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SUBSIDIARIES**

CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF KUWAIT FINANCE HOUSE K.S.C.P.

Report on the Audit of Consolidated Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the consolidated financial statements of Kuwait Finance House K.S.C.P. (“the Bank”) and its subsidiaries (collectively “the Group”), which comprise the consolidated statement of financial position as at 31 December 2018, and the consolidated statement of income, consolidated statement of comprehensive income, consolidated statement of changes in equity and consolidated statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the consolidated financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of the Group as at 31 December 2018, and its consolidated financial performance and its consolidated cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs) as adopted for use by the State of Kuwait.

Basis for Opinion

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

Key Audit Matters

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgment, were of most significance in our audit of the consolidated financial statements of the current year. These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of the consolidated financial statements as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters. For each matter below, our description of how our audit addressed the matter is provided in that context.

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Report on the Audit of Consolidated Financial Statements (continued)

Key Audit Matters (continued)

Credit losses on Islamic financing to customers

The recognition of credit losses on Islamic financing to customers (“financing facilities”) is the higher of Expected Credit Loss (“ECL”) under International Financial Reporting Standard 9: Financial Instruments (“IFRS 9”), determined in accordance with the Central Bank of Kuwait (the “CBK”) guidelines, or the provision required by the CBK rules on classification of financing facilities of their provision (the “CBK instructions”) as disclosed in the accounting policies in Note 2.6 and Note 10 to the consolidated financial statements.

Recognition of ECL under IFRS 9, according to CBK guidelines, is a new and complex accounting policy, which requires considerable judgement in its implementation. ECL is dependent on management’s judgement in assessing the level of credit risk on initial recognition and significant increase in credit risk subsequently on the reporting date for classification of credit facilities into various stages, determining when a default has occurred, development of models for assessing the probability of default of customers and estimating cash flows from recovery procedures or realization of collateral. Recognition of specific provision on impaired financing facility under the CBK instructions is based on the rules prescribed by the CBK on the minimum provision to be recognized together with any additional provision to be recognised based on management estimate of expected cash flows related to that financing facility.

Due to the significance of financing facilities and the related estimation uncertainty and judgement in the impairment calculation, this was considered as a key audit matter.

Our audit procedures included assessing the design and implementation of controls over, inputs and assumptions used by the Group in developing the models, its governance and review controls performed by the management in determining the adequacy of credit losses.

With respect to the ECL based on IFRS 9, according to CBK guidelines, we have selected a samples of financing facilities outstanding as at the reporting date and checked the appropriateness of the Group’s determination of significant increase in credit risk and the resultant basis for classification of the financing facilities into various stages. For a sample of credit facilities, we have checked the appropriateness of the Group’s staging criteria, Exposure at Default (“EAD”) Probability of Default (“PD”) and Loss Given Default (“LGD”) including the eligibility and value of collateral considered in the ECL models used by the Group to determine ECL. We have also checked the consistency of various inputs and assumptions used by the Group’s management to determine ECL.

Further, for CBK provision requirements, we have assessed the criteria for determining whether there is a requirement to calculate any credit loss in accordance with the related regulations and, if required, it has been computed accordingly. For the samples selected, we have verified whether all impairment events have been identified by the Group’s management. For the selected samples which also included impaired financing facilities, we have assessed the valuation of collateral and checked the resultant provision calculations.

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Report on the Audit of Consolidated Financial Statements (continued)

Key Audit Matters (continued)

Impairment of associates and joint ventures

The investment in associates and joint ventures are accounted for under the equity method of accounting and considered for impairment in case of indication of impairment. The investment in associates and joint ventures is significant to our audit due to the Group's share of results in the associates and joint ventures and the carrying value of those associates and joint ventures. In addition, the management to assess impairment of investment in associates and joint ventures uses judgement and estimates. Accordingly, we considered this as a key audit matter.

We carried out procedures to understand management's process for identifying impairment triggers such as significant adverse changes in the technological, market, economic, or legal environment in which the investee operates, structural changes in the industry in which the investee operates, changes in the political or legal environment affecting the investee's business and changes in the investee's financial condition. Our audit procedures included, amongst others, assessing the appropriateness of the recoverable amounts determined by management and the valuation methods used. For impairment assessment we evaluated the reasonableness of the key assumptions used by management in determining the value-in-use computation

We also assessed the adequacy of the Group's disclosure in Note 13 and 14 of the consolidated financial statements.

Impairment test of investment properties and trading properties

Management's assessment of impairment of real estate properties was significant to our audit because this process is complex and requires judgement. Furthermore, there is an increased risk of impairment due to deteriorated market outlook in various geographical areas, in which the Group operates. Accordingly, we considered this a key audit matter.

We selected samples and considered the methodology and the appropriateness of the valuation models and inputs used to value the real estate properties. Further, we used our internal specialists to assess the valuation of a sample of real estate properties located outside the State of Kuwait. As part of these audit procedures, we assessed the accuracy of key inputs used in the valuation such as the rents, gross multiplier yield, market comparable, and discount rates. We also evaluated the Group's assessment whether objective evidence of impairment exists for international real estate.

The disclosure relating to the investment properties is given in note 15 to the consolidated financial statements.



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KUWAIT FINANCE HOUSE K.S.C.P. (continued)**

Report on the Audit of Consolidated Financial Statements (continued)

Key Audit Matters (continued)

Valuation of currency swaps, profit rate swaps, forward foreign exchange and forward commodity contracts ("Islamic derivative financial instruments")

The Group has significant Islamic derivative financial instruments, the valuation of which is determined through the application of valuation techniques, which often involve the exercise of judgement and the use of assumptions and estimates. Due to the significance of Islamic derivative financial instruments and the related estimation and uncertainty, this is considered as key audit matter.

Our audit procedures included assessment of controls over the identification, measurement and management of Islamic derivative financial instrument to confirm the operating effectiveness of the key controls in place.

Our audit procedures also comprised of an assessment of the methodology and the appropriateness of the valuation models used to value Islamic derivative financial instruments. Further, we used our internal specialists to assess the valuation of a sample of each type of Islamic derivative financial instruments. As part of these audit procedures, we assessed the accuracy of key inputs used in the valuations such as contractual cash flows, risk free rates, profit rate volatility, swap rates, profit spot rates, implied forward rates and quoted prices from market data providers, by benchmarking them with external data. Finally, we considered completeness and accuracy of the disclosures related to Islamic derivative financial instruments to assess compliance with the disclosure requirements.

The disclosure relating to Islamic derivative financial instruments is given in note 28 to the consolidated financial statements.

Other information included in the Group's 2018 Annual Report

Management is responsible for the other information. Other information consists of the information included in the Group's Annual Report, other than the consolidated financial statements and our auditors' report thereon. We obtained the report of the Bank's Board of Directors, prior to the date of our auditors' report, and we expect to obtain the remaining sections of the Annual Report after the date of our auditors' report.

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

In connection with our audit of the consolidated financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information identified above and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the consolidated financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work we have performed on the other information that we obtained prior to the date of this auditors' report, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF KUWAIT FINANCE HOUSE K.S.C.P. (continued)

Report on the Audit of Consolidated Financial Statements (continued)

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

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the consolidated financial statements in accordance with IFRSs as adopted for use by the State of Kuwait and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of consolidated financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

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

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated 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 ISAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these consolidated financial statements.

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

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated 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 internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.

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Report on the Audit of Consolidated Financial Statements (continued)

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of Consolidated Financial statements (continued)

- 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 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 consolidated 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 to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the consolidated financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the consolidated financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- Obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business activities within the Group to express an opinion on the consolidated 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.

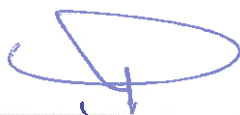
From the matters communicated with those charged with governance, we determine those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the consolidated financial statements of the current year and are therefore the key audit matters. We describe these matters in our auditors' report unless law or 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.

**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF
KUWAIT FINANCE HOUSE K.S.C.P. (continued)**

Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

Furthermore, in our opinion proper books of account have been kept by the Bank and the consolidated financial statements, together with the contents of the report of the Bank's Board of Directors relating to these consolidated financial statements, are in accordance therewith. We further report that, we obtained all the information and explanations that we required for the purpose of our audit and that the consolidated financial statements incorporate all information that is required by the Capital Adequacy Regulations and Financial Leverage Ratio Regulations issued by the Central Bank of Kuwait ("CBK") as stipulated in CBK Circular Nos. 2/RB, RBA/336/2014 dated 24 June 2014 and 2/I.B.S./343/2014 dated 21 October 2014 respectively, the Companies Law No.1 of 2016, as amended and its executive regulations, as amended and by the Bank's Memorandum of Incorporation and Articles of Association, as amended, that an inventory was duly carried out and that, to the best of our knowledge and belief, no violations of the Capital Adequacy Regulations and Financial Leverage Ratio Regulations issued by the CBK as stipulated in CBK Circular Nos. 2/RB, RBA/336/2014 dated 24 June 2014 and 2/I.B.S./343/2014 dated 21 October 2014 respectively, the Companies Law No.1 of 2016, as amended and its executive regulations, as amended or of the Bank's Memorandum of Incorporation and Articles of Association, as amended, have occurred during the year ended 31 December 2018 that might have had a material effect on the business of the Bank or on its financial position.

We further report that, during the course of our audit, we have not become aware of any violations of the provisions of Law No 32 of 1968, as amended, concerning currency, the Central Bank of Kuwait and the organisation of banking business, and its related regulations, during the year ended 31 December 2018 that might have had a material effect on the business of the Bank or on its financial position.



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Kuwait Finance House K.S.C.P. and Subsidiaries

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF INCOME

For the year ended 31 December 2018

		<i>KD 000's</i>	
	<i>Notes</i>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
INCOME			
Financing income		862,055	740,509
Finance cost and distribution to depositors		(334,786)	(295,662)
Net financing income		<u>527,269</u>	444,847
Investment income	3	63,319	106,571
Fees and commissions income		86,627	96,896
Net gain from foreign currencies		30,277	17,325
Other income	4	38,516	47,641
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME		<u>746,008</u>	<u>713,280</u>
EXPENSES			
Staff costs		(177,569)	(187,523)
General and administrative expenses		(81,487)	(82,824)
Depreciation and amortization		(33,404)	(34,671)
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES		<u>(292,460)</u>	<u>(305,018)</u>
NET OPERATING INCOME		<u>453,548</u>	408,262
Provisions and impairment	5	(162,510)	(163,411)
Profit (loss) for the year from discontinuing operations	18	410	(228)
PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION AND PROPOSED DIRECTORS' FEES		<u>291,448</u>	244,623
Taxation	6	(26,982)	(29,590)
Proposed directors' fees	24	(942)	(878)
PROFIT FOR THE YEAR		<u>263,524</u>	<u>214,155</u>
Attributable to:			
Shareholders of the Bank		<u>227,411</u>	184,155
Non-controlling interests		36,113	30,000
		<u>263,524</u>	<u>214,155</u>
BASIC AND DILUTED EARNINGS PER SHARE ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF THE BANK	7	<u>36.36 fils</u>	<u>29.46 fils</u>

The attached notes 1 to 38 form part of these consolidated financial statements.

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For the year ended 31 December 2018

	<i>KD 000's</i>	
	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Profit for the year	263,524	214,155
<i>Items that will not be reclassified to consolidated statement of income in subsequent periods:</i>		
Revaluation loss on equity instruments at fair value through other comprehensive income	(4,790)	-
<i>Items that are or may be reclassified subsequently to consolidated statement of income:</i>		
Sukuk investments at fair value through other comprehensive income:		
Net change in fair value during the year	(21,385)	-
Recycled to consolidated statement of income	6,021	-
Net loss on sukuk investments at fair value through other comprehensive income	(15,364)	-
Financial assets available for sale:		
Net change in fair value	-	12,667
Net transfer to consolidated statement of income	-	(17,946)
	-	(5,279)
Share of other comprehensive (loss) income of associates and joint ventures	(597)	270
Exchange differences on translation of foreign operations	(122,546)	(37,782)
Other comprehensive loss for the year	(143,297)	(42,791)
Total comprehensive income	120,227	171,364
Attributable to:		
Shareholders of the Bank	133,487	155,405
Non-controlling interests	(13,260)	15,959
	120,227	171,364

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Kuwait Finance House K.S.C.P. and Subsidiaries

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at 31 December 2018

	Notes	2018	KD 000's 2017
ASSETS			
Cash and balances with banks	8	1,381,170	1,262,456
Short-term murabaha	9	3,248,450	2,925,329
Financing receivables	10	9,385,474	9,216,475
Investment in Sukuk	11	1,563,361	1,428,655
Trading properties		147,639	161,137
Investments	12	284,883	304,293
Investment in associates and joint ventures	13,14	499,179	463,797
Investment properties	15	489,609	554,321
Other assets	16	544,416	464,558
Intangible assets and goodwill	17	31,180	38,659
Property and equipment		194,917	214,001
Assets classified as held for sale	18	-	324,300
TOTAL ASSETS		17,770,278	17,357,981
LIABILITIES			
Due to banks and financial institutions		2,689,079	2,239,923
Sukuk payables		498,588	518,078
Depositors' accounts	20	11,780,310	11,596,733
Other liabilities	21	728,131	699,236
Liabilities directly associated with the assets classified as held for sale	18	-	187,889
TOTAL LIABILITIES		15,696,108	15,241,859
EQUITY ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF THE BANK			
Share capital	23	634,226	576,569
Share premium	22	720,333	720,333
Proposed issue of bonus shares	24	63,423	57,657
Treasury shares	23	(44,452)	(45,063)
Reserves	22	395,278	466,101
Proposed cash dividends	24	1,768,808	1,775,597
		125,097	96,645
TOTAL EQUITY ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF THE BANK		1,893,905	1,872,242
Non-controlling interests		180,265	243,880
TOTAL EQUITY		2,074,170	2,116,122
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		17,770,278	17,357,981


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Kuwait Finance House K.S.C.P. and Subsidiaries

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

For the year ended 31 December 2018

	Attributable to the shareholders of the Bank							Non-controlling interests	Total equity	
	Share capital	Share premium	Proposed issue of bonus shares	Treasury shares	Reserves (Note 22)	Subtotal	Proposed cash dividends			Subtotal
Balance as at 1 January 2018	576,569	720,333	57,657	(45,063)	466,101	1,775,597	96,645	1,872,242	243,880	2,116,122
Transition adjustment on adoption of IFRS 9 at 1 January 2018 (Note 26)	-	-	-	-	(3,282)	(3,282)	-	(3,282)	(961)	(4,243)
Restated balance at 1 January 2018	576,569	720,333	57,657	(45,063)	462,819	1,772,315	96,645	1,868,960	242,919	2,111,879
Profit for the year	-	-	-	-	227,411	227,411	-	227,411	36,113	263,524
Other comprehensive loss	-	-	-	-	(93,924)	(93,924)	-	(93,924)	(49,373)	(143,297)
Total comprehensive income (loss)	-	-	-	-	133,487	133,487	-	133,487	(13,260)	120,227
Issue of bonus shares (Note 24)	57,657	-	(57,657)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Zakat paid	-	-	-	-	(12,578)	(12,578)	-	(12,578)	-	(12,578)
Share based payments (Note 25)	-	-	-	-	490	490	-	490	-	490
Cash dividends paid	-	-	-	-	-	-	(96,645)	(96,645)	-	(96,645)
Distribution of profit: (Note 24)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Proposed issue of bonus shares	-	-	63,423	-	(63,423)	-	-	-	-	-
Proposed cash dividends	-	-	-	-	(125,097)	(125,097)	125,097	-	-	-
Net movement in treasury shares	-	-	-	611	211	822	-	822	-	822
Deconsolidation of a subsidiary (Note 18)	-	-	-	-	(341)	(341)	-	(341)	(43,972)	(44,313)
Disposal of a subsidiary (Note 18)	-	-	-	-	(290)	(290)	-	(290)	(955)	(1,245)
Dividends paid to non-controlling interests	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1,554)	(1,554)
Net other change in non-controlling interests	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(2,913)	(2,913)
Balance as at 31 December 2018	634,226	720,333	63,423	(44,452)	395,278	1,768,808	125,097	1,893,905	180,265	2,074,170

KD 000's

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY (continued)
For the year ended 31 December 2018

	Attributable to the shareholders of the Bank							Non-controlling interests	Total equity
	Share capital	Share premium	Proposed issue of bonus shares	Treasury shares	Reserves (Note 22)	Subtotal	Proposed cash dividends		
Balance as at 1 January 2017	524,154	720,333	52,415	(48,824)	474,652	1,722,730	87,755	1,810,485	2,038,825
Profit for the year	-	-	-	-	184,155	184,155	-	184,155	214,155
Other comprehensive loss	-	-	-	-	(28,750)	(28,750)	-	(28,750)	(42,791)
Total comprehensive income	524,154	720,333	52,415	(48,824)	474,652	1,722,730	87,755	1,810,485	2,038,825
Issue of bonus shares	-	-	(52,415)	-	-	155,405	-	155,405	171,364
Zakat paid	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cash dividends paid	-	-	-	-	(9,682)	(9,682)	-	(9,682)	(9,682)
Distribution of profit: (Note 24)	-	-	-	-	-	-	(87,755)	(87,755)	(87,755)
Proposed issue of bonus shares	-	-	57,657	-	(57,657)	-	-	-	-
Proposed cash dividends	-	-	-	-	(96,645)	(96,645)	96,645	-	-
Net movement in treasury shares	-	-	-	3,761	1	3,762	-	3,762	3,762
Disposal of a subsidiary	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Change of ownership interest without loss of control	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net other change in non-controlling interests	-	-	-	-	27	27	-	27	4,440
Balance as at 31 December 2017	576,569	720,333	57,657	(45,063)	466,101	1,775,597	96,645	1,872,242	2,116,122

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
For the year ended 31 December 2018

		<i>KD 000's</i>	
	<i>Notes</i>	<i>2018</i>	<i>2017</i>
OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Profit for the year		263,524	214,155
Adjustments to reconcile profit to net cash flows:			
Depreciation and amortisation		33,404	34,671
Provisions and impairment		162,510	163,411
Dividend income	3	(4,695)	(5,345)
Gain on sale of investments	3	(4,209)	(47,159)
Gain on sale of real estate investments	3	(13,963)	(12,809)
Share of results of investment in associates and joint ventures	3	(28,192)	(13,203)
Other investment loss (income)	3	2,306	(13,727)
		410,685	319,994
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:			
<i>(Increase) decrease in operating assets:</i>			
Financing receivables and short term murabaha		(501,547)	(1,463,612)
Trading properties		13,489	10,799
Other assets		(25,875)	98,920
Statutory deposit with Central Banks		239,587	(151,592)
<i>Increase (decrease) in operating liabilities:</i>			
Due to banks and financial institutions		318,592	(319,030)
Depositors' accounts		183,577	1,139,678
Other liabilities		(27,183)	(2,621)
Net cash flows from (used in) operating activities		611,325	(367,464)
INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Investments, net		(127,441)	(290,795)
Purchase of investment properties		(2,915)	(7,811)
Proceeds from sale of investment properties		27,833	19,542
Purchase of property and equipment		(46,561)	(37,825)
Proceeds from sale of property and equipment		6,042	1,814
Intangible assets, net		(6,336)	(4,859)
Purchase of investments in associates and joint ventures		(304)	(770)
Proceeds from sale of investments in associates and joint ventures		3,857	31,406
Proceed from disposal of subsidiaries		34,133	10,068
Dividend received		13,711	15,148
Net cash flows used in investing activities		(97,981)	(264,082)
FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Cash dividends paid		(96,645)	(87,755)
Zakat paid		(12,578)	(9,682)
Net movement in treasury shares		822	3,762
Dividend paid to non-controlling interests		(1,554)	-
Net cash flows used in financing activities		(109,955)	(93,675)
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		403,389	(725,221)
Cash and cash equivalents as at 1 January		1,366,890	2,092,111
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AS AT 31 DECEMBER	8	1,770,279	1,366,890

The attached notes 1 to 38 form part of these consolidated financial statements.

1 CORPORATE INFORMATION

The consolidated financial statements of the Group for the year ended 31 December 2018 were authorised for issue in accordance with a resolution of the Bank's Board of Directors on 10 January 2019. The general assembly of the shareholders of the Bank has the power to amend these consolidated financial statements after issuance.

The Group comprises Kuwait Finance House K.S.C.P. ("the Bank") and its consolidated subsidiaries (collectively "the Group") as noted in Note 19.1. The Bank is a public shareholding company incorporated in Kuwait on 23 March 1977 and is registered as an Islamic bank with the Central Bank of Kuwait ("the CBK"). It is engaged in all Islamic banking activities for its own account as well as for third parties, including financing, purchase and sale of investments, leasing, project construction and other trading activities without practising usury. The Bank's registered head office is at Abdulla Al-Mubarak Street, Murqab, Kuwait.

All activities are conducted in accordance with Islamic Shari'a, as approved by the Bank's Fatwa and Shari'a Supervisory Board.

2.1 BASIS OF PREPARATION

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the regulations for financial services institutions as issued by the Central Bank of Kuwait ("CBK") in the State of Kuwait. These regulations require expected credit loss ("ECL") to be measured at the higher of the ECL on financing facilities computed under IFRS 9 in accordance to the CBK guidelines or the provisions as required by CBK instructions; the consequent impact on related disclosures; and the adoption of all other requirements of International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB").

The consolidated financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention modified to include the measurement of financial assets at fair value, venture capital at fair value through statement of income, precious metals inventory, currency swaps, profit rate swaps, forward foreign exchange and forward commodity contracts.

The consolidated financial statements are presented in Kuwaiti Dinars (KD) and all values are rounded to the nearest thousand Dinars, except when otherwise indicated.

2.2 PRESENTATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Group presents its statement of consolidated financial position in order of liquidity.

2.3 CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounting policies applied are consistent with those used in the previous year except for the adoption of IFRS 9: Financial Instruments and IFRS 15: Revenue from Contracts with Customers.

Adoption of IFRS 9 'Financial Instruments'

The Group has adopted IFRS 9 - Financial Instruments issued in July 2014 with a date of initial application of 1 January 2018, with the exception of requirements of the expected credit losses on financing facilities as noted above in Note 2.1 above. The requirements of IFRS 9 represent a significant change from IAS 39 Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement. The new standard brings fundamental changes to the accounting for financial assets and to certain aspects of the accounting for financial liabilities.

The Group has not restated comparative information for 2017 as permitted by the transitional provisions of the standard. Therefore, the information presented for 2017 does not reflect the requirements of IFRS 9 and is not comparable to the information presented for 2018. Differences in the carrying amount of financial assets resulting from the adoption of IFRS 9 are recognised in retained earnings and reserves as at 1 January 2018 and are disclosed in Note 26.

2.3 CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Adoption of IFRS 9 'Financial Instruments' (continued)

The key changes to the Group's accounting policies resulting from the adoption of IFRS 9 are summarised below:

Classification and measurement of financial assets and financial liabilities:

The new standard requires all financial assets, except equity instruments and derivatives, to be assessed based on a combination of the entity's business model for managing the assets and the instruments' contractual cash flow characteristics. The IAS 39 measurement categories of financial instruments have been replaced by:

- debt instruments measured at amortised cost,
- debt instruments measured at fair value through other comprehensive income (FVOCI) with gains or losses recycled to statement of income on derecognition,
- equity instruments at FVOCI with no recycling of gains or losses to statement of income on derecognition; and
- financial assets carried at fair value through profit or loss (FVTPL)

IFRS 9 will also allow entities to continue to irrevocably designate instruments that qualify for amortised cost or FVOCI instruments as FVTPL, if doing so eliminates or significantly reduces a measurement or recognition inconsistency. Equity instruments that are not held for trading may be irrevocably designated as FVOCI, with no subsequent reclassification of gains or losses to the consolidated statement of income.

The accounting for financial liabilities will largely be the same as the requirements of IAS 39, except for the treatment of gains or losses arising from an entity's own credit risk relating to liabilities designated at FVTPL. Such movements will be presented in OCI with no subsequent reclassification to the statement of income, unless an accounting mismatch in profit or loss would arise.

Under IFRS 9, derivatives embedded in contracts where the host is a financial asset in the scope of the standard are never separated. Instead, the hybrid financial instrument as a whole is assessed for classification. The Group's accounting policies for classification and measurement of financial assets under IFRS 9 is explained in Note 2.6.

The impact of adoption of IFRS 9 is disclosed in Note 26.

Impairment of financial assets:

IFRS 9 replaces the 'incurred loss' model in IAS 39 with an 'expected credit loss' (ECL) model. The new impairment model applies to financial assets measured at amortised cost, contract assets and debt investments at FVOCI, but not to investments in equity instruments. Under IFRS 9, credit losses are recognised earlier than under IAS 39. The credit losses are based on ECLs associated with the probability of default in the next twelve months unless there has been a significant increase in credit risk since origination. If the financial asset meets the definition of purchased or originated credit impaired (POCI), the credit loss is based on the change in ECLs over the life of the asset. The Group is also required to calculate provision for credit losses on financing facilities in accordance with instructions issued by the CBK in respect of the classification of financing facilities and calculation of provisions. Impairment of financing facilities shall be recognised at the higher of ECL under IFRS 9 according to the CBK guidelines, and the provisions required by the CBK instructions.

The Group's accounting policies for impairment of financial assets is explained in Note 2.6. The quantitative impact of adoption of IFRS 9 as at 1 January 2018 is disclosed in Note 26.

2.3 CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Adoption of IFRS 9 'Financial Instruments' (continued)

Hedge accounting:

The general hedge accounting requirements of IFRS 9 retain the three types of hedge accounting mechanisms in IAS 39. However, greater flexibility has been introduced to the types of transactions eligible for hedge accounting, specifically broadening the types of instruments that qualify as hedging instruments and the types of risk components of non-financial items that are eligible for hedge accounting. In addition, the effectiveness test has been overhauled and replaced with the principle of an 'economic relationship'. Retrospective assessment of hedge effectiveness is no longer required.

The Group has elected to apply the hedge accounting requirements of IFRS 9. As IFRS 9 does not change the general principles of how an entity accounts for effective hedges, applying the hedging requirements of IFRS 9 has no significant impact on Group's consolidated financial statements.

Adoption of IFRS 15 'Revenue from Contracts with customers'

IFRS 15 was issued in May 2014 and is effective for annual periods commencing on or after 1 January 2018. IFRS 15 outlines a single comprehensive model of accounting for revenue arising from contracts with customers and supersedes current revenue guidance, which is found currently across several standards and interpretations within IFRS. It established a new five-step model that will apply to revenue arising from contracts with customers. Under IFRS 15, revenue is recognised at an amount that reflects the consideration to which an entity expects to be entitled in exchange for transferring goods or services to a customer.

The Group's adoption of IFRS 15 had no material impact on these consolidated financial statements of the Group.

Other amendments to IFRSs which are effective for annual accounting period starting from 1 January 2018 did not have any material impact on the accounting policies, financial position or performance of the Group.

2.4 STANDARDS ISSUED BUT NOT YET EFFECTIVE

Standards issued but not yet effective up to the date of the Group's consolidated financial statements are listed below. This listing is of standards and interpretations issued, which the Group reasonably expects to be applicable at a future date. The Group intends to adopt those standards when they become effective.

IFRS 16: Leases

In January 2016, the IASB issued IFRS 16 'Leases' with an effective date of annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2019 and it replaces IAS 17 Leases, IFRIC 4 Determining whether an Arrangement contains a Lease, SIC-15 Operating Leases-Incentives and SIC-27 Evaluating the Substance of Transactions Involving the Legal Form of a Lease. IFRS 16 sets out the principles for the recognition, measurement, presentation and disclosure of leases and requires lessees to account for all leases under a single on-balance sheet model similar to the accounting for finance leases under IAS 17.

The standard includes two recognition exemptions for lessees – leases of 'low-value' assets (e.g., personal computers) and short-term leases (i.e., leases with a lease term of 12 months or less). At the commencement date of a lease, a lessee will recognise a liability to make lease payments (i.e., the lease liability) and an asset representing the right to use the underlying asset during the lease term (i.e., the right-of-use asset). Lessees will be required to separately recognise the financing expense on the lease liability and the depreciation expense on the right-of-use asset.

Lessees will be also required to remeasure the lease liability upon the occurrence of certain events (e.g., a change in the lease term, a change in future lease payments resulting from a change in an index or rate used to determine those payments). The lessee will generally recognise the amount of the remeasurement of the lease liability as an adjustment to the right-of-use asset.

2.4 STANDARDS ISSUED BUT NOT YET EFFECTIVE (continued)

IFRS 16: Leases (continued)

Lessor accounting under IFRS 16 is substantially unchanged from today's accounting under IAS 17. Lessors will continue to classify all leases using the same classification principle as in IAS 17 and distinguish between two types of leases: operating and finance leases.

IFRS 16 results in lessees accounting for most leases within the scope of the standard in a manner similar to the way in which finance leases are currently accounted for under IAS 17 'Leases'. Lessees will recognise a 'right of use' asset and a corresponding financial liability on the statement of financial position. The asset will be amortised over the length of the lease and the financial liability measured at amortised cost. Lessor accounting remains substantially the same as in IAS 17.

IFRS 16 also requires lessees and lessors to make more extensive disclosures than under IAS 17.

Transition to IFRS 16

The Group plans to adopt IFRS 16 using the modified retrospective method. Applying this method, the comparative information will not be restated. The Group will elect to apply the standard to contracts that were previously identified as leases applying IAS 17 and IFRIC 4. The Group will therefore not apply the standard to contracts that were not previously identified as containing a lease applying IAS 17 and IFRIC 4.

The Group will elect to use the exemptions proposed by the standard on lease contracts for which the lease terms ends within 12 months as of the date of initial application, and lease contracts for which the underlying asset is of low value. The Group has leases of certain office equipment (i.e., personal computers, printing and photocopying machines) that are considered of low value.

During the year, the Group has performed a detailed impact assessment of IFRS 16. Based on detailed impact assessment, property and equipment (right of use) and other liabilities of the Group are expected to increase by KD 33,744 thousand.

2.5 BASIS OF CONSOLIDATION

The consolidated financial statements comprise the financial statements of the Group as at 31 December each year and its subsidiaries as at the same date or a date not earlier than three months from 31 December. The financial statements of subsidiaries, associates and joint ventures are prepared using consistent accounting policies and are adjusted, where necessary, to bring the accounting policies in line with those of the Group. All significant intercompany balances and transactions, including unrealised profits arising from intra-group transactions have been eliminated on consolidation.

a. Subsidiaries

Subsidiaries are all entities over which the Group has control. The control is achieved when the Group is exposed, or has rights, to variable returns from its involvement with the investee and has the ability to affect those returns through its power over the investee.

The Group re-assesses whether or not it controls an investee if facts and circumstances indicate that there are changes to one or more of the three elements of control. Consolidation of a subsidiary begins when the Group obtains control over the subsidiary and ceases when the Group loses control of the subsidiary. Refer note 19 for the list of major subsidiaries, their principal businesses and the Group's effective holding.

b. Non-controlling interest

Interest in the equity of subsidiaries not attributable to the Group is reported as non-controlling interest in the consolidated statement of financial position. For each business combination, non-controlling interest in the acquiree is measured either at fair value or at the proportionate share in the recognised amounts of the acquiree's identifiable net assets. Losses are allocated to the non-controlling interest even if they exceed the non-controlling interest's share of equity in the subsidiary. Transactions with non-controlling interests are treated as transactions with equity owners of the Group. A change in ownership interest in a subsidiary, without a loss of control, is accounted for as an equity transaction.

2.6 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Business combinations and goodwill

Business combinations are accounted for using the purchase method of accounting. This involves recognising identifiable assets (including previously unrecognised intangible assets) and liabilities (including contingencies but excluding future restructuring) of the acquired business at fair value. Any excess of the cost of acquisition over the fair values of the identifiable net assets acquired is recognised as goodwill. If the cost of acquisition is less than the fair values of the identifiable net assets acquired, the discount on acquisition is recognised directly in the consolidated statement of income in the year of acquisition.

Following initial recognition, goodwill is measured at cost less any accumulated impairment losses. Goodwill is reviewed for impairment annually, or more frequently, if events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value may be impaired. For the purpose of impairment testing, goodwill acquired in a business combination is, from the acquisition date, allocated to each of the Group's cash-generating units (CGUs) or group of CGUs, which are expected to benefit from the synergies of the combination, irrespective of whether other assets or liabilities of the acquiree are assigned to those units. Each unit to which the goodwill is allocated represents the lowest level within the Group at which the goodwill is monitored for internal management purposes, and is not larger than an operating segment in accordance with IFRS 8 Operating Segments.

Where goodwill has been allocated to a CGU (or group of CGUs) and part of the operation within that unit is disposed of, the goodwill associated with the disposed operation is included in the carrying amount of the operation when determining the gain or loss on disposal. Goodwill disposed off in these circumstances is measured based on the relative fair values of the disposed operation and the portion of the CGU retained.

When subsidiaries are sold, the difference between the selling price and the net assets plus associated cumulative translation differences, cash flow hedge and goodwill is recognised in the consolidated statement of income.

Associates and joint ventures

Associates are all entities over which the Group has significant influence but not control.

A joint venture is a type of joint arrangement whereby the parties that have joint control of the arrangement have rights to the net assets of the joint venture. Joint control is the contractually agreed sharing of control of an arrangement, which exists only when decisions about the relevant activities require unanimous consent of the parties sharing control. The considerations made in determining significant influence or joint control are similar to those necessary to determine control over subsidiaries.

Investment in an associate and joint ventures are initially recognised at cost and subsequently accounted for by the equity method of accounting. The Group's share of its associates' and joint ventures post-acquisition profits or losses is recognised in the consolidated statement of income, and its share of post-acquisition movements in other comprehensive income is recognised in the consolidated statement of other comprehensive income. The cumulative post-acquisition movements are adjusted against the carrying amount of the investment.

The Group determines at each reporting date whether there is any objective evidence that the investment in associate and joint ventures are impaired. If this is the case, the Group calculates the amount of impairment as the difference between the recoverable amount of the associate and joint venture and its carrying value and recognises the amount in the consolidated statement of income. Upon loss of significant influence or joint control over the associate or joint venture, the Group measures and recognises any retained investment at its fair value. Gain or loss on such transaction is computed by comparing the carrying amount of the associate or joint venture at the time of loss of significant influence or joint control with the aggregate of fair value of the retained investment and proceeds from disposal. Such gain or loss is recognised in the consolidated statement of income.

2.6 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Foreign currency translation

The consolidated financial statements are presented in Kuwaiti Dinars, which is the Group's functional and presentational currency. Each entity in the Group determines its own functional currency and items included in the financial statements of each entity are measured using that functional currency.

Transactions and balances

Transactions in foreign currencies are initially recorded in the functional currency rate of exchange ruling at the date of the transaction.

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are retranslated at the functional currency rate of exchange ruling at the financial position date. All differences are included within net gain/loss from foreign currencies in the consolidated statement of income.

Non-monetary items that are measured at historical cost in a foreign currency are translated using the spot exchange rates as at the date of recognition.

Non-monetary items measured at fair value in a foreign currency are translated using the exchange rates at the date when the fair value is determined. The gain or loss arising on retranslation of non-monetary items is treated in line with the recognition of gain or loss on change in fair value of the item.

Group companies

On consolidation the assets and liabilities of foreign subsidiaries are translated into Kuwait Dinar at the rate of exchange prevailing at the reporting date and their income statements are translated at average exchange rates. The exchange differences arising on translation for consolidation are recognised in other comprehensive income. On disposal, liquidation, repayment of share capital or abandonment of all, or part of a foreign subsidiary, the component of other comprehensive income relating to that particular foreign subsidiary, is recognised in the consolidated statement of income.

Any goodwill arising on the acquisition of a foreign subsidiary and any fair value adjustments to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities arising on the acquisition are treated as assets and liabilities of the foreign subsidiary and translated at the spot rate of exchange at the reporting date.

Revenue recognition

Revenue is recognised to the extent that it is probable that the economic benefits will flow to the Group and the revenue can be reliably measured. The following specific recognition criteria must also be met before revenue is recognised:

- i) Financing income is income from murabaha, istisna'a, leased assets, wakala investments and is determined by using the effective profit method. The effective profit method is a method of calculating the amortised cost of a financial asset and of allocating the financing income over the relevant period.
- ii) Fees and commission income is recognised when the Group satisfies the performance obligation by transferring the promised service to customers. At inception of the contract, the Group determines whether it satisfies the performance obligation over a period of time or at a point in time. Fees income earned from services provided over a period of time is recognised over the period of service. Fees and commissions arising from providing a transaction service are recognised at a point in time on completion of the underlying transaction.
- iii) Rental income from investment properties is recognised on an accruals basis.
- iv) Dividend income is recognised when the right to receive payment is established.
- v) Operating lease income is recognised on a straight-line basis in accordance with the lease agreement.
- vi) Gain from real estate investments includes gains from sale, transfer and distribution of investment properties, trading properties. Real estate gain is recognised when the significant risks and returns have been transferred to the buyer including satisfaction of all conditions of a contract.

2.6 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Leases

The determination of whether an arrangement is, or contains, a lease is based on the substance of the arrangement at inception date: whether fulfilment of the arrangement is dependent on the use of a specific asset or assets or the arrangement conveys a right to use the asset.

Group as a lessee

Finance leases, which transfer to the Group substantially all the risks and benefits incidental to ownership of the leased item, are capitalised at the inception of the lease at the fair value of the leased asset or, if lower, at the present value of the minimum lease payments. Lease payments are apportioned between the finance charges and reduction of the lease liability so as to achieve a constant rate of profit on the remaining balance of the liability. Finance charges are charged in the consolidated statement of income. Capitalised leased assets are depreciated over the estimated useful lives of the asset. Operating lease payments are recognised as an expense in the consolidated statement of income on a straight line basis over the lease term.

Group as a lessor

Leased assets

This represents net investment in assets leased for periods which either approximate or cover a major part of the economic lives of such assets. The lease agreements provide a purchase option to lessees at a price equal or expected to be equal or lower than fair value of such assets at the time when such option is exercised.

Operating leases

Leases where the lessor retains substantially all the risks and benefits of ownership of the asset are classified as operating leases.

Leased assets are stated at amounts equal to the net investment outstanding in the leases.

Trading properties

Trading properties are measured initially at cost. Subsequent to initial recognition, trading properties are carried at the lower of cost or net realizable value determined on an individual basis.

Investment properties

Investment properties are measured initially at cost, including transaction costs. Subsequent to initial recognition, investment properties are stated at depreciated cost less impairment.

Investment properties are derecognised when either they have been disposed of or when the investment property is permanently withdrawn from use and no future economic benefit is expected from its disposal.

The difference between the net disposal proceeds and the carrying amount of the asset is recognised in the consolidated statement of income in the year of derecognition.

Transfers are made to or from investment property only when there is a change in use. For a transfer from investment property to property and equipment, the deemed cost for subsequent accounting is the carrying value at the date of change in use. If property and equipment becomes an investment property, the Group accounts for such property in accordance with the policy stated under property and equipment up to the date of change in use.

When the Group begins to redevelop an existing investment property with a view to selling the property, it is transferred to trading properties at carrying value.

Depreciation is provided on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives, that range from 20 – 25 years, of all rental properties other than freehold land which is deemed to have an indefinite life.

Properties under construction

Properties under construction or development for future use as investment properties are classified as investment properties and are carried at cost less any impairment in value. Costs are those expenses incurred by the Group that are directly attributable to the construction of the asset.

Precious metals inventory

Precious metals inventory primarily comprises Gold, which is carried at the fair value less cost to sell.

2.6 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Financial instruments

Date of recognition

Financial assets and liabilities, with the exception of financing receivable and depositors' accounts, are initially recognised on the trade date, i.e., the date that the Group becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. This includes regular way trades: purchases or sales of financial assets that require delivery of assets within the time frame generally established by regulation or convention in the market place. Financing to customers are recognised when funds are transferred to the customers' accounts. The Group recognises depositors' accounts when funds are transferred to the Group.

Classification on initial measurement of financial instruments

The classification of financial instruments at initial recognition depends on their contractual terms and the business model for managing the instruments. Financial instruments are initially measured at their fair value except in the case of financial assets and financial liabilities recorded at FVTPL, transaction costs are added to, or subtracted from, this amount. Trade receivables are measured at the transaction price. When the fair value of financial instruments at initial recognition differs from the transaction price, the Group accounts for the Day 1 profit or loss, as described below.

Day 1 profit or loss

When the transaction price of the instrument differs from the fair value at origination and the fair value is based on a valuation technique using only inputs observable in market transactions, the Group recognises the difference between the transaction price and fair value in the investment income. In those cases where fair value is based on models for which some of the inputs are not observable, the difference between the transaction price and the fair value is deferred and is only recognised in profit or loss when the inputs become observable, or when the instrument is derecognised.

Measurement categories of financial assets and liabilities

From 1 January 2018, the Group classifies all of its financial assets based on the business model for managing the assets and the asset's contractual terms, measured at either:

- Amortised cost
- Fair value through other comprehensive income (FVOCI)
- Fair value through profit or loss (FVTPL)

Before 1 January 2018, the Group classified its financial assets as financing receivables (amortised cost), financial assets available-for-sale (AFS), venture capital at fair value through statement of income, or as derivatives as appropriate.

Financial liabilities, other than financing commitments and financial guarantees, are measured at amortised cost or at FVTPL when they are held for trading and derivative instruments or the fair value designation is applied.

Business model assessment

The Group determines its business model at the level that best reflects how it manages groups of financial assets to achieve its business objective. That is, whether the Group's objective is solely to collect the contractual cash flows from the assets or is to collect both the contractual cash flows and cash flows arising from the sale of assets. If neither of these is applicable (e.g. financial assets are held for trading purposes), then the financial assets are classified as part of 'Sell' business model and measured at FVTPL. The Group's business model is not assessed on an instrument-by-instrument basis, but at a higher level of aggregated portfolios and is based on observable factors such as:

- How the performance of the business model and the financial assets held within that business model are evaluated and reported to the entity's key management personnel;
- The risks that affect the performance of the business model (and the financial assets held within that business model) and, in particular, the way those risks are managed;
- How managers of the business are compensated (for example, whether the compensation is based on the fair value of the assets managed or on the contractual cash flows collected)
- The expected frequency, value and timing of sales are also important aspects of the Group's assessment.

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

2.6 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Financial instruments (continued)

Assessment of whether contractual cash flows are solely payments of principal and yield (SPPY test)

Where the business model is to hold assets to collect contractual cash flows or to collect contractual cash flows and sell, the Group assesses whether the financial instruments' cash flows represent Solely Payments of Principal and Yield (the 'SPPY test').

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

The most significant elements of profit within a basic lending arrangement are typically the consideration for the time value of money, credit risk, other basic lending risks and a profit margin. To make the SPY assessment, the Group applies judgement and considers relevant factors such as the currency in which the financial asset is denominated, and the period for which the yield rate is set.

In contrast, contractual terms that introduce a more than de minimis exposure to risks or volatility in the contractual cash flows that are unrelated to a basic lending arrangement do not give rise to contractual cash flows that are solely payments of principal and yield on the amount outstanding. In such cases, the financial asset is required to be measured at FVTPL.

The Group reclassifies when and only when its business model for managing those assets changes. The reclassification takes place from the start of the first reporting period following the change. Such changes are expected to be very infrequent and none occurred during the year.

The Group classifies its financial assets upon initial recognition into the following categories:

- Debt instruments at amortised cost
- Debt instruments at fair value through other comprehensive income (FVOCI), with gains or losses recycled to statement of income on derecognition
- Equity instruments at FVOCI, with no recycling of gains or losses to statement of income on derecognition
- Financial assets carried at fair value through profit or loss (FVTPL)

Debt instruments at amortised cost:

A financial asset is measured at amortised cost if it meets both of the following conditions and is not designated as at FVTPL:

- The asset is held within a business model whose objective is to hold assets to collect contractual cash flows; and
- The contractual terms of the financial asset meet the SPY test.

Cash and balances with banks and financial institutions, short term murabaha and financing receivables are classified as debt instruments at amortised cost.

Debt instruments at amortised cost are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective yield method adjusted for impairment losses, if any. Profit income, foreign exchange gains and losses and impairment are recognised in the consolidated statement of income. Any gain or loss on derecognition is recognised in the consolidated statement of income.

Debt instruments at FVOCI:

A debt instrument is carried at FVOCI if it meets both of the following conditions:

- The instrument is held within a business model, the objective of which is achieved by both collecting contractual cash flows and selling financial assets; and
- The contractual terms of the financial asset meet the SPY test

Debt instruments at FVOCI are subsequently measured at fair value with gains and losses arising due to changes in fair value recognised in other comprehensive income. Profit income and foreign exchange gains, losses and ECL are recognised in the consolidated statement of income. Fair value changes which are not part of an effective hedging relationship are recognised in other comprehensive income and presented in the cumulative changes in fair values as part of equity until the asset is derecognised or reclassified. When the financial asset is derecognised, the cumulative gain or loss previously recognised in other comprehensive income is reclassified from equity to the consolidated statement of income.

2.6 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Financial instruments (continued)

Assessment of whether contractual cash flows are solely payments of principal and yield (SPPY test) (continued)

Equity instruments at FVOCI:

Upon initial recognition, the Group makes an irrevocable election to classify some of its equity investments as equity investments at FVOCI if they meet the definition of Equity under IAS 32 Financial Instruments: Presentation and are not held for trading. Such classification is determined on an instrument by instrument basis.

Equity investments at FVOCI are subsequently measured at fair value. Changes in fair values including foreign exchange component are recognised in other comprehensive income and presented in the cumulative changes in fair values as part of equity. Cumulative gains and losses previously recognised in other comprehensive income are transferred to retained earnings on derecognition and are not recognised in the consolidated statement of income. Dividend income on equity investments at FVOCI are recognised in the consolidated statement of income unless they clearly represent a recovery of part of the cost of the investment in which case they are recognised in other comprehensive income. Equity investments at FVOCI are not subject to impairment assessment.

Financial asset at FVTPL:

The Group classifies financial assets at fair value through profit or loss when they have been purchased or issued primarily for short-term profit making through trading activities or form part of a portfolio of financial instruments that are managed together, for which there is evidence of a recent pattern of short-term profit taking. Held-for-trading assets are recorded and measured in the statement of financial position at fair value. In addition, on initial recognition, the Group may irrevocably designate a financial asset that otherwise meets the requirements to be measured at amortised cost or at FVOCI as at FVTPL if doing so eliminates or significantly reduces an accounting mismatch that would otherwise arise.

Changes in fair values, profit income and dividends are recorded in the consolidated statement of income according to the terms of the contract, or when the right to payment has been established.

Included in this classification are certain perpetual Sukuks, equities and derivatives that are not designated as hedging instruments in a hedge relationship.

The Group has determined the classification and measurement of its financial assets as follows:

i. Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash, balances with Central Banks, balances with banks and financial institutions, short-term murabaha contracts, cash in transit and exchange of deposits maturing within three months of contract date. Cash and cash equivalents are carried at amortised cost using effective profit rate.

ii. Short-term murabahas

Short-term murabahas are financial assets originated by the Group and represent commodity murabaha transactions with high credit quality banks and financial institutions maturing within one year of the financial position date. These are stated at amortised cost using effective profit rate.

iii. Financing receivables

Financing receivables are financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market and principally comprise murabahas, istisna'a, wakala receivables and leased assets. The financing receivables are stated at amortised cost using effective profit rate.

Murabaha

Murabaha is an agreement relating to the sale of commodities at cost plus an agreed upon profit margin, whereby the seller informs the buyer of the price at which the deal will be completed and also the amount of profit to be recognized. Murabaha is a financial asset originated by the Group.

Istisna'a

Istisna'a is a sale contract between a contract owner and a contractor whereby the contractor based on an order from the contract owner undertakes to manufacture or otherwise acquire the subject matter of the contract according to specifications, and sells it to the contract owner for an agreed upon price and method of settlement whether that be in advance, by instalments or deferred to a specific future time.

2.6 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Financial instruments (continued)

iii. Financing receivables (continued)

Wakala

Wakala is an agreement whereby the Group provides a sum of money to a customer under an agency arrangement, who invests it according to specific conditions in return for a fee. The agent is obliged to return the amount in case of default, negligence or violation of any terms and conditions of the wakala.

Leased assets - the Group as a lessor

Leases are classified as finance leases whenever the terms of the lease transfer substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to the lessee. All other leases are classified as operating lease. Leased assets are stated at amortised cost using effective profit rate.

Trade receivable

Trade receivables that primarily relate to subsidiaries in businesses other than financing are carried at amounts due, net of expected credit losses and are stated at amortised cost.

iv. Investments

Group's financial investments consists of investment in Sukuk, equity investments and other investments. Sukuk are classified at FVOCI based on the business model in which these securities are managed. The management of the Group classifies investment in Sukuk as debt instruments at FVOCI. Equity investments are generally carried at FVTPL except for those specific investments for which the Group has made an election to classify at FVOCI. Other investments are carried at FVTPL.

v. Venture capital at fair value through statement of income

Certain investments in joint ventures held directly or indirectly through venture capital segment are not accounted for using equity method, as the Bank has elected to measure these investments at fair value through statement of income in accordance with IFRS 9, using the exemption of IAS 28: Investments in associates and joint ventures.

Venture capital at fair value through statement of income are carried in the consolidated statement of financial position at fair value with net changes in fair value recorded as unrealized gain (loss) in the consolidated statement of income.

vi. Financial assets available for sale (AFS) - *Policy applicable before 1 January 2018*

Financial assets available for sale include equity investments and debt securities (i.e. Investment in Sukuk). Equity investments classified as available for sale are those, which are neither classified as held for trading nor designated at fair value through consolidated statement of income. Debt securities in this category are those which are intended to be held for an indefinite period of time and which may be sold in response to needs for liquidity or in response to changes in the market conditions.

After initial measurement, financial assets available for sale are subsequently measured at fair value.

Unrealised gains and losses are recognised directly in the consolidated statement of other comprehensive income in the available-for-sale reserve. When the investment is disposed of, the cumulative gain or loss previously recognised in equity is recognised in the consolidated statement of income. Profit earned whilst holding available-for-sale financial investments is reported as profit income using the effective yield method which takes into account any discount/premium and qualifying transaction costs that are an integral part of the instrument's yield. Dividends earned whilst holding available-for-sale financial investments are recognised in the consolidated statement of income. The losses arising from impairment of such investments are recognised in the consolidated statement of income in 'impairment losses on financial investments' and removed from the available-for sale reserve.

Financial liabilities

The Group has determined the classification and measurement of its financial liabilities as follows:

i. Due to banks and depositors' accounts

These are measured at amortised cost.

ii. Trade payable

Trade payable mainly relates to non-banking subsidiaries of the Group. Liabilities are recognised for amounts to be paid in the future for goods whether or not billed to the Group.

iii. Accrued expenses

Liabilities are recognised for amounts to be paid in the future for services received whether or not billed to the Group.

2.6 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Financial instruments (continued)

Financial liabilities (continued)

iv. Financial guarantees

In the ordinary course of business, the Group issues financial guarantees, consisting of letters of credit, guarantees and acceptances. Financial guarantees are initially recognised as a liability at fair value, adjusted for transaction costs that are directly attributable to the issuance of the guarantee. Subsequent to initial recognition, the Group's liability under each guarantee is measured at the higher of the amount initially recognised less cumulative amortisation recognised in the statement of income, and from 1 January 2018 the higher of ECL under IFRS 9 according to the CBK guidelines, or the provisions required by the CBK.

Undrawn financing commitments and letters of credits are commitments under which, over the duration of the commitment, the group is required to provide a financing with pre-specified terms to the customer. Similar to financial guarantee contracts, under IAS 39, a provision was made if they were an onerous contract and from 1 January 2018 the higher of ECL under IFRS 9 according to the CBK guidelines or the provisions required by the CBK.

De-recognition of financial assets and financial liabilities

A financial asset (or where applicable, a part of a financial asset or part of a group of similar financial assets) is derecognised where:

- The rights to receive cash flows from the asset have expired, or
- The Group has transferred its rights to receive cash flows from the asset or has assumed an obligation to pay the received cash flows in full without material delay to a third party under a 'pass-through' arrangement; and either (a) the Group has transferred substantially all the risks and rewards of the asset, or (b) the Group has neither transferred nor retained substantially all the risks and rewards of the asset, but has transferred control of the asset

When the Group has transferred its rights to receive cash flows from an asset or has entered into a pass-through arrangement, it evaluates if and to what extent it has retained the risks and rewards of ownership. When it has neither transferred nor retained substantially all of the risks and rewards of the asset, nor transferred control of the asset, the Group continues to recognise the transferred asset to the extent of the Group's continuing involvement. In that case, the Group also recognises an associated liability. The transferred asset and the associated liability are measured on a basis that reflects the rights and obligations that the Group has retained.

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

A financial liability is derecognised when the obligation under the liability is discharged or cancelled or expires. Where an existing financial liability is replaced by another from the same financier on substantially different terms, or the terms of an existing liability are substantially modified, such an exchange or modification is treated as a derecognition of the original liability and the recognition of a new liability. The difference in the respective carrying amounts is recognised in the consolidated statement of income.

2.6 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Financial instruments (continued)

De-recognition due to substantial modification or terms and conditions

The Group derecognises a financial asset, such as financing receivables, when the terms and conditions have been renegotiated to the extent that, substantially, it becomes a new financing, 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 financing are classified as Stage 1 for ECL measurement purposes, unless the new financing is deemed to be POCL.

When assessing whether or not to derecognise a financing receivable, amongst others, the Group considers the following factors:

- Change in currency of the financing
- Introduction of an equity feature
- Change in counterparty
- If the modification is such that the instrument would no longer meet the SPPY criterion

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 original effective profit rate, the Group records a modification gain or loss, to the extent that an impairment loss has not already been recorded.

Offsetting

Financial assets and financial liabilities are only offset and the net amount reported in the consolidated financial position when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and the Group intends to settle on a net basis so as to realize the assets and liabilities simultaneously.

Derivative financial instruments and hedge accounting

i. Derivatives not designated as hedges:

Currency swaps, profit rate swaps, forward foreign exchange and forward commodity contracts instruments (“the instruments”) are initially recognised in the consolidated statement of financial position at cost (including transaction costs) and subsequently measured at their fair value. The fair value of these instruments includes unrealized gain or loss from marking to market the instruments using prevailing market rates or internal pricing models. The instruments with positive market values (unrealised gains) are included in other assets and the instruments with negative market values (unrealised losses) are included in other liabilities in the consolidated statement of financial position. These instruments are carried as financial assets when the fair value is positive and as financial liabilities when the fair value is negative. Any gains or losses arising from changes in the fair value of these instruments are taken directly to the consolidated statement of income.

ii. Derivatives designated as hedges:

For the purpose of hedge accounting, hedges are classified as:

- Fair value hedges when hedging the exposure to changes in the fair value of a recognised asset or liability or an unrecognised firm commitment
- Cash flow hedges when hedging the exposure to variability in cash flows that is either attributable to a particular risk associated with a recognised asset or liability or a highly probable forecast transaction or the foreign currency risk in an unrecognised firm commitment
- Hedges of a net investment in a foreign operation.

At the inception of a hedge relationship, the Group formally designates and documents the hedge relationship to which the Group wishes to apply hedge accounting and the risk management objective and strategy for undertaking the hedge.

2.6 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Financial instruments (continued)

Derivative financial instruments and hedge accounting (continued)

ii. Derivatives designated as hedges (continued):

Before 1 January 2018, the documentation includes identification of the hedging instrument, the hedged item or transaction, the nature of the risk being hedged and how the Group will assess the effectiveness of changes in the hedging instrument's fair value in offsetting the exposure to changes in the hedged item's fair value or cash flows attributable to the hedged risk. Such hedges are expected to be highly effective in achieving offsetting changes in fair value or cash flows and are assessed on an ongoing basis to determine that they actually have been highly effective throughout the financial reporting periods for which they were designated.

Beginning 1 January 2018, the documentation includes identification of the hedging instrument, the hedged item, the nature of the risk being hedged and how the Group will assess whether the hedging relationship meets the hedge effectiveness requirements (including the analysis of sources of hedge effectiveness and how the hedge ratio is determined). A hedging relationship qualifies for hedge accounting if it meets all of the following effectiveness requirements:

- There is 'an economic relationship' between the hedge item and the hedging instrument.
- The effect of the credit risk does not 'dominate the value changes' that result from that economic relationship.
- 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.

Hedges that meet all the qualifying criteria for hedge accounting are accounted for, as described below:

Fair value hedges:

The gain or loss on the hedging instrument is recognised in consolidated statement of income while the hedging gain or loss on the hedged item shall adjust the carrying amount of the hedged item, if applicable, and be recognised in consolidated statement of income.

Cash flow hedges:

The effective portion of the gain or loss on the hedging instrument is recognised in the consolidated statement of other comprehensive income, while any ineffective portion is recognised immediately in the consolidated statement of income. The cash flow hedge reserve is adjusted to the lower of cumulative gain or loss on the hedging instrument and the cumulative change in fair value of the hedged item.

Amounts recognised as other comprehensive income are transferred to the consolidated statement of income when the hedged transaction affects consolidated statement of income.

When a hedging instrument expires, is sold, terminated, exercised, or when a hedge no longer meets the criteria for hedge accounting, any cumulative gain or loss that has been recognised in the consolidated statement of other comprehensive income at that time remains in the consolidated statement of other comprehensive income and is recognised when the hedged forecast transaction is ultimately recognised in the consolidated statement of income. When a forecast transaction is no longer expected to occur, the cumulative gain or loss that was reported in the consolidated statement of other comprehensive income is immediately transferred to the consolidated statement of income.

Hedges of a net investment:

Hedges of a net investment in a foreign operation, including a hedge of a monetary item that is accounted for as part of the net investment, are accounted for in a way similar to cash flow hedges. Gains or losses on the hedging instrument relating to the effective portion of the hedge are recognised as other comprehensive income while any gains or losses relating to the ineffective portion are recognised in the consolidated statement of income. On disposal of the foreign operation, the cumulative value of any such gains or losses recorded in equity are transferred to consolidated statement of income.

2.6 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Financial instruments (continued)

Derivative financial instruments and hedge accounting (continued)

iii. Embedded swaps and profit rate contracts:

Embedded swaps and profit rate instruments (the forwards) are separated from the host contract if the economic characteristics and risks of the forwards are not closely related to the economic characteristics and risks of the host contract, a separate instrument with the same terms as the forwards would meet the definition of a derivative.

Embedded swaps and profit rate contracts are being treated as separate instruments and recorded at fair value if they met the definition above, their economic characteristics and risks were not closely related to those of the host contract, and the host contract was not itself held for trading or designated at FVTPL. The embedded swap and profit rate contracts separated from the host were carried at fair value with changes in fair value recognised in the consolidated statement of income.

From 1 January 2018, with the introduction of IFRS 9, the Group accounts in this way for embedded swaps and profit rate contracts in financial liabilities and non-financial host contracts. Financial assets are classified based on the business model and SPPY assessments.

Impairment of financial assets

Policy applicable from 1 January 2018

The Group recognises ECL for financing receivable, short term murabaha, non-cash credit facilities in the form of bank guarantees, letters of guarantee, documentary letters of credit, bank acceptances, undrawn cash and non-cash credit facilities (revocable and irrevocable) (together "financing facilities") and investment in Sukuk measured at amortised cost or FVOCI.

Balances with CBK and Sukuks issued by CBK and Government of Kuwait is low risk and fully recoverable and hence no ECL is measured. Equity investments are not subject to ECL.

Impairment of financing facilities shall be recognised at the higher of ECL under IFRS 9 according to the CBK guidelines or the provisions required by the CBK instructions (described in policy applicable before 1 January 2018 below).

Expected Credit losses

The Group has established a policy to perform an assessment at the end of each reporting period of whether 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.

- To calculate ECL, the Group will estimate the risk of a default occurring on the financial instrument during its expected life. ECLs are estimated based on the present value of all cash shortfalls over the remaining expected life of the financial asset, i.e., the difference between: the contractual cash flows that are due to the Group under the contract, and
- The cash flows that the Group expects to receive, discounted at the effective profit rate of the financing facility.

The Group applies a three-stage approach to measure the ECL based on the applied impairment methodology, as described below:

Stage 1: 12-month ECL

The Group measures loss allowances at an amount equal to 12-month ECL on financial assets where there has not been significant increase in credit risk since their initial recognition or on exposures that are determined to have a low credit risk at the reporting date.

Stage 2: Lifetime ECL – not credit impaired

The Group measures loss allowances at an amount equal to lifetime ECL on financial assets where there has been a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition but are not credit impaired.

Stage 3: Lifetime ECL – credit impaired

The Group measures loss allowances at an amount equal to 100% of net exposure i.e. after deduction from the amount of exposure value of collaterals determined in accordance with CBK guideline.

2.6 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Impairment of financial assets

Policy applicable from 1 January 2018 (continued)

Expected Credit losses (continued)

Except for consumer and instalment financing, transfer of credit facility from Stage 2 to Stage 1 is made after a period of 12 months from the satisfaction of all conditions that triggered classification of the financial assets to Stage 2. Transfer of financial assets from Stage 3 to Stage 2 or Stage 1 is subject to approval of CBK.

For financial assets for which the Group has no reasonable expectations of recovering either the entire outstanding amount, or a portion thereof, the gross carrying amount of the financial asset is reduced. This is considered a (partial) derecognition of the asset.

When estimating lifetime ECL for undrawn financing commitments, the Group estimates the expected portion of the financing commitment that will be drawn down over its expected life. The ECL is then based on the present value of the expected shortfalls in cash flows if the financing is drawn down. The expected cash shortfalls are discounted at an approximation to the expected effective profit rate on the financing.

The Group's liability under each guarantee is measured at the higher of the amount initially recognised less cumulative amortization recognised in statement of income, and the ECL under IFRS 9 according to CBK guidelines. For this purposes, the Group estimates ECLs based on the present value of the expected payments to reimburse the holder for a credit loss that it incurs. The shortfalls are discounted by the risk-adjusted profit rate relevant to the exposure.

Life time ECL is ECL that result from all possible default events over the expected life of a financial instrument. The 12 month ECL is the portion of life time expected credit loss that result from default events that are possible within the 12 months after the reporting date. Both life time ECLs and 12 month ECLs are calculated on either an individual basis or a collective basis depending on the nature of the underlying portfolio of financial instruments.

Determining the stage of impairment

The Group continuously monitors all assets subject to ECLs. In order to determine whether an instrument or a portfolio of instruments is subject to 12-month ECL or Lifetime ECL, the Group assesses whether there has been a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition and backstop indicators and analysis based on the Group's historical experience and expert credit risk assessment, including forward-looking information. The Group considers an exposure to have significantly increased in credit risk when there is significant deterioration in customer rating compared to rating at origination, restructured due to financial difficulties of the customers and other conditions mentioned below.

The Group also applies a secondary qualitative method for triggering a significant increase in credit risk for financial assets, such as moving a customer/facility to the watch list, or the account becoming forborne. In certain cases, the Group may also consider that events explained below (and not restricted to) are indicators of significant increase in credit risk as opposed to a default.

- Internal rating of the customer indicating default or near-default
- The customer requesting emergency funding from the Group;
- The customer having past due liabilities to public creditors or employees;
- The customer is deceased;
- A material decrease in the underlying collateral value where the recovery of the financing is expected from the sale of the collateral;
- A material decrease in the customer's turnover, loss of major customers or deterioration of customer financial position;
- A covenant breach not waived by the Group;
- The obligor (or any legal entity within the obligor's group) filing for bankruptcy application / protection or liquidation;
- Obligor's listed debt or equity suspended at the primary exchange because of rumours or facts about financial difficulties;
- Legal measures and action against customer by other creditors;
- Clear evidence that the customer is unable to pay financing receivable on maturity dates;
- Financial assets are classified under Stage 2 when there has been a downgrade in the facility's credit rating by 2 grades for the facilities with Investment Grade and by 1 grade for those with Non-Investment Grade;
- All rescheduled financial assets are classified under the Stage 2 unless it qualifies for Stage 3 classification.

2.6 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Impairment of financial assets (continued)

Policy applicable from 1 January 2018 (continued)

Expected Credit losses (continued)

Determining the stage of impairment (continued)

The quantitative criteria used to determine a significant increase in credit risk is a series of relative and absolute thresholds. All financial assets that are more than 30 days past due are deemed to have significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition and migrated to Stage 2 even if other criteria do not indicate a significant increase in credit risk.

Purchased or originated credit-impaired financial assets are those financial assets that are credit-impaired on initial recognition and are taken to Stage 3.

Objective evidence that financial assets is impaired includes whether any payment of principal or profit is overdue by more than 90 days or there are any known difficulties in the cash flows including the sustainability of the counterparty's business plan, credit rating downgrades, breach of original terms of the contract, its ability to improve performance once a financial difficulty has arisen, deterioration in the value of collateral etc. The Group assess whether objective evidence of impairment exists on an individual basis for each individually significant financial asset and collectively for others not deemed individually significant.

Measurement of ECLs

ECLs are probability weighted estimates of credit losses and are measured as the present value of all cash shortfalls discounted at the effective profit rate of the financial instrument. Cash shortfall represent the difference between cashflows due to the Group in accordance with the contract and the cashflows that the Group expects to receive. The key elements in the measurement of ECL include probability of default, loss given default and exposure at default.

- The Probability of Default ("PD") is an estimate of the likelihood of default over a given time horizon. A default may only happen at a certain time over the assessed period, if the financial asset has not been previously derecognized and is still in the portfolio. The Group uses point in time PD (PITPD) for each rating to calculate the ECL. The minimum PD is 1% for Non-Investment Grade facilities and 0.75% for Investment Grade financing facilities except for financing facilities granted to Government and Banks rated as Investment Grade by an external rating agency and financing transactions related to consumer and housing financing (except for credit cards).
- The Exposure at Default ("EAD") is an estimate of the exposure at a future default date, taking into account expected changes in the exposure after the reporting date, including payments of principal and profit, whether scheduled by contract or otherwise, expected drawdowns on committed facilities. As per CBK requirements, the Group applies 100% Credit Conversion Factor (CCF) on utilized cash and non-cash facilities. For unutilized facilities CCF is applied based on the CBK requirements for leverage ratio issued on 21 October 2014.
- The Loss Given Default ("LGD") is an estimate of the loss arising in the case where a default occurs at a given time. It is based on the difference between the contractual cash flows due and those that the financier would expect to receive, including from the realisation of any collateral. It is usually expressed as a percentage of the EAD. CBK guidelines have prescribed list of eligible collaterals and minimum hair-cuts that are applied in determination of LGD.

Further, as per CBK guidelines, for unsecured senior and subordinate financing facilities minimum LGD threshold applied is 50% and 75% respectively.

The maximum period for which the credit losses are determined is the contractual life of a financial asset, including credit cards and other revolving facilities unless the Group has the legal right to call it earlier except for financial assets in Stage 2, the Group considers a minimum maturity of 7 years for all financing facilities (excluding consumer financing, credit cards and personal housing financing which is regulated by CBK based on salary) unless financing facilities have non-extendable contractual maturity and final payment is less than 50% of the total facility extended. For consumer financings & credit cards and personal housing financings which is regulated by CBK based on salary in Stage 2, the Group considers minimum maturity of 5 years and 15 years respectively.

2.6 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Impairment of financial assets (continued)

Policy applicable from 1 January 2018 (continued)

Expected Credit losses (continued)

Incorporation of forward looking information

The Group incorporates forward-looking information into both its assessment of whether the credit risk of an instrument has increased significantly since its initial recognition and its measurement of ECL. The Group has performed historical analysis and identified the key economic variables impacting credit risk and ECL. Relevant macro-economic adjustments are applied to capture variations from economic scenarios. These reflect reasonable and supportable forecasts of future macro-economic conditions that are not captured within the base ECL calculations. Macro-economic factors taken into consideration include, but are not limited to, gross domestic product, unemployment rates, Central Bank base rates, oil prices, commodity price index and equity price index and require an evaluation of both the current and forecast direction of the macro-economic cycle. Incorporating forward-looking information increases the degree of judgement required as to how changes in these macro-economic factors will affect ECLs. The methodologies and assumptions including any forecasts of future economic conditions are reviewed regularly.

Renegotiated financing receivables

In the event of a default, the Group seeks to restructure financing to customers rather than take possession of collateral. This may involve extending the payment arrangements and the agreement of new financing conditions. When the financing to customers has been renegotiated or modified but not derecognised, any impairment is measured using the original effective yield method as calculated before the modification of terms. Management continually reviews renegotiated financing to ensure that all criteria are met and that future payments are likely to occur. Management also assesses whether there has been significant increase in credit risk or the facility should be classified in stage 3.

Presentation of allowance for ECL in the statement of financial position

Loss allowances for ECL are presented as a deduction from the gross carrying amount of the financial assets for financial assets carried at amortised cost. In the case of debt instruments measured at FVOCI, the Group recognises the ECL charge in the consolidated statement of income and a corresponding amount is recognised in other comprehensive income with no reduction in the carrying amount of the financial asset in the consolidated statement of financial position.

Write-offs

The Group's accounting policy under IFRS 9 remains the same as it was under IAS 39. Financial assets are written off either partially or in their entirety only when the Group has stopped pursuing the recovery. If the amount to be written off is greater than the accumulated loss allowance, the difference is first treated as an addition to the allowance that is then applied against the gross carrying amount. Any subsequent recoveries are credited to credit loss expense.

Policy applicable before 1 January 2018

The Group assesses at each reporting date whether there is any objective evidence that a financial asset or a group of financial assets is impaired. A financial asset or a group of financial assets is deemed to be impaired if there is objective evidence of impairment as a result of one or more events that have occurred after the initial recognition of the asset (an incurred 'loss event') and that loss event has an impact on the estimated future cash flows of the financial asset or the group of financial assets that can be reliably estimated.

Evidence of impairment may include: indications that the customer or a group of customers is experiencing significant financial difficulty; the probability that they will enter bankruptcy or other financial reorganisation; default or delinquency in profit or principal payments; and where observable data indicates that there is a measurable decrease in the estimated future cash flows, such as changes in arrears or economic conditions that correlate with defaults.

2.6 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**Impairment of financial assets (continued)***Policy applicable from 1 January 2018 (continued)***Expected Credit losses (continued)***Financial assets carried at amortised cost*

For financial assets carried at amortised cost the Group first assesses individually whether objective evidence of impairment exists individually for financial assets that are individually significant, or collectively for financial assets that are not individually significant. If the Group determines that no objective evidence of impairment exists for an individually assessed financial asset, whether significant or not, it includes the asset in a group of financial assets with similar credit risk characteristics and collectively assesses them for impairment.

Assets that are individually assessed for impairment and for which an impairment loss is, or continues to be, recognised are not included in a collective assessment of impairment.

The amount of any impairment loss identified is measured as the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flows (excluding future expected credit losses that have not yet been incurred). The present value of the estimated future cash flows is discounted at the financial asset's original effective profit rate.

The carrying amount of the asset is reduced through the use of an allowance account and the loss is recognised in consolidated statement of income. Financing receivables together with the associated allowance are written off when there is no realistic prospect of future recovery and all collateral has been realised or has been transferred to the Group. If, in a subsequent year, the amount of the estimated impairment loss increases or decreases because of an event occurring after the impairment was recognised, the previously recognised impairment loss is increased or reduced by adjusting the allowance account. If a write-off is later recovered, the recovery is credited to provision charged in the consolidated statement of income.

Provisions for credit losses in accordance with CBK instructions

The Group is required to calculate provisions for credit losses on financing receivables in accordance with the instructions of CBK on the classification of financing receivables and calculation of provisions. Financing receivables are classified as past due when a payment has not been received on its contractual payment date or if the facility is in excess of pre-approved limits. A financing receivable is classified as past due and impaired when the profit or a principal instalment is past due for more than 90 days and if the carrying amount of the facility is greater than its estimated recoverable value. Past due and past due and impaired financing receivables are managed and monitored as irregular facilities and are classified into the following four categories which are then used to determine the provisions.

<i>Category</i>	<i>Criteria</i>	<i>Specific provisions</i>
Watch list	Irregular for a period of 90 days	-
Substandard	Irregular for a period of 91- 180 days	20%
Doubtful	Irregular for a period of 181- 365 days	50%
Bad	Irregular for a period exceeding 365 days	100%

The Group may also include a credit facility in one of the above categories based on management's judgement of a customer's financial and/or non-financial circumstances.

In addition to specific provisions, minimum general provisions of 1% on cash facilities and 0.5% on non-cash facilities are made on all applicable financing receivables (net of certain restricted categories of collateral) which are not subject to specific provisioning.

Financial assets available for sale and investment in sukuk

For available for sale financial assets, the Group assesses at each reporting date whether there is objective evidence that an investment or a Group of investments is impaired.

2.6 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Provisions for credit losses in accordance with CBK instructions (continued)

In the case of equity investments classified as financial assets available for sale, objective evidence would include:

- A 'significant' or 'prolonged' decline in the fair value of the investment below its cost and/or;
- Other information about the issuer that may negatively affect an equity issuer's performance 'Significant' is to be evaluated against the original cost of the investment and 'prolonged' against the period in which the fair value has been below its original cost. Where there is evidence of impairment, the impairment loss – measured as the difference between the acquisition cost and the current fair value, less any impairment loss on that investment previously recognised in the consolidated statement of income is recognised in the consolidated statement of income. Impairment losses on equity investments are not reversed through the consolidated statement of income; increases in their fair value after impairment are recognised directly in other comprehensive income.

In the case of Sukuk investments classified as available for sale, the amount recorded for impairment is the cumulative loss measured as the difference between the amortized cost and the current fair value, less any impairment loss on that investment previously recognised in the consolidated statement of income. If, in a subsequent year, the fair value of a Sukuk increases and the increase can be objectively related to an event occurring after the impairment loss was recognised in the consolidated statement of income, the impairment loss is reversed through the consolidated statement of income.

Property and equipment

Property and equipment are stated at historical cost less accumulated depreciation and any impairment in value. Historical cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to the acquisition of the items.

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

Freehold land is not depreciated. Depreciation is calculated using the straight-line method to allocate their cost, net of their residual values, over their estimated useful lives, as follows:

▪ Buildings	20 years
▪ Furniture, fixtures and equipment	3-5 years
▪ Motor vehicles	3 years

The assets' residual values, useful lives and methods of depreciation are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at each financial year end.

Property and equipment is derecognised on disposal or when no future economic benefits are expected from its use. Any gain or loss arising on de-recognition of the asset (calculated as the difference between the net disposal proceeds and the carrying amount of the asset) is recognised in the consolidated statement of income in the year the asset is derecognised.

Intangible assets

An intangible asset is recognised only when its cost can be measured reliably, and it is probable that the expected future economic benefits that are attributable to it will flow to the Group.

Intangible assets acquired separately are measured on initial recognition at cost. The cost of intangible assets acquired in a business combination is its fair value as at the date of acquisition. Following initial recognition, intangible assets are carried at cost less any accumulated amortization and accumulated impairment losses, if any. Internally generated intangible assets, excluding capitalized development costs, are not capitalized and expenditure is reflected in the consolidated statement of income in the year in which the expenditure is incurred.

2.6 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Intangible assets (continued)

Amortisation is calculated using the straight-line method to write down the cost of intangible assets to their residual values over their estimated useful lives, as follows:

▪ License of Islamic brokerage company	assessed to have an indefinite useful life
▪ Software development cost	3-5 years
▪ Software license right	15 years
▪ Other rights	3-7 years

The useful lives of intangible assets are assessed to be either finite or indefinite.

Intangible assets with finite lives are amortised over the useful economic life. The amortisation period and the amortization method for an intangible asset with a finite useful life are reviewed at least at each financial year-end. Changes in the expected useful life, or the expected pattern of consumption of future economic benefits embodied in the asset, are accounted for by changing the amortisation period or methodology, as appropriate, which are then treated as changes in accounting estimates.

Intangible assets with indefinite useful lives are not amortized, but are tested for impairment annually, either individually or at the cash-generating unit level. The assessment of indefinite life is reviewed annually to determine whether the indefinite life continues to be supportable. If not, the change in useful life from indefinite to finite is made on a prospective basis.

Gains or losses arising from derecognition of an intangible asset are measured as the difference between the net disposal proceeds and the carrying amount of the asset and are recognised in the consolidated statement of income when the asset is derecognised. A previously recognised impairment loss is reversed only if there has been a change in the assumptions used to determine the asset's recoverable amount since the last impairment loss was recognised.

Impairment of non-financial assets

The Group assesses at each reporting date whether there is an indication that an asset may be impaired. If any such indication exists, or when annual impairment testing for an asset is required, the Group estimates asset's recoverable amount. An asset's recoverable amount is the higher of an asset's or cash-generating unit's fair value less costs to sell and its value in use and is determined for an individual asset, unless the asset does not generate cash inflows that are largely independent of those from other assets or groups of assets and then its recoverable amount is assessed as part of the cash-generating unit to which it belongs. Where the carrying amount of an asset (or cash-generating unit) exceeds its recoverable amount, the asset (or cash-generating unit) is considered impaired and is written down to its recoverable amount.

In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using a discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset (or cash-generating unit). In determining fair value less costs to sell an appropriate valuation model is used. These calculations are corroborated by valuation multiples, quoted share prices for publicly traded companies or other available fair value indicators.

The Group bases its impairment calculation on detailed budgets and forecast calculations, which are prepared separately for each of the Group's CGUs to which the individual assets are allocated. These budgets and forecast calculations generally cover a period of five years. For longer periods, a long-term growth rate is calculated and applied to project future cash flows after the fifth year.

For assets excluding goodwill, an assessment is made at each reporting date to determine whether there is an indication that previously recognised impairment losses no longer exist or have decreased. If such indication exists, the Group estimates the asset's or CGU's recoverable amount. A previously recognised impairment loss is reversed only if there has been a change in the assumptions used to determine the asset's recoverable amount since the last impairment loss was recognised. The reversal is limited so that the carrying amount of the asset does not exceed its recoverable amount, nor exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined, net of depreciation, had no impairment loss been recognised for the asset in prior years. Such reversal is recognised in the consolidated statement of income.

2.6 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Impairment of non-financial assets (continued)

Goodwill is tested for impairment annually and when circumstances indicate that the carrying value may be impaired.

Impairment is determined for goodwill by assessing the recoverable amount of each CGU (or group of CGUs) to which the goodwill relates. When the recoverable amount of the CGU is less than its carrying amount, an impairment loss is recognised. Impairment losses relating to goodwill cannot be reversed in future periods.

Taxation

Income tax payable on taxable profit ('current tax') is recognised as an expense in the period in which the profits arise in accordance with the fiscal regulations of the respective countries in which the Group operates. Deferred tax assets are recognised for deductible temporary differences, carry forward of unused tax credits and unused tax losses, to the extent it is probable that taxable profit will be available to utilise these. Deferred tax liabilities are recognised for taxable temporary differences. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured using tax rates and applicable legislation enacted at the reporting date.

Non-current assets held for sale and disposal groups

The Group classifies non-current assets and disposal groups as held for sale if their carrying amounts will be recovered principally through a sale transaction rather than through continuing use. Non-current assets and disposal groups classified as held for sale are measured at the lower of their carrying amount and fair value less costs to sell. The criteria for held for sale classification is regarded as met only when the sale is highly probable and the asset or disposal group is available for immediate sale in its present condition. Management must be committed to the sale, which should be expected to qualify for recognition as a completed sale within one year from the date of classification.

Discontinued operations are excluded from the results of continuing operations and are presented as a single amount as profit or loss after tax from discontinued operations in the consolidated statement of income.

Fair value measurement

Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date in the principal or, in its absence, in the most advantageous market to which the Group has access at that date.

When available, the Group measures the fair value of an instrument using the quoted price in an active market for that instrument.

A market is regarded as active if transactions for the asset or liability take place with sufficient frequency and volume to provide pricing information on an ongoing basis.

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

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

The Group determines whether transfers have occurred between levels in the hierarchy by reassessing categorisation (based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement as a whole) at the end of each reporting period.

2.6 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Fair value measurement (continued)

Financial assets carried at FVOCI or FVTPL

For investments traded in organized financial markets, fair value is determined by reference to stock exchange quoted market bid prices at the close of business on the reporting date.

For financial assets where there is no quoted market price, a reasonable estimate of the fair value is determined by reference to recent arm's length transactions, current fair value of another instrument that is substantially the same, an earnings multiple, or an industry specific earnings multiple or is based on the expected cash flows of the investment discounted at current rates applicable for items with similar terms and risk characteristics. Fair value estimates take into account liquidity constraints and assessment for any impairment.

Currency swaps, profit rate swaps, forward foreign exchange and forward commodity contracts

The fair value of currency swaps, profit rate swaps, forward foreign exchange and forward commodity contracts are determined based on valuations obtained from counterparty/third parties.

Other financial assets and liabilities

For other financial assets and liabilities, fair value is determined based on expected future cash flows and management's estimate of the amount at which these assets could be exchanged for cash on an arm's length basis or a liability settled to the satisfaction of creditors.

Investment properties

For investment properties, fair value is determined by registered real estate valuers who have relevant experience in the property market.

Due from/to customers for contract work

Due from/to customers of contracting subsidiaries for uncompleted contracts represents costs, which comprises direct materials, direct labour and an appropriate allocation of overheads, plus attributable profit to the extent that it is reasonably certain less provision for contingencies and any losses incurred or foreseen in bringing contracts to completion, and less any amounts received or receivable as progress billings.

Share based payments

The Group operates an employees' share purchase plan for certain eligible employees, whereby employees render services as consideration for equity instruments (equity-settled transactions) and cash (cash-settled transactions).

Equity-settled transactions

The cost of equity-settled transactions is determined by the fair value at the date when the grant is made. That cost is recognised in employee benefits expense, together with a corresponding increase in equity (Reserves), over the period in which the service and, where applicable, the performance conditions are fulfilled (the vesting period). The cumulative expense recognised for equity-settled transactions at each reporting date until the vesting date reflects the extent to which the vesting period has expired and the Group's best estimate of the number of equity instruments that will ultimately vest. The expense or credit in the consolidated statement of income represents the movement in cumulative expense recognised during the year.

Cash-settled transactions

A liability is recognised for the fair value of cash-settled transactions. The fair value is measured initially and at each reporting date up to and including the settlement date, with changes in fair value recognised in employee benefits expense. The fair value is expensed over the period until the vesting date with recognition of a corresponding liability.

Finance cost

Finance cost is directly attributable to due to banks and financial institutions and depositors' accounts. All finance costs are expensed in the period they occur.

Other provisions and reserves

Other provisions and reserves are recognised when the Group has a present obligation (legal or constructive) as a result of a past event, it is probable that an outflow of resources embodying economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation. The expense relating to any reserve provision is presented in the consolidated statement of income net of any reimbursement.

2.6 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Reserves for maintenance

Provisions for maintenance –related costs are recognised when the service is provided. Initial recognition is based on historical experience. The initial estimate of maintenance –related costs is revised annually.

Employees' end of service benefits

The Group provides end of service benefits to its employees. The entitlement to these benefits is based upon the employees' final salary and length of service. The expected costs of these benefits are accrued over the period of employment.

Treasury shares

The Group's holding of its own shares are accounted for as treasury shares and are stated at purchase consideration including directly attributable costs. When the treasury shares are sold, gains are credited to a separate account in equity (treasury share reserve) which is non distributable. Any realised losses are charged to the same account to the extent of the credit balance on that account. No cash dividends are distributed on these shares. The issue of bonus shares increases the number of shares proportionately and reduces the average cost per share without affecting the total cost of treasury shares.

Fiduciary assets

The Group provides trust and other fiduciary services that result in the holding or investing of assets on behalf of its clients. Assets held in trust or in a fiduciary capacity are not treated as assets of the Group and accordingly are not included in the consolidated statement of financial position. These are disclosed separately in the consolidated financial statements.

Judgments

In the process of applying the Group's accounting policies, management has made the following judgments, apart from those involving estimations, which have the most significant effect on the amounts recognised in the consolidated financial statements:

Classification of financial assets - applicable from 1 January 2018

The Group determines the classification of financial assets based on the assessment of the business model within which the assets are held and assessment of whether the contractual terms of the financial asset are solely payments of principal and profit on the principal amount outstanding.

Operating lease commitments – Group as lessor

The Group has entered into commercial property leases on its investment property portfolio. The Group has determined, based on an evaluation of the terms and conditions of the arrangements, such as the lease term not constituting a substantial portion of the economic life of the commercial property, that it retains all the significant risks and rewards of ownership of these properties and accounts for the contracts as operating leases.

Classification of real estate

Management decides on acquisition of a developed and under development real estate property whether it should be classified as trading, investment property or property and equipment.

The Group classifies property as trading property if it is acquired principally for sale in the ordinary course of business or when it is being redeveloped for sale.

The Group classifies property as investment property if it is acquired to generate rental income or for capital appreciation, or for undetermined future use.

The Group classifies property as property and equipment when it is acquired for owner occupation.

Impairment of financial assets available for sale - applicable before 1 January 2018

The Group treats financial assets available for sale equity investments as impaired when there has been a significant or prolonged decline in the fair value below its cost or where other objective evidence of impairment exists. The determination of what is "significant" or "prolonged" requires considerable judgement. In addition, the Group evaluates other factors, including normal volatility in share price for quoted equities and the future cash flows and the discount factors for unquoted equities.

2.6 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Estimation uncertainty

The key assumptions concerning the future and other key sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date, that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are discussed below.

Impairment of goodwill and intangible assets with indefinite useful life

The Group determines whether goodwill and intangible assets with indefinite useful life are impaired at least on an annual basis. This requires an estimation of the value in use of the cash-generating units. Estimating the value in use requires the Group to make an estimate of the expected future cash flows from the cash-generating unit and also to choose a suitable discount rate in order to calculate the present value of those cash flows.

Impairment of investment in associates and joint ventures

The Group calculates the amount of impairment as the difference between the recoverable amount and its carrying value if there is any objective evidence that the investment in associates or joint ventures are impaired. The estimation of recoverable amount requires the Group to make an estimate of the expected future cash flows and selection of appropriate inputs for valuation.

Impairment of investment properties and trading properties:

The Group reviews the carrying amounts of its investment and trading properties to determine whether there is an indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss if the fair values are below than the carrying values. The Group management determines the main appropriate techniques and inputs required for measuring the fair value using observable market data and as appropriate, the Group uses reputed valuers qualified to do the valuation.

Impairment of financial instruments - applicable from 1 January 2018

The measurement of impairment losses both under IFRS 9 and IAS 39 across all categories of financial assets requires judgement, in particular, the estimation of the amount and timing of future cash flows and collateral values when determining impairment losses and the assessment of a significant increase in credit risk. These estimates are driven by a number of factors, changes in which can result in different levels of allowances.

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

- The Group's internal credit rating model, which assigns PDs to the individual grades
- The Group's criterion for assessing if there has been a significant increase in credit risk so allowances for financial assets should be measured on a lifetime ECL basis and qualitative assessment
- The segmentation of financial assets when their ECL is assessed on a collective basis
- Development of ECL models, including various formulas and choice of inputs
- Determination of associations between macroeconomic scenarios and, economic inputs, and the effect on PDs, EADs and LGDs
- Selection of forward-looking macroeconomic scenarios and their probability weightings, to derive the economic inputs into the ECL models

The Group has the policy to regularly review its models in the context of actual loss experience and adjust when necessary.

Impairment losses on finance facilities – applicable before 1 January 2018

The Group reviews its finance facilities on a quarterly basis to assess whether a provision for impairment should be recorded in the consolidated statement of income. In particular, considerable judgement by management is required in the estimation of the amount and timing of future cash flows when determining the level of provisions required. Such estimates are necessarily based on assumptions about several factors involving varying degrees of judgment and uncertainty, and actual results may differ resulting in future changes to such provisions.

Valuation of unquoted equity investments

Valuation of unquoted equity investments is normally based on one of the following:

- recent arm's length market transactions;
- current fair value of another instrument that is substantially the same;
- an earnings multiple;
- the expected cash flows discounted at current rates applicable for items with similar terms and risk characteristics; or
- other valuation models.

2.6 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**Estimation uncertainty (continued)***Valuation of unquoted equity investments (continued)*

The determination of the cash flows and discount factors for unquoted equity investments requires significant estimation. There are a number of investments where this estimation cannot be reliably determined. As a result, these investments are carried at cost less impairment.

3 INVESTMENT INCOME

	<i>KD 000's</i>	
	<i>2018</i>	<i>2017</i>
Gain on sale of real estate investments	13,963	12,809
Rental income from investment properties	14,566	14,328
Dividend income	4,695	5,345
Gain on sale of investments	4,209	47,159
Share of results of investment in associates and joint ventures (Note 13 and Note 14)	28,192	13,203
Others	(2,306)	13,727
	<u>63,319</u>	<u>106,571</u>

4 OTHER INCOME

	<i>KD 000's</i>	
	<i>2018</i>	<i>2017</i>
Income from sale of property and equipment	8,540	3,193
Real estate trading, development and construction income	3,781	8,061
Income from maintenance, services and consultancy	11,491	12,198
Rental income from operating lease	8,039	7,647
Other income	6,665	16,542
	<u>38,516</u>	<u>47,641</u>

5 PROVISIONS AND IMPAIRMENT

	<i>KD 000's</i>	
	<i>2018</i>	<i>2017</i>
Expected credit losses for investment in Sukuk (Note 11)	5,662	-
Expected credit losses for other financial assets	8,344	-
Impairment on financing receivables (Note 10)	87,835	90,910
Recovery of written-off debts	(28,082)	(22,735)
Impairment of financial assets available for sale	-	16,768
Impairment of associates and joint ventures	-	1,407
Impairment of investment properties* (Note 15)	71,117	15,160
Impairment of property and equipment	1,141	-
Impairment of intangible assets and goodwill (Note 17)	-	73
(Reversal) impairment of non-cash facilities (Note 10)	(2,875)	15,183
Impairment of trading properties	240	2,581
Impairment of other assets and other provisions	19,128	44,064
	<u>162,510</u>	<u>163,411</u>

* During the year, full impairment against certain real estate investments in GCC amounting to KD 63,779 thousand was recorded due to uncertainty in the recoverable amount in view of market outlook.

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6 TAXATION

	<i>KD 000's</i>	
	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Contribution to Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Sciences (KFAS)	2,210	1,774
National Labour Support Tax (NLST)	4,078	4,008
Zakat (based on Zakat Law No. 46/2006)	2,223	1,950
Taxation related to subsidiaries	18,471	21,858
	<u>26,982</u>	<u>29,590</u>

7 BASIC AND DILUTED EARNINGS PER SHARE ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF THE BANK

Basic and diluted earnings per share is calculated by dividing the profit for the year attributable to the shareholders of the Bank by the weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding during the year after adjusting for treasury shares held by the Group.

Basic and diluted earnings per share:	<i>2018</i>	<i>2017</i>
Profit for the year attributable to shareholders of the Bank (thousand KD)	<u>227,411</u>	<u>184,155</u>
Weighted average number of shares outstanding during the year (thousands share)	<u>6,253,871</u>	<u>6,251,187</u>
Basic and diluted earnings per share attributable to the shareholders of the Bank	<u>36.36 fils</u>	<u>29.46 fils</u>

Basic and diluted earnings per share from continuing operations:	<i>2018</i>	<i>2017</i>
Profit for the year from continuing operations attributable to shareholders of the Bank (thousand KD)	<u>222,825</u>	<u>185,234</u>
Weighted average number of shares outstanding during the year (thousands share)	<u>6,253,871</u>	<u>6,251,187</u>
Basic and diluted earnings per share from continuing operation attributable to the shareholders of the Bank	<u>35.63 fils</u>	<u>29.63 fils</u>

The employees' share based payments plan has no dilutive impact on earnings per share.

The comparative basic and diluted earnings per share have been restated for bonus shares issued (Note 24).

8 CASH AND BALANCES WITH BANKS

	<i>KD 000's</i>	
	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Cash	218,746	258,590
Balances with Central Banks	701,407	591,716
Balances with banks and financial institutions – current accounts	461,017	412,150
Cash and balances with banks and financial institutions	<u>1,381,170</u>	<u>1,262,456</u>
Short-term murabaha maturing within 3 months of contract date	865,624	805,930
Cash with banks attributable to discontinued operation (Note 18)	-	14,606
Less: Statutory deposits with Central Banks	<u>(476,515)</u>	<u>(716,102)</u>
Cash and cash equivalents	<u>1,770,279</u>	<u>1,366,890</u>

Statutory deposits with Central Banks represent balances that are not available for use in the Group's day-to-day operations.

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9 SHORT-TERM MURABAHA

	<i>KD 000's</i>	
	<i>2018</i>	<i>2017</i>
Short-term murabaha with banks	1,133,976	836,525
Short-term murabaha with Central Banks	2,114,474	2,088,804
	3,248,450	2,925,329

The fair value of short-term murabaha is not materially different from their respective carrying value.

10 FINANCING RECEIVABLES

Financing receivables principally comprise murabaha, wakala, leased assets, and istisna'a balances are stated net of impairment as follows:

	<i>KD 000's</i>	
	<i>2018</i>	<i>2017</i>
Financing receivables		
Murabaha and wakala	8,973,191	8,999,840
Leased assets	1,972,101	1,847,974
Istisna'a and other receivables	89,306	102,687
	11,034,598	10,950,501
Less: deferred and suspended profit	(1,274,941)	(1,289,618)
Net receivables	9,759,657	9,660,883
Less: impairment	(374,183)	(444,408)
	9,385,474	9,216,475

	<i>KD 000's</i>					
	<i>Specific</i>		<i>General</i>		<i>Total</i>	
	<i>2018</i>	<i>2017</i>	<i>2018</i>	<i>2017</i>	<i>2018</i>	<i>2017</i>
Balance as at beginning of year	166,713	228,090	277,695	297,676	444,408	525,766
Provided during the year (Note 5)	78,182	106,834	9,653	(15,924)	87,835	90,910
Amounts written off and foreign currency translation	(148,927)	(168,211)	(9,133)	(4,057)	(158,060)	(172,268)
Balance as at end of year	95,968	166,713	278,215	277,695	374,183	444,408

Reversal of provision for the year on non- cash facilities is KD (2,875) thousand (2017: charge of KD 15,183 thousand) (Note 5). The available provision balance on non-cash facilities of KD 42,260 thousand (2017: KD 46,341 thousand) is included under other liabilities (Note 21).

The fair values of financing receivables do not materially differ from their respective book values.

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10 FINANCING RECEIVABLES (continued)

The future minimum lease payments receivable in the aggregate are as follows:

	<i>KD 000's</i>	
	<i>2018</i>	<i>2017</i>
Within one year	996,148	977,436
One to five years	349,464	334,850
More than five years	626,489	535,688
	1,972,101	1,847,974

Non-performing financing facilities

As at 31 December 2018, non-performing cash finance facilities before impairment and collateral (net of deferred profit and suspended profit) amounted to KD 217,758 thousand (2017: KD 276,224 thousand).

The Expected Credit Losses for financing receivables as per CBK instructions for utilized and unutilized cash and non-cash financing facilities as at 31 December 2018 is KD 372,868 thousand which is lower than total provision for credit losses recorded as per CBK instructions of KD 416,443 thousand.

11 INVESTMENT IN SUKUK

The table below shows the credit quality and the maximum exposure to credit risk based on the Group's internal credit rating system and year-end stage classification.

	<i>KD 000's</i>			
<i>2018</i>	<i>Stage 1 Individual</i>	<i>Stage 2 Individual</i>	<i>Stage 3 Individual</i>	<i>Total</i>
High grade	1,366,246	-	-	1,366,246
Standard grade	204,304	-	-	204,304
Gross carrying amount	1,570,550	-	-	1,570,550
ECL allowance	(7,189)	-	-	(7,189)
Carrying value	1,563,361	-	-	1,563,361

Movement in the gross carrying amount and the corresponding expected credit losses in relation to the Group's investment in Sukuk carried at fair value through other comprehensive income is as follows:

<i>2018</i>	<i>KD 000's</i>			
	<i>Stage 1</i>	<i>Stage 2</i>	<i>Stage 3</i>	<i>Total</i>
Gross carrying amount as at 1 January 2018	1,418,033	-	1,308	1,419,341
Net movement during the year	152,517	-	(1,308)	151,209
At 31 December 2018	1,570,550	-	-	1,570,550
	<i>KD 000's</i>			
	<i>Stage 1</i>	<i>Stage 2</i>	<i>Stage 3</i>	<i>Total</i>
ECL allowance as at 1 January 2018	1,527	-	1,308	2,835
Re-measurements during the year (Note 5)	5,662	-	-	5,662
Amounts written off	-	-	(1,308)	(1,308)
At 31 December 2018	7,189	-	-	7,189

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12 INVESTMENTS

	<i>KD 000's</i>	
	<i>2018</i>	<i>2017</i>
Managed portfolios *	58,082	70,556
Unquoted equity investments	98,074	96,966
Venture capital at fair value through statement of income	29,932	39,648
Mutual funds	65,506	71,448
Quoted equity investments	33,289	25,675
	284,883	304,293
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	161,906	-
Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income	93,045	-
Financial assets available for sale at fair value	-	168,143
Financial assets available for sale carried at cost less impairment	-	96,502
Venture capital at fair value through statement of income	29,932	39,648
	284,883	304,293

* Included in managed portfolios amount of KD 31,691 thousand (2017: KD 55,301 thousand) which represents the Bank's investment in 51,953 thousand shares (2017: 96,008 thousand shares) of the Bank on behalf of depositors, equivalent to 0.82% of the total issued share capital at 31 December 2018 (2017: 1.67%). The results from activities relating to dealing in these shares are attributed only to the depositors, and hence these shares are classified under investments.

13 INVESTMENT IN ASSOCIATES

The major associates of the Group are as follows:

	<i>Interest in equity %</i>		<i>Country of registration</i>	<i>Principal activities</i>	<i>Financial statements reporting date</i>
	<i>2018</i>	<i>2017</i>			
Sharjah Islamic Bank P.J.S.C.	18	18	United Arab Emirates	Islamic banking services	30 September 2018
Ibdar Bank B.S.C.	35	40	Bahrain	Islamic banking service	30 September 2018
Aviation Lease and Finance Company K.S.C.P. (ALAFCO)	46	46	Kuwait	Aircraft leasing and financing services	30 September 2018

The following table illustrates the summarised aggregate information of the Group associates, as all associates are individually immaterial:

Summarised consolidated statement of financial position:

	<i>KD 000's</i>	
	<i>2018</i>	<i>2017</i>
Assets	5,607,341	4,627,720
Liabilities	(4,546,119)	(3,618,076)
Equity	1,061,222	1,009,644
Carrying amount of the investment	296,203	288,598

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13 INVESTMENT IN ASSOCIATES (continued)

Summarised consolidated statement of income:

	<i>KD 000's</i>	
	<i>2018</i>	<i>2017</i>
Revenues	323,215	356,354
Expenses	(244,429)	(302,336)
Profit for the year	78,786	54,018
Group's share of profit for the year	24,039	4,795

Investments in associates with a carrying amount of KD 242,802 thousand (2017: KD 236,492 thousand) have a market value of KD 217,607 thousand at 31 December 2018 (2017: KD 235,197 thousand) based on published quotes.

Dividends received from the associates during the current year amounted to KD 7,911 thousand (2017: KD 3,288 thousand).

14 INVESTMENT IN JOINT VENTURES

The major joint ventures of the Group are as follows:

	<i>Interest in equity %</i>		<i>Country of registration</i>	<i>Principal activities</i>	<i>Financial statements reporting date</i>
	<i>2018</i>	<i>2017</i>			
Diyar Homes Company W.L.L (Souq Al Muharraq)	50	50	Bahrain	Real estate development	31 October 2018
Al Durrat Al Tijaria Company W.L.L	50	50	Bahrain	Real estate development	31 October 2018
Diyar Al Muharraq Company W.L.L.	52	52	Bahrain	Real estate development	31 October 2018

The following table illustrates the summarised aggregate information of the Group joint ventures, as all joint ventures are individually immaterial:

Summarised consolidated statement of financial position:

	<i>KD 000's</i>	
	<i>2018</i>	<i>2017</i>
Assets	983,997	863,529
Liabilities	(540,048)	(482,728)
Equity	443,949	380,801
Carrying amount of the investment	202,976	175,199

Summarised consolidated statement of income:

	<i>KD 000's</i>	
	<i>2018</i>	<i>2017</i>
Revenues	41,779	80,240
Expenses	(34,184)	(63,947)
Profit for the year	7,595	16,293
Group's share of profit for the year	4,153	8,408

Dividends received from the joint ventures during the current year amounted to KD 1,105 thousand (2017: KD 2,207).

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15 INVESTMENT PROPERTIES

	<i>KD 000's</i>	
	<i>2018</i>	<i>2017</i>
As at 1 January	554,321	590,801
Additions	2,915	7,811
Transfer from/ to other assets and trading properties	29,306	(1,377)
Disposals	(18,996)	(20,821)
Depreciation charge for the year	(6,820)	(6,933)
Impairment (Note 5)	(71,117)	(15,160)
As at 31 December	<u>489,609</u>	<u>554,321</u>

	<i>KD 000's</i>	
	<i>2018</i>	<i>2017</i>
Developed properties	375,106	421,854
Properties under construction	114,503	132,467
	<u>489,609</u>	<u>554,321</u>

16 OTHER ASSETS

	<i>KD 000's</i>	
	<i>2018</i>	<i>2017</i>
Precious metals inventory	38,080	31,776
Trade receivable, net	79,576	100,013
Clearing accounts	176,027	102,828
Receivables on sale of investment	34,389	22,601
Deferred tax	34,005	24,564
Advances and prepayments	48,552	76,222
Other miscellaneous assets	133,787	106,554
	<u>544,416</u>	<u>464,558</u>

17 INTANGIBLE ASSETS AND GOODWILL

	<i>KD 000's</i>	
	<i>2018</i>	<i>2017</i>
Intangible assets	30,888	32,010
Goodwill	292	6,649
	<u>31,180</u>	<u>38,659</u>

Movement of intangible assets is as follows:

	<i>KD 000's</i>	
	<i>2018</i>	<i>2017</i>
Cost		
As at 1 January	74,499	71,588
Additions	7,248	6,596
Disposal	-	(2,090)
Foreign exchange translation	(6,194)	(1,595)
As at 31 December	<u>75,553</u>	<u>74,499</u>

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17 INTANGIBLE ASSETS AND GOODWILL (continued)

	<i>KD 000's</i>	
	<i>2018</i>	<i>2017</i>
Accumulated amortization		
As at 1 January	42,489	39,135
Charge for the year	5,012	4,290
Disposals	-	(541)
Foreign exchange translation	(2,836)	(395)
As at 31 December	44,665	42,489
Net book value		
As at 31 December	30,888	32,010

Intangible asset include license of an Islamic brokerage company amounting to KD 14,671 thousand (2017: KD 14,671 thousand) and is considered as an intangible asset with an indefinite useful life. The carrying value of the Islamic brokerage license is tested for impairment on an annual basis by estimating the recoverable amount of the cash generating unit (CGU). The recoverable amount of the license has been determined using a discount rate of 9.1% (2017: 10.12%) and a terminal growth rate of 3.0% (2017: 3.3%). As a result, the management believes there are no indications of any impairment in value. Other intangible assets amounting to KD 16,217 thousand (2017: KD 17,339 thousand) represent software development cost, software license right and other rights with finite useful lives. Intangible assets with finite lives are amortised over their useful economic life.

18 DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS

- (a) The Bank has lost the control over Aref Investment Group S.A.K. (Closed) ("Aref"), through loss of its substantive rights as a result of recent settlement of a portion of the facilities formerly provided to Aref by the Bank, bringing the Bank's credit exposure to Aref below fifty percent of Aref's financing payables.

In view of these developments, the management of the Bank has re-assessed its control over Aref and concluded that it is no longer able to exercise such control. Accordingly, the Bank has re-classified Aref from Subsidiary classified as an asset held for sale and recognized its interest ownership in Aref as an investment in associate.

The deconsolidation of Aref has resulted in reduction in the non-current assets classified as held for sale, liabilities directly associated with the assets classified as held for sale and non-controlling interests reported in the consolidated statement of financial position of the Bank by KD 308,045 thousand, KD185,319 thousand, and KD 43,972 thousand respectively.

- (b) During the year, Group sold its interest in New Technology Bottling Company K.S.C (Closed) (NTBC), an indirect subsidiary of the Bank.

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19 SUBSIDIARIES

19.1 Details of principal operating material subsidiaries

Name	Country of registration	Interest in equity %		Principal activity	Financial statements reporting date
		2018	2017		
Kuwait Turkish Participation Bank	Turkey	62	62	Islamic banking services	31 December 2018
Kuwait Finance House B.S.C.	Bahrain	100	100	Islamic banking services	31 December 2018
Kuwait Finance House (Malaysia) Berhad	Malaysia	100	100	Islamic banking services	31 December 2018
Saudi Kuwait Finance House S.S.C. (Closed)	Saudi Arabia	100	100	Islamic investment	31 December 2018
KFH Capital Investments Company K.S.C. (Closed)*	Kuwait	99.9	99.9	Islamic finance and investments	31 October 2018
KFH Private Equity Ltd	Cayman Islands	100	100	Islamic investments	31 December 2018
KFH Real Estate Company K.S.C. (Closed) *	Kuwait	99.9	99.9	Real estate development and leasing	31 October 2018
Al Enma'a Real Estate Company K.S.C.P.	Kuwait	56	56	Real estate, investment, trading and real estate management	31 October 2018
Development Enterprises Holding Company K.S.C. (Closed) *	Kuwait	99.9	99.9	Infrastructure and industrial investment	31 December 2018
Baitak Real Estate Investment Company S.S.C.	Saudi Arabia	100	100	Real estate development and investment	30 September 2018
International Turnkey Systems Company K.S.C. (Closed)	Kuwait	97	97	Computer maintenance, consultancy and software services	30 September 2018
Gulf International Automobile Trading Company K.S.C. (Closed) *	Kuwait	99.6	99.6	Trading, import and export of used cars	30 September 2018
E'amar	Cayman Islands	100	100	Islamic investments	31 December 2018
Al Salam Hospital K.S.C. (Closed)	Kuwait	76	76	Healthcare services	30 September 2018
Muthana GCC Islamic Banks Fund	Kuwait	92	91	Islamic equity investments	30 September 2018
Muthana Islamic Index Fund	Kuwait	20	30	Islamic equity investments	30 September 2018

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19 SUBSIDIARIES (continued)

19.1 Details of principal operating material subsidiaries (continued)

Name	Country of registration	Interest in equity %		Principal activity	Financial statements reporting date
		2018	2017		
Turkapital Holding B.S.C.(C)	Bahrain	51	51	Real estate, auto leasing and insurance	30 September 2018

* Effective ownership percentage is 100% (2017: 100%).

19.2 Material partly-owned subsidiary

Financial information of subsidiary that have material non-controlling interest is provided below:

Proportion of equity interest held by non-controlling interests:

	Country of incorporation & operation	Non controlling interest percentage	
		2018	2017
Kuwait Turkish Participation Bank	Turkey	38%	38%

The summarised financial information of the subsidiary is provided below. This information is based on amounts before intra Group eliminations and adjustments.

Summarised consolidated statement of income for the year ended:

	KD 000's	
	2018	2017
Revenues	427,068	373,898
Expenses	(322,082)	(315,552)
Profit for the year	104,986	58,346
Attributable to non-controlling interests	39,643	22,031

Summarised consolidated statement of financial position as at:

	KD 000's	
	2018	2017
Total assets	4,302,308	4,520,545
Total liabilities	(3,932,558)	(4,139,073)
Total equity	369,750	381,472
Attributable to non-controlling interests	139,618	144,044

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19 SUBSIDIARIES (continued)**19.2 Details of principal operating material subsidiaries (continued)****Summarised consolidated statement of cash flows for year ended:**

	<i>KD 000's</i>	
	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Operating	216,532	(32,561)
Investing	780	(72,793)
Financing	(116,707)	4,520
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	<u>100,605</u>	<u>(100,834)</u>

20 DEPOSITORS' ACCOUNTS

a) The depositors' accounts of the Bank comprise the following:

- 1) Non-investment deposits in the form of current accounts: These deposits are not entitled to any profits nor do they bear any risk of loss as the Bank guarantees to pay the related balances on demand. Accordingly, these deposits are considered Qard Hasan from depositors to the Bank under Islamic Shari'a.
- 2) Investment deposits: These have fixed maturity as specified in the term of the contract and are automatically renewable for the same periods unless notified to the contrary in writing by the depositor. Investment savings accounts are valid for an unlimited period.

In all cases, the investment deposits receive a proportion of the profit as the board of directors of the Bank determines, or bear a share of loss based on the results of the financial year.

b) The fair values of depositors' accounts do not differ from their carrying book values.

21 OTHER LIABILITIES

	<i>KD 000's</i>	
	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Trade payables	163,521	162,336
Accrued expenses	147,679	147,059
Certified cheques	60,218	48,613
Due to customers for contract work	35,811	29,877
Maintenance and other reserve	77,156	96,052
Employees' end of service benefits	73,478	71,905
Refundable deposits	6,309	8,097
Provision on non cash facilities (Note 10)	42,260	46,341
Other miscellaneous liabilities	121,699	88,956
	<u>728,131</u>	<u>699,236</u>

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22 RESERVES

	KD 000's							
	Statutory reserve	Voluntary reserve	Retained earnings	Treasury shares reserve	Fair value reserve	Foreign exchange translation reserve	Other reserves	Total
Balance as at 1 January 2018	274,841	274,841	88,716	6,736	19,151	(163,822)	(34,362)	466,101
Transition adjustment on adoption of IFRS 9 at 1 January 2018 (Note 26)	-	-	8,208	-	(11,490)	-	-	(3,282)
Restated balance at 1 January 2018	274,841	274,841	96,924	6,736	7,661	(163,822)	(34,362)	462,819
Profit for the year	-	-	227,411	-	-	-	-	227,411
Other comprehensive loss	-	-	-	-	(20,084)	(73,840)	-	(93,924)
Total comprehensive income (loss)	-	-	227,411	-	(20,084)	(73,840)	-	133,487
Zakat paid	-	-	(12,578)	-	-	-	-	(12,578)
Transfer to reserves	23,686	23,686	(47,372)	-	-	-	-	-
Proposed issuance of bonus shares (Note 24)	-	-	(63,423)	-	-	-	-	(63,423)
Proposed cash dividends (Note 24)	-	-	(125,097)	-	-	-	-	(125,097)
Share based payments (Note 25)	-	-	-	-	-	-	490	490
Deconsolidation of a subsidiary (Note 18)	-	-	(10,938)	-	(2,292)	(341)	13,230	(341)
Disposal of a subsidiary	-	-	-	-	-	(290)	-	(290)
Net movement in treasury shares	-	-	-	211	-	-	-	211
Balance as at 31 December 2018	298,527	298,527	64,927	6,947	(14,715)	(238,293)	(20,642)	395,278

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22 RESERVES (continued)

KD 000's

	Statutory reserve	Voluntary reserve	Retained earnings	Treasury shares reserve	Fair value reserve	Foreign exchange translation reserve	Other reserves	Total
Balance as at 1 January 2017	255,564	255,564	107,099	6,735	25,728	(141,649)	(34,389)	474,652
Profit for the year	-	-	184,155	-	-	-	-	184,155
Other comprehensive loss	-	-	-	-	(6,577)	(22,173)	-	(28,750)
Total comprehensive income (loss)	-	-	184,155	-	(6,577)	(22,173)	-	155,405
Zakat paid	-	-	(9,682)	-	-	-	-	(9,682)
Transfer to reserves	19,277	19,277	(38,554)	-	-	-	-	-
Proposed issuance of bonus shares (Note 24)	-	-	(57,657)	-	-	-	-	(57,657)
Proposed cash dividends (Note 24)	-	-	(96,645)	-	-	-	-	(96,645)
Change of ownership interest without loss of control	-	-	-	-	-	-	27	27
Net movement in treasury shares	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
Balance as at 31 December 2017	274,841	274,841	88,716	6,736	19,151	(163,822)	(34,362)	466,101

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Statutory reserve

In accordance with the Companies' Law, as amended, and the Bank's Memorandum of Incorporation and Articles of Association, as amended, a minimum of 10% of the profit for the year before tax and board of directors' remuneration shall be transferred to the statutory reserve. The annual general assembly of the Bank may resolve to discontinue such transfer when the reserve exceeds 50% of the issued share capital. The reserve may only be used to offset losses or enable the payment of a dividend up to 5% of paid-up share capital in years when profit is not sufficient for the payment of such dividend due to absence of distributable reserves. Any amounts deducted from the reserve shall be refunded when the profits in the following years suffice, unless such reserve exceeds 50% of the issued share capital.

Voluntary reserve

In accordance with the Companies' Law, as amended, and the Bank's Memorandum of Incorporation and Articles of Association, as amended, a maximum of 10% of the profit for the year before tax and board of directors' remuneration is required to be transferred to the voluntary reserve. Such annual transfers may be discontinued by a resolution of the shareholders' general assembly upon a recommendation by the Board of Directors. There are no restrictions on the distribution of this reserve.

Voluntary reserve is available to be distributed to shareholders at the discretion of the general assembly in ways that may be deemed beneficial to the Bank, except for the amount of KD 44,452 thousand (2017: KD 45,063 thousand) which is equivalent to the cost of purchasing treasury shares, and is not available for distribution throughout the holding period of the treasury shares (Note 23).

The ordinary general assembly meeting of the shareholders of the Bank held on 16 March 2015 approved to restrict the balance of statutory reserve and voluntary reserve up to 50% of the paid-up share capital and transfer amounts in excess of 50% of the paid-up capital from statutory reserve and voluntary reserve to retained earnings.

The share premium balance is not available for distribution.

Foreign currency translation reserve and other reserve are attributable to both shareholders and deposit account holders.

23 SHARE CAPITAL AND TREASURY SHARES

The ordinary general assembly of the shareholders of the Bank held on 19 March 2018 approved 10% bonus shares on outstanding shares amounting to KD 57,657 thousand for the year ended 31 December 2017 (Note 24).

Share capital

	<i>KD 000's</i>	
	2018	
	2017	
Authorized, issued and fully paid in cash and bonus shares: 6,342,262,911 (2017: 5,765,693,556) shares of 100 fils each	634,226	576,569

The movement in ordinary shares in issue during the year was as follows:

	2018	2017
Number of shares in issue as at 1 January	5,765,693,556	5,241,539,597
Bonus shares issued	576,569,355	524,153,959
Number of shares in issue 31 December	6,342,262,911	5,765,693,556

Treasury shares and treasury share reserve.

The Group held the following treasury shares at the year-end:

	2018	2017
Number of treasury shares	87,436,110	80,699,163
Treasury shares as a percentage of total shares in issue	1.38%	1.40%
Cost of treasury shares (KD)	44,451,503	45,062,788
Market value of treasury shares (KD)	53,336,027	46,482,718

The balance in the treasury share reserve account is not available for distribution.

23 SHARE CAPITAL AND TREASURY SHARES (continued)

An amount of KD 44,452 thousand (31 December 2017: KD 45,063 thousand) equivalent to the cost of purchase of the treasury shares have been earmarked as non-distributable from voluntary reserve throughout the holding period of treasury shares.

The weighted average market price of the Bank's shares for the year ended 31 December 2018 was 587 fils (2017: 566 fils) per share.

24 PROPOSED CASH DIVIDENDS, BONUS SHARES, AND DIRECTORS' FEES

The Board of Directors of the Bank has proposed a cash dividend of 20% for the year ended 31 December 2018 (2017: 17%) and issuance of bonus shares of 10% (2017: 10%) of paid up share capital as follows:

	<i>2018</i>		<i>2017</i>	
		<i>Total KD 000's</i>		<i>Total KD 000's</i>
Proposed cash dividends (per share)	20 fils	125,097	17 fils	96,645
Proposed issuance of bonus shares (per 100 shares)	10 shares	63,423	10 shares	57,657

This proposal is subject to the approval of the ordinary general assembly of the shareholders of the Bank and completion of legal formalities. Proposed dividends are shown separately within equity.

The Board of Directors of the Bank has proposed Directors' fees of KD 942 thousand (2017: KD 878 thousand), (Note 29) are within the amount permissible under local regulations and are subject to approval by the annual general assembly of the shareholders of the Bank.

25 SHARE BASED PAYMENTS

During the year, long-term incentive scheme plan (LTIS) was approved by the Board of Directors and authorized by the Bank's extraordinary general assembly and ordinary assembly. As per the approved LTIS terms, scheme will operate on a rolling yearly employees' share purchase plan and cash settled plan allocation where new plans will be rolled out to eligible employees every year. Shares issued and cash settled under each plan will normally vest at the end of three years from the allocation date subject to agreed performance conditions approved by the Board of Directors being met.

26 IMPACT OF IFRS 9 ADOPTION**Transition**

Changes in accounting policies resulting from the adoption of IFRS 9 have been applied retrospectively, except as described below:

- a) Comparative periods have not been restated. Differences in the carrying amounts of financial assets resulting from the adoption of IFRS 9 are recognised in retained earnings and reserves as at 1 January 2018. Accordingly, the information presented for 2017 does not reflect the requirements of IFRS 9 and therefore is not comparable to the information presented for 2018 under IFRS 9.
- b) The following assessments have been made on the basis of the facts and circumstances that existed at the date of initial application.
 - The determination of the business model within which a financial asset is held.
 - The designation of certain financial assets as measured at FVTPL.
 - The designation of certain investments in equity instruments not held for trading as at FVOCI.
 - The designation of certain financial assets as measured at Amortised Cost.

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26 IMPACT OF IFRS 9 ADOPTION (continued)**Impact of Adopting IFRS 9**

The impact of this change in accounting policy as at 1 January 2018 on retained earnings and Fair value reserve is presented in table below:

	<i>KD 000's</i>	
	<i>Retained earnings</i>	<i>Fair value reserve</i>
Closing balance under IAS 39 (31 December 2017)	88,716	19,151
<i>Impact on reclassification and re-measurements:</i>		
Investment securities (debt and equity) from available-for-sale to FVPL	15,883	(15,883)
Investment securities (equity) from available-for-sale to FVOCI	-	4,393
IFRS 9 adjustment on investment in associates	(4,565)	-
	11,318	(11,490)
<i>Impact on recognition of Expected Credit Losses (ECL) other than financing receivable:</i>		
ECL under IFRS 9 for investment in Sukuk at FVOCI	(1,301)	-
ECL under IFRS 9 on other financial assets	(1,809)	-
	(3,110)	-
Opening balance under IFRS 9 on date of initial application of 1 January 2018	96,924	7,661

Classification of financial assets on the date of initial application of IFRS 9

The application of these policies resulted in the reclassifications and re-measurements of investments in equities and Sukuk. The following table reconciles the carrying amounts under IAS 39 to the carrying amounts under IFRS 9 on transition to IFRS 9 on 1 January 2018.

	<i>KD000's</i>				
	<i>31 December 2017</i>		<i>31 December 2017</i>	<i>Re-measurement</i>	<i>1 January 2018</i>
IAS 39 Equities		IFRS 9			
		FVPL	182,235	-	182,235
Financial assets available for sale	264,645	FVOCI	82,410	4,393	86,803
		Total	264,645	4,393	269,038
Investment in Sukuk					
Classified as financial assets available for sale	1,428,655	FVOCI	1,418,033	(1,527)	1,416,506
		FVPL	10,622	-	10,622
			1,428,655	(1,527)	1,427,128

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26 IMPACT OF IFRS 9 ADOPTION (continued)

Impairment allowances

The following table reconciles the closing impairment allowance in accordance with IAS 39 as at 31 December 2017 to the opening ECL allowance determined in accordance with IFRS 9 as at 1 January 2018.

	31 December 2017	Re- classification	Re- measurements	<i>KD 000's</i> 1 January 2018
Impairment allowance for:				
Investment in Sukuks	1,308	-	1,527	2,835
Other financial assets	-	-	1,809	1,809

27 CONTINGENCIES AND CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

At the reporting date, there were outstanding contingencies and commitments entered into in the ordinary course of business in respect of the following:

	<i>KD 000's</i> 2018	<i>KD 000's</i> 2017
Acceptances and letters of credit	151,421	189,520
Letter of Guarantees	1,712,382	1,897,510
Contingencies	1,863,803	2,087,030
	<i>KD 000's</i> 2018	<i>KD 000's</i> 2017
Capital commitments and others	364,280	408,254

28 CURRENCY SWAPS, PROFIT RATE SWAPS, FORWARD FOREIGN EXCHANGE AND FORWARD COMMODITY CONTRACTS ("ISLAMIC DERIVATIVE FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS")

In the ordinary course of business the Group enters into currency swaps, profit rate swaps, forward foreign exchange and forward commodity contracts ("Islamic derivative financial instruments") to mitigate foreign currency and profit rate risk. Currency swaps and forward commodity contracts are based on Wa'ad (promise) structure between two parties to buy a specified Shari'a compliant commodity at an agreed price on the relevant date in future. It is a conditional promise to purchase a commodity through unilateral purchase undertaking. Currency swap structure comprises profit rate swap and currency swap. For profit rate swaps, counterparties generally exchange fixed and floating rate profit payments based on a notional value in a single currency. For currency swaps, fixed or floating payments as well as notional amounts are exchanged in different currencies.

The currency swaps, profit rate swaps, forward foreign exchange and forward commodity contracts are being used for hedging purpose.

Embedded swaps and profit rate contracts are balances with banks and financial institutions with rates of return tied to changes in value of precious metals.

The table below shows the positive and negative fair values of these instruments, which are equivalent to the market values, together with the notional amounts. The notional amount is the amount of currency swap instruments' underlying asset, reference rate or index and is the basis upon which changes in the value of these instruments are measured. The notional amounts indicate the volume of transactions outstanding at the year end and are not indicative of the credit risk.

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28 CURRENCY SWAPS, PROFIT RATE SWAPS, FORWARD FOREIGN EXCHANGE AND FORWARD COMMODITY CONTRACTS (“ISLAMIC DERIVATIVE FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS”) (continued)

	<i>KD 000's</i>		
	<i>Positive fair value</i>	<i>Negative fair value</i>	<i>Notional amount</i>
31 December 2018			
Forward contracts	2,568	3,733	336,980
Profit rate swaps	73	3,289	224,633
Currency swaps	895	8,372	792,523
Embedded precious metals	-	459	132,457
	3,536	15,853	1,486,593

	<i>KD 000's</i>		
	<i>Positive fair value</i>	<i>Negative fair value</i>	<i>Notional amount</i>
31 December 2017			
Forward contracts	1,369	1,890	145,037
Profit rate swaps	114	-	12,348
Currency swaps	817	10,786	503,914
Embedded precious metals	-	121	115,373
	2,300	12,797	776,672

In respect of currency swaps, profit rate swaps, forward foreign exchange and forward commodity contracts the notional amount represents the gross cash flows. However, the amounts may be settled net. The following table shows the net cash flows:

	<i>KD 000's</i>			
	<i>Notional amount</i>	<i>Within 3 months</i>	<i>3 to 12 months</i>	<i>More than 12 months</i>
31 December 2018				
Cash inflows	1,486,593	631,157	407,268	448,168
Cash outflows	(1,360,223)	(630,044)	(339,358)	(390,821)
Net cash flows	126,370	1,113	67,910	57,347
31 December 2017				
Cash inflows	776,672	424,970	239,848	111,854
Cash outflows	(673,730)	(427,349)	(124,712)	(121,669)
Net cash flows	102,942	(2,379)	115,136	(9,815)

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29 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Certain related parties (Major shareholders, directors and executive employees, officers of the Group, their immediate relatives, associated companies, joint ventures and companies of which they are the principal owners) are depositors and financing facilities, customers of the Group, in the ordinary course of business. Such transactions were made on substantially the same terms, including profit rates and collateral, as those prevailing at the same time for comparable transactions with unrelated parties and did not involve more than a normal amount of risk.

Transactions with related parties included in the consolidated statement of income are as follows:

	<i>Major shareholders</i>	<i>Associates & joint ventures</i>	<i>Board Members and executive Officers</i>	<i>Other related party</i>	<i>KD 000's</i>	
					<i>2018</i>	<i>2017</i>
Financing income	-	6,319	162	240	6,721	5,576
Fee and commission income	-	407	208	115	730	1,150
Finance costs and distribution to depositors	30,608	1,637	88	1,141	33,474	25,660

Balances with related parties included in the consolidated statement of financial position are as follows:

	<i>Major shareholders</i>	<i>Associates & joint ventures</i>	<i>Board Members and executive Officers</i>	<i>Other related party</i>	<i>KD 000's</i>	
					<i>2018</i>	<i>2017</i>
Financing receivables	-	250,141	3,735	9,300	263,176	240,725
Due to banks and financial institutions	1,379,681	36,462	-	-	1,416,143	1,387,400
Depositors' accounts	-	55,282	10,233	19,667	85,182	88,695
Contingencies and capital commitments	486	12,695	-	3,140	16,321	12,473
Investment managed by related party	-	-	-	33,452	33,452	33,281

Details of the interests of Board Members and Executive Officers are as follows:

					<i>KD 000's</i>	
	<i>The number of Board Members or Executive Officers</i>		<i>The number of related parties (Relatives of board members or executive officers)</i>		<i>2018</i>	<i>2017</i>
	<i>2018</i>	<i>2017</i>	<i>2018</i>	<i>2017</i>		
Board Members						
Finance facilities	19	26	12	13	2,083	2,466
Credit cards	10	16	4	4	36	52
Deposits	57	68	87	97	16,889	20,345
Collateral against financing facilities	4	7	3	3	1,950	3,559
Executive officers						
Finance facilities	38	46	11	12	2,258	2,577
Credit cards	31	35	5	6	198	170
Deposits	76	79	78	84	7,627	7,120
Collateral against financing facilities	8	12	4	4	4,920	5,515

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Salaries, allowances and bonuses of key management personnel and remuneration of chairman and board members are as follows:

	<i>KD 000's</i>	
	<i>Total</i>	
	<i>2018</i>	<i>2017</i>
Salaries, allowances and bonuses of key management personnel	17,207	18,260
Termination & long term benefits of key management personnel	1,228	1,292
Remuneration of chairman and board members*	1,400	1,435
	<u>19,835</u>	<u>20,987</u>

* Remuneration of chairman and board members includes special compensation for additional contributions related to participation in the executive committees in accordance with board of directors' decisions.

The remuneration of chairman and board members are subject to the approval of the Annual General Assembly.

30 SEGMENTAL ANALYSIS

Primary segment information

For management purposes, the Group is organized into four major business segments. The principal activities and services under these segments are as follows:

- Treasury:** Liquidity management, murabaha investments, investment in Sukuk, exchange of deposits with banks and financial institutions and international banking relationships.
- Retail and Private Banking:** Consumer banking provides a diversified range of products and services to individual. Private banking provides comprehensive range of customised and innovative banking services to high net worth individuals
- Corporates Banking:** Providing a range of banking services and investment products to corporates, providing commodity and real estate murabaha finance, local leasing, wakala and istisna'a facilities.
- Investment:** Managing direct equity and real estate investments, non-banking Group entities, associates and Joint ventures.

	<i>KD 000's</i>				
	<i>Treasury</i>	<i>Retail and private Banking</i>	<i>Corporate Banking</i>	<i>Investment</i>	<i>Total</i>
31 December 2018					
Total assets	<u>4,963,624</u>	<u>5,813,751</u>	<u>4,931,364</u>	<u>2,061,539</u>	<u>17,770,278</u>
Total liabilities	<u>3,500,725</u>	<u>9,467,206</u>	<u>2,142,414</u>	<u>585,763</u>	<u>15,696,108</u>
Operating income	<u>60,165</u>	<u>296,190</u>	<u>246,740</u>	<u>142,913</u>	<u>746,008</u>
Provisions and impairment	<u>(1,979)</u>	<u>(17,864)</u>	<u>(39,827)</u>	<u>(102,840)</u>	<u>(162,510)</u>
Profit (loss) for the year	<u>45,608</u>	<u>103,742</u>	<u>140,070</u>	<u>(25,896)</u>	<u>263,524</u>

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	<i>KD 000's</i>				
	<i>Treasury</i>	<i>Retail and private Banking</i>	<i>Corporate Banking</i>	<i>Investment</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>31 December 2017</i>					
Total assets	4,322,393	5,602,145	5,017,819	2,415,624	17,357,981
Total liabilities	3,182,227	9,193,523	2,128,887	737,222	15,241,859
Operating income	28,103	295,217	235,691	154,269	713,280
Provisions and impairment	(4,649)	(15,954)	(82,205)	(60,603)	(163,411)
Profit for the year	12,404	110,394	80,231	11,126	214,155

Secondary segment information

The Group operates in different geographical areas. A geographical analysis is as follows:

	<i>KD 000's</i>			
	<i>Assets</i>		<i>Contingencies and capital commitments</i>	
	<i>2018</i>	<i>2017</i>	<i>2018</i>	<i>2017</i>
Geographical areas:				
Middle East	12,175,300	11,622,596	669,317	719,147
Europe	4,586,413	4,591,288	1,432,880	1,687,389
Other	1,008,565	1,144,097	125,886	88,748
	17,770,278	17,357,981	2,228,083	2,495,284

	<i>KD 000's</i>					
	<i>Local</i>		<i>International</i>		<i>Total</i>	
	<i>2018</i>	<i>2017</i>	<i>2018</i>	<i>2017</i>	<i>2018</i>	<i>2017</i>
Operating income	371,711	316,120	374,297	397,160	746,008	713,280
Profit for the year	162,130	83,177	101,394	130,978	263,524	214,155

31 RISK MANAGEMENT

Risk management is an integral part of Group decision-making processes. It is implemented through a governance process that emphasizes on independent risk assessment, control and monitoring, overseen directly by the Board and senior management.

KFH continues to upgrade its risk management capabilities in the light of developments in the business, banking and market regulations and risk management best practices. KFH operates a “three lines of defence” system for managing risk.

The first line of defence recognizes that risks are raised by the business units and within their business. In KFH, all employees (credit officers, dealers, operations, etc.) are required to ensure the effective management of risks within their organizational responsibilities.

The second line of defence comprises the Risk Management Department and the Financial Control Department, which are responsible for ensuring that the risks are managed in accordance within the stated risk appetite.

The third line of defence is the independent assurance provided by the Internal Audit function. Its role is defined and overseen by the Audit Committee. The findings from the Internal Audit audits are reported to all relevant management and governance bodies. The Internal Audit function provides assurance that the overall system of control effectiveness is working as required within the risk management framework.

The risk management department is responsible for managing and monitoring risk exposures. It also, measures risk using risk models and presents reports to the Board Risk Committee. The models use probabilities based on historical experiences adjusted to reflect the current economic environment.

Monitoring and controlling risks are managed through limits set by the Board of Directors. These limits reflect the business strategy and market environment of the Group as well as the level of risk that the Bank’s Board of Directors is willing to accept.

Risk mitigation

As part of its overall risk management, the Group uses currency swaps, profit rate swaps, forward foreign exchange and forward commodity contracts (within accepted Shari’a products) to manage exposures and emerging risks resulting from changes in yields, foreign currencies and, equity risks. The Group actively uses collateral to reduce its credit risks.

Excessive risk concentration

In order to avoid excessive concentrations of risk, the Bank’s policies and procedures include specific guidelines to focus on maintaining a diversified portfolio. Identified concentrations of credit risks are controlled and managed accordingly. Selective hedging (Shari’a compliance) is used within the Bank to manage risk concentrations at both the relationship and industry levels.

In addition, each of the banking subsidiaries of the Group has similar risk management structures, policies and procedures as overseen by the Bank’s Board of Directors.

32 CREDIT RISK

Credit risk is the risk that the Group will incur a loss because its customers, clients or counterparties failed to discharge their contractual obligations. The Group manages and controls credit risk by setting limits on the amount of risk it is willing to accept for individual counterparties and for geographical and industry concentrations, and by monitoring exposures in relation to such limits.

The Group has process to review credit quality to provide early identification of possible changes in the creditworthiness of counterparties, including regular collateral revisions. Counterparty limits are established by using credit risk classification system, which assigns each counterparty a risk rating. Risk ratings are subject to regular revision. The credit quality review process allows the Group to assess the potential loss as a result of the risks to which is exposed to and take corrective actions.

Assessment of expected credit losses (policy applicable from 1 January 2018)

Definition of default and cure

The Group considers a financial asset to be in default and therefore Stage 3 (credit impaired) for ECL calculations when:

- the customer is unlikely to pay its credit obligations to the Group in full, without recourse by the Group to actions such as realising security (if any is held);
- the customer is past due more than 90 days on any material credit obligation to the Group; or
- customer is considered as credit impaired based on qualitative assessment for internal credit risk management purposes

Any credit impaired or stressed facility that has been restructured during the year would also be considered as in default. The Group considers externally-rated exposures with ratings 'D' for S&P and Fitch, and 'C' for Moody's as defaulted.

The Group considers a variety of indicators that may indicate unlikelihood to pay as part of a qualitative assessment of whether a customer is in default. Such indicators include:

- breaches of covenants
- customer having past due liabilities to public creditors or employees
- customer is deceased

Significant increase in credit risk

The Group continuously monitors all assets subject to ECLs. In order to determine whether an instrument or a portfolio of instruments is subject to 12 months ECL or life time ECL, the Group assess whether there has been a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition. The Group applies a consistent quantitative criterion for internally and externally rated portfolio to assess significant increase in credit risk.

Internal rating and PD estimation process

In managing its portfolio, the Group utilises ratings and other measures and techniques which seek to take account of all aspects of perceived risk. The Group uses Moody's Risk Analyst (MRA) as its internal credit-rating engine. The MRA tool provides the ability to analyze a business and produce risk ratings. The analysis supports the usage of financial factors as well as non-financial subjective factors. The Group also uses external ratings by recognised rating agencies for externally rated portfolios.

It is the Group's policy to maintain accurate and consistent risk ratings across the credit portfolio. This facilitates focused management of the applicable risks and the comparison of credit exposures across all lines of business, geographic regions and products. The rating system is supported by a variety of financial analytics, combined with processed market information to provide the main inputs for the measurement of counterparty risk. All internal risk ratings are tailored to the various categories and are derived in accordance with the Group' rating policy. The attributable risk ratings are assessed and updated regularly.

The standard requires the use of separate PD for a 12-month duration and lifetime duration depending on the stage allocation of the obligor. A PD used for IFRS 9 should reflect the Group's estimate of the future asset quality. The through the cycle (TTC) PDs are generated from MRA based on the internal/external credit ratings. The Group converts the TTC PD to a point in time (PIT) PD term structures using appropriate models and techniques.

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Assessment of expected credit losses (policy applicable from 1 January 2018) (continued)

The Group assesses the PD for its retail portfolio through behavioural scorecards implemented in the Group. The scorecards are based on logistic regression technique. This enables the evaluation of score and PD associated against each facility. Term structure of PD is based on hazard rate concept. The survival distribution used is exponential distribution. The probability distribution function of an exponentially distributed random variable is used with the hazard rate as the PD evaluated from the Behavioural scorecard.

Incorporation of forward-looking information

The Group considers key economic variables that are expected to have an impact on the credit risk and the ECL in order to incorporate forward looking information into the ECL models. These primarily reflect reasonable and supportable forecasts of the future macro-economic conditions. The consideration of such factors increases the degree of judgment in determination of ECL. The Group employs statistical models to incorporate macro-economic factors on historical default rates. The Group considers 3 scenarios (baseline, upside and downside) of forecasts of macro-economic data separately for each geographical segments and appropriate probability weights are applied to these scenarios to derive a probability weighted outcome of expected credit loss. The management reviews the methodologies and assumptions including any forecasts of future economic conditions on a regular basis.

Maximum exposure to credit risk without taking account of any collateral

The table below shows the maximum exposure to credit risk for the components of the consolidated statement of financial position. The maximum exposure is shown (before impairment, net of deferred and suspended profit), before the effect of mitigation through the use of master netting and collateral agreements.

	Notes	<i>KD 000's</i>	
		2018	2017
Balances with banks and financial institutions	8	1,162,424	1,003,866
Short term murabaha	9	3,248,450	2,925,329
Financing receivables	10	9,759,657	9,660,883
Investment in Sukuk	11	1,570,550	1,429,963
Trade and other receivables		296,304	305,390
Total		16,037,385	15,325,431
Contingencies	27	1,863,803	2,087,030
Commitments	27	364,280	408,254
Total		2,228,083	2,495,284
Total credit risk exposure		18,265,468	17,820,715

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

Risk concentrations of the maximum exposure to credit risk

Concentration of risk is managed by counterparty by geographical region and by industry sector. The maximum credit exposure to a single counterparty as of 31 December 2018 was KD 275,392 thousand (2017: KD 275,509 thousand) before taking account of any collaterals.

The Group's financial assets, before taking into account any collateral held can be analysed by the following geographical regions:

	<i>KD 000's</i>	
	2018	2017
Middle East	10,979,525	10,042,667
Europe	4,187,448	4,425,614
Other	870,412	857,150
Total	16,037,385	15,325,431

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32 CREDIT RISK (continued)

Risk concentrations of the maximum exposure to credit risk (continued)

An industry sector analysis of the Group's financial assets, before taking into account collateral held is as follows:

	<i>KD 000's</i>	
	<i>2018</i>	<i>2017</i>
Trading and manufacturing	4,210,042	4,497,392
Banks and financial institutions	6,207,407	5,409,920
Construction and real estate	2,760,204	2,897,215
Other	2,859,732	2,520,904
	<u>16,037,385</u>	<u>15,325,431</u>

Credit quality per class of financial assets

The table below shows the credit quality by class of financial assets before impairment for consolidated statement of financial position lines:

	<i>KD 000's</i>			
	<i>Neither past due nor impaired</i>		<i>Past due or</i>	
	<i>High grade</i>	<i>Standard grade</i>	<i>impaired</i>	<i>Total</i>
31 December 2018				
Balances with banks and financial institutions	1,162,424	-	-	1,162,424
Short-term murabaha	3,248,450	-	-	3,248,450
Financing receivables (Note 10)	7,928,397	1,033,817	797,443	9,759,657
Investment in Sukuk	1,366,246	204,304	-	1,570,550
Trade and other receivables	296,304	-	-	296,304
	<u>14,001,821</u>	<u>1,238,121</u>	<u>797,443</u>	<u>16,037,385</u>

	<i>KD 000's</i>			
	<i>Neither past due nor impaired</i>		<i>Past due or</i>	
	<i>High grade</i>	<i>Standard grade</i>	<i>impaired</i>	<i>Total</i>
31 December 2017				
Balances with banks and financial institutions	1,003,866	-	-	1,003,866
Short-term murabaha	2,925,329	-	-	2,925,329
Financing receivables (Note 10)	7,853,216	1,029,674	777,993	9,660,883
Investment in Sukuk	1,274,462	154,193	1,308	1,429,963
Trade and other receivables	305,390	-	-	305,390
	<u>13,362,263</u>	<u>1,183,867</u>	<u>779,301</u>	<u>15,325,431</u>

Aging analysis of past due but not impaired finance facilities by class of financial assets:

	<i>KD 000's</i>			
	<i>Less than 30 days</i>	<i>31 to 60 days</i>	<i>61 to 90 days</i>	<i>Total</i>
31 December 2018				
Financing receivables	352,908	134,551	92,226	579,685
31 December 2017				
Financing receivables	339,207	102,284	60,278	501,769

It is the Group's policy to maintain accurate and consistent risk ratings across the credit portfolio. This facilitates focused management of the applicable risks and the comparison of credit exposures across all lines of business, geographic regions and products. The rating system is supported by a variety of financial analytics, combined with processed market information to provide the main inputs for the measurement of counterparty risk. All internal risk ratings are tailored to the various categories and are derived in accordance with the Group's rating policy. The attributable risk ratings are assessed and updated regularly.

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32 CREDIT RISK (continued)**Collateral**

The amount and type of collateral required depends on an assessment of the credit risk of the counterparty. Guidelines initiated by the Group's risk management and credit committee are implemented regarding the acceptability of types of collateral and valuation parameters.

The main types of collateral accepted include real estate, securities, cash and bank guarantees. The Group also obtains guarantees from parent companies for finance facilities extended to their subsidiaries.

Management monitors the fair value of collateral and requests additional collateral in accordance with the underlying agreements when necessary.

The fair value of collateral that the Group holds relating to past due or impaired finance facilities as at 31 December 2018 was KD 315,388 thousand (2017: KD 285,220 thousand). The collateral consists of cash, securities, sukook, letters of guarantee and real estate assets.

33 LIQUIDITY RISK

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Group will be unable to meet its payment obligations when they due under normal and stress circumstances. To limit this risk, management arranges diversified funding sources in addition to its core deposit base while manages assets and monitors future cash flows with liquidity on a daily basis. This incorporates an assessment of expected cash flows and the availability of high-grade collateral, which could be used to secure additional funding if required.

In addition, the Group maintains a portfolio of highly marketable and diverse assets that can be easily liquidated in the event of an unforeseen interruption of cash flow. The Group also has committed lines of credit that it can access to meet liquidity needs.

The liquidity position is assessed and managed under a variety of scenarios, giving due consideration to stress factors relating to both the market in general and specifically to the Group.

The table below summarizes the maturity profile of the Group's assets and liabilities. The maturity profile is monitored by management to ensure adequate liquidity is maintained. The maturity profile of the assets and liabilities at the year end are based on contractual payment arrangement and planned exit dates.

The maturity profile of assets and undiscounted liabilities at 31 December 2018 is as follows:

	<i>KD 000's</i>			
	<i>Up to 3 months</i>	<i>3 to 12 months</i>	<i>After one year</i>	<i>Total</i>
Assets				
Cash and balances with banks	1,350,439	1,387	29,344	1,381,170
Short-term murabaha	2,011,981	1,236,469	-	3,248,450
Financing receivables	2,139,513	2,397,779	4,848,182	9,385,474
Investment in Sukuk	59,240	197,141	1,306,980	1,563,361
Trading properties	7,136	18,065	122,438	147,639
Investments	13,654	26,741	244,488	284,883
Investment in associates and joint ventures	-	-	499,179	499,179
Investment properties	-	14,877	474,732	489,609
Other assets	174,327	40,788	329,301	544,416
Intangible assets and goodwill	-	-	31,180	31,180
Property and equipment	-	-	194,917	194,917
	5,756,290	3,933,247	8,080,741	17,770,278
Liabilities				
Due to banks and financial institutions	1,472,236	618,414	598,429	2,689,079
Sukuk payables	33,580	143,840	321,168	498,588
Depositors' accounts	7,860,098	594,454	3,325,758	11,780,310
Other liabilities	182,433	117,863	427,835	728,131
	9,548,347	1,474,571	4,673,190	15,696,108

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The maturity profile of assets and undiscounted liabilities at 31 December 2017 is as follows:

	<i>KD 000's</i>			
	<i>Up to 3 months</i>	<i>3 to 12 months</i>	<i>After one year</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>Assets</i>				
Cash and balances with banks	1,226,319	2,557	33,580	1,262,456
Short-term murabaha	1,734,004	1,191,325	-	2,925,329
Financing receivables	2,258,152	2,328,692	4,629,631	9,216,475
Investment in Sukuk	184,566	57,750	1,186,339	1,428,655
Trading properties	9,172	21,001	130,964	161,137
Investments	16,985	3,631	283,677	304,293
Investment in associates and joint ventures	-	-	463,797	463,797
Investment properties	-	-	554,321	554,321
Other assets	155,113	64,051	245,394	464,558
Intangible assets and goodwill	-	-	38,659	38,659
Property and equipment	-	-	214,001	214,001
Assets classified as held for sale	-	324,300	-	324,300
	<u>5,584,311</u>	<u>3,993,307</u>	<u>7,780,363</u>	<u>17,357,981</u>
<i>Liabilities</i>				
Due to banks and financial institutions	1,383,190	626,252	230,481	2,239,923
Sukuk payables	39,803	50,155	428,120	518,078
Depositors' accounts	7,395,232	572,546	3,628,955	11,596,733
Other liabilities	137,128	97,298	464,810	699,236
Liabilities directly associated with assets classified as held for sale	-	187,889	-	187,889
	<u>8,955,353</u>	<u>1,534,140</u>	<u>4,752,366</u>	<u>15,241,859</u>

The table below shows the contractual expiry by maturity of the Group's contingencies and commitments:

	<i>KD 000's</i>			
	<i>Up to 3 months</i>	<i>3 to 12 months</i>	<i>Over 1 year</i>	<i>Total</i>
2018				
Contingencies (Note 27)	621,770	306,739	935,294	1,863,803
Capital commitments (Note 27)	316,348	29,882	18,050	364,280
Total	<u>938,118</u>	<u>336,621</u>	<u>953,344</u>	<u>2,228,083</u>
<i>KD 000's</i>				
	<i>Up to 3 months</i>	<i>3 to 12 months</i>	<i>Over 1 year</i>	<i>Total</i>
2017				
Contingencies (Note 27)	731,605	377,729	977,696	2,087,030
Capital commitments (Note 27)	323,141	67,032	18,081	408,254
Total	<u>1,054,746</u>	<u>444,761</u>	<u>995,777</u>	<u>2,495,284</u>

The Group expects that not all of the contingencies or capital commitments will be drawn before expiry of the commitments.

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34 MARKET RISK

Market risk is defined as the risk that arises from the Group's investments transactions, including investments in equity shares (both listed and unlisted), Sukuk, real estate and others. These risks are classified into three main areas through which the market risk is being measured and managed, as it directly impact the performance of the Group's investment portfolio, they are as follows:

Non-trading market risk

Profit rate risk

In accordance with the provisions of Islamic Shari'a, the Group generates assets and liabilities that have cash inflows and outflows or fair values whose profitability and performance are evaluated through the sensitivity of profit rates fluctuation and how to manage the risks arises from those exposures as to achieve the highest expected profits, which contributes to the profits distributed to customers and shareholders of the Bank.

Currency risk

This is the risk of incurring losses due to changes in currency exchange rates which affects both the banking book (including structural positions arising from cross-border investments) and trading book

Currency risk is managed based on limits determined by the Bank's Board of Directors and a continuous assessment of the Group open positions, and current and expected exchange rate movements. The Group, wherever necessary, matches currency exposures inherent in certain assets with liabilities in the same or a correlated currency. The Group also uses currency swap and forward foreign exchange contracts (within Shari'a complaint products) to mitigate foreign currency risk.

The tables below indicate the currencies to which the Group had significant exposure at 31 December 2018 on its non-trading monetary assets and liabilities and its forecast cash flows. The analysis calculates the effect of a reasonably possible movement of the currency rate against the Kuwaiti Dinar, with all other variables held constant on the profit and the fair value reserve (due to the change in fair value of FVOCI investments).

Currency	31 December 2018			31 December 2017		
	Change in currency rate %	Effect on profit	Effect on fair value reserve	Change in currency rate %	Effect on profit	Effect on fair value reserve
U.S. Dollars	+1	589	50	+1	890	479
Bahraini Dinar	+1	(930)	156	+1	428	19

Price risk

This is the risk arising from the changes in the market value of investments – equity (trading and banking book including strategic investments), Sukuk, and real estate.

The effect on fair value reserve (as a result of a change in the fair value of FVOCI investments at 31 December) due to a reasonably possible change in equity indices, with all other variables held constant is as follows:

Market indices	2018		2017	
	Change in equity price %	Effect on fair value reserve	Change in equity price %	Effect on fair value reserve
Kuwait Stock Exchange	+1	87	+1	910
Other GCC indices	+1	153	+1	74

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34 MARKET RISK (continued)

Operational risk

Operational risk is the risk of loss arising from systems failure, human error, processes or external events. When controls fail to perform, operational risks can cause damage to reputation, have legal or regulatory implications, or lead to financial loss. The Group cannot expect to eliminate all operational risks, but through a control framework and by monitoring and responding to potential risks, the Group is able to manage the risks. Controls include effective segregation of duties, access, authorization and reconciliation procedures, staff education and assessment processes, including the use of internal audit.

The Group has a set of policies and procedures, which is approved by its Board of Directors and applied to identify, assess and supervise operational risk in addition to other types of risks relating to the banking and financial activities of the Group. Operational risk managed by the Operational Risk Management, which reviews policies, procedures, products, services and support business lines in managing and monitoring operational risks as part of overall Group-wide risk management.

Operational Risk Management of the Group is in line with the CBK instructions concerning the general guidelines for internal controls and the sound practices for managing and monitoring operational risks in Group.

Country risk

Country risk is the risk that incidents within a country could have an adverse effect on the Group directly in impairing the value of the Group or indirectly through an obligor's inability to meet its obligations to the Group. Generally, these occurrences relate, but are not limited to: sovereign events such as defaults or restructuring; political events such as contested elections; restrictions on currency movements; non-market currency convertibility; regional conflicts; economic contagion from other events such as sovereign default issues or regional turmoil; banking and currency crisis; and natural disasters.

35 CAPITAL MANAGEMENT

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

The Group actively manages its capital base in order to cover risks inherent in the business. The adequacy of the Group's capital is monitored using, among other measures, the rules and ratios established by the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision (BIS rules/ratios) and adopted by the Central Bank of Kuwait in supervising the Group.

The Group's regulatory capital and capital adequacy ratios are calculated in accordance with CBK circular number 2/RB, RBA/336/2014 dated 24 June 2014 (Basel III) are shown below:

Capital adequacy	KD 000's	
	2018	2017
Risk Weighted Assets	12,201,132	12,073,649
Capital required	1,830,170	1,811,047
Capital available		
Tier 1 capital	1,941,387	1,932,356
Tier 2 capital	190,477	212,337
Total capital	2,131,864	2,144,693
Tier 1 capital adequacy ratio	15.91%	16.00%
Total capital adequacy ratio	17.47%	17.76%

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35 CAPITAL MANAGEMENT (continued)

The Group's financial leverage ratio for the year ended 31 December 2018 is calculated in accordance with CBK circular number 2/RBA/343/2014 dated 21 October 2014 is shown below:

	<i>KD 000's</i>	
	2018	2017
Tier 1 capital	1,941,387	1,932,356
Total exposure	20,157,606	19,344,352
Financial leverage ratio	9.63%	9.99%

36 MANAGEMENT OF PURCHASED DEBTS

In accordance with Decree 32/92 and Law 41/93 in respect of the financial and banking sector, the Bank is required to manage the purchased debts without remuneration in conformity with the terms of the debt purchase agreement.

37 FIDUCIARY ASSETS

The aggregate value of assets held in a trust or fiduciary capacity by the Group at 31 December 2018 amounted to KD 1,110,608 thousand (2017: KD 1,235,457 thousand).

Fees and commission income include fees of KD 4,226 thousand (2017: KD 4,917 thousand) arising from trust and fiduciary activities.

38 FAIR VALUES

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

Level 1: quoted (unadjusted) prices in active markets.

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: other 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 provides the fair value measurement hierarchy of the Group's assets and liabilities as at 31 December 2018.

				<i>KD 000's</i>
Financial assets measured at fair value:	<i>(Level 1)</i>	<i>(Level 2)</i>	<i>(Level 3)</i>	<i>Total</i>
Venture capital at fair value through statement of income (Note 12)	-	29,932	-	29,932
Equities at FVTPL (Note 12)	52,258	52,252	57,396	161,906
Equities at FVOCI (Note 12)	29,022		64,023	93,045
Investment in Sukuk (Note 11)	1,291,591	-	271,770	1,563,361
<i>Derivative financial assets:</i>				
Forward contracts	-	2,568	-	2,568
Profit rate swaps	-	73	-	73
Currency swaps	-	895	-	895
Non-financial assets:				
Investment properties	-	647,569	-	647,569
	<u>1,372,871</u>	<u>733,289</u>	<u>393,189</u>	<u>2,499,349</u>

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	<i>KD 000's</i>			
Financial liabilities measured at fair value:	<i>(Level 1)</i>	<i>(Level 2)</i>	<i>(Level 3)</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>Derivative financial liabilities:</i>				
Forward contracts	-	3,733	-	3,733
Profit rate swaps	-	3,289	-	3,289
Currency swaps	-	8,372	-	8,372
Embedded precious metals	-	459	-	459
	<u>-</u>	<u>15,853</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,853</u>

The following table provides the fair value measurement hierarchy of the Group's assets and liabilities as at 31 December 2017.

	<i>KD 000's</i>			
Financial assets measured at fair value:	<i>(Level 1)</i>	<i>(Level 2)</i>	<i>(Level 3)</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>Venture capital at fair value through statement of income (Note 12)</i>				
Venture capital at fair value through statement of income (Note 12)	-	39,648	-	39,648
Financial assets available for sale (Note 12)	81,692	57,986	28,465	168,143
Investment in Sukuk	1,132,621	-	296,034	1,428,655
<i>Derivative financial assets:</i>				
Forward contracts	-	1,369	-	1,369
Profit rate swaps	-	114	-	114
Currency swaps	-	817	-	817
<i>Non-financial assets:</i>				
Investment properties	-	685,407	-	685,407
	<u>1,214,313</u>	<u>785,341</u>	<u>324,499</u>	<u>2,324,153</u>

	<i>KD 000's</i>			
Financial liabilities measured at fair value:	<i>(Level 1)</i>	<i>(Level 2)</i>	<i>(Level 3)</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>Derivative financial liabilities:</i>				
Forward contracts	-	1,890	-	1,890
Currency swaps	-	10,786	-	10,786
Embedded precious metals	-	121	-	121
	<u>-</u>	<u>12,797</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,797</u>

Investments classified under level 1 are valued based on the quoted bid price. Investments classified under level 2 are valued based on the reported NAVs.

Level 3 investments included unquoted Sukuk of KD 271,770 thousand (2017: KD 296,034 thousand) and unquoted equity investments of KD 121,419 thousand (2017: KD 28,465 thousand). Investment in Sukuk included in this category represent Investment in Sukuk issued by sovereign entities, financial institutions and corporates. The fair values of unquoted Investment in Sukuk are estimated using discounted cash flow method using discount rate (ranging from 2.9% to 8.2%). Unquoted equity investments are fair valued using valuation technique that is appropriate in the circumstances. Valuation techniques include discounted cash flow models, observable market information of comparable companies, recent transaction information and net asset values. Significant unobservable inputs used in valuation techniques mainly include discount rate, terminal growth rate, revenue and profit estimates. The impact on the consolidated statement of financial position or the consolidated statement of income or the consolidated statement of changes in equity would be immaterial if the relevant risk variables used for fair value estimates to fair value the unquoted equity investments were altered by 5%.

Instruments disclosed in note 28 are valued by discounting all future expected cash-flows using directly observable and quoted rate curves and spot/forward FX rates from recognised market sources (i.e. Reuters, Bloomberg, FinCAD, etc).

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38 FAIR VALUES (continued)

Investment properties have been valued based on valuations by valuers who hold a recognised and relevant professional qualification and have recent experience in the location and category of the investment properties being valued. The valuation reflects market conditions at the reporting date.

All investment properties are valued using observable market inputs. Market comparable approach is used for all investment properties, where market price per square meter and annual income are significant inputs to the valuation.

During the year ended 31 December 2018, there were no transfers between Level 1 and Level 2 fair value measurements, and no transfers into and out of Level 3 fair value measurements.

The following table below shows a reconciliation of the opening and the closing amount of level 3 financial assets measured at fair value:

	<i>KD 000's</i>	
	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
As at 1 January	324,499	357,507
IFRS-9 impact	100,676	-
	<u>425,175</u>	<u>357,507</u>
Re-measurement recognised in other comprehensive income	(3,405)	1,369
Disposal, net	(28,581)	(34,377)
As at 31 December	<u><u>393,189</u></u>	<u><u>324,499</u></u>