss allowance	(7)	8	-	1
Balance at end of year	4	10	-	14
2023				
Balance at beginning of year	13	-	-	13
Net remeasurement of loss allowance	-	-	-	-
Balance at end of year	13	-	-	13

c) *Loan commitments*

	Group and Parent Company			Total
	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>				
2024				
Corporate loans				
Balance at beginning of year	11	-	-	11
Assets derecognized or repaid	(8)	-	-	(8)
New assets originated —				
Remained in Stage 1	9	-	-	9
	1	-	-	1
Balance at end of year	12	-	-	12
Credit cards				
Balance at beginning of year	293	-	-	293
New assets originated —				
Remained in Stage 1	65	-	-	65
Balance at end of year	358	-	-	358
	370	-	-	370

	Group and Parent Company			
	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Total
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>				
<u>2023</u>				
<i>Corporate loans</i>				
Balance at beginning of year	29	-	-	29
Assets derecognized or repaid	(26)	-	-	(26)
New assets originated — Remained in Stage 1	8	-	-	8
	(18)	-	-	(18)
Balance at end of year	11	-	-	11
<i>Credit cards</i>				
Balance at beginning of year	185	-	-	185
New assets originated — Remained in Stage 1	108	-	-	108
Balance at end of year	293	-	-	293
	304	-	-	304

The information on how the significant changes in the gross carrying amount of the financial instruments contributed to the changes in the amount of allowance for ECL are presented in Note 4.4.9.

4.4.9 Significant Changes in Gross Carrying Amount Affecting Allowance for ECL

The tables in the succeeding pages provide information how the significant changes in the gross carrying amount of financial instruments in 2024 and 2023 contributed to the changes in the allowance for ECL.

a) *Loans and receivables*

	Group				Total
	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Purchased credit-impaired	
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>					
2024					
Corporate loans					
Balance at beginning of year	394,872	5,435	13,984	20	414,311
Transfers:					
Stage 1 to Stage 2	(1,256)	1,256	-	-	-
Stage 1 to Stage 3	(3,034)	-	3,034	-	-
Stage 2 to Stage 1	271	(271)	-	-	-
Stage 2 to Stage 3	-	(2,117)	2,117	-	-
Stage 3 to Stage 1	5	-	(5)	-	-
Stage 3 to Stage 2	-	709	(709)	-	-
Assets derecognized or repaid	(228,997)	(1,323)	(1,254)	-	(231,574)
New assets originated:					
Remained in Stage 1	234,110	-	-	-	234,110
Moved to Stages 2 and 3	-	3,594	1,303	-	4,897
	<u>1,099</u>	<u>1,848</u>	<u>4,486</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,433</u>
Balance at end of year	<u>395,971</u>	<u>7,283</u>	<u>18,470</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>421,744</u>
Consumer loans					
Balance at beginning of year	118,194	3,686	6,987	-	128,867
Transfers:					
Stage 1 to Stage 2	(3,409)	3,409	-	-	-
Stage 1 to Stage 3	(2,836)	-	2,836	-	-
Stage 2 to Stage 1	1,123	(1,123)	-	-	-
Stage 2 to Stage 3	-	(1,276)	1,276	-	-
Stage 3 to Stage 2	-	311	(311)	-	-
Assets derecognized or repaid	(6,477)	(428)	(3,499)	-	(10,404)
New assets originated:					
Remained in Stage 1	55,086	-	-	-	55,086
Moved to Stages 2 and 3	-	710	722	-	1,432
Write-offs	-	-	(108)	-	(108)
	<u>43,487</u>	<u>1,603</u>	<u>916</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>46,006</u>
Balance at end of year	<u>161,681</u>	<u>5,289</u>	<u>7,903</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>174,873</u>
Credit cards					
Balance at beginning of year	70,864	1,247	2,556	-	74,667
Transfers:					
Stage 1 to Stage 2	(1,283)	1,283	-	-	-
Stage 1 to Stage 3	(4,208)	-	4,208	-	-
Stage 2 to Stage 1	144	(144)	-	-	-
Stage 2 to Stage 3	-	(1,053)	1,053	-	-
Stage 3 to Stage 1	68	-	(68)	-	-
Stage 3 to Stage 2	-	64	(64)	-	-
Assets derecognized or repaid	(170,466)	(931)	(779)	-	(172,176)
New assets originated:					
Remained in Stage 1	209,526	-	-	-	209,526
Moved to Stages 2 and 3	-	1,348	2,060	-	3,408
Write-offs	-	-	(4,972)	-	(4,972)
	<u>33,781</u>	<u>567</u>	<u>1,438</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>35,786</u>
Balance at end of year	<u>104,645</u>	<u>1,814</u>	<u>3,994</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>110,453</u>
<i>Balance carried forward</i>	662,297	14,386	30,367	20	707,070

	Group				
	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Purchased credit – impaired	Total
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>					
<i>Balance carried forward</i>	662,297	14,386	30,367	20	707,070
<i>Leasing and finance receivables*</i>					
Balance at beginning of year	648	1,216	937	-	2,801
Transfers:					
Stage 1 to Stage 2	(44)	44	-	-	-
Stage 1 to Stage 3	(247)	-	247	-	-
Stage 2 to Stage 1	9	(9)	-	-	-
Stage 2 to Stage 3	-	(122)	122	-	-
Stage 3 to Stage 1	2	-	(2)	-	-
Assets derecognized or repaid	(986)	(1,002)	(469)	-	(2,457)
New assets originated:					
Remained in Stage 1	1,769	-	-	-	1,769
Moved to Stages 2 and 3	-	7	302	-	309
Write-offs	-	-	(21)	-	(21)
	<u>503</u>	<u>(1,082)</u>	<u>179</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(400)</u>
Balance at end of year	1,151	134	1,116	-	2,401
<i>Micro and small business loans**</i>					
Balance at beginning of year	994	79	203	-	1,276
Transfers:					
Stage 1 to Stage 2	(9)	9	-	-	-
Stage 1 to Stage 3	(22)	-	22	-	-
Stage 2 to Stage 1	16	(16)	-	-	-
Stage 2 to Stage 3	-	(21)	21	-	-
Stage 3 to Stage 1	1	-	(1)	-	-
Stage 3 to Stage 2	-	6	(6)	-	-
Assets derecognized or repaid	(726)	(39)	(63)	-	(828)
New assets originated:					
Remained in Stage 1	638	-	-	-	638
Moved to Stages 2 and 3	-	32	48	-	80
Write-offs	-	-	(3)	-	(3)
	<u>(102)</u>	<u>(29)</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(113)</u>
Balance at end of year	892	50	221	-	1,163
<i>Other receivables</i>					
Balance at beginning of year	43,050	344	2,008	-	45,402
Transfers:					
Stage 1 to Stage 2	(620)	620	-	-	-
Stage 1 to Stage 3	(68)	-	68	-	-
Stage 2 to Stage 1	26	(26)	-	-	-
Stage 2 to Stage 3	-	(465)	465	-	-
Stage 3 to Stage 1	-	58	(58)	-	-
Assets derecognized or repaid	(3,762)	(517)	(813)	-	(5,092)
New assets originated:					
Remained in Stage 1	10,168	-	-	-	10,168
Moved to Stages 2 and 3	-	869	646	-	1,515
	<u>5,744</u>	<u>539</u>	<u>308</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,591</u>
Balance at end of year	48,794	883	2,316	-	51,993
	713,134	15,453	34,020	20	762,627

	Group				Total
	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Purchased credit - impaired	
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>					
<u>2023</u>					
<i>Corporate loans</i>					
Balance at beginning of year	367,413	3,837	9,452	20	380,722
Transfers:					
Stage 1 to Stage 2	(3,371)	3,371	-	-	-
Stage 1 to Stage 3	(794)	-	794	-	-
Stage 2 to Stage 1	472	(472)	-	-	-
Stage 2 to Stage 3	-	(3,113)	3,113	-	-
Stage 3 to Stage 1	105	-	(105)	-	-
Stage 3 to Stage 2	-	293	(293)	-	-
Assets derecognized or repaid	(196,871)	(204)	(769)	-	(197,844)
New assets originated:					
Remained in Stage 1	227,918	-	-	-	227,918
Moved to Stages 2 and 3	-	1,723	2,079	-	3,802
Write-offs	-	-	(287)	-	(287)
	<u>27,459</u>	<u>1,598</u>	<u>4,532</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>33,589</u>
Balance at end of year	<u>394,872</u>	<u>5,435</u>	<u>13,984</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>414,311</u>
<i>Consumer loans</i>					
Balance at beginning of year	89,533	9,361	8,882	-	107,776
Transfers:					
Stage 1 to Stage 2	(2,303)	2,303	-	-	-
Stage 1 to Stage 3	(1,202)	-	1,202	-	-
Stage 2 to Stage 1	6,082	(6,082)	-	-	-
Stage 2 to Stage 3	-	(2,406)	2,406	-	-
Stage 3 to Stage 1	2,505	-	(2,505)	-	-
Stage 3 to Stage 2	-	655	(655)	-	-
Assets derecognized or repaid	(30,895)	(766)	(1,895)	-	(33,556)
New assets originated:					
Remained in Stage 1	54,474	-	-	-	54,474
Moved to Stages 2 and 3	-	621	288	-	909
Write-offs	-	-	(736)	-	(736)
	<u>28,661</u>	<u>(5,675)</u>	<u>(1,895)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>21,091</u>
Balance at end of year	<u>118,194</u>	<u>3,686</u>	<u>6,987</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>128,867</u>
<i>Credit cards</i>					
Balance at beginning of year	47,713	752	1,915	-	50,380
Transfers:					
Stage 1 to Stage 2	(901)	901	-	-	-
Stage 1 to Stage 3	(1,472)	-	1,472	-	-
Stage 2 to Stage 1	115	(115)	-	-	-
Stage 2 to Stage 3	-	(125)	125	-	-
Stage 3 to Stage 1	69	-	(69)	-	-
Stage 3 to Stage 2	-	46	(46)	-	-
Assets derecognized or repaid	(122,151)	(600)	(547)	-	(123,298)
New assets originated:					
Remained in Stage 1	147,491	-	-	-	147,491
Moved to Stages 2 and 3	-	388	2,781	-	3,169
Write-offs	-	-	(3,075)	-	(3,075)
	<u>23,151</u>	<u>495</u>	<u>641</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>24,287</u>
Balance at end of year	<u>70,864</u>	<u>1,247</u>	<u>2,556</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>74,667</u>
<i>Balance forwarded</i>	<u>583,930</u>	<u>10,368</u>	<u>23,527</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>617,845</u>

	Group				Total
	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Purchased credit-impaired	
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>					
<i>Balance carried forward</i>	583,930	10,368	23,527	20	617,845
<i>Leasing and finance receivables*</i>					
Balance at beginning of year	1,141	1,286	806	-	3,233
Transfers:					
Stage 1 to Stage 2	(472)	472	-	-	-
Stage 2 to Stage 1	14	(14)	-	-	-
Stage 3 to Stage 1	12	-	(12)	-	-
Assets derecognized or repaid	(696)	(934)	(241)	-	-
New assets originated:					
Remained in Stage 1	649	-	-	-	649
Moved to Stages 2 and 3	-	406	456	-	862
Write-offs	-	-	(72)	-	(72)
	(493)	(70)	131	-	(432)
Balance at end of year	648	1,216	937	-	2,801
<i>Micro and small business loans**</i>					
Balance at beginning of year	982	67	186	-	1,235
Transfers:					
Stage 1 to Stage 2	(29)	29	-	-	-
Stage 1 to Stage 3	(29)	-	29	-	-
Stage 2 to Stage 1	5	(5)	-	-	-
Stage 2 to Stage 3	-	(2)	2	-	-
Stage 3 to Stage 1	1	-	(1)	-	-
Stage 3 to Stage 2	-	8	(8)	-	-
Assets derecognized or repaid	(671)	(46)	(38)	-	(755)
New assets originated:					
Remained in Stage 1	735	-	-	-	735
Moved to Stages 2 and 3	-	28	42	-	70
Write-offs	-	-	(9)	-	(9)
	12	12	17	-	41
Balance at end of year	994	79	203	-	1,276
<i>Other receivables</i>					
Balance at beginning of year	29,187	494	1,872	-	31,553
Transfers:					
Stage 1 to Stage 2	(84)	84	-	-	-
Stage 1 to Stage 3	(80)	-	80	-	-
Stage 2 to Stage 1	68	(68)	-	-	-
Stage 2 to Stage 3	-	(246)	246	-	-
Stage 3 to Stage 1	-	21	(21)	-	-
Assets derecognized or repaid	(2,186)	(232)	(693)	-	(3,111)
New assets originated:					
Remained in Stage 1	16,145	-	-	-	16,145
Moved to Stages 2 and 3	-	291	524	-	815
	13,863	(150)	136	-	13,849
Balance at end of year	43,050	344	2,008	-	45,402
	628,622	12,007	26,675	20	667,324

	Parent Company				
	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Purchased credit-impaired	Total
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>					
2024					
Corporate loans					
Balance at beginning of year	393,983	4,623	13,100	-	411,706
Transfers:					
Stage 1 to Stage 2	(1,213)	1,213	-	-	-
Stage 1 to Stage 3	(2,663)	-	2,663	-	-
Stage 2 to Stage 1	266	(266)	-	-	-
Stage 2 to Stage 3	-	(1,609)	1,609	-	-
Stage 3 to Stage 2	-	709	(709)	-	-
Assets derecognized or repaid	(228,997)	(1,323)	(1,254)	-	(231,574)
New assets originated:					
Remained in Stage 1	233,667	-	-	-	233,667
Moved to Stages 2 and 3	-	3,870	1,416	-	5,286
	<u>1,060</u>	<u>2,594</u>	<u>3,725</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,379</u>
Balance at end of year	395,043	7,217	16,825	-	419,085
Consumer loans					
Balance at beginning of year	118,194	3,686	6,987	-	128,867
Transfers:					
Stage 1 to Stage 2	(3,409)	3,409	-	-	-
Stage 1 to Stage 3	(2,836)	-	2,836	-	-
Stage 2 to Stage 1	1,123	(1,123)	-	-	-
Stage 2 to Stage 3	-	(1,276)	1,276	-	-
Stage 3 to Stage 2	-	311	(311)	-	-
Assets derecognized or repaid	(6,477)	(428)	(3,499)	-	(10,404)
New assets originated:					
Remained in Stage 1	55,086	-	-	-	55,086
Moved to Stages 2 and 3	-	710	722	-	1,432
Write-offs	-	-	(108)	-	(108)
	<u>43,487</u>	<u>1,603</u>	<u>916</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>46,006</u>
Balance at end of year	161,681	5,289	7,903	-	174,873
Credit cards					
Balance at beginning of year	70,864	1,247	2,556	-	74,667
Transfers:					
Stage 1 to Stage 2	(1,283)	1,283	-	-	-
Stage 1 to Stage 3	(4,208)	-	4,208	-	-
Stage 2 to Stage 1	144	(144)	-	-	-
Stage 2 to Stage 3	-	(1,053)	1,053	-	-
Stage 3 to Stage 1	68	-	(68)	-	-
Stage 3 to Stage 2	-	64	(64)	-	-
Assets derecognized or repaid	(170,466)	(931)	(779)	-	(172,176)
New assets originated:					
Remained in Stage 1	209,526	-	-	-	209,526
Moved to Stages 2 and 3	-	1,348	2,060	-	3,408
Write-offs	-	-	(4,972)	-	(4,972)
	<u>33,781</u>	<u>567</u>	<u>1,438</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>35,786</u>
Balance at end of year	104,645	1,814	3,994	-	110,453
<i>Balance forwarded</i>	661,369	14,320	28,722	-	704,411

	Parent Company				
	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Purchased credit- impaired	Total
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>					
<i>Balance carried forward</i>	661,369	14,320	28,722	-	704,411
<i>Other receivables</i>					
Balance at beginning of year	42,401	344	1,717	-	44,462
Transfers:					
Stage 1 to Stage 2	(620)	620	-	-	-
Stage 1 to Stage 3	(68)	-	68	-	-
Stage 2 to Stage 1	26	(26)	-	-	-
Stage 2 to Stage 3	-	(465)	465	-	-
Stage 3 to Stage 1	-	58	(58)	-	-
Assets derecognized or repaid	(3,964)	(517)	(813)	-	(5,294)
New assets originated:					
Remained in Stage 1	10,166	-	-	-	10,166
Moved to Stages 2 and 3	-	869	647	-	1,516
	5,540	539	309	-	6,388
Balance at end of year	47,941	883	2,026	-	50,850
	709,310	15,203	30,748	-	755,261
<u>2023</u>					
<i>Corporate loans</i>					
Balance at beginning of year	364,131	3,837	9,452	-	377,420
Transfers:					
Stage 1 to Stage 2	(3,371)	3,371	-	-	-
Stage 1 to Stage 3	(787)	-	787	-	-
Stage 2 to Stage 1	434	(434)	-	-	-
Stage 2 to Stage 3	-	(3,113)	3,113	-	-
Stage 3 to Stage 1	94	-	(94)	-	-
Stage 3 to Stage 2	-	293	(293)	-	-
Assets derecognized or repaid	(194,253)	(202)	(1,042)	-	(195,497)
New assets originated:					
Remained in Stage 1	227,735	-	-	-	227,735
Moved to Stages 2 and 3	-	871	1,177	-	2,048
	29,852	786	3,648	-	34,286
Balance at end of year	393,983	4,623	13,100	-	411,706
<i>Balance Forwarded</i>	393,983	4,623	13,100	-	411,706

	Parent Company				Total
	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Purchased credit – impaired	
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>					
<i>Balance carried forward</i>	393,983	4,623	13,100	-	411,706
<i>Consumer loans</i>					
Balance at beginning of year	89,533	9,361	8,882	-	107,776
Transfers:					
Stage 1 to Stage 2	(2,303)	2,303	-	-	-
Stage 1 to Stage 3	(1,202)	-	1,202	-	-
Stage 2 to Stage 1	6,082	(6,082)	-	-	-
Stage 2 to Stage 3	-	(2,406)	2,406	-	-
Stage 3 to Stage 1	2,505	-	(2,505)	-	-
Stage 3 to Stage 2	-	655	(655)	-	-
Assets derecognized or repaid	(30,895)	(766)	(1,895)	-	(33,556)
New assets originated:					
Remained in Stage 1	54,474	-	-	-	54,474
Moved to Stages 2 and 3	-	621	288	-	909
Write-offs	-	-	(736)	-	(736)
	28,661	(5,675)	(1,895)	-	21,091
Balance at end of year	118,194	3,686	6,987	-	128,867
<i>Credit cards</i>					
Balance at beginning of year	47,713	752	1,915	-	50,380
Transfers:					
Stage 1 to Stage 2	(901)	901	-	-	-
Stage 1 to Stage 3	(1,472)	-	1,472	-	-
Stage 2 to Stage 1	115	(115)	-	-	-
Stage 2 to Stage 3	-	(125)	125	-	-
Stage 3 to Stage 1	69	-	(69)	-	-
Stage 3 to Stage 2	-	46	(46)	-	-
Assets derecognized or repaid	(122,151)	(600)	(547)	-	(123,298)
New assets originated:					
Remained in Stage 1	147,491	-	-	-	147,491
Moved to Stages 2 and 3	-	388	2,781	-	3,169
Write-offs	-	-	(3,075)	-	(3,075)
	23,151	495	641	-	24,287
Balance at end of year	70,864	1,247	2,556	-	74,667
<i>Balance forwarded</i>	583,041	9,556	22,643	-	615,240

	Parent Company				Total
	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Purchased credit-impaired	
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>					
<i>Balance carried forward</i>	583,041	9,556	22,643	-	615,240
<i>Other receivables</i>					
Balance at beginning of year	28,589	461	1,676	-	30,726
Transfers:					
Stage 1 to Stage 2	(126)	126	-	-	-
Stage 1 to Stage 3	(92)	-	92	-	-
Stage 2 to Stage 1	96	(96)	-	-	-
Stage 2 to Stage 3	-	(293)	293	-	-
Stage 3 to Stage 1	3	-	(3)	-	-
Stage 3 to Stage 2	-	168	(168)	-	-
Assets derecognized or repaid	(2,573)	(232)	(825)	-	(3,630)
New assets originated:					
Remained in Stage 1	16,504	-	-	-	16,504
Moved to Stages 2 and 3	-	210	652	-	862
	13,812	(117)	41	-	13,736
Balance at end of year	42,401	344	1,717	-	44,462
	625,442	9,900	24,360	-	659,702

The amounts of “Transfers to” include the changes in the ECL on the exposures transferred from one stage to another during the year.

The Group’s receivables arising from salary loans are generally fully recoverable as those are collected through salary deductions, except for those receivables from resigned employees which were provided with full ECL allowance.

b) *Investment in debt securities at amortized cost and at FVOCI*

	Group		Parent Company	
	HTC	FVOCI	HTC	FVOCI
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>				
<u>2024</u>				
Balance at beginning of year	236,688	78,533	235,803	78,417
Assets purchased	26,330	391,742	24,245	391,718
Assets derecognized	(2,674)	(315,409)	(629)	(315,386)
Fair value loss	-	(378)	-	(373)
Balance at end of year	260,344	154,488	259,419	154,376
<u>2023</u>				
Balance at beginning of year	252,545	111,314	251,399	111,205
Assets purchased	16,099	442,380	14,092	442,360
Assets derecognized	(31,956)	(476,584)	(29,688)	(476,576)
Fair value gain	-	1,423	-	1,428
	236,688	78,533	235,803	78,417

c) *Loan Commitments*

	Group and Parent Company			Total
	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>				
<u>2024</u>				
Corporate loans				
Balance at beginning of year	8,282	3	-	8,285
Transfer:				
Stage 1 to Stage 2	(5)	5	-	-
Assets derecognized or repaid	(6,417)	-	-	(6,417)
New assets originated:				
Remained in Stage 1	5,139	-	-	5,139
Moved to Stage 2	-	2	-	2
	<u>6,999</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,009</u>
Balance at end of year	<u>6,999</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,009</u>
Credit cards				
Balance at beginning of year	23,718	-	-	23,718
New assets originated —				
Remained in Stage 1	6,928	-	-	6,928
	<u>6,928</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,928</u>
Balance at end of year	<u>30,646</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>30,646</u>
	<u>37,645</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>37,655</u>
Group and Parent Company				
	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Total
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>				
<u>2023</u>				
Corporate loans				
Balance at beginning of year	8,930	-	-	8,930
Assets derecognized or repaid	(7,043)	-	-	(7,043)
New assets originated —				
Remained in Stage 1	6,395	-	-	6,395
Moved to Stage 2	-	3	-	3
	<u>8,282</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,285</u>
Balance at end of year	<u>8,282</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,285</u>
Credit Cards				
Balance at beginning of year	9,607	-	-	9,607
New assets originated —				
Remained in Stage 1	14,111	-	-	14,111
	<u>23,718</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>23,718</u>
Balance at end of year	<u>23,718</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>23,718</u>
	<u>32,000</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>32,003</u>

4.4.10 Collateral Held as Security and Other Credit Enhancements

The Group holds collateral against loans and advances to customers in the form of hold-out deposits, real estate mortgage, standby letters of credit or bank guaranty, government guaranty, chattel mortgage, assignment of receivables, pledge of equity securities, personal and corporate guaranty and other forms of security. Estimates of fair value are based on the value of collateral assessed at the time of borrowing and are generally updated annually.

Generally, collateral is not held over loans and advances to other banks, except when securities are held as part of reverse repurchase and securities borrowing arrangements. Collateral is not usually held against trading and investment securities, and no such collateral was held as of December 31, 2024 and 2023.

The estimated fair value of collateral and other security enhancements held against the loan portfolio as of December 31 are presented below.

	Group			Total
	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>				
<u>2024</u>				
Real properties	149,001	6,473	10,336	165,810
Chattel	78,222	3,405	5,996	87,623
Hold-out deposits	4,401	7	28	4,436
Equity securities	6,570	270	248	7,088
Others	353,287	1,927	14,647	369,861
	<u>591,481</u>	<u>12,082</u>	<u>31,255</u>	<u>634,818</u>
<u>2023</u>				
Real properties	143,141	4,320	9,761	157,222
Chattel	139,159	3,287	5,297	147,743
Hold-out deposits	6,890	9	10	6,909
Equity securities	6,121	9	248	6,378
Others	185,498	2,493	10,874	198,865
	<u>480,809</u>	<u>10,118</u>	<u>26,190</u>	<u>517,117</u>
	Parent Company			Total
	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>				
<u>2024</u>				
Real properties	145,607	6,389	9,576	161,572
Chattel	77,029	3,245	4,785	85,059
Hold-out deposits	4,338	5	21	4,364
Equity securities	6,570	270	248	7,088
Others	351,424	1,691	13,795	366,910
	<u>584,968</u>	<u>11,600</u>	<u>28,425</u>	<u>624,993</u>
<u>2023</u>				
Real properties	137,841	3,996	9,471	151,308
Chattel	136,681	2,903	3,700	143,284
Hold-out deposits	6,797	6	4	6,807
Equity securities	6,121	9	248	6,378
Others	182,520	2,324	9,887	194,731
	<u>469,960</u>	<u>9,238</u>	<u>23,310</u>	<u>502,508</u>

The Group and the Parent Company have recognized certain properties arising from foreclosures in settlement of loan account amounting to P972 and P891, respectively, in 2024 and P675 and P614, respectively, in 2023.

The Group and the Parent Company's manner of disposing the collateral for impaired loans and receivables is normally through sale of these assets after foreclosure proceedings have taken place. The Group and the Parent Company do not generally use the non-cash collateral for its own operations.

There were no changes in the Group and the Parent Company's collateral policies in 2024 and 2023, except for the cessation of accepting dacion in payment in 2024 as a result of the Parent Company's change in ownership structure (see Note 1.1).

4.4.11 Modifications of Financial Assets

(a) Financial Reliefs Provided by the Group

In certain cases, the Group modifies the terms of the loans provided to the borrowers due to commercial renegotiations, or for distressed loans, with a view of maximizing recovery of the contractual amount of obligation that the Group is owed to. Restructuring policies and practices are based on indicators or criteria which, in the management's judgment, indicate that payment will most likely continue. Such policies are continuously reviewed and updated as necessary. Restructuring is most commonly applied to term or corporate loans.

The outstanding balance of loans modified under the Bank's restructuring programs in 2024 and 2023 amounted to P22,638 and P24,424, respectively, for the Group, and P21,678 and P23,429, respectively for the Parent Company.

The following tables provide a summary of the outstanding balance of modified loans resulting from the financial reliefs provided by the Group as of December 31:

	Group		Parent Company	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>				
<u>Stage 1 (Performing)</u>				
Corporate	5,696	9,463	5,696	9,463
Consumer	2,956	4,062	2,956	4,062
Credit card	1,169	958	1,169	958
Leasing and finance	73	437	-	-
Microfinance and small business	8	9	-	-
	9,902	14,929	9,821	14,483
<u>Stage 2</u>				
<u>(Underperforming)</u>				
Corporate	4,205	2,227	4,205	2,227
Consumer	789	992	789	992
Credit card	-	-	-	-
Leasing and finance	5	156	-	-
Microfinance and small business	10	21	-	-
	5,009	3,396	4,994	3,219

	Group		Parent Company	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
Stage 3				
(Nonperforming)				
Corporate	4,930	3,533	4,930	3,533
Consumer	1,829	2,115	1,829	2,115
Credit card	104	79	104	79
Leasing and finance	777	279	-	-
Microfinance and small business	87	93	-	-
	7,727	6,099	6,863	5,727

(b) Assessment of SICR

The risk of default of such assets after modification is assessed at the reporting date and compared with the risk under the original terms at initial recognition, when the modification is not substantial and so does not result in derecognition of the original asset. The Group monitors the performance of the financial asset subsequent to its modification.

The Group may determine that the credit risk has significantly improved after restructuring (in accordance with the new terms for six consecutive months or more), so that the assets are moved from Stage 3 or Stage 2.

The Group continues to monitor if there is a subsequent SICR in relation to such modified assets through the use of specific models for modified assets.

4.4.12 Write-offs

The Group and the Parent Company write off financial assets, in whole or in part, when it has exhausted all practical recovery efforts and has concluded that there is no reasonable expectation of recovery of the financial asset.

Indicators that there is no reasonable expectation of recovery include: cessation of enforcement activity; and, where the Group and Parent Company's recovery method is through foreclosure of collateral and the value of the collateral is less than the outstanding contractual amounts of the financial assets to be written-off.

The Group and Parent Company may write off financial assets that are still subject to enforcement activity. The outstanding amounts of such assets written off in 2024 and 2023 amounted to P5,104 and P4,179, respectively, for the Group, and P5,080 and P3,811, respectively, for the Parent Company. The Group and the Parent Company still seek to recover amounts legally owed in full, but which have been partially written off due to no reasonable expectation of full recovery.

4.4.13 Credit Risk Stress Test

To enhance the assessment of credit risk, the Group adopted a credit risk stress testing framework using break-even sales and cash flow debt service to determine a borrower's vulnerability and ultimately impact to the Group's capital adequacy. The Parent Company adopted a portfolio credit risk testing framework that takes into consideration the causal relationships among industry sectors.

4.4.14 Analysis on ECL Measurement

Set out below are the changes to the Group's ECL as of December 31, 2024 and 2023 that would result from reasonably possible changes in these parameters from the actual assumptions used in the Group's economic variable assumptions:

	Change in MEVs		Impact on ECL	
	Upside Scenario	Downside Scenario	Upside Scenario	Downside Scenario
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>				
2024				
Credit card receivables			(5,498)	6,334
GDP	+ 7.00%	- 0.50%		
CPI	- 131.3	+ 138.36		
Unemployment rate	- 1.00%	+ 12.00%		
Corporate loans			(310)	101
Inflation rate	- 0.50%	+ 5.00%		
91D TD bill	- 0.50%	+ 5.00%		
Consumer loans:				
<i>Salary loans</i>			(319)	786
Unemployment rate	- 1.00%	+ 12.00%		
USD-Php exchange rate	- 55.50	+ 69.00		
Inflation rate	-2.20%	+ 7.70%		
Bank lending rate	-5.65%	+ 11.15%		
<i>Housing loans</i>			(14)	78
GDP	+ 7.00%	- 0.50%		
CPI	- 131.3	+ 138.36		
Unemployment rate	- 3.00%	+ 8.00%		
<i>Auto loans</i>			(14)	251
GDP	+ 7.00%	- 0.50%		
CPI	- 131.3	+ 138.36		
Unemployment rate	- 3.00%	+ 8.00%		
<i>Personal loans</i>			(442)	665
GDP	+ 7.00%	- 0.50%		
CPI	- 131.3	+ 138.36		
Unemployment rate	- 1.00%	+ 12.00%		

	Change in MEVs		Impact on ECL	
	Upside Scenario	Downside Scenario	Upside Scenario	Downside Scenario
<i>(Amount in PHP)</i>				
<u>2023</u>				
Credit card receivables			(3,748)	4,372
GDP	+ 7.00%	- 0.50%		
CPI	- 123.70	+ 124.30		
Unemployment rate	- 2.00%	+ 12.00%		
Corporate loans			(234)	197
Inflation rate	- 0.50%	+ 5.00%		
91D TD bill	- 0.50%	+ 5.00%		
Consumer loans:				
<i>Salary loans</i>			(128)	303
Unemployment rate	- 2.00%	+ 12.00%		
USD-Php exchange rate	- 52.50	+ 66.00		
Inflation rate	-3.60%	+ 9.10%		
Bank lending rate	-5.70%	+ 11.20%		
<i>Housing loans</i>			(505)	564
GDP	+ 7.00%	- 0.50%		
CPI	- 124.30	+ 130.27		
Unemployment rate	- 4.00%	+ 12.00%		
<i>Auto loans</i>			(971)	1,164
GDP	+ 7.00%	- 0.50%		
CPI	- 124.30	+ 130.27		
Unemployment rate	- 4.00%	+ 12.00%		
<i>Personal loans</i>			(122)	145
GDP	+ 7.00%	- 0.50%		
CPI	- 123.70	+ 124.30		
Unemployment rate	- 2.00%	+ 12.00%		

4.5 Operational Risk

Operational risks are risks arising from the potential inadequate information systems and systems, operations or transactional problems (relating to service or product delivery), breaches in internal controls, fraud, or unforeseen catastrophes that may result in unexpected loss. Operational risks include the risk of loss arising from various types of human or technical error, settlement or payments failures, business interruption, administrative and legal risks, and the risk arising from systems not performing adequately.

The Operational Risk Management Division (ORMD) assists management in meeting its responsibility to understand and manage operational risk exposures and to ensure consistent application of operational risk management tools across the Group.

The ORMD applies a number of techniques to efficiently manage operational risks. Among these are as follows:

- Each major business line has an embedded designated Deputy Operational Risk Officer (DORO) who acts as a point person for the implementation of various operational risk tools. The DOROs attend quarterly DORO forums conducted by the ORMD to keep them up-to-date with different operational risk issues, challenges and initiatives;

- With ORMD's bottom up Risk Control Self-Assessment (RCSA) process, which is conducted at least annually, material operational processes and controls are assessed and examined to the Bank's overall risks and controls. The result of said self-assessment exercise also serves as one of the inputs in identifying specific key risk indicators (KRIs) and Control Sample Tests (CSTs);
- KRIs are used to monitor the operational risk profile of the Group and of each business unit, and alert management of impending problems in a timely fashion;
- CSTs is for the business units to self-assure against key process controls, effective implementation and execution of controls in its day-to-day activities. CSTs are conducted periodically to detect control failures and address any process weaknesses in a timely manner before control failures can be systemic.
- Internal loss information is collected, reported, and utilized to model operational risk; and,
- The ORMD, as part of the clearing house, reviews product and operating manuals, policies, procedures and circulars, thus allowing the embedding of desired operational risk management practices in all business units.

Operational Risk Management, as it relates to capital adequacy, is currently under Basic Indicator Approach (see Note 5.2).

The Group has an institutional Business Continuity Plan (BCP) based on several crisis severity levels which is tested at least annually and updated for any major changes in systems and procedures. Central to the Group's BCP is a disaster recovery plan to address the continued functioning of systems, recovery of critical data, and contingency processing requirements in the event of a disaster.

4.5.1 Reputation Risk

Reputation risk is the risk to earnings, capital and liquidity arising from negative public opinion. This affects the Group's ability to establish new relationships or services, or to continue servicing existing relationships. This risk can expose the Group to litigation, financial loss, or damage to its reputation. Reputation risk arises whenever technology-based banking products, services, delivery channels, or processes may generate adverse public opinion such that it seriously affects the Group's earnings or impairs its capital. This risk is present in activities such as asset management and regulatory compliance.

The RCBC Group has very low tolerance for engaging in any business activity where foreseeable reputational risk or damage has not been considered and/or mitigated. The Group shall protect its reputation to ensure that there is no material damage to the Group.

The management of reputational risk in the Bank is guided by its Reputational Risk Management Framework in accordance with BSP Circular 1114. The Bank's Reputational Risk Management Framework (RRMF) is in place in order to have an enterprise-wide approach and scope of implementation, beyond the assessment of reputational risk that is focused on customer complaints. While growth is projected to emanate from various drivers, the Bank recognizes that potential failure in the same ushers in a potential damage to reputation.

4.5.2 Legal Risk and Regulatory Risk Management

Changes in laws and regulations and fiscal policies could adversely affect the Group's operations and financial reporting. In addition, the Group faces legal risks in enforcing its rights under its loan agreements, such as foreclosing of collateral. Legal risk is higher in new areas of business where the law remains untested by the courts. The Group uses a legal review process as the primary control mechanism for legal risk. Such a legal review aims to verify and validate the existence, genuineness and due execution of legal documents, and verify the capacity and authority of counterparties and customers to enter into transactions. In addition, the Group seeks to minimize its legal risk by using stringent legal documentation, imposing certain requirements designed to ensure that transactions are properly authorized, and consulting internal and external legal advisors.

Regulatory risk refers to the potential for the Group to suffer financial loss due to mid-stream changes in regulatory regime affecting current position and/or strategy. Compliance Risk is the risk of loss resulting from failure to comply with laws, regulations, rules, related self-regulatory organization standards, and codes of conduct applicable to its banking activities.

The Group's Compliance Program, the design and implementation of which is overseen and coordinated by the Chief Compliance Officer (CCO), is the primary control process for regulatory and compliance risk issues. The CCO is committed to safeguard the integrity of the Group by maintaining a high level of regulatory compliance. It is responsible for communicating and disseminating new rules and regulations to all units, assessing and addressing identified compliance issues, performing periodic compliance testing, and reporting compliance findings to the ACC and the BOD.

4.6 Anti-Money Laundering Controls

The AMLA or RA No. 9160 was passed in September 2001. It was subsequently amended by RA No. 9194, RA No. 10167, and RA No. 10365, R.A.11521 in March 2003, June 2012 and February 2021, respectively. Together with the Terrorism Financing Prevention and Suppression Act (TFPSA) which was passed in June 2012 by virtue of RA No. 10168, and Anti-Terrorism Act of 2020 or R.A. 11479 these laws provide the regulatory framework for the Philippine Anti-Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing Prevention regulations. The Anti-Money Laundering Council is the financial intelligence unit tasked to implement AMLA, as amended. It is also the government agency that issues implementing guidelines to the AMLA and the TFPSA.

RCBC, as a BSP-supervised covered person, is subject to the Anti-Money Laundering and Combatting the Financing of Terrorism Regulations under Part Nine of the Manual of Regulations for Banks (MORB). Recent amendments to the said regulations were covered by BSP Circular Nos. 950 and 1022.

RCBC's Anti-Money Laundering and Terrorism Financing Prevention Program (MTPP) is aligned with the foregoing laws, rules, and regulations, and follows a risk-based approach in identifying, assessing, and mitigating money laundering, terrorist financing, and proliferation financing risks. It includes the policies, procedures, and controls that are designed to prevent, detect, and deter money laundering and terrorist financing, proliferation financing, and other financial crimes.

Some of these controls include the following:

- Delineation of the sales and the service functions of the first line of defense. The Sales function is focused on marketing and sales, relationship management, cross-selling, credit-related matters and documentation, and loan-related referrals and documentation; while the Service function is focused on BC operations such as: (a) customer servicing, which includes know your customer (KYC) and account opening, account maintenance and tellering, cash and vault management and ATM servicing, (b) BC administration, (c) customer experience management such as inquiries, feedback, and problem resolution, and (d) compliance and audit.
- The Group also created middle offices under the Branch Operations and Control Segment, comprised of Middle Office Support Division (MOSD) and Branch Control Division (BCD), tasked to review and validate KYC documents. The MOSD ensures the uniqueness of Customer Information Files and accuracy of information captured in the Customer Relationship Management(CRM). It also reviews the completeness of account opening documents. The BCD, on the other hand, ensures the proper implementation of KYC, the performance of independent enhanced due diligence based on customer risk profile, and monitoring adherence of BCs to standard operating procedures. It also acts as the additional control layer to track exceptions and decides on dispositions, recommends sanctions or additional trainings for BCs, and recommends process improvements. The key processes of the BCD are KYC, exceptions reporting, and quality assurance.
- Use of technology in automating compliance activities such as client risk profiling, watch list and sanctions screening, transaction monitoring, and regulatory reporting. The Bank has also initiated the use of proactive compliance analytics and investigation to gain more actionable insights and typologies. As recent updates, the Bank has enhanced its sanctions policy to ensure the prohibition of dealing with “designated” individuals or entities. It has updated its policy regulating the onboarding and monitoring of transactions with Designated-Non Financial Businesses and Professions (DNFBPs) customers.

For the controls to remain effective, the RCBC Group assesses its key exposures to ML (money laundering)/TF (terrorist financing)/PF (proliferation financing) risks by performing an Institutional ML/TF/PF Risk Assessment (IRA) focusing on evaluating the inherent ML/TF/PF risks presented by the Bank’s business activities and the controls in place to mitigate the inherent ML/TF/PF risks so as to determine the overall residual risks. The institutional risk assessment is conducted at least once every two (2) years, or as often as the Board or senior management may direct, depending on the level of risks identified in the previous risk assessment, or other relevant AML/Countering Financing of Terrorism developments that may have an impact on the covered person’s operations.

4.7 Impact of London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR) Reform

In 2022 and 2023, the Group has transitioned its LIBOR contracts which includes swaps that were transitioned under the International Swaps and Derivatives Association (ISDA) protocols.

The Group utilizes the Interbank Offered Rates (IBOR) Fallback Rates from Bloomberg for legacy deals while Overnight Index Swap (OIS) Rates as specified in the ISDA protocols are used for normal Interest Rate Swaps since LIBOR cessation in June 2023.

The Group adopted CME Term SOFR for new loans beginning 2022. Loan documentations were reviewed for consistency with the new benchmark. As of July 2023, the necessary updates to internal systems and processes have been implemented.

5. CAPITAL MANAGEMENT

5.1 Regulatory Capital

The Group's lead regulator, the BSP, sets and monitors the capital requirements of the Group.

In implementing the current capital requirements, the BSP requires the Group to maintain a prescribed ratio of qualifying regulatory capital to total risk-weighted assets including market risk and operational risk computed based on BSP-prescribed formula provided under its circulars.

On January 15, 2013, the BSP issued Circular No. 781, *Basel III Implementing Guidelines on Minimum Capital Requirements*, which provides the implementing guidelines on the revised risk-based capital adequacy framework particularly on the minimum capital and disclosure requirements for universal banks and commercial banks, as well as their subsidiary banks and quasi-banks, in accordance with the Basel III standards. Circular No. 781 is effective on January 1, 2014.

The BSP has adopted the Basel III risk-based capital adequacy framework effective January 1, 2014, which requires the Group to maintain at all times the following:

- (a) Common Equity Tier 1 (CET1) of at least 6.0% of risk-weighted assets;
- (b) Tier 1 Capital of at least 7.5% of risk-weighted assets;
- (c) Qualifying Capital (Tier 1 plus Tier 2 Capital) of at least 10.0% of risk-weighted assets;
- and,
- (d) Capital Conservation Buffer of 2.5% of risk-weighted assets, comprised of CET1 Capital.

Under the relevant provisions of the current BSP regulations, the required minimum capitalization for the Parent Company, Rizal Microbank, RCBC Capital and RCBC LFC is P20,000, P400, P300 and P300, respectively.

In computing for the capital adequacy ratio (CAR), the regulatory qualifying capital is analyzed into two tiers which are: (i) Tier 1 Capital comprised of CET1 and Additional Tier 1 (AT1) capital, and, (ii) Tier 2 Capital, defined as follows and are subject to deductions as defined in relevant regulations:

- (a) CET1 Capital includes the following:
 - (i) paid-up common stock;
 - (ii) common stock dividends distributable;
 - (iii) additional paid-in capital;
 - (iv) deposit for common stock subscription;
 - (v) retained earnings;

- (vi) undivided profits;
- (vii) other comprehensive income from net unrealized gains or losses on financial assets at FVOCI and cumulative foreign currency translation; and,
- (viii) minority interest in subsidiary banks which are less than wholly-owned, subject to regulatory conditions.

(b) AT1 Capital includes:

- (i) instruments that do not qualify as CET1, but meet the criteria set out in Annex B of BSP Circular No. 781;
- (ii) financial liabilities meeting loss absorbency requirements set out in Annex E of BSP Circular No. 781;
- (iii) financial liabilities bearing loss absorbency features at point of non-viability as set out in Annex F of BSP Circular No. 781;
- (iv) additional paid-in capital resulting from issuance of AT1 capital;
- (v) deposit for subscription to AT1 instruments; and,
- (vi) minority interest in subsidiary banks which are less than wholly-owned, subject to regulatory conditions.

(c) Tier 2 Capital includes:

- (i) instruments issued that are not qualified as Tier 1 capital but meet the criteria set forth in Annex C of BSP Circular No. 781;
- (ii) financial liabilities bearing loss absorbency features at point of non-viability as set out in Annex F of BSP Circular No. 781;
- (iii) deposit for subscription of Tier 2 capital;
- (iv) appraisal increment reserve on bank premises, as authorized by the Monetary Board (MB) of the BSP;
- (v) general loan loss provisions; and,
- (vi) minority interest in subsidiary banks that are less than wholly-owned, subject to regulatory conditions.

In the calculation of Risk-based CAR, the total Qualifying Capital is expressed as a percentage of Total Risk-Weighted Assets based on book exposures, where Risk Weighted Assets is composed of Credit Risk, Market Risk and Operational Risk, net of specific provisions and exposures covered by CRM.

Banking book exposures shall be risk-weighted based on third party credit assessment of the individual exposure given by eligible external credit institutions and the corresponding external credit assessment are mapped with the corresponding risk weights following the Standardized Credit Risk Weights table as provided under BSP Circular No. 538, *Revised Risk-Based Capital Adequacy Framework*.

BSP Circular No. 856, *Implementing Guidelines on the Framework for Dealing with Domestic Systemically Important Banks under Basel III*, covers the implementing guidelines on the framework for dealing with domestic systemically important banks (D-SIBs) in accordance with the Basel III standards. Banks identified as D-SIBs shall be required to have higher loss absorbency, on top of the minimum CET1 capital and capital conservation buffer. Compliance with this requirement was phased-in starting January 1, 2017, with full compliance on January 1, 2019.

The Group and Parent Company's regulatory capital position based on the Basel III risk-based capital adequacy framework as reported to the BSP follows:

<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>	<u>Group</u>	<u>Parent Company</u>
2024:		
Tier 1 Capital		
CET 1	118,685	114,963
AT1	<u>14,465</u>	<u>14,465</u>
	133,150	129,428
Tier 2 Capital	<u>7,921</u>	<u>7,830</u>
Total Qualifying Capital	<u>141,071</u>	<u>137,258</u>
Total Risk – Weighted Assets	<u>877,395</u>	<u>865,397</u>
Capital ratios:		
Total qualifying capital expressed as a percentage of total risk-weighted assets	16.08%	15.86%
Tier 1 Capital Ratio	15.18%	14.96%
Total CET 1 Ratio	13.53%	13.28%
2023:		
Tier 1 Capital		
CET 1	115,046	111,616
AT1	<u>14,466</u>	<u>14,466</u>
	129,512	126,082
Tier 2 Capital	<u>6,586</u>	<u>6,522</u>
Total Qualifying Capital	<u>136,098</u>	<u>132,604</u>
Total Risk – Weighted Assets	<u>783,300</u>	<u>771,479</u>
Capital ratios:		
Total qualifying capital expressed as a percentage of total risk-weighted assets	17.37%	17.19%
Tier 1 Capital Ratio	16.53%	16.34%
Total CET 1 Ratio	14.69%	14.47%

5.2 Internal Capital Adequacy Assessment and Pillar 2 Risk-Weighted Assets

In January 2009, the BSP issued Circular No. 639 on the ICAAP and Supervisory Review Process covering universal and commercial banks on a group-wide basis. As a supplement to BSP Circular No. 538 on the Risk-Based Capital Adequacy Framework, ICAAP sets out the following principles:

- (a) Banks must have a process for assessing capital adequacy relative to their risk profile, operating environment, and strategic/business plans;
- (b) The Bank's ICAAP is the responsibility of the BOD, must be properly documented and approved and with policies and methodologies integrated into banking operations;
- (c) The Bank's ICAAP should address other material risks – Pillar 2 risks – in addition to those covered by Pillar 1, with risk measurement methodologies linked to the assessment of corresponding capital requirement both on a BAU and stressed scenario;
- (d) The minimum CAR prescribed by the BSP after accounting for Pillar 1 and other risks is retained at 10%; and,
- (e) The Bank's ICAAP document must be submitted to the BSP every March 31 of each year.

The Group identified the following Pillar 2 risks as material to its operations, and consequently set out methodologies to quantify the level of capital that it must hold.

- (a) *Credit Risk Concentration* – The Group has so far limited its analysis to credit risk concentration arising from the uneven sector distribution of the Group's credit exposures. Aside from using a simplified application of the HHI, concentration is estimated using the CCI. The capital charge is estimated by calculating the change in the Economic Capital (EC) requirement of the credit portfolio as an effect of credit deterioration in the largest industry exposure.
- (b) *IRRBB* – It is the current and prospective negative impact on earnings and capital arising from interest rate shifts. The Group IRRBB estimates as its NII-at-risk, and accordingly deducts the same from regulatory qualifying capital. Stressed IRRBB is calculated by applying the highest observed market volatilities over a determined timeframe.
- (c) *Liquidity Risk* – The Group estimates its liquidity risk under BAU scenario using standard gap analysis. Stressed liquidity risk on the other hand assumes a repeat of a historical liquidity stress, and estimates the impact if the Group were to partially defend its deposits and partially pay-off by drawing from its reserve of liquid assets.
- (d) *IT Risk* – It is the current and prospective negative impact to earnings arising from failure of IT systems and realization of cyber security threats. The Group treats this risk as forming part of Operational Risk.
- (e) *Compliance Risk* – It is the current and prospective negative impact on earnings and capital arising from violation of laws, regulations, ethical standards, and the like. For BAU scenario, the Group estimates compliance risk charge from historical fines and penalties as the worst-case loss determined via a frequency-severity analysis of each penalty type. The resulting compliance risk charge calculation is likewise directly deducted from earnings.

- (f) *Strategic Business Risk* – It is the current and prospective negative impact on earnings and capital arising from adverse business decisions, improper implementation, and failure to respond to industry changes. The Group treats strategic business risk as a catch-all risk, and expresses its estimate as a cap on additional risk-weighted assets given other risks and the desired level of capital adequacy. The Group maintains that the assessment of strategic risk is embedded in the budget of the Group. Its capital impact therefore on a BAU case is already expressed in the amount of risk projected to be taken on in the forecast years. However, the Group does recognize the need to set up processes that would enable to put a number to the risk incurred by going into specific strategies.
- (g) *Reputation Risk* – From the adoption of a theoretical measure, the Group amended its approach to reputation risk in 2011 by adopting instead a reputation risk monitoring and reporting process, run primarily by its Marketing Committee. The measurement of reputation risk under stress is folded into the Group’s assessment of stressed liquidity risk.

5.3 *Basel III Leverage Ratio*

BSP issued Circular No. 881, *Implementing Guidelines on the Basel III Leverage Ratio Framework*, which provides the implementing guidelines on the leverage ratio framework designed to act as a supplementary measure to the risk-based capital requirements. It sets out a minimum leverage ratio of 5.00% on a solo and consolidated basis and shall be complied with at all times. The monitoring period has been set every quarter starting December 31, 2014 and extended until June 30, 2018 per BSP Circular No. 990, *Amendments to the Basel III Leverage Ratio Framework*, issued on January 22, 2018. Effective July 1, 2018, the monitoring of the leverage ratio was implemented as a Pillar I minimum requirement.

The Basel III leverage ratio intends to restrict the build-up of leverage to avoid destabilizing deleveraging processes which can damage the broader financial system and the economy. Likewise, it reinforces the risk-based requirements with a simple, non-risk based “backstop” measure. The Basel III leverage ratio is defined as the ratio of capital measure (Tier 1 Capital) and the exposure measure. Exposure measure includes: on-balance sheet exposures, securities financing transactions exposures and off-balance sheet.

The Group and Parent Company’s Basel III leverage ratio as reported to the BSP are as follows:

	<u>Group</u>	<u>Parent Company</u>
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>		
2024:		
Tier 1 Capital	133,150	129,428
Exposure measure	<u>1,492,891</u>	<u>1,481,740</u>
	<u>8.92%</u>	<u>8.73%</u>
2023:		
Tier 1 Capital	129,512	126,082
Exposure measure	<u>1,326,242</u>	<u>1,314,888</u>
	<u>9.77%</u>	<u>9.59%</u>

5.4 Liquidity Coverage Ratio and Net Stable Funding Ratio

On March 10, 2016, the BSP issued Circular No. 905, *Implementation of Basel III Framework on Liquidity Standards - Liquidity Coverage Ratio and Disclosure Standards*, which provides the implementing guidelines on liquidity coverage ratio (LCR) and disclosure standards that are consistent with the Basel III framework. The LCR is the ratio of high-quality liquid assets to total net cash outflows, which should not be lower than 100.00%.

To promote the short-term resilience of the liquidity risk profile, the Bank maintains adequate stock of unencumbered high-quality liquid assets (HQLAs) that consists of cash or assets that can be converted into cash at little or no loss of value in private markets, to meet its liquidity needs under stressed conditions. The stock of liquid assets should enable the Bank to withstand significant liquidity shocks for at least 30 calendar days, which would give time for corrective actions to be taken by the Bank management and/or the BSP. Details of the Group's and Parent Company's LCR are summarized below.

	Group		Parent Company	
	Total Unweighted Value	Total Weighted Value	Total Unweighted Value	Total Weighted Value
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>				
<u>December 31, 2024</u>				
Total stock of HQLA	447,599	440,035	444,607	437,289
Expected Net Cash Outflows*	1,859,531	267,132	1,860,122	267,655
Liquidity Coverage Ratio		164.73%		163.38%
<u>December 31, 2023</u>				
Total stock of HQLA	445,894	437,927	443,228	435,553
Expected Net Cash Outflows*	1,459,085	256,891	1,460,162	257,561
Liquidity Coverage Ratio		170.47%		169.11%

*Includes Restricted Term Deposits and Deposits pledged as collateral or under hold-out arrangements

Net Stable Funding Ratio (NSFR), as detailed in BSP Circular No. 1007, *Implementing Guidelines on the adoption of the Basel III Framework on Liquidity Standards - Net Stable Funding Ratio*, measures the availability of medium and long-term stable funding to support illiquid assets and business activities on an on-going basis. It is an assessment of the level of sustainable funding required to reduce funding risk over a one-year time horizon. The NSFR complements the LCR, which promotes short-term resilience of the Group's liquidity profile.

To promote long-term resilience against liquidity risk, the Group maintains a stable funding profile in relation to the composition of its assets and off-balance sheet activities and seeks to meet this objective by limiting overreliance on short-term wholesale funding and promoting enhanced assessment of funding risk across all on- and off-balance sheet accounts.

Details of the Group's and Parent Company's Basel III NSFR are summarized in the succeeding page.

	<u>Group</u>	<u>Parent Company</u>
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>		
<u>December 31, 2024</u>		
Available stable funding	879,877	875,392
Required stable funding	<u>662,046</u>	<u>664,648</u>
Basel III NSFR	<u>132.90%</u>	<u>131.71%</u>
 <u>December 31, 2023</u>		
Available stable funding	760,231	755,299
Required stable funding	<u>633,006</u>	<u>634,468</u>
Basel III NSFR	<u>120.10%</u>	<u>118.95%</u>

The Bank has complied with the daily minimum regulatory requirement of 100% for both ratios beginning in 2019.

6. CATEGORIES AND OFFSETTING OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND FINANCIAL LIABILITIES

6.1 Carrying Amounts and Fair Values by Category

The following tables summarize the carrying amounts and corresponding fair values of financial assets and financial liabilities presented in the statements of financial position.

	<u>Group</u>			
	<u>2024</u>		<u>2023</u>	
	<u>Carrying Amount</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Carrying Amount</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>				
<i>Financial Assets</i>				
At amortized cost:				
Cash and cash equivalents	185,369	185,369	250,108	250,108
Investment securities - net	260,222	236,267	236,527	213,708
Loans and receivables – net	709,930	732,498	622,149	640,850
Other resources - net	1,688	1,688	1,459	1,459
	<u>1,157,209</u>	<u>1,155,822</u>	<u>1,110,243</u>	<u>1,106,125</u>
At fair value:				
Investment securities at FVTPL	10,234	10,234	11,778	11,778
Investment securities at FVOCI	158,630	158,630	82,437	82,437
	<u>168,864</u>	<u>168,864</u>	<u>94,215</u>	<u>94,215</u>
	<u>1,326,073</u>	<u>1,324,686</u>	<u>1,204,458</u>	<u>1,200,340</u>
 <i>Financial Liabilities</i>				
At amortized cost:				
Deposit liabilities	1,022,794	1,020,115	956,712	929,590
Bills payable	86,616	86,616	50,858	50,858
Bonds payable	26,935	43,663	34,939	34,356
Accrued interest and other expenses	10,366	10,366	10,745	10,745
Other liabilities	50,312	50,312	26,990	26,990
	<u>1,197,023</u>	<u>1,211,072</u>	<u>1,080,244</u>	<u>1,052,539</u>
At fair value:				
Derivative financial liabilities	3,635	3,635	1,690	1,690
	<u>1,200,658</u>	<u>1,214,707</u>	<u>1,081,934</u>	<u>1,054,229</u>

	Parent Company			
	2024		2023	
	Carrying Amount	Fair Value	Carrying Amount	Fair Value
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>				
Financial Assets				
At amortized cost:				
Cash and cash equivalents	182,670	182,670	247,941	247,941
Investment securities - net	259,387	235,429	235,732	213,097
Loans and receivables – net	703,964	725,037	615,901	633,825
Other resources - net	1,669	1,669	1,457	1,457
	<u>1,147,690</u>	<u>1,144,805</u>	<u>1,101,031</u>	<u>1,096,320</u>
At fair value:				
Investment securities at FVTPL	9,525	9,525	10,954	10,954
Investment securities at FVOCI	157,954	157,954	81,757	81,757
	<u>167,479</u>	<u>167,479</u>	<u>92,711</u>	<u>92,711</u>
	<u>1,315,169</u>	<u>1,312,284</u>	<u>1,193,742</u>	<u>1,189,031</u>
Financial Liabilities				
At amortized cost:				
Deposit liabilities	1,022,737	1,020,060	957,369	930,262
Bills payable	80,928	80,928	43,957	43,957
Bonds payable	26,935	43,663	34,939	34,356
Accrued interest and other expenses	11,312	11,312	10,475	10,475
Other liabilities	49,437	49,437	26,218	26,218
	<u>1,191,349</u>	<u>1,205,400</u>	<u>1,072,958</u>	<u>1,045,268</u>
At fair value —				
Derivative financial liabilities	3,635	3,635	1,690	1,690
	<u>1,194,984</u>	<u>1,209,035</u>	<u>1,074,648</u>	<u>1,046,958</u>

Except for investment securities at amortized cost, deposit liabilities, loans and receivables, and bonds payable with fair value disclosed different from their carrying amounts, management considers that the carrying amounts of other financial assets and financial liabilities presented above which are measured at amortized cost, approximate the fair values either because those instruments are short-term in nature or the effect of discounting for those with maturities of more than one year is not material. The fair value information disclosed for the Group and Parent Company's investment securities at amortized cost and other financial assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis are determined based on the procedures and methodologies discussed in Note 7.3.

6.2 Offsetting Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities

The following financial assets presented in the statements of financial position at gross amounts are covered by enforceable master netting arrangements and similar arrangements:

	Notes	Group			Net amount
		Gross amounts recognized in the statements of financial position	Related amounts not set off in the statements of financial position		
			Financial instruments	Collateral received	
<i>(Amount in PHP)</i>					
December 31, 2024					
Loans and receivables – Receivable from customers	11	710,634	(15,089)	-	695,545
Trading and investment securities – Investment securities at amortized cost	10	260,222	(80,523)	-	179,699
Due from other banks – Margin deposits	9	14,569	(1,587)	-	12,982
Other resources – Margin deposits	15	214	-	(214)	-
December 31, 2023					
Loans and receivables – Receivable from customers	11	621,922	(8,153)	-	613,769
Trading and investment securities – Investment securities at amortized cost	10	236,527	(41,597)	-	194,930
Due from other banks – Margin deposits	9	14,892	(763)	-	14,129
Other resources – Margin deposits	15	243	-	(243)	-
Parent Company					
	Notes	Gross amounts recognized in the statements of financial position	Related amounts not set off in the statements of financial position		Net amount
			Financial instruments	Collateral received	
		<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>			
December 31, 2024					
Loans and receivables – Receivable from customers	11	704,411	(15,089)	-	689,322
Trading and investment securities – Investment securities at amortized cost	10	259,387	(80,523)	-	212,864
Due from other banks – Margin deposits	9	14,433	(1,587)	-	12,896
Other resources – Margin deposits	15	214	-	(214)	-
December 31, 2023					
Loans and receivables – Receivable from customers	11	615,240	(8,152)	-	607,088
Trading and investment securities – Investment securities at amortized cost	10	235,732	(41,597)	-	194,135
Due from other banks – Margin deposits	9	14,630	(763)	-	13,867
Other resources – Margin deposits	15	243	-	(243)	-

The following financial liabilities presented in the statements of financial position at gross amounts are covered by enforceable master netting arrangements and similar agreements:

	Notes	Group			Net amount
		Gross amounts recognized in the statements of financial position	Related amounts not set off in the statements of financial position		
			Financial instruments	Collateral received	
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>					
December 31, 2024					
Deposit liabilities	17	1,022,794	(15,089)	-	1,007,705
Bills payable	18	86,616	(82,110)	-	4,506
Other liabilities – Derivative financial liabilities	21	3,635	-	(214)	3,421
December 31, 2023					
Deposit liabilities	17	956,712	(8,153)	-	948,559
Bills payable	18	50,858	(42,360)	-	8,498
Other liabilities – Derivative financial liabilities	21	1,690	-	(243)	1,447
Parent Company					
	Notes	Gross amounts recognized in the statements of financial position	Related amounts not set off in the statements of financial position		Net amount
			Financial instruments	Collateral received	
		<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>			
December 31, 2024					
Deposit liabilities	17	1,022,737	(15,089)	-	1,007,648
Bills payable	18	80,928	(80,928)	-	-
Other liabilities – Derivative financial liabilities	21	3,635	-	(214)	3,421
December 31, 2023					
Deposit liabilities	17	957,369	(8,152)	-	949,217
Bills payable	18	43,957	(42,360)	-	1,597
Other liabilities – Derivative financial liabilities	21	1,690	-	(243)	1,447

For financial assets and financial liabilities subject to enforceable master netting agreements or similar arrangements above, each agreement between the Group and its counterparties allows for net settlement of the relevant financial assets and liabilities when both elect to settle on a net basis. In the absence of such an election, financial assets and liabilities will be settled on a gross basis. However, each party to the master netting agreement or similar agreement will have the option to settle all such amounts on a net basis in the event of default of the other party.

For purposes of presenting the above information, the related amounts not set off in the statements of financial position pertains to: (a) hold-out deposits and equity securities which serve as the Group's collateral enhancement for certain loans and receivables; (b) collateralized bills payable under sale and repurchase agreements; and, (c) margin deposits which serve as security for outstanding financial market transactions and other liabilities. The financial instruments that can be set off are only disclosed to the extent of the amounts of the Group's obligations to counterparties.

7. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENT AND DISCLOSURES

7.1 Fair Value Hierarchy

In accordance with PFRS 13, *Fair Value Measurement*, the fair value of financial assets and financial liabilities and non-financial assets which are measured at fair value on a recurring or non-recurring basis and those assets and liabilities not measured at fair value but for which fair value is disclosed in accordance with other relevant PFRS, are categorized into three levels based on the significance of inputs used to measure the fair value.

The fair value hierarchy has the following levels:

- Level 1: quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that an entity can access at the measurement date;
- Level 2: inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (i.e., as prices) or indirectly (i.e., derived from prices); and,
- Level 3: inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs).

The level within which the asset or liability is classified is determined based on the lowest level of significant input to the fair value measurement.

For purposes of determining the market value at Level 1, a market is regarded as active if quoted prices are readily and regularly available from an exchange, dealer, broker, industry group, pricing service, or regulatory agency, and those prices represent actual and regularly occurring market transactions on an arm's length basis.

For investments which do not have quoted market price, the fair value is determined by using generally acceptable pricing models and valuation techniques or by reference to the current market value of another instrument which is substantially the same after taking into account the related credit risk of counterparties, or is calculated based on the expected cash flows of the underlying net asset base of the instrument.

When the Group uses valuation technique, it maximizes the use of observable market data where it is available and rely as little as possible on entity specific estimates. However, areas such as credit risk (both own and counterparty), volatilities and correlations require management to make estimates. If all significant inputs required to determine the fair value of an instrument are observable, the instrument is included in Level 2. Otherwise, it is included in Level 3. Changes in assumptions could also affect the reported fair value of the financial instruments. The Group uses judgment to select a variety of valuation techniques and to make assumptions that are mainly based on market conditions existing at the end of each reporting period.

7.2 Financial Instruments Measured at Fair Value

The table below shows the fair value hierarchy of the Group's classes of financial assets and financial liabilities measured at fair value in the statements of financial position on a recurring basis as of December 31, 2024 and 2023.

	Group			Total
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>				
2024				
Financial assets at FVTPL:				
Government securities	4,952	2,305	-	7,257
Equity securities	778	-	-	778
Corporate debt securities	16	116	-	132
Derivative assets	13	2,054	-	2,067
	<u>5,759</u>	<u>4,475</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,234</u>
Financial assets at FVOCI:				
Equity securities	680	871	2,591	4,142
Government securities	66,830	73,567	-	140,397
Corporate debt securities	1,906	12,185	-	14,091
	<u>69,416</u>	<u>86,623</u>	<u>2,591</u>	<u>158,630</u>
Total Resources at Fair Value	<u>75,175</u>	<u>91,098</u>	<u>2,591</u>	<u>168,864</u>
Derivative liabilities	<u>-</u>	<u>3,635</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,635</u>
2023				
Financial assets at FVTPL:				
Government securities	5,066	4,581	-	9,647
Equity securities	783	-	-	783
Corporate debt securities	-	28	-	28
Derivative assets	10	1,310	-	1,320
	<u>5,859</u>	<u>5,919</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,778</u>
Financial assets at FVOCI:				
Equity securities	863	561	2,480	3,904
Government securities	28,605	36,826	-	65,431
Corporate debt securities	1,640	11,462	-	13,102
	<u>31,108</u>	<u>48,849</u>	<u>2,480</u>	<u>82,437</u>
Total Resources at Fair Value	<u>36,967</u>	<u>54,768</u>	<u>2,480</u>	<u>94,215</u>
Derivative liabilities	<u>-</u>	<u>1,690</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,690</u>

	Parent Company			Total
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>				
2024				
Financial assets at FVTPL:				
Government securities	4,947	2,305	-	7,252
Corporate debt securities	16	116	-	132
Equity securities	74	-	-	74
Derivative assets	13	2,054	-	2,067
	5,050	4,475	-	9,525
Financial assets at FVOCI:				
Equity securities	299	711	2,568	3,578
Government securities	66,830	73,567	-	140,397
Corporate debt securities	1,794	12,185	-	13,979
	68,923	86,463	2,568	157,954
Total Resources at Fair Value	73,973	90,938	2,568	167,479
Derivative liabilities	-	3,635	-	3,635
2023				
Financial assets at FVTPL:				
Government securities	5,469	4,146	-	9,615
Corporate debt securities	-	19	-	19
Derivative assets	10	1,310	-	1,320
	5,479	5,475	-	10,954
Financial assets at FVOCI:				
Equity securities	381	557	2,402	3,340
Government securities	28,605	36,826	-	65,431
Corporate debt securities	1,524	11,462	-	12,986
	30,510	48,845	2,402	81,757
Total Resources at Fair Value	35,554	54,775	2,402	92,711
Derivative liabilities	-	1,690	-	1,690

Described below and in the succeeding pages are the information about how the fair values of the Group's classes of financial assets and financial liabilities were determined.

(a) Government and Corporate Debt Securities

The fair value of the Group's government and corporate debt securities are categorized within Level 1 and Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy.

Fair values of peso-denominated government debt securities issued by the Philippine government, are determined based on the reference price per Bloomberg which used BVAL. These BVAL reference rates are computed based on the weighted price derived using an approach based on a combined sequence of proprietary BVAL algorithms of direct observations or observed comparables; hence, categorized as Level 1 or 2.

Fair values of actively traded corporate debt securities are determined based on their market prices quoted in the Philippine Dealing Holdings System or based on the direct reference price per Bloomberg or observed comparables at the end of each reporting period; hence, categorized within Level 1 or Level 2.

(b) *Equity Securities*

The fair values of certain equity securities classified as financial assets at FVTPL and at FVOCI as of December 31, 2024 and 2023 were valued based on their market prices quoted in the PSE at the end of each reporting period; hence, categorized within Level 1.

Level 2 category includes the Group's investments in proprietary club shares as their prices are not derived from a market considered as active due to lack of trading activities among market participants at the end of each reporting period.

For equity securities which are not traded in an active market and with fair value categorized within Level 3, their fair value is determined through valuation techniques such as net asset value method, or market-based approach (price-to-book value method) using current market values of comparable listed entities.

The price-to-book value method used to value a certain equity security of the Parent Company uses the price-to-book ratio of comparable listed entities as multiple in determining the fair value adjusted by a certain valuation discount. The price-to-book ratio used in the fair value measurement as of December 31, 2024 and 2023 ranges from 0.41:1 to 3.55:1 and from 0.25:1 to 3.72:1, respectively. Increase or decrease in the price-to-book ratio and net asset value would result in higher or lower fair values, all else equal.

For a certain preferred equity security, the Group has used the discounted cash flow applying a discount rate of 6.9% and 7.4%, which is based on the latest available weighted cost of capital of the investee company, in 2024 and 2023, respectively, to determine the present value of future cash flows from dividends or redemption expected to be received from the instrument.

A reconciliation of the carrying amounts of Level 3 FVOCI equity securities at the beginning and end of 2024 and 2023 is shown below.

	Group		Parent Company	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>				
Balance at beginning of year	2,480	2,112	2,402	2,088
Fair value gains - net	111	368	166	314
Balance at end of year	2,591	2,480	2,568	2,402

There were neither transfers between the levels of the fair value hierarchy nor gains or losses recognized in the statements of profit or loss for Level 3 financial assets in 2024 and 2023.

(c) *Derivative Assets and Liabilities*

The fair value of the Group's derivative assets categorized within Level 1 is determined be the current mid-price based on the last trading transaction as defined by third-party market makers.

On the other hand, the fair values of certain derivative financial assets and liabilities categorized within Level 2 were determined through valuation techniques using net present value computation which makes use of the streams of cash flows related to the derivative financial instruments such as interest rate swaps and currency swaps.

7.3 Financial Instruments Measured at Amortized Cost for Which Fair Value is Disclosed

The table below and in the succeeding page summarizes the fair value hierarchy of the Group and Parent Company's financial assets and financial liabilities which are not measured at fair value in the statements of financial position but for which fair value is disclosed.

	Group			Total
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>				
2024				
Financial Assets:				
Cash and other cash items	23,003	-	-	23,003
Due from BSP	115,230	-	-	115,230
Due from other banks	14,569	-	-	14,569
Interbank loans	32,567	-	-	32,567
Investment securities at amortized cost	43,938	191,491	838	236,267
Loans and receivables - net	-	-	732,498	732,498
Other resources - net	-	-	1,688	1,688
	<u>229,307</u>	<u>191,491</u>	<u>735,024</u>	<u>1,155,822</u>
Financial Liabilities:				
Deposit liabilities	-	-	1,020,115	1,020,115
Bills payable	-	-	86,616	86,616
Bonds payable	-	43,663	-	43,663
Accrued interest and other expense	-	-	10,366	10,366
Other liabilities	-	-	50,312	50,312
	<u>-</u>	<u>43,663</u>	<u>1,167,409</u>	<u>1,211,072</u>
2023				
Financial Assets:				
Cash and other cash items	19,875	-	-	19,875
Due from BSP	151,762	-	-	151,762
Due from other banks	14,892	-	-	14,892
Loans arising from reverse repurchase agreements	35,799	-	-	35,799
Interbank loans	27,780	-	-	27,780
Investment securities at amortized cost	104,163	109,015	530	213,708
Loans and receivables - net	-	-	640,850	640,850
Other resources - net	-	-	1,459	1,459
	<u>354,271</u>	<u>109,015</u>	<u>642</u>	<u>1,106,125</u>
Financial Liabilities:				
Deposit liabilities	-	-	929,590	929,590
Bills payable	-	-	50,858	50,858
Bonds payable	-	34,356	-	34,356
Accrued interest and other expense	-	-	10,745	10,745
Other liabilities	-	-	26,990	26,990
	<u>-</u>	<u>34,356</u>	<u>1,018,183</u>	<u>1,052,539</u>

	Parent Company			Total
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>				
2024				
<i>Financial Assets:</i>				
Cash and other				
cash items	22,907	-	-	22,907
Due from BSP	112,763	-	-	112,763
Due from other banks	14,433	-	-	14,433
Interbank loans	32,567	-	-	32,567
Investment securities at amortized cost	43,938	191,491	-	235,429
Loans and receivables - net	-	-	725,037	725,037
Other resources - net	-	-	1,669	1,669
	<u>226,608</u>	<u>191,491</u>	<u>726,706</u>	<u>1,144,805</u>
<i>Financial Liabilities:</i>				
Deposit liabilities	-	-	1,020,060	1,020,060
Bills payable	-	-	80,928	80,928
Bonds payable	-	43,663	-	43,663
Accrued interest and other expense	-	-	11,312	11,312
Other liabilities	-	-	49,437	49,437
	<u>-</u>	<u>43,663</u>	<u>1,161,737</u>	<u>1,205,400</u>
2023				
<i>Financial Assets:</i>				
Cash and other	19,812			19,812
cash items		-	-	
Due from BSP	150,771	-	-	150,771
Due from other banks	14,630	-	-	14,630
Loans arising from reverse repurchase agreements	34,948	-	-	34,948
Interbank loans	27,780	-	-	27,780
Investment securities at amortized cost	104,082	109,015	-	213,097
Loans and receivables - net	-	-	633,825	633,825
Other resources - net	-	-	1,457	1,457
	<u>352,023</u>	<u>109,015</u>	<u>635,282</u>	<u>1,096,320</u>
<i>Financial Liabilities:</i>				
Deposit liabilities	-	-	930,262	930,262
Bills payable	-	-	43,957	43,957
Bonds payable	-	-	34,356	34,356
Accrued interest and other expense	-	-	10,475	10,475
Other liabilities	-	-	26,218	26,218
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,045,268</u>	<u>1,045,268</u>

The following are the methods used to determine the fair value of financial assets and financial liabilities not presented in the statements of financial position at their fair values:

(a) *Due from BSP and Other Banks, and Loans and Receivables Arising from Reverse Repurchase Agreements*

Due from BSP pertains to deposits made to the BSP for clearing and reserve requirements, overnight and term deposit facilities, while loans and receivables arising from reverse repurchase agreements pertain to loans and receivables from BSP arising from overnight lending from excess liquidity. Due from other banks includes items in the course of collection. The fair value of floating rate placements and overnight deposits is their carrying amount. The estimated fair value of fixed interest-bearing deposits is based on the discounted cash flows using prevailing money market interest rates for debt with similar credit risk and remaining maturity, which for short-term deposits approximate the nominal value.

(b) Investment Securities at Amortized Cost

The fair value of investment securities at amortized cost consisting of government securities and corporate debt securities is determined based on reference prices appearing in Bloomberg. The fair value of these securities are categorized within Level 1 and Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy using BVAL reference rates, which are derived using an approach based on a combined sequence of algorithms of direct observations and/or observed comparables, hence, categorized as Level 1 or 2.

(c) Deposits Liabilities and Borrowings

The estimated fair value of demand deposits with no stated maturity, which includes non-interest-bearing deposits, is the amount repayable on demand. The estimated fair value of long-term fixed interest-bearing deposits and other borrowings without quoted market price is based on discounted cash flows using interest rates for new debts with similar remaining maturity. The Level 2 fair value of bonds payable and subordinated debt is determined based on the average of ask and bid prices as appearing on Bloomberg. For bills payable categorized within Level 3, fair value is determined based on their discounted amount of estimated future cash flows expected to be received or paid, or based on their cost which management estimates to approximate their fair values.

(d) Other Resources and Other Liabilities

Due to their short duration, the carrying amounts of other resources and liabilities in the statements of financial position are considered to be reasonable approximation of their fair values.

7.4 Fair Value Disclosures for Investment Properties Carried at Cost

The fair values of the Group and Parent Company's investment properties were determined based on the following approaches:

(a) Fair Value Measurement for Land

The fair value of the Group's and the Parent Company's land are categorized within Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy, as the observable and recent prices of the reference properties are adjusted for differences in key attributes such as property size, location and zoning, and accessibility, or any physical or legal restrictions on the use of the property. The most significant input into this valuation approach is the price per square feet, hence, the higher the price per square feet, the higher the fair value.

The fair value of the Group's and the Parent Company's land amounted to nil and P31 as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

(b) *Fair Value Measurement for Buildings and Improvements*

The Level 3 fair value of the buildings was determined using the cost approach that reflects the cost to a market participant to construct an asset of comparable usage, construction standards, design and layout, adjusted for obsolescence. The more significant inputs used in the valuation include direct and indirect costs of construction such as but not limited to, labor and contractor's profit, materials and equipment, surveying and permit costs, electricity and utility costs, architectural and engineering fees, insurance and legal fees. These inputs were derived from various suppliers and contractor's quotes, price catalogues, and construction price indices. Under this approach, higher estimated costs used in the valuation will result in higher fair value of the properties.

The fair value of building improvements of the Group and Parent Company amounted to P1,833 and P1,475 as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively

There has been no change in the valuation techniques for investment properties in both years.

8. SEGMENT INFORMATION

8.1 *Business Segments*

The Group's operating businesses are managed separately according to the nature of services provided (primary segments) and the different geographical markets served (secondary segments) with a segment representing a strategic business unit. The Group's business segments follow:

- (a) *Retail* – principally handles the BCs offering a wide range of consumer banking products and services. Products offered include individual customer's deposits, credit cards, home and mortgage loans, auto, personal and microfinance loans, overdraft facilities, payment remittances and foreign exchange transactions. It also upsells bank products [unit investment trust funds (UITFs), etc.] and cross-sells bancassurance products. The segment includes the net assets of the servicing entity, RBSC, and portfolios of Rizal Microbank.
- (b) *Corporate* – principally handles distinct customer segments: (i) conglomerates; (ii) large corporations; (iii) emerging corporates, which focus on large middle accounts often referred to as the "Next 500 Corporations"; (iv) Japanese multinationals with a strong presence in the country; (v) Filipino-Chinese businesses; and, (vi) Korean businesses. This segment includes the portfolio of RCBC LFC.
- (c) *Small and Medium Enterprises (SME)* – principally handles the financial needs of the country's small businesses or the SMEs and the Commercial Middle Market segments. The SME Banking Group provides a holistic approach serving both the financial (e.g., loans, deposits, investments, insurance, etc.) and non-financial needs (e.g., networking, financial literacy trainings, etc.) of client to help them grow their business. Clients are the entrepreneurs located in different parts of the country and spread in various industry sectors such as manufacturing, wholesale and retail trade, construction, hotels, agriculture, and healthcare, among others.
- (d) *Treasury* – principally provides money market, trading and treasury services, as well as the management of the Group's funding operations by use of treasury bills, government securities and placements and acceptances with other banks, through treasury and wholesale banking.

(e) *Others* – consists of other subsidiaries except for RBSC and Rizal Microbank, which is presented as part of Retail, and RCBC LFC which is presented under Corporate.

These segments are the basis on which the Group reports its primary segment information. Other operations of the Group comprise the operations and financial control groups. Transactions between segments are conducted at estimated market rates on an arm's length basis.

Segment revenues and expenses that are directly attributable to primary business segment and the relevant portions of the Group's revenues and expenses that can be allocated to that business segment are accordingly reflected as revenues and expenses of that business segment.

For secondary segments, revenues and expenses are attributed to geographic areas based on the location of the resources producing the revenues, and in which location the expenses are incurred.

There were no changes in the Group's operating segments in 2024 and 2023.

8.2 Analysis of Primary Segment Information

Primary segment information (by business segment) on a consolidated basis as of and for the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023 and 2022 follow:

<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>	<u>Retail</u>	<u>Corporate</u>	<u>SME</u>	<u>Treasury</u>	<u>Others</u>	<u>Total</u>
2024:						
Revenues						
From external customers						
Interest income	70,451	50,916	17,382	21,441	151	160,341
Interest expense	<u>(39,990)</u>	<u>(30,341)</u>	<u>(11,221)</u>	<u>(17,366)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	<u>(98,919)</u>
Net interest income	30,461	20,575	6,161	4,075	150	61,422
Non-interest income	<u>12,003</u>	<u>6,712</u>	<u>322</u>	<u>3,339</u>	<u>529</u>	<u>22,905</u>
	<u>42,464</u>	<u>27,287</u>	<u>6,483</u>	<u>7,414</u>	<u>679</u>	<u>84,327</u>
Intersegment revenues						
Interest income	-	6	4,959	-	26	4,991
Non-interest income	<u>909</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>909</u>
	<u>909</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>4,959</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>5,900</u>
Total Revenues	<u>43,373</u>	<u>27,293</u>	<u>11,442</u>	<u>7,414</u>	<u>705</u>	<u>90,227</u>
Expenses						
Operating expenses excluding impairment, depreciation and amortization	20,636	4,852	1,489	1,275	260	28,512
Impairment losses – net	7,438	464	588	-	1	8,491
Depreciation and amortization	<u>1,585</u>	<u>768</u>	<u>61</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>2,462</u>
	<u>29,659</u>	<u>6,084</u>	<u>2,138</u>	<u>1,300</u>	<u>284</u>	<u>39,465</u>
Segment operating income	<u>13,714</u>	<u>21,209</u>	<u>9,304</u>	<u>6,114</u>	<u>421</u>	<u>50,762</u>
Total resources	<u>944,543</u>	<u>299,507</u>	<u>116,725</u>	<u>466,451</u>	<u>4,119</u>	<u>1,831,345</u>
Total liabilities	<u>656,791</u>	<u>353,080</u>	<u>147,739</u>	<u>39,645</u>	<u>675</u>	<u>1,197,930</u>

	Retail	Corporate	SME	Treasury	Others	Total
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>						
2023:						
Revenues						
From external customers						
Interest income	61,183	47,375	10,457	20,894	138	140,047
Interest expense	(35,960)	(25,639)	(9,867)	(16,450)	(9)	(87,925)
Net interest income	25,223	21,736	590	4,444	129	52,122
Non-interest income	9,859	5,647	284	933	1,092	17,815
	<u>35,082</u>	<u>27,383</u>	<u>874</u>	<u>5,377</u>	<u>1,221</u>	<u>69,937</u>
Intersegment revenues						
Interest income	-	4	4,386	-	28	4,418
Non-interest income	742	-	-	-	-	742
	<u>742</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4,386</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>5,160</u>
Total Revenues	<u>35,824</u>	<u>27,387</u>	<u>5,260</u>	<u>5,377</u>	<u>1,249</u>	<u>75,097</u>
Expenses						
Operating expenses excluding impairment, depreciation and amortization	18,000	4,167	1,362	1,493	300	25,322
Impairment losses – net	5,015	1,022	692	11	(1)	6,739
Depreciation and amortization	1,685	800	76	23	24	2,608
	<u>24,700</u>	<u>5,989</u>	<u>2,130</u>	<u>1,527</u>	<u>323</u>	<u>34,669</u>
Segment operating income	<u>11,124</u>	<u>21,398</u>	<u>3,130</u>	<u>3,850</u>	<u>926</u>	<u>40,428</u>
Total resources	<u>767,612</u>	<u>315,840</u>	<u>104,513</u>	<u>468,411</u>	<u>3,973</u>	<u>1,660,349</u>
Total liabilities	<u>701,541</u>	<u>500,825</u>	<u>128,867</u>	<u>90,495</u>	<u>558</u>	<u>1,422,286</u>
2022						
Revenues						
From external customers						
Interest income	33,539	27,865	6,325	12,615	100	80,444
Interest expense	(14,272)	(14,491)	(4,258)	(7,674)	(7)	(40,702)
Net interest income	19,267	13,374	2,067	4,941	93	39,742
Non-interest income	8,152	6,671	240	673	1,075	16,811
	<u>27,419</u>	<u>20,045</u>	<u>2,307</u>	<u>5,614</u>	<u>1,168</u>	<u>56,553</u>
Intersegment revenues						
Interest income	-	5	2,372	-	13	2,390
Non-interest income	650	-	-	-	-	650
	<u>650</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>2,372</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>3,040</u>
Total Revenues	<u>28,069</u>	<u>20,050</u>	<u>4,679</u>	<u>5,614</u>	<u>1,181</u>	<u>59,593</u>
Expenses						
Operating expenses excluding impairment, depreciation and amortization	15,436	2,763	1,507	1,053	59	20,818
Impairment losses – net	3,529	1,544	400	19	214	5,706
Depreciation and amortization	1,239	880	27	23	23	2,192
	<u>20,204</u>	<u>5,187</u>	<u>1,934</u>	<u>1,095</u>	<u>296</u>	<u>28,716</u>
Segment operating income	<u>7,865</u>	<u>14,863</u>	<u>2,745</u>	<u>4,519</u>	<u>885</u>	<u>30,877</u>
Total resources	<u>649,238</u>	<u>307,379</u>	<u>88,807</u>	<u>357,684</u>	<u>4,224</u>	<u>1,407,332</u>
Total liabilities	<u>570,994</u>	<u>417,070</u>	<u>107,165</u>	<u>43,284</u>	<u>571</u>	<u>1,139,084</u>

8.3 Reconciliation

Presented below is a reconciliation of the Group's segment information to the key financial information presented in its consolidated financial statements.

<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Revenues			
Total segment revenues	90,227	75,097	59,593
Elimination of intersegment	<u>(36,819)</u>	<u>(25,100)</u>	<u>(15,139)</u>
Net revenues as reported in profit or loss	<u>53,408</u>	<u>49,997</u>	<u>44,454</u>
Profit or loss			
Total segment operating income	50,762	40,428	30,877
Elimination of intersegment	<u>(41,242)</u>	<u>(28,211)</u>	<u>(18,797)</u>
Group net profit as reported in profit or loss	<u>9,520</u>	<u>12,217</u>	<u>12,080</u>
Resources			
Total segment resources	1,831,345	1,660,349	1,407,332
Unallocated resources (elimination of intersegment liabilities)	<u>(471,192)</u>	<u>(422,017)</u>	<u>(253,224)</u>
Total resources	<u>1,360,153</u>	<u>1,238,332</u>	<u>1,154,108</u>
Liabilities			
Total segment liabilities	1,197,930	1,422,286	1,139,084
Unallocated liabilities (elimination of intersegment liabilities)	<u>3,732</u>	<u>(336,229)</u>	<u>(101,337)</u>
Total liabilities	<u>1,201,662</u>	<u>1,086,057</u>	<u>1,037,747</u>

8.4 Analysis of Secondary Segment Information

Secondary information (by geographical locations) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023 and 2022 follow:

<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>	<u>Philippines</u>	<u>Asia</u>	<u>Total</u>
2024			
Statement of profit or loss			
Total income	89,978	12	89,990
Total expense	<u>80,447</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>80,470</u>
Net profit (loss)	<u>9,531</u>	<u>(11)</u>	<u>9,520</u>
Statement of financial position			
Total resources	<u>1,360,057</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>1,360,153</u>
Total liabilities	<u>1,201,659</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1,201,662</u>
Other segment information			
Depreciation and amortization	<u>3,379</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,379</u>

<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>	Philippines	Asia and Europe	Total
2023			
Statement of profit or loss			
Total income	82,643	14	82,657
Total expense	70,418	22	70,440
Net profit (loss)	12,225	(8)	12,217
Statement of financial position			
Total resources	1,238,229	103	1,238,332
Total liabilities	1,086,053	4	1,086,057
Other segment information			
Depreciation and amortization	3,365	-	3,365
2022			
Statement of profit or loss			
Total income	59,057	16	59,073
Total expense	46,971	22	46,993
Net profit (loss)	12,086	(6)	12,080
Statement of financial position			
Total resources	1,153,994	114	1,154,108
Total Liabilities	1,037,741	6	1,037,747
Other segment information			
Depreciation and amortization	3,037	-	3,037

9. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

The components of Cash and Cash Equivalents follow:

<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>	Group		Parent Company	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
Cash and other cash items	23,003	19,875	22,907	19,812
Due from BSP	115,230	151,762	112,763	150,771
Due from other banks	14,569	14,892	14,433	14,630
Loans arising from reverse repurchase agreements	-	35,799	-	34,948
Interbank loans receivables (see Note 11)	32,567	27,780	32,567	27,780
	185,369	250,108	182,670	247,941

Cash consists primarily of funds in the form of Philippine currency notes and coins, and includes foreign currencies acceptable to form part of the international reserves in the Group's vault and those in the possession of tellers, including ATMs. Other cash items include cash items other than currency and coins on hand, such as checks drawn on other banks or other branches after the clearing cut-off time until the close of the regular banking hours.

Due from BSP represents the aggregate balance of deposit accounts maintained with the BSP primarily to meet reserve requirements (see Note 17), to serve as clearing account for interbank claims and to comply with existing trust regulations.

Loans arising from repurchase agreements, which normally mature within 30 days, represent overnight placements with private entities where the underlying securities cannot be sold or replighted to parties other than the contracting party.

Due from BSP includes:

	Group		Parent Company	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>				
Demand deposit and secured settlement accounts	57,303	83,701	54,963	82,771
Term deposit	32,000	68,000	32,000	68,000
Overnight deposit	25,927	61	25,800	-
	<u>115,230</u>	<u>151,762</u>	<u>112,763</u>	<u>150,771</u>

The balance of Due from other banks account represents regular deposits with the following:

	Group		Parent Company	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>				
Foreign banks	13,575	13,626	13,502	13,593
Local banks	994	1,266	931	1,037
	<u>14,569</u>	<u>14,892</u>	<u>14,433</u>	<u>14,630</u>

Interest on placements with BSP and other banks, which is presented as Interest Income on Due from BSP and other banks in the statements of profit or loss, consist of:

	Group		
	2024	2023	2022
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>			
BSP	1,622	3,256	1,037
Other banks	445	387	73
	<u>2,067</u>	<u>3,643</u>	<u>1,110</u>
	Parent Company		
	2024	2023	2022
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>			
BSP	1,617	3,248	1,033
Other banks	364	296	44
	<u>1,981</u>	<u>3,544</u>	<u>1,077</u>

The Group's deposits in other banks and in BSP other than mandatory reserves earn annual interest of 0.46% to 6.89% and 0.46% to 6.71% in 2024, 0.00% to 6.68% and 0.00% to 6.30% in 2023, 0.00% to 1.60% and 1.50% to 4.80% in 2022, respectively.

10. TRADING AND INVESTMENT SECURITIES

This account is comprised of:

	Group		Parent Company	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>				
Financial assets at FVTPL	10,234	11,778	9,525	10,954
Financial assets at FVOCI	158,630	82,437	157,954	81,757
Investment securities at amortized cost	260,222	236,527	259,387	235,732
	<u>429,086</u>	<u>330,742</u>	<u>426,866</u>	<u>328,443</u>

10.1 Financial Assets at Fair Value Through Profit or Loss

Financial assets at FVTPL is composed of the following:

	Group		Parent Company	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>				
Government securities	7,257	9,647	7,252	9,615
Derivative financial assets	2,067	1,320	2,067	1,320
Equity securities	778	783	74	-
Corporate debt securities	132	28	132	19
	<u>10,234</u>	<u>11,778</u>	<u>9,525</u>	<u>10,954</u>

The carrying amounts of financial assets at FVTPL are classified as follows:

	Group		Parent Company	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>				
Held-for-trading	7,389	10,458	7,384	9,634
Derivative financial assets	2,067	1,320	2,067	1,320
Designated as FVTPL	778	-	74	-
	<u>10,234</u>	<u>11,778</u>	<u>9,525</u>	<u>10,954</u>

Equity securities are composed of listed shares of stock traded at the PSE. Dividend income earned on these equity securities amounted to P3 in 2024, P19 in 2023, and P18 in 2022 for the Group which are included as part of Miscellaneous income under the Other Operating Income account in the statements of profit or loss (see Note 24.1). There were no similar transactions for the Parent Company.

Treasury bills and other debt securities issued by the government and other private corporations earn annual interest as follows:

	2024	2023	2022
Peso denominated	0.00% - 9.13%	0.00% - 12.38%	1.41% - 12.38%
Foreign currency denominated	0.00% - 10.63%	0.00% - 9.63%	0.28% - 9.63%

Derivative instruments used by the Group include foreign currency short-term forwards, cross-currency swaps, debt warrants and options. The Group enters into derivative contracts mainly to cover hedging of currency risk, liquidity management and funding, and arbitrage and market positioning strategies. These instruments offer opportunities for market participants to manage interest rates or currency pricing between markets thereby optimizing the Bank's funding costs and enhancing returns. Foreign currency forwards represent commitments to purchase/sell on a future date at a specific exchange rate. Foreign currency short-term swaps are simultaneous foreign currency spot and forward deals with tenor of one year.

Debt warrants attached to the bonds and other debt securities allows the Group to purchase additional debt securities from the same contracting issuer at the same price and yield as the initial purchased security. Option is a derivative financial instrument that specifies a contract between two parties for a future transaction on an asset at a reference price.

The aggregate contractual or notional amount of derivative financial instruments and the aggregative fair values of derivative financial assets and financial liabilities as of December 31 both in the Group and Parent Company's financial statements are shown below.

	Notional Amount	Fair Values	
		Assets	Liabilities
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>			
2024			
Currency swaps and forwards	284,673	2,017	3,187
Interest rate swaps and futures	15,862	25	210
Debt warrants	6,084	11	-
Options	3,425	14	28
Credit default swap	1,967	-	210
	<u>312,011</u>	<u>2,067</u>	<u>3,635</u>
2023			
Currency swaps and forwards	213,972	1,217	1,447
Debt warrants	5,824	10	-
Interest rate swaps and futures	5,199	79	59
Credit default swap	1,827	-	184
Options	560	14	-
	<u>227,382</u>	<u>1,320</u>	<u>1,690</u>

Derivative liabilities are shown as Derivative financial liabilities as part of Other Liabilities account in the statements of financial position (see Note 21). The significant portion of such derivative liabilities have maturity periods of less than a year.

Other information about the fair value measurement of the Group and Parent Company's financial assets at FVTPL are presented in Note 7.2.

10.2 Financial Assets at Fair Value Through Other Comprehensive Income

Financial assets at FVOCI as of December 31 consist of:

	Group		Parent Company	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>				
Government debt securities	140,397	65,431	140,397	65,431
Corporate debt securities	14,091	13,102	13,979	12,986
Unquoted equity securities	2,591	2,421	2,568	2,402
Quoted equity securities	1,551	1,483	1,010	938
	158,630	82,437	157,954	81,757

The reconciliation of the carrying amounts of these financial assets are as follows:

	Group		Parent Company	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>				
Balance at the beginning of year	82,437	114,946	81,757	114,265
Additions	391,742	442,380	391,718	442,360
Disposals	(315,409)	(476,584)	(315,386)	(476,576)
Fair value gains (losses) - net	(140)	1,695	(135)	1,708
Balance at end of year	158,630	82,437	157,954	81,757

Unquoted equity securities include investments in non-marketable equity securities of private companies. The fair value of the Group's unquoted equity securities as of December 31, 2024 and 2023 is determined using the net asset value method, or a market-based approach (price-to-book value method); hence, categorized under Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy (see Note 7.2).

In 2024, 2023 and 2022, dividends recognized on equity securities amounting to P319, P299 and P293 by the Group and, P273, P252 and P227 by the Parent Company, respectively, which are included as part of Miscellaneous income under the Other Operating Income account in the statements of profit or loss (see Note 24.1).

10.3 Investment Securities at Amortized Cost

Investment securities at amortized cost as of December 31 consist of:

	Group		Parent Company	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>				
Government securities	230,302	208,161	229,377	207,276
Corporate debt securities	30,042	28,527	30,042	28,527
	260,344	236,688	259,419	235,803
Allowance for impairment	(122)	(161)	(32)	(71)
	260,222	236,527	259,387	235,732

Interest rates per annum on government securities and corporate debt securities range from the following:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Peso denominated securities	2.63% - 8.13%	2.63% - 8.75%	2.90% - 6.87%
Foreign currency-denominated	0.70% - 10.63%	0.28% - 10.63%	0.28% - 7.65%

There is no disposal of HTC investment in 2024 and 2023. The decrease in the HTC portfolio is attributable to maturities in both years.

Certain government securities are deposited with the BSP as security for the Group's faithful compliance with its fiduciary obligations in connection with its trust operations (see Note 26).

As of December 31, 2024 and 2023, certain investment securities of both the Group and Parent Company were pledged as collateral for bills payable under repurchase agreements (see Note 18).

10.4 Interest Income from Trading and Investment Securities

Interest income from trading and investment securities recognized by the Group and Parent Company in 2024, 2023 and 2022 are shown below.

	Group		
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>			
Financial assets at FVTPL	396	227	150
Debt securities at FVOCI	5,603	4,375	2,094
Investment securities at amortized cost	9,966	8,637	7,511
	<u>15,965</u>	<u>13,239</u>	<u>9,755</u>
	Parent Company		
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>			
Financial assets at FVTPL	396	227	150
Debt securities at FVOCI	5,596	4,369	2,074
Investment securities at amortized cost	9,912	8,575	7,459
	<u>15,904</u>	<u>13,171</u>	<u>9,683</u>

10.5 Trading and Securities Gains (Losses)

The Group and the Parent Company recognized trading and securities gains (losses) in its trading or disposals of investment securities, including their fair value changes, in 2024, 2023, and 2022 are as follows:

	Group		
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>			
Profit or loss:			
Financial assets at FVTPL	179	306	(42)
Debt securities at FVOCI	1,316	138	5
	<u>1,495</u>	<u>444</u>	<u>(37)</u>

	Group		
	2024	2023	2022
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>			
Other comprehensive income (loss):			
Equity securities at FVOCI	232	263	191
Debt securities at FVOCI	<u>(372)</u>	<u>1,432</u>	<u>(5,446)</u>
	<u>(140)</u>	<u>1,695</u>	<u>(5,255)</u>
	Parent Company		
	2024	2023	2022
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>			
Profit or loss:			
Financial assets at FVTPL	217	306	34
Debt securities at FVOCI	<u>1,316</u>	<u>123</u>	<u>(12)</u>
	<u>1,533</u>	<u>429</u>	<u>22</u>
Other comprehensive income (loss):			
Equity securities at FVOCI	238	276	272
Debt securities at FVOCI	<u>(373)</u>	<u>1,432</u>	<u>(5,446)</u>
	<u>(135)</u>	<u>1,708</u>	<u>(5,174)</u>

10.6 Hedging Transactions

On January 17, 2024, the Group entered into interest rate swap agreements, with a notional amount of USD200 million to hedge its exposure to changes in fair value arising from changes in benchmark interest rate on bonds payable due to mature on January 18, 2029 (see Note 19). Under this agreement, the Group, on a semi-annual basis, receive floating interest based on the USD notional amount and will pay 5.50% fixed interest based on the same USD notional amount every interest payment date.

There is an economic relationship between the hedged item and the hedging instrument as the terms of the fixed rate bonds match the terms of the interest rate swaps. The Group has established a hedge ratio of 100.12% for the hedging relationships as the underlying risk of the interest rate swaps is identical to the hedged risk component.

The identified source of ineffectiveness is credit valuation adjustment (CVA) and debit valuation adjustment (DVA) which is the incorporation of counterparty credit risk and own credit risk in measuring the fair value of the interest rate swap contract as required by PFRS 13. Hedge ineffectiveness arises because the change in credit risk affecting the fair value of the interest rate swap contract would not be replicated in the hedged item. Moreover, any subsequent changes in the contractual terms of the hedged item or hedging instrument may create potential source of ineffectiveness.

Since there is a source of ineffectiveness in the hedge due to mismatch, the Group uses the hypothetical derivative method to test the hedge effectiveness and compares the changes in the fair value of the hedging instrument against the changes in fair value of the hedged item attributable to the hedged risk.

The table below summarizes the derivatives designated as hedging instruments in qualifying fair value hedge relationships as at December 31, 2024.

	Nominal amount of the hedging instrument (in millions)	Carrying amount of the hedging instrument		Changes in fair value used for calculating hedge ineffectiveness
		Assets	Liabilities	
Fair value hedges				
Interest rate risk				
Interest rate swaps (5-year term)	\$200	-	\$204	-

The hedged items are presented under Bonds Payable in the Group's and Parent Company's statement of financial position as at December 31, 2024. The amounts relating to items designated as hedged items in fair value hedge relationships to manage the Group's exposure to interest rate as at December 31, 2024 are as follows:

	Carrying amount of the hedged item (in millions)		Accumulated amount of fair value hedge adjustments on the hedged item included in the carrying amount of the hedged item		Changes in fair value used for calculating hedge ineffectiveness
	Assets	Liabilities	Assets	Liabilities	
	Fair value hedges				
Interest rate risk					
Bonds payable	\$200	-	\$204	-	-

11. LOANS AND RECEIVABLES

This account consists of the following:

	Group		Parent Company	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>				
Receivables from customers:				
Loans and discounts	578,646	525,041	574,814	520,581
Credit card receivables	110,453	74,667	110,453	74,667
Customers' liabilities on acceptances, import bills and trust receipts	16,535	16,345	16,535	16,345
Bills purchased	2,786	3,894	2,786	3,894
Lease contract receivables	2,700	2,710	-	-
Receivables financed	98	91	-	-
	<u>711,218</u>	<u>622,748</u>	<u>704,588</u>	<u>615,487</u>
Unearned discount	<u>(584)</u>	<u>(826)</u>	<u>(177)</u>	<u>(247)</u>
<i>Balance forwarded</i>	<u>710,634</u>	<u>621,922</u>	<u>704,411</u>	<u>615,240</u>

	Group		Parent Company	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>				
<i>Balance carried forward</i>	710,634	621,922	704,411	615,240
Other receivables:				
Interbank loans receivables (see Note 9)	32,567	27,780	32,567	27,780
Accrued interest receivables	10,258	9,519	10,044	9,306
Accounts receivables [see Note 27.7(b)]	6,627	5,425	5,742	4,748
Sales contract receivables	2,541	2,678	2,497	2,628
	51,993	45,402	50,850	44,462
	762,627	667,324	755,261	659,702
Allowance for impairment (see Notes 4.4.8 and 16)	(20,130)	(17,395)	(18,730)	(16,021)
	742,497	649,929	736,531	643,681

Receivables from customers' portfolio earn average annual interest or range of interest as follows:

	2024	2023	2022
Loans and discounts:			
Philippine peso	9.60%	8.35%	6.12%
Foreign currencies	6.23%	6.25%	4.92%
Credit card receivables	17.86% - 19.89%	16.10%-21.15%	16.21%-18.12%
Lease contract receivables	9.00%-26.00%	8.00%-26.00%	7.25%-26.00%
Receivables financed	10.00%-24.00%	11.00%-16.00%	10.00% - 22.00%

Effective November 3, 2020, interest rates and cash advance fees charged by the Parent Company to its credit card holders were updated to comply with BSP Circular No. 1098, *Ceiling on Interest of Finance Charges of Credit Card Receivables*. Interest or finance charges on all credit card transactions are not to exceed an annual interest rate of 24%, except credit card installment loans which shall be subject to monthly add-on rate not exceeding 1%. In addition, the maximum amount that can be charged for Cash Advances is capped at P200 (absolute amount) per transaction. In January 2023, the BSP issued Circular No. 1165, *Amendments to the Ceiling on Interest or Finance Charges for Credit Card Receivables*, amending the cap on interest rate for credit cards back to an annual interest rate of 36%. The Parent Company updated its interest rates and cash advance fees accordingly.

In 2022, the Parent Company wrote off a 10-year UDSCCL amounting to P989 bearing 6.44% interest per annum pertaining to an agreement entered into in June 2017 with a third party for the sale of various foreclosed real properties. Write-off amounting to P108 is included as part of Impairment losses in 2022 statement of profit or loss.

Also included in the Parent Company's accounts receivables is the amount due from RCBC JPL which was acquired from Rizal Microbank in 2015 amounting to P222. As of December 31, 2024 and 2023, the outstanding balance amounted to P86 and P92, respectively. The receivable amount is unsecured, noninterest-bearing and payable in cash on demand (see Note 27.2). The receivable has been appropriately provided with allowance for ECL.

Interest income earned by the Bank from its loans and other receivables is broken down as follows:

	Group		
	2024	2023	2022
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>			
Loans and discounts	41,043	35,088	27,068
Credit card receivables	16,140	11,072	6,289
Finance lease receivables [see Note 28.2 (a)]	226	323	202
Others	3,642	2,924	1,411
	61,051	49,407	34,970
	Parent Company		
	2024	2023	2022
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>			
Loans and discounts	40,714	34,861	26,889
Credit card receivables	16,140	11,072	6,289
Others	3,416	2,636	1,189
	60,270	48,569	34,367

The breakdown of the receivables from customers' portfolio as to secured and unsecured follows:

	Group		Parent Company	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>				
Secured:				
Real estate mortgage	203,996	184,910	203,103	183,828
Chattel mortgage	63,435	51,280	61,266	49,214
Hold-out deposits	15,089	8,153	15,089	8,152
Other securities	11,553	11,119	8,908	8,034
	294,073	255,462	288,366	249,228
Unsecured	416,561	366,460	416,045	366,012
	710,634	621,922	704,411	615,240

A reconciliation of the allowance for impairment on loans and receivables at the beginning and end of 2024 and 2023 is shown below (see Note 16).

	Group		Parent Company	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>				
Balance at beginning of year	17,395	16,030	16,021	15,088
Impairment losses during the year	8,281	6,574	8,231	5,759
Accounts written off and others	(5,546)	(5,209)	(5,522)	(4,826)
Balance at end of year	20,130	17,395	18,730	16,021

12. INVESTMENTS IN SUBSIDIARIES AND ASSOCIATES

The components of the carrying values of investments in and advances to subsidiaries and associates are as follows (refer to Note 1.2 for the effective percentage of ownership, line of business, and country of incorporation of subsidiaries and associates):

	Note	Group and Parent Company	
		2024	2023
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>			
Acquisition costs of associates:			
HCPI		91	91
LIPC		57	57
RTC	1.1	40	40
YCS		4	4
		<u>192</u>	<u>192</u>
Accumulated equity in changes in net assets:			
Balance at beginning of year		317	227
Share in net earnings for the year		85	92
Share in actuarial gains on defined benefit plan		7	16
Others		(1)	(18)
Balance at end of year		<u>408</u>	<u>317</u>
Investments in associates		<u>600</u>	<u>509</u>
		Parent Company	
		2024	2023
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>			
Acquisition costs of subsidiaries:			
RCBC Capital		2,231	2,231
RCBC LFC		1,987	1,987
Rizal Microbank		1,253	1,253
RCBC JPL		403	403
RCBC Forex		150	150
RCBC IFL		58	58
RCBC Telemoney		-	72
Total acquisition costs		<u>6,082</u>	<u>6,154</u>
Accumulated equity in changes in net assets:			
Balance at beginning of year		(262)	(158)
Share in net earnings (losses) for the year		406	(249)
Cash dividends		(167)	(92)
Share in actuarial gains (losses) on defined benefit plan		6	(42)
Share in fair value loss on financial assets at FVOCI		(4)	(13)
Disposal of subsidiaries		-	285
Others		59	7
Balance at end of year		<u>38</u>	<u>(262)</u>
Investments in subsidiaries		<u>6,120</u>	<u>5,892</u>

	Parent Company	
	2024	2023
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>		
Investments in subsidiaries	6,120	5,892
Investments in associates	600	509
	6,720	6,401

On March 27, 2023, the Bank's BOD approved the proposed sale and transfer to FLI of its ownership interest in NPFI and Cajel, subject to completion of FLI's due diligence and compliance with conditions to be agreed by the parties. NPFI and Cajel, as owners of certain parcels of land located in Bacoor, Cavite have joint development agreements with FLI, wherein FLI undertook to develop the land properties into an exclusive residential subdivision, now known as Princeton Heights.

On July 14, 2023, the Bank and FLI executed a Deed of Absolute Sale for the sale and transfer of the Bank's 100% ownership in NPFI and Cajel to FLI. The total consideration for the shares amounted to P544 for NPFI and P89 for Cajel. The sale resulted in a gain amounting to P243 presented as Gain on disposal of subsidiaries under Other Operating Income in the 2023 statement of profit or loss.

At the end of each reporting period, the Group has no material interest in unconsolidated structured entities.

Also, the Parent Company and its subsidiaries did not enter in any contractual arrangements to provide financial support to any entities under the Group.

The Parent Company earned dividends from its subsidiaries amounting to P167 and P92 in 2024 and 2023, respectively. No dividends were earned from associates for 2024 and 2023. Dividends receivable as of December 31, 2024 and 2023 amounted to P160 and nil, respectively.

12.1 Information About Investments in Associates

The Parent Company, under a shareholder's agreement, agreed with another stockholder of HCPI to commit and undertake to vote, as a unit, the shares of stock thereof, which they proportionately own and hold, and to regulate the conduct of the voting and the relationship between them with respect to their exercise of their voting rights. As a result of this agreement, the Parent Company is able to exercise significant influence over the operating and financial policies of HCPI. Thus, HCPI has been considered by the Parent Company as an associate despite holding only 12.88% ownership interest.

The investments in LIPC, RTC and YCS have an aggregate carrying value of P92 and P51 as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively, which are insignificant to the Group.

The table below presents the summary of the unaudited financial information of HCPI as of and for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023. HCPI uses a fiscal year ending March 31 as its reporting period.

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>		
Financial position:		
Current assets	5,941	10,066
Noncurrent assets	1,067	788
Current liabilities	2,604	6,822
Noncurrent liabilities	267	384
Financial performance:		
Revenues	18,731	19,920
Gross income	1,620	1,913
Operating income	639	835
Net income	467	690
Other comprehensive loss	-	-
Total comprehensive income	467	690
Cash flows:		
Net cash from (used in):		
Operating activities	(3,677)*	207*
Investing activities	(13)*	150*
Financing activities	3,219*	(85)*
Effect of exchange rate	24*	(37)*
Cash at the beginning	1,009*	774*
Cash at the end	562*	1,009*

*Based on the audited financial statements of HCPI for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2024

The table presented below summarizes the reconciliation of equity interest to HCPI as of December 31, 2024 and 2023.

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>		
Net asset of HCPI	4,137	3,648
Proportion of interest	12.88%	12.88%
	<u>533</u>	<u>470</u>
Nominal goodwill in equity ownership	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>
Carrying amount of investment	<u><u>535</u></u>	<u><u>472</u></u>

13. BANK PREMISES, FURNITURE, FIXTURES AND EQUIPMENT

The gross carrying amounts and accumulated depreciation and amortization of bank premises, furniture, fixtures and equipment at the beginning and end of 2024 and 2023 are shown below.

	Group					Total
	Land	Buildings	Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment	Leasehold Rights and Improvements	Right-of- use Assets	
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>						
December 31, 2024						
Cost	-	-	9,023	2,833	12,017	23,873
Accumulated depreciation and amortization	-	-	(5,764)	(1,630)	(8,446)	(15,840)
Net carrying amount	-	-	3,259	1,203	3,571	8,033
December 31, 2023						
Cost	-	-	12,948	2,381	11,399	26,728
Accumulated depreciation and amortization	-	-	(9,407)	(1,209)	(6,983)	(17,599)
Net carrying amount	-	-	3,541	1,172	4,416	9,129
January 1, 2023						
Cost	918	2,385	12,537	1,900	9,842	27,582
Accumulated depreciation and amortization	-	(1,435)	(8,431)	(899)	(5,553)	(16,318)
Net carrying amount	918	950	4,106	1,001	4,289	11,264
Parent Company						
	Land	Buildings	Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment	Leasehold Rights and Improvements	Right-of- use Assets	Total
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>						
December 31, 2024						
Cost	-	-	7,746	2,660	12,026	22,432
Accumulated depreciation and amortization	-	-	(5,650)	(1,487)	(8,235)	(15,372)
Net carrying amount	-	-	2,096	1,173	3,791	7,060
December 31, 2023						
Cost	-	-	7,997	2,212	11,437	21,646
Accumulated depreciation and amortization	-	-	(6,107)	(1,073)	(6,661)	(13,841)
Net carrying amount	-	-	1,890	P 1,139	4,776	7,805
January 1, 2023						
Cost	917	2,385	7,538	1,737	9,831	22,408
Accumulated depreciation and amortization	-	(1,436)	(5,526)	(772)	(5,128)	(12,862)
Net carrying amount	917	949	2,012	965	4,703	9,546

A reconciliation of the carrying amounts of bank premises, furniture, fixtures and equipment at the beginning and end of 2024 and 2023 is shown below.

	Group					Total
	Land	Buildings	Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment	Leasehold Rights and Improvements	Right-of- use Assets	
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>						
Balance at January 1, 2024, net of accumulated depreciation and amortization	-	-	3,541	1,172	4,416	9,129
Additions	-	-	877	510	618	2,005
Disposals	-	-	(256)	(57)	-	(313)
Depreciation and amortization charges for the year	-	-	(903)	(422)	(1,463)	(2,788)
Balance at December 31, 2024, net of accumulated depreciation and amortization	-	-	3,259	1,203	3,571	8,033
Balance at January 1, 2023, net of accumulated depreciation and amortization	918	950	4,106	1,001	4,289	11,264
Additions	-	1,551	1,532	633	1,557	5,273
Disposals	(918)	(2,488)	(1,095)	(152)	-	(4,653)
Depreciation and amortization charges for the year	-	(13)	(1,002)	(310)	(1,430)	(2,755)
Balance at December 31, 2023, net of accumulated depreciation and amortization	-	-	3,541	1,172	4,416	9,129

	Parent Company					Total
	Land	Buildings	Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment	Leasehold Rights and Improvements	Right-of-use Assets	
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>						
Balance at January 1, 2024, net of accumulated depreciation and amortization	-	-	1,890	1,139	4,776	7,805
Additions	-	-	786	505	589	1,880
Disposals	-	-	(46)	(57)	-	(103)
Depreciation and amortization charges for the year	-	-	(534)	(414)	(1,574)	(2,522)
Balance at December 31, 2024, net of accumulated depreciation and amortization	-	-	2,096	1,173	3,791	7,060
Balance at January 1, 2023, net of accumulated depreciation and amortization	917	949	2,012	965	4,703	9,546
Additions	-	103	704	625	1,606	3,038
Disposals	(917)	(1,039)	(248)	(150)	-	(2,354)
Depreciation and amortization charges for the year	-	(13)	(578)	(301)	(1,533)	(2,425)
Balance at December 31, 2023, net of accumulated depreciation and amortization	-	-	1,890	1,139	4,776	7,805

Under BSP rules, investments in bank premises, furniture, fixtures and equipment should not exceed 50% of the respective unimpaired capital of the Parent Company and its bank subsidiaries. As of December 31, 2024 and 2023, the Parent Company and its bank subsidiary have satisfactorily complied with this BSP requirement.

The cost of the Group and the Parent Company's fully depreciated bank premises, furniture, fixtures and equipment that are still in use in operations is P9,742 and P8,169, respectively, as of December 31, 2024, and P7,905 and P7,090, respectively, as of December 31, 2023. Moreover, no impairment losses were recognized for the Group and the Parent Company's Bank Premises, Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment in 2024, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

As part of strengthening the Parent Company's capital position, on September 30, 2022, the Parent Company sold and immediately leased back for five years a portion of its bank premises and investment properties pertaining to AT Yuchengco Centre (ATYC), with carrying amount of P1,501 and P1,361, respectively [see Notes 14 and 27.7(a)]. The sale qualified as a sale and leaseback and accounted under the applicable financial reporting standard (see Note 2.9). The total selling price amounted to P6,065, of which P2,426 is still outstanding as part of Loans and discounts under Loans and Receivables – net in the statements of financial position. The loan receivable from ATYCI is secured, bears 6.04% interest and payable in 3 years. The impairment loss recognized on this loan receivable under the Parent Company's ECL model amounted to P1 and P9 in 2024 and 2023, respectively. [see Notes 11 and 27.7(a)].

The gain on sale recognized over the aforementioned sale and leaseback transaction amounted to P2,352 and is reported as part of the Gain on assets sold – net under Other Operating Income in the 2022 statement of profit or loss. Right-of-use asset and lease liability recognized amounted to P760 and P1,611, respectively (see Note 21).

On March 16, 2023, the Bank transferred and leased back certain real estate properties with total net book value of P1,796 to Frame Properties, Inc. in exchange for 100% ownership in the latter, which was subsequently transferred to the post-employment defined benefit plan as contribution to the plan assets (Notes 23.2 and 27.5). The total fair value of shares received amounted to P6,208 resulting in a gain of P3,051 presented as part of Gain on assets sold – net under Other Operating Income in the 2023 statement of profit or loss. The sale qualified as a sale and leaseback and was accounted under the applicable financial reporting standard. Right-of-use asset and lease liability recognized amounted to P554 and P1,915, respectively.

The Group has leases for certain offices and branches. With the exception of short-term leases and leases of low-value underlying assets, each lease is reflected as a right-of-use asset and a lease liability as part of Bank Premises, Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment and Other Liabilities, respectively. The total short-term leases and leases of low-value entered into contract by the Parent Company amounted to P33 and P39 in 2024 and 2023, respectively. Payments made under such leases are expensed on a straight-line basis. In addition, certain variable lease payments are not permitted to be recognized as lease liabilities and are expensed as incurred.

The table below describes the nature of the Company’s leasing activities at December 31, 2024 and 2023:

	Number of right-of-use assets leased		Range of remaining lease terms (in years)		Average remaining lease terms (in years)	
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
Buildings	10	10	1 to 3	2 to 4	2	2
Warehouses	12	11	1 to 3	1 to 2	2	3
ATM batches	21	21	1 to 4	1 to 5	2	3
Offsites	68	-	1 to 7	-	2	-
Branches	505	433	1 to 3	1 to 11	2	4

The lease liabilities are secured by the related underlying assets and are presented as part of Other Liabilities in the statements of financial position (see Note 21). The undiscounted maturity analysis of lease liabilities at December 31, 2024 and 2023 are found below.

	Within 1 Year	Within 2 Years	Within 3 Years	Within 4 Years	Within 5 Years	More than 5 Years	Total
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>							
2024:							
Group:							
Lease payments	2,163	1,591	1,192	360	227	471	6,004
Finance charges	(274)	(174)	(89)	(45)	(31)	(49)	(662)
Net present value	<u>1,889</u>	<u>1,417</u>	<u>1,103</u>	<u>315</u>	<u>196</u>	<u>422</u>	<u>5,342</u>
Parent Company:							
Lease payments	2,287	1,666	1,202	353	218	447	6,173
Finance charges	(264)	(167)	(84)	(43)	(29)	(45)	(632)
Net present value	<u>2,023</u>	<u>1,499</u>	<u>1,118</u>	<u>310</u>	<u>189</u>	<u>402</u>	<u>5,541</u>
2023:							
Group:							
Lease payments	2,107	2,064	1,470	1,158	228	499	7,526
Finance charges	(316)	(228)	(143)	(69)	(30)	(53)	(839)
Net present value	<u>1,791</u>	<u>1,836</u>	<u>1,327</u>	<u>1,089</u>	<u>198</u>	<u>446</u>	<u>6,687</u>
Parent Company:							
Lease payments	2,217	2,174	1,563	1,215	238	422	7,829
Finance charges	(303)	(218)	(136)	(64)	(28)	(51)	(800)
Net present value	<u>1,914</u>	<u>1,956</u>	<u>1,427</u>	<u>1,151</u>	<u>210</u>	<u>371</u>	<u>7,029</u>

Each lease generally imposes a restriction that, unless there is a contractual right for the Group to sublet the asset to another party, the right-of-use asset can only be used by the Group. Leases are either non-cancellable or may only be cancelled by incurring a substantive termination fee. Some leases contain an option to extend the lease for a further term. The Group is prohibited from selling or pledging the underlying leased assets as security. For leases over branches and offices, the Group must keep those properties in a good state of repair and return the properties in their original condition at the end of the lease. Further, the Group must ensure the leased assets and incur maintenance fees on such items in accordance with the lease contracts.

Some leases contain an option to purchase the underlying lease asset outright at the end of the lease, or to extend the lease for a further term. The use of extension and termination options gives the Group added flexibility in the event it has identified more suitable premises in terms of cost and/or location or determined that it is advantageous to remain in a location beyond the original lease term. An option is only exercised when consistent with the Group's regional markets strategy and the economic benefits of exercising the option exceeds the expected overall cost.

On January 1, 2021, the Parent Company and RCBC Realty Corporation renewed the terms for the lease of RCBC Plaza's several floors. The amendments in the terms include a new rental rate and extended term of five years based on the mutual agreement of both parties. In addition, the Parent Company has also entered a five-year lease agreement with ATYCI in October 2022 which is effective until September 30, 2027.

The total cash outflow in respect of leases in 2024, 2023 and 2022 amounted to P2,366, P2,131 and P2,265, respectively, for the Group, and P2,283, P2,044 and P2,189, respectively, for the Parent Company. Interest expense in relation to lease liabilities in 2024, 2023 and 2022 amounted to P364, P335 and P189, respectively, for the Group, and P351, P362 and P72, respectively, for the Parent Company and is presented as part of Interest Expense in the statements of profit or loss.

14. INVESTMENT PROPERTIES

The gross carrying amounts and accumulated depreciation and impairment losses of investment properties at the beginning and end of 2024 and 2023 are shown below.

	Group			Parent Company		
	Land	Buildings	Total	Land	Buildings	Total
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>						
December 31, 2024						
Cost	-	1,063	1,063	-	1,063	1,063
Accumulated depreciation	-	(366)	(366)	-	(366)	(366)
Accumulated impairment (see Note 16)	-	(2)	(2)	-	(2)	(2)
Net carrying amount	<u>-</u>	<u>695</u>	<u>695</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>695</u>	<u>695</u>
December 31, 2023						
Cost	13	828	841	12	828	840
Accumulated depreciation	-	(294)	(294)	-	(294)	(294)
Accumulated impairment (see Note 16)	(4)	-	(4)	(3)	-	(3)
Net carrying amount	<u>9</u>	<u>534</u>	<u>543</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>534</u>	<u>543</u>
January 1, 2023						
Cost	1,781	1,784	3,565	1,643	1,763	3,406
Accumulated depreciation	-	(675)	(675)	-	(665)	(665)
Accumulated impairment (see Note 16)	(22)	(252)	(274)	(1)	(252)	(253)
Net carrying amount	<u>1,759</u>	<u>857</u>	<u>2,616</u>	<u>1,642</u>	<u>846</u>	<u>2,488</u>

The reconciliations of the carrying amounts of investment properties at the beginning and end of 2024 and 2023 follow:

	Group		Parent Company	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>				
Balance at January 1, net of accumulated depreciation and impairment	543	2,616	543	2,488
Additions	255	689	251	677
Disposals	(16)	(316)	(16)	(293)
Reclassification (see Note 15.1)	(3)	(2,341)	-	(2,225)
Depreciation charges for the year	(83)	(104)	(83)	(103)
Impairment losses	(1)	(1)	-	(1)
	695	543	695	543
Balance at December 31, net of accumulated depreciation and impairment	695	543	695	543

As of December 31, 2024 and 2023, there is no restriction on the realizability of investment properties or the remittance of income and proceeds of disposal therefrom.

14.1 Additions, Disposals and Reclassification of Investment Properties

The Group and the Parent Company foreclosed real and other properties totaling P255 and P251, respectively, in 2024, and P689 and P677, respectively, in 2023, in settlement of certain loan accounts (see Note 30).

As of December 31, 2024, and 2023, foreclosed investment properties still subject to redemption period by the borrowers amounted to P757 and P487, respectively, for the Group and P734 and P455, respectively, for the Parent Company.

The total gain recognized by the Group and the Parent Company from disposals of investment properties amounted to P438 and P436, respectively, in 2024, and P664 and P660, respectively, in 2023, and P510 and P502, respectively, in 2022, which is presented as part of Gain on assets sold – net under Other Operating Income account in the statements of profit or loss.

14.2 Income and Expenses from Investment Properties Held for Rental

The Group and Parent Company earned rental income from investment properties amounting to nil in 2024, P12 in 2023 and P199 in 2022, and are presented as part of Rentals under Miscellaneous Income account in the statements of profit or loss [see Notes 24.1 and 27.7(b)]. Expenses incurred by the Group and Parent Company in relation to the investment properties include taxes and licenses amounting to P97 in 2024, P98 in 2023 and P48, in 2022.

15. OTHER RESOURCES

Other resources consist of the following:

	Notes	Group		Parent Company	
		2024	2023	2024	2023
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>					
Creditable withholding taxes		4,512	4,280	4,482	4,262
Assets held-for-sale and disposal group	15.1	3,910	4,503	3,459	4,027
Net defined benefit asset	23.2, 27.5	2,745	2,625	2,746	2,665
Prepaid expenses	15.2	1,762	1,645	1,533	1,417
Software – net	15.3	1,248	1,237	1,245	1,235
Refundable and other deposits		1,198	955	1,179	953
Branch licenses	15.4	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Deferred charges		949	660	949	657
Unused stationery and supplies		646	618	637	609
Goodwill	15.5	426	426	269	269
Returned checks and other cash items		235	221	235	221
Margin deposits	15.6	214	243	214	243
Miscellaneous	15.7	2,028	2,032	1,978	1,837
		<u>20,873</u>	<u>20,445</u>	<u>19,926</u>	<u>19,395</u>
Allowance for impairment	15.1, 15.5,16	<u>(485)</u>	<u>(1,068)</u>	<u>(327)</u>	<u>(890)</u>
		<u>20,388</u>	<u>19,377</u>	<u>19,599</u>	<u>18,505</u>

15.1 Assets Held-for-Sale and Disposal Group

Assets held-for-sale represents assets that are approved by management to be immediately sold in its present condition and management believes that the sale is highly probable at the time of reclassification. Asset held-for-sale and disposal group consists of the following:

	Group		Parent Company	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>				
Equity securities	519	1,809	519	1,809
Foreclosed automobiles	689	713	382	380
Foreclosed real properties	2,702	1,981	2,558	1,838
	<u>3,910</u>	<u>4,503</u>	<u>3,459</u>	<u>4,027</u>
Allowance for impairment	<u>(454)</u>	<u>(881)</u>	<u>(450)</u>	<u>(861)</u>
Balance at end of year	<u>3,456</u>	<u>3,622</u>	<u>3,009</u>	<u>3,166</u>

On May 29, 2023, the Bank's BOD approved the sale of its consolidated ROPA, recognized as part of Investment properties. The program consists of three phases of execution, namely; (a) the sale of high-end properties; (b) the sale of a property in Tarlac, and (c) the sale of consolidated ROPA nationwide, which includes properties of both the Bank and its subsidiaries. The carrying values of these investment properties which were reclassified to assets held for sale amounted to P831, while the related appraised values amounted to P5,131. Further reclassification of investment properties with carrying value of P1,394 and appraised value of P3,103 was made during the last quarter of 2023 as part of the commitment of the Bank to dispose of the properties to comply with the constitutional requirements on land ownership of the Bank after additional investment of SMBC (see Notes 1.1 and 22.3).

During 2023, the Bank partially disposed of aforementioned properties with a total carrying value of P427 for a gross consideration of P3,236, resulting in a gain amounting to P2,809, which was presented as part of Gain on assets sold – net under Other Operating Income in the 2023 statement of profit or loss.

In February 2025, the Bank disposed of the remaining consolidated ROPA with a total carrying amount of P615 for a gross consideration of P495. Accordingly, the carrying amount of the related assets was reduced to the recoverable amount based on the above selling price and recognized loss of P106 in the 2024 profit or loss of the Group.

15.1.1 HHIC Equity Securities

In May 2019, RCBC, together with other local banks, entered into a Detailed Implementing Agreement with Hanjin Heavy Industries and Construction Philippines, Inc. (HHIC-Phil), a subsidiary of HJ Shipbuilding and Construction Ltd. (HJSC), a Korean shipbuilding company, to convert a part of the former's debt into a 20% stake in HJSC (see Note 28.2). Accordingly, in June 2019, the Bank received 7,100,129 common shares representing 8.53% ownership in HJSC in settlement of HHIC-Phil's gross outstanding loan amounting to USD63.5 million or P3,286. In 2023 and 2022, the Parent Company recognized impairment of the HJSC equity securities amounting to P160 and P516, respectively, which are included as part of Impairment Losses – net in the statements of profit or loss (see Note 16). No impairment losses were recognized in 2024.

During 2024, the Bank has sold its 4,871 HJSC shares with carrying amount of P505. These batches of sale resulted to a gain of P355 which are included as part of Gain on assets sold – net in the statements of profit or loss.

In January 2025, the remaining 2,229 shares with carrying amount of P223 were sold by the Bank for a total selling price of P617. The sale of shares resulted in a net gain of P386 which will be recognized in the Group's 2025 profit or loss.

15.2 Prepaid Expenses

Prepaid expenses include prepayments for insurance, taxes and licenses, and software maintenance.

15.3 Software

A reconciliation of the carrying amounts of software at the beginning and end of 2024 and 2023 is shown below.

	Group		Parent Company	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>				
Balance at beginning of year	1,237	1,362	1,235	1,359
Additions	519	381	518	362
Amortization	(508)	(506)	(508)	(486)
Balance at end of year	<u>1,248</u>	<u>1,237</u>	<u>1,245</u>	<u>1,235</u>

Amortization charges for software are included as part of Depreciation and Amortization account in the statements of profit or loss.

15.4 Branch Licenses

Branch licenses represent the rights granted by the BSP to the Parent Company in 2015 to establish a certain number of branches in the restricted areas in the country. Branch licenses are annually tested for impairment either individually or at the CGU level, as appropriate when circumstances indicate that the intangible asset may be impaired.

Branch licenses is subject to annual impairment testing and whenever is an indication of impairment. The recoverable amount used to determine impairment on the branch licenses was based on Value-in-Use (VIU) calculation computed through discounting the five-year cash flow projections from financial budgets approved by the Parent Company's senior management covering a five-year period. The recoverable amount was computed by determining the excess of the projected interest income from the projected interest expense. The Group also considered key assumptions in determining cash flow projections which includes discount rates and growth rates. Future cash flows and growth rates were based on experience, strategies developed, and prospects. The discount rate applied to cash flow projections is 10.95% and 9.52% in 2024 and 2023, respectively, while the growth rate used to extrapolate cash flows covering a five-year period is 5.81% and 5.64%, in 2024 and 2023, respectively.

15.5 Goodwill

The Parent Company recognized goodwill amounting to P269 which arose from its acquisition of the net assets of another bank in 1998 from which it had expected future economic benefits and synergies that will result from combining the operations of the acquired bank.

Goodwill is subject to annual impairment testing and whenever there is an indication of impairment. In 2024 and 2023, the Parent Company engaged a third party consultant to perform an independent impairment testing of goodwill. The recoverable amount of the CGU has been based on VIU calculation using the cash flow projections from financial budgets approved by the Parent Company's senior management covering a five-year period. The Group also considered key assumptions in determining cash flow projections which includes discount rates and growth rates. Future cash flows and growth rates were based on experience, strategies developed, and prospects.

The discount rate used for the computation of the net present value is the cost of equity and was determined by reference to comparable entities within the industry. In 2024 and 2023, the discount rate applied to cash flow projections is 10.95% and 11.05%, respectively, while the growth rate used to extrapolate cash flows beyond five-year period is 5.81% and 6.18% for 2024 and 2023, respectively. On the basis of the report of the third-party consultant dated February 14, 2025 and February 1, 2024 with valuation date as of the end of 2024 and 2023, respectively, the Group has assessed that the recoverable amount of the goodwill is higher than its carrying value. Accordingly, no impairment loss is required to be recognized in the statements of profit or loss in both years.

In addition, the goodwill pertaining to the acquisition of Rizal Microbank amounting to P157 was fully provided with impairment in 2011.

15.6 Margin Deposits

Margin deposits serve as security for outstanding financial market transactions and other liabilities. These are designed to provide additional credit risk protection for counterparty exposures.

15.7 Miscellaneous

Miscellaneous account includes various deposits, advance rentals, service provider fund, trading right and other assets.

16. ALLOWANCE FOR EXPECTED CREDIT LOSS AND IMPAIRMENT

Changes in the amounts of allowance for impairment are summarized below.

	Notes	Group		Parent Company	
		2024	2023	2024	2023
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>					
Balance at beginning of year					
Loans and receivables	11	17,395	16,030	16,021	15,088
Investment securities at amortized cost	10.3	161	163	71	71
Loan commitments	4.4, 21	304	214	304	214
Investment properties	14	4	274	3	253
Other resources - net	15	1,068	1,223	890	1,066
		<u>18,932</u>	<u>17,904</u>	<u>17,289</u>	<u>16,692</u>
Impairment losses – net:					
Loans and receivables	11	8,281	6,574	8,231	5,759
Investment securities at amortized cost	10.3	(10)	(2)	(10)	-
Loan commitments	4.4, 21	66	105	66	105
Investment properties	14	1	1	-	1
Other resources - net	15	280	210	276	209
		<u>8,619</u>	<u>6,888</u>	<u>8,564</u>	<u>6,074</u>
Charge-offs and other adjustments during the year		<u>(6,441)</u>	<u>(5,860)</u>	<u>(6,391)</u>	<u>(5,477)</u>
Balance at end of year					
Loans and receivables	11	20,130	17,395	18,730	16,021
Investment securities at amortized cost	10.3	122	161	32	71
Loan commitments	4.4	370	304	370	304
Investment properties	14	2	4	2	3
Other resources - net	15	485	1,068	327	890
		<u>21,109</u>	<u>18,932</u>	<u>19,461</u>	<u>17,289</u>

17. DEPOSIT LIABILITIES

The following is the breakdown of deposit liabilities (see also Note 27.3):

	Group		Parent Company	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>				
Demand	224,988	214,395	225,028	215,284
Savings	313,478	287,738	313,567	287,776
Time	484,328	450,999	484,142	450,729
Long-term Negotiable Certificate of Deposits (LTNCD)	-	3,580	-	3,580
	1,022,794	956,712	1,022,737	957,369

As at December 31, 2023, the Parent Company has an outstanding LTNCD amounting to P3,580. Such LTNCD had a coupon interest rate of 5.50% and matured on March 28, 2024. This was used in the expansion of its term deposit base to support long-term asset growth and for other general funding purposes.

The Group's deposit liabilities bear annual interest as follows:

	2024	2023	2022
Demand, Savings and Time deposits	0.10% - 9.65%	0.10% - 6.50%	0.07% - 6.13%

The total interest expense incurred by the Group and the Parent Company on deposit liabilities are as follows:

	Group		
	2024	2023	2022
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>			
Time	23,824	22,389	7,995
Savings	4,933	3,388	894
Demand	2,302	2,044	868
LTNCD	49	214	300
	31,108	28,035	10,057
	Parent Company		
	2024	2023	2022
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>			
Time	23,809	22,402	7,987
Savings	4,941	3,392	895
Demand	2,305	2,048	873
LTNCD	49	214	300
	31,104	28,056	10,055

Non-FCDU deposit liabilities, including tax exempt LTNCDs, of the Parent Company and Rizal Microbank is subject to reserve requirement of 14% and 4%, respectively, based on BSP regulations effective July 31, 2020. In 2023, BSP reduced the reserve requirements for both the Parent Company and Rizal Microbank effective June 30 by 250 basis points and 100 basis points, respectively. The reserve requirement ratio for the Parent Company is at 7% and 9.5% while 1% and 2% for Rizal Microbank in 2024 and 2023, respectively.

Peso-denominated LTNCDs of the Parent Company are subject to reserve requirement equivalent of 4% in both years. As of December 31, 2024 and 2023, the Group is in compliance with such regulatory reserve requirements.

Under BSP Circular No. 1063, *Reduction in Reserve Requirements*, cash in vault and regular reserve deposit accounts with BSP are excluded as eligible forms of compliance for the reserve requirements. The required reserve shall only be kept in the form of demand deposit accounts with the BSP. Available reserves consist of Due from BSP amounting to P51,303, P83,701, and P76,582 for the Group and P54,963, P82,771, and P75,340 for the Parent Company as of December 31, 2024, 2023 and 2022, respectively (see Note 9).

18. BILLS PAYABLE

This account consists of borrowings from:

	Group		Parent Company	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>				
Foreign banks	79,466	36,653	79,466	36,653
Local banks	7,150	14,165	1,462	7,304
Others	-	40	-	-
	86,616	50,858	80,928	43,957

Borrowings from foreign and local banks are subject to annual fixed interest rates as follows:

	2024	2023	2022
<u>Group</u>			
Peso denominated	2.50% - 8.50%	3.00% - 8.00%	4.66% - 8.00%
Foreign currency denominated	0.40% - 6.43%	2.50% - 6.42%	0.0001% - 0.725%
<u>Parent Company</u>			
Peso denominated	5.30%-6.34%	6.31%	4.66% - 4.96%
Foreign currency denominated	0.40%-6.43%	2.50% - 6.42%	0.0001% - 0.725%

The total interest expense incurred by the Group on the bills payable amounted to P2,951 in 2024, P2,449 in 2023, and P824 in 2022. The total interest expense incurred by the Parent Company on the bills payable amounted to P2,552 in 2024, P2,042 in 2023, and P420 in 2022.

As of December 31, 2024 and 2023, bills payable availed under repurchase agreements amounting to P66,056 and P29,797, respectively, are secured by the Group and Parent Company's investment securities (see Note 10.3). Investment securities used as collateral to the bills payable are government securities and corporate debt securities that are measured at amortized cost. The average interest rate is 2.53% in 2024, 2.80% in 2023, and 4.05% in 2022 for government securities, and 3.81% in 2024 and 3.70% in 2022 for corporate debt securities. Average remaining terms before maturity of these investment securities as of 2024, 2023, and 2022 is 9 years, 13 years, and 3 years, respectively, for government securities, and 6 years and 7 years for corporate debt securities in 2024 and 2022, respectively. There are no corporate debt securities collaterals in 2023.

19. BONDS PAYABLE

The composition of this account for the Group and the Parent Company follows:

<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>				Outstanding Balance	
Issuance Date	Maturity Date	Coupon Interest	Face Value (in millions)	2024	2023
January 7, 2024	January 18, 2029	5.50%	\$400	22,805	-
February 21, 2022	May 21, 2024	3.00%	P14,756	-	14,756
March 31, 2021	June 30, 2026	4.18%	P4,130	4,130	4,130
September 11, 2019	September 11, 2024	3.05%	\$293	-	16,053
				<u>26,935</u>	<u>34,939</u>

On January 7, 2024, the Group issued a USD400 5-year Senior Unsecured Fixed Rate Sustainability Bonds via a drawdown under its USD3,000 Medium Term Note Program. The net proceeds from the issue of the Notes will be applied by the Group to support and finance its loans to customers or its own operating activities in eligible green and social categories as defined in the Group's Sustainable Finance Framework.

Out of the USD400 senior notes issued on January 7, 2024, USD200 are designated as liability under fair value hedge accounting (see Note 3). As of December 31, 2024, the Group has four outstanding interest rate swaps designated as fair value hedges of the interest rate risk arising from 50% of the Group's USD400 fixed rate bonds payable.

On February 21, 2022, the Parent Company issued unsecured Peso-denominated Senior Notes with principal amount and outstanding balance as of December 31, 2023 of P14,756 bearing an interest of 3.00% per annum. The senior notes matured last May 21, 2024.

On March 31, 2021, the Parent Company issued unsecured Peso-denominated Senior Notes with outstanding balance as of December 31, 2023 of P4,130 bearing an interest of 4.18% per annum, payable quarterly in arrears on March 31, June 30, September 30 and December 31 of each year. The senior notes will mature on June 30, 2026.

In September 2019, the Parent Company issued unsecured USD-denominated Senior Notes with principal amount of USD300 bearing an interest of 3.05% per annum, payable semi-annually in arrears every March 11 and September 1 of each year. The senior notes matured last September 11, 2024.

The debt issue cost incurred in 2024 and 2023 is P41 and P104, respectively. The unamortized debt issue cost as of December 31, 2024 and 2023 amounted to P129 and P15, respectively. The related amortization of unamortized debt issue cost is recorded as part of Interest Expense in the statements of profit or loss.

The interest expense incurred on these bonds payable amounted to P1,957 in 2024, P1,768 in 2023, and P3,397 in 2022. The Group and Parent Company recognized foreign currency exchange gains related to these bonds payable amounting to P718 and P3,567 in 2024 and 2022, respectively, while P450 foreign currency exchange losses in 2023. Foreign currency exchange losses are netted against foreign exchange gains presented under Other Operating Income account in the statements of profit or loss.

20. ACCRUED INTEREST, TAXES AND OTHER EXPENSES

The composition of this account follows:

	Group		Parent Company	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>				
Accrued expenses	5,222	5,550	4,931	5,286
Accrued interest	5,144	5,195	5,135	5,187
Taxes payable	1,301	1,337	1,253	1,313
	<u>11,667</u>	<u>12,082</u>	<u>11,319</u>	<u>11,786</u>

Accrued expenses represent mainly the accruals for utilities, employee benefits and other operating expenses. Accrued interest primarily includes unpaid interest on deposit liabilities, bills payable and bonds payable at the end of each reporting period.

21. OTHER LIABILITIES

Other liabilities consist of the following:

	Notes	Group		Parent Company	
		2024	2023	2024	2023
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>					
Accounts payable	27.7 (c)	35,080	10,197	34,595	9,769
Lease liabilities	13	5,342	6,687	5,541	7,029
Derivative financial liabilities	10.1	3,635	1,690	3,635	1,690
Manager's checks		2,147	1,878	2,147	1,878
Bills purchased – contra		1,868	2,673	1,868	2,673
Withholding taxes payable		1,107	1,108	1,105	1,101
Unclaimed balances-deposit		900	1,398	900	1,320
Unearned income		730	824	723	819
Deposit on lease contracts		596	796	9	18
Sundry credits		403	269	403	268
Other credits		400	381	400	381
ECL provisions on loan commitments	4.4.8 (c)	370	304	370	304
Guaranty deposits		204	6	204	6
Payment orders payable		130	147	130	147
Outstanding acceptances payable		116	1,467	116	1,467
Post-employment defined benefit obligation		-	40	-	-
Miscellaneous		622	1,601	605	1,703
		<u>53,650</u>	<u>31,466</u>	<u>52,751</u>	<u>30,573</u>

Accounts payable is mainly composed of settlement billing from credit card operations and the Group's expenditure purchases which are to be settled within the next reporting period.

Miscellaneous liabilities include due to treasury, government-related contributions, and other miscellaneous liabilities.

Interest expense incurred on other liabilities for 2024, 2023 and 2022 amounted to P137, P80 and P11 for the Group and Parent Company.

22. EQUITY

22.1 Capital Stock

Preferred and common stock represent the nominal value of shares of stock that have been issued (see Notes 22.2 and 22.3).

Capital paid in excess of par includes any premiums received on the issuance of capital stock. Any transaction costs associated with the issuance of shares of stock are deducted from capital paid in excess of par, net of any related income tax benefits (see Note 22.2).

The movements in the outstanding capital stock of the Parent Company are as follows:

	Number of Shares		
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Preferred stock – voting, non-cumulative non-redeemable, participating, convertible into common stock – P10 par value Authorized – 200,000,000 shares			
Issued and outstanding			
Balance at beginning of year	267,410	267,410	267,410
Conversion of preferred stock	<u>(1,216)</u>	-	-
Balance at end of year	<u>266,194</u>	<u>267,410</u>	<u>267,410</u>
Common stock – P10 par value			
Authorized:			
Balance at beginning and end of year	<u>2,600,000,000</u>	<u>2,600,000,000</u>	<u>2,600,000,000</u>
Issued and outstanding:			
Balance at beginning of year	2,419,536,120	2,037,478,896	2,037,478,896
Conversion of preferred stock	239	-	-
Issuance of new shares	-	168,619,976	-
Reissuance of shares during the year	-	213,437,248	-
Balance at end of year	<u>2,419,536,359</u>	<u>2,419,536,120</u>	<u>2,037,478,896</u>

As of December 31, 2024, and 2023, there are 742 and 746 holders of the Parent Company's listed shares holding an equivalent of 93.00% of the Parent Company's total issued and outstanding shares, respectively. Such listed shares closed at P24.85 and P23.00 per share for years December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

In 1986, the Parent Company listed its common shares with the PSE. The historical information on the Parent Company's issuance of common shares arising from the initial and subsequent public offerings, including private placements is presented below.

Issuance	Subscriber	Issuance Date	Number of Shares Issued
Initial public offering	Various	November 1986	1,410,579
Stock rights offering	Various	April 1997	44,492,908
Stock rights offering	Various	July 1997	5,308,721
Stock rights offering	Various	August 1997	830,345
Stock rights offering	Various	January 2002	167,035,982
Stock rights offering	Various	June 2002	32,964,018
Follow-on offering	Various	March 2007	210,000,000
Private placement	International Finance Corporation (IFC)	March 2011	73,448,275
Private placement	Hexagon Investments B.V.	September 2011	126,551,725
Private placement	PMMIC	March 2013	63,650,000
Private placement	IFC Capitalization Fund	April 2013	71,151,505
Private placement	Cathay	April 2015	124,242,272
Stock rights offering	Various	July 2018	535,710,378
Private placement	SMBC	July 2021	101,850,000
Private placement	SMBC	July 2023	382,057,224

On May 29, 2006, the Parent Company's stockholders approved the issuance of up to 200,000,000 convertible preferred shares with a par value of P10 per share, subject to the approval, among others, by the PSE. The purpose of the issuance of the convertible preferred shares is to raise the Tier 1 capital pursuant to BSP regulations, thereby strengthening the capital base of the Parent Company and allowing it to expand its operations. On February 13, 2007, the PSE approved the listing application of the underlying common shares for the 105,000 convertible preferred shares, subject to the compliance of certain conditions of the PSE.

Preferred shares have the following features:

- (a) Entitled to dividends at floating rate equivalent to the three-month LIBOR plus a spread of 2.0% per annum, calculated quarterly;
- (b) Convertible to common shares at any time after the issue date at the option of the Parent Company at a conversion price using the adjusted net book value per share of the Parent Company based on the latest available financial statements prepared in accordance with PFRS, adjusted by local regulations;
- (c) Non-redeemable; and,
- (d) Participating as to dividends on a pro rata basis with the common stockholders in the surplus of the Parent Company after dividend payments had been made to the preferred shareholders.

On June 28, 2010, the Parent Company's stockholders owning or representing more than two-thirds of the outstanding capital stock confirmed and ratified the approval by the majority of the BOD on their Executive Session held on May 21, 2010, the proposed increase in Parent Company's authorized capital stock and removal of pre-emptive rights from holders of capital stock, whether common or preferred, to subscribe for or to purchase any shares of stock of any class, by amending the Parent Company's Articles of Incorporation.

The proposed P16,000 authorized capital stock is divided into the following classes of stocks:

- (a) 1,400,000,000 common shares with a par value of ten pesos (P10.00) per share.
- (b) 200,000,000 preferred shares with a par value of ten pesos (P10.00) per share.

The removal of pre-emptive rights was approved by the BSP and SEC on October 20, 2010 and November 4, 2010, respectively. On the other hand, the increase in authorized capital stock of the Parent Company was approved by the BSP and SEC on August 24, 2011 and September 16, 2011, respectively.

On June 27, 2022, the Bank amended its AOI to delete Articles four and seven of the AOI stating the term of existence of the Bank and transfer of voting stocks to foreign nationals, respectively to allow foreign ownership of the bank to exceed 40% and to be consistent with R.A. No. 11232, which grants perpetual corporate terms. The amendment of AOI was approved by BSP and SEC on August 26, 2022 and September 30, 2022, respectively (see Note 1.1).

On November 2, 2022, the Bank's BOD approved the increase in shareholding of SMBC, an existing shareholder of 4.99% of the total outstanding common stock of the Bank, to 20% through the combined sale of subscription of an aggregate of 382 common stock to SMBC, partly coming from the reissuance of treasury shares and issuance of new common stock, at the price of P71 per share for a total consideration amounting to P27,125. The additional capital infusion was made on July 31, 2023 [see Notes 22.2 and 27.7(d)].

22.2 Issuance of Common Shares

The capital infusion from SMBC on July 31, 2023 involved issuance of common shares amounting to P1,686 and reissuance of the treasury at cost amounting to P9,287 [see Notes 22.3 and 27.7(d)]. This resulted in a net increase of the additional paid in capital account of the Bank amounting to P15,735, coming from the excess of the consideration received over the par value of common stock and cost of treasury shares amounting to P16,152 and directly attributable transaction costs amounting to P417.

On July 22, 2019, the effective date of merger, the Parent Company issued 315,287,248 common shares in exchange of the transfer of net assets of RSB at carrying value. The Parent Company recognized P10,507 as additional paid-in capital, which pertains to the difference between the par value of the shares issued and the carrying value of the net assets of RSB.

On November 27, 2017, the BOD of the Parent Company approved the increase in the Parent Company's authorized capital through the increase in the authorized common stock from 1,400,000,000 shares to 2,600,000,000 shares at P10 par value per share or for a total capital stock of P14,000 to P26,000. The BOD also approved the amendment of the Parent Company's Articles of Incorporation for the principal purpose of reflecting the said increase in authorized capital. These resolutions were approved by the Parent Company's stockholders representing at least two-thirds of its outstanding capital stock in a special meeting held on January 29, 2018. In the same meeting, the Parent Company's BOD approved the stock rights offering (Rights Offer) to be subscribed out of the increase in the authorized capital. The increase in authorized capital stock and the Rights Offer were approved by the BSP and SEC on June 29, 2018 and July 4, 2018, respectively. The offering of the stock rights representing 535,710,378 common shares (with equivalent amount of P5,357) occurred from June 25 to June 29, 2018 and the shares were listed at the PSE on July 16, 2018. The Rights Offer and issuance generated P15,000 proceeds, reduced by P217 issue costs; hence, resulting in P9,426 excess of consideration received over par value recognized in Capital Paid in Excess of Par account.

In 2015, the Parent Company issued common shares to Cathay at P64 per share for a total issue price of P7,951. This issuance resulted in the recognition of Capital Paid in Excess of Par amounting to P6,709 reduced by the total issuance cost of P222. The acquisition involves Cathay: (i) acquiring from Hexagon Investments B.V., an entity controlled by funds managed by CVC Asia Pacific Limited, 118,935,590 secondary shares at P64 per share, pursuant to a Sale and Purchase Agreement; (ii) acquiring 36,724,138 secondary common shares from IFC Capitalization Fund also at P64 per share, pursuant to a Sale and Purchase Agreement; and, (iii) entering into a shareholders agreement with PMMIC and the Parent Company.

In 2013, the Parent Company issued common shares to PMMIC and IFC Capitalization Fund at P64 and P58 per share for a total issue price of P4,074 and P4,127, respectively. These issuances resulted in the recognition of Capital Paid in Excess of Par amounting to P3,437 and P3,415, respectively, reduced by total issuance costs of P101.

22.3 Treasury Shares

Treasury shares are stated at the cost of reacquiring such shares and are deducted from equity attributable to the Parent Company's equity holder until the shares are cancelled, reissued or disposed of.

On July 31, 2023, as a result of the capital infusion of SMBC, the Bank reissued 213,437,248 treasury shares at cost of P43.51 per share or P9,287 (see Notes 22.1 and 22.2).

On July 23, 2021, the Parent Company sold 101,850,000 shares to SMBC at P44.00 per share. This came from the treasury shares resulting from the merger of Parent Company and RSB. The sale of shares held by the Parent Company in treasury is equivalent to 4.999% of the total outstanding Common Stock. The issuance resulted in a recognition of additional Capital Paid in Excess of Par amounting to P50. In 2021, the Parent Company incurred expenses related to the issuance amounting to P113 which was charged to equity resulting in a P63 net decrease in the Capital Paid in Excess of Par. In 2022, the Parent Company incurred additional expenses amounting to P12 in relation to this treasury shares reissuance and this was charged against the 2022 Capital Paid in Excess of Par account.

In 2019, subsequent to the effective date of the merger, the Parent Company acquired the 315,287,248 common shares issued in exchange of the net assets of RSB equal to the Parent Company's investment in RSB as at December 31, 2018.

On September 23, 2011, the Parent Company issued 5,821,548 common shares (equivalent of 18,082,311 preferred shares and with total par value of P58) from the treasury account reissuance (with total cost of P182) and an additional 120,730,177 common stock (with total par value of P1,207) from unissued portion of the increase in authorized capital stock on September 23, 2011 to Hexagon Investments B.V. that is equivalent to approximately 15.00% of the outstanding common shares. The issuance resulted in the recognition of additional Capital Paid in Excess of Par amounting to P2,264.

On March 17, 2011, the Parent Company issued 73,448,275 common shares, comprising of 50,427,931 treasury shares reissuance (with total cost of P771) and 23,020,344 unissued stock (with total par value of P230), to IFC Capitalization Fund for a total consideration of P2,130 representing 7.20% ownership interest. The issuance resulted in the recognition of additional Capital Paid in Excess of Par amounting to P1,078.

22.4 Hybrid Perpetual Securities

Hybrid perpetual securities are non-cumulative, unsecured, subordinated capital securities which qualify as AT1 capital under Basel III standards.

In August 27, 2020, the Parent Company issued USD300 non-cumulative, unsecured, subordinated capital securities which qualify as AT1 capital under Basel III standards. As of December 31, 2024 and 2023, the hybrid perpetual securities amounted to P14,463, net of issuance costs.

The capital securities are perpetual in respect of which there is no fixed redemption date. The Parent Company may redeem the capital securities only in certain circumstances as described in the conditions of the securities and with prior written consent of BSP. Distributions are non-cumulative and payable semi-annually in arrear at a rate of 6.5%. Certain conditions provide for circumstances under which the Parent Company will not be obliged to pay any distribution on the applicable payment date.

The proceeds of the hybrid perpetual securities are used to support and finance medium-term to long-term asset growth, loans to customers, other general corporate purposes and to maintain sufficient buffers above the minimum capital thresholds required by BSP.

22.5 Surplus and Dividend Declarations

The details of the cash dividend distributions follow:

Date Declared	Dividend		Record Date	Date Approved by BOD	Date Paid/Payable
	Per Share	Total Amount			
January 31, 2022*	-	500.57	February 28, 2022	January 31, 2022	February 28, 2022
February 28, 2022	0.0553	0.01	March 21, 2022	February 28, 2022	March 23, 2022
March 28, 2022	0.6180	1,259.16	April 11, 2022	March 28, 2022	April 27, 2022
March 28, 2022	0.6180	0.17	April 11, 2022	March 28, 2022	April 27, 2022
May 30, 2022	0.0748	0.02	June 21, 2022	May 30, 2022	June 23, 2022
July 25, 2022*	-	547.59	August 26, 2022	July 25, 2022	August 26, 2022
August 30, 2022	0.1047	0.03	September 21, 2022	August 30, 2022	September 22, 2022
November 28, 2022	0.1407	0.04	December 21, 2022	November 28, 2022	December 27, 2022
January 30, 2023*	-	534.98	February 27, 2023	January 30, 2023	February 27, 2023
February 27, 2023	0.1685	0.05	March 21, 2023	February 27, 2023	March 23, 2023
March 27, 2023	1.0800	2,200.48	April 13, 2023	March 27, 2023	April 27, 2023
March 27, 2023	1.0800	0.29	April 13, 2023	March 27, 2023	April 27, 2023
May 29, 2023	0.1789	0.05	June 21, 2023	May 29, 2023	June 26, 2023
July 31, 2023*	-	553.41	August 27, 2023	July 31, 2023	August 27, 2023
August 29, 2023	0.1920	0.05	September 21, 2023	August 29, 2023	September 25, 2023
November 29, 2023	0.1870	0.05	December 21, 2023	November 29, 2023	December 29, 2023
January 29, 2024*	-	546.53	February 27, 2024	January 29, 2024	February 27, 2024
February 26, 2024	0.1864	0.05	March 21, 2024	February 26, 2024	March 21, 2024
March 25, 2024	1.0140	2,453.11	April 13, 2024	March 25, 2024	April 26, 2024
March 25, 2024	1.0140	0.27	April 13, 2024	March 25, 2024	April 26, 2024
May 27, 2024	0.1854	0.05	June 21, 2024	May 27, 2024	June 26, 2024
July 29, 2024*	-	548.24	August 26, 2024	July 29, 2024	August 26, 2024
August 29, 2024	0.1857	0.05	September 21, 2024	August 29, 2024	September 25, 2024
November 25, 2024	0.1707	0.05	December 21, 2024	November 25, 2024	December 26, 2024

*Dividends for Hybrid Perpetual Securities

In 2015, the BSP, through the MB, approved the liberalized rules for banks and quasi-banks on dividend declaration. The policy requires that dividend declaration be immediately recognized as a liability upon the approval of the BOD and that it be disclosed in the statement of changes in equity.

A portion of the Parent Company's surplus corresponding to the equity in net earnings of certain subsidiaries and associates totaling P5,975 and P5,727 as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively, is not currently available for distribution as dividends.

22.6 Revaluation Reserves

The components and reconciliation of items of other comprehensive income presented in the statements of changes in equity of the Group and Parent Company at their aggregate amount under Revaluation Reserves account are shown below.

	Revaluation of Financial Assets at FVOCI	Accumulated Translation Adjustments on Foreign Operations	Actuarial Gains (Losses) on Defined Benefit Plan	Total
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>				
Balance as of January 1, 2024	(3,168)	54	(2,930)	(6,044)
Actuarial gains on defined benefit plan	-	-	378	378
Fair value loss on financial assets at FVOCI	(140)	-	-	(140)
Translation adjustment	-	6	-	6
Other comprehensive income (loss)	(140)	6	378	244
Transfers of fair value gain on financial assets at FVOCI to surplus	2	-	-	2
Balance as of December 31, 2024	(3,306)	60	(2,552)	(5,798)

	Revaluation of Financial Assets at FVOCI	Accumulated Translation Adjustments on Foreign Operations	Actuarial Gains (Losses) on Defined Benefit Plan	Total
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>				
Balance as of January 1, 2023	(4,866)	54	(1,580)	(6,392)
Actuarial gains on defined benefit plan	-	-	(1,350)	(1,350)
Fair value gain on financial assets at FVOCI	1,695	-	-	1,695
Other comprehensive income (loss)	1,695	-	(1,350)	345
Transfers of fair value gain on financial assets at FVOCI to surplus	3	-	-	3
Balance as of December 31, 2023	<u>(3,168)</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>(2,930)</u>	<u>(6,044)</u>
Balance as of January 1, 2022	389	54	(2,366)	(1,923)
Actuarial gains on defined benefit plan	-	-	786	786
Fair value loss on financial assets at FVOCI	(5,255)	-	-	(5,255)
Other comprehensive income (loss)	(5,255)	-	786	(4,469)
Balance as of December 31, 2022	<u>(4,866)</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>(1,580)</u>	<u>(6,392)</u>

22.7 Appropriation for General Loan Loss Reserves

Pursuant to the requirements of the BSP under Circular No. 1011, the Group shall recognize general loan loss provisions equivalent to one percent of all outstanding loans as of the end of the reporting period, except for accounts considered as credit risk-free under the existing BSP regulations. In cases when the computed allowance for ECL on those exposures is less than one percent of the general loan loss provisions required, the deficiency is recognized through appropriation from the Group's available Surplus. Such appropriation is considered as Tier 2 capital subject to the limit provided under the CAR framework. The outstanding balance of appropriation for General Loan Loss Reserves as of December 31, 2024 and 2023 amounted to P5,564 and P4,599 for the Group, and P5,537 and P4,589 for the Parent Company, respectively. The additional appropriations made in 2024 amounted to P965 and P948 and in 2023 amounted to P775 and P766 respectively, for the Group and Parent Company, respectively.

22.8 Reserve for Trust Business

Reserve for trust business represents the accumulated amount set aside by the Group under existing regulations requiring the Parent Company to appropriate and transfer to surplus 10% of its net profits accruing from their trust business until the surplus shall amount to 20% of the regulatory capital. The reserve shall not be paid out in dividends, but losses accruing in the course of the trust business may be charged against this account.

In 2024, the reserves for trust business was reclassified to Surplus account under Equity as a result of the spin-off of the trust operations of the Group into RTC (see Note 1.1).

22.9 Other Reserves

Other reserves refer to the amount attributable to the Parent Company arising from the changes in the ownership of the Non-controlling Interest (NCI) in the Group.

As of December 31, 2024 and 2023, this account consists of reserves arising from the acquisition of RCBC LFC amounting to P86 for both years.

In 2022, the Parent Company has acquired remaining interest to Rizal Microbank making it a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Parent Company (see Note 1.2). This acquisition resulted in the reduction of Other Reserves and NCI accounts amounting to P11 and P10, respectively. There is no similar transaction in 2024 and 2023.

23. EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

23.1 Short-Term Employee Benefits

Expenses recognized for salaries and other employee benefits are shown below.

	Group		
	2024	2023	2022
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>			
Short-term employee benefits	7,559	6,732	6,100
Post-employment defined benefits	500	418	463
	8,059	7,150	6,563
	Parent Company		
	2024	2023	2022
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>			
Short-term employee benefits	6,604	5,938	5,368
Post-employment defined benefits	457	383	426
	7,061	6,321	5,794

23.2 Post-employment Defined Benefit Plan

(a) Characteristics of the Defined Benefit Plan

The Parent Company and certain subsidiaries maintain a funded, tax-qualified, non-contributory post-employment benefit plan that is being administered by RTC, an associate of the Group, covering all regular full-time employees. RTC manages the fund in coordination with the Parent Company's Retirement Plan Committee (RPC), Trust Committee and the respective committees of the subsidiaries which act in the best interest of the plan assets and are responsible for setting the investment policies.

The normal retirement age of the Group's employees ranges between 55 to 60 but the plan also provides for an early retirement at age 50 to 55 with a minimum of 10 to 20 years of credited service. The maximum retirement benefit is the lump sum equivalent to two months pay per year of continuous employment based on the employees' salary at retirement. Any fraction of a year shall be computed proportionately.

(b) Explanation of Amounts Presented in the Financial Statements

Actuarial valuations are made annually to update the post-employment benefit costs and the amount of contributions. All amounts presented below are based on the actuarial valuation reports obtained from independent actuaries in 2024 and 2023.

The amounts of post-employment benefit assets recognized in the financial statements are determined as follows:

	Group		Parent Company	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>				
Present value of the obligation	(6,004)	(5,932)	(5,645)	(5,603)
Fair value of plan assets	9,511	9,697	9,151	9,407
Effect of asset ceiling test	(762)	(1,140)	(760)	(1,139)
Excess of plan assets	<u>2,745</u>	<u>2,625</u>	<u>2,746</u>	<u>2,665</u>

The Group and Parent Company's post-employment defined benefit plan is included under Other Resources as of December 31, 2024 and 2023 (see Note 15).

The movements in the present value of the defined benefit obligation follow:

	Group		Parent Company	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>				
Balance at beginning of year	5,932	5,130	5,603	4,857
Current and past service cost	500	418	457	383
Interest expense	407	382	386	361
Remeasurements – actuarial				
Gains arising from changes in:				
– demographic assumptions	(543)	(1)	(535)	-
– financial assumptions	284	301	276	271
– experience adjustments	97	201	93	207
Benefits paid by the plan	(673)	(499)	(635)	(476)
Balance at end of year	<u>6,004</u>	<u>5,932</u>	<u>5,645</u>	<u>5,603</u>

The movements in the fair value of plan assets are presented below.

	Group		Parent Company	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>				
Balance at beginning of year	9,697	3,145	9,407	2,885
Interest income	643	451	625	430
Gains on plan assets (excluding amounts included in net interest)	(249)	275	(246)	293
Contributions paid into the plan	93	6,326	-	6,275
Business combination	-	(1)	-	-
Benefits paid by the plan	(673)	(499)	(635)	(476)
Balance at end of year	<u>9,511</u>	<u>9,697</u>	<u>9,151</u>	<u>9,407</u>

On March 16, 2023, the Bank transferred and leased back certain real estate properties to Frame Properties, Inc. for a 100% ownership in the latter, which was subsequently transferred to the post-employment defined benefit plan as contribution to the plan assets (see Notes 13 and 27.5).

On April 8, 2024, the Bank executed a Deed of Donation and Acceptance where the Bank donated and transferred ownership of 36,612,373 Preferred C shares representing 19.41% of the outstanding capital of RCBC JPL to RCBC Retirement Fund which is managed by RTC. Subsequent to the donation, the Bank's ownership interest over RCBC JPL is now reduced to 80% (see Note 1.1).

The composition of the fair value of plan assets at the end of each reporting period by category and risk characteristics is shown below.

	Group		Parent Company	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>				
Cash and cash equivalents	68	701	26	644
Debt securities:				
Government bonds	236	243	185	230
Corporate debt securities	488	208	369	62
Equity securities:				
Transportation and communication	562	514	562	514
Financial intermediaries	421	420	418	418
Diversified holding companies	235	201	234	200
Electricity, gas and water	100	138	100	137
Quoted equity securities	78	23	-	-
Others	63	50	-	-
Unquoted long-term equity				
Investments	6,961	6,929	6,961	6,927
UITF	276	260	276	260
Investment properties	10	7	10	7
Loans and receivables	10	8	10	8
Others	3	(5)	-	-
Balance at end of year	<u>9,511</u>	<u>9,697</u>	<u>9,151</u>	<u>9,407</u>

The fair values of the above debt securities and quoted equity securities are determined based on market prices in active markets. Long-term equity investments represent investment in corporations not listed in active and organized markets. Fair values are determined based on the book value per share based on latest audited financial statements of the investee company. The fair value of the UITF is determined based on the net asset value per unit of investment held in the fund.

The fair value of the plan assets is at Level 1 in the fair value hierarchy except for UITF which are at Level 2 and unquoted long-term equity investments, loans and receivables, investment properties and other investments which are at Level 3.

The net gains on plan assets are as follows:

	Group		Parent Company	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>				
Interest income	643	451	625	430
Fair value gains (losses) - net	<u>(249)</u>	<u>275</u>	<u>(246)</u>	<u>293</u>
Actual gains - net	<u>394</u>	<u>726</u>	<u>379</u>	<u>723</u>

The amounts of post-employment benefit expense recognized in the profit or loss and in other comprehensive income in respect of the defined benefit post-employment plan are determined below as follows:

	Group		
	2024	2023	2022
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>			
<i>Reported in profit or loss:</i>			
Current and past service cost	500	418	463
Net interest expense (income)	(236)	(69)	141
Interest on the effect of asset ceiling	80	-	-
	344	349	604
<i>Reported in other comprehensive income:</i>			
Actuarial gains (losses) arising from changes in:			
– Demographic assumptions	543	1	1
– Financial assumptions	(284)	(301)	730
– Experience adjustments	(97)	(201)	44
Effect of asset ceiling test	458	(1,140)	-
Gains on plan assets (excluding amounts included in net interest)	(249)	275	7
	371	(1,366)	782
	Parent Company		
	2024	2023	2022
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>			
<i>Reported in profit or loss:</i>			
Current and past service cost	457	383	426
Net interest expense (income)	(239)	(69)	127
Interest on the effect of asset ceiling	78	-	-
	296	314	553
<i>Reported in other comprehensive income:</i>			
Actuarial gains (losses) arising from changes in:			
– Demographic assumptions	535	-	-
– Financial assumptions	(276)	(271)	700
– Experience adjustments	(93)	(207)	57
Effect of asset ceiling test	457	(1,139)	-
Gains on plan assets (excluding amounts included in net interest)	(246)	293	25
	377	(1,324)	782

Current service costs, including the effect of curtailment and past service cost, form part of Employee Benefits under the Other Operating Expenses account, while net interest expense or income is presented as part of Interest Expense on Bills payable and other borrowings in the statements of profit or loss.

Amounts recognized in other comprehensive income were included within items that will not be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss.

In determining the amounts of post-employment obligation, the following ranges of actuarial assumptions were used:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
<u>Group</u>			
Discount rates	6.06% - 6.13%	6.28% - 7.00%	7.22% - 7.56%
Expected rate of salary increases	3.50% - 6.00%	4.00% - 8.00%	5.00% - 8.00%
<u>Parent Company</u>			
Discount rates	6.09%	6.88%	7.44%
Expected rate of salary increases	5.00%	5.00%	5.00%

Assumptions regarding future mortality are based on published statistics and mortality tables. The average life expectancy of an individual retiring at the Group's normal retiring age of 60 is based on the 2017 Philippine Intercompany Mortality table. These assumptions were developed by management with the assistance of an independent actuary. Discount factors are determined close to the end of each reporting period by reference to the interest rates of zero coupon government bonds with terms to maturity approximating to the terms of the post-employment obligation. Other assumptions are based on current actuarial benchmarks and management's historical experience.

(c) *Risks Associated with the Retirement Plan*

The plan exposes the Group and Parent Company to actuarial risks such as investment risk, interest rate risk, longevity risk and salary risk.

(i) *Investment and Interest Rate Risks*

The present value of the defined benefit obligation is calculated using a discount rate determined by reference to market yields of government bonds. Generally, a decrease in the interest rate of a reference government bonds will increase the plan obligation. However, this will be partially offset by an increase in the return on the plan's investments in debt securities and if the return on plan asset falls below this rate, it will create a deficit in the plan.

Currently, the plan assets of the Group and Parent Company are significantly invested in equity and debt securities, while the Group and Parent Company also invests in cash and cash equivalents and other investments. Due to the long-term nature of the plan obligation, a level of continuing equity investments is an appropriate element of the Group and Parent Company's long-term strategy to manage the plan efficiently.

(ii) *Longevity and Salary Risks*

The present value of the defined benefit obligation is calculated by reference to the best estimate of the mortality of the plan participants during their employment, and to their future salaries. Consequently, increases in the life expectancy and salary of the plan participants will result in an increase in the plan obligation.

(d) *Other Information*

The information on the sensitivity analysis for certain significant actuarial assumptions, the Group's asset-liability matching strategy, and the timing and uncertainty of future cash flows related to the post-employment plan are described in the succeeding pages.

(i) *Sensitivity Analysis*

The following table summarizes the effects of changes in the significant actuarial assumptions used in the determination of the defined benefit obligation as of December 31, 2024 and 2023:

	Group		
	Impact on Post-employment Defined Benefit Obligation		
	Change in Assumption	Increase in Assumption	Decrease in Assumption
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>			
2024:			
Discount rate	+/-1 %	(379)	427
Salary growth rate	+/-1 %	428	(385)
2023:			
Discount rate	+/-1 %	(462)	537
Salary growth rate	+/-1 %	565	(495)

	Parent Company		
	Impact on Post-employment Defined Benefit Obligation		
	Change in Assumption	Increase in Assumption	Decrease in Assumption
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>			
2024:			
Discount rate	+/-1 %	(346)	388
Salary growth rate	+/-1 %	388	(352)
2023:			
Discount rate	+/-1 %	(469)	543
Salary growth rate	+/-1 %	548	(481)

The sensitivity analysis is based on a change in an assumption while holding all other assumptions constant. This analysis may not be representative of the actual change in the defined benefit obligation as it is unlikely that the change in assumptions would occur in isolation of one another as some of the assumptions may be correlated. Furthermore, in presenting the sensitivity analysis, the present value of the defined benefit obligation at the end of each reporting period has been calculated using the projected unit credit method, which is the same as that applied in calculating the defined benefit obligation recognized in the statements of financial position.

(ii) *Asset-liability Matching Strategies*

To efficiently manage the retirement plan, the Parent Company through its RPC in coordination with the fund manager or RTC, ensures that the investment positions are managed considering the computed retirement obligations under the retirement plan. This strategy aims to match the plan assets to the retirement obligations due by investing in assets that are easy to liquidate (i.e., government securities, corporate bonds, equities with high value turnover).

As the Group's retirement obligations are in Philippine peso, all assets are invested in the same currency. The Group actively monitors how the duration and the expected yield of the investments are matching the expected cash outflows arising from the retirement obligations. In view of this, various investments are made in a portfolio that may be liquidated within a reasonable period of time.

A large portion of the plan assets as of December 31, 2024 and 2023 consists of equity securities with the balance invested in fixed income securities and cash and cash equivalents. The Group believes that equity securities offer the best returns over the long term with an acceptable level of risk.

(iii) *Funding Arrangements and Expected Contributions*

The plan is currently overfunded by P2,629 and P2,639 in 2024 for the Group and Parent Company, respectively, based on the latest funding actuarial valuations in 2024.

The maturity profile of undiscounted expected benefit payments from the end of each reporting period follows:

	Group		Parent Company	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>				
Less than one year	655	416	638	405
More than one year to five years	3,093	1,966	2,957	1,850
More than five years to ten years	4,587	4,906	4,331	4,683
More than ten to fifteen years	22	23	-	-
More than fifteen years	20	22	-	-
	8,377	7,333	7,926	6,938

The Group and Parent Company expect to contribute P21 and nil, respectively, to the plan in 2025.

24. MISCELLANEOUS INCOME AND EXPENSES

These accounts consist of the following:

24.1 Miscellaneous Income

	Notes	Group		
		2024	2023	2022
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>				
Recoveries from written off assets		651	600	486
Dividend income	10.1,10.2	322	318	311
Rentals	14.2, 28.2(b)	283	424	872
Gain on extinguishment of loan		-	390	890
Others		210	77	145
		1,466	1,809	2,704
	Notes	Parent Company		
		2024	2023	2022
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>				
Recoveries from written off assets		651	600	486
Dividend income	10.2	273	252	227
Rentals	14.2 27.7 (b)	62	57	261
Gain on extinguishment of loan		-	390	890
Others		175	74	148
		1,161	1,373	2,012

In 2023, the Bank recovered settlement-related fees from HHIC-Phil, Inc. related to the full collection of its outstanding receivables and was recognized as Gain on extinguishment of loan under Miscellaneous Income in the 2023 statement of profit or loss.

Miscellaneous income classified as Others includes rebates, penalty charges and other income items that cannot be appropriately classified under any of the foregoing income accounts.

24.2 Miscellaneous Expenses

	Group		
	2024	2023	2022
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>			
Credit card-related expenses	2,361	1,756	1,302
Insurance	1,978	1,821	1,543
Service and processing fees	1,168	845	776
Litigation/assets acquired expenses	830	823	600
Advertising and publicity	629	501	322
Communication and information services	616	631	582
Management and other professional fees	553	539	505
Employee activities	282	302	315
Banking fees	226	417	376
Stationery and office supplies	191	208	140
Information services	179	204	111
Other outside services	154	132	122
Donation and charitable contribution	130	182	107
Transportation and travel	102	167	225
Christmas expenses	35	14	13
Representation and entertainment	23	51	55
Membership fees	20	22	21
Fines and penalties	4	33	137
Others	454	635	695
	9,935	9,283	7,947
	Parent Company		
	2024	2023	2022
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>			
Credit card-related expenses	2,347	1,744	1,279
Insurance	1,976	1,819	1,541
Service and processing fees	1,950	1,581	1,418
Litigation/assets acquired expenses	827	818	589
Advertising and publicity	625	495	465
Communication and information services	586	604	552
Management and other professional fees	504	499	318
Employee activities	278	300	314
Banking fees	218	412	370
Stationery and office supplies	186	204	135
Information services	178	204	110
Other outside services	155	108	106
Donation and charitable contribution	129	151	213
Transportation and travel	85	132	122
Christmas expenses	35	14	13
Membership fees	18	20	19
Representation and entertainment	11	42	48
Fines and penalties	1	31	136
Others	552	613	660
	10,661	9,791	8,408

The Group's other expenses are composed of freight, various processing fees, fines and penalties, and seasonal giveaways. The Group and Parent Company's other expenses also include fees for records, facilities and management services to a related party under common control amounting to P540, P728, and P688 in 2024, 2023 and 2022, respectively (see Note 27).

25. INCOME AND OTHER TAXES

Under Philippine tax laws, the regular banking unit (RBU) of the Parent Company and its domestic subsidiaries are subject to percentage and other taxes (presented as Taxes and Licenses in the statements of profit or loss), as well as income taxes. Percentage and other taxes paid consist principally of the gross receipts tax (GRT) and documentary stamp tax (DST).

RA No. 9238, which was enacted on February 10, 2004, provides for the reimposition of GRT on banks and non-bank financial intermediaries performing quasi-banking functions and other non-bank financial intermediaries beginning January 1, 2004.

The recognition of liability of the Parent Company and certain subsidiaries for GRT is based on the related regulations issued by the tax authorities.

Income taxes include the regular corporate income tax (RCIT), and final tax paid at the rate of 20%, which represents the final withholding tax on gross interest income from government securities and other deposit substitutes.

Interest allowed as a deductible expense is reduced by an amount equivalent to certain percentage of interest income subjected to final tax. Minimum corporate income tax (MCIT) of 1% or 2% on modified gross income is computed and compared with the RCIT. Any excess of the MCIT over the RCIT is deferred and can be used as a tax credit against regular income tax liability in the next three consecutive years. In addition, ordinarily, the Group's net operating loss carry over (NOLCO) is allowed as a deduction from taxable income in the next three consecutive years.

However, pursuant to Section 4 (bbb) of Bayanihan to Recover as One (BARO) Act and as implemented under Revenue Regulation 25-2020, the net operating losses of a business or enterprise incurred for taxable years 2021 and 2022 can be carried over as a deduction from gross income for the next five consecutive taxable years following the year of such loss.

Effective May 2004, RA No. 9294 restored the tax exemption of FCDUs and offshore banking units (OBUs). Under such law, the income derived by the FCDU from foreign currency transactions with non-residents, OBUs, local commercial banks including branches of foreign banks is tax-exempt while interest income on foreign currency loans from residents other than OBUs or other depository banks under the expanded system is subject to 10% gross income tax.

Interest income on deposits with other FCDUs and offshore banking units is subject to 15.0% final tax effective January 1, 2018.

In 2024, 2023 and 2022, the Group opted to continue claiming itemized deductions for income tax purposes.

The Parent Company's foreign subsidiaries are subject to income and other taxes based on the enacted tax laws of the countries and/or jurisdictions where they operate.

25.1 Current and Deferred Taxes

On March 26, 2021, R.A. No. 11534, *Corporate Recovery and Tax Incentives for Enterprises (CREATE) Act*, as amended, was signed into law and shall be effective beginning July 1, 2020. The following are the major changes brought about by the CREATE Act that are relevant to and considered by the Parent Company.

- RCIT was reduced from 30% to 25% starting July 1, 2020;
- MCIT was reduced from 2% to 1% starting July 1, 2020 until June 30, 2023; and,
- The allowable deduction for interest expense is reduced from 33% to 20% of the interest income subjected to final tax.

Starting July 1, 2023, corporations, excluding non-profit proprietary educational institutions and hospitals, and non-resident foreign corporations, will be subject to the original 2% MCIT rate based on their gross income.

The tax expense as reported in the statements of profit or loss consists of:

	Group		
	2024	2023	2022
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>			
Current tax expense:			
Final tax	2,971	2,659	1,564
RCIT at 25%	979	222	286
Excess MCIT over RCIT	6	452	252
	<u>3,956</u>	<u>3,333</u>	<u>2,102</u>
Application of MCIT	<u>(226)</u>	-	-
	<u>3,730</u>	<u>3,333</u>	<u>2,102</u>
Deferred tax income arising from origination and reversal of temporary differences	<u>(262)</u>	<u>(2,035)</u>	<u>(534)</u>
	<u><u>3,468</u></u>	<u><u>1,298</u></u>	<u><u>1,568</u></u>
	Parent Company		
	2024	2023	2022
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>			
Current tax expense:			
Final tax	2,968	2,578	1,553
RCIT at 25%	829	117	209
Excess MCIT over RCIT	-	431	251
	<u>3,797</u>	<u>3,126</u>	<u>2,013</u>
Application of MCIT	<u>(226)</u>	-	-
	<u>3,571</u>	<u>3,126</u>	<u>2,013</u>
Deferred tax income arising from origination and reversal of temporary differences	<u>(227)</u>	<u>(1,843)</u>	<u>(495)</u>
	<u><u>3,344</u></u>	<u><u>1,283</u></u>	<u><u>1,518</u></u>

A reconciliation of tax on pretax profit computed at the applicable statutory rates to tax expense reported in profit or loss is as follows:

	Group		
	2024	2023	2022
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>			
Tax on pretax profit at 25%	3,247	3,379	3,412
Adjustments for income subjected to lower income tax rates	(1,111)	(2,702)	(399)
Tax effects of:			
Non-deductible expenses	1,691	1,268	504
FCDU income	1,119	296	(780)
Non-taxable income	(1,014)	(699)	(562)
Unrecognized temporary differences	(29)	(692)	(852)
Excess MCIT over RCIT	11	431	252
Recognition of previously unrecognized deferred tax asset	(441)	-	-
Utilization of NOLCO	(35)	-	-
Others	30	17	(7)
	3,468	1,298	1,568
Parent Company			
	2024	2023	2022
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>			
Tax on pretax profit at at 25%	3,216	3,375	3,399
Adjustments for income subjected to lower income tax rates	(1,284)	(2,757)	(397)
Tax effects of:			
Non-deductible expenses	1,642	1,227	481
FCDU income	1,119	296	(780)
Non-taxable income	(908)	(605)	(511)
Recognition of previously unrecognized deferred tax asset	(441)	-	-
Unrecognized temporary difference	-	(684)	(925)
Excess MCIT over RCIT	-	431	251
	3,344	1,283	1,518

The deferred tax assets of the Group recognized in the consolidated statements of financial position as of December 31, 2024 and 2023 relate to the operations of the Parent Company and certain subsidiaries as shown below.

	Statements of Financial Position		Statements of Profit or Loss		
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2022
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>					
Allowance for impairment	3,935	3,360	560	435	140
Post-employment benefit obligation	1,260	1,387	(127)	1,304	(19)
Excess MCIT over RCIT	689	990	(301)	452	252
NOLCO	167	38	129	(156)	161
Others	1	-	1	-	-
	6,052	5,775	262	2,035	534
Deferred tax assets – net					
Deferred tax income – net					

The deferred tax assets of the Parent Company recognized in its statements of financial position as of December 31, 2024 and 2023 is shown below.

	Statements of Financial Position		Statements of Profit or Loss		
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2022
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>					
Allowance for impairment	3,631	3,018	613	271	99
Post-employment benefit obligation	1,227	1,387	(160)	1,296	(15)
Excess MCIT over RCIT	682	908	(226)	431	251
NOLCO	38	38	-	(155)	160
Deferred tax assets – net	<u>5,578</u>	<u>5,351</u>			
Deferred tax income – net			<u>227</u>	<u>1,843</u>	<u>495</u>

The Parent Company and certain subsidiaries have not recognized deferred tax assets on certain temporary differences since management believes that the Parent Company and certain subsidiaries may not be able to generate sufficient taxable profit in the future against which the tax benefits arising from those deductible temporary differences, NOLCO and other tax credits can be utilized.

The unrecognized deferred tax assets relate to the following:

	Group		Parent Company	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>				
Allowance for impairment	1,009	1,551	985	759
NOLCO	24	221	-	-
Excess MCIT over RCIT	10	33	-	-
Post-employment benefit obligation	-	406	-	-
Others	5	-	-	-
	<u>1,048</u>	<u>2,211</u>	<u>985</u>	<u>759</u>

Consequently, deferred tax liabilities were also not recognized on certain taxable temporary differences as the settlement of those can be offset by the available deductible temporary differences in the future.

In addition, deferred tax liabilities on accumulated translation adjustments, relating to its foreign subsidiaries were not recognized since their reversal can be led, and it is probable that the temporary difference will not reverse in the foreseeable future.

NOLCO can be claimed as deduction from future taxable income within three and five years from the year the taxable loss was incurred. In accordance with BARO Act, NOLCO incurred in 2020 and 2021 can be claimed as a deduction from the gross income until 2025 and 2026, respectively.

The details of the Group's NOLCO are shown below.

(Amounts in PHP)

Inception Year	Amount	Utilized	Expired	Balance	Expiry Year
2024	257	-	-	257	2027
2023	210	-	-	210	2026
2022	749	494	-	255	2025
2021	140	139	-	1	2026
2020	249	208	-	41	2025
	<u>1,605</u>	<u>841</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>764</u>	

The details of the Parent Company's NOLCO are shown below:

(Amounts in PHP)

Inception Year	Amount	Utilized	Expired	Balance	Expiry Year
2022	640	490	-	150	2025
2021	132	132	-	-	2026
	<u>772</u>	<u>622</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>150</u>	

The breakdown of the Group's excess MCIT over RCIT with the corresponding validity periods follows:

(Amounts in PHP)

Inception Year	Amount	Utilized	Expired	Balance	Expiry Year
2024	10	-	-	10	2027
2023	435	-	-	435	2026
2022	254	-	-	254	2025
2021	231	226	5	-	2024
2020	7	1	6	-	2023
	<u>937</u>	<u>227</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>699</u>	

The breakdown of the Parent Company's excess MCIT over RCIT with the corresponding validity periods follows:

(Amounts in PHP)

Inception Year	Amount	Utilized	Expired	Balance	Expiry Year
2023	431	-	-	431	2026
2022	251	-	-	251	2025
2021	226	226	-	-	2026
	<u>908</u>	<u>226</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>682</u>	

25.2 Supplementary Information Required Under Revenue Regulation No. 15-2010

The Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) issued RR 15-2010 on November 25, 2010 which require certain tax information to be disclosed as part of the notes to financial statements. Such supplementary information is, however, not a required part of the basic financial statements prepared in accordance with PFRS; it is neither a required disclosure under the SEC rules and regulations covering form and content of financial statements under the Revised Securities Regulation Code Rule 68.

The Parent Company presented this tax information required by the BIR as a supplemental schedule filed separately from the basic financial statements.

26. TRUST OPERATIONS

In 2023 and prior years, the Group commonly acts as trustee 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. The resources, liabilities and income or loss arising thereon are excluded from these financial statements, as these are neither resources nor income of the Group.

Securities and properties (other than deposits) held by the Parent Company in fiduciary or agency capacity for its customers are not included in the financial statements, since these are not resources of the Parent Company. The Group and Parent Company's total trust resources amounted to P155,705 as of December 31, 2023 (see Note 33).

Investment in government securities which are shown as part of Investment securities at amortized cost (see Note 10.3) with a total face value of P1,324 as of December 31, 2023, for both the Group and the Parent Company are deposited with the BSP as security for faithful compliance with fiduciary obligations.

Income from trust operations, shown as Trust fees under Other Operating Income account, amounted to P423 and P415 in 2023 and 2022, respectively, in the Group and Parent Company's statements of profit or loss.

On November 28, 2022, the Parent Company's BOD approved the spin-off of the Bank's Trust operations into a separate corporate entity, which materialized on March 27, 2023 when RTC was incorporated to become a separate trust corporation, which commenced operations in January 2, 2024 (see Note 1.1).

27. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Group and Parent Company's related parties include its ultimate parent company, subsidiaries, associates, entities under common ownership, key management personnel and others.

The RPT Committee, which meet monthly and as necessary, review proposed RPT within the materiality threshold to determine whether or not the transaction is on terms no less favorable to the Group than terms available to any unconnected third party under the same or similar circumstances. On favorable review, the RPT Committee endorse transactions to the BOD for approval.

All material related party transactions shall be approved by at least two-thirds vote of the BOD, with at least a majority of the independent directors voting to approve the material related party transactions. In case that a majority of the independent directors' is not secured, the material related party transaction may be ratified by the vote of the stockholders representing at least two-thirds of the outstanding capital stock. Transactions amounting to 10% or more of the consolidated total resources based on the latest audited consolidated financial statements entered into with related parties are considered material.

A summary of the Group and Parent Company's transactions and outstanding balances of such transactions with related parties as of and for the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023 and 2022 is presented below.

	Notes	Group					
		2024		2023		2022	
		Amount of Transaction	Outstanding Balance	Amount of Transaction	Outstanding Balance	Amount of Transaction	Outstanding Balance
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>							
Stockholders							
Due from other banks	27.1	113	2,009	1,860	1,896	(2,299)	36
Loans and receivables	27.2	-	-	-	-	(96)	-
Deposit liabilities	27.3	(239)	3,277	846	3,516	670	2,670
Bills payable	27.6	710	14,870	14,160	14,160	-	-
Interest expense on deposits	27.3	216	-	60	-	46	-
Cash received from issuance of shares of stock	22.2	-	-	9,287	-	-	-
Associates							
Loans and receivables	27.2	(104)	-	104	104	-	-
Deposit liabilities	27.3	6,236	6,905	553	669	33	116
Interest expense on deposits	27.3	83	-	12	-	2	-
Sale of investment securities	27.4	3,678	-	-	-	-	-
Purchase of investment securities	27.4	1,186	-	-	-	-	-
Service processing fees	27.5	45	45	-	-	-	-
Related Parties Under Common Ownership							
Loans and receivables	27.2	2,432	5,605	(424)	3,173	2,782	3,597
Deposit liabilities	27.3	5,953	19,182	6,204	13,229	4,009	7,025
Interest income from loans and receivables	27.2	326	-	176	-	98	-
Interest expense on deposits	27.3	1,035	-	105	-	56	-
Gain on assets sold	27.7 (f)	-	2,139	2,288	2,139	2,352	-
Occupancy and equipment-related expenses	27.7 (b)	1,446	-	1,421	-	1,061	-
Miscellaneous expenses – others	24.2	540	-	728	-	688	-

	Notes	Group					
		2024		2023		2022	
		Amount of Transaction	Outstanding Balance	Amount of Transaction	Outstanding Balance	Amount of Transaction	Outstanding Balance
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>							
Key Management Personnel							
Loans and receivables	27.2	(3)	35	4	38	14	34
Deposit liabilities	27.3	(33)	729	337	762	106	425
Interest expense on deposits	27.3	53	-	7	-	4	-
Salaries and employee benefits	27.7 (g)	572	-	582	-	565	-
Interest income from loans and receivables	27.2	2	-	-	-	-	-
Other Related Interests							
Loans and receivables	27.2	(221)	23,205	2,511	23,426	1,903	20,915
Deposit liabilities	27.3	(3,917)	9,835	(54)	13,752	8,372	13,806
Interest income from loans and receivables	27.2	1,590	-	856	-	824	-
Interest expense on deposits	27.3	149	-	133	-	137	-
Occupancy and equipment-related expenses	27.7 (b)	403	-	524	-	12	-
Gain on assets sold	13	-	-	3,051	-	-	-

	Notes	Parent Company					
		2024		2023		2022	
		Amount of Transaction	Outstanding Balance	Amount of Transaction	Outstanding Balance	Amount of Transaction	Outstanding Balance
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>							
Stockholders							
Due from other banks	27.1	113	2,009	1,860	1,896	(2,299)	36
Loans and receivables	27.2	-	-	-	-	(96)	-
Deposit liabilities	27.3	(241)	3,269	840	3,510	670	2,670
Bills payable	27.6	710	14,870	14,160	14,160	-	-
Interest expense on deposits	27.3	215	-	60	-	46	-
Cash received from issuance of shares of stock	22.2	-	-	9,287	-	-	-

	Notes	Parent Company					
		2024		2023		2022	
		Amount of Transaction	Outstanding Balance	Amount of Transaction	Outstanding Balance	Amount of Transaction	Outstanding Balance
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>							
Subsidiaries							
Loans and receivables	27.2	(40)	-	40	40	-	-
Deposit liabilities	27.3	(1,031)	888	426	1,919	(1,159)	1,493
Interest expense on deposits	27.3	34	-	8	-	6	-
Dividend	12	167	160	92	-	71	-
Rental income	27.7 (a)	223	-	221	-	199	-
Occupancy and equipment-related expenses	27.7 (a)	169	-	176	-	162	-
Service and processing fees	27.7 (b)	909	-	744	-	650	-
Sale of investment securities	27.4	-	-	828	-	1,780	-
Purchase of investment securities	27.4	520	-	2	-	620	-
Assignment of receivables	11	(18)	87	(22)	105	-	127
Associates							
Loans and receivables	27.2	(104)	-	104	104	-	-
Deposit liabilities	27.3	6,236	6,905	553	669	15	116
Interest expense on deposits	27.3	83	-	12	-	2	-
Sale of investment securities	27.4	3,678	-	-	-	-	-
Purchase of investment securities	27.4	1,186	-	-	-	-	-
Service processing fees	27.5	45	45	-	-	-	-
Related Parties Under Common Ownership							
Loans and receivables	27.2	2,432	5,605	(424)	3,173	2,782	3,597
Deposit liabilities	27.3	5,953	19,182	6,204	13,229	2,112	7,025
Interest income from loans and receivables	27.2	326	-	176	-	98	-
Interest expense on deposits	27.3	1,035	-	105	-	56	-
Gain on assets sold	27.7 (f)	-	2,139	2,288	2,139	2,352	-
Occupancy and equipment-related expenses	27.7 (b)	1,445	-	1,418	-	1,061	-
Miscellaneous expenses – others	24.2	539	-	728	-	688	-

	Notes	Parent Company					
		2024		2023		2022	
		Amount of Transaction	Outstanding Balance	Amount of Transaction	Outstanding Balance	Amount of Transaction	Outstanding Balance
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>							
Key Management Personnel							
Loans and receivables	27.2	1	31	4	30	25	26
Deposit liabilities	27.3	(31)	727	345	758	107	413
Interest income from							
loans and receivables	27.2	2	-	-	-	-	-
Interest expense on deposits	27.3	53	-	7	-	4	-
Salaries and employee benefits	27.7 (g)	358	-	395	-	334	-
Other Related Interests							
Loans and receivables	27.2	(249)	23,150	2,501	23,399	2,368	20,898
Deposit liabilities	27.3	(3,915)	9,834	(49)	13,749	5,794	13,798
Interest income from							
loans and receivables	27.2	1,587	-	854	-	823	-
Interest expense on deposits	27.3	149	-	133	-	137	-
Occupancy and equipment-related expenses	27.7 (b)	367	-	489	-	12	-
Gain on assets sold	13	-	-	3,051	-	-	-

27.1 Due from Other Banks

The outstanding balances for due from other banks with certain Directors, Officers, Stockholders and Related Interests (DOSRI) as of and for the periods ended December 31, 2024, 2023 and 2022 amounted to P2,009, P1,896, and P36, respectively.

27.2 Loans and Receivables

The summary of the Group and Parent Company's significant transactions and the related outstanding balances for loans and receivables with its related parties as of and for the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023 and 2022 are as follows:

<u>Related Party Category</u> <i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>	Group			
	<u>Issuances</u>	<u>Repayments</u>	<u>Interest Income</u>	<u>Loans Outstanding</u>
2024:				
Associates	-	104	-	-
Related parties under common ownership	3,566	1,134	326	5,605
Key management personnel	6	9	2	35
Other related interests	4,338	4,559	1,590	23,205
	7,910	5,806	1,918	28,845
2023:				
Associates	104	-	-	104
Related parties under common ownership	700	1,124	176	3,173
Key management personnel	20	16	-	38
Other related interests	7,822	5,311	856	23,426
	8,646	6,451	1,032	26,741
2022:				
Stockholders	-	96	-	-
Related parties under common ownership	5,360	2,578	98	3,597
Key management personnel	26	1	-	34
Other related interests	4,276	2,373	824	20,915
	9,652	5,049	922	24,546

<u>Related Party Category</u>	<u>Parent Company</u>			
	<u>Issuances</u>	<u>Repayments</u>	<u>Interest Income</u>	<u>Loans Outstanding</u>
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>				
2024:				
Subsidiaries	-	40	-	-
Associates	-	104	-	-
Related parties under common ownership	3,566	1,134	326	5,605
Key management personnel	3	2	2	31
Other related interests	4,294	4,543	1,587	23,150
	<u>7,863</u>	<u>5,823</u>	<u>1,915</u>	<u>28,786</u>
2023:				
Subsidiaries	40	-	-	40
Associates	104	-	-	104
Related parties under common ownership	700	1,124	176	3,173
Key management personnel	4	-	-	30
Other related interests	7,797	5,296	854	23,399
	<u>8,645</u>	<u>6,420</u>	<u>1,030</u>	<u>26,746</u>
2022:				
Stockholders	-	96	-	-
Related parties under common ownership	5,360	2,578	98	3,597
Key management personnel	26	1	-	26
Other related interests	4,729	2,361	823	20,898
	<u>10,115</u>	<u>5,036</u>	<u>921</u>	<u>24,521</u>

In the ordinary course of business, the Group has loan transactions with each other, their other affiliates, and with certain DOSRIs. Under existing policies of the Group, these loans are made substantially on the same terms as loans to other individuals and businesses of comparable risks.

As of December 31, 2024, 2023 and 2022, the Group and Parent Company is in compliance with these regulatory requirements.

As of December 31, 2024, 2023 and 2022, the Group has not recognized impairment loss on loans and receivables from DOSRI.

27.3 Deposit Liabilities

The summary of the Group and Parent Company's significant transactions and the related outstanding balances for deposit liabilities with its related parties as of and for the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023 and 2022 are as follows (see Note 17):

Related Party Category <i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>	Group			Outstanding Balance
	Deposits	Withdrawals	Interest Expense	
2024:				
Stockholders	8,414	8,653	216	3,277
Associates	394,155	387,919	83	6,905
Related parties under common ownership	488,561	482,608	1,035	19,182
Key management personnel	16,524	16,557	53	729
Other related interests	213,328	217,245	149	9,835
	<u>1,120,982</u>	<u>1,112,982</u>	<u>1,536</u>	<u>39,928</u>
2023:				
Stockholders	10,511	9,665	60	3,516
Associates	49,646	49,093	12	669
Related parties under common ownership	200,946	194,742	105	13,229
Key management personnel	862	525	7	762
Other related interests	192,634	192,688	133	13,752
	<u>454,599</u>	<u>446,713</u>	<u>317</u>	<u>31,928</u>
2022:				
Stockholders	10,299	9,629	46	2,670
Associates	48,691	48,658	2	116
Related parties under common ownership	198,903	194,894	56	7,025
Key management personnel	844	738	4	425
Other related interests	191,435	183,063	137	13,806
	<u>450,172</u>	<u>436,982</u>	<u>245</u>	<u>24,042</u>

<u>Related Party Category</u>	<u>Parent Company</u>			
	<u>Deposits</u>	<u>Withdrawals</u>	<u>Interest Expense</u>	<u>Outstanding Balance</u>
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>				
2024:				
Stockholders	8,412	8,653	215	3,269
Subsidiaries	150,483	151,514	34	888
Associates	394,155	387,919	83	6,905
Related parties under common ownership	488,561	482,608	1,035	19,182
Key management personnel	16,526	16,557	53	727
Other related interests	213,330	217,245	149	9,834
	<u>1,271,467</u>	<u>1,264,496</u>	<u>1,569</u>	<u>40,805</u>
2023:				
Stockholders	10,505	9,665	60	3,510
Subsidiaries	144,725	144,299	8	1,919
Associates	49,646	49,093	12	669
Related parties under common ownership	200,946	194,742	105	13,229
Key management personnel	862	517	7	758
Other related interests	192,634	192,683	133	13,749
	<u>599,318</u>	<u>590,999</u>	<u>325</u>	<u>33,834</u>
2022:				
Stockholders	10,299	9,629	46	2,670
Subsidiaries	141,887	143,046	6	1,493
Associates	48,673	48,658	2	116
Related parties under common ownership	197,006	194,894	56	7,025
Key management personnel	845	738	4	413
Other related interests	188,857	183,063	137	13,798
	<u>587,567</u>	<u>580,028</u>	<u>251</u>	<u>25,515</u>

Deposit liabilities transactions with related parties have similar terms with third party depositors.

27.4 Sale and Purchase of Securities

The Parent Company and certain subsidiaries engage in the trading of investment securities as counterparties to the transaction. These transactions are priced similar to transactions with other counterparties outside the Group and there are no unsettled transactions as of the end of each reporting period.

27.5 Retirement Fund

The Parent Company and certain subsidiaries' retirement funds covered under their post-employment plan maintained for qualified employees are administered and managed by RTC in accordance with the respective trust agreements covering the plan.

The retirement funds have transactions with the Group and Parent Company as of December 31, 2024, 2023 and 2022 as follows:

Nature of Transactions	Group		Parent Company	
	Net Amount Transaction	Outstanding Balance	Net Amount Transaction	Outstanding Balance
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>				
2024:				
Investment in common shares of Parent Company	32	425	31	418
Deposits with the Parent Company	2	40	-	-
Fair value gains	32	-	31	-
Post-employment benefit asset	120	2,745	81	2,746
2023:				
Investment in common shares of Parent Company	(862)	393	(862)	387
Investments in corporate debt securities of Parent Company	(2)	-	-	-
Deposits with the Parent Company	4	38	(4)	-
Fair value gains	(12)	-	(12)	-
Interest income	2	-	-	-
Post-employment benefit asset	3,127	2,625	3,127	2,665
2022:				
Investment in common shares of Parent Company	215	1,255	214	1,249
Investments in corporate debt securities of Parent Company	(2)	2	-	-
Deposits with the Parent Company	(49)	34	(49)	4
Fair value gains	1	-	191	-
Interest income	1	-	-	-

On March 16, 2023, the Bank transferred and leased back certain real estate properties to Frame Properties, Inc. for a 100% ownership in the latter, which was subsequently transferred to the post-employment defined benefit plan as contribution to the plan assets (see Notes 13 and 23.2). The sale qualified as a sale and leaseback and was accounted under PFRS 16. Right-of-use asset and lease liability recognized amounted to P554 and P1,915, respectively. Lease payments made on the lease amounted to P361 and P321 during 2024 and 2023, respectively.

The carrying amount and the composition of the plan assets as of December 31, 2024, 2023 and 2022 are disclosed in Note 23.2. Investments in corporate debt securities include LTNCD issued by the Parent Company.

The information on the Group and Parent Company's contributions to the retirement fund and benefit payments through the fund are disclosed in Note 23.2.

The retirement fund neither provides any guarantee or surety for any obligation of the Group nor its investments in its own shares of stock covered by any restriction and liens.

27.6 Bills Payable

The outstanding balances for bills payable with its related parties as of December 31, 2024 and 2023 amounted to P14,870 and P14,160, respectively.

27.7 Other Related Party Transactions

(a) Sale of ATYC to ATYCI

In 2022, the Parent Company sold to ATYCI and immediately leased back from the later a portion of its bank premises and investment properties pertaining to ATYC (see Notes 13 and 14).

(b) Lease Contracts with ATYCI and RRC and Sublease Agreement with Subsidiaries

The Parent Company and certain subsidiaries occupy several floors of RCBC Plaza as leaseholders of RRC [see Note 28.2(b)]. In October 2022, the Parent Company entered into a five-year lease agreement with ATYCI [see Notes 13 and 27.7 (a)]. Amortization of right-of-use of asset amounted to P553, P719 and P400 for the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023 and 2022, respectively, and are presented as part of Depreciation and Amortization account in the statements of profit or loss. The Parent Company's lease contract with RRC and ATYCI is effective until December 31, 2025 and September 30, 2027, respectively.

The Parent Company entered into sublease agreements with certain subsidiaries which occupy several floors of RCBC Plaza. Rental income by Parent Company related to these sublease arrangements is included as part of Rentals under the Miscellaneous Income account in the statements of profit or loss (see Notes 14.2 and 24.1). The outstanding receivable on the lease contracts, if any, is presented as part of Accounts receivable under Loans and Receivables account in the statements of financial position (see Note 11). The related outstanding receivable is unsecured, noninterest-bearing and payable in cash on demand. Management believes that the receivables on the sublease agreements are fully recoverable.

(c) Service Agreement with RBSC

The Parent Company has Service Agreement (the Agreement) with RBSC, wherein RBSC shall provide the Parent Company with marketing, distribution, technical, collection and selling assistance and processing services in connection with the operation of the Parent Company's credit card, and personal and salary loans business. The total service processing fees incurred by the Parent Company is recognized as part of the Service and processing fees under the Miscellaneous expenses account in the statements of profit or loss (see Note 24.2). The outstanding payable related to the service agreement is presented as part of Accounts payable under Other Liabilities account in the statements of financial position (see Note 21). The related outstanding payable is unsecured, noninterest-bearing and payable in cash on demand.

(d) *Increase in Shareholding of SMBC*

On November 2, 2022, the Bank's BOD approved the increase in shareholding of SMBC, an existing shareholder of 4.99% of the total outstanding common stock of the Bank, to 20% through the combined sale of subscription of an aggregate of 382 common stock to SMBC, partly coming from the reissuance of treasury shares and issuance of new common stock, at the price of P71 per share. The additional capital infusion was made on July 31, 2023 (see Notes 22.1 and 22.2).

(e) *Donation of Properties from NPFI to RCBC*

On July 7, 2023, NPFI executed a deed of donation transferring to the Parent Bank certain real estate properties with a carrying amount of P2. On November 6, 2023, these properties were subsequently sold by the Parent Bank to PMMIC for a total consideration amounting to P57.

(f) *Sale of Tarlac Property to a Subsidiary of HOI*

On December 29, 2023, the Parent Company sold a property located in Tarlac with a selling price of P2,673 and a carrying amount of P385 resulting to a P2,288 gain, presented as part of Gain on assets sold – net under Other Operating Income in the 2023 statement of profit or loss (see Notes 15.1 and 30).

(g) *Key Management Personnel Compensation*

The breakdown of key management personnel compensation follows:

	Group		
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>			
Short-term employee benefits	546	566	555
Post-employment defined benefits	26	16	10
	<u>572</u>	<u>582</u>	<u>565</u>
		Parent Company	
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Short-term employee benefits	<u>358</u>	<u>395</u>	<u>334</u>

(h) *Lease Contracts with Frame Properties, Inc.*

The Parent Company and certain subsidiaries leases office spaces and parking space from Frame Properties, Inc. In March 31, 2023, the Parent Company entered into a five-year lease agreement with Frame Properties, Inc.

In 2024, the Bank amended its lease contract with Frame Properties, Inc. to revise area occupied and lease rate for selected properties resulting in a reduction in right-of-use asset and lease liability amounting to P9 and P41, respectively.

Amortization of right-of-use of asset amounted to P227 and P199 for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively, and are presented as part of Depreciation and Amortization account in the statements of profit or loss. The Parent Company's lease contract with Frame Properties, Inc. is effective until March 30, 2028.

28. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

In the normal course of operations of the Group and Parent Company, there are various outstanding commitments and contingent liabilities such as guarantees, commitments to extend credit, tax assessments, claims from customers and third parties, etc., with amounts not reflected in the financial statements. Management does not anticipate losses from these transactions that will adversely affect the Group's and Parent Company's operations.

In the opinion of management, the suits and claims arising from the normal course of operations of the Group and Parent Company that remain unsettled, if decided adversely, will not involve sums that would have material effect on the Group's and Parent Company's financial position or operating results.

28.1 Alleged Unauthorized Transfer of Funds – Bank of Bangladesh

In February 2016, four (4) allegedly unauthorized fund transfers were made into four (4) accounts with the Bank from Bangladesh Bank's account with the Federal Reserve Bank of New York (NY Fed), before being further dispersed to other banks and casinos.

In August 2016, the MB imposed a P1,000 fine upon the Bank, which it paid in full, without any effect on its ability to perform its existing obligations or its operations.

28.1.1 U.S. Litigation Relating to the Bangladesh Bank Incident

Failing to prosecute the Bank under the Federal Racketeer Influence and Corrupt Organizations Act, Bangladesh Bank initiated a second complaint before the New York State Court (NY State Court) on May 27, 2020. The Bank has since sought the dismissal of this second case, citing (a) New York's lack of personal jurisdiction over it; (b) the impropriety of New York as a forum, given the ongoing related proceedings in the Philippines and the location of material witnesses/evidence; and (c) the untenable nature of the fraud charge against the Bank due to the lack of any fiduciary duty to Bangladesh Bank.

In a Decision/Order dated January 13, 2023, the NY State Court denied the Bank's Motion to Dismiss, ruling, among others, that (a) it has jurisdiction over the case, as the Bank's mere act of maintaining correspondent accounts in New York is purportedly tantamount to conducting business in the said jurisdiction; (b) it is irrelevant that the Bank was not the entity which initiated the transfer of funds; (c) the NY State Court will properly focus on the theft which occurred in New York and not the laundering of the funds stolen; and (c) the location of the witnesses/documents favor New York.

The Bank timely filed its Answer within the extension period granted by the NY State Court. The Bank likewise participated in the May 16, 2023 court-mandated mediation; which, however, failed and was terminated. The parties are currently availing of the different modes of discovery as directed by the NY State Court, the deadline of which is now on May 7, 2025. Thereafter, Depositions are expected to commence on May 12, 2025.

28.1.2 U.S. Appellate Litigation at the Supreme Court of the State of New York Appellate Division, First Judicial Department (the NY Appellate Division, First Judicial Department) relating to the Bangladesh Bank Incident

The Bank filed its appeal on the aforesaid January 13, 2023 Decision/Order of the NY State Court, and timely filed its Appellant's Brief on July 19, 2023. The Bank argued that, in denying its Motion to Dismiss, the NY State Court practically reversed its earlier Decision/rulings on the very same issues which had resulted in the dismissal of the case against the Philippine casinos.

The Bank further pointed out that (a) the NY Appellate Division, First Judicial Department in *Bangladesh Bank v. Rizal Commercial Banking Corp.* 216 AD 3d590 (the *Bloomberry* case) has affirmed (1) the correctness of the aforesaid dismissal, as with the NY State Court's ruling that New York does not have a substantial nexus to the action; and (2) that the Philippines is a viable alternate forum; and (b) given the lack of material distinction between the facts/circumstances of the now-final Decision in the *Bloomberry* case and the Bank's case, the assailed NY State Court's Decision/Order dated January 13, 2023 violates the said judicial precedent and must be set aside.

Bangladesh Bank, on the other hand, (a) made it appear that the NY Fed was the target of the supposed conspirators when (1) its Complaint states otherwise; and (2) the NY Fed, in the *Bloomberry* case, stated that there was no evidence of any attempt to actually penetrate the Federal Reserve System or that the same was compromised; (b) now claimed that it is a quasi in rem resident of New York via its ownership of a bank account in New York with hundreds of millions of dollars; and (c) tried to downplay the significance of the *Bloomberry* case Decision, claiming that the Philippine casinos were involved in money laundering while the Bank was involved in the conspiracy and theft of funds.

In a Decision and Order dated 29 February 2024, the Appellate Division, First Judicial Department of the Supreme Court of the State of New York (the "Appellate Court") dismissed three (3) causes of action (i.e., conversion aiding and abetting conversion, and conspiracy to commit conversion) against the Bank and its impleaded officers.

The Appellate Court likewise dismissed the case against four of the Bank's officers. It was held, however, that the case can proceed against the Bank and the remaining defendants on the other causes of action.

Appeals were filed but all were denied. No further development is expected in this case. This appeal is now considered closed.

28.1.3 Philippine Litigation Relating to the Bangladesh Bank Incident

After initially issuing differing rulings on whether Bangladesh Bank was properly served with summons and even dismissing the case, the Makati Trial Court, in its Resolution dated May 31, 2023, (a) reinstated the same; and (b) deputized Bangladesh Bank's Philippine counsel to serve summons upon its client, citing Sec. 13, Rule 14 of the 2019 Amendments to the 1997 Rules of Civil Procedure. The Makati Trial Court reiterated this ruling in its Resolution dated October 11, 2023, which denied Bangladesh Bank's Motion for Reconsideration. Instead of appealing the resolution of the Makati Trial Court, Bangladesh Bank filed a Memorandum of Authorities dated 7 December 2023. In an Order dated 27 February 2024, the Makati Trial Court held that the matter regarding Bangladesh Bank's state immunity is deemed submitted for resolution.

RCBC continues to deny liability and is vigorously defending itself against Bangladesh Bank's claims. As discussed above, the Court has dismissed several causes of action asserted against RCBC. Discovery is ongoing and the parties will continue to exchange documents and proceed to depositions over the next several months. To date, document discovery by the parties does not clearly establish that RCBC officers or directors engaged in or had knowledge of the intentional wrongdoing alleged by Bangladesh Bank.

Except for the matters discussed above, the Bank is not aware of any suits and claims by or against it or its subsidiaries, which if decided adversely, would have a material effect on its financial position or operating results.

28.2 Lease Commitments – Group as a Lessor

a. Finance Lease

The Group, as a lessor, enters into finance leases covering various equipment and vehicles with lease term ranging one to more than five years. To manage its risks over these finance leases, the Group retains its legal title over the underlying assets and are used as securities over the finance lease receivables. The Group's future minimum lease payments receivable (MLPR) under this finance lease together with the present value of net minimum lease payments receivable (NMLPR) are shown below:

	2024		2023	
	Future MLPR	PV of NMLPR	Future MLPR	PV of NMLPR
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>				
Within one year	145	138	244	233
After one year but not more than two years	741	641	521	474
After two years but not more than three years	268	231	622	531
After three years but not more than four years	15	12	143	117
After four years but not more than five years	190	151	289	222
More than five years	39	29	13	10
Total MLPR	1,398	1,202	1,832	1,587
Unearned lease income	(196)	-	(245)	-
Present value of MLPR	1,202	1,202	1,587	1,587

The only change in the carrying amount of the net investment in finance leases during the year is the amortization of finance income. The net investment relating to this finance lease is presented as Lease contract receivables under Loans and Receivables account in the statements of financial position (see Note 11). The interest income from the finance leases amount to P226, P323, and P202 in 2024, 2023 and 2022, respectively, and is presented as part of is recognized as part of Interest Income in the statements of profit or loss (see Note 11).

b. Operating Lease

Prior to the sale of the ATYC, the Group and Parent Company has entered into various lease contracts related to this property, with lease terms ranging from one to five years and with monthly rent depending on market price with 6% escalation rate every year. Moreover, RRC entered into several lease agreements for lease of machineries and equipment for a period of one to more than five years. Total rent income earned from these leases amounted to P283, P424, and P872 in 2024, 2023, and 2022, respectively, which are presented as Rentals under the Miscellaneous Income account in the statements of profit or loss (see Note 24.1).

The Group is subject to risk incidental to the leasing operations which include, among others, changes in the market rental rates, inability to renew leases upon lease expiration and inability to collect rent from lessees due to bankruptcy or insolvency of lessees. To mitigate these risks, lessees pay guarantee deposit ranging from 10% to 20% of the value of the leased assets, which is forfeited in case a lessee pre-terminates without prior notice or before the expiry of lease terminate without cause.

There are no variable lease rentals as of December 31, 2024, 2023, and 2022. The Group's and Parent Company's future minimum rental receivables under this non-cancellable operating lease arrangement are as follows:

	Group		
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>			
Within one year	326	338	598
After one year but not more than two years	140	312	444
After two years but not more three five years	45	126	392
After three years but not more than four years	16	31	173
After four years but not more than five years	3	7	13
	<u>530</u>	<u>814</u>	<u>1,620</u>

28.3 Capital Commitments

As of December 31, 2024 and 2023, the Group and Parent bank has no contractual commitment for the acquisition of Bank premises, furniture, fixtures and equipment, Intangible assets, and Investment properties (see Notes 13, 14 and 15).

29. EARNINGS PER SHARE

The following shows the Group's profit and per share data used in the basic and diluted EPS computations for the three years presented:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>			
Net profit attributable to Parent Company's shareholders	9,520	12,218	12,080
Dividends paid to preferred shareholders and distributions allocated to holders of hybrid perpetual securities	<u>(1,096)</u>	<u>(1,068)</u>	<u>(1,037)</u>
	<u>8,424</u>	<u>11,150</u>	<u>11,043</u>
Weighted average number of outstanding common shares of stock	<u>2,420</u>	<u>2,198</u>	<u>2,037</u>
Basic and diluted EPS	<u>3.48</u>	<u>5.07</u>	<u>5.42</u>

The convertible preferred shares did not have a significant impact on the EPS for each of the periods presented. The Group and the Parent Company has no potential dilutive shares as of the end of each reporting period.

30. SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION TO STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

Significant non-cash transactions of the Group and the Parent Company include additional leases under PFRS 16 as discussed in Notes 13 and 27; disposals of bank premises and investment properties as discussed in Notes 13 and 14; sale and leaseback of properties to Frame Properties, Inc. for a 100% ownership which was subsequently transferred to retirement fund as discussed in Notes 13 and 27.4; reclassifications between investment properties to NCAHS as discussed in Notes 14 and 15; additions of real properties, chattel properties and other assets through foreclosures, dacion in payment and repossessions as discussed in Notes 14.1 and 15; and, partial settlement of certain loan in exchange of equity securities as discussed in Note 15.

In 2023, the Parent Company sold a property located in Tarlac with a total selling price of P2,673, which is paid partly in cash and through issuance of sales contract receivables [see Notes 15.1 and 27.7 (f)]. In 2022, the Parent Company disposed of a portion of its bank premises and investment properties with total selling price P6,065, which is paid partly in cash and through issuance of notes receivables [see Notes 11, 13, 14 and 27.7(a)].

On July 14, 2023, the Parent Company sold NPHI and Cajel to FLI for a total consideration price of P544, broken down into cash amounting to P190 and loans receivable amounting to P364 (see Note 12).

Presented below is the reconciliation of the Group and Parent Company's liabilities arising from financing activities, which includes both cash and non-cash changes.

	Group				Total Financing Activities
	Bills Payable (see Note 18)	Bonds Payable (see Note 19)	Lease Liability (see Note 21)	Hybrid Perpetual Securities (see Note 22.4)	
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>					
Balance at January 1, 2024	50,858	34,939	6,687	14,463	106,947
Cash flow from financing activities:					
Availments/proceeds from issuance	43,948	23,138	-	-	67,086
Payments/redemption	(10,232)	(31,542)	(2,366)	-	(44,140)
Non-cash financing activities:					
Additional lease liabilities	-	-	669	-	669
Lease termination	-	-	(12)	-	(12)
Foreign exchange gains	2,042	718	-	-	2,760
Amortization of discount and interest	-	(114)	364	-	250
FV Hedge – bonds payable	-	(204)	-	-	(204)
Balance at December 31, 2024	<u>86,616</u>	<u>26,935</u>	<u>5,342</u>	<u>14,463</u>	<u>133,356</u>
Balance at January 1, 2023	66,660	74,411	5,500	14,463	161,034
Cash flow from financing activities:					
Availments/proceeds from issuance	15,333	-	-	-	15,333
Payments/redemption	(29,767)	(39,041)	(2,131)	-	(70,939)
Non-cash financing activities:					
Additional lease liabilities	-	-	2,983	-	2,983
Foreign exchange losses	(1,368)	(450)	-	-	(1,818)
Amortization of discount and interest	-	19	335	-	354
Balance at December 31, 2023	<u>50,858</u>	<u>34,939</u>	<u>6,687</u>	<u>14,463</u>	<u>106,947</u>
Balance at January 1, 2022	55,904	87,215	4,050	14,463	161,632
Cash flow from financing activities:					
Availments/proceeds from issuance	62,142	14,756	-	-	76,898
Payments/redemption	(52,865)	(31,170)	(2,265)	-	(86,300)
Non-cash financing activities:					
Additional lease liabilities	-	-	3,526	-	3,526
Foreign exchange gains	1,479	3,567	-	-	5,046
Amortization of discount and interest	-	43	189	-	232
Balance at December 31, 2022	<u>66,660</u>	<u>74,411</u>	<u>5,500</u>	<u>14,463</u>	<u>161,034</u>

	Parent Company				
	Bills Payable (see Note 18)	Bonds Payable (see Note 19)	Lease Liability (see Note 21)	Hybrid Perpetual Securities (see Note 22.4)	Total Financing Activities
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>					
Balance at January 1, 2024	43,957	34,939	7,029	14,463	100,388
Cash flow from financing activities:					
Availments/proceeds from issuance	41,100	23,138	-	-	64,238
Payments/redemption	(6,171)	(31,542)	(2,283)	-	(39,996)
Non-cash financing activities:					
Additional lease liabilities	-	-	456	-	456
Lease termination	-	-	(12)	-	(12)
Foreign exchange gains	2,042	718	-	-	2,760
Amortization of discount and interest	-	(114)	351	-	237
FV Hedge – bonds payable	-	(204)	-	-	(204)
Balance at December 31, 2024	80,928	26,935	5,541	14,463	127,867
Balance at January 1, 2023	58,391	74,411	5,913	14,463	153,178
Cash flow from financing activities:					
Availments/proceeds from issuance	15,333	-	-	-	15,333
Payments/redemption	(28,399)	(39,041)	(2,044)	-	(69,484)
Non-cash financing activities:					
Additional lease liabilities	-	-	2,976	-	2,976
Lease termination	-	-	(178)	-	(178)
Foreign exchange losses	(1,368)	(450)	-	-	(1,818)
Amortization of discount and interest	-	19	362	-	381
Balance at December 31, 2023	43,957	34,939	7,029	14,463	100,388
Balance at January 1, 2022	46,399	87,215	4,479	14,463	152,556
Cash flow from financing activities:					
Availments/proceeds from issuance	55,380	14,756	-	-	70,136
Payments/redemption	(44,867)	(31,170)	(2,189)	-	(78,226)
Non-cash financing activities:					
Additional lease liabilities	-	-	3,551	-	3,551
Foreign exchange gains	1,479	3,567	-	-	5,046
Amortization of discount and interest	-	43	72	-	115
Balance at December 31, 2022	58,391	74,411	5,913	14,463	153,178

31. MATURITY ANALYSIS OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

The table below and in the succeeding page shows an analysis of assets and liabilities analyzed according to when they are expected to be recovered or settled:

	2024					
	Group			Parent Company		
	Within One Year	Beyond One Year	Total	Within One Year	Beyond One Year	Total
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>						
Financial Assets						
Cash and other cash items	23,003	-	23,003	22,907	-	22,907
Due from BSP	71,235	43,995	115,230	69,459	43,304	112,763
Due from other banks	14,569	-	14,569	14,433	-	14,433
Interbank loans receivables	32,567	-	32,567	32,567	-	32,567
Financial assets at FVTPL	10,234	-	10,234	9,525	-	9,525
Financial assets at FVOCI - net	95,890	62,740	158,630	95,215	62,739	157,954
Investments at amortized cost - net	18,349	241,873	260,222	17,515	241,872	259,387
Loans and other receivables - net	70,547	639,383	709,930	69,330	634,634	703,964
Other resources - net	1,688	-	1,688	1,669	-	1,669
	<u>338,082</u>	<u>987,991</u>	<u>1,326,073</u>	<u>332,620</u>	<u>982,549</u>	<u>1,315,169</u>
Non-financial Assets						
Investment in subsidiaries and associates - net	-	600	600	-	6,720	6,720
Bank premises, furniture, fixtures and equipment - net	-	8,033	8,033	-	7,060	7,060
Investment properties - net	-	695	695	-	695	695
Deferred tax asset - net	-	6,052	6,052	-	5,578	5,578
Other resources - net	16,419	2,281	18,700	15,305	2,625	17,930
	<u>16,419</u>	<u>17,661</u>	<u>34,080</u>	<u>15,305</u>	<u>22,678</u>	<u>37,983</u>
	<u>354,501</u>	<u>1,005,652</u>	<u>1,360,153</u>	<u>347,925</u>	<u>1,005,227</u>	<u>1,353,152</u>
Financial Liabilities						
Deposit liabilities	239,203	783,591	1,022,794	238,557	784,180	1,022,737
Bills payable	66,874	19,742	86,616	65,412	15,516	80,928
Bonds payable	-	26,935	26,935	-	26,935	26,935
Accrued interest and other expenses	8,342	2,024	10,366	9,431	1,881	11,312
Other liabilities	11,360	38,952	50,312	11,360	38,077	49,437
	<u>325,779</u>	<u>871,244</u>	<u>1,197,023</u>	<u>324,760</u>	<u>866,589</u>	<u>1,191,349</u>
Non-financial Liabilities						
Accrued interest and other expenses	1,294	-	1,294	7	-	7
Other liabilities	3,338	-	3,338	3,314	-	3,314
	<u>4,632</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,632</u>	<u>3,321</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,321</u>
	<u>330,411</u>	<u>871,244</u>	<u>1,201,655</u>	<u>328,081</u>	<u>866,589</u>	<u>1,194,670</u>

	2023					
	Group			Parent Company		
	Within One Year	Beyond One Year	Total	Within One Year	Beyond One Year	Total
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>						
<i>Financial Assets</i>						
Cash and other cash items	19,875	-	19,875	19,812	-	19,812
Due from BSP	94,369	57,393	151,762	93,714	57,057	150,771
Due from other banks	14,526	366	14,892	14,630	-	14,630
Loans and receivables arising from reverse repurchase agreements	35,799	-	35,799	34,948	-	34,948
Interbank loans receivables	27,780	-	27,780	27,780	-	27,780
Financial assets at FVTPL	7,166	4,612	11,778	6,342	4,612	10,954
Financial assets at FVOCI - net	2,256	80,181	82,437	3,814	77,943	81,757
Investments at amortized cost - net	4,385	232,142	236,527	386	235,346	235,732
Loans and other receivables - net	68,481	553,668	622,149	67,251	548,650	615,901
Other resources - net	1,459	-	1,459	1,457	-	1,457
	<u>276,096</u>	<u>928,362</u>	<u>1,204,458</u>	<u>270,134</u>	<u>923,608</u>	<u>1,193,742</u>
<i>Non-financial Assets</i>						
Investment in subsidiaries and associates - net	-	509	509	-	6,401	6,401
Bank premises, furniture, fixtures and equipment - net	-	9,129	9,129	-	7,805	7,805
Investment properties - net	-	543	543	-	543	543
Deferred tax asset - net	-	5,775	5,775	-	5,351	5,351
Other resources - net	12,764	5,154	17,918	12,523	4,525	17,048
	<u>12,764</u>	<u>21,110</u>	<u>33,874</u>	<u>12,523</u>	<u>24,625</u>	<u>37,148</u>
	<u>288,860</u>	<u>949,472</u>	<u>1,238,332</u>	<u>282,657</u>	<u>948,233</u>	<u>1,230,890</u>
<i>Financial Liabilities</i>						
Deposit liabilities	199,862	756,850	956,712	199,179	758,190	957,369
Bills payable	44,991	5,867	50,858	42,314	1,643	43,957
Bonds payable	30,809	4,130	34,939	30,809	4,130	34,939
Accrued interest and other expenses	5,985	4,760	10,745	5,695	4,780	10,475
Other liabilities	19,252	9,428	28,680	18,665	9,243	27,908
	<u>300,899</u>	<u>781,035</u>	<u>1,081,934</u>	<u>296,662</u>	<u>777,986</u>	<u>1,074,648</u>
<i>Non-financial Liabilities</i>						
Accrued interest and other expenses	1,337	-	1,337	1,311	-	1,311
Other liabilities	2,747	39	2,786	2,665	-	2,665
	<u>4,084</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>4,123</u>	<u>3,976</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,976</u>
	<u>304,983</u>	<u>781,074</u>	<u>1,086,057</u>	<u>300,638</u>	<u>777,986</u>	<u>1,078,624</u>

32. OTHER MATTERS

32.1 Impact of Global Conflicts

The ongoing Russia-Ukraine war since February 24, 2022 led to higher global crude oil and other commodity prices in 2022 which partly bloated the Philippines' imports and trade deficit to record levels. This resulted in elevated inflation worldwide which triggered aggressive Federal rate hikes that supported a strong U.S. dollar earlier in 2022.

This event prompted BSP to implement local policy rate hikes totaling 350 basis points in 2022 and another 50 bps this February 2023 to temper the high domestic inflation and be in sync with US Federal hikes to help manage the peso exchange rate. Further, the BSP also made a surprise 25 basis points off-cycle rate hike effective October 27, 2023, after the Israel-Hamas war started on October 7, 2023; for a total of rate hikes of 450 basis points since May 2022.

The increase in BSP policy rates resulted in higher cost of deposits. It has also led to unrealized mark-to-market losses in FVOCI portfolio which fluctuates according to market condition; unless sold, these losses are recorded as part of the other comprehensive income or loss under Statement of comprehensive income.

The Group has implemented strategies to mitigate the increase in cost by issuances of loans with higher rates and growing low-cost deposits. BSP has already cut policy rates by 75 basis points in 2024 and is seen to continue rate cuts in 2025, although at a slower pace.

32.2 Issuance of Sustainability Bonds

On January 22, 2025, the Group priced a USD350 5-year and 1-day Senior Unsecured Fixed Rate Sustainability Bonds via a drawdown under its USD4,000 Medium Term Note Program.

The net proceeds from the issue of the Notes will be applied by the Group to support and finance its loans to customers or its own operating activities in eligible green and social categories as defined in the Group's Sustainable Finance Framework.

32.3 Dividend Declaration on Hybrid Perpetual Securities

On January 27, 2025, the BOD approved the dividend declaration amounting to USD9.75 payable on February 27, 2025. This dividend declaration is relative to the Bank's USD300 non-cumulative hybrid perpetual securities payable on a semi-annual basis.

33. SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION REQUIRED BY THE BSP

Presented below are the supplementary information required by the BSP under Section 174 (Appendix 55) of the BSP MORB to be disclosed as part of the notes to financial statements based on BSP Circular No. 1074, *Amendments to Regulations on Financial Audit of Banks*.

(a) Selected Financial Performance Indicators

The following basic ratios measure the financial performance of the Group and the Parent Company:

	2024	Group 2023	2022
Return on average equity			
<u>Net profit</u>	6.03%	9.53%	11.24%
Average total equity			
Return on average resources			
<u>Net profit</u>	0.75%	1.06%	1.20%
Average total resources			
Net interest margin			
<u>Net interest income</u>	3.88%	3.43%	3.70%
Average interest earning resources			

	Parent Company		
	2024	2023	2022
Return on average equity			
<u>Net profit</u> Average total equity	6.03%	9.52%	11.24%
Return on average resources			
<u>Net profit</u> Average total resources	0.76%	1.07%	1.21%
Net interest margin			
<u>Net interest income</u> Average interest earning resources	3.85%	3.39%	3.70%

(b) *Capital Instruments Issued*

(i) *Common Stock*

As of December 31, 2024, the Parent Company's common stock amounted to P24,195 representing 2,419,536,359 issued common shares as compared to December 31, 2023 common stock amounted to P24,195 representing 2,419,536,120 common shares.

On July 31, 2023, the Bank received a total consideration amount of P27,125 as a capital infusion coming from SMBC which involved issuance of common shares amounting to P1,686 and reissuance of the treasury at cost amounting to P9,287 (see Note 22.3). The investment of SMBC resulted in a net increase of the additional paid in capital account of the Bank amounting to P15,735, coming from the excess of the consideration received over the par value of common stock and cost of treasury shares amounting to P16,152 and directly attributable transaction costs amounting to P417.

(ii) *Preferred Stock*

As of December 31, 2024 and 2023, the Parent Company's issued and outstanding preferred stock amounted to P3 representing 266,194 preferred shares. These preferred shares are voting, non-cumulative, non-redeemable, participating and convertible into common stock.

(iii) *Hybrid Perpetual Securities*

In August 27, 2020, the Parent Company issued USD300 non-cumulative, unsecured, subordinated AT1 capital securities. The capital securities are perpetual in respect of which there is no fixed redemption date. The Parent Company may redeem the capital securities only in certain circumstances as described in the conditions of the securities and with prior written consent of BSP. Distributions are non-cumulative and payable semi-annually in arrear at a rate of 6.5%. Certain conditions provide for circumstances under which the Parent Company will not be obliged to pay any distribution on the applicable payment date.

(c) *Significant Credit Exposures for Loans*

The Group and Bank's concentration of credit as to industry for its receivables from customers gross of allowance for ECL is reflected below and in the succeeding page. This table also includes the industry groups above the 10% of Tier 1 capital of the Group and the Parent Bank amounting to P13,315 and P12,943, respectively, as of December 31, 2024, and P12,943 and P12,608, respectively, as of December 31, 2023.

	Group			
	2024		2023	
	Amount	Share	Amount	Share
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>				
Credit cards	110,453	16%	74,667	12%
Housing	98,954	14%	80,864	13%
Real estate, renting and other related activities	93,193	13%	100,969	16%
Financial intermediaries	72,473	10%	49,479	8%
Wholesale and retail trade	72,324	10%	63,963	10%
Electricity, gas and water	69,851	10%	70,407	11%
Auto	62,472	9%	43,257	7%
Manufacturing (various industries)	47,839	7%	58,061	9%
Transportation and communication	47,554	7%	53,146	9%
Consumer*	10,090	1%	3,117	1%
Mining and quarrying	4,581	1%	2,243	-
Agriculture, fishing, and forestry	4,075	1%	5,076	1%
Hotels and restaurants	3,972	-	4,079	1%
Other community, social and personal activities	2,461	-	2,847	0%
Others	10,342	1%	9,747	2%
	710,634	100%	621,922	100%

	Parent Company			
	2024		2023	
	Amount	Share	Amount	Share
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>				
Credit cards	110,453	16%	74,667	12%
Housing	98,940	14%	80,855	13%
Real estate, renting and other related activities	92,202	13%	99,982	16%
Financial intermediaries	72,467	10%	49,477	8%
Wholesale and retail trade	71,297	10%	69,363	11%
Electricity, gas and water	69,827	10%	63,905	10%
Auto	62,411	9%	43,232	7%
Manufacturing (various industries)	46,892	7%	56,972	9%
Transportation and communication	44,952	6%	50,524	8%
Consumer*	10,077	1%	3,106	1%
Mining and quarrying	4,485	1%	2,077	1%
Hotels and restaurants	3,878	1%	3,997	1%
Agriculture, fishing, and forestry	3,867	1%	4,726	1%
Other community, social and personal activities	2,340	-	2,838	-
Others	10,323	1%	9,519	2%
	704,411	100%	615,240	100%

*Includes personal and salary loans

The BSP considers that loan concentration exists when the total loan exposure to a particular industry exceeds 30% of the total loan portfolio plus the outstanding interbank loans receivable or 10% of Tier 1 capital.

(d) *Credit Status of Loans*

The breakdown of receivable from customers as to status is shown below.

	Group		
	Performing	Non-performing	Total Loan Portfolio
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>			
2024			
Gross carrying amount:			
Corporate	404,765	19,380	424,145
Consumer	273,857	12,632	286,489
	678,622	32,012	710,634
Allowance for ECL	(4,441)	(13,875)	(18,316)
Net carrying amount	674,181	18,137	692,318
2023			
Gross carrying amount:			
Corporate	404,158	12,954	417,112
Consumer	194,878	9,932	204,810
	599,036	22,886	621,922
Allowance for ECL	(3,856)	(11,976)	(15,832)
Net carrying amount	595,180	10,910	606,090

<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>	Parent Company		
	Performing	Non-performing	Total Loan Portfolio
2024			
Gross carrying amount:			
Corporate	402,506	16,579	419,085
Consumer	272,781	12,545	285,326
	<u>675,287</u>	<u>29,124</u>	<u>704,411</u>
Allowance for ECL	<u>(4,415)</u>	<u>(12,797)</u>	<u>(17,212)</u>
Net carrying amount	<u><u>670,872</u></u>	<u><u>16,327</u></u>	<u><u>687,199</u></u>
2023			
Gross carrying amount:			
Corporate	399,965	11,741	411,706
Consumer	193,949	9,585	203,534
	<u>593,914</u>	<u>21,326</u>	<u>615,240</u>
Allowance for ECL	<u>(3,687)</u>	<u>(11,024)</u>	<u>(14,711)</u>
Net carrying amount	<u><u>590,227</u></u>	<u><u>10,302</u></u>	<u><u>600,529</u></u>

NPLs included in the total loan portfolio of the Group and the Parent Company as of December 31 as reported to the BSP are presented below.

<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>	Group		Parent Company	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
Gross NPLs	32,012	22,886	29,124	21,326
Allowance for impairment	<u>(13,875)</u>	<u>(11,976)</u>	<u>(12,797)</u>	<u>(11,024)</u>
	<u><u>18,137</u></u>	<u><u>10,910</u></u>	<u><u>16,327</u></u>	<u><u>10,302</u></u>

Under banking regulations, loan accounts shall be considered non-performing, even without any missed contractual payments, when they are considered impaired under existing accounting standards, classified as doubtful or loss, in litigation, and/or there is evidence that full repayment of principal or interest is unlikely without foreclosure of collateral, if any. All other loans, even if not considered impaired, shall be considered non-performing if any principal and/or interest are unpaid for more than 90 days from contractual due date, or accrued interests for more than 90 days have been capitalized, refinanced, or delayed by agreement.

Restructured loans shall be considered non-performing. However, if prior to restructuring, the loans were categorized as performing, such classification shall be retained. Moreover, NPLs shall remain classified as such until (a) there is sufficient evidence to support that full collection of principal and interests is probable and payments of interest and/or principal are received for at least 6 months; or (b) written-off. Microfinance and other small loans with similar credit characteristics shall be considered non-performing after contractual due date or after they have become past due.

As of December 31, 2024, gross and net NPL ratios of the Group and the Parent Company as reported to BSP were 4.31% and 2.44%, and 3.95% and 2.22%, respectively. As of December 31, 2023, gross and net NPL ratios of the Group and the Parent Company as reported to BSP were 3.34% and 1.59%, and 3.15% and 1.52%, respectively. Most of the NPLs are secured by real estate or chattel mortgages.

As of December 31, 2024 and 2023, the amount of restructured receivables from customer were P4,930 and P4,786 for the Group and P2,636 and P2,383 for the Parent Company.

Interest income from restructured receivables from customers amounted P147, P112, and P18 in 2024, 2023, 2022, respectively, for both the Group and the Parent Company.

(e) *Analysis of Loan Portfolio as to Type of Security*

The breakdown of the receivables from customers' portfolio as to secured and unsecured follows:

	Group		Parent Company	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>				
Secured:				
Real estate mortgage	203,996	184,910	203,103	183,828
Chattel mortgage	63,435	51,280	61,266	49,214
Hold-out deposits	15,089	8,153	15,089	8,152
Other securities	11,553	11,119	8,908	8,034
	294,073	255,462	288,366	249,228
Unsecured	416,561	366,460	416,045	366,012
	710,634	621,922	704,411	615,240

(f) *Information on Related Party Loans*

In the ordinary course of business, the Bank has loan transactions with each other, their other affiliates, and with certain DOSRI. Under existing policies of the Bank, these loans are made substantially on the same terms as loans to other individuals and businesses of comparable risks.

Under the current BSP regulations, the amount of individual loans to a DOSRI, 70% of which must be secured, should not exceed the amount of the encumbered deposit and book value of the investment in the Bank and/or any of its lending and nonbank financial subsidiaries. In the aggregate, loans to DOSRIs, generally, should not exceed the total equity or 15% of the total loan portfolio of the Bank. However, non-risk loans are excluded in both individual and aggregate ceiling computation.

The following table shows the information relating to the loans, credit accommodations and guarantees to DOSRI, excluding loans granted as fringe benefits to officers which are excluded from the individual ceiling as of December 31 in accordance with BSP reporting guidelines:

	Group		Parent Company	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
Total outstanding				
DOSRI loans	-	-	-	-
Unsecured DOSRI	-	-	-	-
Past due DOSRI	-	-	-	-
Non-accruing DOSRI	-	-	-	-
Percent of DOSRI loans to total loan portfolio	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Percent of unsecured DOSRI loans to total DOSRI loans	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Percent of past due DOSRI Loans to total DOSRI	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Percent of non-accruing DOSRI loans to total DOSRI loans	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

The following table shows the other information relating to the loans, other credit accommodations and guarantees granted to related parties (inclusive of DOSRI) as of December 31 as reported to the BSP:

	Group		Parent Company	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>				
Total outstanding				
related party loans	28,846	26,739	28,786	26,746
Unsecured related party	19,827	19,268	19,800	19,257
Past due related party	19	1	19	1
Percent of related party loans to total loan portfolio	4.06%	4.30%	4.09%	4.35%
Percent of unsecured related party loans to total related party loans	68.73%	72.06%	68.78%	72.00%
Percent of past due related party loans to total related party loans	0.07%	0.00%	0.07%	0.00%
Percent of non-accruing related party loans to total related party loans	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

In accordance with existing BSP regulations, the reported DOSRI performing loans exclude loans extended to certain borrowers before these borrowers became DOSRI. Under BSP regulations, total outstanding exposures to each of the Parent Company's subsidiaries and affiliates shall not exceed 10.0% of the Group's net worth, the unsecured portion of which shall not exceed 5.0% of such net worth. Further, the total outstanding exposures to subsidiaries and affiliates shall not exceed 20.0% of the net worth of the Parent Company.

As of December 31, 2024, 2023 and 2022, the Group and Parent Company is in compliance with these regulatory requirements.

As of December 31, 2024, 2023 and 2022, the Group has not recognized impairment loss on loans and receivables from DOSRI.

(g) *Secured Liabilities and Assets Pledged as Security*

Assets pledged as security for liabilities of the Group and Parent Company are shown below.

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>		
Aggregate amount of secured liabilities	<u>66,056</u>	<u>29,797</u>
Aggregate amount of resources pledged as security	<u>80,523</u>	<u>41,597</u>

(h) *Contingencies and Commitments Arising from Off-balance Sheet Items*

The following is a summary of contingencies and commitments arising from transactions not given recognition in the statement of financial position, expressed at their equivalent peso contractual amounts as of December 31, 2024 and 2023:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
<i>(Amounts in PHP)</i>		
Outstanding guarantees issued	268,149	205,268
Derivative assets	206,527	142,921
Derivative liabilities	105,484	84,461
Unused commercial letters of credit	23,098	25,079
Inward bills for collection	10,677	8,061
Spot exchange sold	10,617	16,985
Spot exchange bought	10,613	16,980
Late deposits/payments received	859	872
Outward bills for collection	28	1
Trust Investment Group accounts	-	155,705
Others	63	64