

OJSC International Bank of Azerbaijan

Interim condensed consolidated financial statements

30 June 2020

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Report on Review of Interim Financial Information

To the Shareholders and Supervisory Board of
OJSC International Bank of Azerbaijan

Introduction

We have reviewed the accompanying interim condensed consolidated financial statements of OJSC International Bank of Azerbaijan and its subsidiaries (the "Group"), which comprise the interim consolidated statement of financial position as at 30 June 2020 and the related interim consolidated statements of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, changes in equity and cash flows for the six-month period then ended, and selected explanatory notes (interim financial information). Management is responsible for the preparation and presentation of this interim financial information in accordance with IAS 34 *Interim Financial Reporting*. Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on this interim financial information based on our review.

Scope of review

We conducted our review in accordance with International Standard on Review Engagements 2410 *Review of Interim Financial Information Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity*. A review of interim financial information consists of making inquiries, primarily of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters, and applying analytical and other review procedures. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with International Standards on Auditing and consequently does not enable us to obtain assurance that we would become aware of all significant matters that might be identified in an audit. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion.

Conclusion

Based on our review, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the accompanying interim financial information is not prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with IAS 34 *Interim Financial Reporting*.

Ernst & Young Holdings (CIS) B.V.

Baku, Azerbaijan

22 September 2020

Interim consolidated statement of financial position**As at 30 June 2020***(Figures in tables are in thousands of Azerbaijani manats)*

	Notes	30 June 2020 (unaudited)	31 December 2019
Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	5	1,957,326	2,789,673
Mandatory cash balances with central banks		58,017	60,059
Due from banks and other financial institutions	6	2,946,858	3,179,615
Investment securities	8	462,696	207,661
Loans to customers	7	2,200,349	2,165,804
Receivables from CJSC Agrarkredit	2	709,101	693,281
Current income tax assets		—	4,387
Deferred income tax assets		980	1,029
Property, equipment and intangible assets		197,933	192,993
Other assets	9	68,410	47,243
Total assets		8,601,670	9,341,745
Liabilities			
Due to banks and other financial institutions	13	50,797	31,979
Customer accounts	14	4,755,705	5,606,673
Payables to CJSC Agrarkredit	2	89,133	89,055
Other borrowed funds	16	216,548	104,504
Debt securities issued	15	1,523,843	1,526,354
Current income tax liabilities		19,436	74,748
Deferred income tax liabilities		68,182	83,498
Other liabilities	9	129,254	141,206
Total liabilities		6,852,898	7,658,017
Equity			
Share capital	17	1,241,287	1,241,287
Additional paid-in capital		1,847,437	1,847,437
Foreign currency translation reserve		(20,404)	6,368
Revaluation reserve for premises		39,682	38,760
Unrealised gain on investment securities		63,264	58,568
Accumulated deficit		(1,422,494)	(1,508,692)
Total equity attributable to shareholders of the Bank		1,748,772	1,683,728
Total liabilities and equity		8,601,670	9,341,745

Signed and authorised for release on behalf of the Management Board:



Mr. Abbas Ibrahimov
Chairman of the Management Board

Baku, Azerbaijan

22 September 2020




Mr. Nabi Aliyev
Deputy Chairman of the Management Board, CFO

Interim consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income**For the six months ended 30 June 2020***(Figures in tables are in thousands of Azerbaijani manats)*

		<i>For the six months ended 30 June (unaudited)</i>	<i>For the six months ended 30 June (unaudited)</i>
	<i>Notes</i>	<i>2020</i>	<i>2019</i>
Interest income calculated using effective interest rate			
Loans to customers		156,526	110,639
Due from banks and other financial institutions		51,470	76,084
Cash and cash equivalents		9,009	19,273
Receivables from CJSC Agrarkredit		14,170	24,711
Investment securities		3,951	1,426
		235,126	232,133
Interest expense			
Customer accounts		(19,831)	(18,000)
Due to banks and other financial institutions		(200)	(361)
Other borrowed funds		(2,029)	(1,332)
Debt securities issued		(50,237)	(47,832)
Lease liabilities		(250)	(629)
		(72,547)	(68,154)
Net interest income		162,579	163,979
Credit loss expense	11	(48,536)	(20,324)
Net interest income after impairment losses for interest bearing accounts		114,043	143,655
Fee and commission income	12	39,787	42,984
Fee and commission expense	12	(11,029)	(10,745)
Net loss arising on initial recognition of financial instruments and loan modification		(4,068)	-
Net gains/(losses) from foreign currencies:			
- dealing		27,302	32,179
- translation differences		10,838	(15,798)
Reversal of provision for credit losses on credit-related commitments and other financial assets	11	13,612	16,298
Other impairment (reversal)/charge	11	(278)	18,938
Operating expenses	19	(78,153)	(67,082)
Other operating income		1,639	4,837
Non-interest income/(expense)		(350)	21,611
Profit before income tax expense		113,693	165,266
Income tax expense	10	(27,495)	(39,368)
Profit for the period		86,198	125,898
Other comprehensive income			
<i>Other comprehensive income to be reclassified to profit or loss in subsequent periods</i>			
Unrealised gains on debt securities		3,704	-
Exchange differences on translating foreign operations		(26,772)	15,901
Income tax relating to components of other comprehensive income to be reclassified to profit or loss in subsequent periods		(741)	-
Net other comprehensive income/(loss) to be reclassified to profit or loss in subsequent periods		(23,809)	15,901
<i>Other comprehensive income that will not be reclassified to profit or loss in subsequent periods</i>			
Unrealised gains on equity securities		2,166	17,958
Change in revaluation reserve for premises		1,153	1,306
Income tax relating to components of other comprehensive income not to be reclassified to profit or loss in subsequent periods		(664)	(3,853)
Total other comprehensive income not to be reclassified to profit or loss in subsequent periods		2,655	15,411
Total comprehensive income for the period		65,044	157,210
Earnings per share, basic and diluted (AZN per share)	17	0.02	0.03

The accompanying selected explanatory notes on pages 5 to 26 are an integral part of these interim condensed consolidated financial statements.

Interim consolidated statement of changes in equity**For the six months ended 30 June 2020***(Figures in tables are in thousands of Azerbaijani manats)*

	<i>Attributable to shareholders of the Bank</i>						<i>Total equity</i>
	<i>Share capital</i>	<i>Additional paid-in capital</i>	<i>Accumulated deficit</i>	<i>Unrealised gain on investment securities</i>	<i>Revaluation reserve on premises</i>	<i>Foreign currency translation</i>	
As at 1 January 2019	1,241,287	1,909,116	(1,569,665)	38,419	36,878	(12,846)	1,643,189
Net profit for the period	–	–	125,898	–	–	–	125,898
Other comprehensive income for the period	–	–	–	14,366	1,045	15,901	31,312
Total comprehensive income for the period	–	–	125,898	14,366	1,045	15,901	157,210
At 30 June 2019 (unaudited)	1,241,287	1,909,116	(1,443,767)	52,785	37,923	3,055	1,800,399
As at 1 January 2020	1,241,287	1,847,437	(1,508,692)	58,568	38,760	6,368	1,683,728
Net profit for the period	–	–	86,198	–	–	–	86,198
Other comprehensive income/(loss) for the period	–	–	–	4,696	922	(26,772)	(21,154)
Total comprehensive income (loss) for the period	–	–	86,198	4,696	922	(26,772)	65,044
At 30 June 2020 (unaudited)	1,241,287	1,847,437	(1,422,494)	63,264	39,682	(20,404)	1,748,772

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Interim consolidated statement of cash flows**For the six months ended 30 June 2020***(Figures in tables are in thousands of Azerbaijani manats)*

		For the six months ended 30 June (unaudited) 2020	For the six months ended 30 June (unaudited) 2019
	Notes		
Cash flows from operating activities			
Interest received		138,653	117,874
Interest paid		(54,038)	(52,186)
Fees and commissions received		39,746	42,097
Fees and commissions paid		(9,721)	(10,115)
Gains from operations in foreign currencies		27,302	32,179
Staff costs paid		(46,476)	(33,393)
Other operating expenses paid		(24,960)	(22,692)
Other operating income received		425	4,835
Cash flows from operating activities before changes in operating assets and liabilities		70,931	78,599
<i>Net (increase)/decrease in operating assets</i>			
Mandatory cash balances with central banks		2,043	135
Due from banks and other financial institutions		282,060	335,621
Loans to customers		(57,264)	(90,801)
Other assets		(21,975)	(6,201)
<i>Net (decrease)/increase in operating liabilities</i>			
Due to banks and other financial institutions		18,406	(9,993)
Customer accounts		(850,507)	125,983
Other liabilities		5,917	(31,662)
Net cash flows (used in) / from operating activities before income tax		(550,389)	401,681
Income tax paid		(93,548)	(2,546)
Net cash (used in) / from operating activities		(643,937)	399,135
Cash flows (used in) / from investing activities			
Purchase of investment securities		(267,732)	–
Proceeds from sale and redemption of investment securities		18,063	–
Purchase of and prepayments for property, equipment and intangible assets		(16,260)	(5,117)
Net cash used in investing activities		(265,929)	(5,117)
Cash flows (used in) / from financing activities			
Repayments of other borrowed funds		(13,265)	(11,219)
Repayments of subordinated debt		–	–
Proceeds from other borrowed funds	16	126,326	11,138
Repayments and buy-backs of debt securities issued		(19,887)	–
Acquisition of non-controlling interests		–	–
Net cash from / (used in) financing activities		93,174	(81)
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents		(15,655)	703
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		(832,347)	394,640
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	5	2,789,673	1,810,173
Cash and cash equivalents, ending of year	5	1,957,326	2,204,813

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*(Figures in tables are in thousands of Azerbaijani manats)***1. Principal activities**

International Bank of Azerbaijan (the "Bank") was incorporated in 1991 as a fully state-owned bank and is domiciled in the Republic of Azerbaijan.

The activities of the Bank are regulated by the Central Bank of the Republic of Azerbaijan (the "CBAR"). The Bank conducts its business under a full general banking license issued on 30 December 1992. The Bank's primary business consists of commercial activities, trading with securities, foreign currencies and derivative instruments, and originating loans and guarantees.

The registered office of the Bank is located at 67 Nizami Street, AZ1005, Baku, the Republic of Azerbaijan.

As at 30 June 2020 and 31 December 2019 the Bank had 36 branches operating in the Republic of Azerbaijan.

The accompanying interim condensed consolidated financial statements comprise the accounts of the Bank and its subsidiaries (the "Group"). The interim condensed consolidated financial statements include the following subsidiaries:

Name	Country of operation	Proportion of ownership interest (%)		Type of operation
		2020	2019	
OJSC International Bank of Azerbaijan	The Republic of Azerbaijan	Parent		Banking
Subsidiaries				
LLC IBA-Moscow	The Russian Federation	100.0	100.0	Banking
JSC IBA-GEO	The Republic of Georgia	100.0	100.0	None
OJSC International Insurance Company	The Republic of Azerbaijan	100.0	100.0	None
LLC Azericard	The Republic of Azerbaijan	100.0	100.0	Plastic cards processing center
LLC International Leasing Company	The Republic of Azerbaijan	100.0	100.0	Leasing

As at 30 June 2020 and 31 December 2019 the shareholders of the Bank were as follows:

Shareholder	At 30 June 2020 (unaudited) %	At 31 December 2019 %
Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Azerbaijan	91.40	91.40
State Committee on Property Issues of the Republic of Azerbaijan	3.76	3.76
CJSC Agrarkredit	0.13	0.13
Others*	4.71	4.71
Total	100.0	100.0

(*) Other shareholders include minority shareholders holding an interest less than 1% each.

2. Restructuring of the Group's operations

During 2015-2016 Azerbaijan was impacted by adverse economic conditions as a result of the continued decline in global oil prices. In order to support the diversification of the economy, and strengthen its international compatibility and export potential, as well as to ensure sustainability of the balance of payments, during 2015 and 2016 the CBAR devalued the Azerbaijani manat against the US dollar from AZN 0.7862 to AZN 1.5500 for 1 USD. Following this devaluation, the CBAR announced a floating exchange rate. During 2016 the exchange rate of the AZN against the USD continued to fluctuate in the range between AZN 1.4900 and AZN 1.7707 for 1 USD. This led to a decline in most sectors of the economy and significantly increased the amount of non-performing loans in the banking sector.

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2. Restructuring of the Group's operations (continued)

Restructuring of problematic assets

In the turbulent economic conditions that led to a continued decline in the quality of the Group's assets, an increase in problematic loans and a decline in the Group's liquidity position, the Government of Azerbaijan took a number of steps during 2015-2016 to strengthen the Group's capital position and the quality of its assets. Following an in-depth review of the asset quality and liquidity position of the Group by the CBAR and Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Azerbaijan (MoF), the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan signed a decree on 15 July 2015 providing measures to improve the health of the Group's assets. On 28 July 2015, the Ministry of Finance, the Central Bank of Azerbaijan and the Group confirmed a list of problematic assets included in the Group's restructuring plan. The problematic assets include bad or overdue loans to customers and banks, as well as certain guarantees and other off-balance sheet commitments. According to the President's decree and other documents signed between the parties involved, certain problematic assets of the Group were transferred to a government owned company CJSC Agrarkredit in several tranches during 2015-2019.

The first part of the problematic assets transfer program was successfully completed in 2016. The assets transferred as part of the program amounted to AZN 9,930,957 thousand in gross carrying value of the assets as at the date of transfer (before provisions).

During 2016, the MoF, CBAR, Financial Markets Supervisory Authority (FMSA) and the Group further worked together to identify the remaining problematic assets to be transferred to CJSC Agrarkredit as the final part of the program. On 10 February 2017, the list of such problematic assets was approved by the parties involved and the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Azerbaijan. These assets amounted to AZN 4,013,909 thousand. The transfer was agreed to be made at full gross value of respective assets as at 1 January 2017, including all on and off-balance sheet exposures. In April 2017, the Group and CJSC Agrarkredit signed an agreement and initiated the transfer of the problematic assets. During 2017, the Group received promissory notes in the total amount of USD 2,900,000 thousand with a 4% coupon rate payable at maturity in exchange for the problematic assets transferred. Promissory notes in the amount of USD 2,248,000 thousand were then transferred to the State along with debt obligations of the Group under the restructuring program. The promissory notes are guaranteed by the MoF.

The value of promissory notes received from CJSC Agrarkredit in 2017 exceeded the value of the corresponding problematic assets transferred by AZN 515,767 thousand, for which the payables to CJSC Agrarkredit were recognised in the consolidated statement of financial position as at 31 December 2017. Due to further transfers of problematic assets and off-balance sheet commitments, the payable amount decreased in 2018 and as at 31 December 2018 amounted to AZN 364,596 thousand.

During 2019, the remaining part of the problematic loans in a net amount of AZN 37,443 thousand which were planned to be transferred to CJSC Agrarkredit were written off by the Group. As a result of the cancellation of transfer by the shareholders, AZN 68,288 thousand was recognised as a distribution to the shareholders.

On 22 November 2019, the Group signed trilateral agreements with the Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Azerbaijan and CJSC Agrarkredit to net off dividends payable to the Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Azerbaijan in the amount of AZN 157,652 thousand and CJSC Agrarkredit in the amount of AZN 179 thousand and payables to CJSC Agrarkredit in the amount of AZN 334,682 with promissory notes received from CJSC Agrarkredit in the amount of AZN 492,334 thousand. In accordance with trilateral agreements signed among the parties, the maturity of promissory notes received from CJSC Agrarkredit was prolonged by 5 years on 14 February 2020, resulting in a modification loss in the amount of AZN 3,375 thousand.

As a result, as at 30 June 2020 receivables from CJSC Agrarkredit and payables to CJSC Agrarkredit amounted to AZN 709,101 and AZN 89,133, respectively (31 December 2019: AZN 693,281 and AZN 89,055 thousand). As at 30 June 2020, the ECL due to receivables from CJSC Agrarkredit of the Group is AZN 4,007 thousand (31 December 2019: 9,111 thousand).

Restructuring of liabilities

Due to financial difficulties, the Group defaulted on certain liabilities and announced their restructuring on 11 May 2017.

In September 2017, the Group completed the restructuring of its liabilities under the terms set out in the approved Restructuring Plan. The Group was unable to obtain "permanent moratorium" under the Cross-Border Insolvency Regulations in support of a voluntary restructuring of the Group in the Republic of Azerbaijan due to objections made by several creditors. As of the date of issuance of these interim condensed consolidated financial statements there was no legal claim towards the Group in respect of the restructuring of its liabilities. Technically, the restructuring is expected to be finalised when all issued Eurobonds are distributed to all the creditors.

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2. Restructuring of the Group's operations (continued)

Restructuring of liabilities (continued)

A significant portion of the problematic assets transferred as part of the first stage of the program were denominated in foreign currencies. As the payments made by CJSC Agrarkredit to the Group in exchange for the problematic assets included in the first stage of the program were denominated in AZN, this created significant exposure for the Group to foreign currency risk.

To ensure future operational profitability and maintain financial stability the Group's management and shareholders intend to develop the Group's business both in the corporate and retail segments and have developed a plan that includes, but is not limited to, the following steps:

- ▶ Improve the cost efficiency of existing operations;
- ▶ Abandon investments with low return;
- ▶ Hedge or close the final short open currency position;
- ▶ Attract funding in the functional currency;
- ▶ Continue the implementation of the development strategy for 2019-2022; and
- ▶ Prepare for privatization of the Group in future.

Management believes that the above-mentioned measures and continued financial support of the controlling shareholder will ensure that the Group will continue as a going concern and, accordingly, these consolidated financial statements have been prepared on the assumption that the Group will continue in operation for the foreseeable future.

3. Basis of preparation

General

The interim condensed consolidated financial statements for the six months ended 30 June 2020 have been prepared in accordance with International Accounting Standard (IAS) 34 *Interim Financial Reporting*.

The interim consolidated financial statements do not include all the information and disclosures required in the annual financial statements and should be read in conjunction with the Group's annual financial statements as at 31 December 2019.

Effect of the COVID-19 pandemic

Due to the rapid spread of the COVID-19 pandemic in early 2020, many governments, including the Government of the Republic of Azerbaijan, introduced various measures to combat the outbreak, including travel restrictions, quarantine, closures of businesses and other venues, and lockdowns of certain areas.

These measures have affected the global supply chain, demand for goods and services, and scale of business activity. The pandemic itself as well as measures to minimise its consequences are expected to influence the business of entities in a wide range of industries. Since March 2020, there has been significant volatility in stock, currency and commodity markets, including a decrease in crude oil prices and a decrease in the AZN to EUR exchange rate.

More details are provided in Note 18.

Estimation uncertainty

To the extent that information is available as at 30 June 2020, the Group has reflected revised estimates of expected future cash flows in its ECL assessment (Note 7), estimation of fair values of financial instruments (Note 20).

*(Figures in tables are in thousands of Azerbaijani manats)***3. Basis of preparation (continued)****Changes in accounting policies**

The accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the interim condensed consolidated financial statements are consistent with those followed in the preparation of the Group's annual consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2019. No new interpretations or amendments of standards that have been issued but are not yet effective have been early adopted by the Group.

Several other amendments effective since 1 January 2020 have been applied but do not have an impact on the interim condensed consolidated financial statements of the Group.

4. Segment information

The Group discloses information to enable users of its financial statements to evaluate the nature and financial effects of the business activities in which it engages and the economic environments in which it operates. This matter is regulated by IFRS 8 *Operating Segments* and other standards that require special disclosures in the form of segmental reporting.

Information reported to the chief operating decision maker for the purposes of resource allocation and assessment of segment performance focuses on types of services delivered or provided. For managerial purposes, the Group is organised into three operating segments:

- ▶ Corporate banking – comprising direct debit facilities, current accounts, deposits, overdrafts, loan and other credit facilities, foreign currency and derivative products;
- ▶ Retail banking – comprising private banking services, retail customer current accounts, savings, deposits, investment savings products, custody, credit and debit cards, consumer loans and mortgages;
- ▶ Treasury – comprising interbank lending and borrowings, securities trading, swaps, foreign exchange services, issuance of bonds and promissory notes and other treasury functions.

No operating segments have been aggregated to form the above reportable operating segments.

Management monitors the operating results of its business units separately for the purpose of making decisions about resource allocation and performance assessment. Segment performance is evaluated based on operating profit or loss which in certain respects, as explained in the table below, is not measured differently from operating profit or loss in the interim condensed consolidated financial statements.

Transfer prices between operating segments are arm's length, similar to transactions with third parties.

The following tables present income and profit information regarding the Group's operating segments for the six months ended 30 June 2020 and 2019, respectively:

Six months ended 30 June 2020 (unaudited)	Retail banking	Corporate banking	Treasury	Unallocated	Total
Interest income	86,075	72,556	76,495	–	235,126
Interest expense	(15,778)	(4,561)	(51,958)	(250)	(72,547)
Net interest income	70,297	67,995	24,537	(250)	162,579
Reversal of provision for credit losses on credit-related commitments	–	13,612	–	–	13,612
Other impairment reversal/(charge)	–	(278)	–	–	(278)
Credit loss expense	(43,134)	(9,970)	4,568	–	(48,536)
Fee and commission income	9,050	29,384	1,353	–	39,787
Fee and commission expense	(9,092)	(1,553)	(384)	–	(11,029)
Other non-interest income	2,187	20,119	17,473	–	39,779
Net loss arising on initial recognition of financial instruments and loan modification	–	–	(4,068)	–	(4,068)
Operating expense	(26,345)	(15,630)	(403)	(35,775)	(78,153)
Segment profit/(loss)	2,963	103,679	43,076	(36,025)	113,693
Income tax expense	(544)	(18,421)	(8,530)	–	(27,495)
Profit for the period	2,419	85,258	34,546	(36,025)	86,198

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4. Segment information (continued)**Six months ended
30 June 2019
(unaudited)**

	Retail banking	Corporate banking	Treasury	Unallocated	Total
Interest income	72,237	38,402	121,494	–	232,133
Interest expense	(16,283)	(2,346)	(49,525)	–	(68,154)
Net interest income	55,954	36,056	71,969	–	163,979
Reversal of provision for credit losses on credit-related commitments	–	16,298	–	–	16,298
Credit loss expense	(16,501)	(4,248)	425	–	(20,324)
Fee and commission income	5,325	36,891	768	–	42,984
Fee and commission expense	(6,481)	(1,581)	(2,683)	–	(10,745)
Other non-interest income	5,370	48,021	(13,235)	–	40,156
Operating expense	(22,440)	(10,418)	(252)	(33,972)	(67,082)
Segment profit/(loss)	21,227	121,019	56,992	(33,972)	165,266
Income tax expense	(4,194)	(23,913)	(11,261)	–	(39,368)
Profit for the period	17,033	97,106	45,731	(33,972)	125,898

The following table presents the assets and liabilities of the Group's operating segments:

Segment assets	Retail banking	Corporate banking	Treasury	Unallocated	Total
At 30 June 2020 (unaudited)	1,160,519	1,214,268	6,135,825	91,058	8,601,670
At 31 December 2019	1,121,214	1,186,730	6,931,136	102,665	9,341,745
Segment liabilities	Retail banking	Corporate banking	Treasury	Unallocated	Total
At 30 June 2020 (unaudited)	1,359,381	3,724,353	1,674,463	94,701	6,852,898
At 31 December 2019	1,362,213	4,467,932	1,659,787	168,085	7,658,017

5. Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise:

	30 June 2020 (unaudited)	31 December 2019
Cash on hand	197,590	228,796
Current accounts with the central banks	49,838	179,090
Correspondent accounts and time deposits with credit institutions up to 90 days	1,709,898	2,381,787
Cash and cash equivalents	1,957,326	2,789,673

All balances of cash equivalents are allocated to Stage 1. The ECL relating to cash equivalents of the Group rounds to zero.

6. Amounts due from banks and other financial institutions

Amounts due from credit institutions comprise:

	30 June 2020 (unaudited)	31 December 2019
Time deposits with the CBAR	2,521,834	2,825,550
Restricted accounts with non-resident banks	10,453	12,694
Time deposits with resident banks	1,717	1,652
Time deposits with non-resident banks	412,300	339,784
Loans to credit institutions	4,812	8,761
Less – allowance for impairment	(4,258)	(8,826)
Amounts due from credit institutions	2,946,858	3,179,615

*(Figures in tables are in thousands of Azerbaijani manats)***6. Amounts due from banks and other financial institutions (continued)**

An analysis of changes in the ECL allowance during the period ended 30 June 2020 is as follows:

	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Total
ECL allowance as at 1 January 2020	(5,256)	(1,652)	(1,918)	(8,826)
New assets originated or purchased	(376)	(65)	–	(441)
Assets repaid	998	–	1,918	2,916
Transfer to lifetime ECL credit-impaired	–	1,717	(1,717)	–
Net remeasurement of loss allowance	2,093	–	–	2,093
At 30 June 2020 (unaudited)	(2,541)	–	(1,717)	(4,258)

An analysis of changes in the ECL allowance during the period ended 30 June 2019 is as follows:

	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Total
ECL allowance as at 1 January 2019	(5,553)	(158)	–	(5,711)
New assets originated or purchased	(607)	–	–	(607)
Assets repaid	868	158	–	1,026
Net remeasurement of loss allowance	6	–	–	6
At 30 June 2019 (unaudited)	(5,286)	–	–	(5,286)

7. Loans to customers

Loans to customers comprise:

	30 June 2020 (unaudited)	31 December 2019
Loans to individuals	1,169,867	1,095,309
Loans to legal entities	1,212,559	1,193,240
Total loans to customers, gross	2,382,426	2,288,549
Less: allowance for impairment losses	(182,077)	(122,745)
Total loans to customers	2,200,349	2,165,804

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7. Loans to customers (continued)

Allowance for impairment of loans to customers at amortised cost

An analysis of changes in the ECL in relation to loans to legal entities and loans to individuals during the period ended 30 June 2020 is as follows:

<i>Loans to legal entities</i>	<i>Stage 1</i>	<i>Stage 2</i>	<i>Stage 3</i>	<i>Total</i>
ECL as at 1 January 2020	(12,227)	(15,499)	(31,621)	(59,347)
New assets originated or purchased	(12,172)	–	–	(12,172)
Change in accrued balance	3,849	(8)	–	3,841
Unwind of discount	–	–	(1,235)	(1,235)
Assets repaid	2,721	652	9,541	12,914
Transfer to 12-month ECL	(7,403)	288	7,115	–
Transfer to lifetime ECL not credit-impaired	752	(752)	–	–
Transfer to lifetime ECL credit-impaired	2,093	9,601	(11,694)	–
Write-offs	–	–	1,364	1,364
Net remeasurement of ECL	1,371	2,315	(18,239)	(14,553)
At 30 June 2020 (unaudited)	(21,016)	(3,403)	(44,769)	(69,188)

<i>Loans to individuals</i>	<i>Stage 1</i>	<i>Stage 2</i>	<i>Stage 3</i>	<i>Total</i>
ECL as at 1 January 2020	(20,192)	(6,088)	(37,118)	(63,398)
New assets originated or purchased	(8,867)	–	–	(8,867)
Change in accrued balance	(962)	(188)	–	(1,150)
Unwind of discount	–	–	(1,173)	(1,173)
Assets repaid	2,102	510	622	3,234
Transfer to 12-month ECL	(1,756)	877	879	–
Transfer to lifetime ECL not credit-impaired	2,148	(2,664)	516	–
Transfer to lifetime ECL credit-impaired	1,940	3,628	(5,568)	–
Net remeasurement of ECL	(8,208)	(12,597)	(20,730)	(41,535)
At 30 June 2020 (unaudited)	(33,795)	(16,522)	(62,572)	(112,889)

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7. Loans to customers (continued)

Allowance for impairment of loans to customers at amortised cost (continued)

An analysis of changes in the ECL in relation to loans to legal entities during the period ended 30 June 2019 is as follows:

<i>Loans to legal entities</i>	<i>Stage 1</i>	<i>Stage 2</i>	<i>Stage 3</i>	<i>Total</i>
ECL as at 1 January 2019	(15,839)	(9,924)	(53,747)	(79,510)
New assets originated or purchased	(4,453)	–	–	(4,453)
Change in accrued balance	27	106	–	133
Unwind of discount	–	–	(1,463)	(1,463)
Assets repaid	1,521	1,160	3,800	6,481
Transfer to 12-month ECL	(3,113)	2,857	256	–
Transfer to lifetime ECL not credit-impaired	1,143	(1,761)	618	–
Net remeasurement of ECL	1,134	(4,995)	(2,548)	(6,409)
At 30 June 2019 (unaudited)	(19,580)	(12,557)	(53,084)	(85,221)

An analysis of changes in the ECL in relation to loans to individuals during the period ended 30 June 2019 is as follows:

<i>Loans to individuals</i>	<i>Stage 1</i>	<i>Stage 2</i>	<i>Stage 3</i>	<i>Total</i>
ECL as at 1 January 2019	(21,307)	(7,832)	(33,459)	(62,598)
New assets originated or purchased	(4,950)	–	–	(4,950)
Change in accrued balance	(17)	(4)	–	(21)
Unwind of discount	–	–	(917)	(917)
Assets repaid	1,944	963	2,790	5,697
Transfer to 12-month ECL	(6,849)	3,855	2,994	–
Transfer to lifetime ECL not credit-impaired	944	(2,559)	1,615	–
Transfer to lifetime ECL credit-impaired	480	694	(1,174)	–
Net remeasurement of ECL	13,290	(692)	(12,165)	433
At 30 June 2019 (unaudited)	(16,465)	(5,575)	(40,316)	(62,356)

During the six months ended 30 June 2020, the Group did not introduce payment holidays or any additional measures for customers affected by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. The Group consistently applied its staging criteria for the purpose of estimating expected credit losses as at 30 June 2020, including the backstop indicators for default and a significant increase in credit risk based on the number of overdue days. However, during the estimate of expected credit losses, the Group identified additional recovery scenarios for the mortgage segment that would mitigate the incremental credit risk arising from the COVID-19 pandemic. The additional scenarios resulted in a reduction in expected credit losses as at 30 June 2020.

*(Figures in tables are in thousands of Azerbaijani manats)***7. Loans to customers (continued)****Modified and restructured loans**

The Group derecognises a financial asset, such as a loan to a customer, when the terms and conditions have been renegotiated to the extent that, substantially, it becomes a new loan, with the difference recognised as a derecognition gain or loss, to the extent that an impairment loss has not already been recorded. The newly recognised loans are classified as Stage 1 for ECL measurement purposes, unless the new loan is deemed to be POCI.

If the modification does not result in cash flows that are substantially different, the modification does not result in derecognition. Based on the change in cash flows discounted at the original EIR, the Group records a modification gain or loss, to the extent that an impairment loss has not already been recorded.

For the six months ended 30 June 2020, the Group considers the modification impact on consumer or corporate loans to be non-substantial.

8. Investment securities

Investment securities including those pledged under repurchase agreements comprise:

	30 June 2020 (unaudited)	31 December 2019
Government bonds	310,754	63,772
Corporate bonds	79,419	72,632
Debt securities at FVOCI	390,173	136,404
Corporate shares	72,523	71,257
Equity securities at FVOCI	72,523	71,257
Total investment securities	462,696	207,661

All balances of debt investment securities are allocated to Stage 1. The ECL relating to investment securities of the Group rounds to zero.

9. Other assets and liabilities

	30 June 2020 (unaudited)	31 December 2019
Other financial assets		
Accrued commission and receivables from the settlement of off-balance sheet commitments	8,650	8,572
Funds in settlement	24,795	23,290
Receivable from the Azerbaijan Deposit Insurance Fund	18,195	–
Pledged funds with non-resident organisations	10,005	10,005
Allowance for impairment of other assets	(9,387)	(8,887)
	52,258	32,980
Other non-financial assets		
Reposessed collateral	1,812	2,673
Prepayments	6,508	5,068
Right-of-use assets	4,600	3,255
Deferred expenses	3,232	3,267
	16,152	14,263
Other assets	68,410	47,243

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9. Other assets and liabilities (continued)

Other liabilities comprise:

	30 June 2020 (unaudited)	31 December 2019
Other financial liabilities		
Funds in settlement	27,206	24,156
Dividends payable to shareholders	1,498	1,494
Credit loss allowance for credit-related commitments	69,282	82,894
Lease liabilities	4,778	3,415
	102,764	111,959
Other non-financial liabilities		
Provision for other contingencies and commitments	4,206	3,928
Taxes other than income tax	49	1,557
Payables to employees	13,107	14,345
Payables to local budget	3,090	3,580
Deferred revenue on plastic cards	6,038	5,837
	26,490	29,247
Other liabilities	129,254	141,206

10. Taxation

Corporate income tax expense comprises:

	For the six months ended	
	30 June 2020 (unaudited)	30 June 2019 (unaudited)
Current tax charge/(credit)	(42,971)	(46,691)
Changes in deferred tax	16,408	3,470
Less: deferred tax recognised directly in other comprehensive income	(932)	3,853
Income tax expense	(27,495)	(39,368)

11. Credit loss expense and other impairment and provisions

The table below shows the ECL charges on financial instruments recorded in the interim condensed consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income for the period ended 30 June 2020 (unaudited):

	Note	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Total
Loans to customers	7	(20,166)	(9,316)	(28,806)	(58,288)
Due from banks and other financial institutions	6	2,715	1,652	201	4,568
Receivables from CJSC Agrarkredit		5,184	–	–	5,184
Credit loss charge on interest bearing financial assets (unaudited)		(12,267)	(7,664)	(28,605)	(48,536)
Financial guarantees	18	24,401	(340)	(3,502)	20,559
Letters of credit	18	45	–	–	45
Undrawn loan commitments	18	(6,992)	–	–	(6,992)
Credit-related commitments (unaudited)		17,454	(340)	(3,502)	13,612
Reversal of provision for credit losses on credit-related commitments and other financial assets (unaudited)		17,454	(340)	(3,502)	13,612
Total credit loss charge (unaudited)		5,187	(8,004)	(32,107)	(34,924)

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11. Credit loss expense and other impairment and provisions (continued)

The table below shows the ECL charges on financial instruments recorded in the interim consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income for the period ended 30 June 2019 (unaudited):

	Note	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Total
Loans to customers	7	8,496	(3,462)	(25,783)	(20,749)
Due from banks and other financial institutions	6	267	158	–	425
Credit loss charge on interest bearing assets (unaudited, not reviewed)		8,763	(3,304)	(25,783)	(20,324)
Financial guarantees	18	(97)	(72)	14,034	13,865
Letters of credit	18	300	568	–	868
Undrawn loan commitments	18	776	–	–	776
Credit-related commitments (unaudited, not reviewed)		979	496	14,034	15,509
Other financial assets		(22)	3	808	789
Reversal of provision for credit losses on credit-related commitments and other financial assets (unaudited, not reviewed)		957	499	14,842	16,298
Total credit loss charge (unaudited, not reviewed)		9,720	(2,805)	(10,941)	(4,026)

The provision for ECL on credit-related commitments and provision for performance guarantees are recorded within other non-financial liabilities for the period ended 30 June 2020 (Note 9).

	Legal claims	Performance guarantees	Total
31 December 2018	(4,980)	(19,835)	(24,815)
Reversal	1,800	15,907	17,707
Redemption	3,180	–	3,180
31 December 2019	–	(3,928)	(3,928)
Reversal/(charge)	–	(278)	(278)
Redemption	–	–	–
30 June 2020 (unaudited)	–	(4,206)	(4,206)

The provision for ECL on credit-related commitments and provision for legal claims and performance guarantees are recorded within other non-financial liabilities for the period ended 30 June 2019 (Note 9).

	Legal claims	Performance guarantees	Total
31 December 2017	–	(33,652)	(33,652)
(Charge)/reversal	(4,980)	13,817	8,837
31 December 2018	(4,980)	(19,835)	(24,815)
Reversal	1,628	17,310	18,938
Redemption	3,352	–	3,352
30 June 2019 (unaudited)	–	(2,525)	(2,525)

*(Figures in tables are in thousands of Azerbaijani manats)***12. Net fee and commission income**

Net fee and commission income comprises:

	30 June 2020 (unaudited)	30 June 2019 (unaudited)
Plastic cards operations	27,485	29,170
Servicing guarantees and letters of credit	4,986	6,248
Settlement transactions	5,057	5,106
Cash transactions	1,580	1,960
Other	679	500
Fee and commission income	39,787	42,984
Plastic cards operations	(8,428)	(7,430)
Cash transactions	(812)	(1,781)
Settlement transactions	(1,160)	(1,146)
Other	(629)	(388)
Fee and commission expense	(11,029)	(10,745)
Net fee and commission income	28,758	32,239

13. Due to banks and other financial institutions

Due to banks and other financial institutions comprises:

	30 June 2020 (unaudited)	31 December 2019
Correspondent accounts of non-resident banks	4,012	7,890
Correspondent accounts of resident banks	35,406	13,884
Time deposits of resident banks and other financial institutions	11,379	10,205
Due to banks and other financial institutions	50,797	31,979

14. Customer accounts

Amounts due to customers comprise:

	30 June 2020 (unaudited)	31 December 2019
Legal entities		
- Current/settlement accounts	3,166,310	3,978,599
- Term deposits	281,091	300,803
- Restricted customer deposits	101,180	120,681
Total legal entities	3,548,581	4,400,083
Individuals		
- Current/settlement accounts	531,266	524,763
- Term deposits	675,763	681,722
- Restricted customer deposits	95	105
Total individuals	1,207,124	1,206,590
Total customer accounts	4,755,705	5,606,673

15. Debt securities issued

Debt securities issued comprise:

	30 June 2020 (unaudited)	31 December 2019
Eurobonds	1,519,102	1,521,784
Certificates of deposit	4,741	4,570
Total debt securities issued	1,523,843	1,526,354

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As at 30 June 2020, the Group had one class of Eurobonds issued in September 2017 with a coupon rate of 3.5% p.a. maturing in September 2024. The Group is obliged to comply with non-financial covenants in relation to these Eurobonds. As of the date of issuance of these interim condensed consolidated financial statements, the Group was in compliance with these covenants.

16. Other borrowed funds

Other borrowed funds comprise:

	30 June 2020 (unaudited)	31 December 2019
Term borrowings from non-resident financial institutions	15,299	16,859
Term borrowings from the CBAR	115,145	–
National Fund for Support of Entrepreneurship and the Mortgage Fund (of the Republic of Azerbaijan)	86,104	87,645
Total other borrowed funds	216,548	104,504

In order to decrease the negative effect of the COVID-19 pandemic on the country's food supply sector, a loan in the amount of AZN 115,000 with a 0.5% annual interest rate and two-year maturity period was issued by the CBAR to the Group under the government program. Loans were then granted by the Group to respective companies with a 1% annual interest rate and two-year maturity.

17. Equity

The Group's share capital comprises the following number of shares:

	Number of paid-in shares (in thousands)	Share capital
Ordinary shares (par value of 0.27 AZN)		
As at 31 December 2018	4,597,359	1,241,287
As at 31 December 2019	4,597,359	1,241,287
As at 30 June 2020 (unaudited)	4,597,359	1,241,287

All ordinary shares have a nominal value of AZN 0.27 per share as at 30 June 2020 and 31 December 2019 and rank equally. Each share carries one vote.

Revaluation reserve for premises

The revaluation reserve for premises is used to record increases in the fair value of premises and decreases to the extent that such decreases relate to increases on the same asset previously recognised in equity through other comprehensive income.

Additional paid-in capital

Additional paid-in capital reflects the results of transactions with shareholders acting in their capacity as shareholders. In the turbulent economic conditions leading to the continued decline in the quality of the Group's assets, an increase in problematic loans and a decline in the Group's liquidity position, the Government of Azerbaijan has taken a number of steps to strengthen the Group's capital position and the quality of its assets. As part of these measures, certain problematic assets of the Group were transferred in several tranches during 2015-2018 to CJSC Agrarkredit (Note 2). The transfer of the problematic assets occurred at agreed amounts at the time of transfer. Since CJSC Agrarkredit is also ultimately controlled by the Ministry of Finance, any amounts received from CJSC Agrarkredit in excess of the net carrying amounts of transferred assets have been recognised as additional paid-in capital of the Group.

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The gain/loss and weighted average number of shares used in the calculation of the basic and diluted loss per share are as follows:

	30 June 2020 (unaudited)	30 June 2019 (unaudited)
Net profit for the period attributable to shareholders of the Bank	86,198	125,898
Weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue	4,597,359	4,597,359
Earnings per share – basic and diluted (AZN)	0.02	0.03

The Group has no dilutive potential ordinary shares; therefore, the diluted earnings per share are equal to basic earnings per share.

18. Commitments and contingencies**Operating environment**

The Group conducts all of its operations in the Republic of Azerbaijan. The economy of Azerbaijan is particularly sensitive to oil and gas prices. During recent years, the Azerbaijani Government has initiated major economic and social reforms to accelerate the transition to a more balanced economy and reduce dependence on the oil and gas sector.

During 2019, the CBAR continued to ease monetary conditions while maintaining the stability of the Azerbaijani manat. As a result, the CBAR refinancing rate was reduced from 9.75% to 7.5%. On 28 February 2019, in accordance with the Decree of the President of the Azerbaijan Republic on problem loans, the government provided funds for compensation to citizens whose debt burden had increased due to devaluation of the Azerbaijani manat in 2015. This measure significantly reduced the amount of non-performing loans, as well as supporting capital and liquidity in the banking system.

COVID-19 pandemic

In the first half of 2020, the global economy was negatively impacted by the spread of the coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19).

During March-June 2020, the increasingly restrictive lockdown measures to combat COVID-19 in many countries significantly reduced economic activity and aggregate spending levels. Social distancing and quarantine measures resulted in the closure of retail, transport, travel, catering, hotel, entertainment and many other businesses. International trade was also significantly reduced. Finally, oil prices tumbled to historic lows but moderately recovered by the end of the period.

A support package was introduced by the Government and CBAR to counter the economic downturn caused by the pandemic. These measures include, but are not limited to, subsidised lending to affected industries, payments to unemployed individuals and easing of certain regulatory restrictions to help the financial sector maintain its capabilities to provide resources and help customers avoid liquidity shortages as a result of the COVID-19 containment measures. On 23 April 2020, the CBAR decided to reduce the minimum required capital adequacy ratio from 12% to 11% for banks of systematic importance, which include the Bank, and from 10% to 9% for all other banks. These new minimum required ratios will be in effect until 2021. Furthermore, during the first half of 2020, the CBAR refinancing rate was reduced to 7%. Finally, significant foreign currency sales were made to maintain the stability of the Azerbaijani manat, which was kept flat at 1.7000 for 1 USD throughout the period.

By June-July 2020, many countries started to demonstrate signs of reduced spread of the pandemic. Governments started to gradually lift or ease restrictions. This tendency supported a recovery in global financial and commodity markets. However, the peak of the pandemic in Azerbaijan was reached during the months of June-July 2020, and as a result the lockdown measures became even more stringent. These measures resulted in a gradual reduction of coronavirus cases, and by August 2020 the Government started easing restrictions. However, Azerbaijan is still experiencing subdued economic activity, albeit not as low as during May-July 2020.

While the Azerbaijani Government has introduced a range of stabilisation measures aimed at providing liquidity and support for Azerbaijani banks and other companies, there continues to be some uncertainty regarding future operating conditions for the Group and its counterparties which could affect the Group's financial position, results of operations and business prospects.

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18. Commitments and contingencies (continued)

Operating environment (continued)

Adverse changes in economic conditions may result in a deterioration in the value of collateral held against loans of the Group, in addition to impacting the performance of the borrowers. To the extent that information is available, the Group has reflected revised estimates of collateral values and ECL assessments. Finally, the decline in aggregate demand and reduction of business activity may result in the impairment of real estate owned by the Group, which consists of premises and repossessed collateral.

The future economic and regulatory environment and its impact on the Group's operations may differ from management's current expectations. Due to the high level of uncertainty and limited updated and consistent information on the financial position of the Group's counterparties and borrowers, it is practically impossible to present a reliable assessment of the impact of the changes in the economic environment on the Group's 2020 results in these interim condensed consolidated financial statements.

The Group's management is monitoring economic developments in the current environment and taking precautionary measures it considers necessary in order to support the sustainability and development of the Group's business in the foreseeable future.

The Group considers its current liquidity position to be sufficient for its sustainable functioning. The Group monitors its liquidity position on a daily basis.

Legal

In the ordinary course of business, the Group is subject to legal actions and complaints. Management believes that the ultimate liability, if any, arising from such actions or complaints will not have a material adverse effect on the financial condition or the results of future operations of the Group.

Taxation

Azerbaijani tax, currency and customs legislation is subject to varying interpretations, as well as changes which can occur frequently. Management's interpretation of such legislation as applied to the transactions and activity of the Group may be challenged by the relevant authorities. Recent events within Azerbaijan suggest that the tax authorities are taking a more assertive position in their interpretation of the legislation and assessments and, as a result, it is possible that transactions and activities that have not been challenged in the past may be challenged. As such, significant additional taxes, penalties and interest may be assessed. Fiscal periods remain open to review by the authorities in respect of taxes for three calendar years preceding the year of review.

As of the authorization date for the issuance of these interim condensed consolidated financial statements, a tax inspection covering 2017-2019 is ongoing by the State Tax Service under the Ministry of Economy. Management believes that its interpretation of the relevant legislation as at 30 June 2020 and 31 December 2019 is appropriate and that the Group's tax, currency and customs positions will be sustained.

Insurance

The Group has not currently obtained insurance coverage related to liabilities arising from errors or omissions. Liability insurance is generally not available in Azerbaijan at present.

Compliance with CBAR ratios

In accordance with the presidential decree dated 28 November 2019, the FMSA has been abolished, and its powers, including its functions and rights in the field of licencing, regulation and supervision of the financial services market, protection of the rights of investors and consumers of the financial services market, as well as property have been transferred to the CBAR. The CBAR requires banks to maintain certain prudential ratios computed based on statutory financial statements.

The Bank did not achieve full compliance with certain statutory ratios as at 30 June 2020, which is due to significant open currency positions. The ratios breached comprise:

- ▶ Ratio of maximum credit exposure of the Bank per single borrower or group of borrowers to Tier 1 Capital after deductions;
- ▶ The currency position.

*(Figures in tables are in thousands of Azerbaijani manats)***18. Commitments and contingencies (continued)****Compliance with CBAR ratios (continued)**

Consequences of the breach of the prudential ratios include withdrawal of the banking licence by the regulating body. Throughout the year the Group submitted information regarding these breaches to the CBAR on a monthly basis and no sanctions were imposed on the Group. Moreover, Management of the Group provided the CBAR with an action plan to improve the remaining ratios in future.

Considering all the above facts, Management believes that the Group will not face any sanctions in the future.

Financial commitments and contingencies

The Group provides guarantees and letters of credit to customers with the primary purpose of ensuring that funds are available to the customer as required. Guarantees and standby letters of credit represent irrevocable assurances that the Group will make payments in the event that a customer cannot meet its obligations to third parties. Documentary and commercial letters of credit, which are written undertakings by the Group on behalf of a customer authorising a third party to receive compensation from the Group up to a stipulated amount under specific terms and conditions, are collateralised by the underlying shipments of goods to which they relate, or cash deposits and, therefore, carry less risk than a direct borrowing.

Credit-related and other commitments

The Group's commitments and contingencies comprised the following:

	30 June 2020 (unaudited)	31 December 2019
Credit-related commitments		
Guarantees	732,698	799,042
Letters of credit	92,995	108,753
Undrawn loan commitments	949,202	659,953
Less: allowance	(73,488)	(86,822)
Commitments and contingencies	1,701,407	1,480,926
Less: cash held as security against guarantees and letters of credit	(101,276)	(120,776)
Less: cash received from CJSC Agrarkredit held as security against guarantees and letters of credit	(89,264)	(89,186)
	1,510,867	1,270,964

An analysis of changes in ECL during the first six months of 2020 is as follows:

Financial guarantees	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Total
ECL as at 1 January 2020	(6,264)	(1,016)	(69,988)	(77,268)
New exposures originated or purchased	(1,101)	–	–	(1,101)
Exposures derecognised or matured (excluding write-offs)	1,815	–	3,428	5,243
Transfer to 12-month ECL	(36,657)	1,364	35,293	–
Transfer to lifetime ECL not credit-impaired	8	(8)	–	–
Net remeasurement of ECL	23,687	(340)	(6,930)	16,417
At 30 June 2020 (unaudited)	(18,512)	–	(38,197)	(56,709)

Letters of credit	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Total
ECL as at 1 January 2020	(50)	–	–	(50)
New exposures originated or purchased	(5)	–	–	(5)
Exposures derecognised or matured (excluding write-offs)	50	–	–	50
At 30 June 2020 (unaudited)	(5)	–	–	(5)

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18. Commitments and contingencies (continued)**Credit-related and other commitments (continued)**

Undrawn commitments	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Total
ECL as at 1 January 2020	(5,576)	–	–	(5,576)
New exposures originated or purchased	(6,138)	–	–	(6,138)
Exposures derecognised or matured (excluding write-offs)	525	(2)	–	523
Net remeasurement of ECL	(1,379)	2	–	(1,377)
At 30 June 2020 (unaudited)	(12,568)	–	–	(12,568)

An analysis of changes in ECL during the first six months of 2019 (unaudited) is as follows:

Financial guarantees	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Total
ECL as at 1 January 2019	(3,316)	(5,028)	(80,064)	(88,408)
New exposures originated or purchased	(541)	–	–	(541)
Exposures derecognised or matured (excluding write-offs)	65	–	15,233	15,298
Net remeasurement of ECL	379	(72)	(1,199)	(892)
At 30 June 2019 (unaudited)	(3,413)	(5,100)	(66,030)	(74,543)

Letters of credit	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Total
ECL as at 1 January 2019	(300)	(568)	–	(868)
Exposures derecognised or matured (excluding write-offs)	300	568	–	868
At 30 June 2019 (unaudited)	–	–	–	–

Undrawn commitments	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Total
ECL as at 1 January 2019	(3,362)	–	(274)	(3,636)
New exposures originated or purchased	(1,263)	–	–	(1,263)
Exposures derecognised or matured (excluding write-offs)	164	–	–	164
Transfer to 12-month ECL	(274)	–	274	–
Transfer to lifetime ECL not credit-impaired	555	(555)	–	–
Transfer to lifetime ECL credit-impaired	–	–	–	–
Net remeasurement of ECL	1,875	–	–	1,875
At 30 June 2019 (unaudited)	(2,305)	(555)	–	(2,860)

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19. Operating expenses

Operating expenses comprise:

	30 June 2020 (unaudited)	30 June 2019 (unaudited)
Staff costs	(42,284)	(31,505)
Depreciation of premises and equipment	(10,058)	(8,006)
Consultancy and other professional services	(5,187)	(7,084)
Insurance expenses	(555)	(64)
Software maintenance	(2,297)	(2,543)
Fees paid to the deposit insurance fund	(2,864)	(2,716)
Amortization of software and other intangible assets	(1,755)	(1,942)
Outsourcing and security	(1,506)	(1,701)
Rent	(699)	(1,887)
Customs duties and taxes other than on income	(1,481)	(1,972)
Fines and penalties	(2)	(17)
Premises, property and maintenance	(1,496)	(1,281)
Communications	(799)	(438)
Utility	(811)	(679)
Stationary, books, printing, and other supplies	(949)	(710)
Advertising and marketing services	(1,647)	(2,827)
Charity and financial aid	(2,000)	(109)
Other	(1,763)	(1,601)
Total operating expenses	(78,153)	(67,082)

20. Fair values of financial instruments**Fair value hierarchy**

The Group uses the following hierarchy for determining and disclosing the fair value of financial instruments by valuation technique:

- ▶ Level 1: quoted (unadjusted) prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities;
- ▶ Level 2: other techniques for which all inputs which have a significant effect on the recorded fair value are observable, either directly or indirectly; and
- ▶ Level 3: techniques which use inputs which have a significant effect on the recorded fair value that are not based on observable market data.

The following table shows an analysis of financial instruments recorded at fair value measurement at the end of the reporting period by level of the fair value hierarchy:

		Fair value measurement using			
	Date of valuation	Quoted prices in active markets (Level 1)	Significant observable inputs (Level 2)	Significant unobservable inputs (Level 3)	Total
Assets measured at fair value					
Investment securities	30 June 2020	459,397	3,299	–	462,696

		Fair value measurement using			
	Date of valuation	Quoted prices in active markets (Level 1)	Significant observable inputs (Level 2)	Significant unobservable inputs (Level 3)	Total
Assets measured at fair value					
Investment securities	31 December 2019	204,388	3,273	–	207,661

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Set out below is a comparison by class of the carrying amounts and fair values of the Group's financial instruments that are not carried at fair value in the consolidated statement of financial position. The table does not include the fair values of non-financial assets and non-financial liabilities.

	Carrying value 30 June 2020 (unaudited)	Fair value 30 June 2020 (unaudited)	Carrying value 31 December 2019	Fair value 31 December 2019
Financial assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	1,957,326	1,957,326	2,789,673	2,789,673
Mandatory cash balances with central banks	58,017	58,017	60,059	60,059
Due from banks and other financial institutions	2,946,858	2,946,858	3,179,615	3,179,615
Loans to customers	2,200,349	2,203,640	2,165,804	2,219,652
Receivables from CJSC Agrarkredit	709,101	709,101	693,281	693,281
Other financial assets	52,258	52,258	32,980	32,980
Financial liabilities				
Due to banks and other financial institutions	50,797	50,797	31,979	31,979
Customer accounts	4,755,705	4,755,705	5,606,673	5,606,673
Payables to CJSC Agrarkredit	89,133	89,133	89,055	89,055
Other borrowed funds	216,548	216,548	104,504	104,504
Debt securities issued	1,523,843	1,523,948	1,526,354	1,481,001
Other financial liabilities	102,764	102,764	111,959	111,959

21. Related party disclosures

In accordance with IAS 24 *Related Party Disclosures*, parties are considered to be related if one party has the ability to control the other party or exercise significant influence over the other party in making financial or operational decisions. In considering each possible related party relationship, attention is directed to the substance of the relationship, not merely the legal form. Related parties may enter into transactions which unrelated parties might not, and transactions between related parties may not be effected on the same terms or conditions and or in the same amounts as transactions between unrelated parties.

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The volumes of related party transactions, outstanding balances at the period end, and related expense and income for the period are as follows:

	30 June 2020 (unaudited)		31 December 2019	
	Related party balances	Total category as per the financial statements item	Related party balances	Total category as per the financial statements item
Cash and cash equivalents		1,957,326		2,789,673
- Government bodies and state owned entities	49,876		126,494	
Due from banks and other financial institutions		2,951,116		3,188,441
- Government bodies and state owned entities	2,521,834		2,825,550	
Allowance for impairment losses on due from banks and other financial institutions		(4,258)		(8,826)
- Government bodies and state owned entities	(1,744)		(4,176)	
Investment securities		462,696		207,661
- Government bodies and state owned entities	310,754		63,722	
- Other related parties	250		250	
- Associates	-		-	
Loans to customers, Gross		2,382,426		2,288,549
- Government bodies and state owned entities	607,041		745,839	
- Key management personnel of the Group	320		391	
- Other related parties	1,392		1,175	
Allowance for impairment losses on loans to customers		(182,077)		(122,745)
- Government bodies and state owned entities	(6,929)		(8,595)	
- Key management personnel of the Group	(58)		(10)	
- Other related parties	(199)		(14)	
Other assets		68,410		47,243
- Government bodies and state owned entities	24,912		41	
Receivables from CJSC Agrarkredit, Gross		713,108		702,392
- Government bodies and state owned entities	713,108		702,392	
Allowance for impairment on receivables from CJSC Agrarkredit		(4,007)		(9,111)
- Government bodies and state owned entities	(4,007)		(9,111)	
Customer accounts		(4,755,705)		(5,606,673)
- Government bodies and state owned entities	(3,088,128)		(3,912,810)	
- Key management personnel of the Group	(1,046)		(606)	
- Other related parties	-		-	
Payables to CJSC Agrarkredit		(89,133)		(89,055)
- Government bodies and state owned entities	(89,133)		(89,055)	
Due to banks and other financial institutions		(50,797)		(31,979)
- Government bodies and state owned entities	(272)		(3,732)	
Other borrowed funds		(216,548)		(104,504)
- Government bodies and state owned entities	(201,002)		(87,645)	
Undrawn loan commitments		949,202		659,953
- Government bodies and state owned entities	494,500		490,100	
- Key management personnel of the Group	107		-	
- Other related parties	53		-	
Letters of credit and guarantees		825,693		907,795
- Government bodies and state owned entities	206,682		318,303	
Provision for off-balance sheet commitments		(73,488)		(86,822)
- Government bodies and state owned entities	(1,361)		(4,681)	
- Key management personnel of the Group	(10)		-	
- Other related parties	(3)		-	

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21. Related party disclosures (continued)**Transactions with entities other than government-related**

Compensation to members of key management personnel of the Group comprised the following:

	30 June 2020 (unaudited)		30 June 2019 (unaudited)	
	Related party transactions	Total category as per the financial statements item	Related party transactions	Total category as per the financial statements item
Key management personnel compensation:				
- short-term employee benefits	(4,742)	(42,284)	(4,666)	(31,505)
Total	(4,742)		(4,666)	

Included in the interim condensed consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income for the years ended 30 June 2020 and 30 June 2019 are the following income and expense amounts which were recognised in transactions with related parties:

	30 June 2020 (unaudited)		30 June 2019 (unaudited)	
	Related party transactions	Total category as per the financial statements item	Related party transactions	Total category as per the financial statements item
Interest income		235,126		232,133
- Government bodies and state-owned entities	78,237		111,402	
- Key management personnel of the Group	-		8	
- Other related parties	-		25	
Interest expense		(72,547)		(68,154)
- Government bodies and state-owned entities	(53,921)		(49,553)	
- Key management personnel of the Group	(5)		(1)	
- Other related parties	(81)		(69)	
Charge of impairment losses on interest bearing assets		(48,536)		(20,324)
- Government bodies and state-owned entities	505		505	
- Key management personnel of the Group	2		2	
- Other related parties	(58)		(58)	
Reversal of impairment losses on contingent liabilities and credit commitments		13,612		16,298
- Government bodies and state owned entities	(136)		(1,899)	
Net loss arising on initial recognition of financial instruments and loan modification		(4,068)		-
- Government bodies and state-owned entities	(3,375)		-	
Gains from operations in foreign currencies		27,302		32,179
- Government bodies and state-owned entities	16,701		14,399	
- Other related parties	1		-	
Fee and commission income		39,787		42,984
- Government bodies and state-owned entities	9,385		7,558	
- Key management personnel of the Group	-		2	
- Other related parties	-		13	
Fee and commission expense		(11,029)		(10,745)
- Government bodies and state-owned entities	(784)		(1,694)	
Operating expenses		(78,153)		(67,082)
- Government bodies and state-owned entities	(2,251)		(1,423)	
- Key management personnel of the Group	(4,742)		(4,666)	

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The Group maintains an actively managed capital base to cover risks inherent in the business. The adequacy of the Group's capital is managed by the ratios established by the Basel Capital Accord 1988 and monitored using the ratios established by the regulator.

The primary objectives of the Group's capital management are to ensure that the Group complies with externally imposed capital requirements and that the Group maintains strong credit ratings and healthy capital ratios in order to support its business and to maximise shareholder value.

The Group manages its capital structure and makes adjustments to it in the light of changes in economic conditions and the risk characteristics of its activities. In order to maintain or adjust the capital structure, the Group may adjust the amount of dividend payments to shareholders, return capital to shareholders or issue capital securities. No changes were made in the objectives, policies and processes from the previous years.

Compliance with capital adequacy ratios set by the regulator is monitored monthly with reports outlining their calculation reviewed and signed by the Group's Chief Financial Officer (CFO).

CBAR capital adequacy ratio

The CBAR requires banks to maintain a minimum Tier 1 and total capital adequacy ratio of 6% and 11%, respectively, of risk-weighted assets for regulatory capital. In January 2020 the CBAR increased the minimum capital adequacy ratio for total capital from 11% to 12%. However, as part of the stimulus measures to combat the economic downturn caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, the CBAR decided on 23 April 2020 to temporarily reduce it back to 11% and keep it at 11% until 2021. As at 30 June 2020, the Bank was in compliance with these requirements.

Capital adequacy ratio under Basel Capital Accord 1988

The Group's international risk-based capital adequacy ratio is computed in accordance with the Basel Capital Accord 1988, with subsequent amendments including the amendment to incorporate market risks.

As at 30 June 2020 and 31 December 2019, the Bank's capital adequacy ratios on this basis were as follows:

	30 June 2020 (unaudited)	31 December 2019
Tier 1 capital	1,592,948	1,580,032
Tier 2 capital	157,257	150,690
Less: deductions from capital	(72,522)	(71,257)
Total capital	1,677,683	1,659,465
Risk weighted assets	4,090,436	4,130,704
Tier 1 capital ratio	38.94%	38.25%
Total capital ratio	41.01%	40.17%

23. Events after the end of the interim period

On 15 September 2020, according to the resolution of the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders, the Group declared a dividend in the total amount of AZN 150,000 thousand (AZN 0.03 thousand per share).