

Separate Financial Statements For the Year Ended March 31, 2022 (Expressed in Eastern Caribbean Dollars)

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Shareholder of Saint Lucia Development Bank

Report on the Audit of the Separate Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the separate financial statements of **Saint Lucia Development Bank** (the "Bank"), which comprise the separate statement of financial position as at March 31, 2022, and the separate statement of profit or loss, separate statement of changes in equity and separate statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the separate financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying separate financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Bank as at March 31, 2022, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS").

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing ("ISAs"). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Separate Financial Statements* section of our report. We are independent of the Bank in accordance with the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants ("IESBA Code")* together with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the separate financial statements in St. Lucia, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and the IESBA Code. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Emphasis of Matter

Without qualifying our opinion, we draw attention to Note 2(b) to the separate financial statements with respect to the going concern matters raised.

Responsibilities of Management and the Audit Committee for the Separate Financial Statements

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

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

The Audit Committee is responsible for overseeing the Bank's financial reporting process.



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONT'D)

To the Shareholder of Saint Lucia Development Bank

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Separate Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the separate financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion.

Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these separate financial statements.

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

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the separate 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 Bank's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Bank's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the separate financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Bank to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the separate financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the separate financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with the Audit Committee 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.

The engagement partner on the audit resulting in this independent auditor's report is Richard Surage.

Chartered Accountants Castries, Saint Lucia November 29, 2022

Separate Statement of Financial Position As at March 31, 2022 (Expressed in Eastern Caribbean Dollars)

	Notes	2022 \$	2021 \$
Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	6	27,746,144	21,347,256
Investment security	7	4,892,804	-
Loans and advances to customers	8	77,681,325	85,166,365
Other assets and receivables	10	449,337	422,122
Due from subsidiary	11	154,748	16,909
Investment in subsidiary	12	4,492,944	4,525,562
Property and equipment	13	415,177	199,816
Intangible assets	14	19,195	<u>-</u>
Total assets		115,851,674	111,678,030
Liabilities and equity			
Liabilities			
Payables and accruals	15	745,140	569,885
Provisions	16	29,528	15,469
Borrowings	17	56,362,989	60,001,080
Deposits from customers	18	41,816,840	33,482,407
Other liabilities	19	562,477	407,526
Agency funds	20	1,788,977	1,757,044
Total liabilities		101,305,951	96,233,411
Equity			
Share capital	21	28,500,000	28,500,000
Statutory reserve	28	420,572	420,572
Accumulated deficit		(14,374,849)	(13,475,953)
Total equity		14,545,723	15,444,619
Total liabilities and equity	,	115,851,674	111,678,030

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

Approved for issue by the Board of Directors and signed on its behalf by:

Daryl Raymond Chairman

Cornelius Sidonie
Managing Director

Separate Statement of Profit or Loss For the Year Ended March 31, 2022 (Expressed in Eastern Caribbean Dollars)

	Notes	2022 \$	2021 \$
Income Interest income Interest expense		4,494,608 (2,756,926)	4,969,589 (2,875,653)
Net interest income		1,737,682	2,093,936
Other income	23	1,842,347	1,033,775
Net interest and other operating income		3,580,029	3,127,711
Personnel expenses	24	(2,336,127)	(1,840,385)
Depreciation and amortization	13, 14	(103,841)	(93,931)
Other operating expenses	25	(1,553,239)	(1,378,740)
Impairment loss on financial assets	26	(453,100)	(405,001)
Impairment loss on investment in subsidiary	12	(32,618)	(22,407)
Net loss for the year		(898,896)	(612,753)

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

Separate Statement of Changes in Equity For the Year Ended March 31, 2022 (Expressed in Eastern Caribbean Dollars)

	Share Capital \$	Statutory Reserve \$	Accumulated Deficit	Total
Balance at April 1, 2020 Net loss for the year	28,500,000	420,572	(12,863,200) (612,753)	16,057,372 (612,753)
Balance at March 31, 2021	28,500,000	420,572	(13,475,953)	15,444,619
Balance at April 1, 2021 Net loss for the year	28,500,000	420,572 -	(13,475,953) (898,896)	15,444,619 (898,896)
Balance at March 31, 2022	28,500,000	420,572	(14,374,849)	14,545,723

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

Separate Statement of Cash Flows For the Year Ended March 31, 2022 (Expressed in Eastern Caribbean Dollars)

	Notes	2022 \$	2021 \$
Cash flows from operating activities		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	<u> </u>
Net loss for the year		(898,896)	(612,753)
Adjustments for:	40.44	100.011	00.004
Depreciation and amortization	13, 14	103,841	93,931
Impairment loss on financial assets,net	26 12	374,214 32,618	405,001 22,407
Impairment loss on investment in subsidiary Interest expense	12	2,756,926	2,875,653
Interest income		(4,766,534)	(4,969,589)
Interest on savings	23	(375,834)	(245,909)
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Cash flows before changes in operating assets and liabilities		(2,773,665)	(2,431,259)
Decrease in loans and advances to customers		6,123,927	1,467,509
Increase in other assets and receivables		(27,215)	(162,938)
(Increase)/decrease in due from subsidiary		(137,839)	119,415
(Decrease)/increase in payables and accruals		(3,352)	107,251
Increase in deposits from customers		8,334,433	3,150,393
Increase/(decrease) in other liabilities		154,951	(27,486)
Increase in agency funds	-	31,933	66,349
Net cash generated from operations		11,703,173	2,289,234
Interest income received		6,143,326	5,181,009
Interest expense paid	_	(2,578,319)	(2,904,567)
Net cash generated from operating activities	.	15,268,180	4,565,676
Cash flows from investing activities			
Acquisition of investment security		(4,892,804)	_
Acquisition of property and equipment	13	(318,654)	(60,170)
Acquisition of intangible assets	-	(19,743)	-
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Net cash used in investing activities	-	(5,231,201)	(60,170)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Proceeds from borrowings	17	1,630,752	3,595,000
Repayment of borrowings	_	(5,268,843)	(5,206,365)
Net cash used in financing activities	-	(3,638,091)	(1,611,365)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		6,398,888	2,894,141
Cash and cash equivalents - beginning of year	6	21,347,256	18,453,115
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Cash and cash equivalents - end of year	6	27,746,144	21,347,256

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

Notes to the Separate Financial Statements For Year Ended March 31, 2022 (Expressed in Eastern Caribbean Dollars)

1. Reporting entity

The **Saint Lucia Development Bank** (the "Bank") was established and is governed by the Saint Lucia Development Bank Act No. 12 of 2008 and subsequent amendments (the "Act"). The Bank commenced operations on October 1, 2008.

The Bank's principle activities are the promotion and facilitation of the expansion and strengthening of the economic development of Saint Lucia and fostering the development of the money and capital markets within Saint Lucia and other members of States of the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States ("OECS").

The Bank's registered office and principal place of business is situated on Bridge Street, Castries, St. Lucia.

On February 23, 2010, the Bank established The Youth Enterprise Equity Fund Inc., as a wholly-owned subsidiary, with funding provided by the Government of Saint Lucia. The subsidiary's principal activity is the provision of equity funding to young entrepreneurs in Saint Lucia.

The separate financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors and authorised for issue on November 29, 2022.

2. Summary of significant accounting policies

(a) Overall policy

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

Basis of preparation

The separate financial statements of the **St. Lucia Development Bank** have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB") and under the historical cost convention.

Foreign currency translation

Functional and presentation currency

Items in the separate financial statements of each of the Bank's entities are measured using the currency of the primary economic environment in which the entity operates ("functional currency"). These statements are presented in Eastern Caribbean dollars ("EC\$"), which is the Bank's functional and presentation currency.

Transactions and balances

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in currencies other than EC\$ are translated to EC\$ at rates of exchange prevailing at the reporting date. Non-monetary assets and liabilities denominated in currencies other than EC\$ are translated to EC\$ at rates of exchange prevailing at the date of the transaction. Revenue and expenses are translated using the average foreign exchange rate for the year. Foreign exchange gains and losses resulting from the settlement of such translations at year-end exchange rates of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are recognised in profit or loss.

Notes to the Separate Financial Statements For Year Ended March 31, 2022 (Expressed in Eastern Caribbean Dollars)

2. Summary of significant accounting policies (cont'd)

(a) Overall policy (cont'd)

Foreign currency translation (cont'd)

Transactions and balances (cont'd)

Financial assets and financial liabilities are offset and the net amount reported in the separate statement of financial position only when there is a legally enforceable right to offset the recognised amounts and there is intention to settle on a net basis, or to realise the assets and settle the liabilities simultaneously.

Income and expenses will not be offset in the separate statement of profit or loss unless required or permitted by any accounting standard or interpretation, and as specifically disclosed in the accounting policies of the Bank.

(b) Going concern

The separate financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis which assumes that the Bank will continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. They do not purport to give effect to adjustments, if any, that may be necessary should the Bank be unable to realise its assets and discharge its liabilities in other than the ordinary course of business. The Bank incurred a net loss for the year of \$866,896 (2021 - \$612,753) and has an accumulated deficit of \$14,374,849 (2021 - \$13,475,953).

Management is satisfied that the Bank will be adequately supported by its shareholder to enable it to continue operations for the foreseeable future and will be able to realise its assets and discharge its liabilities during the normal course of operations.

(c) Uses of estimates and judgments

In preparing these separate financial statements, management has made judgments and estimates that affect the application of accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenses. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

Estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised prospectively.

Notes to the Separate Financial Statements For Year Ended March 31, 2022 (Expressed in Eastern Caribbean Dollars)

2. Summary of significant accounting policies (cont'd)

(c) Uses of estimates and judgments (cont'd)

Judgments and estimates made in applying accounting policies that have the most significant effect on the amounts recognised in the separate financial statements are:

(i) Impact of COVID-19

COVID-19, a respiratory illness, was declared a world-wide pandemic by the World Health Organisation in March 2020. COVID-19, as well as measures to slow its spread, have since had a significant impact on global economies and equity, debt and commodity markets. The Bank has considered the impact of COVID-19 and market volatility in preparing these separate financial statements. While the specific areas of judgement did not change, the impact of COVID-19 resulted in the application of further management overlays within those areas. Given the dynamic and evolving nature of COVID-19, there might be differences between the estimated impact and actual outcome.

The impact of events that arise after the reporting period will be accounted for in future reporting periods.

Impact of COVID-19 on the macro-economic outlook

Scenarios of the possible impact of COVID -19 were included in the Bank's forward-looking assumptions in the calculation of Expected Credit Loss ("ECL"). These scenarios represent reasonable and supportable forward-looking views as at the reporting date.

Other factors applied by management

As a result of COVID-19, and in preparing these separate financial statements, management:

- Re-evaluated whether there were any additional areas of judgement or estimation uncertainty beyond what has been disclosed in the previous reporting period;
- Updated its economic outlook;
- Reviewed external market communications to identify other COVID-19 related impacts;
- Reviewed public forecasts and experience from previous downturns;
- Conducted several internal processes to ensure consistency in the application of the expected impact of COVID-19 across all asset classes;

Notes to the Separate Financial Statements For Year Ended March 31, 2022 (Expressed in Eastern Caribbean Dollars)

2. Summary of significant accounting policies (cont'd)

(c) Uses of estimates and judgments (cont'd)

Judgments and estimates made in applying accounting policies that have the most significant effect on the amounts recognised in the separate financial statements are:

- (i) Impact of COVID-19 (cont'd)
 - Assessed the carrying values of its assets and liabilities and determined the impact thereon as a result of market inputs and variables impacted by COVID-19;
 - Ran multiple stress testing scenarios, which are an integral component
 of the Bank's risk management framework and a key input to the capital
 adequacy assessment process to assess the potential impacts of the
 COVID-19 pandemic on its portfolio to assist in the Bank's prudent risk
 management, and
 - Considered the impact of COVID-19 on the Bank's financial statement disclosures.

(ii) Measurement of the Expected Credit Loss allowance ("ECL")

The measurement of the ECL on financial assets is an area that requires the use of complex models and significant assumptions about future economic conditions and credit behaviour (e.g. the likelihood of customers defaulting and the resulting losses).

A number of significant judgments are also required in applying the accounting requirements for measuring ECL, such as:

- Determining criterias for significant increase in credit risk;
- Choosing appropriate models and assumptions for the measurement of ECL;
- Establishing the number and relative weightings of forward-looking scenarios for each type of product/market and the associated ECL; and
- Establishing groupings of similar financial assets for the purposes of measuring ECL.

Detailed information about the judgments made by the Bank in the above areas is set out in Note 2 (e) (ii) - *Impairment of financial assets*.

(iii) Classification of financial assets

Assignment of the business model within which financial assets are held is an area of judgement. Detailed information about the judgments made by the Bank are particularized in Note 2(e) (i) - Classification and subsequent measurement.

Notes to the Separate Financial Statements For Year Ended March 31, 2022 (Expressed in Eastern Caribbean Dollars)

2. Summary of significant accounting policies (cont'd)

(d) New standards, amendments to standards and interpretations

- (i) New standards, amendments to standards and interpretations effective in the 2021 financial year are as follows:
 - In the current year, there were no new standards, amendments to standards and interpretations issued by the IASB that are effective for the annual periods beginning on or after April 1, 2021 that are relevant to the Bank.
- (ii) New standards, amendments to standards and interpretations issued in the 2021 financial year but not yet effective are as follows:

IAS 16, Property, Plant and Equipment

The amendments to IAS 16 prohibit a company from deducting from the cost of property, plant and equipment amounts received from selling items produced while the company is preparing the asset for its intended use. Instead, a company will recognize such sales proceeds and related cost in profit or loss.

The amendment is effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2022, with early application permitted.

IAS 37 "Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets"

The amendments in Onerous Contracts - Cost of Fulfilling a Contract (Amendments to IAS 37) specify that the 'cost of fulfilling' a contract comprises the 'costs that relate directly to the contract'. Costs that relate directly to a contract can either be incremental costs of fulfilling that contract (examples would be direct labour, materials) or an allocation of other costs that relate directly to fulfilling contracts (an example would be the allocation of the depreciation charge for an item of property, plant and equipment used in fulfilling the contract). Entities apply the amendments to contracts for which the entity has not yet fulfilled all its obligations at the beginning of the annual reporting period in which the entity first applies the amendments. Comparatives are not restated.

The amendment is effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2022, with early application permitted.

Notes to the Separate Financial Statements For Year Ended March 31, 2022 (Expressed in Eastern Caribbean Dollars)

2. Summary of significant accounting policies (cont'd)

- (d) New standards, amendments to standards and interpretations (cont'd)
- (ii) New standards, amendments to standards and interpretations issued in the 2021 financial year but not yet effective are as follows (cont'd):

IFRS 3, Business Combinations

The amendments update an outdated reference to the conceptual framework in IFRS 3 without significantly changing the requirements in the standard.

The standard effective for annual period beginning on or after January 1, 2022.

IAS 1, Amendments - Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-Current

The amendments to IAS 1 affect only the presentation of liabilities as current or non-current in the consolidated statement of financial position and not the amount or timing of recognition of any asset, liability, income or expenses, or the information disclosed about those items.

The amendments clarify that the classification of liabilities as current or non-current is based on rights that are in existence at the end of the reporting period, specify that classification is unaffected by expectations about whether an entity will exercise its right to defer settlement of a liability, explain that rights are in existence if covenants are complied with at the end of the reporting period, and introduce a definition of 'settlement' to make clear that settlement refers to the transfer to the counterparty of cash, equity instruments, other assets or services.

The amendment is applied retrospectively for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2023, with early application permitted.

Amendments to IAS 8 Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors - Definition of Accounting

The amendments replace the definition of a change in accounting estimates with a definition of accounting estimates. Under the new definition, estimates are "monetary amounts in financial statements that are subject to measurement uncertainty". The definition of a change in accounting estimates was deleted. However, the Board retained the concept of changes in accounting estimates in the Standard with the following clarifications:

A change in accounting estimate that results from new information or new developments is not the correction of an error The effects of a change in an input or a measurement technique used to develop an accounting estimate are changes in accounting estimates if they do not result from the correction of prior period errors.

The Board added two examples (Examples 4-5) to the Guidance on implementing IAS 8, which accompanies the Standard. The Board has deleted one example (Example 3) as it could cause confusion in light of the amendments.

Notes to the Separate Financial Statements For Year Ended March 31, 2022 (Expressed in Eastern Caribbean Dollars)

2. Summary of significant accounting policies (cont'd)

(d) New standards, amendments to standards and interpretations (cont'd)

(ii) New standards, amendments to standards and interpretations issued in the 2021 financial year but not yet effective are as follows:

Amendments to IAS 8 Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors - Definition of Accounting *(cont'd)*

The amendments replace the definition of a change in accounting estimates with a definition of accounting estimates. Under the new definition, estimates are "monetary amounts in financial statements that are subject to measurement uncertainty". The definition of a change in accounting estimates was deleted. However, the Board retained the concept of changes in accounting estimates in the Standard with the following clarifications:

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The Board added two examples (Examples 4-5) to the Guidance on implementing IAS 8, which accompanies the Standard. The Board has deleted one example (Example 3) as it could cause confusion in light of the amendments.

The amendments are effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2023 to changes in accounting policies and changes in accounting estimates that occur on or after the beginning of that period, with earlier application permitted.

The Board also adds an illustrative example to IAS 12 that explains how the amendments are applied.

The amendments apply to transactions that occur on or after the beginning of the earliest comparative period presented. In addition, at the beginning of the earliest comparative period an entity recognises:

A deferred tax asset (to the extent that it is probable that taxable profit will be available against which the deductible temporary difference can be utilised) and a deferred tax liability for all deductible and taxable temporary differences associated with:

- Right-of-use assets and lease liabilities
- Decommissioning, restoration and similar liabilities and the corresponding amounts recognised as part of the cost of the related asset

Notes to the Separate Financial Statements For Year Ended March 31, 2022 (Expressed in Eastern Caribbean Dollars)

2. Summary of significant accounting policies (cont'd)

(d) New standards, amendments to standards and interpretations (cont'd)

(ii) New standards, amendments to standards and interpretations issued in the 2021 financial year but not yet effective are as follows (cont'd):

Amendments to IAS 8 Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors - Definition of Accounting (cont'd)

The cumulative effect of initially applying the amendments as an adjustment to the opening balance of retained earnings (or other component of equity, as appropriate) at that date.

The amendments are effective for annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2023, with earlier application permitted.

Amendments to IAS 12 Income Taxes - Deferred Tax related to Assets and Liabilities arising from a Single Transaction

The amendments introduce a further exception from the initial recognition exemption. Under the amendments, an entity does not apply the initial recognition exemption for transactions that give rise to equal taxable and deductible temporary differences.

Depending on the applicable tax law, equal taxable and deductible temporary differences may arise on initial recognition of an asset and liability in a transaction that is not a business combination and affects neither accounting nor taxable profit. For example, this may arise upon recognition of a lease liability and the corresponding right-of-use asset applying IFRS 16 at the commencement date of a lease.

Following the amendments to IAS 12, an entity is required to recognise the related deferred tax asset and liability, with the recognition of any deferred tax asset being subject to the recoverability criteria in IAS 12.

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Certain limited improvements, which primarily consist of classifications to existing standards, were made to the following standards:

IFRS 1, First time adoption of IFRS

IFRS 9, Financial Instruments

IAS 16, Property, plant and equipment

IAS 41, Agriculture

These amendments are not expected to have a material impact on the separate financial statements of the Bank.

Notes to the Separate Financial Statements For Year Ended March 31, 2022 (Expressed in Eastern Caribbean Dollars)

2. Summary of significant accounting policies (cont'd)

(e) Financial assets and liabilities (cont'd)

Recognition, initial measurement and derecognition

The Bank initially recognise loans and advances, deposits and debt securities on the date they are originated. All other financial assets and financial liabilities are initially recognised on the trade date when the entity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

A financial asset or financial liability is measured initially at fair value plus transaction costs that are directly attributable to its acquisition or issue. The Bank derecognises a financial asset when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the asset expire, or it transfers the rights to receive contractual cash flows in a transaction in which substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership of the financial asset are transferred. Any interest in such derecognised financial assets that is created or retained by the Bank is recognised as a separate asset or liability. Financial assets that are transferred to a third party but do not qualify for derecognition are presented in the statement of financial position as "Assets pledged as collateral", if the transferee has the right to sell or re-pledge them. On derecognition of a financial asset, the difference between the carrying amount of the asset and the consideration received is recognised in the separate statement of profit or loss.

The Bank derecognises a financial liability when its contractual obligations are discharged, or cancelled, or when they expire.

Financial assets

(i) Classification and subsequent measurement

In determining the classification and subsequent measurement of financial assets, the Bank assesses the business model in which these assets are held and the contractual cash flows of the assets as outlined below:

Business model assessment

The business model reflects how the Bank manages these assets in order to generate cash flows. That is, whether the Bank'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 these 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 'other' business model and measured at fair value through profit or loss ("FVPL").

Factors considered by the Bank in determining the business model within which the assets are held include past experience on how the cash flows for these assets were collected, how the assets' performance is evaluated and reported to key management personnel, how risks are assessed and managed and how managers are compensated.

Notes to the Separate Financial Statements For Year Ended March 31, 2022 (Expressed in Eastern Caribbean Dollars)

2. Summary of significant accounting policies (cont'd)

(e) Financial assets and liabilities (cont'd)

(i) Classification and subsequent measurement (cont'd)

Contractual cash flows are solely payment of principal and interest:- SPPI assessment

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

After performing the above assessments, the Bank then determines if a financial asset is held at amortised cost, fair value through profit and loss ("FVPL") or fair value through other comprehensive income ("FVOCI").

Amortised cost

Assets that are held for collection of contractual cash flows where those cash flows represent solely payments of principal and interest ("SPPI"), and that are not designated at FVPL, are measured at amortised cost. The carrying amount of these financial assets is adjusted by any expected credit loss allowance recognised. Interest income from these financial assets is included in 'Interest income' using the effective interest rate method.

The effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash payments or receipts through the expected life of the financial asset to the gross carrying amount of a financial asset. The calculation does not consider ECL and includes transaction costs, premiums or discounts and fees and points paid or received that are integral to the effective interest rate, such as origination fees.

Per assessment, all of the Bank's financial assets have cash flows which represent solely payment of principal and interest, hence are measured at amortised cost.

Notes to the Separate Financial Statements For Year Ended March 31, 2022 (Expressed in Eastern Caribbean Dollars)

2. Summary of significant accounting policies (cont'd)

- (e) Financial assets and liabilities (cont'd)
 - (i) Classification and subsequent measurement (cont'd)

Fair value through profit or loss ("FVPL")

Assets that do not meet the criteria for amortised cost or FVOCI are measured at fair value through profit or loss. A gain or loss on a debt investment that is subsequently measured at FVPL and is not part of a hedging relationship is recognised in profit or loss. Interest income from these financial assets is included in 'Interest income' using the effective interest rate method.

The Bank does not have any financial assets that are measured at FVPL.

Financial assets that are held for collection of contractual cash flows and for selling the assets, where the assets' cash flows represent solely payments of principal and interest, and that are not designated at FVPL, are measured at FVOCI. Movements in the carrying amounts are taken through OCI, except for the recognition of impairment gains or losses, interest revenue and foreign exchange gains and losses on the instrument's amortised cost which are recognised in profit or loss. When these financial assets are derecognised, the cumulative gains or losses previously recognised in OCI is reclassified from equity to profit or loss and recognised in income. Interest income from these financial assets are included in 'Interest income' using the effective interest rate method.

The Bank does not have any financial assets that are measured at FVOCI.

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2. Summary of significant accounting policies (cont'd)

(e) Financial assets and liabilities (cont'd)

Financial assets (cont'd)

(ii) Impairment of financial assets

Measurement of expected credit losses ("ECL")

ECL are a probability-weighted estimate of credit losses. They are measured as follows:

- Financial assets that are not credit-impaired at the reporting date: as the present value of all cash shortfalls (i.e. the difference between the cash flows due to the entity in accordance with the contract and the cash flows that the Bank expects to receive);
- Financial assets that are credit-impaired at the reporting date: as the difference between the gross carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flows;
- Undrawn loan commitments: as the present value of the difference between the contractual cash flows that are due to the Bank if the commitment is drawn down and the cash flows that the Bank expects to receive.

Credit impaired financial assets

At each reporting date, the Bank assesses whether financial assets carried at amortised cost are credit-impaired. A financial asset is 'credit-impaired' when one or more events that have a detrimental impact on the estimated future cash flows of the financial asset have occurred.

Evidence that a financial asset is credit-impaired includes the following observable data:

- Significant financial difficulty of the borrower or issuer;
- A breach of contract such as a default or past due event;
- The restructuring of a loan or advance by the Bank on terms that the Bank would not consider otherwise;
- It is becoming probable that the borrower will enter bankruptcy or other financial reorganization; or
- A loan that has been renegotiated due to a deterioration in the borrower's condition is usually considered to be credit-impaired unless there is evidence that the risk of not receiving contractual cash flows has reduced significantly and there are no other indicators of impairment.

Notes to the Separate Financial Statements For Year Ended March 31, 2022 (Expressed in Eastern Caribbean Dollars)

2. Summary of significant accounting policies (cont'd)

(e) Financial assets and liabilities (cont'd)

Financial assets (cont'd)

(ii) Impairment of financial assets (cont'd)

Calculation of ECL

The Bank uses the probability of default method when calculating expected credit losses. The ECL is based on credit losses that are expected to arise over the life of the asset, referred to as the lifetime ECL, unless there has not been a significant increase in credit risk since origination, in which case a 12-month expected credit loss (12-month ECL) is measured.

The lifetime ECL is the expected credit losses that result from all possible default events over the expected life of a financial instrument. Lifetime expected credit losses are calculated based on a weighted average of the expected losses with the weightings being based on the respective probabilities of default ("PD") and loss given default ("LGD"). PD and LGD are therefore calculated over the life of the instrument.

The 12-month ECL represents a financial assets' expected losses that are expected to arise from default events that are possible within the 12-month period following origination of the instrument or from each reporting date for those assets in stage 1. It is calculated by multiplying the probability of default occurring in the next 12 months by the lifetime ECLs that would result from that default, regardless of when those losses occur.

The ECL is calculated on an individual account basis but for purposes of determining PD and exposure at default ("EAD"), financial assets are grouped according to common characteristics.

Impairment is assessed at each reporting period. IFRS 9 establishes a three-stage impairment model based on whether there has been a significant increase in credit risk of a financial asset since its initial recognition. The three stages then determine the amount of impairment to be recognised as ECL at each reporting date as well as the amount of interest revenue to be recorded.

The Bank makes a determination as to whether there has been a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition by considering the deterioration in internal ratings and payment delinquencies. For purposes of calculating ECL the Bank classifies its financial assets into stages. The stages for loans and advances almost align with the Bank's internal ratings system. Facilities with an internal rating of 1-4 are usually aligned to Stage 1. Facilities with an internal rating of 5-6 are usually classified as Stage 2 and facilities with an internal rating of 7-8 are usually classified as Stage 3.

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2. Summary of significant accounting policies (cont'd)

(e) Financial assets and liabilities (cont'd)

Financial assets (cont'd)

(ii) Impairment of financial assets (cont'd)

Assessment of significant increase in credit risk and credit - impaired financial assets

The transition from recognising 12-month expected credit losses (i.e. Stage 1) to lifetime expected credit losses (i.e. Stage 2) is based on the notion of a significant increase in credit risk over the remaining life of the instrument in comparison with the credit risk on initial recognition. The focus is on the changes in the credit risk and not the changes in the amount of the ECL.

The determination of whether there has been a significant increase in credit risk is therefore critical to the staging process. Factors to consider include:

- Changes in market or general economic conditions;
- Expectation of potential breaches;
- Expected delays in payment;
- Deterioration in credit ratings; or
- Significant changes in operating results or financial position of the borrower.

In making the determination of whether there has been a significant increase in credit risk, the Bank considers deterioration in its internal ratings as well as payment delinquencies. A significant increase in credit risk will exist when repayments are 30 days in arrears and/or when there has been a deterioration in the internal rating assigned.

Credit-impaired financial assets are those for which one or more detrimental effects on the estimated future cash flows have already occurred. This is similar to the point at which an incurred loss would have been recognised under IAS 39.

Definition of default

The definition of default is integral to the ECL model. The Bank's definition of default is consistent with its internal risk management process and includes a qualitative creditworthiness criterion as well as a quantitative past due criterion. For loans and advances, default occurs when the borrower is more than 90 days past due on any obligation with the Bank and/or if the Bank considers that the borrower is unlikely to make their repayment in full without the Bank foreclosing on the loan facility. The Bank also uses its internal rating system to determine default. All loans and advances with a rating of 7-8 are considered to be in default. The definition of default is applied consistently from one year to another and to all loans and advances unless it can be demonstrated that circumstances have changed such that a new definition is appropriate.

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2. Summary of significant accounting policies (cont'd)

(e) Financial assets and liabilities (cont'd)
Financial assets (cont'd)

(ii) Impairment of financial assets (cont'd)

ECL calculation methodology

For loans and advances, the Bank calculates ECL in a manner that reflects an unbiased and probability-weighted amount that is determined by evaluation of a range of possible outcomes, the time value of money and reasonable and supportable information about past events, current conditions and forecasts of future economic conditions. The Bank applies a discounted probability-weighted estimate of the cash shortfalls expected to result from defaults over the relevant time horizon. The cash shortfall is the difference between the cash flows that are due according to the terms of the agreement and the cash flows it expects to collect over the relevant time period.

The Bank calculates the probability-weighted average of ECL over different scenarios. Each scenario specifies forecasts of different economic conditions and these economic conditions are used to adjust default probabilities to incorporate this forward-looking information.

The forward-looking information is incorporated through the use of regression formulae that translate the input economic information and uses this information to forecast default rates and non-performing loan ratios.

The macroeconomic factors used by the Bank are:

- Gross Domestic Product (local GDP);
- Inflation;
- Local employment statistics; and
- COVID-19 adjustment factors.

Three (3) variables are integral to the calculation of the ECL - the probability of default ("PD"), the exposure at default ("EAD") and the loss given default ("LGD"). The product of these variables is adjusted for forward-looking information and discounted at the instrument's original interest rate to arrive at the calculation of the ECL.

Notes to the Separate Financial Statements For Year Ended March 31, 2022 (Expressed in Eastern Caribbean Dollars)

2. Summary of significant accounting policies (cont'd)

(e) Financial assets and liabilities (cont'd)

Financial assets (cont'd)

(ii) Impairment of financial assets (cont'd)

ECL calculation methodology (cont'd)

Probability of default – measures likelihood of default over a given period of time. In arriving at the probability of default the Bank first categorises facilities according to common characteristics and uses migration analysis to measure the percentage of loans as they move across the relevant stages. From this analysis marginal PDs for successive years are generated using a multiplication matrix.

Loss given default - this is an estimate of the cash shortfall the Bank expects when a facility defaults at a point in time. For secured facilities the Bank considers the amount that may be realised from the sale of the collateral net of costs to sell. In the case of investment securities, the Bank utilised information from credit loss tables that are generated by reputable external agencies.

Exposure at default - this is an estimate of the exposure at a default date that takes place in the future, taking into consideration repayments of principal or interest and interest charged. In arriving at EAD estimates, the Bank employs cash flow analyses.

(iii) Loan commitments

Loan commitments arise when an entity enters into a contract to provide a loan facility to another party. For loan commitments, credit loss estimates consider the portion of the commitment that is expected to be drawn over the relevant time period.

At the end of each reporting period, 12-month expected credit losses are initially provided for such commitments. Where there has been a significant increase in credit risk of a default occurring on the loan to which the commitment relates, lifetime expected credit losses are recognised. For loan commitments, ECL is calculated as the difference between:

- The contractual cash flows for amounts that are repayable if the holder of the loan commitment draws on the loan; and
- The cash flows that the Bank expects to receive if the loan is drawn down.

The discount rate used is the effective interest rate for the primary facility. In instances where there have been no draw downs on the loan facility, the loss allowance is recognised and presented as a provision.

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2. Summary of significant accounting policies (cont'd)

(e) Financial assets and liabilities (cont'd)

Financial assets (cont'd)

(iv) Modification or restructuring of loans and advances

The Bank sometimes modifies the terms of loans provided to customers due to commercial renegotiations, or for distressed loans, with a view to maximising recovery.

Such restructuring activities include extended payment term arrangements, payment holidays and payment forgiveness. Restructuring policies and practices are based on indicators or criterias which, in the judgment of management, indicate that payment will most likely continue. These policies are kept under continuous review.

The gross carrying amount of loans and advances to customers with restructured terms at March 31, 2022, was \$1,673,745 (2021 - \$11,811,582).

Financial liabilities

Classification and subsequent measurement

In both the current and prior periods, financial liabilities are classified and subsequently measured at amortised cost.

(f) Revenue recognition

Revenue arising from the ordinary operating activities of the Bank is recognised when earned and measured at the fair value of the consideration received as follows:

(i) Interest income

Interest on loans and advances to customers is recognised in interest income using the effective interest method. The estimated future cash flows used in this calculation include those determined by the contractual term of the asset and all fees that are considered to be integral to the effective interest rate. Fees that are an integral part of the effective interest rate are treated as an adjustment to the effective interest rate.

(ii) Fees and finance charges

Fees and finance charges on loans and advances provided by the Bank are recognised when the corresponding service is provided. Finance charges are levied only on bridging finance loans which normally have a three to six-months term.

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2. Summary of significant accounting policies (cont'd)

(g) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents are carried on the separate statement of financial position at cost. For the purpose of the separate statement of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents comprise balances with a maturity period of three months or less from the date of acquisition including cash on hand, deposits held on call with banks and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts, if any, are shown within borrowings in the current liabilities on the separate statement of financial position.

(h) Investment in subsidiary

A subsidiary is an enterprise controlled by the Bank. Control exists when the Bank is exposed to, 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 investment in subsidiary is accounted for at cost less any impairment loss.

(i) Property and equipment

(i) Recognition and measurement

Items of property and equipment are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses.

Cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to the acquisition of the asset. Purchased software that is integral to the functionality of the related equipment is capitalised as part of that equipment.

Gains and losses on disposal of an item of property and equipment are determined by comparing the proceeds from disposal with the carrying amount of the property and equipment and are recognised in the separate statement of profit or loss.

(ii) Subsequent costs

The cost of replacing part of an item of property and equipment is recognised in the carrying amount of the item if it is probable that the future economic benefits embodied with the part will flow to the Bank and cost can be reliably measured. The cost of the day-to-day servicing of property and equipment are recognised in the separate statement profit or loss as incurred.

(iii) Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated using the straight-line method over the asset's estimated useful lives and is recognised in the separate statement of profit or loss.

Items of property and equipment are depreciated from the date they are available for use or, in respect of self-constructed assets, from the date the assets are completed and ready for use.

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2. Summary of significant accounting policies (cont'd)

(i) Property and equipment (cont'd)

(iii) Depreciation (cont'd)

The estimated useful lives of the items of property and equipment are as follows:

Disaster recovery site 3 years
Computer equipment 3 years
Office equipment 5 years
Motor vehicles 5 years
Furniture and fittings 8 years
Leasehold improvement 5 years

Depreciation methods, useful lives and residual values are reassessed at each reporting date and adjusted if appropriate.

(j) Intangible assets

(i) Recognition and measurement

Intangible assets that are acquired by the Bank and have finite useful lives are measured at cost less accumulated amortisation and accumulated impairment losses.

(ii) Subsequent expenditure

Subsequent expenditure is capitalised only when it increases the future economic benefits embodied in the specific asset to which it relates. All other expenditure is expensed as incurred.

(iii) Amortisation

Software and website development costs are amortised on the straight-line basis and the amortisation expense is recognised in the separate statement of profit or loss over their estimated useful lives, from the date that they are available for use.

The estimated useful lives are as follows:

Computer software 3 yearsWebsite development 5 years

Amortisation methods, useful lives and residual values are reviewed at each reporting date and adjusted if appropriate.

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2. Summary of significant accounting policies (cont'd)

(k) Other assets and receivables

Other assets and receivables, being short term, are carried at cost less allowance for impairment losses.

(I) Payables and accruals

Payables and accruals are carried at cost, which is the fair value of the consideration to be paid in the future for goods and services received.

(m) Impairment of non-financial assets

The carrying amounts of the Bank's non-financial assets are reviewed at each reporting date to determine whether there is any indication of impairment. If any such indication exists for any asset, then that asset's recoverable amount is estimated.

For impairment testing, assets are grouped together into the smallest group of assets that generates cash inflows from continuing use that are largely independent of the cash inflows of other assets or group of assets (the "cash-generating unit").

The recoverable amount of an asset or cash-generating unit is the greater of its value-in-use and its fair value less costs to sell. Value-in-use is based on the estimated future cash flows, discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset or cash generating unit.

An impairment loss is recognised if the carrying amount of an asset or its cashgenerating unit exceeds its estimated recoverable amount.

Impairment losses are recognised in the separate statement of profit or loss.

An impairment loss is reversed if there has been a change in the estimates used to determine the recoverable amount. An impairment loss is reversed only to the extent that the asset's carrying amount does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined, net of depreciation or amortisation, if no impairment loss has been recognised.

(n) Borrowings

Borrowings are recognised initially at fair value, net of transaction costs incurred. Borrowings are consequently stated at amortised cost; any difference between the proceeds (net of transaction costs) and the redemption value is recognised in the separate statement of profit or loss over the period of the borrowings using the effective interest method.

Borrowings are classified as current liabilities unless the Bank has an unconditional right to defer settlement of the liability for at least twelve (12) months after the reporting date.

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2. Summary of significant accounting policies (cont'd)

(o) Share capital

Ordinary shares are classified as equity. Dividend distribution to the Bank's shareholder is recognised as a liability in the Bank's separate financial statements in the period in which the dividends are approved.

(p) Related party

- (a) A person or a close member of that person's family is related to the Bank if that person:
 - i) Has control or joint control over the Bank;
 - ii) Has significant influence over the Bank; or
 - iii) Is a member of the key management personnel of the Bank or of the parent of the Bank.
- (b) An entity is related to the Bank if any of the following conditions applies:
 - i) The entity and the Bank are members of the same group (which means that each parent, subsidiary and fellow subsidiary is related to the others).
 - ii) One entity is an associate or joint venture of the other entity (or an associate or joint venture of a member of a group of which the other entity is a member).
 - iii) Both entities are joint ventures of the same third party.
 - iv) One entity is a joint venture of a third entity and the other entity is an associate of the third entity.
 - v) The entity is a post-employment benefit plan for the benefit of employees of either the Bank or an entity related to the Bank.
 - vi) The entity is controlled, or jointly controlled by a person identified in (a).
 - vii) A person identified in (a) (i) has significant influence over the Bank or is a member of the key management personnel of the Bank (or of the parent of the Bank).
 - viii) The entity, or any member of a group of which it is part, provides key management personnel services to the Bank or its parent.

(q) Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the Bank has a present legal or constructive obligation as a result of past events; it is probable that an outflow of resources will be required to settle the obligation and the amount has been reliably estimated.

(r) Contingencies

Contingent liabilities represent possible obligations and are disclosed in the separate financial statements unless the possibility of the outflow of resources embodying the economic benefit is remote. A contingent asset is not recognised in the separate financial statements but disclosed when an inflow of economic benefits is probable.

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2. Summary of significant accounting policies (cont'd)

(s) Subsequent events

Post year-end events that provide additional information about the Bank's position at the reporting date (adjusting events) are reflected in the Bank's separate financial statements. Material post year-end events which are not adjusting events are disclosed.

(t) Comparatives

Where necessary, comparatives have been adjusted to conform with changes in the presentation in the current year.

3. Financial risk management

Strategy in using financial instruments

The Bank's activities expose it to a variety of financial risks and those activities involve the analysis, evaluation, acceptance and management of some degree of risk or combination of risks. Taking risk is core to the financial business, and the operational risks are an inevitable consequence of being in business. The Bank's aim is therefore to achieve an appropriate balance between risk and return and minimise potential adverse effects on the Bank's financial performance. The Bank's risk management policies are designed to identify and analyse these risks, to set appropriate risk limits and controls, and to monitor the risks and adherence to limits by means of reliable and up-to-date information systems. The Bank regularly reviews its risk management policies and systems to reflect changes in markets, products, and emerging best practice. Risk management is carried out by the Risk Management Department under policies approved by the Board of Directors. The Board provides written principles for overall risk management, as well as written policies covering specific areas, such as foreign exchange risk, interest rate risk and credit risk. The Bank, through its training and management standards and procedures, aims to develop a disciplined and constructive control environment in which all employees understand their roles and obligations.

The Bank is exposed to the following risks:

- Credit risk;
- Liquidity risk;
- Market risk (price risk, currency risk, and interest rate risk); and
- Operational risk.

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3. Financial risk management (cont'd)

Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk of financial loss to the Bank if a customer or counterparty to a financial instrument fails to meet its contractual obligations and arises principally from the Bank's cash and cash equivalents, loans and advances to customers, other receivables and due from subsidiary.

(i) Management of credit risk

The Bank places its cash resources with a reputable financial institution. Given the insignificant amount of other assets and receivables and due from subsidiary, management does not believe that significant credit risk exists on these balances as at March 31, 2022.

With regards to loans and advances to customers, the Bank has an integrated framework of credit policies, guidelines and processes in place and the exposure to credit risk is monitored on an on-going basis. Credit evaluations are performed on all customers. The Board of Directors has delegated responsibility for the management of credit risk to the Risk Management Department and the Managing Director.

The Service Delivery Department is required to implement the Bank's credit policies and procedures, and to ensure that all loans approved are within the delegated authority approved by the Board. The Service Delivery and Risk Department managers' report on all credit related matters to the Board. The departments are responsible for the quality and performance of the credit portfolio and for monitoring and controlling all credit risks in its portfolios.

(ii) Maximum exposure to credit risk before collateral held or other credit enhancements

	Notes	2022 \$	2021 \$
-	Notes	Ψ	Ψ
Cash and cash equivalents	6	27,746,144	21,347,256
Investment security	7	4,892,804	-
Loans and advances to customers	8	77,681,325	85,166,365
Other assets and receivables	10	221,564	276,146
Due from subsidiary	11	154,748	16,909
		110,696,585	106,806,676

The exposures set out above are based on net carrying amounts as reported in the separate statement of financial position.

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Financial risk management (cont'd) Credit risk (cont'd)

(iii) Loans and advances to customers

	Note	2022 <u>\$</u>	2021 \$
Loans and advances Less: Interest receivable	8 8	80,058,981 (443,780)	87,183,866 (1,444,738)
Gross loans	8	79,615,201	85,739,128
Past due and impairedPast due but not impaired		6,515,887	2,572,174
31-60 days 61-90 days 91-120 days		1,933,904 894,230 213,028	14,575,652 13,373 272,690
Over 120 daysNeither past due nor impaired	_	13,195,937 56,862,215	12,030,942 56,274,297
Gross loans	=	79,615,201	85,739,128

Loans past due and impaired

The Bank regards a loan or an advance as impaired in the following circumstances.

- There is objective evidence that a loss event has occurred since initial recognition and the loss event has an adverse impact on future estimated cash flows from the asset; and
- A loan or advance is overdue for ninety (90) days or more.

Notes to the Separate Financial Statements For the Year Ended March 31, 2022 (Expressed in Eastern Caribbean Dollars)

3. Financial risk management (cont'd)

Credit risk (cont'd)

(iii) Loans and advances to customers (cont'd)

Loans past due and impaired (cont'd)

The Bank uses an Internal Rating Model ("IRM") eight (8) sliding scale from superior to loss for credit approval, portfolio monitoring and provisioning.

Internal Risk		
Rating	Stage	Summary description
Ratings ranging from 1-4	Stage 1 - Performing	Grade 1. Superior - low risk- excellent repayment capacity /high quality collateral/other IRM Factors.
		Grade 2. Good- satisfactory risk – strong repayment capacity/ high quality collateral.
		Grade 3. Acceptable – fair risk/ acceptable collateral.
		Grade 4. Marginal- still acceptable risk requires hand holding and technical supervision /acceptable collateral.
Ratings ranging from 5-6	Stage 2 - Under performing	Loan will migrate to this bucket if it is classed as follows:
		Grade 5. Special mention loans have potential weaknesses that deserve management's close attention or where there is a sustained deterioration in financial condition.
		Grade 6 – Sub-standard financial condition is weak and capacity or inclination to repay is in doubt.
Ratings ranging from 7-8	Stage 3 - Non-performing	Loan will migrate to this bucket if it is classed as follows:
		Grade 7 - Possibility of a loss but some factors exist which could improve the situation.
		Grade 8 - loans are considered uncollectable.

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3. Financial risk management (cont'd)

Credit risk (cont'd)

(iii) Loans and advances to customers (cont'd)

Performing financial assets

Rating 1 – 4: For instruments within the range of 1 - 4, credit risk has not increased significantly since initial recognition. A 12-month ECL is recognised and interest income is recognised on the gross carrying amount of the financial instrument. Financial assets in this stage are operating in accordance with the contractual terms and conditions since initial recognition. These assets align with Stage 1 financial assets in the ECL calculation.

Underperforming financial assets

Rating 5-6: For instruments within the range of 5-6, credit risk has increased significantly since initial recognition. Lifetime ECL is recognised and interest income is recognised on the gross carrying amount of the financial instrument. This stage also includes financial assets reclassified from Stage 3 whose credit risk has improved. These assets align with Stage 2 financial assets in the ECL calculation.

Non-performing financial assets

Rating 7-8: Instruments within the range of 7-8 are considered to be credit impaired and a loss allowance is recognised equal to credit losses expected over the remaining lifetime of the asset. Interest revenue is calculated based on the carrying amount of the asset, net of the loss allowance, rather than on its gross carrying amount. These assets align with Stage 3 financial assets in the ECL calculation.

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3. Financial risk management (cont'd)

Credit risk (cont'd)

(iii) Loans and advances to customers (cont'd)

Credit risk exposure of loans and advances

The following table contains an analysis of the credit risk exposure of loans and advances to customers for which an ECL allowance has been recognised:

	2022			
	Expected Credit Loss Staging			
	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	
	12-month ECL	Lifetime ECL	Lifetime ECL	Total
Credit grade				_
1- SUPERIOR	5,941,070	-	-	5,941,070
2- GOOD	4,765,070	-	-	4,765,070
3- ACCEPTABLE	25,257,312	-	-	25,257,312
4- MARGINAL	10,696,030	-	-	10,696,030
5- SPECIAL MENTION	-	11,935,603	-	11,935,603
6- SUB-STANDARD	-	592,972	-	592,972
7- DOUBTFUL/BAD	-	-	19,847,523	19,847,523
8- LOSS			2,772	2,772
	46,659,482	12,528,575	19,850,295	79,038,352
Express payment service advances			576,849	576,849
Gross carrying amount	46,659,482	12,528,575	20,427,144	79,615,201
Less: Allowance for impairment losses	(13,709)	(618,300)	(1,745,647)	(2,377,656)
Carrying amount	46,645,773	11,910,275	18,681,497	77,237,545

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3. Financial risk management (cont'd) Credit risk (cont'd)

(iii) Loans and advances to customers (cont'd)

Credit risk exposure of loans and advances

	2021 Expected Credit Loss Staging			
	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	
	12-month ECL	Lifetime ECL	Lifetime ECL	Total
Credit grade				
1- SUPERIOR	6,255,464	-	-	6,255,464
2- GOOD	5,411,813	-	-	5,411,813
3- ACCEPTABLE	33,591,220	-	-	33,591,220
4- MARGINAL	7,493,715	-	-	7,493,715
5- SPECIAL MENTION	-	18,006,550	-	18,006,550
6- SUB-STANDARD	-	2,465,723	-	2,465,723
7- DOUBTFUL/BAD	-	-	11,898,973	11,898,973
8- LOSS		-	35,821	35,821
	52,752,212	20,472,273	11,934,794	85,159,279
Express payment service advances		-	579,849	579,849
Gross carrying amount	52,752,212	20,472,273	12,514,643	85,739,128
Less: Allowance for impairment losses	(19,271)	(1,192,215)	(806,015)	(2,017,501)
Carrying amount	52,732,941	19,280,058	11,708,628	83,721,627

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3. Financial risk management (cont'd)

Credit risk (cont'd)

(iii) Loans and advances to customers (cont'd)

Credit concentration risk

The Bank monitors concentrations of credit risk by sector. An analysis of credit risk concentrations by economic sector of outstanding loans and advances to customers is presented in the table below:

	2022	2022	2021	2021
	\$	%	\$	%
Housing	38,202,938	48.33	39,000,057	45.80
Industry	18,339,220	23.20	18,843,657	22.13
Services	7,962,249	10.07	8,896,020	10.45
Education	5,530,077	7.00	6,089,495	7.15
Bridging finance	3,199,948	4.05	6,780,556	7.96
Tourism	2,095,255	2.65	2,361,719	2.77
Agriculture	3,062,034	3.87	2,601,587	3.05
Other	531,007	0.67	484,314	0.57
Fishing	15,158	0.02	9,744	0.01
Staff loans	100,466	0.13_	92,130	0.11
	79,038,352	100	85,159,279	100
Express payment service advances	576,849	_	579,849	
	79,615,201	_	85,739,128	
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Write-off policy

The Bank writes off a loan balance (and any related allowances for impairment losses) when the Risk Management Department determines that the loan is uncollectible. This determination is reached after considering information such as the occurrence of significant changes in the borrower's financial position such that the borrower can no longer pay the obligation, or that proceeds from collateral will not be sufficient to pay back the entire exposure.

The Bank employs a range of policies and practices to mitigate credit risk. The most traditional of these is the taking of security or collateral for funds advanced, which is common practice. The Bank implements guidelines on the acceptability of specific classes of collateral or credit risk mitigation. The principal collateral types for the loans and advances are:

- Mortgage over residential properties
- Cash deposits
- Charges over business assets such as premises, inventory and accounts receivable, and
- Charges over financial instruments such as debt securities and equities.

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3. Financial risk management (cont'd)

Credit risk (cont'd)

(iii) Loans and advances to customers (cont'd)

Collateral and other security enhancements

The Bank's credit risk management policies include requirements relating to collateral valuation and management, including verification requirements and legal certainty. Valuations are updated periodically depending upon the nature of the collateral. Management monitors the market value of collateral and requests additional collateral in accordance with the underlying agreement during its periodic review of loan accounts in arrears. Policies are in place to monitor the existence of undesirable concentrations in the collateral supporting the Bank's credit exposure.

Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Bank will encounter difficulty in meeting its obligations associated with financial liabilities that are to be settled by delivering cash or other financial assets.

Management of liquidity risk

The Bank's approach to managing liquidity is to ensure, as far as possible, that it will always have sufficient liquidity to meet its liabilities when due, under both normal and stressed conditions, without incurring unacceptable losses or risking damage to the Bank's reputation.

The Board of Directors assesses information regarding the liquidity profile of the Bank's financial assets and liabilities and details of other projected cash flows arising from projected future business. It then maintains a portfolio of short-term liquid assets to ensure that sufficient liquidity is maintained by the Bank.

The key elements of the liquidity management process are as follows:

- Daily and weekly monitoring to ensure that requirements are met. This includes the replenishment of funds as they mature or as borrowed by customers. The Bank ensures that sufficient funds are held in the one to thirty-day maturity bucket to satisfy liquidity requirements.
- Weekly monitoring of the statement of financial position liquidity ratios against internal and regulatory requirements.
- Managing the concentration and profile of debt maturities.
- Reviewing sources of liquidity regularly to maintain a wide diversification by, provider, product and term.

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3. Financial risk management (cont'd)

Liquidity risk (cont'd)

Maturity analysis of financial assets and liabilities

Non-derivative cash flows

The table below presents the cash flows payable by the Bank under non-derivative financial liabilities and assets held for managing liquidity risk by remaining contractual maturities at the reporting date. The amounts disclosed in the table are the contractual undiscounted cash flows; the Bank manages the inherent liquidity risk based on expected undiscounted cash inflows.

	Contractual	Less than		More than
	cash flows	1 Year	1-5 Years	5 Years
	\$	\$	\$	\$
March 31, 2022				
Financial assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	27,746,144	27,746,144	-	-
Investment security	4,892,804	-	4,892,804	-
Loans and advances to customers	140,553,579	27,190,840	49,860,441	63,502,298
Due from subsidiary	154,748	154,748	-	-
Other receivables	247,950	247,950	-	
	173,595,225	55,339,682	54,753,245	63,502,298
Financial liabilities				
Payables and accruals	(745,140)	(745,140)	-	-
Deposits from customers	(46,209,122)	(21,390,742)	(20,964,404)	(3,853,976)
Agency fund	(1,788,977)	(1,788,977)	-	-
Borrowings	(67,583,949)	(6,768,942)	(22,627,831)	(38,187,176)
Other liabilities	(562,477)	(562,477)	-	
	(116,889,665)	(31,256,278)	(43,592,235)	(42,041,152)
Net liquidity gap	56,705,560	24,083,404	11,161,010	21,461,146

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3. Financial risk management (cont'd)

Liquidity risk (cont'd)

Maturity analysis of financial assets and liabilities (cont'd)

	Contractual	Less than		More than
	cash flows	1 Year	1-5 Years	5 Years
	\$	\$	\$	\$
March 31, 2021				_
Financial assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	21,347,256	21,347,256	-	-
Loans and advances to customers	145,015,873	30,344,912	50,942,151	63,728,810
Due from subsidiary	16,909	16,909	-	-
Other receivables	302,532	302,532	-	
	166,682,570	52,011,609	50,942,151	63,728,810
Financial liabilities				
Payables and accruals	(569,885)	(569,885)	-	-
Deposits from customers	(38,414,734)	(19,846,782)	(16,974,139)	(1,593,813)
Agency fund	(1,757,044)	(1,757,044)	-	-
Borrowings	(72,930,485)	(6,895,490)	(26,567,141)	(39,467,854)
Other liabilities	(407,526)	(407,526)	-	
	(114,079,674)	(29,476,727)	(43,541,280)	(41,061,667)
Net liquidity gap	52,602,896	22,534,882	7,400,871	22,667,143

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3. Financial risk management (cont'd)

Market risk

Market risk is the risk that changes in market prices, such as interest rates, equity prices, foreign exchange rates and credit spreads will affect the Bank's income or the value of its holdings of financial instruments.

In respect of income-earning financial assets and interest-bearing financial liabilities, the following table indicates their effective interest rates at the reporting date and the periods in which they are re-priced.

(i) Price risk

Price risk is the risk that the value of financial instruments will fluctuate as a result of changes in market prices whether those changes are caused by factors specific to the individual security of its issuer or factors affecting all securities traded in the market.

The Bank does not hold any financial assets which trade publicly, hence there is no exposure to price risk.

(ii) Currency risk

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

Currency risk arises in respect of transactions denominated in foreign currencies. However, while loans from the CARICOM Development Fund and the Caribbean Development Bank are denominated in United States dollars, the Bank faces no currency risk as the US dollar is fixed in relation to the EC dollar at the rate US\$1 to EC\$2.70. All other assets and liabilities are denominated in Eastern Caribbean dollars.

(iii) Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the value of a financial instrument will fluctuate due to changes in market interest rates. Interest rate risk is managed principally through monitoring interest rate gaps. A summary of the Bank's interest rate gap position is outlined below:

Notes to the Separate Financial Statements For the Year Ended March 31, 2022 (Expressed in Eastern Caribbean Dollars)

3. Financial risk management (cont'd)

Market risk (cont'd)

(iii) Interest rate risk (cont'd)

The table below summarizes the Bank's exposure to interest rate risks. It includes the Bank's financial instruments at carrying amounts categorized by their maturity dates.

	Average Effective Interest	12 months or less	1-5 years	More than 5 years	Total
	Rate %	\$	\$	\$	\$
March 31, 2022					
Cash and cash equivalents	2.00	20,506,716	-	-	20,506,716
Investment security	5.50	-	4,892,804	-	4,892,804
Loans and advances to customers	6.50	8,737,273	25,294,586	46,027,122	80,058,981
Borrowings	2.63	(5,362,563)	(18,425,062)	(32,575,364)	(56,362,989)
Deposits from customers	2.49	(20,477,013)	(17,524,999)	(3,814,828)	(41,816,840)
Interest sensitivity gap		3,404,413	(5,762,671)	9,636,930	7,278,672
March 31, 2021					
Cash and cash equivalents	2.00	16,139,853	-	-	16,139,853
Loans and advances to customers	6.50	11,229,771	28,292,421	47,661,674	87,183,866
Borrowings	3.54	(5,232,192)	(21,596,239)	(33,172,649)	(60,001,080)
Deposits from customers	3.81	(18,870,361)	(13,087,046)	(1,525,000)	(33,482,407)
Interest sensitivity gap		3,267,071	(6,390,864)	12,964,025	9,840,232

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3. Financial risk management (cont'd)

Operational risk

Operational risk is the risk of direct or indirect loss arising from a wide variety of causes associated with the Bank's processes, personnel, technology and infrastructure, and from external factors other than credit, market, and liquidity risks - e.g. those arising from legal and regulatory requirements and generally accepted standards of corporate behaviour. Operational risks arise from all of the Bank's operations.

The Bank's objective is to manage operational risk so as to balance the avoidance of financial losses and damage to the Bank's reputation with overall cost effectiveness and innovation. In all cases, Bank policy requires compliance with all applicable legal and regulatory requirements.

The Board of Directors has oversight of the operational risk management strategy and processes of the Bank, delegated to the credit risk committee and the managing director. This responsibility is supported by the development of overall standards for the management of operational risk in the following areas:

- Requirements for appropriate segregation of duties, including the independent authorization of transaction;
- Requirements for the reconciliation and monitoring of transactions;
- Compliance with regulatory and other legal requirements;
- Documentation of controls and procedures;
- Requirements for the periodic assessment of operational risks faced, and the adequacy of controls and procedures to address the risks identified;
- Requirements for the reporting of operational losses and proposed remedial action;
- Development of contingency plans;
- Training and development; and
- Ethical and business standards.

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4. Fair value estimation

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, the most advantageous market to which the Bank has access at that date. The following methods and assumptions were used to estimate the fair values of financial instruments presented above.

(i) Loans and advances to customers

Loans and advances to customers are net of provisions for impairment. The estimated fair values of loans and advances represent the discounted amount of estimated future cash flow expected to be received. Expected cash flows are discounted at current market rate to determine fair value. Where available, the fair value of loans and advances is based on observable market transactions. Where observable market transactions are not available, fair value is estimated using valuation models such as discounted cash flow techniques.

(ii) Deposits from customers

The fair value of deposits with no stated maturity is the amount repayable on demand. Deposits payable on a fixed date are at rates which reflect market conditions and the fair value approximates carrying value.

(iii) Borrowings

The fair value of borrowing reflects the market value of interest rates used to discount the future cash flows. The fair values of cash resources, other assets and liabilities are assumed to approximate their carrying values due to their short-term nature.

The Bank measures fair values using the following fair value hierarchy which reflects the significance of the inputs used in making the measurements.

- Level 1: Inputs that are quoted market price (unadjusted) in active markets for identical instruments.
- Level 2: Inputs other than quoted prices included in level 1 that are observable, either directly (i.e. as prices) or indirectly (i.e. derived from prices). This category includes instruments valued using: quoted market prices in active markets for similar instruments; quoted prices for identical or similar instruments in markets that are considered less than active; or other valuation techniques where all significant inputs are directly or indirectly observable from market data.
- Level 3: Inputs that are unobservable. This category includes all instruments where the valuation technique includes inputs not based on observable data and the unobservable inputs have a significant effect on the instrument's valuation. This category includes instruments that are valued based on quoted prices for similar instruments where significant unobservable adjustments or assumptions are required to reflect differences between the instruments.

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4. Fair value estimation (cont'd)

The table below sets out the carrying amounts of the Bank's financial assets and liabilities and their fair values:

	Carrying values \$	Fair values \$
March 31, 2022 Financial assets at amortised cost	Ψ	Ψ
Cash and cash equivalents	27,746,144	27,746,144
Investment secuity	4,892,804	4,892,804
Loans and advances to customers	77,681,325	111,305,580
Other receivables	221,564	221,564
Due from subsidiary	154,748	154,748
Total financial assets	110,696,585	144,320,840
Financial liabilities at amortised cost		
Payable and accruals	745,143	745,143
Agency fund	1,788,977	1,788,977
Deposits from customers	41,816,840	37,435,479
Borrowings	56,362,989	50,605,401
Total financial liabilities	100,713,949	90,575,000
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March 31, 2021 Financial assets at amortised cost		
Cash and cash equivalents	21,347,256	24 247 256
Loans and advances to customers	85,166,365	21,347,256 91,709,662
Other receivables	276,146	276,146
Due from subsidiary	16,909	16,909
Due nom caseralary	10,000	10,000
Total financial assets	106,806,676	113,349,973
Financial liabilities at amortised cost		
Payable and accruals	569,885	569,885
Agency fund	1,757,044	1,757,044
Deposits from customers	33,482,407	33,482,407
Borrowings	60,001,080	59,040,074
Total financial liabilities	95,810,416	94,849,410

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5. Capital management

The Bank defines all components of equity as issued share capital plus reserves (or less accumulated deficit). The Bank's policy is to maintain a strong capital base so as to maintain investor, creditor and market confidence to sustain future development of the business.

6. Cash and cash equivalents

	Note	2022 \$	2021 \$
Cash at bank - Unrestricted - Restricted	20	25,957,167 1,788,977	19,590,212 1,757,044
		27,746,144	21,347,256

The restricted cash balance relates to the undisbursed balance of agency funds which was funded by the Government of Saint Lucia for on-lending to students undergoing specified training for the cruise ship sector and participants of the Youth in Agri-Entrepreneurship Project ("YAEP"). These funds are therefore not available for the Bank's day-to-day operations.

Cash at bank include amounts totaling \$20,506,716 (2021 - \$16,139,853) held in savings accounts earning interest at the rate of 2% (2021 - 2%) per annum.

7. Investment security

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
Government bond	4,892,804	
		

The Government of Saint Lucia bond bears interest at a rate of 5.50% per annum and matures on August 30, 2023.

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8. Loans and advances to customers

	Note	2022 \$	2021 \$
		*	-
Loans and advances to customers		79,038,352	85,159,279
Express payment service advances		576,849	579,849
		79,615,201	85,739,128
Interest receivable		443,780	1,444,738
Gross		80,058,981	87,183,866
Less: Allowance for impairment losses	9	(2,377,656)	(2,017,501)
Net		77,681,325	85,166,365
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The maturity analysis of the gross loans ar	nd advances to	customers is as to	IIOWS:
		2022	2021
		\$	\$
Within 1 year		7,716,644	11,229,771
1 to 5 years		25,294,586	28,292,421
After 5 years		46,603,971	46,216,936
		79,615,201	85,739,128

The weighted average interest rate on loans and advances to customers was 6.50% (2021 - 6.50%) per annum.

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9. Allowance for impairment losses on loans and advances to customers

The movement in the allowance for impairment losses on loans and advances to customers for the year is as follows:

	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	
	12-month	Lifetime	Lifetime	
	Expected	Expected	Expected	
	Credit Loss	Credit Loss	Credit Loss	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$
March 31, 2022				
At beginning of the year	19,271	1,192,216	806,014	2,017,501
Loans and advances to customers	(5,560)	(573,916)	1,018,517	439,041
Write-offs during the year		-	(78,886)	(78,886)
At end of the year	13,711	618,300	1,745,645	2,377,656
March 31, 2021				
At beginning of the year	13,195	674,251	928,977	1,616,423
Loans and advances to customers	6,076	517,965	(136,491)	387,550
Express payment service advances	- _		13,528	13,528
At end of the year	19,271	1,192,216	806,014	2,017,501

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10.	Other assets and receivables		
	onior access and recentables	2022	2021
		2022 \$	2021 \$
		·	<u> </u>
	Other receivables	227,730	282,312
	Prepayments	212,400	131,138
	Security deposits	20,220	20,220
	Inventory	15,373	14,838
		475,723	448,508
	Less: Allowance for impairment losses	(26,386)	(26,386)
	2000.7 show allow for impairmont loodes	(20,000)	(20,000)
		449,337	422,122
	The movement in the allowance for impairment losses o for the year is as follows:	n other assets and rec 2022 \$	ceivables 2021 \$
	At beginning of the year Increase in allowance for impairment losses	26,386 -	26,386
	At end of the year	26,386	26,386
11.	Due from subsidiary		
		2022	2021
		\$	\$
	The Youth Enterprises Equity Fund Inc.	154,748	16,909
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The amount due from the subsidiary is non-interest bearing, unsecured and have no stated terms of repayment.

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12. Investment in subsidiary

	Shareholding %	Carrying value 2022 \$	Carrying value 2021 \$
The Youth Enterprises Equity Fund Inc. Less: Provision for impairment losses	100	5,000,000 (507,056)	5,000,000 (474,438)
·		4,492,944	4,525,562
The movement in the provision for impair	rment losses was a	s follows:	
	-	2022 \$	2021 \$
At beginning of the year		474,438	452,031
Provision for impairment loss	_	32,618	22,407
At end of the year		507,056	474,438

Investment in subsidiary is measured at cost less impairment losses.

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13. Property and equipment

	Disaster						
	Recovery	Computer	Office	Motor	Furniture	Leasehold	
	Site \$	Equipment \$	Equipment \$	Vehicles \$	and Fittings	Improvemen \$	Total
Cost	Ψ	Φ	Ψ	Φ	Ψ	Ψ	\$
As at April 1, 2020	44,826	402,943	121,049	87,558	496,799	2,029,416	3,182,591
Additions		39,960	1,234	-	14,756	, ,	60,170
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Balance as at March 31, 2021	44,826	442,903	122,283	87,558	511,555	2,033,636	3,242,761
Balance as at April 1, 2021	44,826	442,903	122,283	87,558	511,555	2,033,636	3,242,761
Disposals	-	(64,661)	(8,710)	-	(3,102)	-	(76,473)
Additions		282,442	-	-	36,212	-	318,654
Balance as at March 31, 2022	44,826	660,684	113,573	87,558	544,665	2,033,636	3,484,942
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Accumulated Depreciation							
Balance at April 1, 2020	23,613	344,180	112,985	46,698	404,583	, ,	2,950,645
Charge for the year	14,973	30,677	7,768	17,511	16,172	5,199	92,300
Balance as at March 31, 2021	38,586	374,857	120,753	64,209	420,755	2,023,785	3,042,945
Balance as at April 1, 2021	38,586	374,857	120,753	64,209	420,755	2,023,785	3,042,945
Write-back on disposals	-	(64,661)	(8,710)	-	(3,102)	-	(76,473)
Charge for the year	6,240	53,101	1,530	17,512	19,945	4,965	103,293
Balance as at March 31, 2022	44,826	363,297	113,573	81,721	437,598	2,028,750	3,069,765
Carrying Amount							
As at March 31, 2020	21,213	58,763	8,064	40,860	92,216	10,830	231,946
As at March 31, 2021	6,240	68,046	1,530	23,349	90,800	•	199,816
As at March 31, 2022	-	297,387	-	5,837	107,067	4,886	415,177

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14. Intangible assets

	Computer Software \$	Website Development \$	Total
Cost			
As at April 1, 2020	163,077	20,006	183,083
As at March 31, 2021	163,077	20,006	183,083
As at April 1, 2021	163,077	20,006	183,083
Additions	19,743	-	19,743
Disposals	-	(15,006)	(15,006)
As at March 31, 2022	182,820	5,000	187,820
Accumulated Amortization			
As at April 1, 2020	162,835	18,617	181,452
Charge for the year	242	1,389	1,631
As at March 31, 2021	163,077	20,006	183,083
As at April 1, 2021	163,077	20,006	183,083
Write-back on disposals	, <u>-</u>	(15,006)	(15,006)
Charge for the year	548	<u> </u>	548
As at March 31, 2022	163,625	5,000	168,625
Carrying Amount			
As at March 31, 2020	242	1,389	1,631
As at March 31, 2021	-	-	-
As at March 31, 2022	19,195	-	19,195

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15. Payables and accruals

	2022 \$	2021
Interest payable Other payables Accrued expenses	360,168 229,782 155,190	181,561 257,598 130,726
Abortion experience	745,140	569,885

16. Provisions

IFRS 9 requires the Bank to make an allowance for impairment losses on undrawn loan commitments.

	Note	2022 \$	2021 \$
At beginning of the year Movement during the year	26	15,469 14,059	30,090 (14,621)
At end of the year	_	29,528	15,469

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17. Borrowings

	2022 \$	2021 \$
Caribbean Development Bank ("CDB") The loan is repayable in quarterly principal installments of \$186,348 from December 2016 to October 2031 and bears interest at rate of 4.55% (2021 - 4.55%) per annum. Interest is payable on the date of principal payment.	7,267,659	8,012,663
The loan is repayable in quarterly principal installments of \$46,524 from December 2016 to October 2031 and bears interest at a rate of 2.50% (2021 - 2.50%) per annum. Interest is payable on the date of principal payment.	1,814,507	2,000,610
National Insurance Corporation ("NIC") The loan is repayable in blended quarterly installments of \$117,041 from June 2014 to March 2028 and bears interest at a rate of 4% (2021 - 4%) per annum.	2,469,371	2,839,573
The loan is repayable in blended quarterly installments of \$69,303 from September 2011 to March 2026 and bears interest at a rate of 4.50% (2021 - 4.50%) per annum.	999,078	1,230,735
The loan is repayable in blended quarterly installments of \$419,316 from December 2013 to September 2025 and bears interest at a rate of 5% (2021 - 5%) per annum.	5,280,371	6,690,338
The loan is repayable in blended quarterly installments of \$190,232 from September 2018 to June 2035 and bears interest at a rate of 4.50% (2021 - 4.50%) per annum.	8,289,017	8,711,716
The loan is repayable in quarterly blended installments of \$185,252 from December 2019 to December 2044 and bears interest at a rate of 3% (2021 - 3%) per annum.	14,126,277	14,553,434
The loan is repayable in quarterly installments of \$83,340 from December 2019 to December 2039 and bears interest at a rate of 3% (2021 - 3%) per annum.	4,574,834	4,767,482
Caribbean Development Fund ("CDF") The loan is repayable in blended quarterly installments of \$263,145 from June 2015 to September 2025 and bears interest at a rate of 3% (2021 - 3%) per annum.	3,484,818	4,415,347
World Bank Climate Adaptation Financing Facility ("CAFF") The loan is repayable in semi-annual installments of \$140,202 from May 2020 to November 2039 and bears interest at a rate of		
0.25% (2021 - 0.25%) per annum.	8,057,057	6,779,182
	56,362,989	60,001,080
Current portion	(5,362,564)	(5,232,192)
Long-term portion	51,000,425	54,768,888

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17. Borrowings (cont'd)

The foregoing loans are all secured by guarantees from the Government of Saint Lucia. During the financial year, there were no defaults or breaches of the repayment terms.

During the financial year, the Bank made additional drawdowns totaling \$1,630,752 (2021 -\$3,595,000) on loans from CAFF. The Bank also has undrawn borrowings totaling \$4,748,379 (2021 -\$6,522,631) relating to loans from CAFF.

The repayment schedule for the long-term portion of the loans is as follows:

		2022 \$	2021 \$
	1-2 years 2-3 years 3-4 years 4-5 years Over 5 years	5,487,388 5,616,701 4,420,900 2,900,073 32,575,363 51,000,425	5,448,030 5,616,658 5,790,965 4,642,437 33,270,798 54,768,888
18.	Deposits from customers	2022	2021
		\$	\$
	Customer deposits Security deposits Other deposits Customer contributions	36,780,388 1,763,827 1,853,252 1,419,373	28,052,606 2,623,503 2,571,079 235,219
		41,816,840	33,482,407
	Current Non-current	20,477,013 21,339,827	18,870,361 14,612,046
		<u>41,816,840</u>	33,482,407

Included in customer and security deposits are amounts totaling \$36,780,388 (2021 - \$23,552,606) on which the weighted average effective interest rate was 2.49% (2021 - 3.81%) per annum.

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19. Other liabilities

	2022 \$	2021 \$
Guarantee fund Special guarantee fund	555,728 6,749	404,899 2,627
	562,477	407,526

Guarantee fund

Guarantee fund are funds provided by the Government of Saint Lucia for the purpose of securing against non-performing education loans.

Special guarantee fund

Special guarantee fund are funds provided by the Government of Saint Lucia for the purpose of guaranteeing education loans not exceeding \$10,000 where the lender does not have the capacity to provide the required security.

20. Agency funds

<u>.</u>	Note	2022 \$	2021 \$
Government of Saint Lucia -Cruise ship training Youth in Agri-Entrepreneurship Project		1,529,402 259,575	1,517,025 240,019
	6	1,788,977	1,757,044

In keeping with the overall objective of the National Initiative to Create Employment ("NICE"), the Government of Saint Lucia provided funding of \$3,400,000 for disbursement by the Bank under an agency function, to students undergoing specified training for the cruise ship sector. At the end of the year, the fund balance was \$1,529,402 (2021 - \$1,517,025).

The Bank entered into an agency disbursement agreement with the Youth in Agri-Entrepreneurship Project ("YAEP"), a project of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, Physical Planning, Natural Resources and Cooperatives, whereby funding in the amount of \$537,640 was provided for disbursements by the Bank to approved YAEP participants in accordance with the Agreement (net of agency fees). At the end of the year, the fund balance was \$259,575 (2021 - \$240,019).

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21. Share capital

	2022 \$	2021 \$
Authorised		
6,400,000 voting shares at \$5.00 each	32,000,000	32,000,000
Issued and fully paid		
5,700,000 (2021 - 5,700,000) voting shares		
at \$5.00 each	28,500,000	28,500,000

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22. Related party balances and transactions

A related party transaction is a transfer of resources, services or obligations between related parties, regardless of whether a price is charged.

The related party transactions, outstanding balances at the year-end and related expenses and income for the year are as follows:

Related parties	Description	2022 \$	2021 \$
Balances:			
Government of Saint Lucia	Express payment services	506,106	506,107
The Youth Enterprises Equity Fund Inc.	Due from subsidiary	154,748	16,909
Key management	Loans and advances	598,918	611,924
Directors	Loans and advances	23,100	43,196
The Youth Enterprises Equity Fund Inc.	Fixed deposit	-	1,500,000
The Youth Enterprises Equity Fund Inc.	Interest due	-	25,750
Transactions:			
Government of Saint Lucia	Agency fees	50,769	60,181
The Youth Enterprises Equity Fund Inc.	Relationship specialist salaries	47,767	63,835
The Youth Enterprises Equity Fund Inc.	Management fees income received	-	140,872
The Youth Enterprises Equity Fund Inc.	Management fee income	91,059	90,959
Key management	New loans granted	1,024,870	78,000
Key management	Loan repayments	789,054	54,833
Key management	Interest income received	59,692	26,661
Key management	Short-term employee benefits	931,359	884,789
Directors	Director fees	38,813	37,000
Directors	Loan repayments	8,159	33,745
Directors	Interest income received	1,619	4,047
The Youth Enterprises Equity Fund Inc.	Interest expense	90,740	118,866
The Youth Enterprises Equity Fund Inc.	Interest expense paid	90,740	134,266

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23.	Other	income

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Other income		
	2022	2021
	\$	\$
Fees and finance charges	785,816	563,000
Interest on savings	375,834	245,909
Other income	408,771	224,866
Interest on investment security	271,926	<u>-</u>
	1,842,347	1,033,775
Personnel expenses		
	2022	2021
	\$	\$
		. ======
Salaries and wages	2,233,304	1,785,242
Other staff costs	97,482	47,086
Staff training costs	5,341	8,057

The number of permanent employees of the Bank at March 31, 2022 was 28 (2021 - 27). Included in salaries and wages is accrued outstanding leave cost of \$60,231 (2021 - \$19,901).

2,336,127 1,840,385

Key management compensation

Key management personnel are those persons that have authority and responsibility for directly or indirectly planning, directing and controlling the activities of the Bank.

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
Short-term employee benefits	931,359	884,789

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25. Other operating expenses

Other operating expenses			
		2022	2021
		\$	\$
Rent		618,663	618,663
Other expenses		235,511	167,339
Professional services		202,071	189,384
Utilities		196,067	184,251
Repairs and maintenance		105,007	79,955
Board and committee expenses		67,231	43,210
Advertising		61,455	31,956
Insurance expense		35,001	34,497
Project monitoring		14,172	16,172
Motor vehicle expenses		13,505	8,113
Printing and publication		406	-
Donations		150	5,200
		1,549,239	1,378,740
Impairment loss on financial assets			
		2022	2021
	Notes	\$	\$
Impairment less on leans and advances			

26.

	Notes	2022 \$	2021 \$
Impairment loss on loans and advances			404.000
to customers	9	439,041	401,080
Write-offs during the year		-	18,542
Impairment loss/(recovery) on undrawn loan	16	14,059	(14,621)
	_	453,100	405,001

27. Commitments, guarantees and other financial liabilities

At the end of the year, the Bank had contractual off-balance sheet financial instruments in respect of commitments to extend credit facility to customers, performance bonds and other guarantees as follows:

	2022 \$	2021 \$
Undrawn loan commitments Performance bonds and other guarantees	7,799,948 650,519	4,983,531 1,765,050
	8,450,467	6,748,581

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28. Statutory reserve

_	2022 \$	2021 \$
At beginning of the year Transfer from net profit for the year	420,572 -	420,572 -
At the end of the year	420,572	420,572

The Bank established a reserve fund in accordance with Section 29 of the Saint Lucia Development Bank Act No. 12 of 2008, to which there is an allocation at the end of each financial year of the Bank, of not less than twenty-five percent of the net income of the Bank for the financial year whenever the total amount standing to the credit of such reserve fund is less than the paid-up capital of the Bank.

There were no profits available to be transferred to the statutory reserve for the year ended March 31, 2022 (2021 – Nil).

29. Adequacy ratios

The following adequacy ratios have been provided by the Financial Services Regulatory Authority ("FRSA") as per Section 4B of the Saint Lucia Development Bank Act No.12 of 2008.

(i) Equity/total assets should be a minimum of 8%.

	As at March	As at March
	31, 2022	31, 2021
Equity Total assets	115,851,674	, ,
Equity/total assets	12.56%	13.83%

(ii) Total loans/total assets should not exceed 90% at any one given time.

_	\$	\$ \$
Total loans	79,615,201	85,739,128
Total assets	115,851,674	111,678,030
Total loans/total assets	68.72%	76.77%

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29. Adequacy ratios (cont'd)

(iii) Aggregate liabilities

The aggregate of the liabilities of the Bank outstanding at any one-time including bonds and debentures issued by the Bank, shall not at any time exceed seven times the amount of its paid share capital free reserves.

	2022 \$	2021 \$
Aggregate liabilities Paid up capital and free reserves Aggregate liabilities/paid up capital fees reserves	101,305,951 28,920,572 3.5 times	96,233,411 28,920,572 3.3 times

The Bank is therefore compliant with all adequacy ratios as required by the FSRA.

30. Income tax

Under Section 44 of the Saint Lucia Development Bank Act No. 12 of 2008, the Bank is exempted from stamp duty, income tax, import and other local tax or duty.

31. Subsequent Events

Subsequent to the financial year end, the Bank secured financing from the European Investment Bank ("EIB") in the sum of US\$5 million, which was fully drawn down by the date of issuance of the separate financial statements.

Additionally, the Government of Saint Lucia committed to increasing its shareholding in the Bank by at least \$10.6 million, of which, \$4.2 million has already been injected into the Bank. The remaining capital injection will be in the form of property. Once the value of the property has been determined, then the value of the total capital injection will be determined and the shares will be issued accordingly.

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ADDITIONAL COMMENTS OF THE AUDITOR

To the Shareholder of Saint Lucia Development Bank

The accompanying page 2 is presented as supplementary information only. In this respect, they do not form part of the audited financial statements of the **Saint Lucia Development Bank** (the "Bank") for the year ended March 31, 2022 and hence is excluded from the opinion expressed in our report dated November 29, 2022 to the shareholder on such financial statements.

Chartered Accountants Castries, Saint Lucia

Collateral and Other Security Enhancements For the Year Ended March 31, 2022 (Expressed in Eastern Caribbean Dollars)

An estimate of the fair value of collateral held against the Banks receivables is set out in the table below:

	Against impaired \$	Against past due but not impaired \$	Against neither past due nor impaired \$	Total \$
Collateral March 31, 2022 Property Cash Bill of Sale Other	6,971,168	57,127,382	84,818,893	148,917,444
	8,900	221,946	14,061,654	14,292,499
	374,629	2,039,450	11,497,803	13,911,881
	787,060	1,768,260	4,184,092	6,739,412
	8,141,757	61,157,038	114,562,442	183,861,236
Collateral March 31, 2021 Property Cash Bill of Sale Other	1,619,781	77,562,582	103,611,120	182,793,483
	-	8,587,613	2,202,022	10,789,635
	22,370	902,290	2,974,738	3,899,398
	605,865	1,598,468	4,024,190	6,228,523
	2,248,016	88,650,953	112,812,070	203,711,039